

Formal Languages and Automata Theory

Homework Set #1

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Definition: A set S is countable if (1) it is finite or (2) there is a one-to-one, onto function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$. Otherwise, S is uncountable.

- (2 pts) Prove the set $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq 0 \wedge n \text{ is odd}\}$ is countable.
Proof by Contradiction: To prove P is True: (1) Assume P is False and construct a proposition Q such that both Q and $\neg Q$ are True.
- (2 pts) Let S be the set of all infinite sequences over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$. Prove that S is uncountable.
- (2 pts) Let S be a set and let 2^S be the power set of S . Prove there is no one-to-one and onto function from S to 2^S .

Proof by Induction: To prove $\kappa(n)$ is True for all naturals $n \geq k$:

(1) Base case establish the $\kappa(n)$ is True and (2) Inductive case show that $(\forall n \geq k)(\kappa(n) \Rightarrow \kappa(n + 1))$

- (2 pts) Prove the number of leaves in a full binary tree with height h is 2^h .
- (2 pts) Prove that $n! > 2^n$ for all $n \geq 4$.
- (2 pts) Use mathematical induction to prove that

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} (n - k)k = \binom{n + 1}{3}$$

Total Points: 12