

Homework 4

Assigned: March 29

Due: April 12

1. An infinite set is called countable if its elements can be placed in a one-to-one and onto correspondence with natural numbers. The set of natural numbers, $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$, is denoted in the following by \mathcal{N} . Which of the following sets are countable? Prove your answers.
 - (a) The set of all subsets of size 2 of \mathcal{N} .
 - (b) The set of all finite subsets of \mathcal{N} .
 - (c) The set of all sets $\mathcal{N}_{a,b} = \{a \times i + b \mid i \in \mathcal{N}\}$, for $a, b \in \mathcal{N}$.
 - (d) The set of all subsets of \mathcal{N} .
2. Give a reduction (preferably a **mapping** reduction) showing that the language $OVERBOARD_{TM} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and for no input does } M \text{ attempt to move its head left from the leftmost tape cell}\}$ is not decidable.
3. Show that for any language A , A is decidable if and only if $A \leq_m \{1^n 0^{2^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$. Show that for any language A , A is Turing-recognizable if and only if $A \leq_m A_{TM}$.