

The Cantorian Theory of Size (Part II)

1 Definitions

A is infinite: $|\mathbb{N}| \leq |A|$

A is countable: $|A| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$

2 A Little Lemma

No Countable Difference Principle: $|I| = |I \cup C|$, for I infinite and C countable.

3 Sets with the same size as \mathbb{R}

Set	Also known as	Members
$[0, 1)$	unit interval (half closed)	real numbers larger or equal to 0 but smaller than 1
$(0, 1)$	unit interval (open)	real numbers larger than 0 but smaller than 1
$[0, 1]$	unit interval (closed)	real numbers larger or equal to 0 but smaller or equal to 1
$[0, a]$	arbitrarily sized interval	real numbers larger or equal to 0 but smaller or equal to a ($a > 0$)
$[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$	unit square	pairs of real numbers larger or equal to 0 but smaller or equal to 1
$\underbrace{[0, 1] \times \cdots \times [0, 1]}_{n \text{ times}}$	n -dimensional hypercube	n -tuples of real numbers larger or equal to 0 but smaller or equal to 1
\mathbb{R}	real line	real numbers
$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$	powerset of \mathbb{N}	sets of natural numbers

4 Summary of Cardinality Comparisons

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} |\mathbb{N}| < & |\wp(\mathbb{N})| & < & |\wp(\wp(\mathbb{N}))| & < & |\wp(\wp(\wp(\mathbb{N})))| & < & \dots \\ \parallel & \parallel & & & & & & \\ |\mathbb{Z}| & |\mathbb{R}| & & & & & & \\ \parallel & \parallel & & & & & & \\ |\mathbb{Q}| & |[0, 1]| & & & & & & \\ & \parallel & & & & & & \\ & |[0, 1] \times \dots \times [0, 1]| & & & & & & \\ & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n \text{ times}} & & & & & & \end{array}$$

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