

Solutions, exercise set 8

Chapter 8, exercise 14 We prove this by induction on m . For $m = 1$, the function given by $a \mapsto \{(0, a)\}$ is a bijection from A to 1A . Assume the result for m . Then the function given by $a \mapsto (a \upharpoonright m, a(m))$ is a bijection from ${}^{m+1}A$ to ${}^mA \times A$, and hence

$$|{}^{m+1}A| = |{}^mA \times A| = |{}^mA| \cdot |A| = |A| \cdot |A| = |A|.$$

Chapter 8, exercise 15 Let B be the collection of all finite sequences of members of A . Note that this includes the empty sequence \emptyset . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |A| \leq |B| &= \left| \bigcup_{m \in \omega} {}^mA \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{m \in \omega} |{}^mA| \\ &\leq \sum_{m \in \omega} |A| \quad \text{by exercise 14} \\ &= \omega \cdot |A| \\ &= |A|. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the initial $|A| \leq |B|$ is true by exercise 14 too, and the final inequality is not quite an equality because of the summand 0A . Anyway, this string of inequalities and equalities shows that $|B| = |A|$.

Chapter 8, exercise 16 For each finite sequence f of members of A , let $F(f) = \text{rng}(f)$. Clearly F maps the set B of all finite sequences of members of A onto the set C of all finite subsets of A . Hence $|C| \leq |B| = |A|$ by exercise 15. The function which takes each $a \in A$ to $\{a\}$ is clearly an injection of A into C , so also $|A| \leq |C|$. Hence $|C| = |A|$.

Chapter 8, exercise 18 Since $\kappa \cdot |A| = |A|$, there is a bijection f from $\kappa \times A$ onto A . For each $\alpha < \kappa$ let $X_\alpha = f[\{\alpha\} \times A]$. We claim that $\{X_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$ is the desired partition. Clearly each set X_α is nonempty. If $\alpha, \beta < \kappa$ and $\alpha \neq \beta$, then $(\alpha, a) \neq (\beta, b)$ for all $a, b \in A$, so $(\{\alpha\} \times A) \cap (\{\beta\} \times A) = \emptyset$, and hence $X_\alpha \cap X_\beta = \emptyset$ since f is a bijection. For any $a \in A$, choose $\alpha < \kappa$ and $b \in A$ such that $f(\alpha, b) = a$. Then $a \in X_\alpha$. Thus we have a partition. Clearly each X_α has size $|A|$.