

$\mathbb{Z}$	The set of integers	$\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
$\mathbb{Z}^+$	The set of positive integers	$\{1, 2, \dots\}$
$\mathbb{N}$	The set of nonnegative integers	$\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
$\mathbb{Q}$	The set of rational numbers	$\left\{\frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \neq 0\right\}$
$\mathbb{R}$	The set of real numbers	

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*Extra example:* Define two infinite sets of numbers such that neither is a subset of the other.

**Definition** (Rosen p139): Let  $D$  and  $C$  be nonempty sets. A **function**  $f$  from  $D$  (domain) to  $C$  (codomain) is an assignment of one element of  $C$  to each element of  $D$ .

**Definition** (Rosen p141): A function  $f : D \rightarrow C$  is **one-to-one** (or injective) means for every  $a, b$  in the domain  $D$ , if  $f(a) = f(b)$  then  $a = b$ .

**Definition:** For sets  $A, B$ , we say that **the cardinality of  $A$  is no bigger than the cardinality of  $B$** , and write  $|A| \leq |B|$ , to mean there is a one-to-one function with domain  $A$  and codomain  $B$ .

Let  $S_2$  be the set of RNA strands of length 2.

Statement	True/False , justification
$ \{1, 2, 3\}  \leq  \{A, U, G, C\} $	
$ \{A, U, G, C\}  \leq  S_2 $	
$ \{A, U, G, C\} \times \{A, U, G, C\}  \leq  S_2 $	

**Definition** (Rosen p143): A function  $f : D \rightarrow C$  is **onto** (or surjective) means for every  $b$  in the codomain, there is an element  $a$  in the domain with  $f(a) = b$ .

Formally,  $f : D \rightarrow C$  is onto means \_\_\_\_\_.

**Definition:** For sets  $A, B$ , we say that **the cardinality of  $A$  is no smaller than the cardinality of  $B$** , and write  $|A| \geq |B|$ , to mean there is an onto function with domain  $A$  and codomain  $B$ .

Let  $S_2$  be the set of RNA strands of length 2.

Statement	True/False , justification
$ \{A, U, G, C\}  \geq  \{1, 2, 3\} $	
$ S_2  \geq  \{A, U, G, C\} $	
$ S_2  \geq  \{A, U, G, C\} \times \{A, U, G, C\} $	

**Definition** (Rosen p144): A function  $f : D \rightarrow C$  is a **bijection** means that it is both one-to-one and onto. The **inverse** of a bijection  $f : D \rightarrow C$  is the function  $g : C \rightarrow D$  such that  $g(b) = a$  iff  $f(a) = b$ .

*Extra example:* Prove that for any nonempty sets  $A, B$ , there is a bijection with domain  $A$  and codomain  $B$  if and only if there is a bijection with domain  $B$  and codomain  $A$ .

For nonempty sets  $A, B$  we say

$|A| \leq |B|$  means there is a one-to-one function with domain  $A$ , codomain  $B$

$|A| \geq |B|$  means there is an onto function with domain  $A$ , codomain  $B$

$|A| = |B|$  means there is a bijection with domain  $A$ , codomain  $B$

**Cantor-Schroder-Bernstein Theorem:** For all nonempty sets,

$$|A| = |B| \quad \text{if and only if} \quad (|A| \leq |B| \text{ and } |B| \leq |A|) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad (|A| \geq |B| \text{ and } |B| \geq |A|)$$