
Please provide complete and well-written solutions to the following exercises.

Due February 11, 10AM PST, to be uploaded as a single PDF document to Brightspace.

Homework 4

Exercise 1. Show that the notion of two sets having equal cardinality is an equivalence relation. That is, for sets X, Y, Z , show

- X has the same cardinality as X .
- If X has the same cardinality as Y , then Y has the same cardinality as X .
- If X has the same cardinality as Y , and if Y has the same cardinality as Z , then X has the same cardinality as Z .

Exercise 2. Using a proof by contradiction, show that the set \mathbf{N} of natural numbers is infinite.

Exercise 3. Let X be a subset of the natural numbers \mathbf{N} . Prove that X is at most countable.

Exercise 4. Let Y be a set. Let $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Then $f(\mathbf{N})$ is at most countable. (Hint: consider the set $A := \{n \in \mathbf{N}: f(n) \neq f(m) \text{ for all } 0 \leq m < n\}$. Prove that f is a bijection from A onto $f(\mathbf{N})$. Then use the previous exercise.)

Exercise 5. Let X, Y be countable sets. Show that $X \cup Y$ is a countable set.

Exercise 6. Let X, Y be countable sets. Show that $X \times Y$ is a countable set.