



FINITE SETS

Why

Definition

We want to talk about the size of a set. A *finite* set is one that is equivalent to some natural number; an infinite set is one which is not finite.

PROPOSITION 1. *A set can be equivalent to at most one natural number.*

The *number* of a finite set is the unique natural number equivalent to it. We also call this the *size* of the set.

Notation

We denote the number of a set by $|A|$.

Properties

PROPOSITION 2. $A \subset B \longrightarrow |A| \leq |B|$

