

**The Zoom meetings for Sketchpad people are Monday and Tuesday are at 11:00-1:00 for Monday and 10:00-1:00 for Tuesday.**

**Theorem. (Cantor-Schroder-Bernstein).** Given two sets  $A, B$ , if there exist injections (one-to-one but not onto)  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow A$ , then there exists a bijection (one-to-one correspondence; perfect matching)  $h: A \rightarrow B$ .

*Sketch of Proof.* Without loss of generality, let's suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint sets. If they're not disjoint, replace  $A$  with  $A \times \{1\}$  and  $B$  with  $B \times \{2\}$ .

We construct a digraph  $D$  whose node set is  $A \cup B$ . For each  $a \in A$  there is an arc going from  $a$  to  $f(a)$  and for each  $b \in B$ , there is an arc going from  $b$  to  $g(b)$ .

Since  $f, g$  are injections, so different elements  $a_1, a_2$  in  $A$  are sent to different elements  $f(a_1)$  and  $f(a_2)$  in  $B$ ; likewise for  $b_1, b_2$  in  $B$ . Consider the out-degree of each node. How many arcs have  $a \in A$  or  $b \in B$  at the tail? Answer 1; this is a consequence of  $f$  and  $g$  being functions.

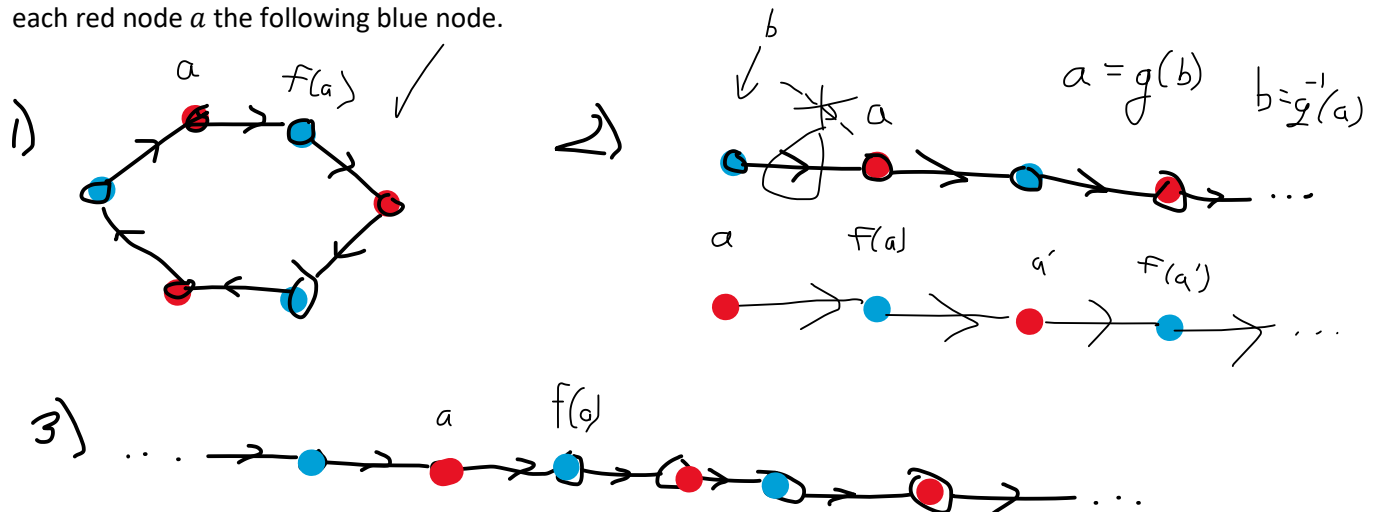
For the in-degrees, we use the fact that  $f, g$  are injections. If  $b \in B$  is the head of two or more arcs, then there must be two or more elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots \in A$  such that  $f(a_1) = f(a_2) = \dots = b$ . This is not allowed since  $f$  is an injection. Therefore, the in-degree of  $b$  is at most 1. Similarly, using  $g$ , the in-degree of  $a \in A$  is at most 1.

So the digraph  $D$  has maximum out-degree and maximum in-degree 1.

What sorts of connected (underlying graph) digraphs have this property?

- 1) Directed cycles. Observing that the underlying graph is bipartite, these cycles must be even.
- 2) Directed path; noting that the out-degree of every node is 1, such a path can't stop. We might call such a directed graph a "directed ray", i.e., an infinitely long path with one endpoint.
- 3) A directed path in both directions, sort of a "directed line."

We use "red" for  $A$  and "blue" for  $B$ , it makes sense in most of our possibilities below to associate with each red node  $a$  the following blue node.



Recall that the goal is to show that there exists a bijection  $h: A \rightarrow B$ . In cases 1, 2(bottom) and 3, we simply declare  $h(a) = f(a)$ .

For 2(top), there is a unique  $b$  such that  $g(b) = a$ ; we define  $h(a) = b = g^{-1}(a)$  in this case.

•This result is much more interesting when applied to infinite sets.

Application. Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots\}$  and  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} = \{(a, b): a, b \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

Consider

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$$

given by  $f(a) = (a, a)$ ; this is seen to be an injection by inspection.

For the harder direction, we need an injection  $g: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Here's one:

$$g(a, b) = 2^a 3^b.$$

For instance,  $g(1, 4) = 2^1 3^4 = 162$ . What about  $g(4, 1) = 2^4 3^1 = 48$ . More generally, suppose

$$g(a, b) = g(c, d).$$

Then  $2^a 3^b = 2^c 3^d$ . Since both sides equal the same positive integer, by the unique prime factorization property, we must have  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ , forcing  $(a, b) = (c, d)$ . This shows that  $g$  is an injection.

Hence, from CSB, there exists a bijection  $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ .

“There are exactly as many ordered pairs of natural numbers as there are natural numbers.”

Application. There is a bijection  $h_2: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$ . Use the fact that any  $q \in \mathbb{Q}^+$  can be written in lowest terms  $q = \frac{a}{b}$ .

The easy direction:  $g: \mathbb{Q}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Define  $g\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = (a, b)$ . By inspection, this is injective.

For the other direction:  $f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$ . Use  $f(a, b) = 2^a 3^b$ . Done.

Since there are bijections from  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and from  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$ , the conclusion is that there is a bijection from  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$ .