

Thm. Every subset of a countable set is either finite or else countable.

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- i) A is countable.
- ii) \exists a subset B of \mathbb{N} and a $f: B \rightarrow A$ that is onto.
- iii) \exists a $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that is one-one.

Thm : Let $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, \dots\}$ be a countable family of sets s.t. each A_i is a countable set. Then $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is a countable set.

Proof: Let $A_n = \{a_1^n, a_2^n, \dots\}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. Consider $B = \{2^k \cdot 3^n : k, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Let $f: B \rightarrow A$ s.t. $f(2^k \cdot 3^n) = a_k^n$. Since f maps B onto A , A is countable set.

Thm. Let $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ be a finite collection of sets s.t. each A_i is countable. Then $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$ is countable.

→ The Cartesian product of a finite collection of countable sets is always countable.

Let $A \leq B$ denote existence of one-one $f: A \rightarrow B$. Then "B has at least as many elements as A".

Relation \leq satisfies following properties:

1. $A \leq A$ for all sets A .
2. If $A \leq B$ and $B \leq C$, then $A \leq C$.
3. If $A \leq B$ and $B \leq A$, then $A \approx B$.

Thm. (Cantor). If A is a set, then $A \leq P(A)$ and $A \not\approx P(A)$ hold, where $P(A)$ is the power set of A .