CS 70 Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory Spring 2019 Course Notes DIS 6A

1 Count It!

For each of the following collections, determine and briefly explain whether it is finite, countably infinite (like the natural numbers), or uncountably infinite (like the reals):

- (a) \mathbb{N} , the set of all natural numbers.
- (b) \mathbb{Z} , the set of all integers.
- (c) \mathbb{Q} , the set of all rational numbers.
- (d) \mathbb{R} , the set of all real numbers.
- (e) The integers which divide 8.
- (f) The integers which 8 divides.
- (g) The functions from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} .
- (h) Computer programs that halt.
- (i) Numbers that are the roots of nonzero polynomials with integer coefficients.

2 Computability

Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Please justify your answers.

(a) The problem of determining whether a program halts in time 2^{n^2} on an input of size *n* is undecidable.

(b) There is no computer program Line which takes a program P, an input x, and a line number L, and determines whether the Lth line of code is executed when the program P is run on the input x.

3 Hello World!

Determine the computability of the following tasks. If it's not computable, write a reduction or self-reference proof. If it is, write the program.

- (a) You want to determine whether a program P on input x prints "Hello World!". Is there a computer program that can perform this task? Justify your answer.
- (b) You want to determine whether a program *P* prints "Hello World!" before running the *k*th line in the program. Is there a computer program that can perform this task? Justify your answer.
- (c) You want to determine whether a program P prints "Hello World!" in the first k steps of its execution. Is there a computer program that can perform this task? Justify your answer.