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Administrivia

- None.

Slide 2

Infinite Sets are Interesting, Continued

- Finite sets have finite sizes.
- The “smallest” infinite set is \mathbb{N} . Many other infinite sets are the “same size” — e.g., \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} . This set’s size is referred to as \aleph_0 (“aleph null”). Assuming that these sizes can be ordered, the “next bigger” size is \aleph_1 , etc.
- \mathbb{R} is “bigger”, and the Continuum Hypothesis says it has size \aleph_1 . Interestingly enough, \mathbb{R}^2 is “the same size” as \mathbb{R} , etc.
- And then there are infinitely many bigger sizes, since in general we can prove that S and $\mathcal{P}(S)$ are not “the same size”. The proof is by contradiction and is — interesting? clever?

Recursion Can Be Fun (?)

Slide 3

- Let's try to define integer arithmetic (well, for non-negative integers) without `ints` as follows:
 - Let n be some sort of list of n elements. We could implement this as something even simpler than a linked list — just a chain of pointers.
 - Define “primitive” operations `isZero`, `add1`, `sub1`.
 - Try to build arithmetic and relational operations using primitive operations and recursion.
- Do you think this is doable in actual code? How much slower do you think it will be?

Minute Essay

Slide 4

- None — sign in.