

Solution of 1.3.9.

$S$  and  $T$  are denumerable, so  $S \cup T$  won't be finite. Therefore, to prove  $S \cup T$  is denumerable, we only need to show  $S \cup T$  is countable.

Since  $S$  and  $T$  are denumerable, we have bijections  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$ ,  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow T$  are bijections. Define  $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S \cup T$  as follows.

$$h(2n-1) = f(n) \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$h(2m) = g(m) \quad \text{for any } m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then it's easy to see that  $h$  is a surjection from  $\mathbb{N}$  onto  $S \cup T$ . By Theorem 1.3.10,  $S \cup T$  is a countable set. Since it's infinite,  $S \cup T$  is denumerable.

Here is why  $h$  is a surjection. For any  $x \in S \cup T$ ,

$$\text{if } x \in S \text{ then } \exists n_x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } f(n_x) = x$$

$$\text{so } \exists 2n_x - 1 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } h(2n_x - 1) = x$$

$$\text{if } x \in T \text{ then } \exists m_x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } g(m_x) = x$$

$$\text{so we find } 2m_x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } h(2m_x) = x$$

Therefore  $h$  is a surjection  $\#$