

1. Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be the set of rational numbers. Construct with proof a bijection from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $\mathbb{Q} - \{0\}$ .

Define  $f_1: \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by  $f_1(x) = x + 1$ .

Then  $f_1(x) \in \mathbb{N}$  for every  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .  
 $f_1(x) = f_1(y)$  means  $x + 1 = y + 1$ ,  $\therefore x = y$ .  
 For every  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x = y - 1 \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  &  $f_1(x) = y$

Define  $f_2: \mathbb{Q} - \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} - \{1, 2, \dots\}$  by  $f_2(x) = x$ .  $f_2$  is a bijection

So  $f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x) & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \\ f_2(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} - \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \end{cases}$  from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $\mathbb{Q} - \{0\}$

is a bijection by the Divide & Conquer Lemma

2. Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of natural numbers. Construct with proof a bijection from  $A$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ , where

$$A = \{2^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{3^j : j \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

$f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
 $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2^i & \text{if } x = 2^i \\ 2^{j-1} & \text{if } x = 3^j \end{cases}$

Define  $f_1: \{2^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow \{2^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$

by  $f_1(2^i) = 2^i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Define  $f_2: \{3^j : j \in \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow \{2^{j-1} : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$f_2(3^j) = 2^{j-1}$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For  $f_1$  well-defn for every  $2^i \in \{2^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$   $f_1(2^i) = 2^i \in \{2^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$

1-1 If  $2^i \neq 2^j$  then  $f_1(2^i) = 2^i$   $f_1(2^j) = 2^j$  are different

For  $f_2$ :

For any  $2^i \in \{2^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $f_1(2^i) = 2^i$

For every  $3^j \in \{3^j : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $f_2(3^j) = 2^{j-1} \in \{2^{j-1} : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$

If  $3^i \neq 3^j$ , then  $f_2(3^i) = 2^{i-1}$ ,  $f_2(3^j) = 2^{j-1}$  are different.

If  $2^j \in \{2^{j-1} : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , then  $f_2(3^j) = 2^{j-1}$ .

By Divide & Conquer Lemma,  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x) & \text{if } x = 2^i, i \in \mathbb{N} \\ f_2(x) & \text{if } x = 3^j, j \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$  is a bijection

Theorem

$$|2^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathbb{R}|$$

Binary arithmetic.

Every number <sup>in  $(0,1)$ .</sup> can be written as.



$$(0.a_1a_2a_3\dots)_2 = a_1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + a_2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + a_3 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + \dots + a_k \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{4} &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \\ &= (0.110\dots)_2 \end{aligned}$$

The set  $(0,1)$  has the same cardinality as

$S_1 = \{ (0.a_1\dots a_n\dots)_2 : a_i \in \{0,1\} \}$   
which has the same cardinality

$S_2 = \{ (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots) : a_i \in \{0,1\} \}$   
which has cardinality as uncountable.

and

$S_3 = \{ (f(1), f(2), \dots, f(n), \dots) : f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\} \}$   
↑ set of functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\{0,1\}$

$$\therefore |S_3| = |S_2| = |S_1| = |(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$$

Theorem Let  $A$  be a set. Then  $|A| < |\mathcal{P}(A)|$ .

i.e. There is an injection  $f: A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

There is no ~~surjection~~ bijection / surjection from  $A$  to  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ .

Proof: If  $A = \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset\}$ , there is no ~~injection~~ <sup>surjection</sup> from  $A$  to  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ .  
The empty relation / function can be viewed as an injection.

Assume  $A \neq \emptyset$ .

Consider  $f: A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ ,  $f(x) = \underline{\{x\}} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

It is a well-defined because  $x \in A$  ensures  $f(x) = \{x\} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$

1-1:  $x \neq y$  in  $A$ ,  $f(x) = \{x\} \neq \{y\} = f(y)$  in  $\mathcal{P}(A)$

$$\therefore |A| \leq |\mathcal{P}(A)|$$

~~$|A| < |\mathcal{P}(A)|$~~

To finish the proof, we show that there is no surjection  $g: A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ .  
It follows that there is no bijection  $f: A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

By contradiction, assume that there is a surjection  $g: A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

Then for every  $a \in A$ , there is a subset  $g(a) \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

Consider  $B = \{x \in A : x \notin g(x)\}$ .

Claim: There is no  $b \in A$  s.t.  $g(b) = B$ .

By contradiction. Assume  $b \in A$  satisfies  $g(b) = B$ .

Consider 2 cases.

Case 1:  $b \in B$ . Then  $b \in g(b) = B$ ,  $\therefore b \notin B$  by definition.

Case 2:  $b \notin B$ . Then  $b \notin B = g(b)$ .  $\therefore x \in B$  by definition of  $B$ .

**Remark** Let  $A, B$  be sets. Exactly one of the following holds.  $|A| = |B|$ ,  $|A| < |B|$ ,  $|A| > |B|$ .

**The Schröder-Bernstein Theorem** Let  $A, B$  be sets. If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$ , then  $|A| = |B|$ .

We use the following the lemma proved in your homework.

**Lemma (Divide and Conquer)** If  $f_1 : A_1 \rightarrow B_1$  and  $f_2 : A_2 \rightarrow B_2$  are bijective (injective, surjective) and  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset = B_1 \cap B_2$ , then  $f : A_1 \cup A_2 \rightarrow B_1 \cup B_2$  defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x) & \text{if } x \in A_1, \\ f_2(x) & \text{if } x \in A_2, \end{cases}$  is bijective (injective, surjective).

Next, we prove the following.

**Theorem 10.19** Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty sets such that  $B \subseteq A$ . If there is an injection from  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , then there is a bijection from  $A$  to  $B$ .

*Proof.* If  $A = B$ , then we are done. *and  $f(A) = B$ . then we get a bijection.* So, we assume that  $A - B \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $f$  is bijective, then we are done. So, we assume that  $B - f(A) \neq \emptyset$ .

Consider  $B' = \{f^n(x) : x \in A - B, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Then  $B' \subseteq f(A)$ .

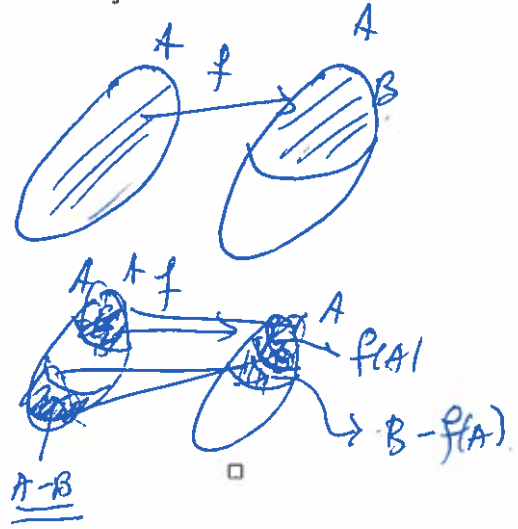
Moreover, for any  $x \in A - B$ ,  $f(x) \in B'$ ,  $f^2(x) \in B'$ ,  $f^3(x) \in B'$ , etc.

Then  $h_1 : (A - B) \cup B' \rightarrow B'$  defined by  $h(x) = f(x)$  is bijective, and the identity map on  $D = B - B'$  is bijective.

So,  $h : A \rightarrow B$  defined by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in (A - B) \cup B', \\ x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a bijection.



**Proof of Schröder-Bernstein Theorem**

Assume that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  are injections.

Then  $g(B) \subseteq A$  and  $g \circ f(A) = C \subseteq A$ , where  $g \circ f$  is injective. So, there is a bijection from  $A$  to  $C$ .

Now,  $g^{-1} : g(B) \rightarrow B$  is a bijection. So,  $g^{-1} \circ h : A \rightarrow B$  is a bijection. □