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A is Dedekind-infinite: $\exists A' \subset A$ such that $A \leftrightarrow A'$

Given $A' \subseteq A$

* Show that A is D-finite $\implies A'$ is D-finite

It suffices to show that A' is D-infinite $\implies A$ is D-infinite

Since A' is D-infinite $\exists A'' \subset A'$ and $A'' \leftrightarrow A'$

Call the bijection between A' and A'' f

Construct a bijection g such that

$g(x) = f(x)$ when $x \in A'$

$g(x) = x$ otherwise

g bijects A to $(A - A') \cup A''$

hence A is D-infinite

* Show that the following are equivalent

- 1) Any injection $A \rightarrow A$ is a surjection
- 2) A is D-finite
- 3) There is no injection $i : N \rightarrow A$

First, $\neg 2 \implies \neg 1$. Also $\neg 1 \implies \neg 2$.

Proof: By definition

Next, $\neg 3 \implies \neg 2$

Let $R(N) \subseteq S$ be the range of i on N . i is now a bijection $N \leftrightarrow R(N)$

Since the given i is an injection, it has an inverse i^{-1}

Consider the injection: $x \in R(N) \rightarrow i(2i^{-1}(x))$

This injects $R(N)$ to $R(2N)$

And because $2N \subset N$, $R(2N) \subset R(N)$

Hence R is D-infinite and so is its parent set S .

Lastly, $\neg 2 \implies \neg 3$

Call the bijection p

Lemma: if X is D-infinite $p(X)$ is also D-infinite.

Proof: $p(X)$ bijects with $p(X') \subset p(X)$

So $p^n(A)$ is D-infinite for all n

Furthermore $p^n(A) - p^{n+1}(A)$ is nonempty because $p(p^n(A)) \subset p^n(A)$

Then map n to an element in $p^n(A) - p^{n+1}(A)$. Done!

* Show that the union of two D-finite sets is D-finite

A finite and B finite $\implies A \cup B$ D-finite

We'll show $A \cup B$ D-infinite $\implies A$ D-infinite or B D-infinite

There is an injection i from $N \rightarrow A \cup B$

Consider the sets $N_A = i^{-1}(A)$ and $N_B = i^{-1}(B)$.

$N_A \cup N_B = N$

We will show that one of them must be bounded.

If N_A is bounded by m_A and N_B is bounded by m_B , N is bounded by $\max(m_A, m_B)$. Clearly wrong.

So S , which is A or B , is unbounded.

Consider the injection j defined by $0 \rightarrow$ smallest element of S

And $n \rightarrow$ smallest element of S larger than $j(n-1)$; this exists because S is unbounded

Hence $N \rightarrow S$, so S is infinite.