

DIMENSION AND RANK

L23/1

23.1 Theorem: Let M be an infinite set. Then $|M \times M| = |M|$.
i.e, there is a bijection between $M \rightarrow M \times M$.

proof:

$$\mathcal{M} = \{ (X, f) \mid X \subseteq M, f: X \xrightarrow{\cong} X \times X \text{ bijective} \}$$

$$\mathcal{M} \neq \emptyset \text{ because } \{ (\{x\}, i_x) \in \mathcal{M} \} \quad x \in M$$

$$i_x: \{x\} \rightarrow \{(x, x)\}$$

We define an order on \mathcal{M} .

$$(X, f), (Y, g) \in \mathcal{M}. \text{ Define } (X, f) \leq (Y, g) \iff$$

$$X \subseteq Y, \text{ and } f = g|_X.$$

Verify that the above definition makes \mathcal{M} an ordered set. The set \mathcal{M} has a maximal element (To be proved by Zorn's Lemma).

Zorn's Lemma: Let (X, \leq) be an ordered set, and inductively ordered, then X has a maximal element.

Inductively ordered \implies If every chain in X has an upper bound in X . Every ch

Every chain in X is a totally ordered subset of X .
Note (\mathbb{N}, \leq) is not inductively ordered.

Maximal element: No element is bigger than the maximal element. There may be many maximal elements.

ETPT: \mathcal{M} is inductively ordered ~~and~~ a maximal element is (M, f) .

Let \mathcal{C} be a chain in (\mathcal{M}, \leq) . $\mathcal{C} = \{ (X_i, f_i) \mid i \in I \}$

Look for $(X, f) \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $(X_i, f_i) \leq (X, f) \forall i \in I$.

$$\implies X_i \subseteq X, f_i = f|_{X_i} \forall i \in I$$

$$\text{Let } X = \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i. \text{ Define } f: X \longrightarrow X \times X \subseteq M \times M$$

$$x \longmapsto f_i(x)$$

Verify that f is well defined. Note that if $x \in X_i \cap X_j$

Note that if $x \in X_i \cap X_j \Rightarrow (X_i, f), (X_j, f)$ are comparable (because they are elements in a chain).

if $(X_i, f_i) \leq (X_j, f_j) \Rightarrow f_i = f_j|_{X_i}$

Therefore, (X, f) is an upper bound of the chain.
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is inductively ordered. By Zorn's lemma,
 \exists a maximal element (Z, h) in the chain.

We will show that $|Z| = |M|$. Suppose $Z \neq M$, we produce an $(Z_1, h_1) \succ (Z, h)$, thereby contradicting the maximality of (Z, h) . $Z \neq M \Rightarrow M \setminus Z \neq \emptyset$

Claim: $|M \setminus Z| \leq |Z|$

Proof: Assume the contrary, $|Z| < |M \setminus Z|$, i.e., \exists a $Z_1 \subseteq M \setminus Z$ such that $Z \xrightarrow{\cong} Z_1 \subseteq M \setminus Z$
 bijection

$|Z| = |Z_1|$. Consider a mapping from

$$\begin{aligned} (Z \cup Z_1) &\xrightarrow{\cong} (Z \cup Z_1) \times (Z \cup Z_1) \\ &= (Z \times Z) \oplus (Z \times Z_1) \oplus (Z_1 \times Z) \\ &\quad \oplus (Z_1 \times Z_1) \end{aligned}$$

There already exists a bijection $Z \xrightarrow{h} Z \times Z$.

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$$Z_1 \longrightarrow (Z \times Z_1) \oplus (Z_1 \times Z) \oplus (Z_1 \times Z_1)$$

Note $|Z| = |Z_1|$. Therefore $|Z \times Z_1| = |Z_1 \times Z| = |Z_1 \times Z_1| = |Z \times Z|$.

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By the lemma following the proof.

$$|Z_1| = |(Z \times Z_1) \oplus (Z_1 \times Z) \oplus (Z_1 \times Z_1)|$$

Therefore, \exists a bijection g

$$Z_1 \xrightarrow{g} (Z_1 \times Z) \cup (Z \times Z_1) \cup (Z_1 \times Z_1)$$

Combining, the bijections h and g , a bijection h_1 from

$$(Z \cup Z_1) \xrightarrow{h_1} (Z \cup Z_1) \times (Z \cup Z_1)$$

It is obvious that $(Z, h) \leq (Z \cup Z_1, h_1)$ contradicting the maximality of (Z, h) . Therefore, $|M \setminus Z| \leq |Z|$.

$$M = M \setminus Z \cup Z \Rightarrow |M| = |M \setminus Z \cup Z|$$

Since $|M \setminus Z| \leq |Z|$, by the following lemma following this proof $|M| \leq |Z|$. Since $Z \subsetneq M$, it is clear that $|Z| \leq |M|$. Therefore $|M| = |Z|$.

There exists a bijection between M and Z .

$$\& Z \xrightarrow{h} Z \times Z \Rightarrow |Z| = |Z \times Z|$$

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Lemma: If Z is a set such that $|Z| = |Z \times Z|$,

$Q_j, j \in J$ be a family of sets J countable, then $|Q_j| \leq |Z|, |Q_j| \leq |Z|$, then $|\bigcup_{j \in J} Q_j| \leq |Z|$.

Proof: Since $|Q_j| \leq |Z|$, there exists a injective mapping $Q_j \xrightarrow{f_j} Z \quad \forall j$

• Since J is countable, $|J| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$ \mathbb{N} - natural numbers

Let $Q = \bigcup_{j \in J} Q_j$. The map $Q \xrightarrow{f} Z \times J$
 $x \mapsto (f_j(x), j) \rightarrow (f_j(x), j)$
 injective.

Therefore $|Q| \leq |Z \times J| \leq |Z \times \mathbb{N}| \leq |Z \times Z| = |Z|$.