

The set  $\mathbb{Z}$  is equivalent to the set  $E$  of even integers. ①

Proof Consider the function  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow E$   
 $: n \mapsto 2n$

① Claim:  $f$  is injective.

$$f(n) = f(m) \Rightarrow 2n = 2m \Rightarrow \frac{2n}{2} = \frac{2m}{2} \Rightarrow n = m.$$

② Claim:  $f$  is surjective.

By def<sup>n</sup> of even integer  $m \in E$  means  $m = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\text{But then } m = f(k).$$

① & ②  $\Rightarrow f$  bijective  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \approx E$ .

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The set  $\mathbb{Z}$  is equivalent to the set  $T$  of integers which are divisible by 3.

$$T = \{3m \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Proof Consider the function  $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow T : n \mapsto 3n$

①  $g$  is injective

$$g(m) = g(n) \Rightarrow 3m = 3n \Rightarrow \frac{3m}{3} = \frac{3n}{3} \Rightarrow m = n.$$

②  $g$  is surjective

By definition of  $T$ ,  $m \in T$  means  $m = 3k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\text{But this means } m = g(k).$$

① & ②  $\Rightarrow g$  bijective  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \approx T$ .

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The interval  $(0,1)$  is equivalent to the interval  $(a,b)$  for any  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ . (2)

Proof

$$\text{length of } (0,1) = 1 - 0 = 1$$

$$\text{length of } (a,b) = b - a$$

So we must stretch by a factor of  $(b-a)$ ; i.e.  $x \mapsto (b-a)x$

Pure stretching takes  $(0,1)$  to  $(0, b-a)$  and we must add a to move this interval to  $(0+a, b-a+a) = (a,b)$ .

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This reasoning suggests using the following function

$$f: (0,1) \longrightarrow (a,b)$$

$$: x \longmapsto (b-a)x + a$$

(1) & (2) below  
 $\Rightarrow f$  bijective.

$\Rightarrow (0,1) \approx (a,b)$

(1) f injective

$$f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow (b-a)x + a = (b-a)y + a$$

$$\Rightarrow (b-a)x + \underset{-a}{a} = (b-a)y + \underset{-a}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b-a)x = (b-a)y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(b-a)x}{(b-a)} = \frac{(b-a)y}{(b-a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

It is legal to divide  
by  $b-a$  since we  
were told  $a < b \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{b-a > 0}$$

(2) f surjective

$$\text{given } y \in (a,b) \Rightarrow a < y < b$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < y - a < b - a$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{y-a}{b-a} < 1$$

Call this  $x$ .

$$x \in (0,1) \text{ and } f(x) = (b-a)x + a = \cancel{(b-a)} \left( \frac{y-a}{\cancel{b-a}} \right) + a = y - a + a = y.$$

□

The interval  $(0,1)$  is equivalent to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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Pf ① By a previous result we know  $(0,1) \approx (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$

$$f: (0,1) \rightarrow (-\pi/2, \pi/2) : x \mapsto \pi x - \pi/2$$

② The function  $g: x \mapsto \tan(x)$  takes  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

g injective.  $\frac{dg}{dx} = \frac{d \tan(x)}{dx} = \sec^2(x) > 0$  on  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ .

Calc. (M.V.T.)  $\Rightarrow g(x)$  increasing on  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$

$\Rightarrow g(x)$  injective on  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ .

g surjective.

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2^-} g(x) = +\infty$  — First Fact
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\pi/2^+} g(x) = -\infty$  — Second Fact
- Intermediate value Theorem ( $g(x)$  continuous) — Third Fact.

Use these 3 results from calc class to argue that  $g(x)$  is surjective.

given  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  1<sup>st</sup> fact  $\Rightarrow \exists b \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  so that  $g(b) > y$

2<sup>nd</sup> fact  $\Rightarrow \exists a \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  so that  $g(a) < y$ .

Now  $a < b$  (because  $g(x)$  increasing) and I.V.T.

applied to  $g(x)$  on  $[a,b] \Rightarrow \exists c$  in  $(a,b)$  so that

$g(c) = y$ .

$g(a) < y$   
 $g(b) > y$

Now  $g$  inj. &  $g$  surj.  $\Rightarrow g$  bijective

$\Rightarrow (-\pi/2, \pi/2) \approx \mathbb{R}$ .

Now combine ① & ② (composition of bijections gives a bijection) to get  $(0,1) \approx \mathbb{R}$  ④

$$(0,1) \xrightarrow{f} \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{R}$$

$x \longmapsto \pi x - \frac{\pi}{2}$                        $x \longmapsto \tan(x)$

Here is the composed map

$$(0,1) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$x \longmapsto \tan\left(\pi x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

explicit  
bijection  
between  
 $(0,1)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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If  $A, B$  are both countably  $\infty$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $A \cup B$  is countably  $\infty$ .

Proof By def<sup>n</sup>  $\exists$  bijection  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and  $\exists$  bijection  $g: B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . (5)

Now define  $h: A \cup B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 2f(x) & \text{if } x \in A \\ 2g(x) - 1 & \text{if } x \in B \end{cases}$$

This is a good, piecewise-defined function since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

$h$  is injective Assume  $h(x) = h(y)$ . There are 2 cases to consider,

$h(x) = h(y)$  is even

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = 2f(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y \quad \text{--- since } f \text{ is injective}$$

$h(x) = h(y)$  is odd.


$$\Rightarrow 2g(x) - 1 = 2g(y) - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2g(x) = 2g(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = g(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y \quad \text{--- since } g \text{ is injective.}$$

In each case, we conclude that  $x = y$ .


Thus  $h(x) = h(y) \Rightarrow x = y$ , & so  $h$  is injective. 

$h$  is surjective

Given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there are 2 cases

•  $n$  is even  $\Rightarrow n = 2m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
 $f$  surjective  $\Rightarrow \exists x \in A \subseteq A \cup B$  so that  $f(x) = m$   
 $\Rightarrow h(x) = 2f(x) = 2m = n$ .

•  $n$  is odd  $\Rightarrow n = 2q - 1$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
 $g$  surjective  $\Rightarrow q = g(x)$  for some  $x \in B \subseteq A \cup B$   
 $\Rightarrow h(x) = 2g(x) - 1 = 2q - 1 = n$ .

In each case,  $n$  is the image of some element in  $A \cup B$  under  $h$ .  $\Rightarrow h$  is surjective. 

$\mathbb{Z}$  is equivalent to  $\mathbb{N}$ .

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Proof Consider the following piecewise defined function:

$$f: \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N} : n \longmapsto \begin{cases} 2n+1 & (n \geq 0) \\ -2n & (n < 0) \end{cases}$$

Claim  $f$  is injective. Suppose  $f(a) = f(b)$ . There are 2 cases

Case ①  $f(a) = f(b)$  is odd

$$\Rightarrow 2a+1 = 2b+1$$

$$\Rightarrow (2a+1)-1 = (2b+1)-1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = 2b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2a}{2} = \frac{2b}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

Case ②  $f(a) = f(b)$  is even.

$$\Rightarrow -2a = -2b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-2a}{-2} = \frac{-2b}{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

In each case we obtain the conclusion:  $a = b$ .

Thus  $(f(a) = f(b)) \rightarrow (a = b)$ , and so  $f$  is injective.

Claim  $f$  is surjective

Given  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  there are 2 cases

Case ①  $m$  is even  $\Rightarrow m = 2p$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow m = f(-p).$$

Case ②  $m$  is odd  $\Rightarrow m = 2q+1$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = f(q).$$

In each case  $m$  is an output of  $f$ .

$\Rightarrow f$  is onto.

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