

# Cardinality

1. bijective:  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

1). Injective:  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in A, f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ .

$$(x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)).$$

2). Surjective:  $\forall y \in B, \exists x \in A, \text{ s.t. } f(x) = y$ .

3). Inverse function: If  $f$  is 1-1 func. mapping  $T$  onto  $S$ , then inverse of  $f$ , often denoted  $f^{-1}$ , is the func. mapping  $T$  onto  $S$  defined by  $f^{-1}(t) = s$  when  $f(s) = t$ .

2. Cardinality: a measure of a set's size, meaning the # of elements in the set. Denoted as  $|S|$ .

1). Same Card: the sets  $S$  and  $T$  have the same cardinality if there exists a bijective func.  $f: S \rightarrow T$ , and written as  $|S| = |T|$ ; If no such bijection exists, then the sets have unequal card. and written as  $|S| \neq |T|$ .

①. Transitivity is reserved for equal card. (Thm.).

$$f(x) = f_1(f_2(x)).$$

②.  $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Q}|$  (P5). (Thm.).

③.  $|\mathbb{N}| \neq |\mathbb{R}|$  (Thm.) (Cantor-Diagonal Thm.:  $|\mathbb{R}| = |\mathbb{R}|$ ).  
 $\hookrightarrow$  uncountable  $\rightarrow$  infinite &  $|\mathbb{R}| \neq |\mathbb{N}|$ .

$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Z}|$   
 (push down)  
 $\mathbb{N}$ : even  $\wedge$  odd  
 $\downarrow$   
 $\mathbb{Z}$ :  $\{0\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \mathbb{Z}^-$

Count.:

finite or  $|S| = |\mathbb{N}|$ .

Uncount.:

infinite &  $|S| \neq |\mathbb{N}|$

2). Card. under basic set operation.

Assume that  $|A_1| = |B_1|$  and  $|A_2| = |B_2|$ .

①.  $|A_1 \times A_2| = |B_1 \times B_2|$ .

②. If  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $|A_1 \cup A_2| = |B_1 \cup B_2|$ .

3). The interval  $[0, 1]$  and  $(0, 1]$  have same card.

Define  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1]$  as  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x+1} & \text{if } \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ s.t. } x = \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x=0, \\ x & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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4). The card of natural number:  $|\mathbb{N}| = \aleph_0$ .

The card of real #:  $|\mathbb{R}| = c$ . (also call card. of continuum).

$\textcircled{1}$  (Thm).  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b$ , then  $|\bar{[a,b]}| = |\bar{[0,1]}| = c$ .

$$\Rightarrow |\bar{[a,b]}| = |\bar{[a,b)}| = |\bar{[a,b]}| = |\bar{[a,b)}| = c.$$

$\textcircled{2}$  (Thm).  $\forall a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, a < b \wedge c < d$ , then  $|\bar{[a,b]}| = |\bar{[c,d]}|$ .

$$f: [0,1] \rightarrow [a,b], f(x) = a + (b-a)x.$$

$$g: [0,1] \rightarrow [c,d], g(x) = c + (d-c)x.$$

3. Countable sets: A set is countable if it either finite or has the same cardinality as the set of natural number; Otherwise, it's uncountable.

1) The union of a countable # of countable sets is countable (Thm).

2) A subset of a countable set is countable.

Assume  $S$  is countable, i.e.  $S$  is finite or  $|\mathbb{N}| = |S|$ .

Let  $S^* \subseteq S$ .

WTS:  $S^*$  is countable, i.e.  $S^*$  is finite or  $|\mathbb{N}| = |S^*|$ .

$\textcircled{1}$   $S$  is finite  $\rightarrow S^*$  is finite.

$\textcircled{2}$  If  $S$  is infinite and  $|S| = |\mathbb{N}|$ ,  $\exists$  bijection  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$  s.t.

$$S = \{f(1), f(2), \dots\}.$$

Let  $S^* = \{s_1, s_2, \dots\} \subseteq S$ .

Since  $S, S^*$  are infinite and countable by push-down method,  $\exists g:$

$S \rightarrow S^*$  s.t.  $g(f(i)) = s_i$ , where  $g$  is bijective.

$\therefore |S| = |S^*|$  by transitivity,  $|S^*| = |\mathbb{N}|$ , i.e. ....

3). The set of all  $\mathbb{R}$  between 0 and 1 is uncountable.

4). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be countable sets, then  $A \times B$  is countable.