Group 1 (Tue 2/11, 12–14), Group 2 (We 3/11, 13–15), Group 3 (Fri 5/11, 12–14)

1.

$$\binom{70}{5} = \frac{70!}{5! \cdot 65!} = \frac{66 \cdot 67 \cdot 68 \cdot 69 \cdot 70}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} = 11 \cdot 67 \cdot 17 \cdot 69 \cdot 14 = 12103014$$

$$\binom{121}{115} = \frac{121!}{115! \, 6!} = \frac{116 \cdot 117 \cdot 118 \cdot 119 \cdot 120 \cdot 121}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} = 116 \cdot 39 \cdot 59 \cdot 119 \cdot 121 = 3843323484.$$

2.

$$(1+x)^7 = {7 \choose 0}x^7 + {7 \choose 1}x^6 + {7 \choose 2}x^5 + {7 \choose 3}x^4 + {7 \choose 4}x^3 + {7 \choose 5}x^2 + {7 \choose 6}x^1 + {7 \choose 7}x^0$$
$$= x^7 + 7x^6 + 21x^5 + 35x^4 + 35x^2 + 21x^2 + 7x + 1$$

**3.** There are several ways to enumerate

$$F(\mathbb{N}) = \{ X \subseteq \mathbb{N} \mid X \text{ is finite} \}.$$

(a) If  $X = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$  is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ , then the sum  $x_1 + \cdots + x_n$  of its elements is a natural number. It is also clear that for each integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the number of sets X such that sum of the elements of X equals n is finite: each such set belongs to  $\wp(\{0, 1, 2, ..., n\})$ , whose size is finite. Therefore, we start with  $\emptyset$ , then enumerate all sets whose sum of elements is 0:  $\{0\}$ ; then we enumerate all sets whose sum of elements is 1:  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $\{1\}$ , then all sets whose sum is 2:  $\{0, 2\}$ ,  $\{2\}$ , sets whose sum is 3:  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $\{0, 3\}$ ,  $\{3\}$ , and so.

Because each finite set is such that the sum of its elements is a natural number, each set is enumerated a some point. Also because the number of sets X such that sum of the elements of X equals n is finite, we never get stuck.

(b) Both finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  and natural numbers can be encoded as finite-length binary vectors. For instance, the binary representation of 6 is 110. This corresponds the set  $\{1,2\}$  – the idea is that the rightmost bit corresponds to 0, second bit from right corresponds to 1, 3rd bit corresponds to 2, etc. The following is a bijection between finite sets and numbers:

$0 \leftrightarrow \emptyset$	$6 \leftrightarrow 110 \leftrightarrow \{1,2\}$	$12 \leftrightarrow 1100 \leftrightarrow \{2,3\}$
$1 \leftrightarrow \{0\}$	$7 \leftrightarrow 111 \leftrightarrow \{0,1,2\}$	$13 \leftrightarrow 1101 \leftrightarrow \{0,2,3\}$
$2 \leftrightarrow 10 \leftrightarrow \{1\}$	$8 \leftrightarrow 1000 \leftrightarrow \{3\}$	$14 \leftrightarrow 1110 \leftrightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$
$3 \leftrightarrow 11 \leftrightarrow \{0,1\}$	$9 \leftrightarrow 1001 \leftrightarrow \{0,3\}$	$15 \leftrightarrow 1111 \leftrightarrow \{0,1,2,3\}$
$4 \leftrightarrow 100 \leftrightarrow \{2\}$	$10 \leftrightarrow 1010 \leftrightarrow \{1,3\}$	$16 \leftrightarrow 10000 \leftrightarrow \{4\}$
$5 \leftrightarrow 101 \leftrightarrow \{0,2\}$	$11 \leftrightarrow 1011 \leftrightarrow \{0, 1, 3\}$	$17 \leftrightarrow 10001 \leftrightarrow \{0,4\}$

**4.** The map  $f: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{N}$  is defined by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 2n & \text{if } n \ge 0\\ -2n - 1 & \text{if } n < 0 \end{cases}$$

**Surjection:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If n is even, then n=2k for some integer  $k \geq 0$ . We have  $k=\frac{n}{2}$ . Now  $f(k)=2\cdot\frac{n}{2}=n$ . If n is odd, then n=2k-1 for some integer  $k\geq 1$ . Now  $k=\frac{n+1}{2}$  and  $-k=\frac{-n-1}{2}$ . Because  $k\geq 1, -k<0$ . We have that  $f(-k)=-2\cdot\frac{-n-1}{2}-1=n$ .

**Injection:** If  $n \ge 0$ , then f(n) is even and if n < 0, then f(n) is odd. The means that if  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ , we have only two cases:

- (i)  $n_1 \ge 0$  and  $n_2 \ge 0$ :  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$  implies  $2n_1 = 2n_2$  and  $n_1 = n_2$ .
- (ii)  $n_1 < 0$  and  $n_2 < 0$ :  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$  implies  $-2n_1 1 = -2n_2 1$  and  $n_1 = n_2$ .

Because f is injective and surjective, it is a bijection.

**5.** The map  $f:(0,1)\to\mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} - 2 & \text{if } 0 < x \le \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{x - 1} + 2 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

**Surjection:** Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $y \ge 0$ , then we set  $y = \frac{1}{x} - 2$ . This gives  $\frac{1}{x} = y + 2$  and  $x = \frac{1}{y+2}$ . Now  $0 < x \le \frac{1}{2}$ . We have f(x) = y + 2 - 2 = y. If y < 0, then we set  $y = \frac{1}{x-1} + 2$ . We have  $\frac{1}{x-1} = y - 2$  and  $x = \frac{1}{y-2} + 1 = \frac{y-1}{y-2}$ . Now  $\frac{1}{2} < x < 1$  and f(x) = y.

**Injection**: Let us first note that if  $0 < x \le \frac{1}{2}$ , then f(x) is positive and if  $\frac{1}{2} < x < 1$ , then f(x) is negative. This means that if f(x) = f(y), we have only two possibilities:

(i) 
$$0 < x, y \le \frac{1}{2}$$
: If  $f(x) = f(y)$ , then  $\frac{1}{x} - 2 = \frac{1}{y} - 2$ , which is equivalent to  $x = y$ .

(ii) 
$$\frac{1}{2} < x, y < 1$$
: If  $f(x) = f(y)$ , then  $\frac{1}{x-1} + 2 = \frac{1}{y-1} + 2$  gives  $x = y$ .

Because f is bijective,  $|(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$ .

**6.** We prove that the are injections  $f:(0,1)\times(0,1)\to(0,1)$  and  $g:(0,1)\to(0,1)\to(0,1)$ .

(Injection f): Let  $a \in (0,1)$ . Then the map f(x) = (a,x) is an injection  $(0,1) \to (0,1) \times (0,1)$ . Suppose that we have selected to represent real numbers so that the tail-end consists of 9's is excluded. Let

$$x = (0.a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5\cdots, 0.b_1b_2b_3b_4b_5\cdots) \in (0,1)\times(0,1).$$

(Injection g): Let us define g(x) so that it is a number formed by taking decimal from the first 'coordinate' and 'second coordinate' one-by-one, that is,

$$g(x) = 0.a_1b_1a_2b_2a_3b_3a_4b_4a_5b_5\cdots$$

Now clearly  $g(x) \in (0,1)$ . The map g is an injection, because if

$$f(x) = 0.a_1b_1a_2b_2a_3b_3a_4b_4a_5b_5\cdots$$

$$f(y) = 0.c_1d_1c_2d_2c_3d_3c_4d_4c_5d_5\cdots$$

then  $a_i = c_i$  and  $b_i = d_i$  for all  $i \ge 0$ . We obtain

$$x = (0.a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5\cdots, 0.b_1b_2b_3b_4b_5\cdots)$$
  
$$y = (0.c_1c_2c_3c_4c_5\cdots, 0.d_1d_2d_3d_4d_5\cdots)$$

We have that  $f:(0,1)\times(0,1)\to(0,1)$  and  $g:(0,1)\times(0,1)\to(0,1)$  are injections. By **Schröder–Bernstein theorem**,  $|(0,1)\times(0,1)|=|(0,1)|$ .

Because  $\mathbb{C} = |\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}| = |(0,1) \times (0,1)| = |(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$ , the claim is proved.