

## Even More About Infinity

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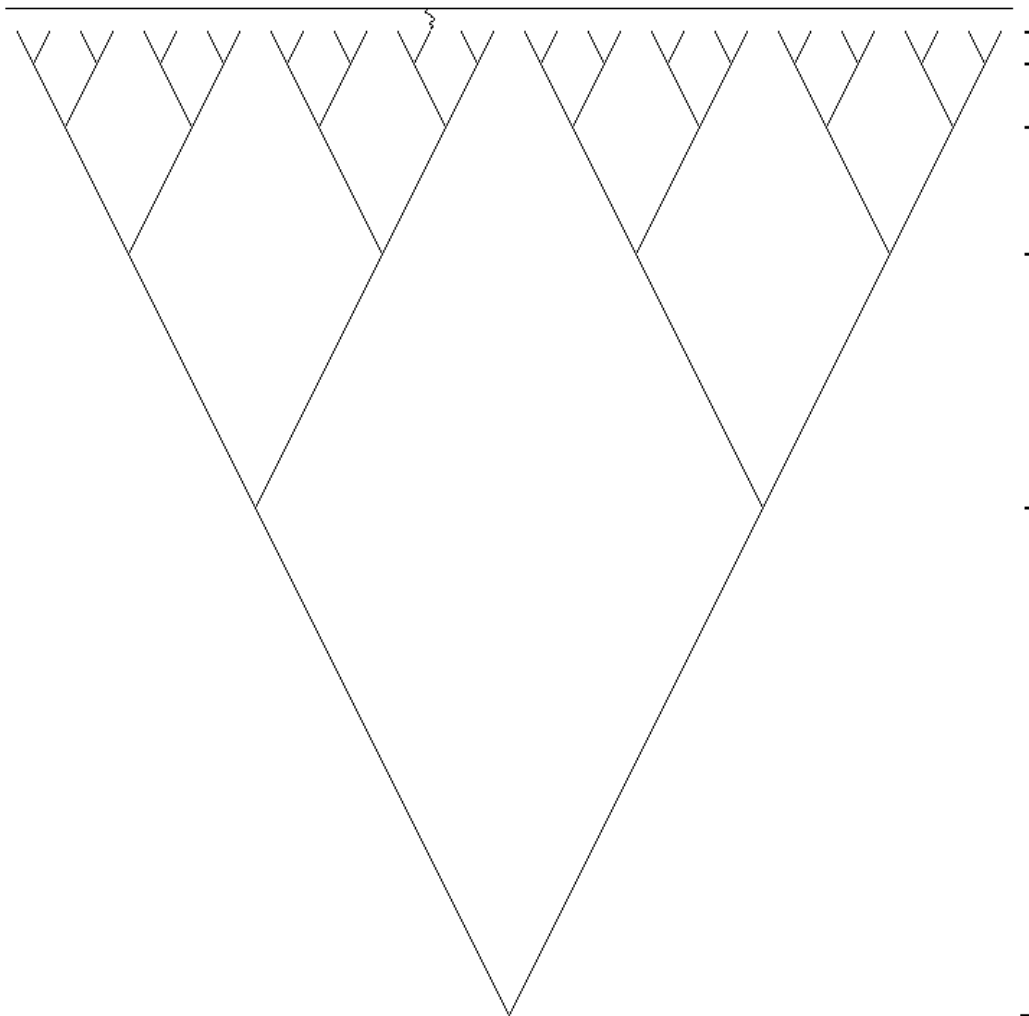
Learn

**How Many Nodes and How Many Paths?**

Answer 2 is correct. The Infinite Binary Tree (IBT) has

- A *countable* infinity of nodes.
- An *uncountable* infinity of paths.

```
curl -O https://firstthreeodds.org/img/infinitebinarytree.png
```



Remember this:

$$\mathbb{N} \leftrightarrow \bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \overbrace{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{N}}^n \right)$$

## Meaning

the Union of a Countable Number of Countable Sets is countable!

## How to Biject?

How do you map a number  $n$  to its address in the IBT?

## Definition and Implementation

Define address to be a pair: (level, position) where both level and position start at zero.

```
from math import floor, log2
```

```
def to_IBT_address(n):
    level = floor(log2(n))
    position = n - 2 ** level
    return level, position
```

```
print(to_IBT_address(1029))
```

How do you do the reverse-mapping of an IBT address back to  $n$ ?

```
def from_IBT_address(IBT_address):
    level, position = IBT_address
    return 2 ** level + position
```

```
print(from_IBT_address([10, 5]))
```

```
print(from_IBT_address(to_IBT_address(1029)))
```

## Recall the Powerset of the Positive Integers

	1	2	3	4	...
1	0	0	0	0	
2	1	0	0	0	
3	0	1	0	0	
4	1	1	0	0	
5	0	0	1	0	
6	1	0	1	0	
7	0	1	1	0	
8	1	1	1	0	
9	0	0	0	1	
10	1	0	0	1	

## Speaking of Cantor

Here is a pretty good explanation of his Diagonal Argument (and a lot more!):

<http://www.coopertoons.com/education/diagonal/diagonalargument.html>

## Amazing Power

On page 5 of Brother Bessey's "To Infinity And Beyond" paper, he introduces the concept that a one-dimensional space, (a line), has the exact same number of points as a two-dimensional space, (a plane).

How could this possibly be true?

### Answer

It was Cantor's discovery of this amazing Power of the Continuum that led him to exclaim:

Je le vois, mais je ne le crois pas! (I see it, but I don't believe it!)

```
(org-sbe shunffle)
(shuffle [0 2 4 6 8] [1 3 5 7 9])

(defun shuffle (&rest vectors)
  (apply 'vconcat (apply 'mapcar* 'vector vectors)))

(defun unshuffle (vector &optional num-parts)
  (loop with answer = nil
        with l = (length vector)
        with n = (or num-parts 2)
        for i from 0 below n
        do (push (loop for j from i below l by n
                      vconcat (subseq vector j (+ j 1)))
                answer)
        finally return (nreverse answer)))

(unshuffle [1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5 3 5 8 9 7 9 3 2 3 8 4 6 2 6] 5)

(apply 'shuffle '([1 7] [2 8] [3 9] [4 7] [5 3] [6 4]))
```

Thanks to Kyle for this Python version of `shuffle` that can take an indefinite number of arguments. (You do the `unshuffle`!)

```
shuffle = lambda *a:sum([*map(list,zip(*a))],[])
print(shuffle([0,2,4,6,8],[1,3,5,7,9]))
```

### Meaning

A 1-dimensional line

↔ 2-dimensional plane

$\leftrightarrow$  3-dimensional space

$\leftrightarrow \dots$

$\leftrightarrow$  n-dimensional space

$\leftrightarrow \dots$

$0.314159265\dots \leftrightarrow (0.34525\dots, 0.1196\dots)$

$\aleph_0$  = countable infinity

$\aleph_1$  = uncountable infinity

$\aleph_1 = 2^{\aleph_0}$

$\aleph_2 = 2^{\aleph_1}$

$\aleph_n = 2^{\aleph_{n-1}}$

## Pros and Cons

### Raw $\LaTeX$

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`scratch-paper.tex`

TEST CENTER PERSONNEL TAKE NOTE: The instructor of CS 238, Rick Neff, hereby authorizes the holder of this piece of scratch paper to **keep it** after taking one of his online tests, for the purpose of learning where he or she may have erred.

## Org-mode $\LaTeX$

Like you've (perhaps) been using.

## Experimenting with Pairing Function in CDL

```
from math import ceil, floor, sqrt
```

```

def f(m, n):
    x = m + n
    return (((x - 2) * (x - 1)) // 2) + m

def f_inverse_1(y):
    x = ceil((3 + sqrt(8 * y + 1)) / 2) - 1
    m = y - ((x - 2) * (x - 1)) // 2
    n = x - m
    return m, n

def f_inverse_2(y):
    x = int((3 + sqrt(8 * y)) / 2)
    m = y - ((x - 2) * (x - 1)) // 2
    n = x - m
    return m, n

def f_inverse_3(y):
    x = int((3 + sqrt(8 * y + 1)) / 2)
    m = y - ((x - 2) * (x - 1)) // 2
    n = x - m
    return m, n

assert(all([f_inverse_1(y) == f_inverse_2(y) for y in range(1,300)]))

for y in range(1,30):
    if (f_inverse_2(y) != f_inverse_3(y)):
        print(y, f_inverse_2(y), f_inverse_3(y))

for y in range(1,30000):
    m, n = f_inverse_3(y)
    assert(y == f(m, n))

def tri(x):
    return x * (x - 1) // 2

for n in range(1, 10):
    y = tri(n)
    print(n, y, (sqrt(8 * y + 1) - 1) / 2)

```