

## MATH 450 Seminar in Proof

Let  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 2x - 6$ . Prove that  $f$  is a bijection.

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be the function defined as in the question.

*One-to-One:* Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , then

$$2x_1 - 6 = 2x_2 - 6 \quad (1)$$

$$2x_1 = 2x_2 \quad (2)$$

$$x_1 = x_2 \quad (3)$$

This means that if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  then,  $x_1 = x_2$  thus  $f$  is one-to-one.

*Onto:* Let  $y \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  such that,  $x = \frac{y+6}{2}$ . We will show that  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x - 6 \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{y+6}{2} \right) - 6 \\ &= y + 6 - 6 \\ f(x) &= y \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Also, since  $y \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ , and 6 is even we know that  $y-6 \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Furthermore,  $\frac{y-6}{2}$  can be even or odd, but more importantly it will be an integer. Thus,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This means that for every  $y \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  there exists an  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and making  $f$  onto. Thus  $f$  is bijective.  $\square$