

# Set Properties

## Set Properties

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  $X \cup Y$

# Fundamental Set Properties

## 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

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

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

# Fundamental 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 $\cup$

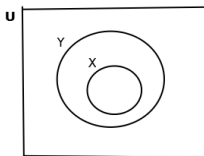
$$X \cap (Y \cup Z) = (X \cap Y) \cup (X \cap Z)$$

## 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:**

$$X = Y$$

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

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

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

De Morgan Law  $\overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$  via Karnaugh MapDe Morgan Law:  $\overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$ 

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

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

 $\therefore$ 

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

# Cardinality of Sets, $|X|$

$|X|$  is defined as the size of set  $X$ ,  
i.e.  $|X|$  is the number of elements in  $X$ .

Alternative Notation:  $\#X$

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

## Disjoint Sets

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

### Lemma 1

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

### Lemma 2

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

# Property $A \cup B$

Recall:  $A \cup B$  is the union of disjoint subsets:

$$A \cup B = (A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (A \cap B) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B)$$

**Thm:**  $A - (A \cap B) = A \cap \overline{B}$

**Pf:**

$$\begin{aligned} & A - (A \cap B) \\ &= A \cap \overline{A \cap B} \text{ by prop. of set difference} \\ &= A \cap (\overline{A} \cup \overline{B}) \text{ by De Morgan} \\ &= (A \cap \overline{A}) \cup (A \cap \overline{B}) \text{ by Distributivity} \\ &= A \cap \overline{B} \text{ as } A \cap \overline{A} = \{\} \text{ and } \{\} \cup Y = Y. \end{aligned}$$

From this result:

$$A \cup B = (A - (A \cap B)) \cup (A \cap B) \cup (B - (A \cap B))$$



# Cardinality Cont'd

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

$A \cup B$  can be split 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 $|A \cup B \cup C|$

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

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

## 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

Solution:

				B
	20	30	6	12
A	13	7	3	9
			C	

## Example

A language college consists of students that study French, German or Spanish. In the college, 280 students study French, 254 students study German and 280 students study Spanish.

97 students study French as well as German,

152 students study French as well as Spanish and

138 students study German as well as Spanish.

73 students study all the three languages.

How many students are there in the language college?

# Solution

Abbreviations:

$F$  is the set of French students

$G$  is the set of German students

$S$  is the set of Spanish students.

The number of language students =  $|F \cup G \cup S|$

From the above property of Cardinality:

$$\begin{aligned} &|F \cup G \cup S| \\ &= |F| + |G| + |S| - (|F \cap G| + |F \cap S| + |G \cap S|) + |F \cap G \cap S| \\ &= 280 + 254 + 280 - (97 + 152 + 138) + 73 \\ &= 500 \end{aligned}$$

# Set Theory Theorems

## Notation:

In Maths,  $P \equiv Q$  is read as “ $P$  is the same as  $Q$ ” i.e. “ $P$  if and only if  $Q$ ”

i.e.  $P \equiv Q$  can be read as “ $P$  iff  $Q$ ” where ‘iff’ abbreviates ‘if and only if’

To show  $P \equiv Q$  show

- 1  $P$  implies  $Q$  i.e.  $P \rightarrow Q$  and
- 2  $Q$  implies  $P$  i.e.  $Q \rightarrow P$ .

To show:  $P$  implies  $Q$ ,

Assume  $P$ , show  $Q$ .

e.g. To show:  $x^2 < x$  implies  $0 < x < 1$  i.e.  $x^2 < x \rightarrow 0 < x < 1$

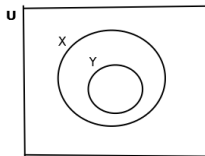
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- $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cup Y = X$
- $Y \subseteq X \equiv X \cap Y = Y$





# Arithmetic Analogy

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### Notation:

Use  $x \uparrow y$  for the maximum of  $x$  and  $y$  and  
use  $x \downarrow y$  for the minimum of  $x$  and  $y$ .

- $y \leq x \equiv x \uparrow y = x$   
e.g.  $2 \leq 3 \equiv 3 \uparrow 2 = 3$

- $y \leq x \equiv x \downarrow y = y$   
e.g.  $2 \leq 3 \equiv 3 \downarrow 2 = 2$

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

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

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



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

Assume  $X \subseteq Y$  i.e. from above:  $X \cap Y = X$

$\therefore$

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

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

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

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

$$= \{\}$$

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  $X = X \cap Y$

Note:  $U$  is the Universal Set.

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

# De Morgan's Laws

## De Morgan's Laws

①  $\overline{(X \cap Y)} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$  – De Morgan 1

① Corollary:  $X \cup Y = \overline{(\overline{X} \cap \overline{Y})}$

②  $\overline{(X \cup Y)} = \overline{X} \cap \overline{Y}$  – De Morgan 2



# Proof of De Morgan's Law 1

Recall from Matrix Theory:

If  $B = A^{-1}$  then  $A * B = Id$ , where  $Id$  is the Identity Matrix.

To show  $B = \overline{A}$  show

- ①  $A \cap B = \{\}$
- ②  $A \cup B = U$ , where  $U$  is the Universal Set.

as, from properties of Set Theory:

- ①  $A \cap \overline{A} = \{\}$
- ②  $A \cup \overline{A} = U$ , where  $U$  is the Universal Set.

# De Morgan 1: $\overline{(X \cap Y)} = \bar{X} \cup \bar{Y}$

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Show:

- 1  $(X \cap Y) \cap (\bar{X} \cup \bar{Y}) = \{\}$
- 2  $(X \cap Y) \cup (\bar{X} \cup \bar{Y}) = U$

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

$$\text{Show(1) } (X \cap Y) \cap (\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) = \{\}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & (X \cap Y) \cap (\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) \\ &= (X \cap Y \cap \overline{X}) \cup (X \cap Y \cap \overline{Y}) \text{ by Distributive Law} \\ &= \{\} \cup \{\} \text{ as } X \cap \overline{X} = \{\} \text{ and } Y \cap \overline{Y} = \{\} \\ &= \{\} \end{aligned}$$



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

Show (2)  $(X \cap Y) \cup (\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) = U$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & (X \cap Y) \cup (\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) \\ &= (X \cup \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) \cap (Y \cup \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}) \\ &= (U \cup \overline{Y}) \cap (U \cup \overline{X}) \\ &= U \cap U, \text{ props of } U \\ &= U. \end{aligned}$$



# Corollary De Morgan 1

Corollary De Morgan 1:  $X \cup Y = \overline{\overline{X} \cap \overline{Y}}$

Proof:

Substitute  $\overline{X}$  for  $X$  in  $\overline{X} \cup \overline{Y} = \overline{(\overline{X} \cap \overline{Y})}$  to get

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

$\therefore X \cup Y = \overline{\overline{(\overline{X} \cap \overline{Y})}}$  as  $\overline{\overline{S}} = S$  for a set  $S$ .

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

## Theorem

*De Morgan 2:  $\overline{X \cup Y} = \overline{X} \cap \overline{Y}$*

## Proof.

From Corollary to De Morgan 1

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

$\therefore$

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

$\therefore$

$$\overline{X \cup Y} = \overline{X} \cap \overline{Y} \text{ as } \overline{\overline{S}} = S$$



# 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	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

$$|P(S)| = 2^{|S|}$$

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  $S - \{x\}$  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.

$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\dots$
$\frac{2}{1}$	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\dots$
$\frac{3}{1}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\dots$
$\frac{4}{1}$	$\frac{4}{2}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{4}{4}$	$\dots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	

List the Rationals along the diagonals.



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

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

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

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  $1$ .

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

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

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

In binary,

$$x = 0.10100\dots$$

therefore

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

Example.

$$x = 0.00100100\dots$$

therefore

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