

Please provide complete and well-written solutions to the following exercises.

Due October 23, in the discussion section.

## Assignment 3

**Exercise 1.** Show that the notion of two sets having equal cardinality is an equivalence relation. That is, for sets  $X, Y, Z$ , show

- $X$  has the same cardinality as  $X$ .
- If  $X$  has the same cardinality as  $Y$ , then  $Y$  has the same cardinality as  $X$ .
- If  $X$  has the same cardinality as  $Y$ , and if  $Y$  has the same cardinality as  $Z$ , then  $X$  has the same cardinality as  $Z$ .

**Exercise 2.** Using a proof by contradiction, show that the set  $\mathbf{N}$  of natural numbers is infinite.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $X$  be a subset of the natural numbers  $\mathbf{N}$ . Prove that  $X$  is at most countable.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $Y$  be a set. Let  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then  $f(\mathbf{N})$  is at most countable. (Hint: consider the set  $A := \{n \in \mathbf{N} : f(n) \neq f(m) \text{ for all } 0 \leq m < n\}$ . Prove that  $f$  is a bijection from  $A$  onto  $f(\mathbf{N})$ . Then use the previous exercise.)