

Pledge: *I pledge my honor that I have abided by the Stevens Honor System.* -Eric Altenburg

1: Prove that if two sets A and B have the same cardinality, then for any set C , the sets $A \times C$ and $B \times C$ have the same cardinality as well.

Proof. Let $n = |A|$, and since $|A| = |B|$, then $n = |A| = |B|$. Additionally, let $m = |C|$. To determine the cardinality of the Cartesian product, you multiply the cardinality of the two sets (i.e. $|X \times Y| = |X| \cdot |Y|$). Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} |A \times C| &= |B \times C| \\ |A| \cdot |C| &= |B| \cdot |C| \\ n \cdot m &= n \cdot m. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the cardinality of the two Cartesian products are always equal if $|A| = |B|$ which completes the proof. □

2: Is it true that a set A is countable if and only if there exists a surjection $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$? (Recall that a surjection is an onto function.) If so, prove it. If not, state and prove a closely related theorem.

3: Prove that the infinite strip $S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$ and the Cartesian plane \mathbb{R}^2 have the same cardinality. *Hint:* You may assume the Schröder-Bernstein theorem.

4: Prove the theorem whose proof we didn't complete in class: For any set A , we have $|A| < |2^A|$.
