Finite and Infinite

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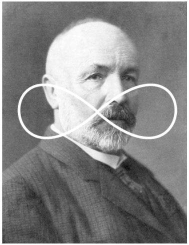

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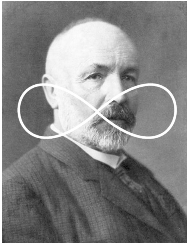

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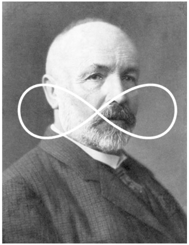

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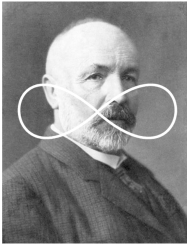

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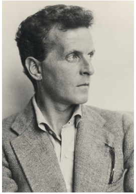

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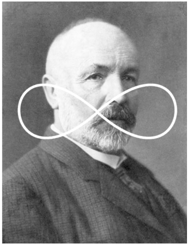

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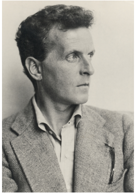

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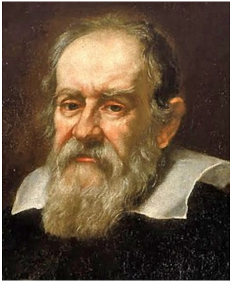

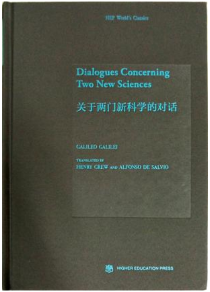

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A set A is Dedekind-infinite if there is a bijective function from A onto some proper subset B of A.

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

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

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

Countable

(finite $\lor$ countably infinite)

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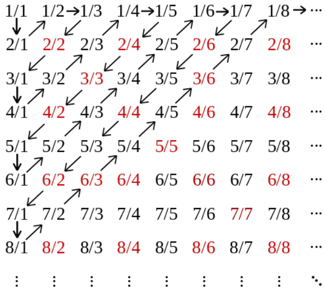

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Subsets of Countable Set (UD Problem 22.6; UD Corollary 22.4)

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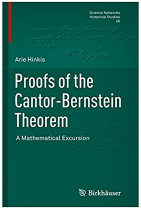

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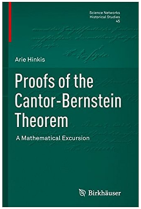

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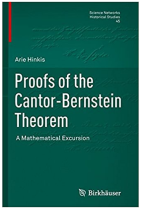

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Theorem (PCC)

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

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f is not one-to-one.

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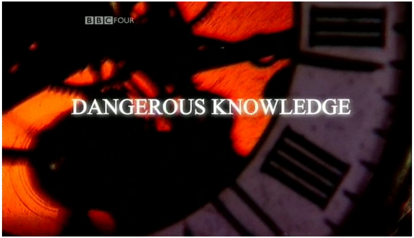

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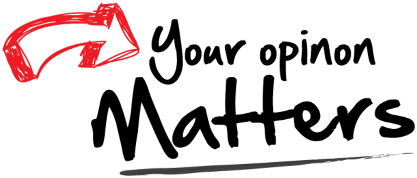

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