

Your 2 essay(s) must be TYPESET, and Double or Triple spaced. Use the *Print/Revise* cycle to produce good, well thought out, essays. Start each essay on a *NEW* sheet of paper. Do not restate the problem; just solve it.

Due: **By noon, on Monday, 09Dec2013**, slid *completely* under my office door. Then please email me that you have handed-in a project.

X1: Let $\mathbf{J} := [0, 1]$. You may use, without proof, the Schröder-Bernstein thm and the following.

a₁: $\mathbb{R} \simeq \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$. **a₂:** $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{R} \simeq \mathbb{R}$.

a₃: For each three sets Ω, B, D : $\Omega^{B \times D} \simeq [\Omega^B]^D$.

a₄: The set $S := \mathbb{Q} \cap \mathbf{J}$ is countable.

Prove that $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{J})$, the set of continuous functions $\mathbf{J} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, is bijective with \mathbb{R} . Cite each (**a_i**) where you use it. Specify what Ω, B, D are, when you apply (**a₃**). [Note: Does your proof split into easily-understood lemmas?]

X2: [For free: **Union Thm:** A countable union of countable-sets is countable. Also, **Finite-subset Thm:** The collection of finite subsets of a countable set, is countable. If needed, use $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Fin}}(S)$ for the collection of finite subsets of a set S , and use $\mathcal{P}_{\infty}(S)$ for the collection of infinite subsets of S .] Below, a **blip** is an infinite set of positive integers. A **family** $\{B_i\}_{i \in \mathbf{J}}$ is a set of distinct blips, i.e, $\forall i, k \in \mathbf{J}$: $[i \neq k] \Rightarrow [B_i \neq B_k]$.

a Suppose $\forall i, k \in \mathbf{J}$ that $[i \neq k] \Rightarrow [B_i \cap B_k = \emptyset]$. Construct, with proof, an injection $g: \mathbf{J} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{N}$, to conclude that this index-set \mathbf{J} is only countable.

b Instead suppose $|B_i \cap B_k| \leq 1$, for each distinct index-pair $i, k \in \mathbf{J}$. Prove that \mathbf{J} is only countable. Once solved, weaken the hypothesis to $|B_i \cap B_k| \leq 2$, yet still show \mathbf{J} countable. Finally, weaken to $|B_i \cap B_k| \leq 3$, and prove that \mathbf{J} is only countable. Can you generalize?

c [Challenging/Creative; Making \mathbf{J} equal \mathbb{R} .] Construct a specific family $\{B_x\}_{x \in \mathbb{R}}$, that is, define a specific injection $h: \mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_+)$, so that: For each distinct index-pair $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, the intersection $[B_x \cap B_y]$ is finite.

Please PRINT your name and ordinal. Ta:

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HONOR CODE: "I have neither requested nor received help on this exam other than from my professor."

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Folks, I have had a great time working with you this Semester. Stop by next semester to "Talk Math".

Cheers, Prof. Sieve-brain