

Finite Sets

1 Why

2 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.

2.1 Notation

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

3 Properties

Proposition 2. $A \subset B \implies |a| \leq |B|$

