

Theme: Infinity

Two finite sets ~~are~~ have a one-to-one correspondence between them iff they have the same number of entries

ex: $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $\{\text{Hernandez, Iwakuma, Saunders, Maser, Bleavins}\}$

q: Are there more even numbers or natural numbers?
 $\{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$ $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Defn: An infinite set is countable iff there is a one-to-one correspondence between it and the natural numbers.

claim: The even numbers are countable.

proof:

NTS that there is a 1-1 correspondence between the evens and \mathbb{N} .

2	4	6	8	...	$2n$...
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1	2	3	4	...	n	...

thus the evens are countable. \square

notice that while $\{2, 4, 6, \dots\} \subset \mathbb{N}$, in some sense the evens & \mathbb{N} have the same "size."