Finite and Infinite

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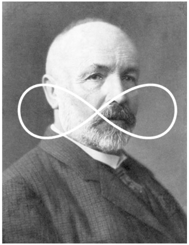

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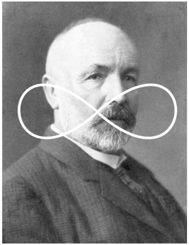

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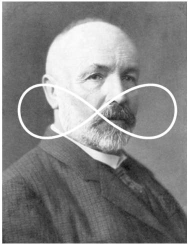

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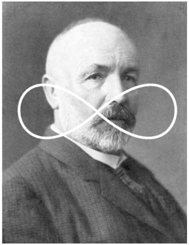

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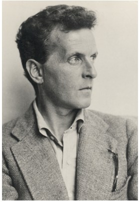

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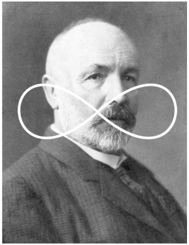

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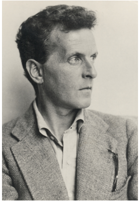

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A set A is Dedekind-infinite if there is a bijective function from A onto some proper subset B of A.

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$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N} : |X| = n \qquad (0 \in \mathbb{N})$$

Infinite ($\neg$ finite)

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : |X| \neq n$$

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$$|X| = |\mathbb{N}| \triangleq \aleph_0$$

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(finite $\vee$ countably infinite)

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$$(\neg \text{ finite}) \wedge \Big(\neg \text{ (countably infinite)}\Big)$$

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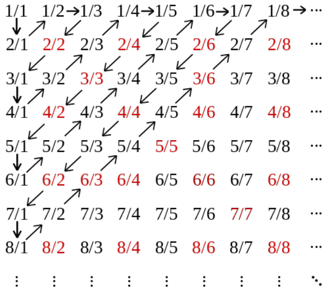

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$$f : \{\{0,1\}^*\} \to \mathbb{N}$$

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Subsets of Countable Set (UD 22.6; UD Corollary 22.4)

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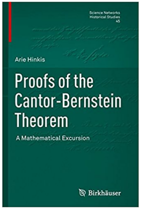

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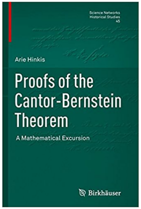

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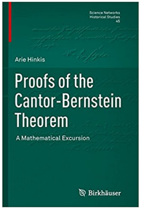

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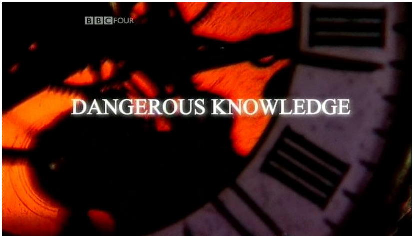

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Independence from ZFC:

Kurt Gödel (1940) CH cannot be disproved from ZF.

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