

computable vs. uncomputable functions

- not every function $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$ is computable
- every bit string can be mapped to a natural number \mathbb{N}
- hence, set of all functions:

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

- however, the set of all functions on natural numbers is **uncountable**:

↳ the reason is that interval $(0,1)$ corresponds to all functions

$$g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, 9\}, \quad g(i) = \text{" } i\text{-th digit of the number"}$$

→ e.g.: $0.78566\dots$, $g(1)=7, g(2)=8, g(3)=5, g(4)=6, g(5)=6, \dots$

↳ since $(0,1)$ is uncountable, we have that there are **uncountable** many functions f on natural numbers

- on the other hand, there are only a **countable** number of algorithms/computable functions:

↳ an algorithm has **finite** description, thus representable by a finite number of bits → representable as a natural number.

- thus **number of algorithms/computable functions** \ll **number of all problems**