

**ER 1.3.51** Countability. Cantor Diagonalization Argument.

1. Let  $A$  be the set of all *finite* sequences of 0's and 1's. To clarify, let

$$A = \{ (a_i)_{i=1}^n : n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } a_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{N}^{\leq n} \}$$

Prove that  $A$  is countably infinite, i.e., is enumerable. Hint. Helpful is Ideas from ER 1.3.12 and 1.3.13.

2. Let  $B$  be the set of all *infinite* sequences of 0's and 1's. To clarify,

$$B = \{ (b_i)_{i=1}^{\infty} : b_i \text{ is 0 or 1 for each } i \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

Prove that  $B$  is uncountable by using a Cantor Diagonalizational Argument.

Recall the picture for the Cantor Diagonalizational Argument we used to show  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x^1 & = & 0.d_1^1 d_2^1 d_3^1 d_4^1 d_5^1 \cdots \\ x^2 & = & 0.d_1^2 d_2^2 d_3^2 d_4^2 d_5^2 \cdots \\ x^3 & = & 0.d_1^3 d_2^3 d_3^3 d_4^3 d_5^3 \cdots \\ x^4 & = & 0.d_1^4 d_2^4 d_3^4 d_4^4 d_5^4 \cdots \\ & \vdots & \end{array} \quad (\text{CDA})$$