

$\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!n!)}$   
 Stirling:  $n! \approx \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \rightarrow \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}} 2^{2n}$ 
rough behavior  $\rightarrow$  Then,  $C_n \approx O\left(\frac{2^{2n}}{n^{3/2}}\right)$

COUNTABILITY

Zeroeth Rule:  $|A| = |B|$  iff  $\exists$  bijection  $h: A \rightarrow B$

$\hookrightarrow$  one-to-one (injective) & onto (surjective)

$|A| \leq |B|$  iff  $\exists$  a one-to-one map  $f: A \rightarrow B$

Cantor-Schröder-Bernstein Theorem:  $|A| \leq |B| \wedge |B| \leq |A| \implies |A| = |B|$

see Hilbert's Hotel for an application of infinity & infinite sets  
 this is the classic story regarding cardinality

Cantor's Diagonalization Proof:  $2^\infty > \infty$  how many reals in interval  $[0, 1]$ ?

PROOF

assume there exists a bijective map  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . arrange the decimal expansions:  $f(0) = 0.f(0)[0]f(0)[1]f(0)[2] \dots$ . want to construct  $f(1) = 0.f(1)[0]f(1)[1]f(1)[2] \dots$

$q \notin f: 0.\overline{f(0)[0]} \overline{f(1)[1]} \overline{f(2)[2]} \dots$  s.t.  $\overline{0} = 1, \overline{1} = 2, \dots, \overline{8} = 9, \overline{9} = 1$

$\hookrightarrow q = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-i} f(i-1)[i-1] \rightarrow q$  differs from  $f(i)$  in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  decimal place, so there is no  $j$  s.t.  $f(j) = q$ , so  $f$  can't exist.  $10^\infty > \infty$ . □

COMPUTABILITY

Halting Problem. Programs are natural numbers.

Properties of programs are infinite bit strings:

$0, P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots$   $P_i = 1$  if Program  $i$  has property, else  $0$ .

Because  $|[0, 1]| > |\mathbb{N}|$ , there are properties of programs that can't be checked by a program.

Does a program halt or not? Uncomputable.

PROOF

assume  $\text{TestHalt}(P, x) = \{\text{"yes" if } P \text{ halts on input } x, \text{"no" otherwise}\}$ .

then we can write  $\text{Turing}(P) = \{\text{loop forever if } \text{TestHalt}(P, P) = \text{"yes"}, \text{else halt}\}$

what does  $\text{Turing}(\text{Turing})$  do? if  $\text{TestHalt}$  says it'll halt, it doesn't.  
 if  $\text{TestHalt}$  says it won't, it'll halt.

so either  $\text{TestHalt}$  is wrong, or it can't exist.