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**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is strictly monotone, then there exists a subset  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  with the same cardinality as  $A$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 5.1.4, since  $f$  is strictly monotone, it is therefore injective on  $B$ .

In order to prove that  $|C| = |A|$ , we construct a bijection between them. Let  $C = f(A)$ .  $f$  is surjective on  $C$  by the definition of function image, and is also injective on  $C$  since  $C \subseteq B$ .

Therefore, since  $f: A \rightarrow C$  is bijective,  $|C| = |A|$ . ■