

HOMEWORK # 2

1) SHOW  $NEG = \{x \mid x \geq 1 \text{ AND } x \text{ IS ODD}\}$  IS COUNTABLY INFINITE, I.E.,  $|\mathbb{N}| = |NEG|$ .

LET

$$f(x) = 2x + 1$$

THEN  $f$  IS:

- 1) A TOTAL FUNCTION
- 2) ONE-TO-ONE
- 3) ONTO

THIS  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow NEG$  IS A BIJECTION AND  $|\mathbb{N}| = |NEG|$ , THIS  
NEG IS COUNTABLY INFINITE.

ii) LET  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  AND

$$P(\Sigma^*) = \{ \{ \}, \{0\}, \{0^2\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 1, \epsilon\}, \dots \}$$

IN OTHER WORDS,  $P(\Sigma^*)$  IS THE SET OF ALL SUBSETS OF  $\Sigma^*$ . WE WILL PROVE THAT  $P(\Sigma^*)$  IS UNCOUNTABLE,

PROOF. (BY CONTRADICTION)

SUPPOSE  $P(\Sigma^*)$  IS COUNTABLE. THEN  $P(\Sigma^*)$  IS EITHER FINITE OR COUNTABLY INFINITE. CLEARLY  $P(\Sigma^*)$  IS NOT FINITE. HENCE, IT IS COUNTABLY INFINITE AND THERE IS THUS A BIJECTION:  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P(\Sigma^*)$

$$f: \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ P_0 & P_1 & P_2 & \end{array}$$

(EVERY SET IN  $P(\Sigma^*)$  OCCURS IN THIS LIST SINCE  $f$  IS A BIJECTION)

DEFINE A TABLE:

	$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	...
	$\epsilon$	0	1	00	01	...
$P_0$	$d_0^0$	$d_1^0$	$d_2^0$	$d_3^0$	...	
$P_1$	$d_0^1$	$d_1^1$	$d_2^1$	$d_3^1$	...	
$P_2$		$\vdots$				
$\vdots$						

WHERE

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{IF } w_j \notin P_i \\ 1 & \text{IF } w_j \in P_i \end{cases}$$

NOW DEFINE A SET  $D \subseteq \Sigma^*$  AS

$$w_i \in D \text{ IFF } w_i \notin P_i \quad (*)$$

i.e.,  $D$  REPRESENTS THE COMPLEMENT OF THE DIAGONAL.

### OBSERVATIONS

1)  $D \subseteq \Sigma^*$  AND THUS  $D \in P(\Sigma^*)$

2)  $D = P_j$  FOR SOME  $j \geq 0$  SINCE  $f$  IS A BIJECTION.

QUESTION: IS  $w_j \in D$ ?

$$w_i \in D \text{ IFF } w_i \notin P_i \quad \text{BY } (*)$$

THUS  $w_j \in D \text{ IFF } w_j \notin P_j$

SINCE  $D = P_j$   $w_j \in P_j \text{ IFF } w_j \notin P_j$  A CONTRADICTION.

THUS  $D$  IS NOT IN THE TABLE,  $f$  IS NOT  
A BIJECTION, AND HENCE  $|W| \neq |P(\Sigma)|$ .  
 $P(\Sigma)$  IS THEREFORE UNCOUNTABLE.

□

16) LET  $MF$  DENOTE THE SET OF ALL MONOTONIC INCREASING FUNCTIONS. WE WILL SHOW THAT  $MF$  IS UNCOUNTABLE.

PROOF. (BY CONTRADICTION)

SUPPOSE  $MF$  IS COUNTABLE, THEN  $MF$  IS EITHER FINITE OR COUNTABLY INFINITE, CLEARLY  $MF$  IS NOT FINITE. HENCE IT IS COUNTABLY INFINITE AND THERE IS A BIJECTION:  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow MF$

$f:$ 

0	1	2	...
↓	↓	↓	
$f_0$	$f_1$	$f_2$	

 (EVERY FUNCTION IN  $MF$  OCCURS IN THIS LIST SINCE  $f$  IS A BIJECTION)

DEFINE A TABLE:

	0	1	2	3	...
$f_0$	$d_0^0$	$d_1^0$	$d_2^0$	$d_3^0$	
$f_1$	$d_0^1$	$d_1^1$	$d_2^1$	$d_3^1$	
$f_2$					
⋮		⋮			

WHERE  $d_j^i = f_i(j)$

NOW DEFINE A FUNCTION  $f_s: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  AS

$$f_s(i) = \begin{cases} f_0(i) + 1 & \text{IF } i=0 \\ f_1(i) + f_s(i-1) + 1 & \text{IF } i \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

OBSERVATIONS:

1)  $f_s$  IS A FUNCTION FROM  $\mathbb{N}$  TO  $\mathbb{N}$

2)  $f_s(n) < f_s(n+1)$ , FOR ALL  $n \geq 0$ , SINCE,

$$f_s(i) = f_1(i) + f_s(i-1) + 1$$

THEREFORE,  $f_s$  IS A MONOTONIC INCREASING FUNCTION FROM  $\mathbb{N}$  TO  $\mathbb{N}$ , I.E.,  $f_s \in MF$

3)  $f_s = f_j$  FOR SOME  $j \geq 0$  SINCE  $f$  IS A BIJECTION FROM  $\mathbb{N}$  TO  $MF$ .

QUESTION: WHAT IS  $f_s(j)$ ?  $f_s(j) = f_j(j)$  (\*\*)

THIS FOLLOWS FROM 3) ABOVE. BUT BY DEFINITION OF  $f_s$  IN (\*\*),  $f_s(j)$  IS ALSO EQUAL TO THE FOLLOWING DEPENDING ON THE VALUE OF  $j$ :

CASE 1)  $j=0$

THEN  $f_s(j) = f_j(j) + 1$ , BUT  $f_j(j) \neq f_j(j) + 1$

CASE 2)  $j > 0$

THEN  $f_s(j) = f_j(j) + f_s(j-1) + 1$ , BUT  $f_j(j) \neq f_j(j) + f_s(j-1) + 1$ .

IN EITHER CASE WE GET A CONTRADICTION, THUS  $f_s$  IS NOT IN THE TABLE,  $f$  IS NOT A BIJECTION,  $|MF| \neq |\mathbb{N}|$  AND  $MF$  IS THEREFORE UNCOUNTABLE.

□