# 1-11 有穷与无穷

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# Dangerous Knowledge (BBC 2007)



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

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(finite ∨ countably infinite)

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$$|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathbb{R}|$$

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

Every subset B of a countable set A is countable.

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Theorem (PCC)

Principle of Cardinal Comparability (PCC)  $\iff$  Axiom of Choice

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## 学生反馈(改编版)

"明明很显然的事情,为什么要那么繁琐的证明? 依靠直觉不可以吗?"

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X is finite if

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N} : |X| = n$$

Theorem (Pigeonhole Principle (UD Theorem 21.2))

$$f: \{1, \dots, m\} \to \{1, \dots, n\} \ (m, n \in \mathbb{N}^+, m > n)$$

f is not one-to-one.

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(No Axiom of Choice Here)

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$$f(g(y)) = f(x) = y \implies f = g^{-1}$$

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