

Corollary

Let A, B be finite. Then

$$|A| = |B| \iff \text{there exists a bijection } f : A \rightarrow B.$$

Proof.



Assume that $|A| = |B|$.

Since $|A| \leq |B|$, there is an injective function $f : A \rightarrow B$.

Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

Consider the set

$$\{f(a_1), f(a_2), \dots, f(a_n)\}.$$

These are all distinct since f is injective, and therefore this set has n distinct elements.

Since $|B| = n$, this means f is also surjective.



Assume there is $f : A \rightarrow B$ injective.

Since f is injective, this implies $|A| \leq |B|$.

Since f is surjective, this implies $|A| \geq |B|$. (Apply theorem with A, B reversed)

Then $|A| = |B|$.

