

**Year 5. Session 112 (2009-2010 school year).**

**Set Theory.**

**Reminders:**

*Def:* Two infinite sets  $A$  and  $B$  are **equal** if there it is possible to find one-to-one correspondence between the elements of these sets.

*Terminology:* Sets  $A$  and  $B$  have **same cardinality**, Sets  $A$  and  $B$  have **are equivalent**.

*Def:* Any set that is equivalent to the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  is called **countable**.

*Theorem:* The set of all rational numbers is countable. (The set of natural numbers is equivalent to the set of rational numbers).

*Theorem:* A sum of any number of countable sets is countable.

**Non-equal sets.**

**Lemma:** Any infinite set has a countable subset.

*Proof:*

**Theorem:** Countable set is a smallest of all the infinite sets. (A cardinality of a countable set is not greater that the cardinality of any other infinite set).

*Proof:*

**Theorem:** Cardinality of an infinite set does not change if we add a countable set to it.

*Proof:*

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**Theorem:** Cardinality of an uncountable set does not change if we subtract a countable set from it.

*Proof:*

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**Question:** Are all infinite sets countable? Cantor's diagonal argument (1877)

**Theorem:** The set of all points on the line is uncountable.

**Question:** which of two segments below has more points?

