

Countability Recall: S is countable if there exists $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that is 1-1.

Integers \mathbb{Z} : $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

\mathbb{Z} --- $-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

\mathbb{N} --- $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, \dots$

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

This is a bijection.

Proof (outline): 1-1: suppose $f(x) = f(y)$ 3 cases:

① $x, y > 0$

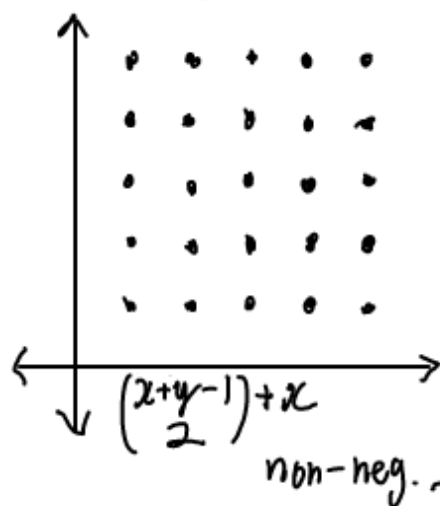
② $x, y \leq 0 \Rightarrow x = y$

③ $x > 0, y \leq 0$

Onto: Suppose $y \in \mathbb{N}$, 2 cases: ① y is odd ② y is even.

This implies that \mathbb{Z} is countable. $|\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{N}|$

Cartesian Product $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Find $f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$



Proposition: Every positive integer n can be uniquely written as $n = 2^a b$, where a is non-negative, and b is a positive odd integer.

$$36 = 2^2 \cdot 9 \quad 42 = 2 \cdot 21 \quad 46 = 2^0 \cdot 46$$

Define $f(x, y) = 2^{x-1} (2y-1)$

1-1: Suppose $f(x, y) = f(x_2, y_2)$. Then $2^{x_1-1} (2y_1-1) = 2^{x_2-1} (2y_2-1)$

By prop., they rep. the same int., so $x_1-1 = x_2-1, 2y_1-1 = 2y_2-1$.

So $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$

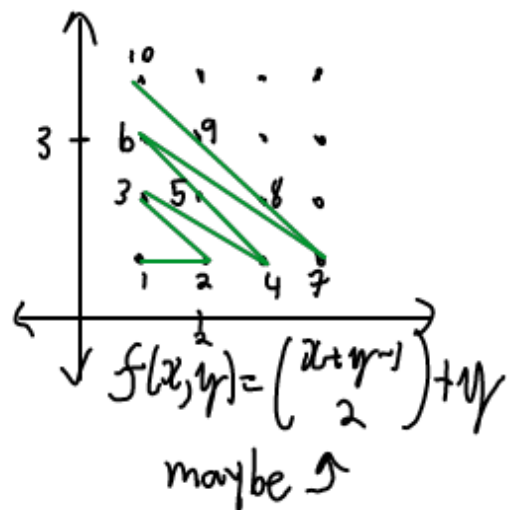
Onto: Let $z \in \mathbb{N}$. By prop, $z = 2^a \cdot b$ for some $a \geq 0$, b is odd.

$f(a+1, \frac{b+1}{2}) = z \implies f$ is a bijection.

$$f(3, 2) = 2^2 \cdot 3 = 12. \quad f(1, 10) = 2^0 \cdot (19) = 19$$

So $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable. $|\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|$

Diff way of defining f : (by diagram)



$$f(2, 3) = 9$$

$$f(4, 1) = 7$$

positive rationals: $\mathbb{Q}^+ = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \mid \gcd(p, q) = 1, p, q \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

$$\frac{3}{17} \rightarrow (3, 17) \rightarrow 2^2(33)$$

Composition of functions.

$f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ from above
where $\gcd(p, q) = 1$

$$g: \mathbb{Q}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \text{ by } \underline{g\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = (p, q)}$$

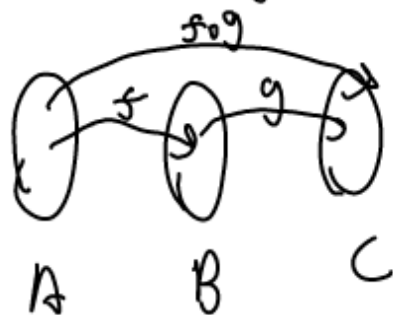
not onto

$$g(?) \neq (2, 2)$$

$$\frac{1}{1} \rightarrow (1, 1)$$

Prop: If $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ are 1-1, then

$f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$ is also 1-1.



Proof: Suppose $f \circ g(x) = f \circ g(y)$ for some $x, y \in A$. Then $f(g(x)) = f(g(y))$.

Since f is 1-1, $g(x) = g(y)$.

Since g is 1-1, $x = y$.

Back to \mathbb{Q}^+ : $g: \mathbb{Q}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$, $f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

Both are 1-1, so $g \circ f: \mathbb{Q}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is also 1-1.

So \mathbb{Q}^+ is countable. $|\mathbb{Q}^+| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$ $|\mathbb{N}| \leq |\mathbb{Q}^+|$

$$\text{So } |\mathbb{Q}^+| = |\mathbb{N}|$$

$$h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$$

$$h(n) = \frac{1}{n}$$