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lemma on projection of countable sets

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Suppose \mathbb{F} is an infinite field and S is an infinite subset of \mathbb{F}^n . Then there exists a line L such that the projection of S on L is infinite.

Proof: This proof will proceed by an induction on n . The case $n = 1$ is trivial since a one-dimensional linear space is a line.

Consider two cases:

Case I: There exists a proper subspace of \mathbb{F}^n which contains an infinite number of points of S .

In this case, we can restrict attention to this subspace. By the induction hypothesis, there exists a line in the subspace such that the projection of points in the subspace to this line is already infinite.

Case II: Every proper subspace of \mathbb{F}^n contains at most a finite number of points of S .

In this case, any line will do. By definition, one constructs a projection by dropping hyperplanes perpendicular to the line passing through the points of the set. Since each of these hyperplanes will contain a finite number of elements of S , an infinite number of hyperplanes will be needed to contain all the points of S , hence the projection will be infinite.