

Book of Proof: Part IV, Relations, Functions, and Cardinality

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$$R = \{(5, 10), (3, 12), (99, 999), \dots\}$$

$$(5, 10) \in R \quad (3, 12) \in R \quad (99, 999) \in R$$

$$(5, 5) \notin R \quad (12, 3) \notin R \quad (10, 0) \notin R$$

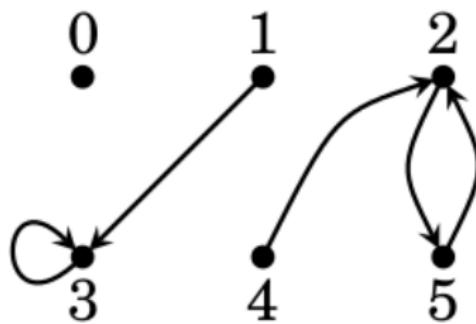
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Definition 11.1 A **relation** on a set A is a subset $R \subseteq A \times A$. We abbreviate $(x, y) \in R$ as xRy .

Relations in Pictures

$$B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$U = \{(1, 3), (3, 3), (5, 2), (2, 5), (4, 2)\} \subseteq B \times B$$



Properties of Relations

Definition 11.2 Suppose R is a relation on set A .

1. R is **reflexive** if xRx for every $x \in A$.

$$\forall x \in A, xRx$$

2. R is **symmetric** if xRy implies yRx for all $x, y \in A$.

$$\forall x, y \in A, xRy \Rightarrow yRx$$

3. R is **transitive** if xRy and yRz imply xRz .

$$\forall x, y, z \in A, ((xRy) \wedge (yRz)) \Rightarrow xRz$$

Pictures of Relation Properties

1. A relation is
reflexive if
for each point x ...

• x

...there is a
loop at x :



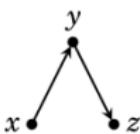
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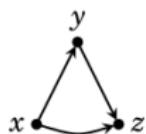
...there is also
an arrow from
 y back to x :



3. A relation is
transitive if
whenever there are
arrows from x to y
and y to z ...



...there is also
an arrow from
 x to z :



- (If $x = z$, this means
that if there are
arrows from x to y
and from y to x ...)



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Relations on \mathbb{Z}

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Reflexive	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Symmetric	no	no	yes	no	no	yes
Transitive	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no

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Definition 11.4 Suppose R is an equivalence relation on set A . Given any element $a \in A$, the **equivalence class containing** a is the subset $\{x \in A : xRa\}$ of A consisting of all elements of A that relate to a .

This set is denoted $[a]$:

$$[a] = \{x \in A : xRa\}$$

Pictures of equivalence relations on $\{-1, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Relation R	Diagram	Equivalence classes (see next page)
<p>“is equal to” (=)</p> <p>$R_1 = \{(-1,-1), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4)\}$</p>		$\{-1\}, \{1\}, \{2\},$ $\{3\}, \{4\}$
<p>“has same parity as”</p> <p>$R_2 = \{(-1,-1), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (-1,1), (1,-1), (-1,3), (3,-1), (1,3), (3,1), (2,4), (4,2)\}$</p>		$\{-1, 1, 3\}, \{2, 4\}$
<p>“has same sign as”</p> <p>$R_3 = \{(-1,-1), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (1,2), (2,1), (1,3), (3,1), (1,4), (4,1), (2,3), (3,2), (2,4), (4,2), (1,3), (3,1)\}$</p>		$\{-1\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
<p>“has same parity and sign as”</p> <p>$R_4 = \{(-1,-1), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (1,3), (3,1), (2,4), (4,2)\}$</p>		$\{-1\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 4\}$



Congruence as equivalence relations

Example 11.8 proved that $\equiv \pmod{n}$ is an equivalence relation.

$$xRy = \{(x, y) : x \equiv y \pmod{3}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}[0] &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 3 | (x - 0)\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 3 | x\} \\ &= \{\dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\} = [3] = [6]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}[1] &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 3 | (x - 1)\} \\ &= \{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots\} = [4] = [7]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}[2] &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 3 | (x - 2)\} \\ &= \{\dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots\} = [5] = [7]\end{aligned}$$

Partitions

Definition 11.5 A **partition** of a set A is a set of non-empty subsets of A , such that the union of all the subsets equals A , and the intersection of any two different subsets is \emptyset .

$\{[0], [1], [2]\}$ under the relation $\equiv \pmod{3}$, is a partition of \mathbb{Z} :

$$\{[0], [1], [2]\} = \{\{\dots, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}, \{\dots, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}, \{\dots, 2, 5, 8, \dots\}\}$$

Equivalence Relations and Partitions

Theorem 11.2 Suppose R is an equivalence relation on set A . The the set $\{[a] : a \in A\}$ of equivalence classes of R forms a partition of A .

Conversely, any partition of A describes an equivalence relation R where xRy if and only if x and y belong to the same set in the partition.

The Integers Modulo n

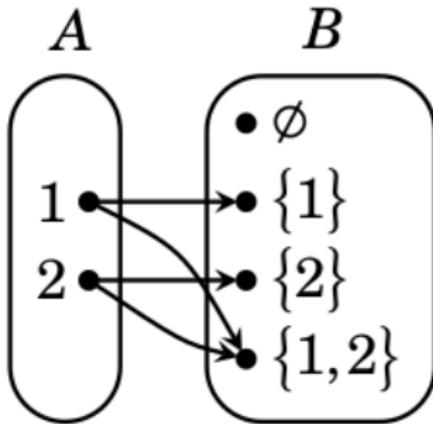
$$\begin{aligned}[0] &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv 0 \pmod{5}\} &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 5 | (x - 0)\} &= \{\dots, -10, -5, 0, 5, 10, 15, \dots\}, \\ [1] &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}\} &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 5 | (x - 1)\} &= \{\dots, -9, -4, 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots\}, \\ [2] &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}\} &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 5 | (x - 2)\} &= \{\dots, -8, -3, 2, 7, 12, 17, \dots\}, \\ [3] &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}\} &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 5 | (x - 3)\} &= \{\dots, -7, -2, 3, 8, 13, 18, \dots\}, \\ [4] &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}\} &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 5 | (x - 4)\} &= \{\dots, -6, -1, 4, 9, 14, 19, \dots\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{[0], [1], [2], [3], [4]\}$$

Relations Between Sets

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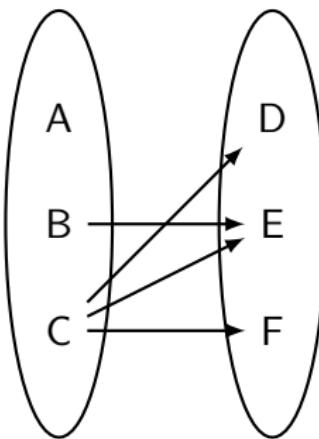
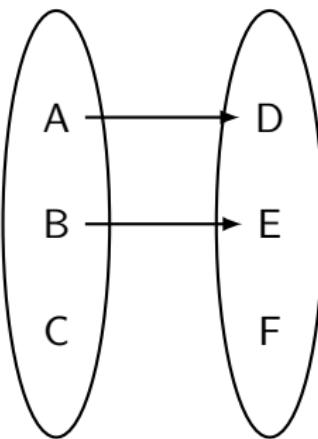
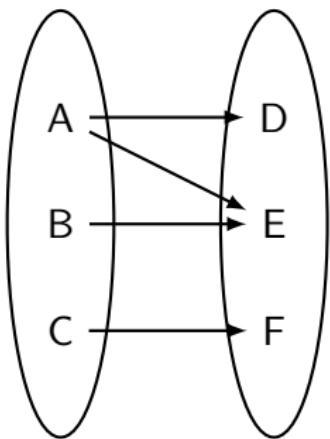


Functions

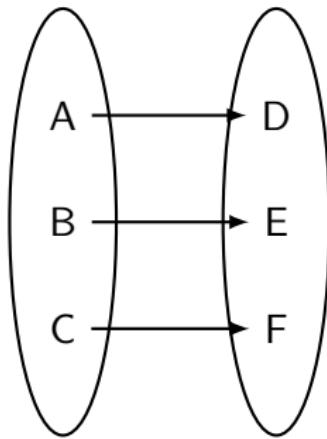
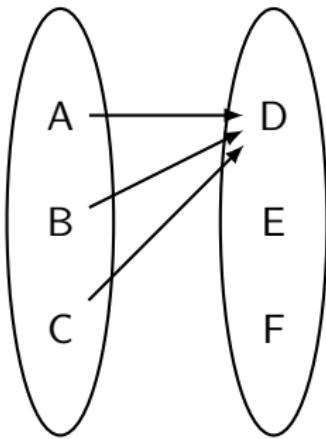
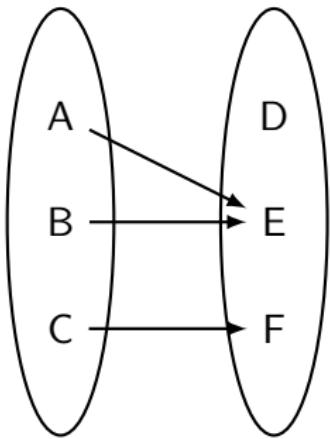
Definition 12.1 Suppose A and B are sets. A **function** from A to B (denoted as $f : A \rightarrow B$) is a relation $f \subseteq A \times B$, satisfying the property that for each $a \in A$, the relation f contains exactly one ordered pair of the form (a, b) . The statement $(a, b) \in f$ is abbreviated $f(a) = b$.

For each $a \in A$, there is exactly one $f(a) \in B$.

Relations that are **not** functions



Relations that are functions



Domain, Codomain, Range

Definition 12.2

For a function $f : A \rightarrow B$, the set A is called the **domain** of f .
The set B is called the **codomain** of f .

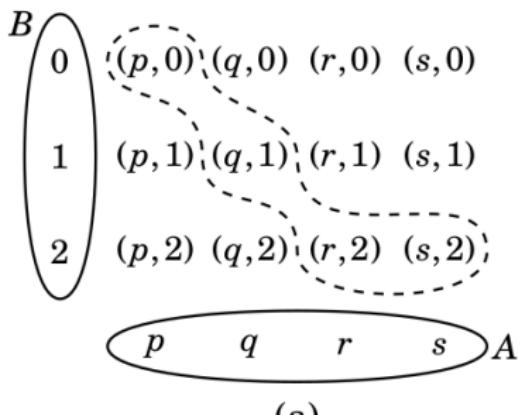
The **range** of f is the set $\{f(a) : a \in A\} = \{b : (a, b) \in f\}$.

Example function

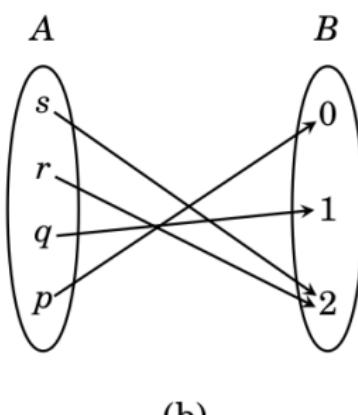
$$A = \{p, q, r, s\}$$

$$B = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

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(a)



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Not complete definition unless you specify domain and codomain:

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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- What is the codomain? \mathbb{Z}
- What is the range? $\{3k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Equality of functions

Definition 12.3 Two functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : C \rightarrow D$ are **equal** if $A = C$, $B = D$, and $f(x) = g(x)$ for every $x \in A$.

Injections and Surjections

Definition 12.4 A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is

1. **injective** (or one-to-one) if

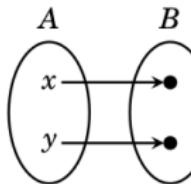
for every $x, y \in A$, $x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$;

2. **surjective** (or onto) if

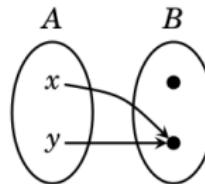
for every $b \in B$ there is an $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$;

3. **bijective** if f is both injective and surjective.

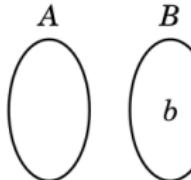
Injective means that for any two $x, y \in A$, this happens...



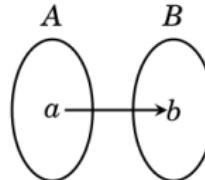
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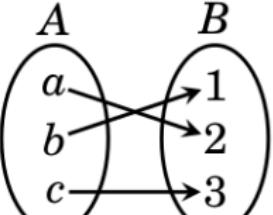
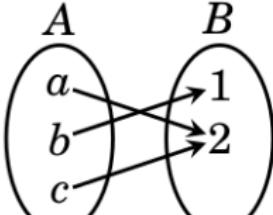
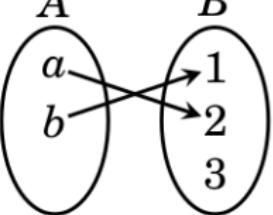
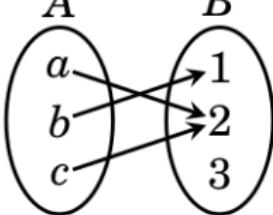
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Injective and Surjective Examples

	Injective	Not injective
Surjective	 (bijective)	
Not surjective		

Proving a function is an injection

How to show a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is injective:

Direct approach:

Suppose $x, y \in A$, $x \neq y$.

:

Therefore $f(x) \neq f(y)$.

Contrapositive approach:

Suppose $x, y \in A$, $f(x) = f(y)$.

:

Therefore $x = y$.

Contrapositive is usually easier.

How to show a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is not injective:

Find $x, y \in A$, $x \neq y$, with $f(x) = f(y)$.

Proving a function is a surjection

How to show a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is surjective:

Suppose $b \in B$.

:

There exists $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$.

How to show a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is not surjective:

Find $b \in B$ such that for all $a \in A$, $f(a) \neq b$.

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Then $m + n = k + \ell$ and $m + 2n = k + 2\ell$.

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Surjective. Suppose $(b, c) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$.

We need to find $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ for which $g(x, y) = (b, c)$.

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Solving gives $x = 2b - c$ and $y = c - b$.

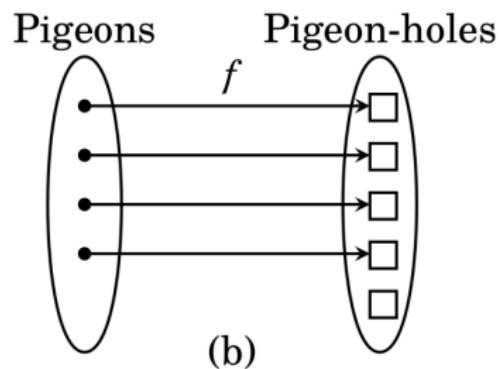
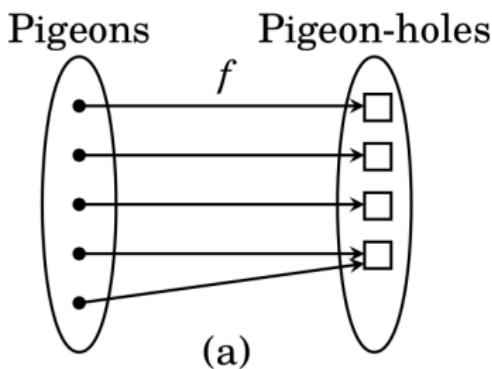
Therefore $g(2b - c, c - b) = (b, c)$ and so g is surjective.



The Pigeonhole Principle

Suppose A and B are finite sets and $f : A \rightarrow B$ is any function.

1. If $|A| > |B|$ then f is not injective.
2. If $|A| < |B|$ then f is not surjective.



Pigeonhole Principle Example

Proposition If A is any set of 10 integers between 1 and 100, then there exist two different subsets $X, Y \subseteq A$ for which the sum of elements in X equals the sum of elements in Y .

Examples

$$A = \{5, 11, 16, 23, 44, 47, 50, 61, 67, 81\}$$

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$$Y = \{5, 50\}$$

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The population of Washington is more than seven million.

Every human head has fewer than one million hairs.

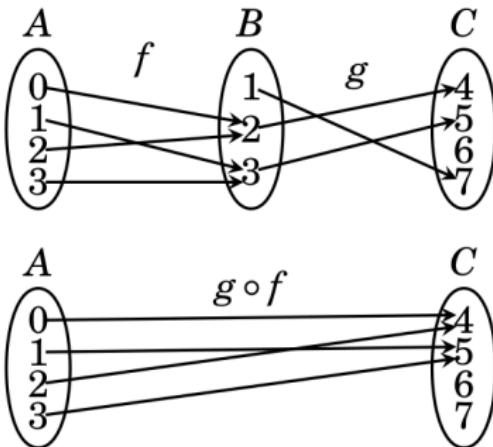
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Composition

Definition 12.5 Suppose $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ are functions with the property that the codomain of f is the domain of g . The **composition** of f with g , denoted $g \circ f$, is defined as follows.

For all $x \in A$:

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$$



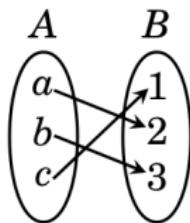
Inverse Functions

Definition 12.6 Given a set A , the **identity function** on A is the function $i_A(x) = x$ for all $x \in A$.

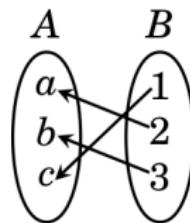
Definition 12.7 Given a relation R from A to B , the **inverse relation** of R is the relation from B to A defined as

$$R^{-1} = \{(y, x) : (x, y) \in R\}$$

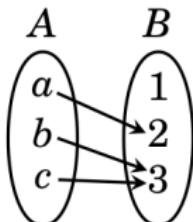
Example Inverses



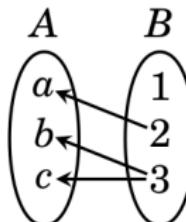
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Function Inverses

Theorem 12.3 Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a function.

f is bijective if and only if the inverse relation f^{-1} is a function from B to A .

Image and Preimage

Definition 12.9 Suppose $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function.

1. If $X \subseteq A$ the **image** of X is the set

$$f(X) = \{f(x) : x \in X\} \subseteq B$$

2. If $Y \subseteq B$ the **preimage** of Y is the set

$$f^{-1}(Y) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in Y\}$$

Note that f denotes two functions:

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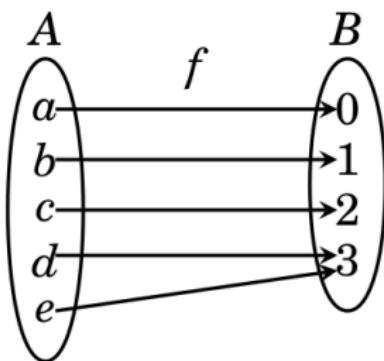
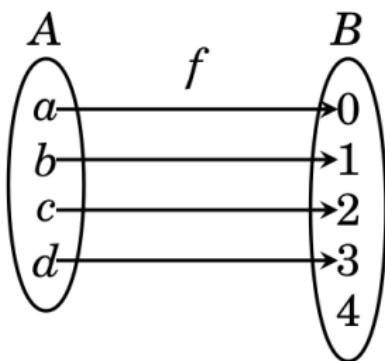
$$f : \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)$$

Note that $f^{-1}(X)$ is a function even if f is not invertible:

$$f^{-1} : \mathcal{P}(B) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$$

Cardinality

Definition 13.1 Two sets A and B have the **same cardinality**, written $|A| = |B|$, if there exists a bijection $f : A \rightarrow B$.



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$$f(n) = 2n$$

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

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\mathbb{Z}	0	1	-1	2	-2	3	-3	4	-4	...

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

n	$f(n)$
1	0 . 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
2	8 . 5 0 0 6 0 7 0 8 6 6 6 9 0 0 ...
3	7 . 5 0 5 0 0 9 4 0 0 4 4 1 0 1 ...
4	5 . 5 0 7 0 4 0 0 8 0 4 8 0 5 0 ...
5	6 . 9 0 0 2 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 0 6 ...
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$b = 0.01010001001000\ldots$ is not in the table.

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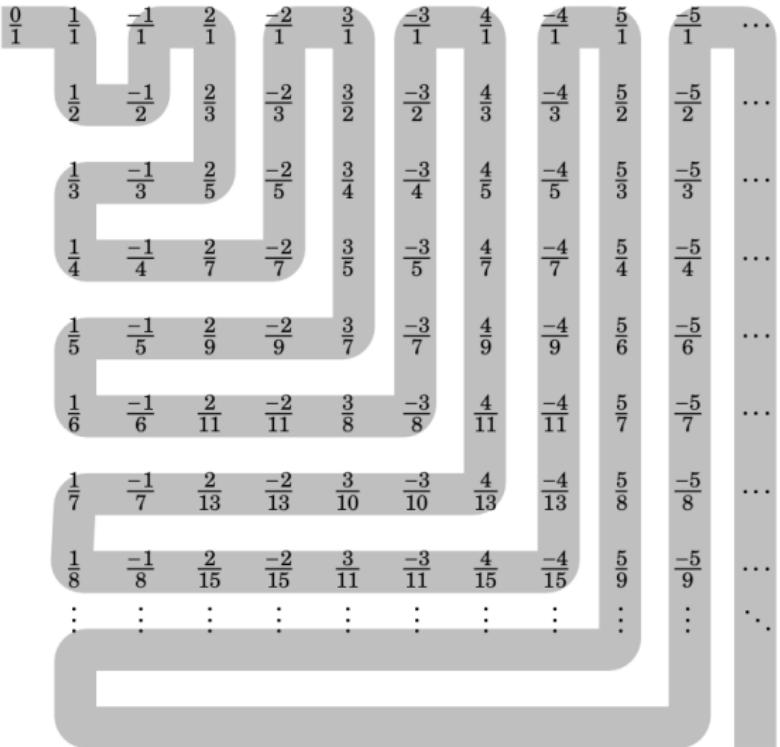
Theorem 13.3 A set A is countably infinite if and only if its elements can be arranged in an infinite list $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots$

The set of rational numbers, $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

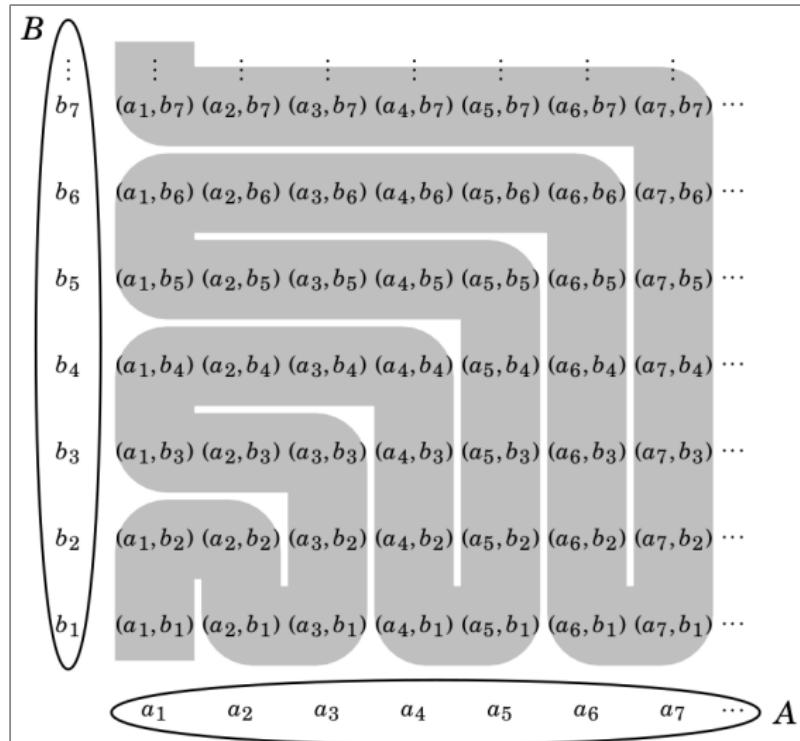
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\mathbb{Q} is countably infinite.

0 1 -1 2 -2 3 -3 4 -4 5 -5 ...



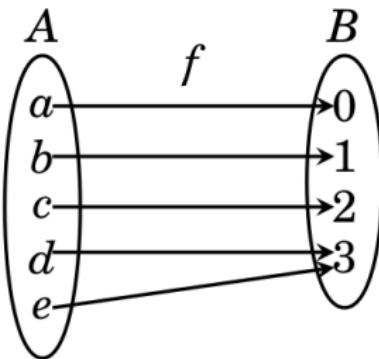
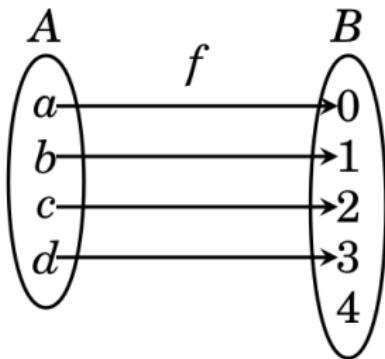
If A and B are countably infinite, then so is $A \times B$



Comparing cardinalities

Definition 13.4 Suppose A and B are sets.

1. $|A| = |B|$ means there is a bijection $A \rightarrow B$.
2. $|A| < |B|$ means there is an injection $A \rightarrow B$ but no surjection.
3. If there is a surjection $A \rightarrow B$ but no injection, then $|B| < |A|$.
4. $|A| \leq |B|$ means $|A| < |B|$ or $|A| = |B|$.



Size of the power set

Theorem 13.7 If A is any set, then $|A| < |\mathcal{P}(A)|$.

Proof.

There exists an injection:

$g(a) = \{a\}$ for $a \in A$ is an injection $A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$.

There is no surjection:

Suppose $f : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ is a surjection.

Let $B = \{x \in A : x \notin f(x)\} \subseteq A$.

Since f is a surjection, there is $a \in A$ with $f(a) = B$.

Case 1: $a \in B$. Then the definition of B implies $a \notin B$.

Case 2: $a \notin B$. Then the definition of B implies $a \in B$.

In both cases we have a contradiction, so f cannot be a surjection.

Consequences of Theorem 13.7

$$|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}))| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})))| < \dots$$

Some Theorems About Countability

Theorem 13.8 An infinite subset of a countably infinite set is countably infinite.

Theorem 13.9 If $U \subseteq A$ and U is uncountable, then A is uncountable.

Theorem 13.10 (The Cantor-Bernstein-Schroeder Theorem)

If $|A| \leq |B|$ and $|B| \leq |A|$, then $|A| = |B|$.

In other words, if there are injections $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow A$, then there is a bijection $h : A \rightarrow B$.

Theorem 13.11 $|\mathbb{R}| = |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$

Proof. Uses the CBS theorem.

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