

Diagonalizing Out by Fixed-Points

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Cantor's Diagonal Argument: The Formulation

Theorem

No function $F : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ can be onto.

PROOF: Put $D_F = \{a \in A \mid a \notin F(a)\}$. Then

$$x \in D_F \longleftrightarrow x \notin F(x)$$

and so $D_F \neq F(\alpha)$ for any $\alpha \in A$: if $D_F = F(\alpha)$ then

$$\alpha \in D_F \longleftrightarrow \alpha \notin F(\alpha) \longleftrightarrow \alpha \notin D_F! \quad \square$$

Cantor's 3rd Proof for the Uncountability of \mathbb{R}

JOHN FRANKS, Cantor's Other Proofs that \mathbb{R} is Uncountable, *Mathematics Magazine* 83:4 (2010) 283–289. doi:10.4169/002557010X521822

Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Why *Diagonal*?

For $A = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$ Put $F : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ as:

	x	y	a	b	c	\dots	
$F(x)$	0	0	1	1	0	\dots	$F(x) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(y)$	0	0	1	0	1	\dots	$F(y) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(a)$	1	1	1	0	0	\dots	$F(a) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(b)$	0	0	1	0	0	\dots	$F(b) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(c)$	0	0	0	1	0	\dots	$F(c) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots	\vdots

Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Why *Diagonal*?

Then Diagonalize Out:

	x	y	a	b	c	\dots	
$F(x)$	$\overline{0}$	0	1	1	0	\dots	$F(x) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(y)$	0	$\overline{0}$	1	0	1	\dots	$F(y) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(a)$	1	1	$\overline{1}$	0	0	\dots	$F(a) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(b)$	0	0	1	$\overline{0}$	0	\dots	$F(b) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(c)$	0	0	0	1	$\overline{0}$	\dots	$F(c) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots	\vdots
\searrow	1	1	0	1	1		$D_F = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$

$$D_F \neq F(x), F(y), F(a), F(b), F(c), \dots$$

Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Other Formulations

Every $F : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ Corresponds to a relation $\mathcal{R}_F \subseteq A \times A$ as

$$x \mathcal{R}_F y \iff y \in F(x)$$

Every binary relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ Corresponds to a function $\mathcal{F}_R : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ as

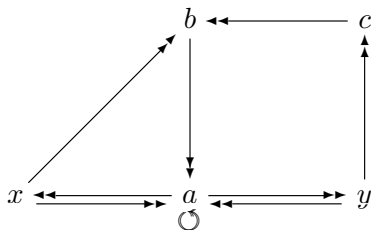
$$\mathcal{F}_R(x) = \{y \in A \mid x R y\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{R}_F} = F \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{F}_R} = R$$

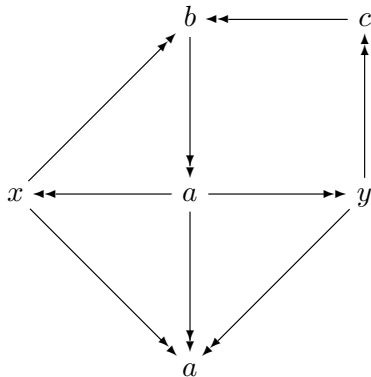
Cantor's Theorem: In Any Directed Graph There Exists a Set of Nodes Such That Is Not Equal to the Set of Outgoing Nodes of Any Fixed Node.

Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Directed Graphs

	x	y	a	b	c	
$F(x)$	0	0	1	1	0	$F(x) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(y)$	0	0	1	0	1	$F(y) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(a)$	1	1	1	0	0	$F(a) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(b)$	0	0	1	0	0	$F(b) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(c)$	0	0	0	1	0	$F(c) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$



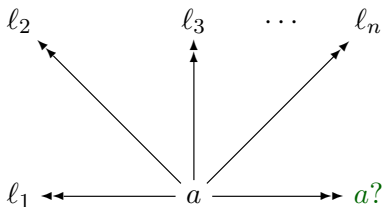
Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Directed Graphs



Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Directed Graphs

Cantor's Theorem: The Set of Loopless Nodes of a Directed Graph Cannot be the Set of Outgoing Nodes of Any Fixed Node.

PROOF: If $\{l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots\} = \text{LoopLess} = \{x \mid aRx\}$



then $aRa \iff a \in \text{LoopLess} \iff a \in \{x \mid aRx\} \iff aRa!$ □

Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Other Formulations

Every binary relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ Corresponds to a function

$$\mathbb{C}_R : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \text{ as } \mathbb{C}_R(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } xRy \\ 0 & \text{if } x \not R y \end{cases}$$

Every function $f : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ Corresponds to a binary relation $\mathbb{R}_f \subseteq A \times A$ as

$$x\mathbb{R}_f y \iff f(x, y) = 1$$

$$\mathbb{R}_{\mathbb{C}_R} = R \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{R}_f} = f$$

Cantor's Theorem: No Function $f : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ Can Represent All The Functions $A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.

Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Two-Valued Functions

The function $g : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is *represented* by $f : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ (at $a \in A$) when $g(x) = f(x, a)$ holds (for every $x \in A$).

Cantor's Theorem: For Any Function $f : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ There Is Some Function $g : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ Which Is Not Represented By f .

- **Diagonal Function:** $\Delta_A : A \rightarrow A \times A, x \mapsto \langle x, x \rangle$
- **Diagonalization of $f : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is:** $f \circ \Delta, x \mapsto f(x, x)$
- **Negation Function:** $\neg : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}, i \mapsto 1 - i$
- **Anti-Diagonal Function of f is:** $\neg \circ f \circ \Delta, x \mapsto \neg f(x, x)$
(Diagonalizing Out of f)

Cantor's Diagonal Argument: Two-Valued Functions

Cantor's Theorem: For Any Function $f : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ The Anti-Diagonal Function of f Is Not Represented By f .

PROOF: For $g = \neg \circ f \circ \Delta$, $g(x) = \neg f(x, x)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times A & \xrightarrow{f} & \{0, 1\} \\
 \uparrow \Delta & & \downarrow \neg \\
 A & \xrightarrow{g} & \{0, 1\}
 \end{array}$$

if $g(x) = f(x, \alpha)$ then $f(\alpha, \alpha) = g(\alpha) = \neg f(\alpha, \alpha)$! □

Diagonal Arguments by Two-Valued Functions

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Diagonal Arguments by Two-Valued Functions

Euclid's Theorem: There Are Infinitely Many Prime Numbers.

PROOF: Let $f(n, m) =$

$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if all the prime factors of } (n! + 1) \text{ are less than } m \\ 0 & \text{if some prime factor of } (n! + 1) \text{ is greater than or equal to } m \end{cases}$$

If $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbb{N}$ is the biggest prime then g is representable by f at \mathfrak{p} :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} & \xrightarrow{f} & \{0, 1\} \\ \uparrow \Delta & & \downarrow \neg \\ \mathbb{N} & \xrightarrow{g} & \{0, 1\} \end{array}$$

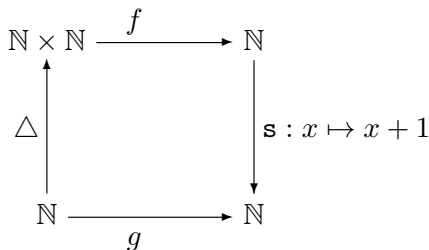
by $f(x, x) = 0$ we have $g(x) = \neg f(x, x) = 1 = f(x, \mathfrak{p})!$

□

Diagonal Arguments for Dominating Functions

Theorem: For a sequence of functions $f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, there exists a function $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that dominates them all.

PROOF: Let $f(n, m) = \max_{(i \leq n)} f_i(m)$ and $g(x) = f(x, x) + 1$:



$$x \geq m \implies g(x) > \max_{(i \leq x)} f_i(x) \geq f_m(x).$$



Diagonal Arguments for Dominating Functions

	0	1	2	3	4	...
f_0	$f_0(0)$	$f_0(1)$	$f_0(2)$	$f_0(3)$	$f_0(4)$...
f_1	$f_1(0)$	$f_1(1)$	$f_1(2)$	$f_1(3)$	$f_1(4)$...
f_2	$f_2(0)$	$f_2(1)$	$f_2(2)$	$f_2(3)$	$f_2(4)$...
f_3	$f_3(0)$	$f_3(1)$	$f_3(2)$	$f_3(3)$	$f_3(4)$...
f_4	$f_4(0)$	$f_4(1)$	$f_4(2)$	$f_4(3)$	$f_4(4)$...
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots
\searrow	max	max	max	max	max	+1 = g

$$g(x) = \max\{f_i(x) \mid i \leq x\} + 1$$

Variants of Diagonal Argument: Permuting Rows

For $A = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$ and $F : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$

	x	y	a	b	c	\dots	
$F(x)$	0	0	1	1	0	\dots	$F(x) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(y)$	0	0	1	0	1	\dots	$F(y) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(a)$	1	1	1	0	0	\dots	$F(a) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(b)$	0	0	1	0	0	\dots	$F(b) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(c)$	0	0	0	1	0	\dots	$F(c) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots	\vdots

Variants of Diagonal Argument: Permuting Rows

Permute rows by $h : A \rightarrow A$ as

$$h(x) = a, \quad h(y) = b, \quad h(a) = y, \quad h(b) = c, \quad h(c) = x$$

	x	y	a	b	c	\dots	
$F(h(x))$	1	1	1	0	0	\dots	$F(a) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(h(y))$	0	0	1	0	0	\dots	$F(b) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(h(a))$	0	0	1	0	1	\dots	$F(y) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(h(b))$	0	0	0	1	0	\dots	$F(c) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(h(c))$	0	0	1	1	0	\dots	$F(x) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots	\vdots

Variants of Diagonal Argument: Permuting Rows

Diagonalizing Out:

	x	y	a	b	c	\dots	
$F(h(x))$	$\overline{1}$	1	1	0	0	\dots	$F(a) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(h(y))$	0	$\overline{0}$	1	0	0	\dots	$F(b) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(h(a))$	0	0	$\overline{1}$	0	1	\dots	$F(y) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(h(b))$	0	0	0	$\overline{1}$	0	\dots	$F(c) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
$F(h(c))$	0	0	1	1	$\overline{0}$	\dots	$F(x) = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots	\vdots
\searrow	0	1	0	0	1		$D_{F \circ h} = \{x, y, a, b, c, \dots\}$

Variants of Diagonal Argument: Permuting Rows

For any $F : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ and any surjection $h : A \rightarrow A$, put

$$D_{F \circ h} = \{a \in A \mid a \notin F(h(a))\}$$

If $D_{F \circ h} = F(\alpha)$ and $h(\beta) = \alpha$ (by surjectivity of h), then

$$\beta \in D_{F \circ h} \iff \beta \notin F(h(\beta)) \iff \beta \notin F(\alpha) \iff \beta \notin D_{F \circ h}$$

Is Any Set ($B \subseteq A$) Not In The Range Of F ($B \neq F(\square)$) In The Form Of $D_{F \circ h}$ For Some (SURJECTION) h ?

ROBERT GRAY, George Cantor and Transcendental Numbers, *The American Mathematical Monthly* 101:9 (1994) 819–832.

Theorem: A real number in the interval $(0, 1)$ is transcendental if and only if it is the diagonal number of a sequence that consists of all the binary representations of algebraic reals in $(0, 1)$.

Variants of Diagonal Argument: Permuting Rows

For No Surjective h Can We Have $D_{F \circ h} = \{b, c\}$:

	x	y	a	b	c	
$F(x)$	0	0	1	1	0	$F(x) = \{x, y, a, b, c\}$
$F(y)$	0	0	1	0	1	$F(y) = \{x, y, a, b, c\}$
$F(a)$	1	1	1	0	0	$F(a) = \{x, y, a, b, c\}$
$F(b)$	0	0	1	0	0	$F(b) = \{x, y, a, b, c\}$
$F(c)$	0	0	0	1	0	$F(c) = \{x, y, a, b, c\}$

$$D_{F \circ h} = \{a \in A \mid a \notin F(h(a))\}$$

$$x \notin D_{F \circ h} \longrightarrow x \in F(h(x)) \longrightarrow h(x) = a$$

$$y \notin D_{F \circ h} \longrightarrow y \in F(h(y)) \longrightarrow h(y) = a$$

So h cannot be injective and (by A 's finiteness) cannot be surjective.

Diagonalizing Out of Two-Valued Functions

Theorem: For Any Function $f : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ And Any Surjection $h : A \rightarrow A$ The Function $g : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, $x \mapsto \neg f(x, h(x))$ Is Not Represented By f .

PROOF:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times A & \xrightarrow{f} & \{0, 1\} \\
 \uparrow \langle \text{id}, h \rangle & & \downarrow \neg \\
 A & \xrightarrow{g} & \{0, 1\}
 \end{array}$$

If $g(x) = f(x, \alpha)$ and $h(\beta) = \alpha$ then

$$f(\beta, \alpha) = g(\beta) = \neg f(\beta, h(\beta)) = \neg f(\beta, \alpha)! \quad \square$$

Diagonalizing Out of Two-Valued Functions

$g : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ by $g(x) = \neg f(x, h(x))$ is not represented by $f : A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ (i.e., $f(x, \alpha) \neq g(x)$ for any $\alpha \in A$) when h is

- surjective: $\forall \alpha \exists \beta [h(\beta) = \alpha]$
 $f(\beta, \alpha) = g(\beta) = \neg f(\beta, h(\beta)) = \neg f(\beta, \alpha)!$
- surjective w.r.t f : $\forall \alpha \exists \beta [f(x, h(\beta)) = f(x, \alpha)]$
 $f(\beta, \alpha) = g(\beta) = \neg f(\beta, h(\beta)) = \neg f(\beta, \alpha)!$
- f -surjective: $\forall \alpha \exists \beta [f(\beta, h(\beta)) = f(\beta, \alpha)]$
 $f(\beta, \alpha) = g(\beta) = \neg f(\beta, h(\beta)) = \neg f(\beta, \alpha)!$

Diagonalizing Out of Two-Valued Functions

Theorem: For $f: A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ and $B \subseteq A$ if there exists an f -surjective $h: B \rightarrow A$ then any $g: A \rightarrow A$ satisfying $g|_B(x) = \neg f|_{B \times A}(x, h(x))$ is not represented by f .

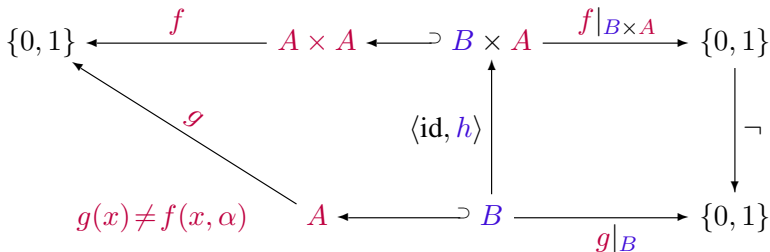
PROOF:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B \times A & \xrightarrow{f|_{B \times A}} & \{0, 1\} \\
 \uparrow \langle \text{id}, h \rangle & & \downarrow \neg \\
 B & \xrightarrow{g|_B} & \{0, 1\}
 \end{array}$$

If $g(x) = f(x, \alpha)$ and $f(\beta, h(\beta)) = f(\beta, \alpha)$ (by f -surjectivity of h) then $f(\beta, \alpha) = g(\beta) = g|_B(\beta) = \neg f|_{B \times A}(\beta, h(\beta)) = \neg f(\beta, \alpha)$! \square

Diagonalizing Out of Two-Valued Functions

Theorem: For $f: A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, a function $g: A \rightarrow A$ is not represented by f if and only if there exist $B \subseteq A$ and an f -surjection $h: B \rightarrow A$ such that $g|_B(x) = \neg f|_{B \times A}(x, h(x))$.



$$\forall \alpha \in A \exists \beta \in B [f(\beta, h(\beta)) = f(\beta, \alpha)]$$

Thank You!

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