

## SET THEORY - ASSIGNMENT 2

### Functions.

- (1) For each function, determine if it is injective, surjective, bijective, or none of the above.
  - (a)  $f : \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{5, 6, 7\}$ , such that  $f(1) = 7, f(2) = 6, f(3) = 7, f(4) = 6$ .
  - (b)  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, g(a) = 2a$ .
  - (c)  $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $h(a)$  is the number of prime numbers smaller than  $a$ .
  - (d)  $k : [0, 3] \rightarrow [3, 9], k(x) = 2x + 3$ .
  - (e)  $p : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, p(x, y, z) = (x, y)$ .
  - (f)  $i : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A), i(a) = \{a\}$ , where  $A$  is some set.
- (2) Find a function  $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  that is surjective but not injective, a function that is injective but not surjective, a function that is neither, and a function that is both.
- (3) Suppose that we have surjective functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ . Find a surjective function from  $A$  to  $C$ .

### Cardinalities.

- (1) For each of the following pairs of set, determine whether they have the same cardinality. If not, find the bigger set.
  - (a)  $A =$  the set of functions from  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  to  $\{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{1, 2\}$ .
  - (b)  $A =$  the students in the class,  $B =$  the chairs in the class.
  - (c)  $A =$  the rational numbers whose denominator is a multiple of 7,  $B = \mathbb{Q}$ .
- (2) In Hilbert's hotel, each room is labeled with a natural number,  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . An infinite group of people comes in, in which every person is labeled with a real number between 0 and 1 with a finite presentation. That is, the sequence of digits after the decimal point doesn't go on forever. Assuming that the hotel was empty before, show that each person can be assigned a different room. What if the hotel was full when the group came in?
- (3) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets (either finite or infinite). Show that  $|A \cap B| \leq |A| \leq |A \cup B|$ .
- (4) Show that for every set  $A$ ,  $|A| \leq |\mathcal{P}(A)|$ .
- (5) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are cardinal numbers (finite or infinite), then  $\alpha + \beta$  is defined as follows. Choose sets  $A$  and  $B$  of cardinality  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively, such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Then  $\alpha + \beta$  is defined to be the cardinality of  $A \cup B$ .
  - (a) Show that with this definition,  $3 + 4 = 7$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\aleph_0 + \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$  and  $\aleph_0 + \aleph = \aleph$ .

### Higher cardinalities.

- (1) Find an explicit surjection from  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- (2) Find a surjection from  $[0, 1]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Conclude that  $|[0, 1]| = \aleph$ .
- (3) In this question, we will show that  $2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph$ .

- (a) Let  $A = \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\}$  (in other words,  $A$  consists of sequences of length four of zeros and ones). Find a surjection from  $A$  to the set  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ .
  - (b) Show that every subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  can be represented by an infinite sequence of zeros and ones. Conclude that  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  is isomorphic to the collection such sequences.
  - (c) Use the first two parts to find a surjection from  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  to the collection of infinite sequences of  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ . Conclude that  $2^{\aleph_0} \geq |[0, 1]|$ .
  - (d) Find a surjection from  $[0, 1]$  to  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ , and conclude that  $2^{\aleph_0} = |[0, 1]|$ .
  - (e) Use question ?? to conclude that  $2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph_1$ .
- (4) Let  $A$  be the collection of functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $|A| > \aleph_1$ .

**A confusing question.**

- (1) The purpose of this question is to show that the set of all sets doesn't really exist. Assume that there was a set of all sets, call it  $S$ . Show that  $|S| > |S|$  (hint: use a similar argument to the one used in the proof that  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| > |A|$ ).