

# Bijection between $[0, 1]$ and $\mathbb{R}$

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**Theorem 1.** *Find an explicit bijection from  $[0, 1]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

**Fact 2.** *There exists a bijection between  $(0, 1)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

证明. Function  $f : y = \tan(\pi x - \frac{\pi}{2})$  is obviously a bijection between  $(0, 1)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ . □

**Fact 3.** *There exists a bijection between  $(0, 1)$  and  $[0, 1]$ .*

证明. Choose an infinite sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  of distinct elements of  $(0, 1)$ . Let  $X = \{x_n \mid n \geq 1\}$ , hence  $X \subset (0, 1)$ . Let  $x_0 = 1$ . Define  $f(x_n) = x_{n+1}$  for every  $n \geq 0$  and  $f(x) = x$  for every  $x$  in  $(0, 1) \setminus X$ . Then  $f$  is defined on  $(0, 1]$  and the map  $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1)$  is bijective.

Similarly, we can find a bijection between  $(0, 1]$  and  $[0, 1]$ . Thus there exists a bijection between  $(0, 1)$  and  $[0, 1]$ . □

Combine Fact 2 and Fact 3 and we get a bijection between  $[0, 1]$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .