

Definition:-

Let X be a set. A function $f: \mathbb{J} \rightarrow X$ is called sequence in X .

Remarks:-

1. For each $n \in \mathbb{J}$ we denote by the value $f(n)$ by $\{a_n\}$ or $\langle a_n \rangle$.
2. if $X = \mathbb{R}$, then the sequence is called the sequence of real numbers.
3. if X is countable then the range of the sequence is X .

Theorem :-

Every infinite subset of countable set is countable.

proof :- let X be a countable set

and A be an infinite subset of X .

$$\Rightarrow X \sim \mathbb{J}$$

and $\mathbb{J} \sim X$ (by def. of countable set)

Then X is a range of sequence.

elements of X can be written x_1, x_2, \dots, \dots which are distinct elements.

let n_1 be the smallest positive integer $\exists x_{n_1} \in A$.

" n_2 " " " " " " $\exists n_2 > n_1$ and $x_{n_2} \in A$

" n_3 " " " " " " $\exists n_3 > n_2$ and $x_{n_3} \in A$.

\vdots
 n_k " " " " " " $\exists n_k > n_{k-1}$ and $x_{n_k} \in A$.

let $f = \mathbb{J} \rightarrow A$ defined by $f(k) = x_{n_k}$.

$\therefore f$ is 1-1 and onto.

$\therefore \mathbb{J} \sim A \Rightarrow A \sim \mathbb{J}$.

$\therefore A$ is countable set.

Theorem :- let $\langle E_n \rangle$ be a sequence of countable set and let

$S = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$, then S is countable.

proof :- since E_n is countable for each n .

$\therefore \mathbb{J} \sim E_n$ for each n .

elements of E_n can be arranged as a sequence of distinct elements.