Assume u:I \rightarrow IR is a monotone non-decreasing function defined on an interval I. Let us consider I = {n \in IR: a \leq n \leq b} Let c \in

a, b

. Then we can define the function:

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{c}) = \lim_{x \to c^+} u(x) - \lim_{x \to c^-} u(x)$$

Note that f(c) is always positive since u is non-decreasing Thus, $f(c) \le u(b) - u(a)$ Further, the sum of all $f(c) \le u(b) - u(a)$ Then we can define the set

$$\begin{split} F(n) &= \{ the \; set \; of \; all \; f(c) \geq 1/n \} \; for \; n \in \mathbb{N} \\ & and \\ F &= \{ the \; set \; of \; all \; f(c) \} \end{split}$$

Since the sum of all f(c) must be $\leq u(b) - u(a)$, the set F(n) is finite for all n. Lemma:

WTS: The union of countably many countable sets is countable. Let each of the countable sets be denoted as S_n where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ We can create a 1-1 relation between the union of S_n and \mathbb{N} as follows:

> Let s_{nm} represent the m^{th} element from S_n Now let $1 \rightarrow s_{11}, 2 \rightarrow s_{12}, 3 \rightarrow s_{21}, 4 \rightarrow s_{13}$, etc.

Thus, since we have an inductive relationship between the natural numbers and the union of countably many countable sets, we can say that they have the same cardinality. \Box

Therefore, since F is the union of all F(n) where each F(n) is countable, then F is the union of countably many countable sets. Thus, F is countable. \Box