

## 2.8 Cardinality (a glimpse)

Def 8.1: Equinumerous sets

Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are called equinumerous, denoted  $A \sim B$ , if there is a bijective function from  $A$  onto  $B$ .

Def 8.3: Finite and infinite sets

A set  $A$  is said to be finite if  $A = \emptyset$  or there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and a bijection  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow A$ . If  $A$  is not finite it is said to be infinite.

Def 8.4: Cardinal number, transfinite set

The cardinal number of  $I_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is  $n$ , and if  $A \sim I_n$ , we say that  $A$  has  $n$  elements. The cardinal number of  $\emptyset$  is 0. If the cardinal number of a set is not finite, then it is called transfinite.

Def 8.6: denumerable, countable, uncountable,  $\aleph_0$

A set  $A$  is said to be denumerable if there exists a bijection  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ .

If a set is finite or denumerable it is called countable.

If a set is not countable then it is called uncountable.

The cardinal number of a denumerable set is denoted by  $\aleph_0$ .

Theorem 8.9: Any subset of a countable set is countable.

Theorem 8.10: Let  $S$  be a nonempty set. TFAE:

- (a)  $S$  is countable
- (b) There exists an injection  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- (c) There exists a surjection  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$

Def. 8.16 Power set

Given any set  $S$ , let  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  denote the collection of all subsets of  $S$ . The set  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  is called the power set of  $S$ .

Continuum Hypothesis :  $c = 2^{\aleph_0}$

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