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Announcements: Grad assignments all have 3 day extension compared to original timing.  
 Grad assignment B due next Monday.

## C1. Counting.

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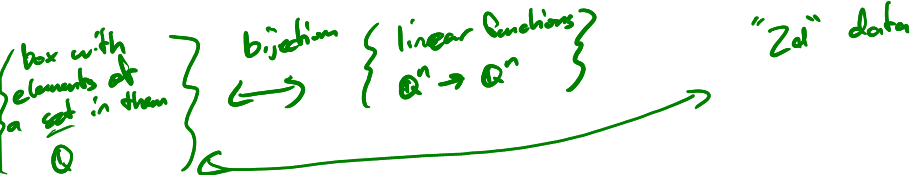
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Recap: Matrices



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This formal definition is suitable for generalisation to infinite sets (not all infinite sets have the same cardinality, as we shall see) and also points to some practical counting techniques (see next slide).

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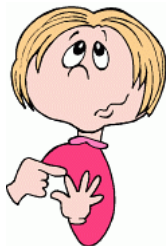
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Finite Sets	Infinite Sets
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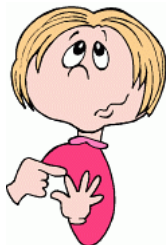
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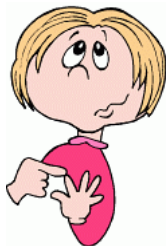


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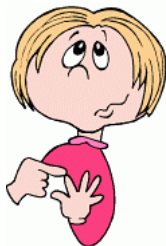


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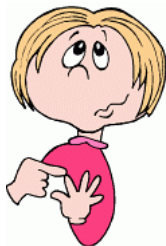
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Such sets are called countably infinite.

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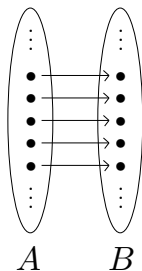
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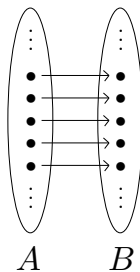
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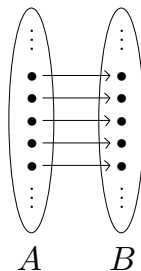
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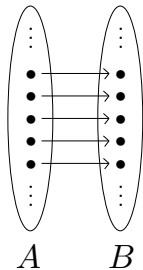
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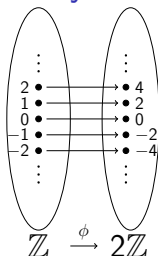
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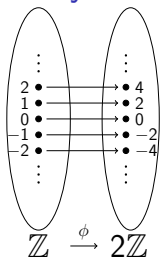




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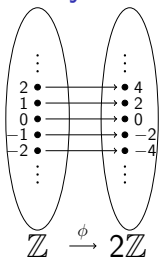


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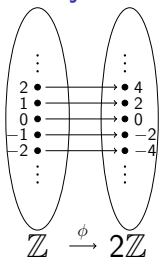
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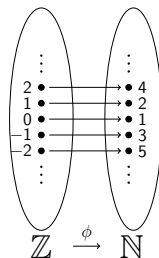


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**Note:** It follows from the result above (and its proof) that proving that an arbitrary infinite set  $S$  (not necessarily a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ ) is countably infinite amounts to showing that it can be 'well-ordered'.

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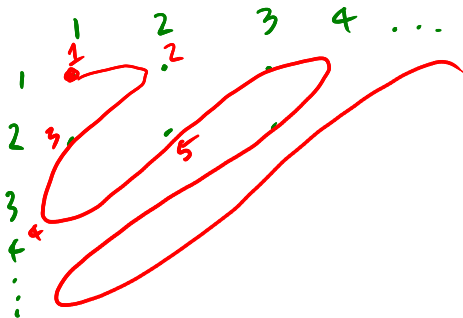
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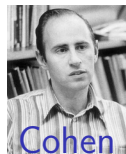
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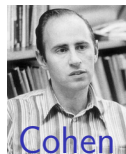
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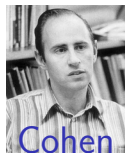


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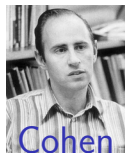
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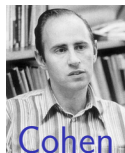
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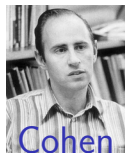
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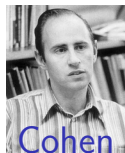
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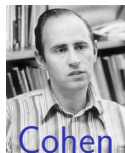
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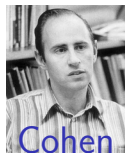
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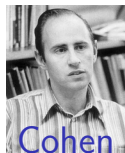
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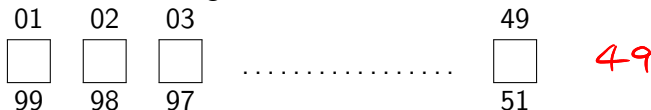


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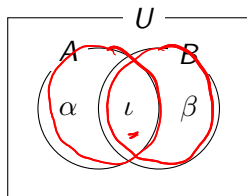
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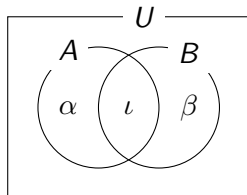




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The inclusion-exclusion rule can be generalised to deal with more than two sets, but it quickly gets very messy.



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