

Discrete Mathematics in Computer Science

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Exercise Sheet 3

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Exercise 3.1 (2 marks)

Show that \mathbb{Z} is countably infinite by specifying a bijection from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{N}_0 .
You need to show that your function is a bijection.

Exercise 3.2 (2 marks)

Show that \mathbb{Q} is countable. You may use the fact that \mathbb{Q}_+ is countable.

Hint: Use the countability of \mathbb{Q}_+ to show the countability of $\mathbb{Q}_- = \{q \mid q \in \mathbb{Q}, q < 0\}$.

Exercise 3.3 (2 marks)

Let S be the set of all possible outcome sequences of finitely many coin flips. More precisely, S contains for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_1$ all possible sequences that can result from flipping a coin n times.
Show that S is countable.

Exercise 3.4 (1 mark)

Explain why the following statements are wrong.

(a) $\{0, 1\} \times \{2\} = \langle \{0, 2\}, \{1, 2\} \rangle$

(b) $|\{0, 1\} \times \emptyset| = 2$

Exercise 3.5 (3 marks)

Consider the following binary relation R over \mathbb{N}_0 :

$$R = \{(x, y) \mid y = z \cdot x \text{ for some } z \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ with } z > 1\}$$

Is R reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, asymmetric, antisymmetric, transitive? Briefly justify your answer for each property.

Hint: Carefully check the definition of R , especially the conditions for z , and consider which corner cases might arise.

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