# Infinities and Beyond

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## 1 General results

**Theorem 1** (Schröder-Bernstein (SB)). If  $\mathfrak u$  and  $\mathfrak v$  are cardinal numbers such that  $\mathfrak u \leq \mathfrak v$  and  $\mathfrak v \leq \mathfrak u$ , then  $\mathfrak u = \mathfrak v$ .

Another way to phrase this is:

**Theorem 1** (Schröder-Bernstein (SB)). If U and V are sets such that there's an injection from U to V and an injection from V to U, then there is a bijection from U to V.

Choice required: No.

*Proof.* By hypothesis, there exist one-to-one functions  $f: U \to V$  and  $g: V \to U$ . Define a function  $\varphi: \mathcal{P}(U) \to \mathcal{P}(U)$  as follows:

$$\varphi(E) := U \setminus g[V \setminus f[E]] \tag{1}$$

Now, we claim that if  $E \subset F \subset U$ , then  $\varphi(E) \subset \varphi(F)$ .

Indeed, we have that  $E \subset F \subset U \implies f[E] \subset f[F] \implies V \setminus f[F] \subset V \setminus f[E] \implies g[V \setminus f[F]] \subset g[V \setminus f[E]] \implies U \setminus g[V \setminus f[E]] \subset U \setminus g[V \setminus f[F]] \iff \varphi(E) \subset \varphi(F).$ 

Thus, we have

$$E \subset F \subset U \implies \varphi(E) \subset \varphi(F) \tag{2}$$

Define  $\mathcal{D} := \{ E \in \mathcal{P}(U) : E \subset \varphi(E) \}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{D} \neq \emptyset$  as  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Define 
$$D := \bigcup_{E \in \mathcal{D}} E$$
.

Now, given any  $E \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have  $E \subset D$ . By (2), this gives us that  $\varphi(E) \subset \varphi(D)$ . Also, by definition of  $\mathcal{D}$ , we have that  $E \subset \varphi(E)$ .

Thus,  $E \subset \varphi(D)$  for all  $E \in \mathcal{D}$ . It follows from the definition of D that  $D \subset \varphi(D)$ . Applying (2) again gives us  $\varphi(D) \subset \varphi(\varphi(D))$  and hence,  $\varphi(D) \in \mathcal{D}$ . This now gives us that  $\varphi(D) \subset D$ .

The inclusions in both directions give us that  $\varphi(D) = D$ .

For the sake of clarity, we can now see that we have arrived at the following result:

There exist subsets  $D \subset U$  and  $R \subset V$  such that f[D] = R and  $g[V \setminus R] = U \setminus D$ . (Let this D be the D defined as earlier and let R := f[D].)

We can now simply define the following bijection  $h: U \to V$  as

$$h(x) := \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in D\\ g^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in U \setminus D \end{cases}$$

Note that h indeed is well-defined as we have defined the value of h for each x uniquely. The fact that it is well-defined for  $x \in U \setminus D$  follows from the fact that  $g[V \setminus R] = U \setminus D$  and thus, every  $x \in U \setminus D$  does have a pre-image. This is unique by the hypothesis that g is one-to-one.

The fact that h is a bijection also follows from the properties of D and R.

**Theorem 2** (Comparing cardinalities). Let U and V be sets. Then either  $|U| \leq |V|$  or  $|V| \leq |U|$ .

Choice required: Yes.

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*Proof.* The idea will be to use Zorn's Lemma.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all one-to-one functions f such that dom  $f \subset U$  and rng  $f \subset V$ . Note that  $\mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$  as  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$ .

We order  $\mathcal{F}$  by inclusion. (Recall that every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  can regarded as a subset of  $U \times V$ .)

Let  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{F}$  be a chain in  $\mathcal{F}$ . We show that  $\mathcal{C}$  has an upper bound  $u \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Define 
$$u = \bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{C}} f$$
.

One can straight away observe that dom  $u = \bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{C}} \operatorname{dom} f \subset U$  and similarly, rng  $u \subset V$ .

Now, we show that given any  $x \in \text{dom } u$ , there a unique  $y \in V$  such that  $(x, y) \in u$ .

**Existence.** This is easy, for if  $x \in \text{dom } u$ , then  $x \in \text{dom } f$  for some  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  and thus,  $(x, f(x)) \in f \subset u$ .

**Uniqueness.** Suppose  $(x, y_1)$  and  $(x, y_2)$  belong to u. We show that  $y_1 = y_2$ .

$$(x, y_1) \in u \implies \exists f_1 \in \mathcal{C}[(x, y_1) \in f_1].$$

$$(x, y_2) \in u \implies \exists f_1 \in \mathcal{C}[(x, y_2) \in f_2].$$

As C is a chain, we have that  $f_1 \subset f_2$  or  $f_2 \subset f_1$ . WLOG, we assume that  $f_1 \subset f_2$ . Thus,  $(x, y_1) \in f_2$ .

However,  $f_2$  is a function and thus,  $y_1 = y_2$ , as desired.

Thus, u is indeed a function.

Now we show that it is one-to-one as well. The argument is almost identical to what we gave for the uniqueness of y. We assume that  $(x_1, y)$  and  $(x_2, y)$  belong to u for some  $y \in V$  and conclude that  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Thus,  $u \in \mathcal{F}$ . Now, it is easy to see that u is an upper bound of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Thus, by Zorn's Lemma, we get that there exists a maximal element  $m \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Claim. Either dom m = U or rng m = V.

*Proof.* Suppose not. Then dom  $m \neq U$  and rng  $m \neq V$ . Thus, there exist  $x \in U \setminus \text{dom } m$  and  $y \in V \setminus \text{rng } m$ . Thus,  $(x,y) \notin m$  giving us  $m \subsetneq m \cup \{(x,y)\}$ . However,  $m \cup \{(x,y)\} \in \mathcal{F}$ , contradicting the maximality of m.

If dom m=U, then m is a one-to-one function from U to V giving us that  $|U| \leq |V|$ . Otherwise,  $m^{-1}$  is a one-to-one function from V to U giving us that  $|V| \leq |U|$ .

**Theorem 3** (Cantor). Let U be a set. Then  $|U| < |\mathcal{P}(U)|$ .

Choice required: No.

*Proof.* For  $U = \emptyset$ , the statement is true as  $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$  is a nonempty set and there is no surjective function from an empty set to a nonempty set. On the other hand,  $\emptyset : \emptyset \to \{\emptyset\}$  is an injection.

Now we suppose that  $U \neq \emptyset$ .

We first establish that  $|U| \leq |\mathcal{P}(U)|$ . Consider the map  $i: U \to \mathcal{P}(U)$  defined as  $x \mapsto^i \{x\}$ . It is easy to see that this is an injection for  $\{x\} = \{y\} \iff x = y$ .

Now, we show that  $|U| \neq |\mathcal{P}(U)|$ . Suppose that there exists a bijection  $h: U \to \mathcal{P}(U)$ .

Define  $S = \{x \in U : x \notin h(x)\}.$ 

By definition, we have that  $S \subset U$  and thus,  $S \in \mathcal{P}(U)$ .

By assumption, h is a bijection and thus, there exists  $x \in U$  such that h(x) = S.

Now, by the law of excluded middle, either  $x \in S$  or  $x \notin S$ . We show that either leads to a contradiction.

Case 1.  $x \in S$ .

 $x \in S \implies x \in h(x) \implies x \notin S$ , where the first implication is by the definition of x and the second is by the definition of S.

Case 2.  $x \notin S$ .

 $x \notin S \implies x \notin h(x) \implies x \in S$ , where the first implication is by the definition of x and the second is by the definition of S.

Thus, we get that  $x \in S \iff x \notin S$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 4.** Every infinite set has a countably infinite subset. In other words,  $|\mathbb{N}| \leq |A|$ , if A is infinite.

Choice required: Yes.

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*Proof.* Let A be a any infinite set.

**Claim.** For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a set  $A_n \subset A$  such that  $|A_n| = n$ .

*Proof.* We prove this via induction. As  $A \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $A_1 \subset A$  such that  $|A_1| = 1$ .

Now, let  $A_n \subset A$  be such that  $|A_n| = n$ . If  $A \setminus A_n$  were empty, then we would get that A is finite. Thus, there exists  $x \in A \setminus A_n$ . Letting  $A_{n+1} = A_n \cup \{x\}$ , we have  $A_{n+1} \subset A$  and  $|A_{n+1}| = n+1$ .

Now, let  $\{A_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  be any such family of subsets of A as described above. The existence of such a family is given by axiom of choice.

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$B_n = A_{2^n} \setminus \left( \bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} A_{2^k} \right).$$

Given n < m, we have that if  $x \in B_n$ , then  $x \in A_{2^n}$  but then  $x \notin B_m$ . Thus the family  $\{B_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a pairwise disjoint family of subsets of A, and for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$|B_n| \ge 2^n - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k = 2^n - (2^n - 1) = 1.$$

Thus, each  $B_n$  is nonempty.

Applying the axiom of choice to  $\{B_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  gives a choice function  $f:\mathbb{N}\to\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}B_n\subset A$  such that  $f(n)\in B_n$  for each  $n\in\mathbb{N}$ .

As the sets are pairwise disjoint, we have it that f is one-to-one.

Thus,  $f[\mathbb{N}]$  is a countably infinite subset of A.

**Theorem 5.** Any subset of a countable set is countable.

Choice required: No.

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*Proof.* Let A be a countable set and let  $B \subset A$ . If B is finite, then there is nothing to prove. Now, suppose that B is infinite. Then, A cannot be finite and thus, is countably infinite. Let g be a bijection from  $\mathbb{N}$  to A. Let  $a_n := g(n)$ .

We now define a bijection  $f: \mathbb{N} \to B$  as follows:

 $f(1) = a_{n_1}$  where  $n_1$  is the smallest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_n \in B$ ;  $f(k+1) = a_{n_{k+1}}$  where  $n_{k+1}$  is the smallest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_n \in B \setminus \{f(1), \ldots, f(k)\}$ .

We now show that f is a bijection.

**One-to-one.** Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \neq m$ . WLOG, n < m.

Then,  $f(m) \in B \setminus \{f(1), \dots, f(n), \dots, f(m-1)\}$  and thus  $f(m) \neq f(n)$ .

**Onto.** Let  $x \in B$ . Then,  $x = a_m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Define  $S = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n < m, a_n \in B\}$ . Then we have f(|S| + 1) = x.

**Theorem 6.** If A is any nonvoid countable set, then there exists a surjective function  $f: \mathbb{N} \to A$ .

Choice required: No.

*Proof.* Since A is countable, there exists a one-to-one function  $g:A\to\mathbb{N}$ . Fix some  $a\in A$ . Define  $f:\mathbb{N}\to A$  as

$$f(n) := \begin{cases} g^{-1}(n) & \text{if } n \in \operatorname{rng} g \\ a & \text{if } n \notin \operatorname{rng} g \end{cases}$$

Given any  $x \in A$ , we have that f(g(x)) = x. Thus, f is surjective.

**Theorem 7.** If A and B are two nonvoid sets and if there is a mapping f from A onto B, then  $|B| \leq |A|$ , that is, there is a one-to-one map from B to A.

Choice required: Yes.

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*Proof.* Let g be a choice function function for the family  $\{f^{-1}(b)\}_{b\in B}$ . Then g is a one-to-one mapping from B to A. This follows from the fact that  $b_1 \neq b_2 \implies f^{-1}(b_1) \cap f^{-1}(b_2) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 8.** The union of any countable family of countable sets is a countable set, i.e., if  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  is a family of sets such that I is a countable and each  $A_i$  is countable, then  $A = \bigcup_{i\in I} A_i$  is countable.

Choice required: Yes.

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*Proof.* Let  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  be as in the theorem. WLOG, we assume that I is nonvoid and so is  $A_i$  for each  $i\in I$ . Applying Theorem 6 to obtain a surjection  $g:\mathbb{N}\to I$ .

Now, note that for each  $i \in I$ , there exists a surjective function  $f_i : \mathbb{N} \to A_i$ .

Using the axiom of choice, we can fix one such surjection for each  $i \in I$ .

Now, we define  $h: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \to A$  by  $h(m,n) = f_{g(m)}(n)$ . Then h is a surjective function. By Theorem 7, we get that  $|A| \leq |\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ , where the last equality follows from Theorem 9.

## 2 Cardinalities of specific sets

Theorem 9.  $|\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ 

Choice required: No.

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*Proof.* 
$$(m,n)\mapsto 2^{m-1}(2n-1)$$
 is a bijection from  $\mathbb{N}\times\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Theorem 10.  $|\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{Q}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ 

Choice required: No.

*Proof.*  $\mathbb Z$  and  $\mathbb Q$  can both be written as a countable union of countable sets and thus, are countable. One can also avoid choice and appeal to SB by choosing suitable functions.

Theorem 11.  $2^{\aleph_0} = \mathfrak{c}$ .

Choice required: No.

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*Proof.* Let  $A = \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Then,  $|A| = 2^{\aleph_0}$ . Let B = [0,1). Then  $|B| = \mathfrak{c}$ . Thus, it suffices to show that |A| = |B|. We shall construct injections from A to B and vice-versa and then appeal to SB.

 $A \to B$ .

Define 
$$f: A \to B$$
 as  $f(\varphi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(n)}{3^n}$ .

This can be thought of as mapping an infinite sequence of 0 and 1 to the corresponding ternary number. As we don't have sequences with infinitely many trailing 2s, it follows that f is one-to-one.

 $B \to A$ 

Given any  $x \in B$ , it has a unique binary representation if we don't allow trailing 1s. Said formally, there is a unique representation of the form:

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{2^n}$$

where each  $x_n$  is 0 or 1 and  $x_n = 0$  for infinitely many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Define  $g: B \to A$  by  $g(x) = \varphi_x$  where  $\varphi_x: \mathbb{N} \to \{0, 1\}$  is defined as  $\varphi_x(n) = x_n$ .

Thus, g is a one-to-one mapping from B to A.

By SB, we are done.  $\Box$ 

Theorem 12.  $|\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathbb{R}| \text{ or } \mathfrak{c}^{\aleph_0} = \mathfrak{c}.$ 

Choice required: No.

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*Proof.* By Theorem 11, there exists a bijection  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Given any  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $f_r := f(r)$ . That is,  $f_r$  is a function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\{0,1\}$  for each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now, given any sequence  $(x_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\in\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , we get a sequence of functions  $(f_{x_n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\in(\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}})^{\mathbb{N}}$ . This sequence corresponds to a function  $g:\mathbb{N}\times\mathbb{N}\to\{0,1\}$  defined as  $g(m,n)=f_{x_m}(n)$ .

It is easy to see the this correspondence is one-to-one. Thus, we get that

$$|\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}| = |\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathbb{R}|.$$

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Note that we have used Theorem 9, that is  $|\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ .

**Theorem 13.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an infinite cardinal number. Then  $\mathfrak{a}^{\mathfrak{a}}=2^{\mathfrak{a}}$ .

Choice required: Yes.

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Proof.

$$2^{\mathfrak{a}} \leq \mathfrak{a}^{\mathfrak{a}} \leq (2^{\mathfrak{a}})^{\mathfrak{a}} = 2^{\mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathfrak{a}} = 2^{\mathfrak{a}}.$$

Remark. Choice was used to conclude that  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}$ . However, there are cardinalities for which this is true even without choice. For them, the theorem holds even without choice.

In fact,  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}$  for all cardinalities implies AC.

**Theorem 14.** Let S be the set of continuous functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $|S| = \mathfrak{c}$ .

 $|\mathcal{S}| = \mathcal{C}$ .

Choice required: No.

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*Proof.* First, we show that  $|S| \geq |\mathbb{R}| = \mathfrak{c}$ .

Note that given any  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , the constant function  $x \mapsto r$  belongs to S. It is easy to see that this gives an injection  $\mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow S$ .

Now, we show that  $|S| \leq |\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathbb{R}| = \mathfrak{c}$ , where the equality  $|\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}| = \mathfrak{c}$  follows from Theorem 12.

We know that  $|\mathbb{Q}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ . Let  $q : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Q}$  be a bijection.

Given any  $f \in S$ , define the following sequence  $(x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ 

$$x_n = f(q(n)).$$

Now, note that if two continuous functions agree at all rational points, then they must be equal. ( $:: \mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .)

Thus, the above mapping  $f \mapsto (x_n)$  is an injection  $S \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

By SB, we conclude that  $|S| = \mathfrak{c}$ .

**Theorem 15.** Let S be the set of discontinuous functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $|S| = 2^{\mathfrak{c}}$ .

Choice required: No.

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*Proof.*  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  and thus,  $|S| \leq |\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}| = 2^{\mathfrak{c}}$ . (Theorem 13.)

Now, we show that  $|S| > 2^{\mathfrak{c}}$ .

We create a injection from  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$  to S.

Let  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$ . Define  $\varphi(A) = \chi_A$ , the indicator function of  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

It is easy to see that  $\chi_A$  is discontinuous. This follows from the fact that  $A = \chi_A^{-1}(\{1\})$  and  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A = \chi_A^{-1}(\{0\})$  would have to be open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , if  $\chi_A$  were continuous but  $\mathbb{R}$  is connected, so this is not possible.  $(\because A \notin \{\varnothing, \mathbb{R}\}.)$ 

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As  $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}| = |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})| = 2^{\mathfrak{c}}$ , the result follows from SB.

**Theorem 16.** Let S be the set of continuous functions from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  $|S| = \mathfrak{c}$ .

Choice required: No.

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*Proof.* First, we show that  $|S| \leq \mathfrak{c}$ .

Note that  $S \subset \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{Q}}$  and thus  $|S| \leq |\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{Q}}| = \aleph_0^{\aleph_0} = 2^{\aleph_0} = \mathfrak{c}$ . (Theorems 10, 13, and 11.)

Now, we show that  $|S| \ge |\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathbb{R}| = \mathfrak{c}$ .

Let  $f \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be given. Using this, we create a function  $\varphi_f : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{Q}$  as follows:

 $\varphi_f(x) = f(1)$  for all x < 1,  $\varphi_f(n) = f(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

for  $x \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{N}$  and x > 1, let p = |x| and define  $\varphi_f(x) = (x - p)(f(p + 1) - f(p)) + f(p)$ .

It is easy to show that  $\varphi_f \in S$  and  $f \neq g \implies \varphi_f \neq \varphi_g$  as  $\varphi_f$  agrees with f at all naturals.  $(\varphi_f)$  is the functions obtained by joining the points of the graph of f.)

The result now follows from SB.

**Theorem 17.** Let S be the set of discontinuous functions from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  $|S| = \mathfrak{c}$ .

Choice required: No.

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*Proof.* First, we show that  $|S| \leq \mathfrak{c}$ .

Note that  $S \subset \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{Q}}$  and thus  $|S| \leq |\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{Q}}| = \aleph_0^{\aleph_0} = 2^{\aleph_0} = \mathfrak{c}$ . (Theorems 10, 13, and 11.)

Now, we show that  $|S| \ge |\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathbb{R}| = \mathfrak{c}$ .

Let  $f \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be given. Using this, we create a function  $\varphi_f : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{Q}$  as follows:

$$\varphi_f(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} f(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{N} \end{array} \right.$$

It is easy to show that  $\varphi_f \in S$  and  $f \neq g \implies \varphi_f \neq \varphi_g$  as  $\varphi_f$  agrees with f at all naturals.

The result now follows from SB.

Theorem 18.  $|\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{R}}| = |2^{\mathbb{R}}| \text{ or } \aleph_0^{\mathfrak{c}} = 2^{\mathfrak{c}}.$ 

Choice required: No.

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Proof.

$$|2^{\mathbb{R}}| \le |\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{R}}| \le |\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}| = |2^{\mathbb{R}}|.$$

**Theorem 19.** Let  $\mathfrak{a} \geq \aleph_0$ . Then,  $\mathfrak{a}! = 2^{\mathfrak{a}}$ .

#### Choice required: Yes.

*Proof.* Let A be a set with cardinality  $\mathfrak{a}$  and let S be the set of all bijections from A to itself. By definition, we have  $|S| = \mathfrak{a}!$ .

Note that we have  $|S| \leq |A^A| = 2^{\mathfrak{a}}$ . (Theorem 13.) Now we show that  $|S| \geq |\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{\mathfrak{a}}$ .

If A is infinite, then we have that  $|A| = |A \times \{0,1\}|$ . (This uses choice.)

Thus, it suffices to show that there are as many bijections from  $A \times \{0,1\}$  as there are elements in  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ . Let  $B \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ . Define the following function  $f_B : A \times \{0,1\} \to A \times \{0,1\}$ .

$$f_{B}((a,x)) = \begin{cases} (a,0) & \text{if } a \notin B \text{ and } x = 0\\ (a,1) & \text{if } a \notin B \text{ and } x = 1\\ (a,0) & \text{if } a \in B \text{ and } x = 1\\ (a,1) & \text{if } a \in B \text{ and } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

That is,  $f_B$  fixes all elements of the form (a,0) and (a,1) if  $a \notin B$  and swaps them otherwise. It is clear that  $B \mapsto f_B$  is an injection from  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  to S and thus, we are done by SB.

#### 3 Summary

- 1.  $|2^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathbb{R}|$ .
- 2.  $|\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathbb{R}|$ .
- 3.  $|\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{R}}| = |2^{\mathbb{R}}|$ .
- 4.  $|C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})| = |\mathbb{R}|$ .
- 5.  $|C(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q})| = |\mathbb{R}|$ .
- 6.  $|X^X| = 2^{|X|}$ . (C)
- 7.  $|X|! = 2^{|X|}$  if  $|X| = \infty$ . (C)