

The table below was constructed to help us understand the proof of **Proposition 3.2.22** in the notes:

Proposition. Let S be a nonempty set. The function $\Phi : \mathcal{P}(S) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^S$ defined by

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{P}(S) \quad \Phi(A) = \chi_A$$

is a bijection.

In the table below, the set S consists of four symbols:

$$S = \{\Delta, \square, \circ, \star\}.$$

The top part of the table consists of sixteen indicator functions on the power set of S , and the bottom part of the table consists of the sixteen subsets of S , presented vertically for better space management.

To strengthen your understanding of the proof of **Proposition 3.2.22**, recognize the function $\Phi : \mathcal{P}(S) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^S$ and its inverse $\Psi : \{0, 1\}^S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$ in the table below.

	f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4	f_5	f_6	f_7	f_8	f_9	f_{10}	f_{11}	f_{12}	f_{13}	f_{14}	f_{15}	f_{16}
Δ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
\square	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
\circ	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
\star	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
sub set	\emptyset	$\{\star\}$	$\{\circ\}$	$\{\circ, \star\}$	$\{\square\}$	$\{\square, \star\}$	$\{\square, \circ\}$	$\{\square, \circ, \star\}$	$\{\Delta\}$	$\{\Delta, \star\}$	$\{\Delta, \circ\}$	$\{\Delta, \circ, \star\}$	$\{\Delta, \square\}$	$\{\Delta, \square, \star\}$	$\{\Delta, \square, \circ\}$	$\{\Delta, \square, \circ, \star\}$

Next, we want to use this specific example to illustrate the proof of Cantor's Theorem, **Theorem 3.2.25** in the notes:

Theorem (Cantor's Theorem). Let S be a nonempty set. Then there is no surjection with domain S and codomain $\mathcal{P}(S)$.

We have to prove

$$\forall \Theta : S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S) \quad \exists A \in \mathcal{P}(S) \text{ such that } \forall x \in S \text{ we have } A \neq \Theta(x).$$

In the table below, I give random values to the function $\Theta : S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$ with S as in the example above:

$$\Theta(\Delta) = \{\square, \circ, \star\}, \quad \Theta(\square) = \{\square, \circ\}, \quad \Theta(\circ) = \{\Delta, \square, \circ, \star\}, \quad \Theta(\star) = \emptyset.$$

Then, in the next four columns, the values of Θ , which are subsets of S , are encoded by their indicator functions. Then, in the column "to find A " I present the algorithm that we give us the indicator function for A in the orange boxes. Finally, I fold the indicator function for A in one column and write the elements of A . This algorithm works for every nonempty set S and every $\Theta : S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$.

	the value of $\Theta()$	indicator function of $\Theta()$				to find A	indicator function of A				fold	A
		Δ	\square	\circ	\star		Δ	\square	\circ	\star		
Δ	$\{\square, \circ, \star\}$	0	1	1	1	1- 	1				1	Δ
\square	$\{\square, \circ\}$	0	1	0	1	1- 		0			0	
\circ	$\{\Delta, \square, \circ, \star\}$	1	1	1	1	1- 			0		0	
\star	\emptyset	0	0	0	0	1- 				1	1	\star

$$\text{Thus, } A = \{\Delta, \star\}.$$

Verify:

$$\{\Delta, \star\} \neq \{\square, \circ, \star\}$$

$$\{\Delta, \star\} \neq \{\square, \circ\}$$

$$\{\Delta, \star\} \neq \{\Delta, \square, \circ, \star\}$$

$$\{\Delta, \star\} \neq \emptyset$$

Explore the proof of Cantor's Theorem. Here $S = \{\Delta, \square, \circ, \star\}$. Invent your own $\theta : S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$ and use the algorithm from the proof of Cantor's Theorem to construct A which is NOT in the range of Θ .

		indicator function of $\Theta(\cdot)$				indicator function of A						
	the value of $\Theta(\cdot)$	Δ	\square	\circ	\star	to find A	Δ	\square	\circ	\star	fold	A
Δ	{ }					1- 						
\square	{ }					1- 						
\circ	{ }					1- 						
\star	{ }					1- 						

Thus, $A = \{ \quad \}$. Verify $A \notin \text{ran } \Theta$:

$$\{ \quad \} \neq \{ \quad \}$$

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$$\{ \quad \} \neq \{ \quad \}$$