

Homework on cardinality Due Feb 2

1. For each of the following pairs of sets give two proofs that the sets are equinumerous. One proof should be by Schroeder-Bernstein. The other proof should be by giving an explicit bijection.
 - (a) $S=[1,2]$ $T=[5,8]$
 - (b) $S=[1,2]$ $T=[5,8]$
 - (c) $S=[0,1)$ $T=(0,1)$
 - (d) $S=[0,1]$ $T=(0,1)$
2. For each of the following pairs of sets give a proof that the sets are equinumerous by giving an explicit bijection.
 - (a) $S=(0,1)$ $T=(0, \infty)$
 - (b) $S=(0,1)$ $T=\mathbb{R}$
3. Prove the following:
 - (a) If $S \subseteq T$ then $|S| \leq |T|$
 - (b) $|S| \leq |S|$
 - (c) If $|S| \leq |T|$ and $|T| \leq |U|$ then $|S| \leq |U|$
 - (d) If S is finite then $|S| < \infty$
4. Let \mathbb{A} denote all real numbers which are roots of polynomial equations with integer coefficients. The set \mathbb{A} is known as: the algebraic numbers.
 - (a) Prove $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{A}$
 - (b) Follow the following outline to show that \mathbb{A} is denumerable.
 - i. First show that the set all polynomials of degree n is denumerable. (If this isn't obvious try doing $n=1$, $n=2$, and $n=3$ first.)
 - ii. Then show the set of all polynomials (of any degree) with integer coefficients is denumerable.
 - iii. Finally show that the set of all algebraic numbers is denumerable.
 - (c) If the "transcendental numbers" are the non-algebraic reals, what can you say about the size of the set of transcendentals.