

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK
Solution of Problem No. 7 (Fall 2013 Series)

Problem:

Find an explicit one to one correspondence between $[0, 2013]$ and $(0, 2013]$.

Solution: (by Indira Iyer, Junior, Computer Engineering, Purdue University)

An explicit bijection

$$f : [0, 2013] \longrightarrow (0, 2013]$$

can be given as,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2013 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ x & \text{if } x \in \left(\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} 2013, \frac{1}{2^n} 2013 \right) \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \\ \frac{2013}{2^{n+1}} & \text{if } x = \frac{2013}{2^n} \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

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