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Section 15: 2, 4

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Must show a bijective function from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{N} or \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{Z} .

From \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{Z} :

For each n in \mathbb{N}

If n is odd: $f(n) = (n - 1) / 2$

If n is even: $f(n) = -(n / 2)$

For n_1 and n_2

If n_1 and n_2 are both odd

$$(n_1 - 1) / 2 = (n_2 - 1) / 2$$

$$n_1 - 1 = n_2 - 1$$

$$n_1 = n_2$$

If n_1 and n_2 are both even

$$-(n_1 / 2) = -(n_2 / 2)$$

$$n_1 / 2 = n_2 / 2$$

$$n_1 = n_2$$

Thus $f(n)$ is injective

For n is odd we expand

$$f(n) = (1 - 1) / 2, (3 - 1) / 2, \dots, (2n + 1 - 1) / 2$$

$$f(n) = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots n \text{ for all positive } n \geq 0$$

For n is even we expand

$$f(n) = -(2 / 2), -(4 / 2), -(6 / 2), \dots, -(2n / 2)$$

$$f(n) = -1, -2, -3, \dots, -n \text{ for all } n < 0$$

Thus $f(n)$ is surjective from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{Z}

Thus $f(n)$ is a bijective function from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{Z} meaning \mathbb{N} is equinumerous to \mathbb{Z}

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Using the setup from example 15.7, let's expand it and say all negative rational numbers q in \mathbb{Q} can be represented in a list of elements with indices $-1, -2, -3, -4$ and so on. Let's also shift the indexes of all positive elements of \mathbb{Q} down by 1 so it now starts at index 0 and continues up

Thus $1/1$ would be index 0, $1/2$ would be index 1, $2/1$ would be index 2 and so on

Also $-1/1$ would be index -1 , $-1/2$ would be index -2 , $-2/1$ would be index -3 , and so on

These indices can be counted as the set of integers numbers $\mathbb{Z} (-\infty, \infty)$.

Thus $g(n)$ is the pair of every z in \mathbb{Z} to the index it corresponds with in \mathbb{Q} .

Thus $g(n)$ is a bijection from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{Q}

Thus \mathbb{Z} is equinumerous to \mathbb{Q}

Since \mathbb{N} is equinumerous to \mathbb{Z} we can show the following composition to be true

$g \circ f(n)$ where every even element in \mathbb{N} corresponds to every index i of \mathbb{Q} where $i < 0$ and every odd element of \mathbb{N} corresponds to every index i of \mathbb{Q} where $i \geq 0$

thus $g \circ f(n)$ is a bijection from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{Q} is equinumerous to both \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{N}