

Four points for each question unless specified otherwise.

1. Prove that if $A \subseteq B \subseteq C$ and $|C| \leq |A|$, then $|A| = |B| = |C|$.

[Hint: You have to argue that if there is an injection from C to A , then there is a bijection between A and B , and a bijection between B and C .

2. Let $A_j = (a_j, b_j)$ be open intervals in \mathbf{R} for $j \in J$, where J is a non-empty set. Show that $|\mathbf{R}| = |\cup_{j \in J} A_j|$.

3. (a) Show that \mathbf{R} can be partitioned into a denumerable number of uncountable sets.

(b) Show that \mathbf{R} can be partitioned into an uncountable number of uncountable sets.

[Hint: $|\mathbf{R}| = |(0, 1)| = |(0, 1) \times (0, 1)|$.]

4. Suppose A is an infinite set, $a_0 \notin A$, and $\tilde{A} = A \cup \{a_0\}$.

(a) Show that $|A| = |\tilde{A}|$, and hence $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = |\mathcal{P}(\tilde{A})|$.

(b) Show that $f : A \cup \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\tilde{A})$ defined by

$$f(x) = \{a_0, x\} \text{ if } x \in A \text{ and } f(B) = B \text{ if } B \in \mathcal{P}(A),$$

is a well-defined injection.

(c) Show that $|A \cup \mathcal{P}(A)| = |\mathcal{P}(A)|$.