

Set Properties

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Sets have properties similar but not the same as Arithmetic.

Let U be the Universal set of elements of interest.

Let $X, Y, Z \subseteq U$

The basic operators on sets are:

- Complement: \overline{X}
- Intersection: $X \cap Y$
- Union $X \cup Y$

Set Props. Cont'd

Fundamental Properties of Set Theory Operators

Identity

$$X \cap U = X$$

$$X \cup \{\} = X$$

Anihilation

$$X \cap \{\} = \{\}$$

$$X \cup U = U$$

Complement

$$X \cap \bar{X} = \{\}$$

$$X \cup \bar{X} = U$$

Idempotent

$$X \cap X = X$$

$$X \cup X = X$$

Commutativity

$$X \cap Y = Y \cap X$$

$$X \cup Y = Y \cup X$$

Set Props Cont'd

Associativity

$$(X \cap Y) \cap Z = X \cap (Y \cap Z) \quad (X \cup Y) \cup Z = X \cup (Y \cup Z)$$

Distributivity: \cap over \cup

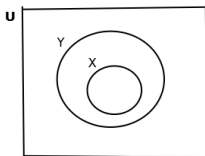
$$X \cap (Y \cup Z) = (X \cap Y) \cup (X \cap Z)$$

Distributivity: \cup over \cap

$$X \cup (Y \cap Z) = (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$$

Elementary Properties of Sets

- $\overline{\overline{X}} = X$
- $X \cap Y \subseteq X$ and $X \cap Y \subseteq Y$
- $X \subseteq X \cup Y$ and $Y \subseteq X \cup Y$
- $X \subseteq Y \equiv \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X}$



- Also $Y \subseteq X \equiv \overline{X} \subseteq \overline{Y}$

Elementary Properties (Cont'd)

- $X = Y \equiv \overline{X} = \overline{Y}$

Proof:

$$X = Y$$

$$\equiv X \subseteq Y \text{ and } Y \subseteq X$$

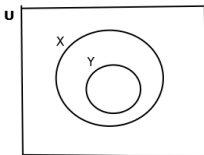
$$\equiv \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \text{ and } \overline{X} \subseteq \overline{Y}$$

$$\equiv \overline{X} = \overline{Y}$$

Set Theory Theorems

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- $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X$
- $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cap Y = Y$



$$Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X$$

Show $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X$

① $Y \subseteq X \rightarrow X \cup Y = X$

② $X \cup Y = X \rightarrow Y \subseteq X$

Proof.

(1.)

Assume $Y \subseteq X$,

show $X \cup Y = X$ i.e. $X \cup Y \subseteq X$ and $X \subseteq X \cup Y$

Show $X \cup Y \subseteq X$

let $z \in X \cup Y$

$\therefore z \in X$ or $z \in Y$



Cont'd

Proof.

Case $z \in X$

$\therefore z \in X$

Case $z \in Y$

{assuming $Y \subseteq X$ }

$\therefore z \in X$.

Show $X \subseteq X \cup Y$

True, from properties of \cup .



$$Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X \text{ (Cont'd)}$$

Show(2.) $X \cup Y = X \rightarrow Y \subseteq X$

Proof.

(2.)

Assume $X \cup Y = X$, show $Y \subseteq X$

let $z \in Y$,

$\therefore z \in X \cup Y$

{assuming $X \cup Y = X$ }

$\therefore z \in X$



$$Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cap Y = Y$$

Show $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cap Y = Y$

i.e. Show

- ① $Y \subseteq X \rightarrow X \cap Y = Y$
- ② $X \cap Y = Y \rightarrow Y \subseteq X$

Proof.

Exercise ☐

$$X \subseteq Y \equiv X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\}$$

Theorem

$$X \subseteq Y \equiv X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\}$$

Diagram:



$$\text{Show } X \subseteq Y \rightarrow X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\}$$

Assume $X \subseteq Y$

i.e. from above (swapping X and Y): $X \cap Y = X \therefore$

$$X \cap \overline{Y}$$

$$= (X \cap Y) \cap \overline{Y}$$

$$= X \cap (Y \cap \overline{Y})$$

$$= X \cap \{\}$$

$$= \{\}$$

Show $X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\} \rightarrow X \subseteq Y$

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Assume $X \cap \overline{Y} = \{\}$

As $X \subseteq Y \equiv X \cap Y = X$, show $X = X \cap Y$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= X \cap U \\ &= X \cap (Y \cup \overline{Y}) \\ &= (X \cap Y) \cup (X \cap \overline{Y}) \\ &= (X \cap Y) \cup \{\} \\ &= X \cap Y \end{aligned}$$

De Morgan's Laws

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad \overline{(X \cap Y)} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} - \text{De Morgan 1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \overline{(X \cup Y)} = \overline{X} \cap \overline{Y} - \text{De Morgan 2}$$

De Morgan 1 Veitch Diagram

$$X \cap Y = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \therefore \overline{X \cap Y} = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\overline{X} = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \quad \overline{Y} = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore$$

$$\overline{X \cap Y} = \begin{array}{c} Y \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} = \overline{X \cap Y}$$

Proof of De Morgan's Law 1

Proof of De Morgan 1 $\overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$

- 1 Show $\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$
- 2 Show $\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$

Show 1. $\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$

Theorem

$$\overline{X \cap X \cap Y} = \overline{X}$$

Proof.

$$X \cap Y \subseteq X$$

$$\{ A \subseteq B \equiv \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A} \}$$

$$\equiv \overline{X} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$$

$$\{ A \subseteq B \equiv A \cap B = A \}$$

$$\equiv \overline{X \cap X \cap Y} = \overline{X}$$



Corollary

$$\overline{Y \cap X \cap Y} = \overline{Y}$$

Show 1. $\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$ (Cont'd)

Theorem

$$\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$$

Recall: $A \subseteq B \equiv A \cap B = A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} &\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y} \\ &\equiv (\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) \cap \overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \\ &\quad \{ \cap \text{ Distributes over } \cup \} \\ &\equiv (\overline{X} \cap \overline{X \cap Y}) \cup (\overline{Y} \cap \overline{X \cap Y}) = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \\ &\quad \{ \text{by Thms. } \overline{X} \cap \overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \text{ and } \overline{Y} \cap \overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{Y} \} \\ &\equiv \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} \\ &\equiv \text{True} \end{aligned}$$



Show 2. $\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$

Theorem

$$\overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup X = X$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{X} &\subseteq \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \\ &\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \subseteq \overline{\overline{X}} \\ &\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \subseteq X \\ &\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup X = X\end{aligned}$$



Corollary

$$\overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup Y = Y$$

Show 2. $\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$ (Cont'd)

Theorem

$$\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$$

Proof.

$$\overline{X \cap Y} \subseteq \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$$

$$\{ A \subseteq B \equiv \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A} \}$$

$$\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \subseteq \overline{X \cap Y}$$

$$\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \subseteq X \cap Y$$

$$\equiv \overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup (X \cap Y) = X \cap Y$$

$$\equiv (\overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup X) \cap (\overline{\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}} \cup Y) = X \cap Y$$

$$\equiv X \cap Y = X \cap Y$$

$$\equiv \text{True}$$



Prove De Morgan 2 $\overline{X \cup Y} = \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}$

Theorem

$$\overline{X \cup Y} = \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}$$

Proof.

$$\overline{X \cup Y} = \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}$$

$$\{ A = B \equiv \bar{A} = \bar{B} \}$$

$$\equiv \overline{\overline{X \cup Y}} = \overline{\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}}$$

$$\equiv X \cup Y = \overline{\bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}}$$

$$\{ \text{De Morgan 1} \}$$

$$\equiv X \cup Y = \bar{\bar{X}} \cup \bar{\bar{Y}}$$

$$\equiv X \cup Y = X \cup Y$$

$$\equiv \text{True}$$



Cardinality of Sets

Disjoint Sets

Sets X and Y are disjoint iff $X \cap Y = \{\}$.

We define $|X|$ as the size of set X ,

i.e. $|X|$ is the number of elements in X .

Sometimes $\#X$ is used instead of $|X|$.

With $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$, $|A| = 8$.

Lemma 1

$$B \subseteq A \rightarrow |A - B| = |A| - |B|$$

Lemma 2

$$A \cap B = \{\} \rightarrow |A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$$

Cardinality Cont'd

Theorem $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

We can split $A \cup B$ into disjoint sets:

i.e. $A \cup B = (A - (A \cap B)) \cup (B - (A \cap B)) \cup (A \cap B)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B| &= |(A - (A \cap B)) \cup (B - (A \cap B)) \cup (A \cap B)| \\ &\quad \{all\ these\ disjoint\} \\ &= |A - (A \cap B)| + |B - (A \cap B)| + |A \cap B| \\ &\quad \{A \cap B \subseteq A\ and\ A \cap B \subseteq B\} \\ &= |A| - |A \cap B| + |B| - |A \cap B| + |A \cap B| \\ &= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| \end{aligned}$$



Cardinality of Sets

Cardinality $A \cup B \cup C$

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B \cup C| &= |(A \cup B) \cup C| \\ &= |A \cup B| + |C| - |(A \cup B) \cap C| \\ &= \{ \text{Set Theory distributive law} \} \\ &\quad |A \cup B| + |C| - |(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)| \\ &= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| + |C| \\ &\quad - (|A \cap C| + |B \cap C| - |(A \cap C) \cap (B \cap C)|) \\ &= |A| + |B| + |C| \\ &\quad - (|A \cap B| + |A \cap C| + |B \cap C|) \\ &\quad + |A \cap B \cap C| \end{aligned}$$

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

Example

Students pass the year if they pass all 3 exams A, B, C.
For a particular year it was found that

- 3% failed all 3 papers
 - 9% failed papers B and C
 - 10% failed papers A and C
 - 12% failed papers A and B
 - 32% failed paper A
 - 30% failed paper B
 - 46% failed paper C
- 1 What percentage of students passed the year
 - 2 What percentage failed exactly one paper.

Solution:

| | | | | | |
|---|--|----|----|---|----|
| | | B | | | |
| | | 20 | 30 | 6 | 12 |
| A | | 13 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| | | C | | | |

Power Set

The Power Set, $P(S)$, of a set S , is the set of subsets of S ,

i.e. $x \in P(S) \equiv x \subseteq S$.

If $|S| = n$ then $|P(S)| = 2^n$.

Example

$S = \{a, b, c\}$

$P(S) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$

where \emptyset is the empty set, i.e. $\emptyset = \{\}$.

In forming the subsets of S e.g. $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$, we have 2 choices for each element; to include it or exclude it.

2 choices for 0, 2 choices for 1, 2 choices for 2 etc.

Total #choices = $2 * 2 * \dots * 2$ (n times) = 2^n .

There is a natural correspondence between the subsets of $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$ and binary numbers.

Subsets and Binary

| subset | $n - 1$ | ... | k | ... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|
| $\{\}$ | 0 | ... | 0 | ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\{0\}$ | 0 | ... | 0 | ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $\{1\}$ | 0 | ... | 0 | ... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{0, 1\}$ | 0 | ... | 0 | ... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| \vdots | | | | | | | | |
| $\{\dots, k, \dots\}$ | | ... | 1 | ... | | | | |
| \vdots | | | | | | | | |
| $\{0, 1, 2, \dots k, \dots n\}$ | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- 0 in column, k , indicates that k is not in the subset
- 1 in column, k , indicates that k is in the subset.

Binary and Decimal

| Binary | decimal | | |
|--------|-----------|---|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 0...0 | 0 | = | $0 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 0 * 2^2 + 0 * 2^1 + 0 * 2^0$ |
| 0...1 | 1 | = | $0 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 0 * 2^2 + 0 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0$ |
| 0...10 | 2 | = | $0 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 0 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^1 + 0 * 2^0$ |
| 0...11 | 3 | = | $0 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 0 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0$ |
| | \vdots | | \vdots |
| 1...1 | $2^n - 1$ | = | $1 * 2^{n-1} + \dots + 1 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0$ |

$|P(S)| = 2^{|S|}$ Proof by Induction

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Let $|S| = n$. Proof by induction on n .

Base Case:

$$n = 0$$

If $|S| = 0$ then $S = \emptyset \therefore P(S) = \{\emptyset\}$.

$$|\{\emptyset\}| = 1 \text{ tf } |P(S)| = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{|S|}.$$

Induction Step:

Assume true for n , show true for $n + 1$.

i.e. Assume (if $|A| = n$ then $|P(A)| = 2^n$),

show (if $|S| = n + 1$ then $|P(S)| = 2^{n+1}$).

Induction Step

Assume $|S| = n + 1$.

Consider an element, x , of S , i.e. $x \in S$.

Discard x , then we have $S - \{x\}$ and $\therefore |S - \{x\}| = n$.

By induction, $|P(S - \{x\})| = 2^n$.

The original subsets of S consist of

- those that do not have the element, x ,
i.e. the subsets of $S - \{x\}$. and $|P(S - \{x\})| = 2^n$.
- those that do have the element, x , which are the subsets of of $S - \{x\}$ with the element, x , added in, giving 2^n subsets.

$$\therefore |P(S)| = 2^n + 2^n = 2^{n+1}.$$

Cantor's Theorem, $|\mathbb{N}| \neq |P(\mathbb{N})|$

Cardinality of Sets

Let $S = \{0, 1, 2\}$ then

$$P(S) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{0, 1, 2\}\}, \therefore$$

$|S| = 3$ and $|P(S)| = 8$ and in this case $|S| \neq |P(S)|$.

For any finite set, S , $|S| \neq |P(S)|$.

Sets with same Cardinality

Two sets have the same cardinality iff there is a one to one, 1-1, correspondence between both sets.

Let $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, \dots, x, y, z\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 26\}$ then

$|A| = |B|$ as we have the 1-1 correspondence

| | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|
| A | a | b | c | \dots | y | z |
| B | 1 | 2 | 3 | \dots | 25 | 26 |

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |Even|$$

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Consider infinite sets:

Infinite sets S_1 and S_2 have the same cardinality if there is a one to one, 1-1, correspondence between both sets.

Let $Even$ be the set of even natural numbers then $|\mathbb{N}| = |Even|$ as:

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-----|---------|-----|
| <i>Even</i> | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | ... | $2 * n$ | ... |
| \mathbb{N} | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | ... | n | ... |

There is a 1-1 correspondence between the two sets \mathbb{N} and $Even$.
The sets \mathbb{N} and $Even$ have the same cardinality i.e. $|\mathbb{N}| = |Even|$,
even though $Even \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and $Even \neq \mathbb{N}$.

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Z}|$$

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Consider a 1-1 correspondence between \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Z} ,

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------|-----|-------------|-----|----|----|---|---|---|-----|---------|-----|
| \mathbb{N} | n | ... | $2 * k - 1$ | ... | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | ... | $2 * k$ | ... |
| \mathbb{Z} | $f(n)$ | ... | $-k$ | ... | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | ... | k | ... |

The odd natural numbers are in 1-1 correspondence with the negative integers
and the even natural numbers are in 1-1 correspondence with the positive integers.

The function, $f(n)$, can be defined as:

$$f(n) = \text{if even}(n) \text{ then } \frac{n}{2} \text{ else } \frac{-(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\text{e.g. } f(2 * k - 1) = \frac{-((2 * k - 1) + 1)}{2} = \frac{-2 * k}{2} = -k$$

$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Q}^+|$

Let \mathbb{Q}^+ be the set of positive Rational numbers (positive fractions).

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Q}^+|$$

Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$ such that

| \mathbb{N} | n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | ... | ... |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----|-----|
| \mathbb{Q}^+ | $\frac{a}{b}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{2}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{1}$ | ... | ... |

We can list all fractions using the following:

List all fractions $\frac{a}{b}$ such that $a + b = 2$

List all fractions $\frac{a}{b}$ such that $a + b = 3$

List all fractions $\frac{a}{b}$ such that $a + b = 4$

etc.

$|\text{Naturals}| = |\text{Positive Rationals}|$ Cont'd

Consider listing the positive Rationals in matrix form:
Each row is infinite and there are infinite rows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \swarrow & & & \\ & & & \frac{1}{3} & & & \\ & & \frac{1}{1} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \cdots \\ & \frac{2}{1} & \frac{2}{2} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{4} & \cdots & \\ \swarrow & \frac{3}{1} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{3} & \frac{3}{4} & \cdots & \\ & \frac{4}{1} & \frac{4}{2} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{4}{4} & \cdots & \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \end{array}$$

List the Rationals along the diagonals.

$$|\text{Naturals}| = |\text{Naturals} \times \text{Naturals}|$$

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}|$$

Consider $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ such that

| \mathbb{N} | n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | ... |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ | $f(n)$ | (0,0) | (0,1) | (1,0) | (0,2) | (1,1) | ... |

We can list all pairs from $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ by:

listing all pairs (a,b) such that $a+b = 0$, i.e. $(0,0)$

listing all pairs (a,b) such that $a+b = 1$, i.e. $(0,1), (1,0)$

listing all pairs (a,b) such that $a+b = 2$, i.e. $(0,2), (1,1), (2,0)$

etc.

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|^k$$

Note: Consider a different 1-1 function

The function, $g : \mathbb{N}^+ \times \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$ such that

$$g(m, n) = 2^{m-1} * (2n - 1)$$

is a 1-1 function.

Exercise: Find m and n such that $g(m, n) = 80$.

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|^k$$

Since $|\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}| * |\mathbb{N}|$ we get that $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|^2$.

Similarly, $|\mathbb{N}|^3 = |\mathbb{N}| * |\mathbb{N}|^2$ therefore $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|^3$,
therefore, for any finite natural $k > 0$, $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|^k$.

Proof of Cantor's Theorem $|\mathbb{N}| \neq |P(\mathbb{N})|$

Cantor's Theorem

$$|\mathbb{N}| \neq |P(\mathbb{N})|$$

Proof is by contradiction.

Assume $|\mathbb{N}| = |P(\mathbb{N})| \therefore$ there is a 1-1 correspondence between \mathbb{N} and $P(\mathbb{N})$.

| \mathbb{N} | 0 | 1 | ... | n | ... |
|-----------------|----------|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| $P(\mathbb{N})$ | $sub(0)$ | $sub(1)$ | ... | $sub(n)$ | ... |

where $sub(n)$ is the subset corresponding to n .

Also, for each subset, S , of \mathbb{N} there is a matching element in \mathbb{N} , i.e. for each element $S \in P(\mathbb{N})$, there is an element, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $sub(k) = S$.

Recall: $S \in P(\mathbb{N})$ iff $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$.

Cantor's Thm. (Cont'd)

For each subset, $sub(n)$, of \mathbb{N} , either $n \in sub(n)$ or $n \notin sub(n)$.
Define a subset D of \mathbb{N} , such that

$$D = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : k \notin sub(k)\}$$

i.e. for $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$k \in D \equiv k \notin sub(k)$$

Note similarity with Russell Set, R , where

$$R = \{x \mid x \notin x\}$$

i.e. $x \in R \equiv x \notin x$.

Cantor's Thm. (Cont'd)

Since $D \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $D \in P(\mathbb{N})$,
there is an element, $d \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $sub(d) = D$, \therefore

$$d \in sub(d) \equiv d \in D$$

but from the definition of D ,

$$d \in D \equiv d \notin sub(d)$$

and so $d \in sub(d) \equiv d \notin sub(d)$, a contradiction.

This contradiction arose due to assuming that $|\mathbb{N}| = |P(\mathbb{N})| \therefore$
 $|\mathbb{N}| \neq |P(\mathbb{N})|$.

$$|(0, 1)| = |P(\mathbb{N})|$$

In Real Number Theory, the notation $(0, 1)$ is used to denote the set of Real numbers between 0 and 1 i.e. $(0, 1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 < x < 1\}$. The notation, $(0, 1)$, denotes an **open interval**, i.e. the end points are not included while the notation $[0, 1]$ denotes the **closed interval** that does include both end points.

Consider $x \in (0, 1)$ in binary notation.

0.5 in decimal = 0.1 in binary

as *0.5 in decimal* $= 5 * \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$ and *0.1 in binary* $= 1 * \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Every $x \in (0, 1)$ can be written in binary as: $x = 0.b_0b_1b_2\dots$
where $b_i = 0$ or 1 .

$$|(0, 1)| = |P(\mathbb{N})| \text{ Cont'd}$$

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The 1-1 function $s : (0, 1) \rightarrow P(\mathbb{N})$ is defined as follows.
For every (binary) $x \in (0, 1)$ where $x = 0.b_0b_1b_2 \dots$ there corresponds exactly one subset, $s(x) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, where, for $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$k \in s(x) \quad \text{iff} \quad b_k = 1$$

Corollary: It can be shown that $|\mathbb{R}| = |(0, 1)|$ and therefore
 $|\mathbb{R}| = |P(\mathbb{N})|$

$$|(0, 1)| = |P(\mathbb{N})| \text{ Cont'd}$$

Example $x = \frac{5}{8}$

In binary,

$$x = 0.10100\dots$$

therefore

$$s(x) = \{0, 2\}$$

Example.

$$x = 0.00100100\dots$$

therefore

$$s(x) = \{2, 5\}$$