## Bijection

## One-to-one (aka injection)

A function $f$ is one-to-one iff $\forall a \forall b(f(a)=f(b) \rightarrow a=b)$

## Onto (aka surjection)

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is onto iff
$\forall b \in B \exists a \in A(b=f(a))$

## Bijection

## A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a bijection iff $f$ is one-to-one and onto

A bijection maps every element of the domain to exactly one element of the co-domain, and every element of the domain to exactly one element of the domain.

## Some infinite sets

Two sets $\boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{B}$ have the same size (same cardinality) if and only if there is a bijection $\boldsymbol{f}: \boldsymbol{A} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{B}$

Let's compare the sizes of: $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z},\{x: x$ is an even integer $\}$

## Countable

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The set $A$ is countable iff there is an injection from $A$ to $\mathbb{N}$, Equivalently, $A$ is countable iff it is finite or there is a bijection from $A$ to $\mathbb{N}$
$\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z},\{x: x$ is an even integer $\}$ are all countable.

## Proof that $[0,1)$ is not countable

Suppose, for the sake of contradiction, that there is a list of them:

| Number | Digits after decimal | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | $\ldots$ |
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| $f(0)$ | 0. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Flipping Rule: let's set the $i^{\text {th }}$ |  |  |  |
| $f(1)$ | 0. | 2 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 2 | column to: |  |  |  |
| $f(2)$ | 0. | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 7 if $\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{i})^{\prime} \mathrm{s} \boldsymbol{i}^{\text {th }}$ column is not 7 |  |  |  |
| $f(3)$ | 0. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 if $f(i)^{\prime} s i^{\text {th }}$ column is 7 . |  |  |  |
| $f(4)$ | 0. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $\bigcirc$ | ' | $\bigcirc$ | ... |
| $f(5)$ | 0. | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | ... |
| $f(6)$ | 0. | 8 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 4 | $\ldots$ |
| f(7) | - |  |  | 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 7 | ... |
| 37777 | 33. |  |  | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |

