

# A contribution to the first Hilbert problem

Basis of our investigations is a countable order of everything thinkable. On this basis it will be shown that all proofs of the existence of uncountable sets contains a contradiction. As a concrete example, the second diagonal argument of Cantor will be quoted and a contradiction in this argument will be proved. This simultaneously solves the first-Hilbert problem.

We first examine all possible persons  $P$ , which read at any possible time point  $T$  any information in the form of a written Message  $M$ . If such a person  $P$  at a time point  $T$  is willing to say, the message  $M$  says "something" clearly and consistently, we call this "something" object of thought of  $P$  and name it " $OT(P, T, M)$ ". So the author would be willing to say, at a time point when he writes this paper, the message  $M = "2"$  describes the natural number two clearly and consistently or the message  $M = "i"$  describes the letter  $i$  clearly and consistently. In another context he would be willing to say, the message  $M = "i"$  describes the number  $\sqrt{-1}$ . Depending on the object of thought is then  $OT(P, T, M) = 2$  or  $OT(P, T, M) = i$  or  $OT(P, T, M) = \sqrt{-1}$ .

To get to the desired countable order of everything thinkable, we introduce one after the other countable arrangements for all possible persons  $P$ , all possible time points  $T$  and all possible messages  $M$

Any possible person  $P$  must take at a time point  $T$  while reading the message  $M$  a certain minimum volume in space. The process of reading requires a certain minimum time. It can be assumed both is extensive enough to include at least one elementary cube  $EC(P, T)$  in the space-time universe entirely, if the side length of the cube is fixed at 0.01 mm and its duration at 0.01 seconds. Now we introduce a four-dimensional coordinate system in the space-time universe. In this coordinate system apparently all sorts of elementary cubes  $EC(P, T)$  can be arranged countable. We name this countable arrangement  $AR[EC(P, T)] = AR(P, T)$ . Every possible process of reading of a person  $P$  at a time point  $T$  has a permanent place in this countable arrangement.

Next, we arrange countable all sorts of messages. Without loss of generality, we restrict ourselves to written Messages. A "Message of size  $n$ " should be a square grid consisting of  $n^2$  "elementary squares" of side length 1/100 mm, each of which is either black or white, arranged in  $n$  rows of  $n$  places. To a white elementary square we assign the number 1, to a black one the number 2. The elementary square that stands in line  $j$  at the place  $k$  we denote by  $a_{jk}$ . Any possible message  $M$  of size  $n$  is then clearly represented by the decimal number  $a(M) = 0, a_{11} \dots a_{1n} a_{21} \dots a_{2n} \dots a_{jk} \dots a_{nn}$ . Now we sum up all the messages first in groups according to their size  $n$ , arrange them within each group according to the size of  $a(M)$  and arrange them finally in a countable arrangement  $AR(M)$ .

All possible objects of thought  $OT(P,T,M)$  can now as requested, using the arrangement  $AR(P,T)$  be arranged into groups and then each with the help of the arrangement  $AR(M)$  in a countable arrangement  $AR[OT(P,T,M)]$ .

As an example, we consider  $RN(0,1)$ , the set of real numbers between 0 and 1. We will show that the second diagonal argument of Cantor used as a proof for the uncountability of  $RN(0,1)$  contains a contradiction. For this purpose we start from the countable arrangement  $AR[OT(P,T,M)]$ , and select those objects of thought, for which  $P$  at time point  $T$  says,  $M$  describes for him a real number between 0 and 1 clearly and consistently. These selected objects of thought we call  $OT\{P[RN(0,1)], T[RN(0,1)], M[RN(0,1)]\}$ . As a part of the countable arrangement  $AR[OT(P,T,M)]$  they can also be arranged countable and we name this countable arrangement  $ARRN(P,T,M)$ .

We now claim all real numbers between 0 and 1 are contained in the countable arrangement  $ARRN(P,T,M)$ . A critic of our argument, let's call him  $PC$ , wants to prove the incompleteness of  $ARRN(P,T,M)$  using the second diagonal argument of Cantor. For this he brings each real number  $r_n$  aus  $ARRN(P,T,M)$  in the form of an infinite decimal  $r_n = 0,r_{n1}r_{n2}...r_{nn}...$  and forms a diagonal number  $d = 0,d_1d_2...d_n...$  with the property  $\forall k: d_k \neq r_{kk}$ . The critics argue that the diagonal number  $d$  is obviously a real number between 0 and 1, but it differs in each case in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  decimal place from  $r_k$ . It is therefore  $\forall k: d \neq r_k$  and therefore  $\mathbf{d \notin ARRN(P,T,M)}$ . Therefore the arrangement  $ARRN(P,T,M)$  does not contain all real numbers between 0 and 1.

$PC$  obviously is able to bring its description of the diagonal number  $d$  in the form of a written Message, we call it  $MC$ . Is  $TC$  a time point in which he expresses his criticism, the object of thought  $OT(PC,TC,MC)$  describes due to his own statement the real number  $d$  between 0 and 1 clearly and consistently. It is therefore not only  $d \in AR[OT(P,T,M)]$  by definition of  $AR[OT(P,T,M)]$  but also  $\mathbf{d \in ARRN(P,T,M)}$  by definition of  $ARRN(P,T,M)$ . Thus the required contradiction has been demonstrated.

The error of the critic is based on the fact, that  $ARRN(P,T,M)$  is only potentially fully available. Actually are missing **always** infinitely many real numbers. The application of the second diagonal argument to  $AORZ(P,T,M)$  leads to a circular argument. It can only work if there is an incomplete order. Only then it leads to a new real number between 0 and 1. The incompleteness the critic wants to prove is therefore assumed implicitly from the start.