CS 70 Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory Spring 2017 Rao 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) Computer programs that always correctly tell if a program halts or not.
- (j) Numbers that are the roots of nonzero polynomials with integer coefficients.

2 Halting Problem Sanity Check

Suppose you want to prove that a program *A* is uncomputable. Which of the following should you do?

- (a) Show that *A* can be solved if the halting problem could be solved.
- (b) Show that the halting problem could be solved if A could be solved.

3 Code Reachability

Consider triplets (M, x, L) where

M is a Java program x is some input L is an integer

and the question of: if we execute M(x), do we ever hit line *L*? Prove this problem is undecidable.

4 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 outputs "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.