

Illustrations :-

- ① The entire set $R = (-\infty, \infty)$ is open if $x \in R$, then R is a nbd of x .
- ② Any open interval (a, b) is an open set for if $x \in (a, b)$, then (a, b) is a nbd of x , and thus x is an interior point of (a, b) .
- ③ The set $[a, b]$ is not open, since every nbd of a and that of b contains points not in $[a, b]$.
- ④ The sets $[a, b)$ and $(a, b]$ are also not open.
- ⑤ The null set ϕ is open in R .

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Countable set :- A set A is said to be countable if \exists a map $\phi: N \rightarrow A$, which is one-one and onto.

$$\phi: N \rightarrow Z$$

$$\phi(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n = \text{even} \\ \frac{1-n}{2} & \text{if } n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

Ex - $B = \{1, 4, 9, \dots\}$
 $\phi: N \rightarrow B$
 $\phi(n) = n^2$

Ex - $\phi = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$
 $E = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$
 $\phi(1) = x_1$
 $\phi(2) = x_2$
 $\phi(n) = x_n$

Member of elements in the set A is called
Cardinality of set. It is denoted by $|A|$
and defined by $|A| = n$

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Theorem: Countable union of countable sets is countable.

Proof - Let $\{S_n : n \geq 1\}$ be a countable collection of countable sets. And let $S = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n$. Then, we have to show that S is countable.

Since S_1 is countable, hence $S_1 = \{x_1^1, x_2^1, x_3^1, \dots, x_n^1, \dots\}$
 $S_2 = \{x_1^2, x_2^2, x_3^2, \dots, x_n^2, \dots\}$
 \vdots
 $S_n = \{x_1^n, x_2^n, x_3^n, \dots, x_n^n, \dots\}$

∴ Then, $S = \{x_1^1, x_2^1, x_3^1, x_1^2, x_2^2, x_3^2, \dots\}$

∵ Since all the elements of S can be written as a in the form of one-one correspondens in the set of N .

Hence, S is countable.

Theorem: Every infinite subset of countable set is countable.

Proof - Let A be a countable set, then $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$

where $x_i \neq x_j$

Let E be any infinite subset of A . We claim that E is countable.

Let n be the smallest natural number s.t. $x_n \in E$.

Let $n_1 < n_2$ be the smallest natural numbers
s.t. $x_{n_2} \in E$

Continuing for each k , let n_k denote
the smallest natural number bigger than n_{k-1}
s.t. $x_{n_k} \in E$

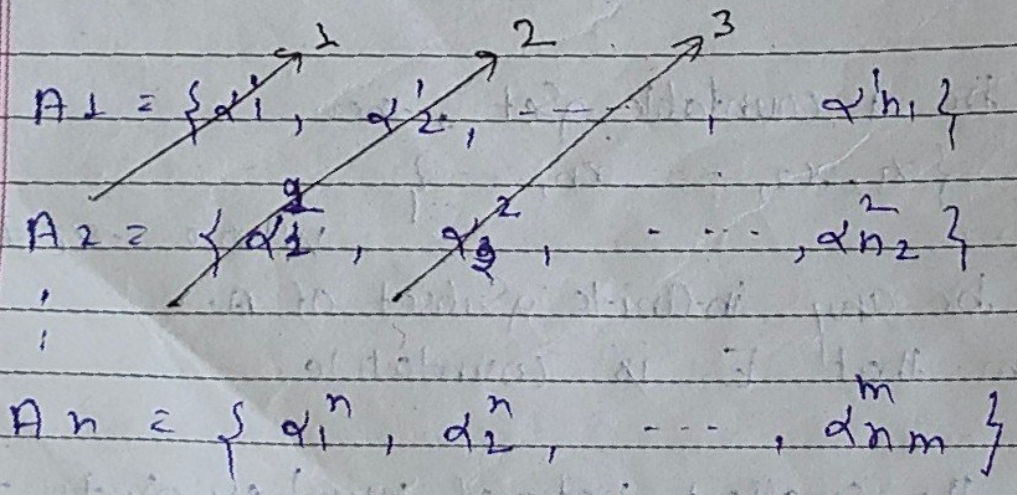
$$E = \{x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots, x_{n_k}\}$$

Define, $\phi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$
 $\phi(k) = x_{n_k}$

Then ϕ is one-one & onto.
Hence E is countable.

Corollary Countable union of finite set is countable.

Proof - Let $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the countable collection of
finite sets then we have to show that
 $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is countable.



Now $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \{ \alpha_1^1, \alpha_1^2, \alpha_2^1, \dots \}$

Since every arrow in the above diagram can be correspondance on the set of Natural Numbers.

Hence the set A is countable.

Otherwise it is finite set.

Since every finite set is countable therefore the finite set A is also countable.

Theorem :- Let A be a Countable set and set $A^n = (A \times A \times A \dots \times A)$ n times then A^n is countable for each $n \geq 1$ *Prove it.*

$n = 1$

$A^1 = A$

Since A is countable thus the result is hold true for $n = 1$.

Suppose A^{n-1} is countable

We claim that A^n is countable.

$A^n = A^{n-1} \times A$

$A^2 = A \times A$

$= \{ (x, y) : x \in A, y \in A \}$

$A^3 = A^2 \times A$

$= \{ (w, z) : w \in A^2, z \in A \}$

Let $x \in A^{n-1}$, then $\{ (x, y) : y \in A \}$ is countable

also $A^n = \bigcup_{x \in A^{n-1}} \{ (x, y) : y \in A \}$ is countable.

Since countable union of countable set is countable Hence A^n is countable.

Question- Prove that the set of rational numbers is countable.

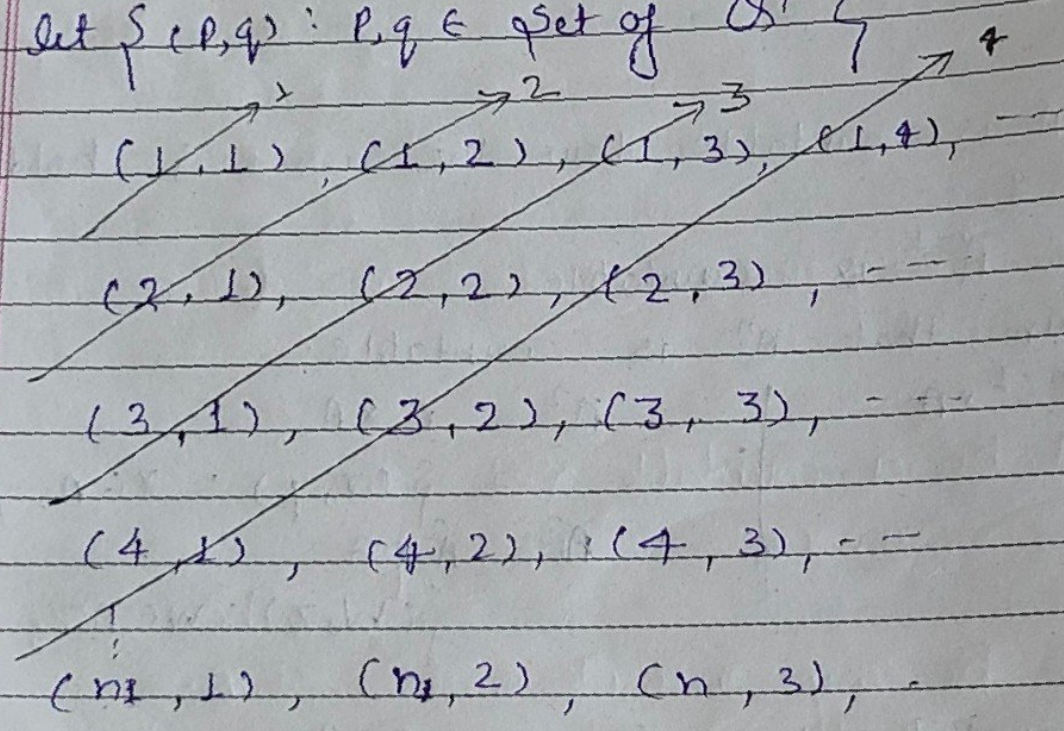
$$\left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ provided } q \neq 0 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}^2$$

$$\mathbb{S}(p, q) : p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ provided } q \neq 0$$

Since Cartesian Product of countable set is countable Hence the set of rational numbers $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q}, q \neq 0, p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ is countable.

OR

Let $\mathbb{S}(p, q) : p, q \in \text{set of } \mathbb{Q}^+$



Since every element of \mathbb{Q}^+ rational number can be written in one-one and onto corresponding to natural number. Hence \mathbb{Q}^+ is countable.

Similarly we can say that set of all negative rational numbers can be countable.

Overall if the set of \mathbb{Q}^+ and \mathbb{Q}^- are countable, the set of all rational numbers is countable.

Question - Prove that the set of all seqⁿ of 0 and 1 is uncountable.
 Proof - Let $S = \{ (a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} : a_n \in \{0, 1\} \}$

then we claim that S is uncountable.

$$\text{Let } S = \{ s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n, \dots \}$$

Let if possible S be countable set.

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= (a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, \dots, a_{1n}, \dots) \\ s_2 &= (a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{2n}, \dots) \\ &\vdots \\ s_m &= (a_{m1}, a_{m2}, \dots, a_{mn}, \dots) \\ &\vdots \\ b &= (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Where,

$$b_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a_{11} = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a_{21} = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow b \notin S$$

which is contradiction.

Hence the set of all seqⁿ of 0 and 1 is uncountable.

Question-

Prove that $A = (0, 1)$ is uncountable,
 let if possible A is countable

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 &= (0, 0a_{11}, 0a_{12}, 0a_{13}, \dots, 0a_{1n}, \dots) \\
 J_2 &= 0(a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}, \dots, a_{2n}, \dots) \\
 &\vdots \\
 J_n &= 0(a_{n1}, a_{n2}, a_{n3}, \dots, a_{nn}, \dots) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $b = 0.b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 &= 0.11 = 0.2873 \dots \quad (1, 2, \dots) \text{ (8)} \\
 J_2 &= 0.22 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$b \neq J_n$ for any $n \geq 1$.
 $\Rightarrow b \notin A$

Which is contradiction.
 Hence the open interval $(0, 1)$ is uncountable.