

Lemma 1 Let $T = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \setminus \{x \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) : x \text{ is finite}\}$. Then $\#T > \aleph_0$.

Proof Let $S = \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{P}_r(\mathbb{N})$ so that $T = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \setminus S$.

We proved earlier $\forall r \in \mathbb{N}, \# \mathbb{N}^r = \aleph_0$. Let \mathbb{N}_r^r be set of r -tuples of naturals with no repeated entries

$$(1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 8), (4, 4) \in \mathbb{N}^2$$

$$\cancel{(1, 1)}, (1, 3), (2, 8), \cancel{(4, 4)} \in \mathbb{N}_r^2$$

Define $g_r : \mathbb{N}_r^r \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_r(\mathbb{N})$ by

$$g_r((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r\}$$

is a surjection because if $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r\}$ then

$$Y = g_r((y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r)).$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{So } \# \mathcal{P}_r(\mathbb{N}) \leq \# \mathbb{N}_r^r \leq \# \mathbb{N}^r = \aleph_0 \\ \uparrow \text{ surj} \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ \mathbb{N}_r^r \subset \mathbb{N}^r \end{array}$$

So S is a countable union of countable sets. So $\#S \leq \aleph_0$.

$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) = T \cup S$. If T is countable then $T \cup S$ countable, which is false. So $\#T > \aleph_0$. \square

Theorem 2 $\#\mathbb{R} > \aleph_0$.

Proof Let T be as in Lemma 1. Define $g: T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$g(x) = \sum_{n \in x} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

We will show g is an injection.

Suppose $x, y \in T$, $g(x) = g(y)$ and $x \neq y$. Because $x \neq y$

$\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ st. m belongs to one of x, y but not the other.

Pick first such m . Suppose wlog $x \ni m \not\subset y$. Then

$$0 = g(x) - g(y) = \sum_{n \in x} \frac{1}{2^n} - \sum_{n \in y} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{\substack{n \in x: \\ n < m}} \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^m} + \sum_{\substack{n \in x: \\ n > m}} \frac{1}{2^n} \right) - \left(\sum_{\substack{n \in y: \\ n < m}} \frac{1}{2^n} + \sum_{\substack{n \in y: \\ n > m}} \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^m} + \sum_{\substack{n \in x: \\ n > m}} \frac{1}{2^n} - \sum_{\substack{n \in y: \\ n > m}} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2^m} + \sum_{\substack{n \in x: \\ n > m}} \frac{1}{2^n} - \boxed{\sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}} = \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^m} (1)$$

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geometric series
lemma

$$= \sum_{\substack{n \in x: \\ n > m}} \frac{1}{2^n} > 0$$



So no such x, y exist; g is inj. \square