

Countability 2

Let's prove $P(\mathbb{N})$ is not countable.

★ if we can index a set by \mathbb{N} , it is countable

↳ if it is impossible to index that set by \mathbb{N} , it is uncountable

representation: $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

each element of $P(\mathbb{N})$ can be represented by an infinitely long

bit string: e.g., 0110.....
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$A = \{1, 4, 5\}$

$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{1, 4\}, \{1, 5\}, \{4, 5\}, \{1, 4, 5\}\}$

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 000 100 010 001 110 101 011 111

if I claim $P(\mathbb{N})$ is countable, I should be able to index it by \mathbb{N} (write it in an ordered list)

\mathbb{N}	b_0	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	...
0 →	0	1	1	0	1	...
1 →	1	0	1	1	1	...
2 →	1	0	1	1	0	...
3 →	0	1	1	0	0	...
4 →	1	1	1	0	0	...
⋮						

Set of infinitely long bit vectors is uncountable

↓ can use this result

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} |P(\mathbb{N})| > |\mathbb{N}| \\ |P(A)| > |A| \end{array} \right]$$

new bit string: 1 1 0 1 1 ...

it is impossible to index the list by \mathbb{N} (build a bijection) because

We can always create a new bit string not in the list.

$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ is not countable.

Show that set of $\mathbb{R} \in [0, 1)$ is uncountable

\mathbb{N}					
0	.	1	0	0	0 ...
1	.	1	3	4	5 ...
2	.	3	9	7	4 ...
3	.	2	4	1	2 ...
4	.	9	9	9	9 ...

↓
 \mathbb{R} are also uncountable

new \mathbb{R} : . 2 4 8 3

✦ uncomputability and halting problem ✦