

- (1) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$ .
  - (a) What does it mean for  $f$  to be an injection?
  - (b) What does it mean for  $f$  to be a surjection?
  - (c) What does it mean for  $f$  to be a bijection?
- (2) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ .
  - (a) Show that if  $g \circ f$  is a surjection, then  $g$  is a surjection.
  - (b) True or false: If  $g$  is a surjection and  $g \circ f$  is a surjection, then  $f$  is a surjection.
- (3) Let  $A, B, C, D$  be sets where  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Also, let  $f : A \rightarrow C$  and  $g : B \rightarrow D$  be bijections. Consider the function  $h : A \cup B \rightarrow C \cup D$  defined by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in A; \\ g(x) & \text{if } x \in B. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Why is  $h$  well-defined?
- (b) Show that  $h$  is a surjection.
- (c) Show that  $h$  need not be an injection.
- (d) What condition can be placed on  $C$  and  $D$  so that  $h$  must be an injection?
- (4) Find a surjection from  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  to  $\mathbb{N}$  (don't forget that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ ).
- (5) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a strictly increasing function; that is,  $f(x) > f(y)$  whenever  $x > y$ . Show that  $f$  must be an injection.
- (6) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets
  - (a) What does it mean for  $|A| \leq |B|$ ?
  - (b) What does it mean for  $|A| = |B|$ ?
  - (c) What does it mean for  $A$  to be finite?
  - (d) What does it mean for  $A$  to be countably infinite?
  - (e) What does it mean for  $A$  to be uncountable?
- (7) Let  $A, B$  be finite sets. Show that  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ . (Remember, we proved that if  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ , then  $|X \cup Y| = |X| + |Y|$  and if  $Y \subseteq X$ , then  $|X \setminus Y| = |X| - |Y|$ )
- (8) Show that if  $A$  is uncountable and  $B$  is countable, then  $A \setminus B$  is uncountable.
- (9) Without using the fact that  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is countable, show that  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} : x \leq y\}$  is countable. (Hint: write this set as the countable union of finite sets)
- (10) Let  $B$  be the set of all functions  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  with the property that  $f(x+1) = f(x) + 1$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $B$  is countable.
- (11) Let  $B$  be the set of all functions  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $B$  is uncountable (Hint: the problem about Cartesian products on WHW5 may help).

- (1) (a) For every  $x, y \in A$ , if  $f(x) = f(y)$ , then  $x = y$ .  
 (b) For every  $b \in B$ , there exists an  $a \in A$  with  $f(a) = b$ .  
 (c)  $f$  is a bijection if it is both an injection and a surjection.
- (2) (a) Let  $c \in C$  be arbitrary. As  $g \circ f$  is a surjection, there must be some  $a \in A$  with  $(g \circ f)(a) = c$ . Let  $b = f(a)$ , so  $b \in B$ . Further,  $g(b) = g(f(a)) = (g \circ f)(a) = c$ . As  $c$  was arbitrary,  $g$  must be a surjection.  
 (b) This is false. Let  $A = \{a\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2\}$  and  $C = \{c\}$ . Let  $f = \{(a, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(1, c), (2, c)\}$ . Thus,  $g \circ f = \{(a, c)\}$  is a surjection and  $g$  is also a surjection. However,  $f$  is not a surjection.
- (3) Let  $A, B, C, D$  be sets where  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Also, let  $f : A \rightarrow C$  and  $g : B \rightarrow D$  be bijections. Consider the function  $h : A \cup B \rightarrow C \cup D$  defined by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in A; \\ g(x) & \text{if } x \in B. \end{cases}$$

- (a)  $h$  is well-defined as  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , that is, there is no  $x \in A \cup B$  such that  $h(x)$  is ambiguous.  
 (b) Let  $y \in C \cup D$  be arbitrary. If  $y \in C$ , then as  $f$  is a bijection from  $A \rightarrow C$ , there is some  $a \in A$  with  $f(a) = y$ . Thus,  $h(a) = f(a) = y$ . If  $y \in D$ , then as  $g$  is a bijection from  $B \rightarrow D$ , there is some  $b \in B$  such that  $g(b) = y$ , so  $h(b) = g(b) = y$ . In either case, there is some  $x \in A \cup B$  for which  $h(x) = y$ , so  $h$  is a surjection.  
 (c) Consider  $A = \{a\}$ ,  $B = \{b\}$ ,  $C = D = \{c\}$  with  $f = \{(a, c)\}$  and  $g = \{(b, c)\}$ . Clearly  $h$  is not an injection in this case.  
 (d) If  $C \cap D = \emptyset$  then  $h$  is an injection. To show this, let  $x, y \in A \cup B$  with  $h(x) = h(y)$ . As  $h(x) = h(y)$  and  $C \cap D = \emptyset$ , it is not possible to have  $h(x) \in C$  and  $h(y) \in D$  or vice versa. If  $h(x), h(y) \in C$ , then as  $C \cap D = \emptyset$ , we must have  $x, y \in A$ , so  $f(x) = h(x) = h(y) = f(y)$ . As  $f$  is a bijection, this implies that  $x = y$ . On the other hand, if  $h(x), h(y) \in D$ , then as  $C \cap D = \emptyset$ , we must have  $x, y \in B$ , so  $g(x) = h(x) = h(y) = g(y)$ . As  $g$  is a bijection, we must have  $x = y$ . In either case,  $x = y$  whenever  $h(x) = h(y)$ , so  $h$  is an injection.
- (4) Let  $f : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be defined as

$$f(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X = \emptyset; \\ \min X & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We first note that  $f$  is well-defined as  $\min X$  always exists whenever  $X \neq \emptyset$  by the well-ordering principle. Further,  $f$  is a surjection, as for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(\{n\}) = n$ .

- (5) Let  $x \neq y \in \mathbb{R}$ , so either  $x < y$  or  $y < x$ . In the first case, as  $f$  is strictly increasing,  $f(x) < f(y)$ , so  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . In the second case,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  as  $f(x) > f(y)$ . In either case,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  whenever  $x \neq y$ , so  $f$  is an injection.
- (6) (a) There is an injection from  $A \rightarrow B$ . Equivalently, there is a surjection from  $B \rightarrow A$ .  
 (b) There is a bijection from  $A \rightarrow B$ .  
 (c) There exists  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  for which there is a bijection from  $A \rightarrow [n]$ .  
 (d) There is a bijection from  $A$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ .  
 (e) There is an injection from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $A$ , but no bijection.
- (7) Let  $C = A \cap B$  and  $B' = B \setminus C$ . Thus,  $A \cup B' = A \cup B$  and  $C \subseteq B$ , but  $A \cap B' = \emptyset$ . Thus, applying the results we proved in class,  $|A \cup B| = |A \cup B'| = |A| + |B'| = |A| + |B \setminus C| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ .

- (8) Suppose that  $A \setminus B$  is countable. As  $A \cap B \subseteq B$  and  $B$  is countable, we must have  $A \cap B$  is countable as well. Further,  $A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \setminus B)$ , so  $A$  is the countable union of countable sets; thus  $A$  is also countable, a contradiction.
- (9) To do this, we will write  $S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} : x \leq y\}$  as the countable union of countable sets. For  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $S_y = \{(x, y) : x \in [y]\}$ . Certainly  $S_y$  is countable as  $|S_y| = y$ . Further, it is readily seen that  $S = \bigcup_{y \in \mathbb{N}} S_y$ , so  $S$  is the countable union of countable sets, so  $S$  is also countable.
- (10) We illicit a bijection from  $B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be defined by  $F(f) = f(1)$  for  $f \in B$ . Firstly, this is a surjection as for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define the function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by  $f(x) = x + n - 1$ , which is certainly in  $B$  and has  $F(f) = n$ . Now, suppose  $f, g \in B$  with  $F(f) = F(g)$ , we must show that  $f = g$ , that is, for ever  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(x) = g(x)$ . To show, this, we notice that if  $f \in B$ , then  $f(x) = f(1) + x - 1$ , so if  $f(1) = g(1)$ , then  $f(x) = f(1) + x - 1 = g(1) + x - 1 = g(x)$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ ; thus  $f = g$ , so  $F$  is an injection. As such,  $F$  is a bijection, so  $B$  is countable.
- (11) Let  $B'$  be the set of all functions from  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$ , so certainly  $B' \subseteq B$ . For  $f \in B'$ , let  $\mathbf{1}_f = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  where  $x_i = f(i) - 1$ . As  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$ , we have that  $\mathbf{1}_f \in \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{0, 1\}$ . Further, the map  $F : B' \rightarrow \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{0, 1\}$  defined by  $F(f) = \mathbf{1}_f$  can easily be shown to be a bijection. Thus,  $B'$  is uncountable by the result in WHW5. As  $B' \subseteq B$ ,  $B$  must be uncountable as well.