

Homework 9

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Problem 1. Prove that if $A \sim B$ and $B \sim C$ then $A \sim C$.

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Problem 2. Prove the following items:

1. $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{2023, 2024\} \sim \mathbb{N}_{\text{even}}$.

2. $P(\mathbb{N}) \setminus \{\emptyset\} \sim P(\mathbb{N})$.

3. $(0, 1) \sim (0, \infty)$.

4. $\mathbb{Z} \times [0, 1) \sim \mathbb{R}$.

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Problem 3. Prove that for every $\alpha < \beta$ real numbers $(\alpha, \beta) \approx (0, 1)$. [Hint: First stretch/shrink $(0, 1)$ to have length $\beta - \alpha$, then shift it by $+c$ as we did in class.]

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Problem 4. Show that $\mathbb{N}\{0, 1\} \times \mathbb{N}\{0, 1\} \approx \mathbb{N}\{0, 1\}$.

[Hint: Use the interleaving function $F : (\mathbb{N}\{0, 1\})^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}\{0, 1\}$ defined by

$$F(\langle f, g \rangle)(n) = \begin{cases} f(\frac{n}{2}) & n \in \mathbb{N}_{\text{even}} \\ g(\frac{n-1}{2}) & n \in \mathbb{N}_{\text{odd}} \end{cases}$$

as the witnessing bijection.]