Math 2001 Assignment 34

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Due Friday, November 14

Reading 1. Scheinerman, §25 (pp. 167–175)

Problem 2. Suppose A and B are sets. In class we defined $|A| \leq |B|$ if there is an injection from A to B. Is it true that $|A| \leq |B|$ if there is a surjection from B to A? Justify your answer.

Problem 3. Fix a finite set S of size n and a second natural number k. Let

$$A = \{T \in 2^{S} : |T| = k\}$$
$$B = \{U \in 2^{S} : |U| = n - k\}$$

For each $T \in A$, let f(T) = S - T. For each $U \in B$, let g(U) = S - U.

- (i) Prove that f is a function from A to B and that g is a function from B to A. (Think carefully about what you need to prove here.)
- (ii) Prove that f and g are inverse functions.
- (iii) Conclude that |A| = |B|.