

# Homework #1 Solutions

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1)

uncountable

We know  $[0, 1]$  is uncountable.

Consider any  $x \in [0, 1]$  and write its binary expansion:

$$0.a_1a_2a_3a_4\dots$$

and construct the set:

$$A_x = \{k \mid a_k = 1\}$$

Now  $A_x \in \mathcal{P}$

and is not equal to  $A_y$  if  $x \neq y$

Thus, for every  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\exists$  a distinct set  $A_x \in \mathcal{P}$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  uncountable

2) (a) Think of a table

	$f_1$	$f_2$	
0	$f_1(0)$	$f_2(0)$	...
1	$f_1(1)$	$f_2(1)$	

Thus, each function can be identified by the ordered pair

$$(f(0), f(1)), f(i) \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

Thus, this is  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+ \Rightarrow$  countable

(b)

$$(f(1), f(2), \dots, f(n)) \quad f(i) \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

This is  $\mathbb{Z}_+^n$  which I claim is countable.

We know  $\mathbb{Z}_+^2$  is countable. Assume  $\mathbb{Z}_+^n$  is countable. Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_+^{n+1} = \mathbb{Z}_+^n \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}_+^n$  is countable, it can be put 1-to-1 with  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ ; hence,  $\mathbb{Z}_+^n \times \mathbb{Z}_+$  can be put 1-to-1 with  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ , which is countable. Thus, by induction  $\mathbb{Z}_+^n$  is countable for any  $n$ .

(c) Let  $B_{n,i}$  :  $i$ th set in  $B_n$

$B_{1,1}$	$B_{1,2}$	$B_{1,3}$	$B_{1,4}$	...
$B_{2,1}$	$B_{2,2}$	$B_{2,3}$	$B_{2,4}$	...
$B_{3,1}$	$B_{3,2}$	$B_{3,3}$	$B_{3,4}$	...
$\vdots$				

Use diagonal method to list:

$$B_{1,1}, B_{2,1}, B_{1,2}, B_{3,1}, B_{2,2}, B_{1,3}, B_{2,3}, B_{3,2}, B_{1,4}, \dots$$

countable

(d) Table

	$f_1$	$f_2$
1	$f_1(1)$	$f_2(1)$
2	$f_1(2)$	$f_2(2)$
3	$f_1(3)$	$f_2(3)$
4	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
5	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
6	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
7	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

So a function is defined by:

$$(f(1), f(2), f(3), \dots) \quad f(i) \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

Consider  $[0, 1]$ . Take any  $x \in [0, 1]$ . We know we can write

$$x = 0.b_1b_2b_3\dots$$

Now,  $D$  contains a function

$$(b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots)$$

Thus, for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , there is a distinct function in  $D$ .

$$\Rightarrow \underline{D \text{ uncountable}}$$

(e)  $D \subseteq E \Rightarrow \underline{E \text{ uncountable}}$

(f)

$$(f(1), f(2), \dots, f(N-1), 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$|\{0, 1\}^{N-1}| = 2^{N-1} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{finite}}$$

(g)  $(f(1), f(2), \dots, f(N-1), 1, 1, \dots, 1)$

$$\mathbb{Z}_+^{N-1} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{countable}}$$

(h)

$$\mathbb{R}^{n-1} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{uncountable}}$$

(recall that  $[0,1]$  uncountable,

$[0,1] \subset \mathbb{R}, \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  uncountable)

(i)

$$\{i,j\} \quad i \neq j$$

For any  $\{i,j\}$ , there exists  $(i,j) \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ ;  
thus,  $\mathcal{I}$  is no larger than  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+ \Rightarrow$  countable

(j)

Let  $J_n$ : set of all  $n$ -element subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$   
 $J_n$  is no larger than  $\mathbb{Z}_+^n \Rightarrow$  countable

Let  $J = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} J_n$ . Using the same argument as (c),

$J$  countable

3) (a)

If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  are in  $\mathbb{B}$ , so must be  $\bar{A}_1, \bar{A}_2, \bar{A}_3, \dots$  (closed under complement). Thus, so is  $\bar{A}_1 \cup \bar{A}_2 \cup \bar{A}_3 \cup \dots = \overline{A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \dots}$  (closed under countable union) and thus  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$  (closed under complement). Thus,  $\mathbb{B}$  is closed under countable intersections.

For any  $x \in [0, 1]$

$$\{x\} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (x - 1/n, x + 1/n) \in \mathbb{B}$$

set of  
just  $x$ : singleten

Thus, for any countable  $A$ ,  $A = \bigcup_{x \in A} \{x\} \in \mathbb{B}$

Thus, if  $A$  is not in  $\mathbb{B}$ , it must be uncountable

(b) No.  $D = [0, 1/2]$ ,  $\bar{D} = (1/2, 1]$

both  
uncountable

(c)

$$P(C) = 1 - P(\bar{C}) = 1 - P(Q)$$

$$= 1 - P\left(\bigcup_{x \in Q} \{x\}\right)$$

countable  $\downarrow$

$$= 1 - \sum_{x \in Q} P(\{x\}) = 1$$

$$= 1$$

4) (a)

Uncountable

$$|S| = |\{T_n: \text{Hend}\}^\infty| = |\{0,1\}^\infty|$$

and  $\{0,1\}^\infty$  is uncountable

(b) Need to use Borel-type sets. Thus, map every  $\omega$  to a number  $x \in [0,1]$

$$x = 0.w_1w_2w_3\dots$$

where  $w_k = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{flip } k = \text{"heads"} \\ 0, & \text{flip } k = \text{"tails"} \end{cases}$

Now, define  $A$  as in the Borel field, where  $(a,b) \in A$

$$(a,b) \in A$$

corresponds to those sequences s.t.  $x \in (a,b)$ .

Finally

$$P((a,b)) = b-a$$

a single number  $\in \mathbb{B}$

(c) • Equivalent to  $P(0.01010\dots) = 0$

•  $\{x \mid 0.000w_4w_5w_6\dots\} = [0, 1/8] \in \mathbb{B}$

and  $P([0, 1/8]) = 1/8$

•  $\{x \mid 0.w_1w_2w_3000w_7w_8w_9\dots\}$

$= \cup_{w_1, w_2, w_3 \in \{0,1\}} (w_1 \cdot 1/2 + w_2 \cdot 1/4 + w_3 \cdot 1/8, w_1 \cdot 1/2 + w_2 \cdot 1/4 + w_3 \cdot 1/8 + 1/8) \in \mathbb{B}$

and  $P(\cup(\cdot)) = \sum P((\cdot)) = 1/8$

5) (a) Yes. key checks: (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra  
(ii)  $P(\cdot)$  satisfies 3 axioms

(b)  $\Omega = \{(1,2), (1,4), (2,2), (2,4)\}$

$\mathcal{A} = P(\Omega) = \{ \emptyset, \{(1,2)\}, \{(1,4)\}, \{(2,2)\}, \{(2,4)\}, \{(1,2), (1,4)\}, \{(1,2), (2,2)\}, \dots, \Omega \}$

$$\begin{aligned} P: \quad & P((1,2)) = 0.4 \cdot 0.2 = 0.08 \\ & P((1,4)) = 0.4 \cdot 0.8 = 0.32 \\ & P((2,2)) = 0.6 \cdot 0.2 = 0.12 \\ & P((2,4)) = 0.6 \cdot 0.8 = 0.48 \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} P: \quad & P((1,2)) = 0.4 \cdot 0.2 = 0.08 \\ & P((1,4)) = 0.4 \cdot 0.8 = 0.32 \\ & P((2,2)) = 0.6 \cdot 0.2 = 0.12 \\ & P((2,4)) = 0.6 \cdot 0.8 = 0.48 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{all singletons}$$

For  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $P(A) = \sum_{x_i \in A} P(\{x_i\})$   
sum probs of singletons in  $A$

(c)

$\Omega = \mathbb{R} \quad \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$

Note there are three possible outcomes

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=2) &= 0.4 \cdot 0.2 = 0.08 \\ P(X=4) &= 0.4 \cdot 0.8 + 0.6 \cdot 0.2 = 0.44 \\ P(X=8) &= 0.6 \cdot 0.8 = 0.48 \end{aligned}$$

$$P((a,b)) = \int_a^b (0.08 f(x-2) + 0.44 f(x-4) + 0.48 f(x-8)) dx$$

(d) Yes. See (a).

(e) not in  $\mathcal{A} \Rightarrow$  undefined