

# Counting Infinity

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## Which set of numbers is bigger, A or B?

	A	B
1)	positive odd integers	positive even integers
2)	positive integers divisible by 3	positive integers divisible by 7
3)	positive integers	positive even integers
4)	positive integers and 0	positive integers
5)	positive integers	all integers
6)	positive integers	positive fractions

*Recommended reading: Infinity and the Mind, by Rudy Rucker*

### Problems

1. On Aleph Drive there are  $\aleph_0$  lots, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ... On each lot is a Hilbert Grand Hotel with  $\aleph_0$  rooms. How many rooms are there in total?  $\aleph_0$ ?  $c$ ? or something else? Prove it! ( $\aleph_0$  is the cardinality of the set of integers, and  $c$  is the cardinality of the continuum)
2. Find a bijection between the set of positive integers that are divisible by 7 and the set of positive integers that end in the digit 1.
3. Find a bijection between the set of real numbers between 0 and 1 and the set of real numbers between 0 and 2.
4. Find a bijection between the set of real numbers between 0 and 1 and the set of real numbers between -1 and 1.
5. Find a bijection between the set of real numbers between 0 and 1 and the set of all positive real numbers.
6. Find a bijection between the set of all real numbers and the set of positive real numbers.
7. Find a bijection between the set of fractions that are greater than 0 and less than 1 and the set of fractions that are greater than 1.
8. Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of real numbers. Let  $\mathbb{R}^2$  be the set of ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  is a real number and  $y$  is a real number. Does  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have the same cardinality as  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Hint: think of Hilbert's Hotel and interweaving the bus license numbers and the seat numbers.

9. What is the cardinality of the set of infinite sequences of positive integers? For example,  $1, 2, 15, 97, 46, 2, 3, 15, 9782, 141117, 4, 2, 1, \dots$  would be one infinite sequence, and  $5, 6, 8, 19, 37, 4999, 2, 5, 8598, \dots$  would be another.