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16.1 Infinite Sets

Lemma 1 A strict B iff $|A| < |B|$

Here A strict B is defined as $\text{NOT}(A \text{ surjective } B)$.

Proof: A strict B iff $\text{NOT}(A \text{ surj } B)$.

A strict B iff $\text{NOT}(|A| \geq |B|)$.

A strict B iff $|A| < |B|$.

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16.1.1 A few more lemma

For set A, B and C

- if A surjective B iff B injective A .
- if A surjective B and B surjective C then A surjective C .
- if A bijective B and B bijective C then A bijective C .
- if A bijective B then B bijective A .

16.1.2 Lemma and its proof

Lemma 1.

A strict B and B strict C then A strict C .

Proof: PROOF BY CONTRADICTION

assume that $\text{NOT}(A \text{ strict } C)$ is true.

$\implies A$ surjective C .

$\implies B$ strict C

C surjective B

From above we get

A surjective C and C surjective B.

\implies A surjective B.

but A strict B implies NOT(A surjective B)

Here it contradicts hence lemma is true. ■

Lemma 2.

Let A be a set and $b \notin A$. Then A is infinite iff $A \text{ bij } A \cup \{b\}$.

Proof: Since A is not the same size as $A \cup \{b\}$ when A is finite, we only have to show that $A \cup \{b\}$ is the same size as A when A is infinite.

$A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

Lets define bijection $e : A \cup \{b\} \implies A$

$e(b) ::= a_0,$

$e(b_n) ::= a_{n+1}$

$e(a) ::= a$

for $a \in A - \{b, a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ ■

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