

**DEFINITION 5** A function  $f$  is said to be *one-to-one*, or an *injection*, if and only if  $f(a) = f(b)$  implies that  $a = b$  for all  $a$  and  $b$  in the domain of  $f$ . A function is said to be *injective* if it is one-to-one.

$\forall a \forall b (f(a) = f(b) \rightarrow a = b)$      $\forall a \forall b (a \neq b \rightarrow f(a) \neq f(b))$

**DEFINITION 7** A function  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is called *onto*, or a *surjection*, if and only if for every element  $b \in B$  there is an element  $a \in A$  with  $f(a) = b$ . A function  $f$  is called *surjective* if it is onto.

$\forall y \exists x (f(x) = y)$

**DEFINITION 8** The function  $f$  is a *one-to-one correspondence*, or a *bijection*, if it is both *one-to-one* and *onto*. We also say that such a function is *bijective*.

The above definitions are particularly useful when judging one-to-one or onto mappings in Chapter 2.5

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**DEFINITION 1** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty sets. A *function  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$*  is an assignment of exactly one element of  $B$  to each element of  $A$ . We write  $f(a) = b$  if  $b$  is the unique element of  $B$  assigned by the function  $f$  to the element  $a$  of  $A$ . If  $f$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$ , we write  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

**Note** that a function  $f$  is one-to-one if and only if  $f(a) \neq f(b)$  whenever  $a \neq b$ . This way of expressing that  $f$  is one-to-one is obtained by taking the contrapositive of the implication in the definition.

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15. Determine whether the function  $f: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is onto if

- a)  $f(m, n) = m + n$ .
- b)  $f(m, n) = m^2 + n^2$ .
- c)  $f(m, n) = m$ .
- d)  $f(m, n) = |n|$ .
- e)  $f(m, n) = m - n$ .

a) Onto b) Not onto c) Onto d) Not onto e) Onto

a) For any  $n$ , we can find  $m=0 \Rightarrow f(0, n) = 0+n=n$

b)  $f(m, n) = m^2 + n^2 > 0$ , but the codomain is  $\mathbb{Z}$  (containing  $x < 0$ )

c) For any int  $m$  we have  $f(m, n) = m$

d) Similar to b.

e) For any int  $m$ , we can set  $n=0 \Rightarrow f(m, 0) = m$

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23. Determine whether each of these functions is a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- a)  $f(x) = 2x + 1$
- b)  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$
- c)  $f(x) = x^3$
- d)  $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)/(x^2 + 2)$

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a)  $f(x) = 2x + 1$      $y = 2x + 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{y-1}{2}$

one-to-one:  $f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow a = b$  *Yes*

$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 2x_1 + 1 = 2x_2 + 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$

onto:  $f(x) = 2x + 1 = m \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x = \frac{m-1}{2}$  *Yes*

i.e. for all elements in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we can find an  $x$

b) one-to-one:  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 2x_1^2 + 1 = 2x_2^2 + 1$  *No*

$\Rightarrow x_1^2 = x_2^2$      $x_1 \neq x_2$

onto:  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 = m \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x^2 = m - 1$  exist  $x$ ? *No*

method 2:  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \in [1, +\infty)$  not all of  $\mathbb{R}$

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c) one-to-one:  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1^3 = x_2^3 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$  *Yes*

onto:  $f(x) = x^3 = m \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x = m^{\frac{1}{3}}$  *Yes*

d) one-to-one:  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow \frac{x_1^2+1}{x_1^2+2} = \frac{x_2^2+1}{x_2^2+2}$  *No*

$\Rightarrow (x_1^2+1)(x_2^2+2) = (x_2^2+1)(x_1^2+2)$

$2x_1^2 + x_2^2 = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$

$\Rightarrow x_1^2 \neq x_2^2$      $x_1 \neq x_2$

onto:  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{x^2+2} = m \Rightarrow x^2+1 = m(x^2+2)$  *No*

$(1-m)x^2 = 2m-1$

$x^2 = \frac{2m-1}{1-m} = \frac{2m-1}{1-m}$

$= -1 + \frac{1}{1-m}$

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33. Suppose that  $g$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$  and  $f$  is a function from  $B$  to  $C$ .

- Show that if both  $f$  and  $g$  are one-to-one functions, then  $f \circ g$  is also one-to-one.
- Show that if both  $f$  and  $g$  are onto functions, then  $f \circ g$  is also onto.

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Q22.

$A \xrightarrow{g} B \xrightarrow{f} C$

a) By definition of one-to-one: if  $x \neq y$  then  $f(g(x)) \neq f(g(y))$

proof: if  $x \neq y$   
 $g$  is one-to-one  $\Rightarrow g(x) \neq g(y)$   
 $f$  is one-to-one  $\Rightarrow f(g(x)) \neq f(g(y))$   
 Here, we view  $g(x)$  and  $g(y)$  as different elements of  $B$ .

b)  $\forall x \exists y (f(g(x)) = y)$

proof:  $f$  is onto  $\Rightarrow \exists y \in C$  such that  $f(y) = z$   
 $g$  is onto and  $y \in B \Rightarrow \exists x \in A$  such that  $g(x) = y$   
 $\Rightarrow z = f(y) = f(g(x))$

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## Section 2.5 Cardinality of Sets

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**DEFINITION 1** The sets  $A$  and  $B$  have the **same cardinality** if and only if there is a **one-to-one correspondence** from  $A$  to  $B$ . When  $A$  and  $B$  have the same cardinality, we write  $|A| = |B|$ .

**DEFINITION 2** If there is a **one-to-one function** from  $A$  to  $B$ , the cardinality of  $A$  is less than or the same as the cardinality of  $B$  and we write  $|A| \leq |B|$ . Moreover, when  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $A$  and  $B$  have different cardinality, we say that the cardinality of  $A$  is less than the cardinality of  $B$  and we write  $|A| < |B|$ .

**DEFINITION 3** A set that is either finite or has the same cardinality as the **set of positive integers** is called **countable**. A set that is not countable is called **uncountable**. When an infinite set  $S$  is countable, we denote the cardinality of  $S$  by  $\aleph_0$  (where  $\aleph$  is aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet). We write  $|S| = \aleph_0$  and say that  $S$  has cardinality "**aleph null**."

**THEOREM 1** If  $A$  and  $B$  are **countable sets**, then  $A \cup B$  is also countable.

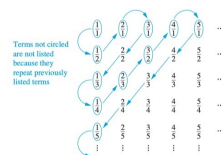


FIGURE 3 The Positive Rational Numbers Are Countable.

1, 1/2, 2, 3, 1/3, 1/4, 2/3, 3/2, 4, 5,

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1. Determine whether each of these sets is finite, countably infinite, or uncountable. For those that are countably infinite, exhibit a one-to-one correspondence between the set of positive integers and that set.

- the negative integers
- the even integers
- the integers less than 100
- the real numbers between 0 and  $\frac{1}{2}$
- the positive integers less than 1,000,000,000
- the integers that are multiples of 7

- Countably infinite
- Countably infinite
- Countably infinite
- Uncountable
- Finite
- Countably infinite

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16. Show that a subset of a countable set is also countable.

15. Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are sets,  $A$  is uncountable, and  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $B$  is uncountable.

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Q16. Suppose  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B$  were countable.  
with  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots\}$ .  
Since  $A \subseteq B$  we can list the elements of  $A$  using the  
order same with  $B$ . So  $A$  is countable.

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19. Show that if  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  are sets with  $|A| = |B|$  and  $|C| = |D|$ , then  $|A \times C| = |B \times D|$ .

Q19.

$|A| = |B| \Leftrightarrow$  bijection  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  ( $a \rightarrow f(a)$ )  
 $|C| = |D| \Leftrightarrow$  bijection  $g$  from  $C$  to  $D$  ( $c \rightarrow g(c)$ )  
 $|A \times C| = |B \times D|$  we can define a bijection mapping  
 $(a, c) \rightarrow (f(a), g(c))$

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Show that the  $|(0, 1)| = |[0, 1]|$ .

**Solution:** It is not at all obvious how to find a one-to-one correspondence between  $(0, 1)$  and  $[0, 1]$  to show that  $|(0, 1)| = |[0, 1]|$ . Fortunately, we can use the Schröder-Bernstein theorem instead. Finding a one-to-one function from  $(0, 1)$  to  $[0, 1]$  is simple. Because  $(0, 1) \subset (0, 1]$ ,  $f(x) = x$  is a one-to-one function from  $(0, 1)$  to  $[0, 1]$ . Finding a one-to-one function from  $[0, 1]$  to  $(0, 1)$  is also not difficult. The function  $g(x) = x/2$  is clearly one-to-one and maps  $[0, 1]$  to  $(0, 1/2] \subset (0, 1)$ . As we have found one-to-one functions from  $(0, 1)$  to  $[0, 1]$  and from  $[0, 1]$  to  $(0, 1)$ , the Schröder-Bernstein theorem tells us that  $|(0, 1)| = |[0, 1]|$ .

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33. Use the Schröder-Bernstein theorem to show that  $(0, 1)$  and  $[0, 1]$  have the same cardinality

Q33  $f: (0, 1) \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad f(x) = x$   
 $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1) \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$   
Then use Schröder-Bernstein Theorem.

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1. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two finite sets, prove that  $A$  and  $B$  have the same number of elements if and only if there is a one to one correspondence.

2. Let  $S = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, \dots\}$  (the set of odd positive integers plus 8 and 12), find a one to one correspondence from  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  to  $S$ .

3. Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ , prove the set of all finite sequences over  $A$  is countable.

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