

A set  $S$  is called infinite, if there exists a bijection  $f: S \rightarrow S'$ , where  $S' \subset S$ .

\* Prove that the set of real numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$ , is infinite.

Proof.  $S = \mathbb{R}$   
 $S' = (-1, 1) = \{x \mid -1 < x < 1, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

Construct a mapping:

$$f: S \rightarrow S'$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{1+x}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{x}{1-x}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{range of } f = \begin{cases} [0, 1) & \text{when } x \geq 0 \\ (-1, 0) & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= A - (B \cup C) & [A - B = A \cap B'] \\ &= A \cap (B \cup C)' & [(B \cup C)' = B' \cap C'] \\ &= A \cap (B' \cap C') \\ &= (A \cap A) \cap (B' \cap C') \\ &= \underline{A \cap (A \cap B')} \cap C' \\ &= (A \cap B') \cap (A \cap C') \\ &= (A - B) \cap (A - C) = \text{RHS.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad A - (B \cup C) &\subseteq (A - B) \cap (A - C) \\ \text{(ii)} \quad (A - B) \cap (A - C) &\subseteq A - (B \cup C) \end{aligned} \right\}.$$