

# CompSci 102

## Discrete Math for Computer Science

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Cardinality

- **Definition:** A set that is either finite or has the same cardinality as the set of positive integers ( $\mathbf{Z}^+$ ) is called *countable*. A set that is not countable is *uncountable*.
- The set of real numbers  $\mathbf{R}$  is an uncountable set.
- When an infinite set is countable (*countably infinite*) its cardinality is  $\aleph_0$  (where  $\aleph$  is aleph, the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of the Hebrew alphabet). We write  $|S| = \aleph_0$  and say that  $S$  has cardinality “aleph null.”

## Chap 2.5-2.6

### Cardinality

**Definition:** The *cardinality* of a set  $A$  is equal to the cardinality of a set  $B$ , denoted

$$|A| = |B|,$$

if and only if there is a one-to-one correspondence (*i.e.*, a bijection) from  $A$  to  $B$ .

- If there is a one-to-one function (*i.e.*, an injection) from  $A$  to  $B$ , the cardinality of  $A$  is less than or the same as the cardinality of  $B$  and we write  $|A| \leq |B|$ .
- When  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $A$  and  $B$  have different cardinality, we say that the cardinality of  $A$  is less than the cardinality of  $B$  and write  $|A| < |B|$ .

## Showing that a Set is Countable

- An infinite set is countable if and only if it is possible to list the elements of the set in a sequence (indexed by the positive integers).
- The reason for this is that a one-to-one correspondence  $f$  from the set of positive integers to a set  $S$  can be expressed in terms of a sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$  where  $a_1 = f(1)$ ,  $a_2 = f(2), \dots, a_n = f(n), \dots$

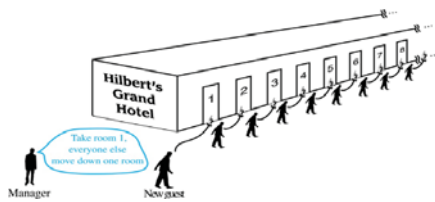
# Hilbert's Grand Hotel



David Hilbert

The Grand Hotel (example due to David Hilbert) has countably infinite number of rooms, each occupied by a guest. We can always accommodate a new guest at this hotel. How is this possible?

**Explanation:** Because the rooms of Grand Hotel are countable, we can list them as Room 1, Room 2, Room 3, and so on. When a new guest arrives, we move the guest in Room 1 to Room 2, the guest in Room 2 to Room 3, and in general the guest in Room  $n$  to Room  $n + 1$ , for all positive integers  $n$ . This frees up Room 1, which we assign to the new guest, and all the current guests still have rooms.



The hotel can also accommodate a countable number of new guests, all the guests on a countable number of buses where each bus contains a countable number of guests (see exercises).

## Showing that a Set is Countable

**Example 1:** Show that the set of positive even integers  $E$  is a countable set.

**Solution:** Let  $f(x) = 2x$ .

1	2	3	4	5	6	....
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2	4	6	8	10	12	.....

Then  $f$  is a bijection from  $\mathbf{N}$  to  $E$  since  $f$  is both one-to-one and onto. To show that it is one-to-one, suppose that  $f(n) = f(m)$ . Then  $2n = 2m$ , and so  $n = m$ . To see that it is onto, suppose that  $t$  is an even positive integer. Then  $t = 2k$  for some positive integer  $k$  and  $f(k) = t$ .

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**Solution:** Can list in a sequence:

0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, .....

Or can define a bijection from  $\mathbf{N}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}$ :

- When  $n$  is even:  $f(n) = n/2$
- When  $n$  is odd:  $f(n) = -(n-1)/2$

## The Positive Rational Numbers are Countable

- **Definition:** A *rational number* can be expressed as the ratio of two integers  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $q \neq 0$ .
  - $\frac{3}{4}$  is a rational number
  - $\sqrt{2}$  is not a rational number.

**Example 3:** Show that the positive rational numbers are countable.

**Solution:** The positive rational numbers are countable since they can be arranged in a sequence:

$$r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots$$

The next slide shows how this is done. →

## The Positive Rational Numbers are Countable

First row  $q = 1$ .  
Second row  $q = 2$ .  
etc.

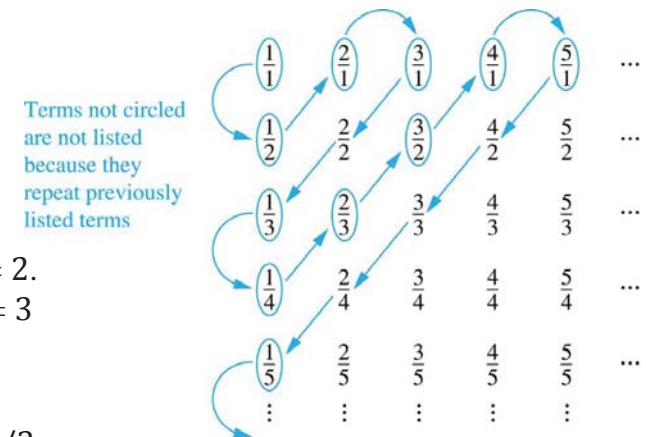
### Constructing the List

First list  $p/q$  with  $p + q = 2$ .

Next list  $p/q$  with  $p + q = 3$

And so on.

$1, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 3, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}, \dots$



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**Solution:** Show that the strings can be listed in a sequence. First list

1. All the strings of length 0 in alphabetical order.
2. Then all the strings of length 1 in lexicographic (as in a dictionary) order.
3. Then all the strings of length 2 in lexicographic order.
4. And so on.

This implies a bijection from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $S$  and hence it is a countably infinite set.

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**Solution:** Let  $S$  be the set of strings constructed from the characters which can appear in a Java program. Use the ordering from the previous example. Take each string in turn:

- Feed the string into a Java compiler. (A Java compiler will determine if the input program is a syntactically correct Java program.)
- If the compiler says YES, this is a syntactically correct Java program, we add the program to the list.
- We move on to the next string.

In this way we construct an implied bijection from  $\mathbb{N}$  to the set of Java programs. Hence, the set of Java programs is countable.

## The Real Numbers are Uncountable

Georg Cantor  
(1845-1918)



**Example:** Show that the set of real numbers is uncountable.

**Solution:** The method is called the Cantor diagonalization argument, and is a proof by contradiction.

1. Suppose  $\mathbb{R}$  is countable. Then the real numbers between 0 and 1 are also countable (any subset of a countable set is countable)
2. The real numbers between 0 and 1 can be listed in order  $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots$
3. Let the decimal representation of this listing be

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= 0.d_{11}d_{12}d_{13}d_{14}d_{15}d_{16}\dots \\ r_2 &= 0.d_{21}d_{22}d_{23}d_{24}d_{25}d_{26}\dots \\ r_3 &= 0.d_{31}d_{32}d_{33}d_{34}d_{35}d_{36}\dots \end{aligned}$$

4. Form a new real number with the decimal expansion  
where  $r_i = 3$  if  $d_{ii} \neq 3$  and  $r_i = 4$  if  $d_{ii} = 3$   
 $r = .r_1r_2r_3r_4\dots$
5.  $r$  is not equal to any of the  $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots$ . Because it differs from  $r_i$  in its  $i$ th position after the decimal point. Therefore there is a real number between 0 and 1 that is not on the list since every real number has a unique decimal expansion. Hence, all the real numbers between 0 and 1 cannot be listed, so the set of real numbers between 0 and 1 is uncountable.
6. Since a set with an uncountable subset is uncountable (an exercise), the set of real numbers is uncountable.

## Matrices

- Matrices are useful discrete structures that can be used in many ways. For example, they are used to:
  - describe certain types of functions known as linear transformations.
  - Express which vertices of a graph are connected by edges (see Chapter 10).
- In later chapters, we will see matrices used to build models of:
  - Transportation systems.
  - Communication networks.
- Algorithms based on matrix models will be presented in later chapters.
- Here we cover the aspect of matrix arithmetic that will be needed later.

# Notation

## Matrix

**Definition:** A *matrix* is a rectangular array of numbers. A matrix with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns is called an  $m \times n$  matrix.

- The plural of matrix is *matrices*.
- A matrix with the same number of rows as columns is called *square*.
- Two matrices are *equal* if they have the same number of rows and the same number of columns and the corresponding entries in every position are equal.

$3 \times 2$  matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix Arithmetic: Addition

**Definition:** Let  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]$  and  $\mathbf{B} = [b_{ij}]$  be  $m \times n$  matrices. The sum of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ , is the  $m \times n$  matrix that has  $a_{ij} + b_{ij}$  as its  $(i,j)$ th element. In other words,  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$ .

**Example:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that matrices of different sizes can NOT be added.

- Let  $m$  and  $n$  be positive integers and let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The  $i$ th row of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the  $1 \times n$  matrix  $[a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{in}]$ . The  $j$ th column of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the  $m \times 1$  matrix:

- The  $(i,j)$ th *element* or *entry* of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the element  $a_{ij}$ . We can use  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]$  to denote the matrix with its  $(i,j)$ th element equal to  $a_{ij}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix Multiplication

**Definition:** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $m \times k$  matrix and  $\mathbf{B}$  be a  $k \times n$  matrix. The *product* of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{AB}$ , is the  $m \times n$  matrix that has its  $(i,j)$ th element equal to the sum of the products of the corresponding elements from the  $i$ th row of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the  $j$ th column of  $\mathbf{B}$ . In other words, if  $\mathbf{AB} = [c_{ij}]$  then  $c_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \dots + a_{ik}b_{kj}$ .

**Example:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 4 \\ 8 & 9 \\ 7 & 13 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The product of two matrices is undefined when the number of columns in the first matrix is not the same as the number of rows in the second.

## Illustration of Matrix Multiplication

- The Product of  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]$  and  $\mathbf{B} = [b_{ij}]$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1k} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{ik} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mk} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & b_{1j} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2j} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{k1} & b_{k2} & \dots & b_{kj} & \dots & b_{kn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \dots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & c_{ij} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & c_{m2} & \dots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Is Matrix Multiplication Commutative

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**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{BA} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$$

## Identity Matrix and Powers of Matrices

**Definition:** The *identity matrix of order  $n$*  is the  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n = [\delta_{ij}]$ , where  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = j$  and  $\delta_{ij} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .

$$\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{AI}_n = \mathbf{I}_m \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$$

when  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix

Powers of square matrices can be defined. When  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, we have:

$$\mathbf{A}^0 = \mathbf{I}_n \quad \mathbf{A}^r = \underbrace{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A} \cdots \mathbf{A}}_{r \text{ times}}$$

# Transposes of Matrices

**Definition:** Let  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

The *transpose* of  $\mathbf{A}$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{A}^t$ , is the  $n \times m$  matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

If  $\mathbf{A}^t = [b_{ij}]$ , then  $b_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$   
and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

The transpose of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .