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1. To convert this repeating decimal into a rational number, we take advantage of the fact that the decimal is repeating. We will take  $x = 2.1001209\overline{7}$ . If we multiply  $x$  by 1000, we get  $1000x = 2100.1209\overline{7}$ , or, more transparent of purpose,  $1000x = 2100.120970\overline{97}$  as the final decimal series is infinitely repeating, we can pull one iteration out and still have the same number. When  $x$  is subtracted from  $1000x$ , though, we end up subtracting the decimal expansion from itself, and it goes away, leaving us with  $999x = 2098.02085$ . To get a proper rational number, the numerator and denominator must be integers, so we multiply both sides by 100000 and then divide by 99900000, getting  $x = \frac{209802085}{99900000}$ .

2. The statement:

$$a_0.a_1a_2 \cdots a_n\overline{0} = a_0.a_1a_2 \cdots (a_n - 1)\overline{9} \quad (1)$$

is equivalent to:

$$a_0.a_1a_2 \cdots a_n = a_0.a_1a_2 \cdots (a_n - 1) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{10^i} \quad (2)$$

The limit of the sum above is  $10 \cdot 10^{-n+1}$ , giving us  $a_n$  instead of  $a_n - 1$ , and making the LH and RH sides of the equation the same. QED.

3. Sorry if I missed this correction in class, but I am assuming you mean to remind us that a set is uncountable iff it's neither finite nor *countably* infinite.

To prove this, we simply restate Cantor's Diagonal Argument. As a set  $S$  being countable relies upon a bijection  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow S$ , we can prove a set not countable by proving this false. Given that every irrational number has an associated infinite decimal expansion, and this expansion is not  $.\overline{9}$  or  $.\overline{0}$  as these are equal and finite (see above), for each irrational number, we have a decimal expansion  $b_n = a_1a_2a_3 \cdots a_{k-1}.a_k a_{k+1} a_{k+2} \cdots$  where  $a_n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \leq a_n \leq 9$ . If we were to align the infinite decimal expansions of all the irrationals in a matrix, and created a function  $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow S$  which mapped the natural numbers to the rows of the matrix, we would have completed a supertask and stunned philosophers around the globe, but we would still be able to construct another infinite expansion  $b$  whose decimal expansion was  $b = 0.b_1b_2b_3 \cdots b_n \cdots$  where a decimal  $b_n$  is 0 when  $a_{nn} = 1$  and 1 when not, thus differing from each number in the matrix in at least one decimal. This number  $b$  would clearly be a unique number from all the numbers in this matrix which  $f$  maps onto, and thus not being in the image of  $f$ , making  $f$  not surjective, forming a contradiction, and thus, being not countable. Q.E.D.

4. Determine the cardinality of the following sets:

(a)  $|\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}| = |\mathbb{R}|$

(b)  $|\mathbb{Q}^{\geq}| = \aleph_0$ :

(c) Where  $S = \{\sqrt{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Q}^{\geq}\}$ ,  $|S| = \aleph_0$

(d) Where  $R = \{\sqrt[m]{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $|R| = \aleph_0$

(e) Where  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \leq n \leq 41\}$ ,  $|A| = 42$

(f) The complex numbers:  $\mathbb{C} = \{x + iy \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} (i = \sqrt{-1})$ :  $|\mathbb{C}| = |\mathbb{R}| = 2^{\aleph_0}$

5. (a)  $|M| = 707$ , where  $M = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{707} \mid a_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(b)  $|\emptyset| = 0$

(c)  $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| = \aleph_1$

(d)  $|\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})))))| = \aleph_5$