

**HOMEWORK FOR THE COURSE FOUNDATIONS OF  
MATHEMATICS  
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1. HOMEWORK 1 [DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20, 2025, 23:59]

*Homework longer than 3 pages long will not be accepted!*

- (1) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a injective function.
  - (a) (2 pts) Prove without the axiom of choice that if  $X$  is non-empty, then there exists a surjection  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $g(f(x)) = x$  for every  $x \in X$ .
  - (b) (1 pt) What happens when  $X = \emptyset$ ? When can you define  $g$  as above?
- (2) (3 pts) Prove that
$$|\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}| = 2^{|\mathbb{N}|}.$$
- (3) (4 pts) Let  $X$  be an infinite set. Prove that
$$|X| = |X| + 1.$$

Hint: Proposition 1.2.2 of the textbook.