

The common explanation for proving that there are more numbers in between 0 and 1, than numbers between 0 and Infinity, goes like this...

Let's create a table with all the numbers between 0 and Infinity on one side, and assign each a random number between 0 and 1.

0	0.87689657687698769876875413567987698726349587092834597209...
1	0.12354623458923495782345892734509827345098723409587209348...
2	0.56389720897409875098427908470985408954938790490823452345...
...	...
Infinity	0.2981435709134523454324356664535245634745674785678143572...8

Now each number 0 - Infinity has a number from 0 - 1.

But wait, we're missing a number. We can create a new number by going through each decimal place and adding one to it. If we get a nine we'll just wrap it around to a zero.

0	0. <u>8</u> 7689657687698769876875413567987698726349587092834597209...
1	0.1 <u>2</u> 354623458923495782345892734509827345098723409587209348...
2	0.56 <u>3</u> 89720897409875098427908470985408954938790490823452345...
...	...
Infinity	0.2981435709134523454324356664535245634745674785678143572... <u>8</u>
?	$0.(8+1)(2+1)(3+1)...\textcolor{red}{(8+1)}$

So now we have another number in between 0 and 1, but we already used all our numbers from 0 - Infinity. This proves that there are more numbers in between 0 and 1 than 1 and Infinity, right?

Well I'd like to prove it wrong. Let's switch things up a little bit. Let's create a table with all the numbers between 0 and 1 on one side, and assign it a number between 0 - Infinity. However to visualize the places we aren't using we'll place X's.

0.8767...	...XX0
0.1235...	...XX1
0.5638...	...XX2
...	...
0.298...8	Infinity

Now each number 0 - 1 has a number from 0 - Infinity.

But wait, we're missing a number. We can create a new number by going through each place value and adding one to it. If we get an X we'll put it at 1. If we get a nine we'll just wrap it around to a zero.

0.8767...	...XX <u>0</u>
0.1235...	...XX <u>X</u> 1
0.5638...	...XX <u>X</u> X2
...	...
	...(X+1)(X+1)(0+1)

Now we have another number between 0 - Infinity, but we already used up all our numbers between 0 - 1.

So we just proved that there are more numbers between 0 - Infinity than 0 - 1. But before we just proved the opposite. So what is it?