

# Seriously, What is It?

Recall: We say two sets  $A, B$  have

the same function if  $\exists a$    

function   

and we write    =   

Today we will show that

|N|

|Z|

|Q|

|R|

|G|

Def: A set  $A$  is said to be countable, if

$|A| = \underline{\quad}$

→ this means we can "enumerate" i.e., list the elements of  $A$  by the .....

→ we'll write  $A = \{ \quad \dots \}$

• A is said to be \_\_\_\_\_ if  $|A| < \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

or if  $|A| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

• A is said to be \_\_\_\_\_ otherwise

Thrm: 1) An infinite subset of a \_\_\_\_\_ set is \_\_\_\_\_

Pf)



(Hilbert's Hotel!!!)

ex) The set  $2\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  of even positive integers is \_\_\_\_\_

↑ Note this means  $|2\mathbb{N}| = \underline{\quad}$  even though  $2\mathbb{N} \subsetneq \underline{\quad}$

• In this case one can explicitly construct a \_\_\_\_\_

$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow 2\mathbb{N}$  by  $f(\underline{\quad}) = \underline{\quad}$  ]

Rmk: (1) tells us that for an \_\_\_\_\_ set, it is enough to just have an \_\_\_\_\_ function

$f: A \rightarrow X$  where  $X = \underline{\quad}$ , to conclude that

$A$  is \_\_\_\_\_

Thm:  $|\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{N}|$

Pf) The strategy is as follows: Send    #  
to    #'s and    to   

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→ Can explicitly define  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  as

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} & n \text{ even} \\ & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

and check this is a  

Thm: A cartesian product of denumerable sets is denumerable

Pf) We will sketch the proof by giving  
a picture

$$A = \{ \quad \}$$

$$B = \{ \quad \}$$



Thm:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is \_\_\_\_\_

Pf) We will construct an injective function  $f: \mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow \underline{\text{some countable set}}$

# Uncountable Sets

Thm: The open interval is \_\_\_\_\_

Pf) (Cantor's Diagonal argument)



Thm: If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A$  is uncountable then  $B$  is too

Pf) Suppose FTSOC that   .

Cor:  $\mathbb{R}$  is                 

Pf)

Thm:  $|(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$

"Pf)" (Idea ~ "stretch out" the interval lol)

Define  $f: (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{1-x}$$

~> Can check        no problem

~>        relies on some limit arguments but

if you graph it you get



so not hard to  
believe this is



So far we have

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{Q}| \leq |(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$$



These are all called  $\aleph_0$  ("aleph null")

first letter in Hebrew Alphabet

# Continuum Hypothesis

$\nexists$  set  $S$  such that

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

(1931 - Gödel)

$\leadsto$  Not able to prove using axioms of Set theory

(1963 - Cohen)

$\leadsto$  Not able to disprove using axioms of Set theory

However! We CAN prove that  $|I\mathbb{R}|$  is NOT the end of the road

Thrm: If  $A$  is any set  $|A| < |P(A)|$

Pf) For  $A$  finite, obvious.

Assume  $A$  not finite and FSOC assume  $\exists$  bijection

f:  $A \rightarrow P(A)$

Cor: There is **NO** "largest" set (or **NO** "bigest  $\infty$ ")

Pf) Always have

$$|A| < |P(A)| < \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{\text{---}} < \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{\text{---}}$$

Thrm:  $|P(\mathbb{N})| = |\mathbb{R}|$

→ We know  $|\mathbb{N}| < |P(\mathbb{N})|$

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

→ But how to show  $\exists$  bijection  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \simeq \mathbb{R}$ ?

Thrm: (Schrödler-Bernstein Thrm)

If  $\exists$      $f: A \rightarrow B$  AND

    $g: B \rightarrow A$

then  $|A| \leq |B|$

→ Use this to show  $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| = |\mathbb{R}|$

$\leadsto$  construct  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$   $(0, 1)$   
 $(0, 1)$   $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$

Fin ✓