

## Cardinality Theory

**Definition 1:** A set  $A$  is *finite* with cardinality  $n$  if it is empty or if there exists a one-to-one function mapping  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  onto  $A$ . A set is *infinite* if it is not finite.

**Definition 2:** A set  $A$  is *infinite* if there exists a one-to-one function mapping  $A$  onto a proper subset of  $A$ . A set is *finite* if it is not infinite.

**Lemma 1:** If  $f: A \xrightarrow{1-1} B$  then  $f$  maps  $A$  one-to-one onto  $B$   $f(A)$  and thus is invertible.

**Definition 2':** A set  $A$  is *infinite* if there exists a one-to-one function mapping  $A$  into a proper subset of  $A$ . A set is *finite* if it is not infinite.

**Theorem 1:** The set  $N$  of natural numbers is infinite.

**Theorem 2:** The real interval  $[0, 1]$  is infinite.

**Theorem 3:** A superset of an infinite set is infinite.

**Corollary:** A subset of a finite set is finite.

**Theorem 4:** Let  $A$  be infinite and  $f: A \xrightarrow{1-1} B$ , then  $B$  is infinite.

**Definition 3:** A set  $A$  is *countably infinite* if there exists a one-to-one function mapping  $N$  onto  $A$ . A set is *countable* if it is finite or countably infinite. A set is *uncountably infinite* if it is not countable.

**Theorem 5:** The real interval  $[0, 1]$  is uncountably infinite.

**Theorem 6:** If there exists a function  $f: N \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} A$  then  $A$  is countable.

**Theorem 7:** A subset of a countable set is countable.

**Corollary:** A superset of an uncountably infinite set is uncountably infinite.

**Theorem 8:** The union of a finite collection of finite sets is finite.

**Theorem 9:** The union of a countably infinite collection of finite sets is countable.

**Theorem 10:** The union of a countably infinite collection of countably infinite sets is countably infinite..

**Theorem 11:** Let  $A$  be uncountably infinite and  $f: A \xrightarrow{1-1} B$ , then  $B$  is uncountably infinite.