

1. Show that the set of all integers is a countable set?

Ans:- We construct a bijection  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  as follows. For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

Let 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 1 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 2x & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

To show that  $f$  is onto, let  $k$  be any positive integer. If  $k$  is even, then clearly  $f(k/2) = k$ . If  $k$  is odd, then  $f(x) = k$  for  $x = (k-1)/2$ .

To show that  $f$  is one to one, we need to show that if  $x_1 \neq x_2$  then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ . In fact, if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  and  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , then  $-2x_1 + 1 = -2x_2 + 1$ , not possible if  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Similarly in the case  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  is an even integer. Hence the function is one to one and onto and thus a bijection. This proves that  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a countable set.

2. Show that  $\text{mod } 7$  is an equivalence relation?

Ans:- Define an equivalence relation on the natural numbers, written  $\equiv 7$ . For  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ , say that  $i \equiv 7 j$ , if  $i-j$  is a multiple of 7. This is an equivalence relation because it satisfies the three conditions.

First, it is reflexive, as  $i-i=0$ , which is a multiple of 7. Second, it is symmetric, as  $i-j$  is a multiple of 7 if  $j-i$  is a multiple of 7.

Third, it is transitive, as whenever  $i-j$  is a multiple of 7 and  $j-k$  is a multiple of 7, then  $i-k = (i-j) + (j-k)$  is the sum of two multiples of 7 and hence a multiple of 7, too.