

Math 215: Introduction to Advanced Mathematics

Problem Set due April 24

1) Suppose I is a countable set and that for each $i \in I$ we have a countable set A_i . Let $f_i : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A_i$ be a surjection. Let

$$A = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = \{x : x \in A_i \text{ for some } i \in I\}.$$

Let $F : I \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ be the function $F(i, n) = f_i(n)$.

a) Prove that F is a surjection.

b) Prove that A is countable.

This exercise shows that a *countable union of countable sets is countable*.

2) a) Prove that the interval $(0, 1)$ is equipotent with the interval (a, b) .
[Note: the interval $(c, d) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : c < x < d\}$.]

b) Prove that the interval $(0, 1)$ is equipotent with the interval $(0, +\infty)$.

c) Prove that the interval $(0, +\infty)$ is equipotent with \mathbb{R} . Conclude that $(0, 1)$ is equipotent with \mathbb{R} .

3) Prove the square root of 10 is irrational.