

1. Do yourself
2. Similar to a problem in Class Text 1.
3. Note that  $[a, b) \sim [0, 1)$

Define  $f : [a, b) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  as  $f(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$

$f$  is well-defined since  $b > a$ .  
 Easy to show  $f$  is a bijection.

(show it!  $f^{-1}$  would be  $f^{-1}(y) = (b-a)y + a$ )

$\therefore [a, b) \times [c, d) \sim [0, 1) \times [0, 1)$

Now let  $I = [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable, so are  $I$  &  $I^2$ .

Consider the sets  $X = [0, 1)^2 \setminus I^2$  and  $Y = [0, 1) \setminus I$ . Since  $I, I^2$  are countable, we have  $X \sim [0, 1)^2$  &  $Y \sim [0, 1)$ .

Sufficient to show  $X \sim Y$ .

Let  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . Then we can

write  $x = 0.x_1x_2\dots$  &  $y = 0.y_1y_2\dots$

Define  $g_1: X \rightarrow Y$  as

$$g_1(x, y) = (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots)$$

$g_1$  is 1-1. So  $Y$  is at least as large as  $X$ .

Define  $g_2: Y \rightarrow X$  as

$$g_2(x) = (x, x)$$

$g_2$  is 1-1 too. That is  $X$  is at least as large as  $Y$ .

$$\therefore X \sim Y.$$

4. (a) Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d[x]$  denote the set of all polynomials of degree  $d$  with coefficients from  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\mathbb{Z}[x] = \bigcup_{d=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}^d[x]$$

$\mathbb{Z}^d[x]$  is isomorphic to  $\underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}}_{d \text{ times}}$  which is countable.

$\mathbb{Z}[x]$ : union of countably infinite countable sets of hence countable.

(b) From (a),  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  is countable.

Each  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $f(x) \neq 0$ , has finitely many roots of  $\therefore A$  is countable.

5. TRY ON YOUR OWN

6. (a)  $\{1\}$ : finite bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2^i} \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \subseteq [0, 1]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  countable, bounded below & above by 0, 1 respectively.

(b)  $[0, 1]$

7. (a) COUNTABLE

Any bounded subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  with lower, upper bounds  $a, b$  resp. is a subset of  $A = \{a, a+1, \dots, b\}$  ( $a \leq b$ ).

$A$  is finite  $\Rightarrow 2^A$  is finite.  
 The set of all bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}$   
 is the union of  $2^A$  for all choices  
 of  $A$ . Now, there are countably many  
 ways to choose  $A$ , i.e., to choose  
 $a, b$  s.t.  $a \leq b$ . So there are  
 countably many bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) UNCOUNTABLE.

Let  $S =$  set of all bounded subsets  
 of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

We define a map  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S$  as

follows:

if  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $f(x) = \{x\}$ .

if  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , then write  $x = x.y_1y_2y_3\dots$

$$f(x) = \{x, x.y_1, x.y_1y_2, x.y_1y_2y_3, \dots\}$$

$f(x)$  is bounded above by  $x$  &  
 below by  $x$ . So,  $f(x) \in S$ .

$f$  is 1-1 & hence  $S$  must be  
 at least as large as  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\therefore S$  is  
 uncountable.

# ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURES

1. (a)  $h: (\mathbb{N}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4)$

$$h(x) = x \pmod{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(x_1 + x_2) &= (x_1 + x_2) \pmod{4} \\ &= x_1 \pmod{4} + x_2 \pmod{4} \\ &= h(x_1) + h(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$h$  is a homomorphism.

$h$  is onto (easy to verify).

$\therefore h$  is a monomorphism.

(b) Do yourself.

(c) Define  $h: (S_4, \cdot) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4)$  as

follows:

$$h(1) = 0$$

$$h(i) = 1$$

$$h(-1) = 2$$

$$h(-i) = 3$$

$h$  is 1-1 & onto.

$$h(1 \cdot -1) = h(-1) = 2 = 0 + 2 \pmod{4} = h(1) + h(-1) \pmod{4}$$

$$h(1 \cdot i) = h(i) = 1 = 0 + 1 \pmod{4} = h(1) + h(i) \pmod{4}$$

$$h(1 \cdot -i) = h(-i) = 3 = 0 + 3 \pmod{4} = h(1) + h(-i) \pmod{4}$$

$$h(-1 \cdot i) = h(-i) = 3 = 2+1 \pmod{4} = h(-1) + h(i) \pmod{4}$$

$$h(-1 \cdot -i) = h(i) = 1 = 2+3 \pmod{4} = h(-1) + h(-i) \pmod{4}$$

$$h(i \cdot -i) = h(1) = 0 = 1+3 \pmod{4} = h(i) + h(-i) \pmod{4}$$

$[(4)]$  is short for  $(\text{mod } 4)$

Since  $h(xy) = h(x) + h(y) \pmod{4}$  for all  $x, y \in S_4$ ,  $h$  is a homomorphism.

Problems 2-6 only involve verifying properties of semi-groups / monoids / groups / rings / fields. Do them yourself.