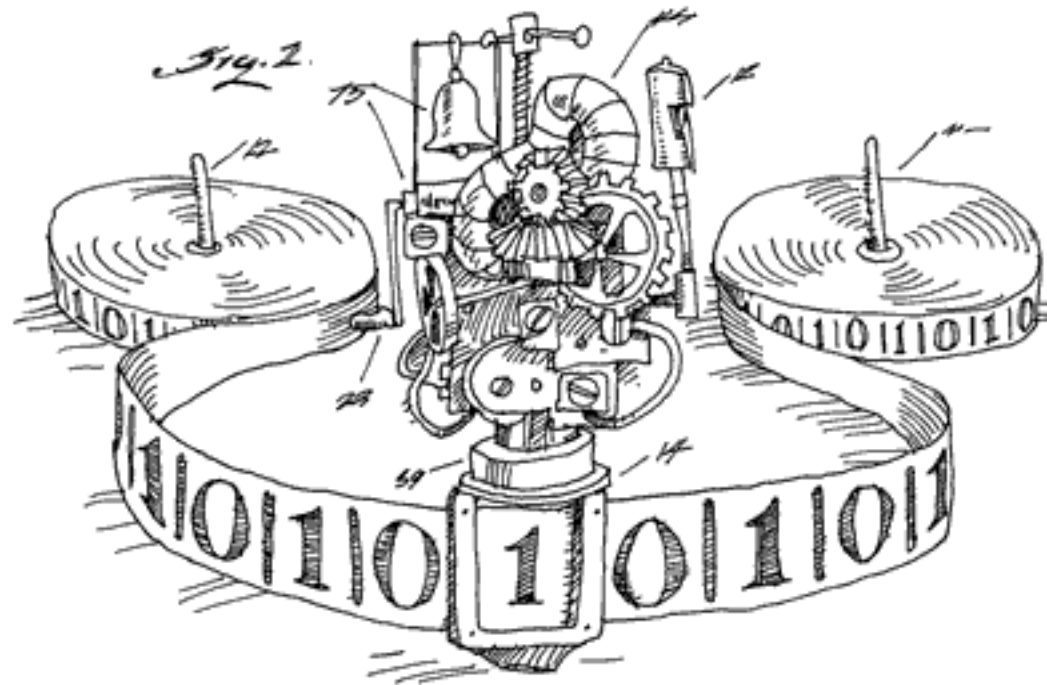


CSC4010: Introduction to Theoretical Computer Science



Tutorial 2

Question 1

1. In each of the following questions, choose either true or false.

(a) If $A \subseteq B$, then $|A| \leq |B|$.

☒ True

☐ False

(b) If $A \subsetneq B$, then $|A| < |B|$.

☐ True

☒ False

(c) Every subset of a countable set is countable.

☒ True

☐ False

(d) Every subset of a countably infinite set is countably infinite.

☐ True

☒ False

Any $\{1, 2\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

(e) Every language $L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$ is countable.

☒ True

☐ False

(f) The set of all languages $\mathcal{L} = \{L : L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*\}$ is countable.

☐ True

☒ False

Question 2

$$0, 2 \in \mathbb{N}^3$$

$$n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{N}^k$$

$$n_i \in \mathbb{N}$$

2. Let $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{N}^k$ be the set of all finite sequences of non-negative integers, where $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. The case $k = 0$ corresponds to the empty sequence. Show that $\mathcal{S}$ is countable using one of the following methods. You may use the fact that $\{0, 1\}^*$ is countable.

1. Construct a one-one function

$$f : \mathcal{S} \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}^*.$$

Make sure to explain why your function is one-one.

2. Give an enumeration of $\mathcal{S}$ in which every element has a finite position.

Hint. For example, you may organize the sequences according to the value

$$k + n_1 + \dots + n_k$$

for a sequence $(n_1, \dots, n_k) \in \mathbb{N}^k$.

$$k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \langle k \rangle.$$

$$k_1, k_2$$

$$\langle k_1 \rangle \langle k_2 \rangle.$$

$$3 \ 4$$

$$\boxed{111} \boxed{1011}$$

$$\boxed{1101} \boxed{1}$$

$$6 \quad 1.$$

unary encoding

A number in unary:

$$2 \Rightarrow 11$$

$$3 \Rightarrow 111$$

$$4 \Rightarrow 1111$$

$$n \Rightarrow 1^n$$

$$34 \rightarrow 11101111$$

and in general: $f: S \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$

$$f(n_1 n_2 n_3 \dots n_k) = \underline{1}^{n_1} 0 \underline{1}^{n_2} 0 \dots 0 \underline{1}^{n_k} 0$$

$$f(n_1 n_2 \dots n_k) = f(m_1 m_2 \dots m_\ell)$$

$$\underline{1}^{n_1} 0 \underline{1}^{n_2} 0 \dots 0 \underline{1}^{n_k} 0 = \underline{1}^{m_1} 0 \underline{1}^{m_2} \dots 0 \underline{1}^{m_\ell} 0$$

$$k = \ell.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 &= m_1 \\ n_2 &= m_2 \\ &\vdots \\ n_k &= m_\ell. \end{aligned}$$

To prove B is countably infinite:

- Write $B = \bigcup_{i \geq 0} L_i$, where $|L_i|$ is finite.
- Arrange elements of each L_i in a fixed order.
- The first element of L_i has index $\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |L_j|$.
- We know position of $x \in L_i$.

$$l=2 \quad k=1 \quad (1)$$

$$k=2 \quad 00$$

$$l=3 \quad k=1 \quad \begin{matrix} 20 \\ 02 \\ 11 \end{matrix}$$

$$k=2 \quad 1$$

All $n_1 n_2 n_3 \dots n_k \in S$ s.t.

$n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k + k = l$. Such sequences are in L_l .

$$L_l = \left\{ n_1 n_2 \dots n_k \mid \sum_{i=1}^k n_i + k = l \right\}$$

Each $|L_l|$ is finite.

$$S = \bigcup_{l \in \mathbb{N}} L_l$$

Question 3

$$S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$$

$$S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) = \{ \emptyset, 1, \dots \}$$

$$\{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}, \dots$$

$$\{0, 1, 2\}, \dots$$

3. For an arbitrary set X , let $\mathcal{P}(X) = \{A : A \subseteq X\}$ denote the power set of X . Prove the following.

(a) Show that $|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$.

(b) Prove that there is no bijection $f : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow X$. Conclude that $|\mathcal{P}(X)| > |X|$.

Hint: Prove by contradiction. Assume f is a bijection. Define $D_f \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ by $D_f = \{x \in X \mid x \notin f^{-1}(x)\}$.

$$|\mathbb{N}| \leq |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| \text{ and } |\mathbb{N}| \neq |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$$

$$f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \quad (\text{one-one})$$

$$f(n) = \{n\}$$

$$f(n) \neq f(m)$$

$$\Rightarrow \{n\} \neq \{m\} \Rightarrow n \neq m$$

$$|\mathcal{P}(X)| > |X|$$

Suppose $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| = |\mathbb{N}|$
 $\Rightarrow g$ that is onto.

$$D_N = \{n \notin g(n)\}$$