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- a) Let E be the set of even positive integers. Then $\#E = \#P$,

Proof: Let $f: P \rightarrow E$ be given by

$$f(m) = 2m.$$

Let $g: E \rightarrow P$ be $g(m) = m/2$.

Then $(f \circ g)(m) = 2(m/2) = m$, so $f \circ g = 1_E$.

$(g \circ f)(m) = \frac{1}{2}(2m) = m$, so $g \circ f = 1_P$

Hence, f is a bijection, by the Inversion Theorem 6.51. Thus $\#(E) = \#(P)$, by definition.

- b) Let D be the set of odd positive integers. Then $\#D = \#P$.

Proof: Let $f: P \rightarrow D$ be $f(m) = 2m-1$.

Let $g: D \rightarrow P$ be $g(m) = \frac{m+1}{2}$.

Then $f \circ g = 1_D$, $g \circ f = 1_P$ and so

$\#D = \#P$, by the argument in part a.