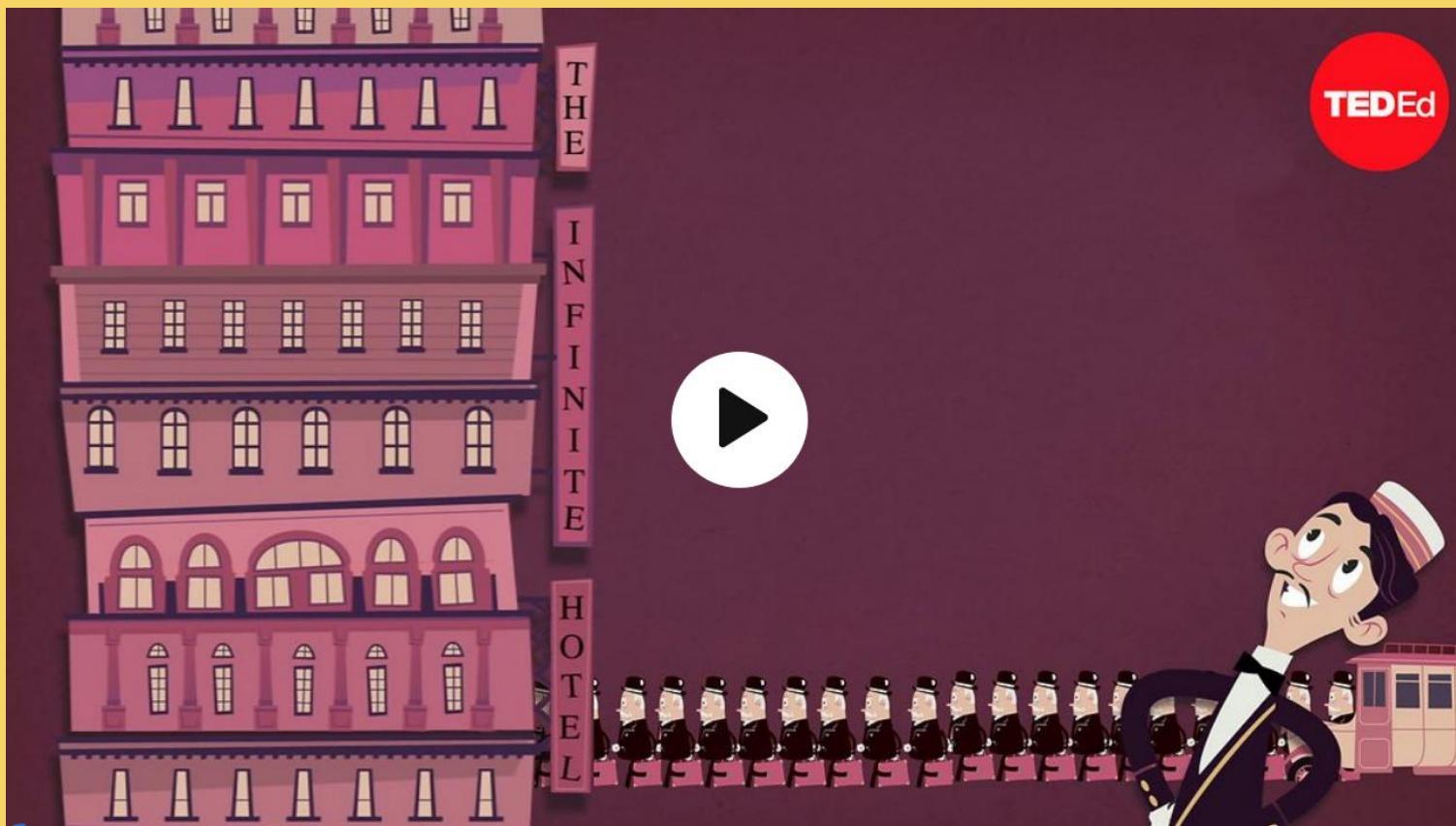




HW 0 is posted with online autograder,  
due next Friday, Jan 23 (10:00pm)



Quiz 1 will be posted in 24 hours,  
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watch it

## Class 2: *What Can Be Represented by Bits?*

University of Virginia  
CS3120: DMT2

<https://weikailin.github.io/cs3120-toc>

Wei-Kai Lin

# Quiz 0: Some questions

- Talk about yourself a bit more
  - Undergrad major: chemistry. Master: a CS group in EE. (Taiwan)
  - PhD: CS at Cornell, focused on theoretical cryptography and algo. *it has*
- Can we work ahead?
- Yes
- What's the AI policy, not to get solutions, but to get better understanding?
- There is no restriction.
  - Eg, "What are the meanings or purposes of Babylonian clay tablets?"
  - Eg, "Find a practice question for constructive definitions."

practice for this course

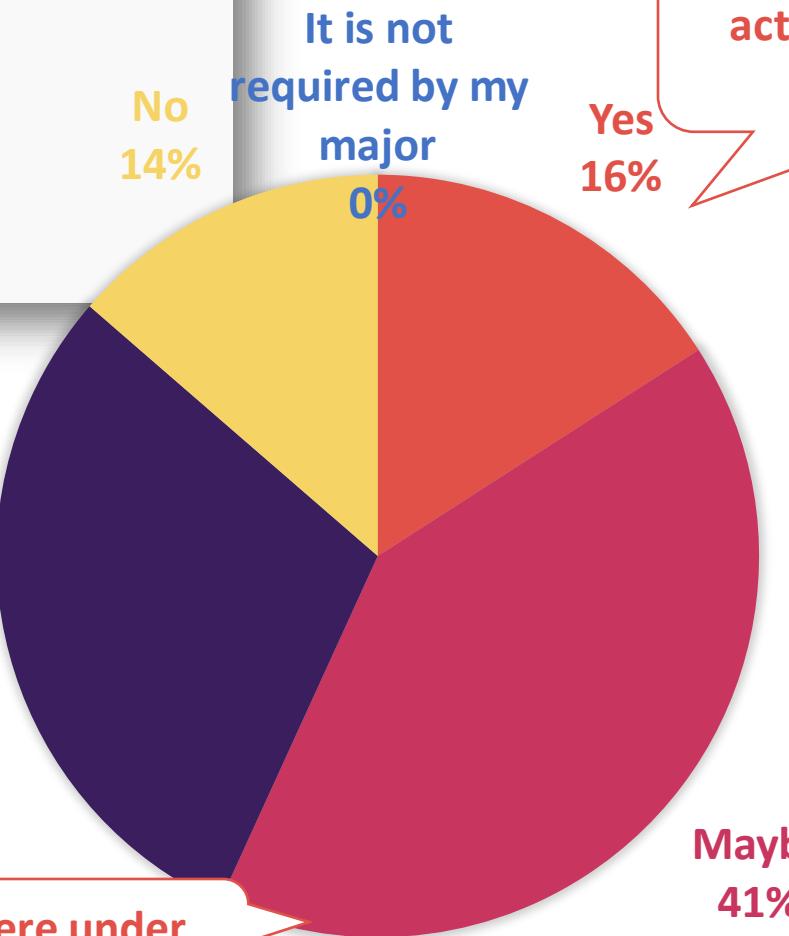
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**Q2.2 Would you be taking this class if it was not required for your major (or desired major)?**

0 Points

- It is not required by my major
- Yes
- Maybe
- Probably not
- No

**COUNTS**



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this class!

43% are here under duress!

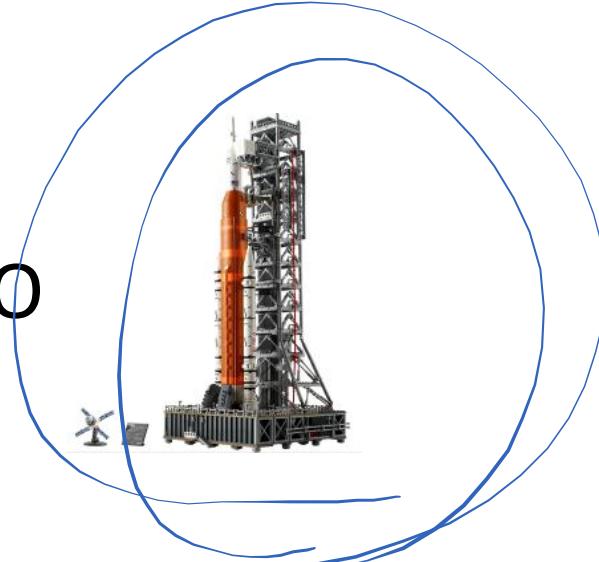
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84% are probably here under  
duress!

*Why study theory?*

# My Answer

It is fun! Like LEGO



E.g., Karatsuba built the same multiply but taking fewer bricks

# (Maybe) Your Answer

## 1. Think Better and Bigger

Karatsuba's multiplication

The diagram illustrates the Karatsuba multiplication algorithm for two numbers  $x$  and  $y$ . The numbers are represented as  $\bar{x}\underline{x}$  and  $\bar{y}\underline{y}$ , where  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  are the most significant digits and  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$  are the least significant digits.

The algorithm uses the following steps:

- Calculate the product of the most significant digits:  $\bar{x} \times \bar{y}$ .
- Calculate the product of the least significant digits:  $\underline{x} \times \underline{y}$ .
- Calculate the cross-term:  $(\bar{x} + \underline{x})(\bar{y} + \underline{y})$ .
- Add the cross-term to the product of the most significant digits:  $(\bar{x} + \underline{x})(\bar{y} + \underline{y}) - \bar{x}\bar{y} - \underline{x}\underline{y}$ .
- Shift the result by one digit position to get the final product:  $\bar{x}\underline{x} (\bar{y} + \underline{y}) \underline{x}\underline{y}$ .

Handwritten annotations include a red 'x' over the first multiplication step, a red '+' over the cross-term addition step, and green and orange colors used to highlight the intermediate terms  $(\bar{x} + \underline{x})(\bar{y} + \underline{y})$ ,  $\bar{x}\bar{y}$ , and  $\underline{x}\underline{y}$ .

What Chris Newcombe, senior engineer at Oracle, wrote.

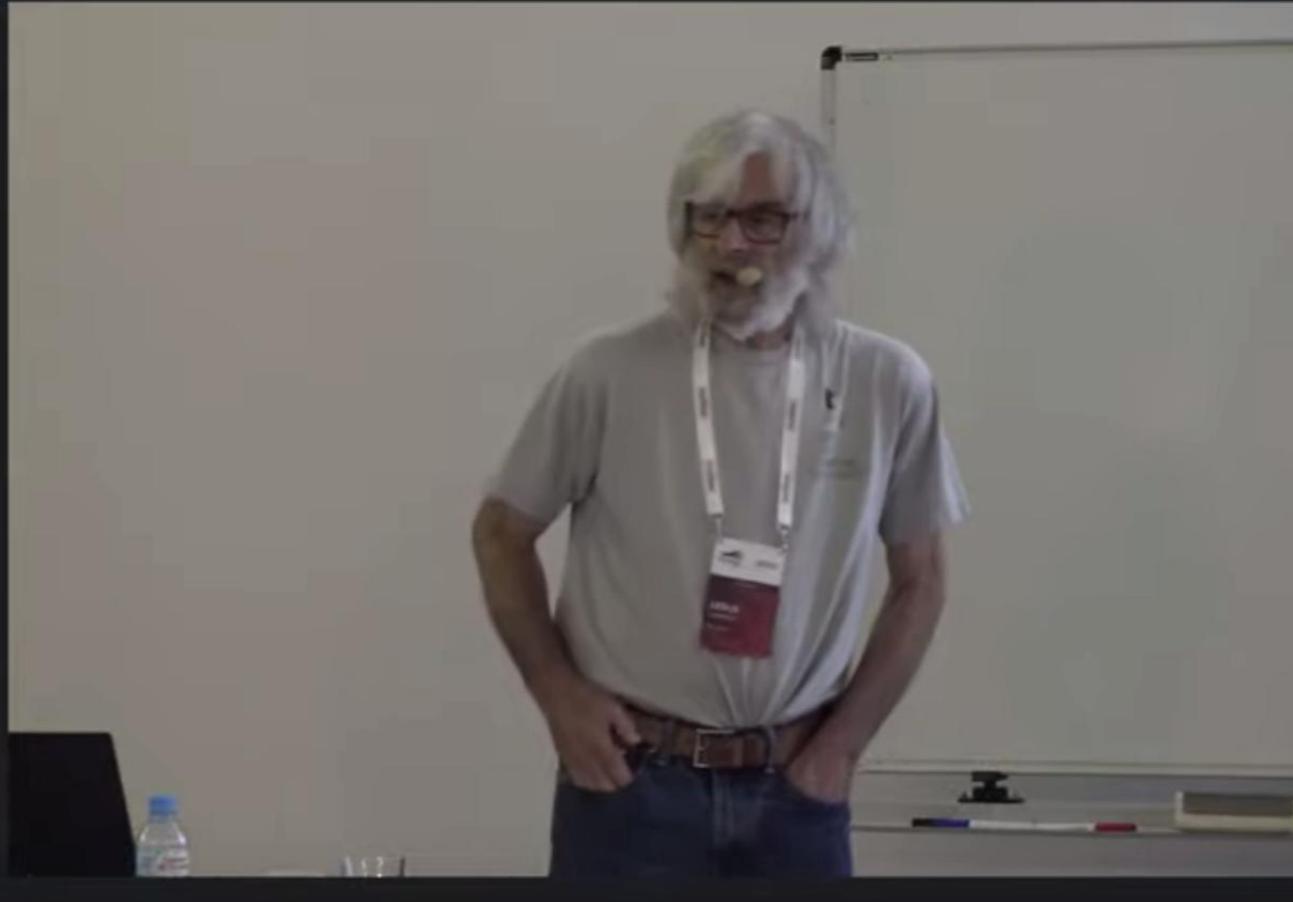
Mathematical thinking

~~TLA+~~ is the most valuable thing that I've learned in my professional career.

It has changed how I work

It has changed how I think

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<https://lamport.azurewebsites.net/tla/paxos-algorithm.html>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw3gsBms-f8>

Leslie Lamport  
(2013 Turing Awardee)

# (Maybe) Your Answer

1. Think Better and Bigger

2. Intrinsic Truth and Beauty

$X$	$\eta(x)$	$g(0)$	$g(1)$	$g(2)$	$g(3)$	$g(4)$	$g(5)$	$\dots$
$11$	$1$	$StF("")\{0\}$	$StF("")\{1\}$	$StF("")\{2\}$	$StF("")\{3\}$	$StF("")\{4\}$	$StF("")\{5\}$	$\dots$
$0$	$2$	$StF(0)\{0\}$	$StF(0)\{1\}$	$StF(0)\{2\}$	$StF(0)\{3\}$	$StF(0)\{4\}$	$StF(0)\{5\}$	$\dots$
$1$	$3$	$StF(1)\{0\}$	$StF(1)\{1\}$	$StF(1)\{2\}$	$StF(1)\{3\}$	$StF(1)\{4\}$	$StF(1)\{5\}$	$\dots$
$00$	$4$	$StF(00)\{0\}$	$StF(00)\{1\}$	$StF(00)\{2\}$	$StF(00)\{3\}$	$StF(00)\{4\}$	$StF(00)\{5\}$	$\dots$
$10$	$5$	$StF(10)\{0\}$	$StF(10)\{1\}$	$StF(10)\{2\}$	$StF(10)\{3\}$	$StF(10)\{4\}$	$StF(10)\{5\}$	$\dots$
$01$	$6$	$StF(01)\{0\}$	$StF(01)\{1\}$	$StF(01)\{2\}$	$StF(01)\{3\}$	$StF(01)\{4\}$	$StF(01)\{5\}$	$\dots$
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Cantor's Diagonalization Proof  
(Chapter 2 and upcoming class)

# **(Maybe) Your Answer**

- 1. Think Better and Bigger**
- 2. Intrinsic Truth and Beauty**
- 3. Track record for Impact and Success**

**Definition 1** Let  $E(u)$  be some vector over the Web pages that corresponds to a source of rank. Then, the PageRank of a set of Web pages is an assignment,  $R'$ , to the Web pages which satisfies

$$R'(u) = c \sum_{v \in B_u} \frac{R'(v)}{N_v} + cE(u) \quad (1)$$

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# The PageRank Citation Ranking: Bringing Order to the Web

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Rajeev Motwani, Terry Winograd

January 29, 1998

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No theorems or proofs in this paper! (but makes claims about convergence)

## 6.1 Manipulation by Commercial Interests

These types of personalized PageRanks are virtually immune to manipulation by commercial interests. For a page to get a high PageRank, it must convince an important page, or a lot of non-important pages to link to it. At worst, you can have manipulation in the form of buying advertisements(links) on important sites. But, this seems well under control since it costs money. This immunity to manipulation is an extremely important property. This kind of commercial manipulation is causing search engines a great deal of trouble, and making features that would be great to have very difficult to implement. For example fast updating of documents is a very desirable feature, but it is abused by people who want to manipulate the results of the search engine.

## Dynamic Itemset Counting and Implication Rules for Market Basket Data

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## BOUNDS FOR SORTING BY PREFIX REVERSAL

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For a permutation  $\sigma$  of the integers from 1 to  $n$ , let  $f(\sigma)$  be the smallest number of prefix reversals that will transform  $\sigma$  to the identity permutation, and let  $f(n)$  be the largest such  $f(\sigma)$  for all  $\sigma$  in (the symmetric group)  $S_n$ . We show that  $f(n) \leq (5n + 5)/3$ , and that  $f(n) \geq 17n/16$  for  $n$  a multiple of 16. If, furthermore, each integer is required to participate in an even number of reversed prefixes, the corresponding function  $g(n)$  is shown to obey  $3n/2 - 1 \leq g(n) \leq 2n + 3$ .

**Theorem 1.** Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  creates a permutation with  $n - 1$  adjacencies by at most  $(5n - 7)/3$  moves.

**Proof.** First, it is clear that if we have a permutation  $\sigma$  with less than  $n - 1$  adjacencies, one of the cases 1 through 7 is applicable. Hence, the algorithm does not halt unless  $n - 1$  adjacencies have been created. Obviously the algorithm will eventually halt, since at each execution of the main loop at least one new

**Lemma 1.** Let  $A_i$  be an  $(a, b)$  cut.

- (1) If  $a, b > 1$ , then both  $A_i, A_{i+1}$  are wastes.
- (2) If the only one of  $a, b > 1$ , then either  $A_i$  or  $A_{i+1}$  is a waste.

**Proof.** An easy case-by-case analysis.

**Claim 1.** There are exactly  $m$  events.

To prove Claim 1, we notice that  $\chi_0$  is  $k$ -stable for  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , and  $\chi_{f(\chi)}$  is not  $k$ -stable for any  $k$ . Furthermore, no permutation can cease being  $k_1$ -stable and  $k_2$ -stable,  $k_1 \neq k_2$ , in only one move.

**Theorem 4.**  $g(e_n^R) \geq \frac{3}{2}n - 1$ .

**Claim 3.** For all  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m - 1$ , there exists a waste  $\chi_l$  with  $i_j \leq l \leq i_{j+1}$ .

To prove Claim 3, suppose that it fails. In other words, suppose that there is an event  $i_j$  other than the last one, such that all moves  $\chi_l$ ,  $i_j \leq l \leq i_{j+1}$  construct a new adjacency without destroying an existing adjacency. Suppose that  $k$  is the

**Theorem 2.**  $19n/16 \geq f(\chi) \geq 17n/16$ .

**Proof.** To show the upper bound, we first do the following sequences of moves

$$\chi \rightarrow \tau_2 \tau_1^R \tau_3 \cdots \rightarrow \tau_2^R \tau_1^R \tau_3 \cdots \rightarrow \tau_1 \tau_2 \tau_3 \cdots$$

and so on, bringing the even-indexed  $\tau$ 's in front and then back with the reversal cancelled in three moves. Thus, in  $3n/16$  moves we obtain  $\chi' = \tau_1 \tau_2 \tau_3 \cdots \tau_m$ . Then, for each copy of  $\tau$  in  $\chi'$  we repeat the following sequence of eight moves (among a number of possibilities)

**Theorem 3.**  $g(n) \leq 2n + 3$ .

**Proof.** First observe that  $g(\sigma)$  is not greater than  $f(\sigma')$  where  $\sigma' \in S_{2n}$  is defined as follows, for each  $\sigma \in S_n$ :  $\sigma'(2i-1) = 2\sigma(i)-1$  and  $\sigma'(2i) = 2\sigma(i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . The complexity of sorting  $\sigma'$  without the restriction can now be bounded from above by the algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  of Section 2. The equations governing the complexity of  $\mathcal{A}$  when applied to  $\sigma'$  are (1), (2), and (3) of Section 2 with  $n$  replaced by  $2n$ ,  $b = a = n$ , and also noting that only  $x_5$  can be nonzero, since all other actions are possible only in the presence of free elements. The maximum is therefore  $2n - 2$ . Allowing five more moves to sort the resulting permutation, we get the claimed bound.

## BOUNDS FOR SORTING

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"Two years later, I called to tell him our paper had been accepted to a fine math journal. He sounded eminently disinterested. He had moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico to run a small company writing code for microprocessors, of all things. I remember thinking:

*'Such a brilliant kid. What a waste.'*

# BOUNDS FOR SORTING BY PREFIX REVERSAL

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## 1. Introduction

We introduce our problem by the following quotation from [1]

The chef in our place is sloppy, and when he prepares a stack of pancakes they come out all different sizes. Therefore, when I deliver them to a customer, on the way to the table I rearrange them (so that the smallest winds up on top, and so on, down to the largest at the bottom) by grabbing several from the top and flipping them over, repeating this (varying the number I flip) as many times as necessary. If there are  $n$  pancakes, what is the maximum number of flips (as a function  $f(n)$  of  $n$ ) that I will ever have to use to rearrange them?

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### References

- [1] Amer. Math. Monthly 82 (1) (1975) 1010.

# (Maybe) Your Answer

1. Think Better and Bigger
2. Intrinsic Truth and Beauty
3. Track record for Impact and Success
4. Being wrong often and admitting it

Kolmogorov

Karatsuba

A handwritten diagram illustrating the Karatsuba algorithm for multiplying two 2-digit numbers,  $\bar{x}\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}\bar{z}$ . The process is shown in three steps:

- Step 1:** Two columns of digits are aligned vertically. The top row has  $\bar{x}$  above  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  above  $\bar{y}$ . The bottom row has  $\bar{y}$  above  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{z}$  above  $\bar{z}$ . A red 'x' is placed between the first column and the second column.
- Step 2:** The result of the first multiplication,  $(\bar{x} + \bar{y})(\bar{y} + \bar{z})$ , is written below the lines. It is highlighted in orange and underlined. The result is  $\bar{x}\bar{y} \underline{\bar{x}\bar{y}}$ .
- Step 3:** The result of the second multiplication,  $\bar{x}\bar{y} - \bar{x}\bar{y} - \bar{x}\bar{y}$ , is written below the lines. It is highlighted in green and underlined. The result is  $\bar{x}\bar{y} \underline{-\bar{x}\bar{y} - \bar{x}\bar{y}}$ .

The final result is given as  $\bar{x}\bar{y} (\bar{x}\bar{y} + \bar{x}\bar{y}) \underline{\bar{x}\bar{y}}$ .

# Plan

**Represent Binary Strings**

*And more*

**Cardinality of Sets**

*Countable*

*Cantor's Theorem*

Today: Chapter 2 in the TCS book

[https://introtcs.org/public/lec\\_02\\_representation.html#cantorsec](https://introtcs.org/public/lec_02_representation.html#cantorsec)

# Recap: Natural Number, Binary String

*Constructive defn*

**Rule 1:** 0 is a Natural Number

**Rule 2:** If  $n$  is a Natural Number,  
 $S(n)$  is a Natural Number.

**Rule 1:** "" is a Binary String

**Rule 2:** If  $s$  is a Binary String, both **0s** and  
**1s** are Binary Strings.

## Notations

Natural Number,  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Binary String,  $\{0, 1\}^*$

# Recap: Set

## Set Builder Notation

A set can be defined based on any **predicate** using **set-builder notation**:  $\{f(x) \mid P(x)\}$  is the set of all  $f(x)$  where  $P(x)$  is true.

*Example —*

$\{x + 2 \mid 1 < x \leq 2\}$  is the set of all numbers greater than 3 and no greater than 4.

$x \in \{x \mid P(x)\}$  is a long way of writing  $P(x)$ .

$\{x \mid x \in S\}$  is a long way of writing  $S$ .

Eg, even natural numbers,  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x/2 = 0\}$

Eg, primes,  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \neq 0 \wedge x \neq 1 \wedge \forall y < x, \underline{y \in \mathbb{N}} \ y \neq 1 \wedge x \% y \neq 0\}$

# Can all Binary Strings be represented by Natural Numbers?

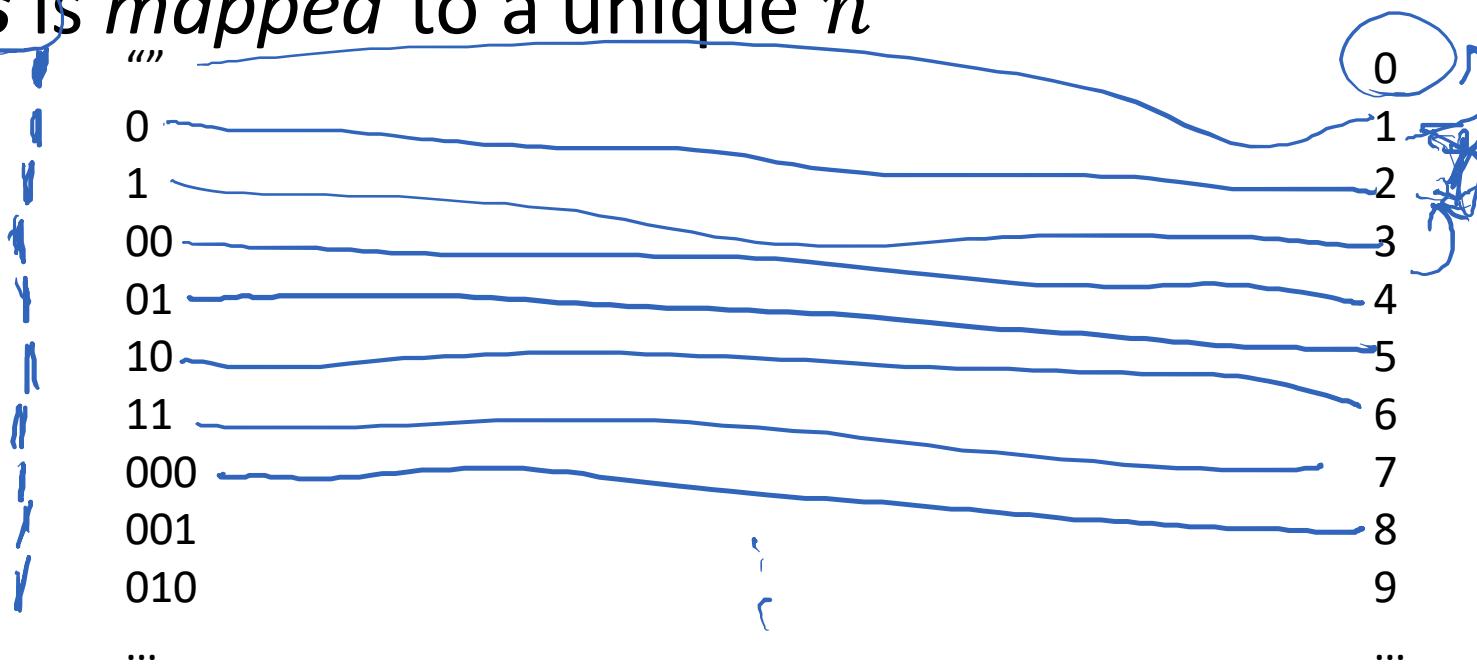
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Want: each  $s$  is *mapped* to a unique  $n$



# Product Set (notation)

Definition: Any sets  $S, T$ , the product set  $S \times T$  is defined to be

$$\underline{S \times T := \{(a, b) \mid a \in S, b \in T\}}.$$

Syntax: Any set  $S$ , let  $S^1 := S$ , and  
let  $S^{n+1} := S \times S^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 0$ .

$$S^1, \underline{S^2, \overline{S^3, \dots, \cancel{S \times S}}}$$

$$S \times S, S \times S \times S, \dots$$

$\{0, 1\}^*$

0  
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0  
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Rule 1: "" is a Binary String

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Definition: Any *finite* set  $S$ ,

let  $S^* := \{a \in S^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 0\}$ .

Another definition: Any *finite* set  $S$ ,

let  $S^* := S^0 \cup S^1 \cup S^2 \cup \dots = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S^n$

Called Kleene Star.

$\{0, 1\}^*$ 

Rule 1: "" is a Binary String

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Is each of the following in  $\{0, 1\}^*$ ?

- $"\"$  Yes
- $"010111"$  Yes
- $0100011000100100111111$  YES
- $111111111...$  NO
- Is  $"111111111..."$  a Binary String?  
~~111111111...~~

~~Constructive definitions are finite.~~ We can produce a binary string of *any* length from these rules but cannot produce an infinite binary string.

# $\{0, 1\}^*$ vs. $\{0, 1\}^\infty$

## Definition 2.7

We denote by  $\{0, 1\}^\infty$  the set  $\{f \mid f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\}$ .

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*this course*

$\{0, 1\}^*$  vs.  $\{0, 1\}^\infty$  rare

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*sften*

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Why we need infinite binary strings,  $\{0, 1\}^\infty$  ?

# Cardinality of Sets

$|S|$

Cantor

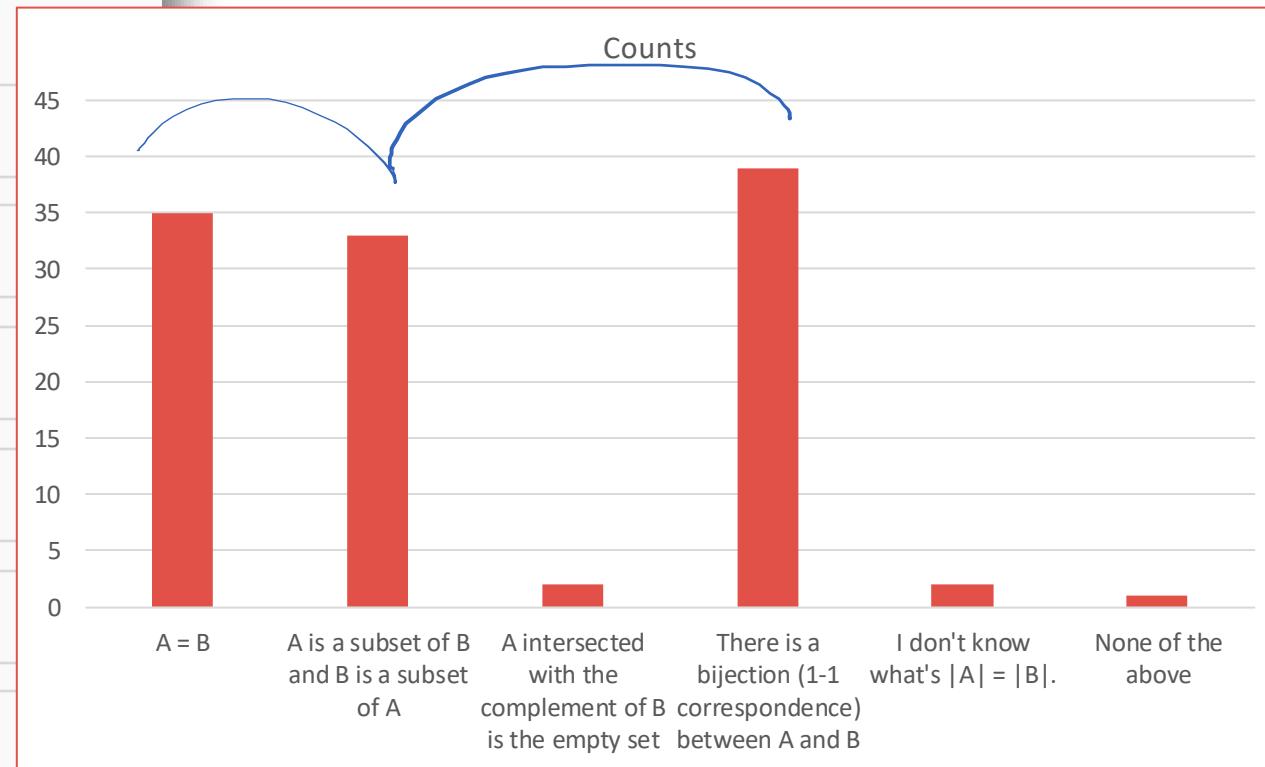


### Q3.4 Sets

1 Point

For two sets A and B, which of the following implies  $|A| = |B|$ ? (select all that apply)

- A = B
- A is a subset of B and B is a subset of A
- A intersected with the complement of B is the empty set
- There is a bijection (1-1 correspondence) between A and B
- I don't know what's  $|A| = |B|$ .
- None of the above.



# Cardinality of Finite Sets

**Definition.** Two sets have the *same cardinality* if there is a bijection between the two sets.

*Another*

The *cardinality* of the set

$$[k] := \{ n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n < k \}$$

is  $k$ .

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Example:  $S = \{C, S, 3120\}$ ,  $|S| = ?$

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# Cardinality of **In**finte Sets

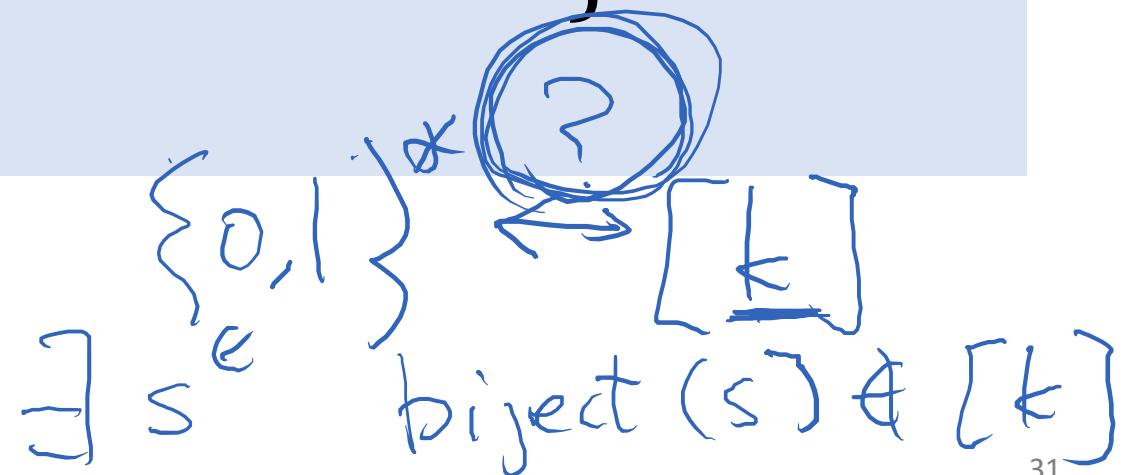
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$$|\{0,1\}^*| = ?$$



# Cardinality of **Infinite** Sets

**Definition.** Two sets have the same cardinality if there is a bijection between them. Cardinality is a measure of the size of a set.

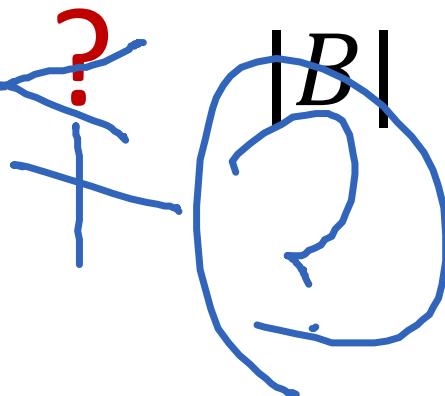
The *cardinality* of a set  $S$  is the number of elements in a set  $S$ . A set  $S$  is infinite, if there is no bijection between  $S$  and any  $[k]$ .

# Cardinality of (Infinite) Sets

**Definition.** Two sets have the *same cardinality* if there is a bijection between the two sets.

If  $A \subsetneq B$ , then  $|A|$

$\exists x \in B, x \notin A$

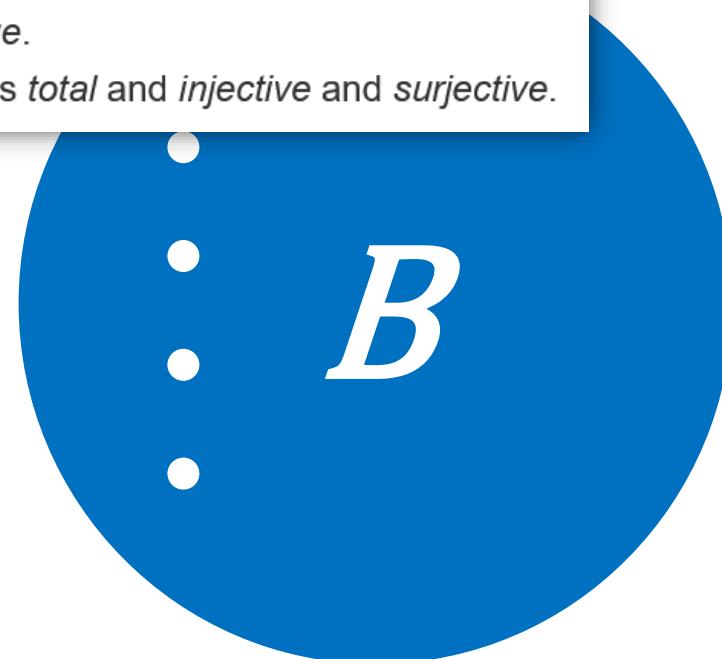
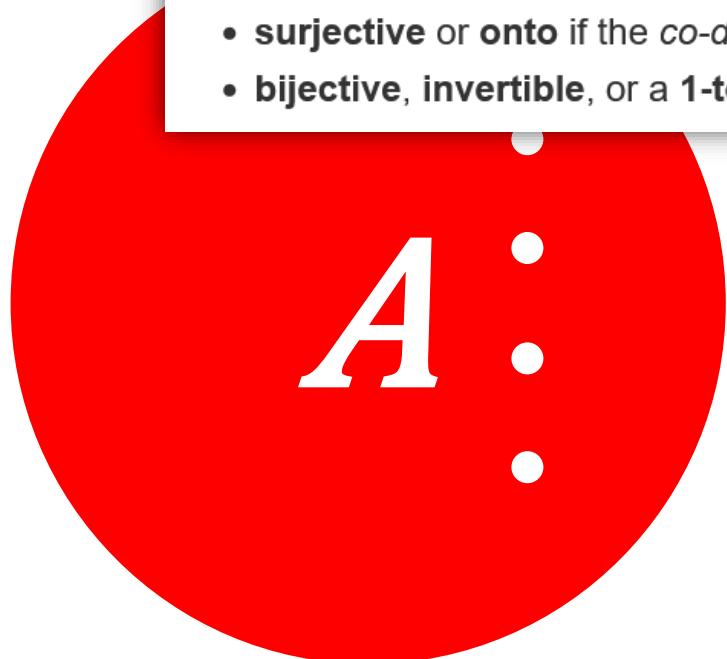


# Function (DMT1 Review)

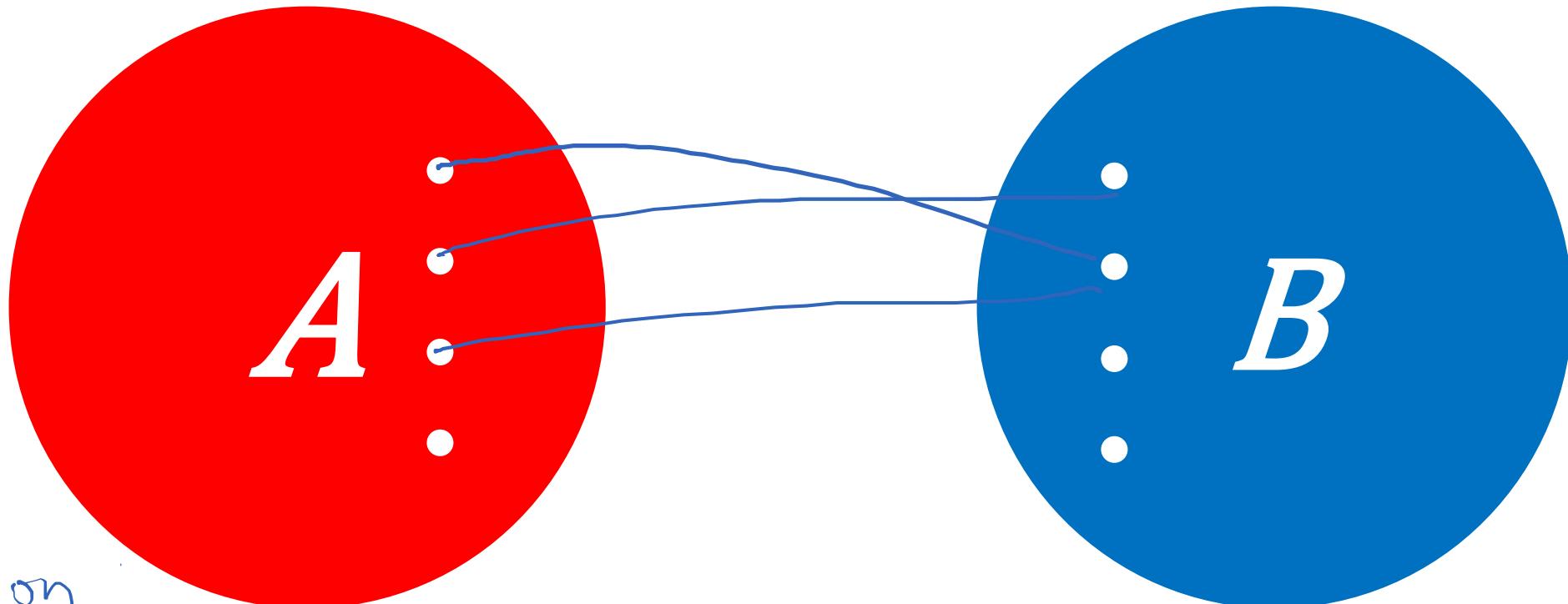
A function  $f : D \rightarrow C$  is

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- **total** if  $f(x)$  is defined for all  $x \in D$ .
- **partial** means “either total or not total” and is used in contexts where most functions are assumed to be total to identify subcontexts where that assumption does not apply.
- **injective** or **1-to-1** if  $f(x) = f(y)$  implies  $x = y$ .
- **surjective** or **onto** if the *co-domain* is equal to the *range*.
- **bijective**, **invertible**, or a **1-to-1 correspondence** if it is *total* and *injective* and *surjective*.



# Function Properties



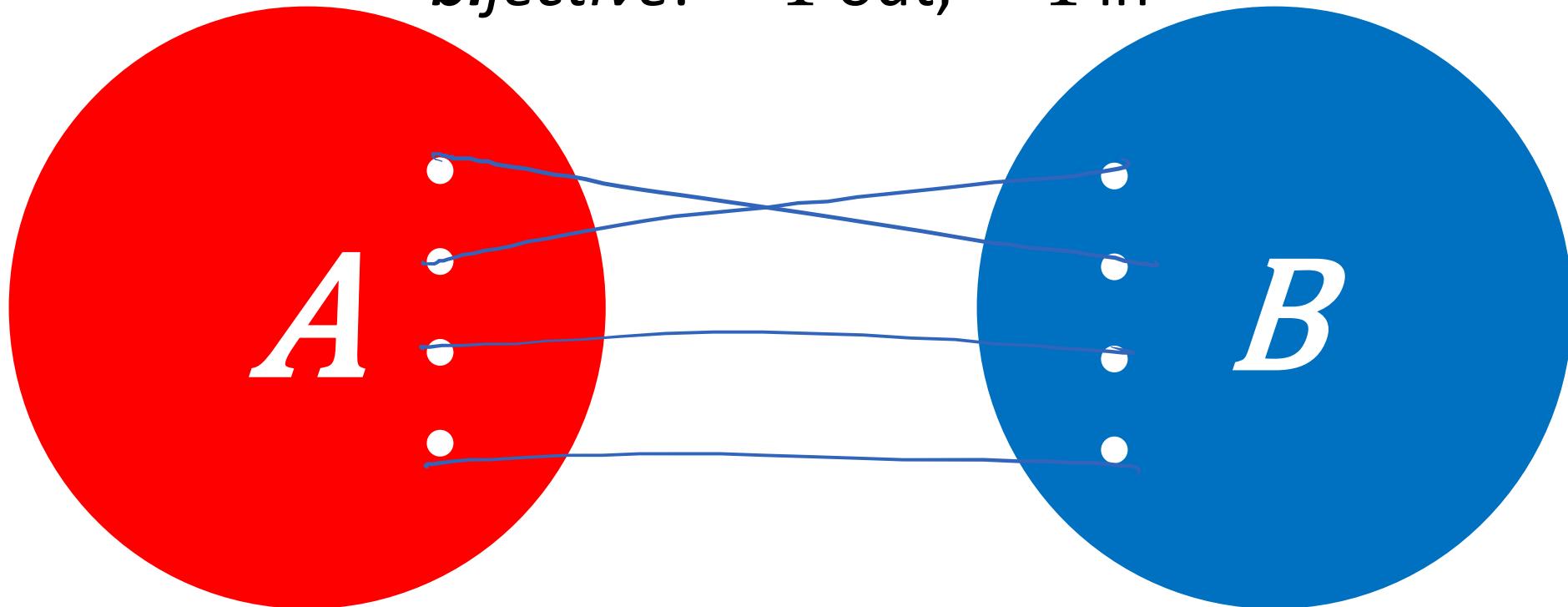
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# Function Properties

*bijection*: = 1 out, = 1 in



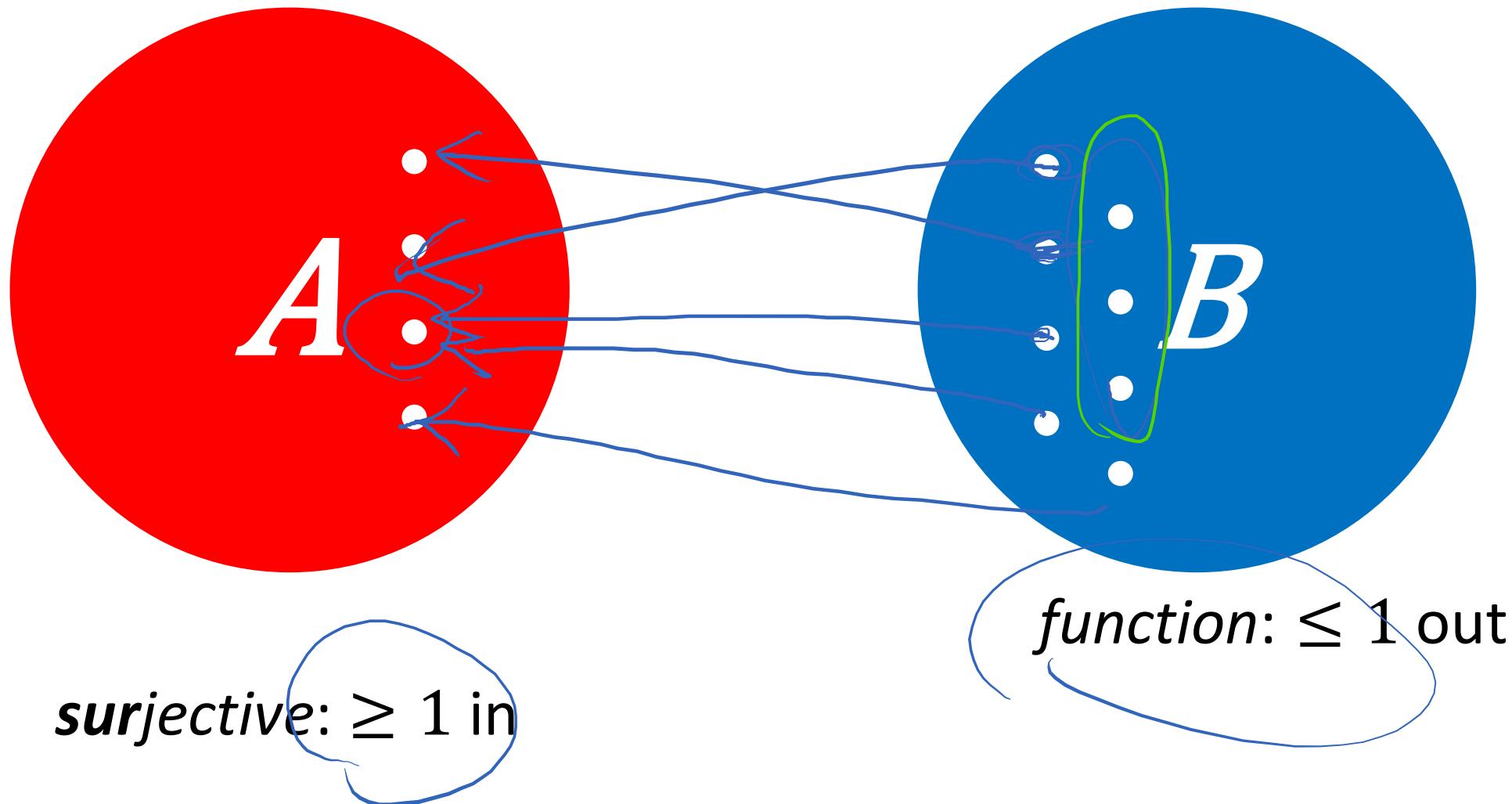
*function*:  $\leq 1$  out

*total*:  $\geq 1$  out

*injective*:  $\leq 1$  in

*surjective*:  $\geq 1$  in

# Surjective function from $B$ to $A$



Even  
Nat  
 $\mathbb{N}$

$g(x) = 2x$   $g$  surjective

## Cardinality of (**Infinite**) Sets

$g(x) = h(x) = \sqrt{x}$

**Definition.** Two sets have the *same cardinality* if there is a bijection between the two sets.

Even  $\mathbb{Z}$

**Definition.** If there exists a **surjective function** from sets  $B$  to  $A$ , then we say the cardinality of  $B$  is *greater than or equal to* the cardinality of  $A$ .

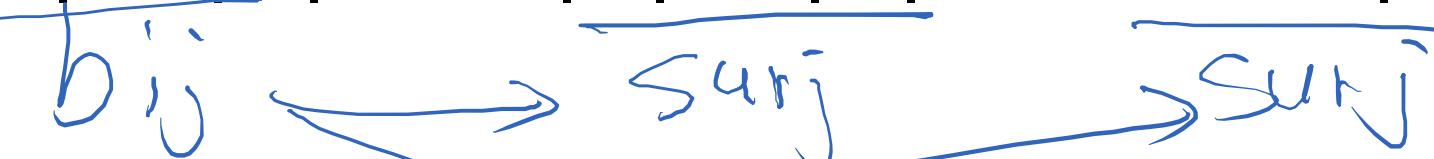
We denote this as  $|A| \leq |B|$ .

# Two Useful (Intuitively obvious?) Facts

Thms,

1.

If  $|A| = |B|$  then  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$ .



easy

2.

If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$  then  $|A| = |B|$ .

Are these “obvious” facts, or do we need a proof?



# Two Useful Theorems

1. If  $|A| = |B|$  then  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$ .
2. If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$  then  $|A| = |B|$ .

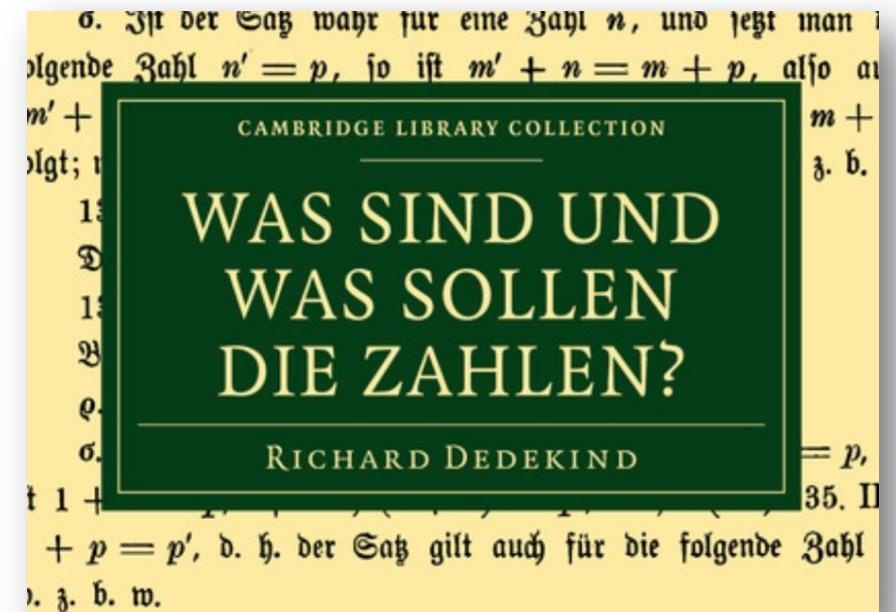
## (Cantor-) Schröder–Bernstein theorem

First stated (but not proven) by Cantor (1887)

First proven (but not published) by Dedekind (1887)

First proof announced by Schroder in 1896 (but its incorrect)

First correct proof by Bernstein (1897) (student in Cantor's class)



# Do infinite sets even *exist*?

Pronounce “Dedekind”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5pbbwGrH14>

Was sind und was sollen  
die  
**Bahlen?**

von

**Richard Dedekind**

Professor an der technischen Hochschule zu Braunschweig

Dritte unveränderte Auflage

Bei der Druckerei des Verlags



Braunschweig  
Druck und Verlag von Friedr. Vieweg & Sohn

1911

# Do infinite sets even exist?

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In this form I submitted the definition of the infinite which forms the core of my whole investigation in September, 1882, to G. Cantor and several years earlier to Schwarz and Weber. All other attempts that have come to my knowledge to distinguish the infinite from the finite seem to me to have met with so little success that I think I may be permitted to forego any criticism of them.

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**Definition.** A set is Dedekind-infinite if and only if it has the same cardinality as some strict subset of itself.

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David Joyce's Notes on Richard Dedekind's *Was sind und was sollen die Zahlen?*  
<https://mathcs.clarku.edu/~djoyce/numbers/dedekind.pdf>

# Logistics

- Quiz 1 will be released soon (in 24 hours)  
Due next Monday, Jan 26, 10pm.
- HW 0 due this Friday, 10 pm.  
Autograder is online.

# Course Outline

1. Sets and Cardinality ~~if~~ infinity
2. Regular Expression and Finite Automata
3. Circuits (major diff from Prof Pettit)
4. Turing Machines and Computability
5. Complexity

# Meetings

- Attend the class of Prof Pettit as you like
- HW & Exams are still here
- We have TAs (phd students) in person

Will

# Recap

**Represent Binary Strings**

*And more*

**Cardinality of Sets**

~~Countable~~ and Infinite

*Power Set*

*Cantor's Theorem*

Today: Chapter 2 in the TCS book