

1. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets. Prove the following statements.

- (i) If there is a surjection  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , then  $|X| \geq |Y|$ .
  - (ii) If there exists surjections  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow X$ , then  $|X| = |Y|$ .
  - (iii) If there exists an injection  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and a surjection  $g: X \rightarrow Y$ , then  $|X| = |Y|$ .
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2. Let  $X$  be a set. The **power set** of  $X$  is denoted as  $2^X$  and is defined as the set of all subsets of  $X$ . Thus,  $A \subset X$  means exactly the same as  $A \in 2^X$ . For example, if  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then

$$2^X = \{\phi, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}.$$

- (i) If  $X$  is finite with  $|X| = n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ , prove that  $|2^X| = 2^n$ .
  - (ii) For any sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , prove that  $|X| = |Y| \Rightarrow |2^X| = |2^Y|$ .
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3. Prove that for any set  $X$ ,  $|X| < |2^X|$ .

HINT: For any function  $g: X \rightarrow 2^X$ , define  $A_g = \{x \in X : x \notin g(x)\}$ . Show that  $A_g \notin g(X)$ , hence  $g$  is not surjective.

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4. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be functions. Prove the following statements.

- (i)  $f$  and  $g$  injective  $\Rightarrow g \circ f$  injective.
  - (ii)  $f$  and  $g$  surjective  $\Rightarrow g \circ f$  surjective.
  - (iii)  $g \circ f$  injective  $\Rightarrow f$  injective.
  - (iv)  $g \circ f$  surjective  $\Rightarrow g$  surjective.
  - (v) Give specific examples to show that  $g$  need not be injective whenever  $g \circ f$  is injective and that  $f$  need not be surjective whenever  $g \circ f$  is surjective.
  - (vi) For any subset  $C \subset Z$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(C) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(C))$ .
  - (vi) For  $A \subset X$  and  $B \subset Y$ ,  $A \subset f^{-1}(f(A))$  and  $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subset B$ .
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5. A **binary sequence** is an infinite list of zeroes and ones, ie,  $b$  is a binary sequence means that  $b = b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_i, \dots$ , where each  $b_i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $B$  be the set of all binary sequences. Let  $A$  be the subset of  $B$  containing only those sequences that have finitely many ones and let  $C$  be the subset of  $B$  containing only those sequences that have no consecutive ones. Thus,

$$A = \{b \in B : \exists N \in \mathbf{N} \text{ such that } b_i = 0 \ \forall i \geq N\},$$
$$C = \{b \in B : \forall i, b_i = 1 \Rightarrow b_{i+1} = 0\}.$$

- (i) Use a Cantor diagonal argument to show that  $B$  is uncountable.
  - (ii) Prove that  $A$  is countably infinite.
  - (iii) Decide whether or not  $C$  is countable and prove your contention.
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