

Then \mathbb{R} is uncountable.

PF Cantor's Diagonal Argument.

Suppose, by way of contradiction, that there is a bijection $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Let's write out the images $f(1), f(2), \dots$ as decimals

for example, we might have

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 1.2345 \dots \\ f(2) &= 19.619 \dots \\ f(3) &= -0.1000 \dots \\ f(4) &= 2371.1 \dots \\ f(5) &= -6.2123 \dots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

} by assumption, f is onto, meaning that every real number eventually appears in this list

We will obtain a contradiction by producing a ~~new~~ real number that cannot be in this list. Take all the numbers on the main diagonal.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.23 \dots \\ 19.6 \\ -0.10 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

and change each digit to 1, or to 2 if it already equals 1, (and leave the decimal after the first digit) to define $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

here,
 $\Rightarrow x = 2.1121 \dots$

claim x does not appear in the list.
i.e., $\nexists n \in \mathbb{N} (f(n) = x)$.

notice the n^{th} digit of x is obtained by changing the n^{th} digit of $f(n)$. Thus $x \neq f(n)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

This contradicts the assumption that $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ was bijective.

note $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$ are countably infinite.