

1. Prove or disprove that the following are functions.

(a) $f: \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$ such that $f([x]_2) = [x]_3$.

Show that $[0]_2 = [2]_2$ but $f([0]_2) \neq f([2]_2)$

$$[0]_2 = [2]_2 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_2$$

But

$$f([0]_2) = [0]_3$$

$$\& f([2]_2) = [2]_3$$

so that $f([0]_2) \neq f([2]_2)$ in \mathbb{Z}_3 .

Hence f is not well-defined.

(b) $g: \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4$ such that $g([x]_6) = [2x]_4$.

Show that $[x]_6 = [y]_6$ implies $g([x]_6) = g([y]_6)$.

$$\text{Let } [x]_6 = [y]_6 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_6$$

Then $x - y = 6k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{Hence } 2x - 2y = 2(6k) = 4(3k).$$

$$\text{Thus } [2x]_4 = [2y]_4.$$

$$\text{i.e., } g([x]_6) = g([y]_6).$$

So g is well-defined.

2. Suppose A, B are not empty sets, $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow A$ are functions such that $g \circ f = i_A$, the identity function. Show that f is injective and g is surjective.

To prove f is 1-1 by contradiction.

Suppose $a_1 \neq a_2$ in A
and $f(a_1) = f(a_2) = b \in B$.

$$\text{Then } a_1 = g \circ f(a_1) = g(b)$$

$$\text{and } a_2 = g \circ f(a_2) = g(b)$$

which is impossible.

To prove g is surjective by contradiction.

Suppose $a \in A$ is such that $g(b) \neq a \forall b \in B$.

$$\text{Then if } f(a) = \hat{b} \in B$$

$$\& a = g \circ f(a) = g(\hat{b}) \neq a.$$

which is impossible.

Important definitions and examples in function theory.

Let A, B be sets, and $f \subseteq A \times B$ be a relation.

$$(a, b) \in f$$

- $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function if every $a \in A$ is related to one and only one element $b = f(a)$ in B .

Examples. $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by $f(x) = x - 1$ is not a function; $f : \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_6$ defined by $f([x]_4) = [5x]_6$ is not a function.

- The inverse relation f^{-1} is a function if and only if f is bijective, and $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ is the inverse function.

Note: The notation f^{-1} can represent the inverse relation, the inverse function if f is bijective. When f is a function, f^{-1} also represents the inverse image of $B_1 \subseteq B$ so that $f^{-1}(B_1) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in B_1\}$.

- A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is one-one if $a_1 \neq a_2$ ensures $f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$. Equivalently, $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ ensures $a_1 = a_2$.
- A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is onto if $f(A) = B$. Equivalently, for every $b \in B$ we can find $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$.

Remark: ~~Let $f : A \rightarrow A$~~ Suppose $f \subseteq A \times B$ is a relation
 If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a bijection,
 then $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ is a bijection.

In general, if $f \subseteq A \times B$ is a relation,
 then $f^{-1} = \{(b, a) : (a, b) \in f\}$
 is the inverse relation.

Suppose f is a function and $Y \subseteq B$

Then ~~$f^{-1}(Y) =$~~ $f^{-1}(Y) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in Y\}$

Chapter 10 Cardinalities of Sets

We compare the sizes of sets, especially, infinite sets.

Notation Given two sets A and B , we write $|A| = |B|$ if there is a bijection between them. Also, we say that the sets have the same cardinality, or they are numerically equivalent.

Theorem Let S be a collection of sets. Define a relation on S such that $(A, B) \in R$ if there is a bijection from A to B . Then R is an equivalence relation.

A set is finite if there is a bijection from the set S to $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and we can always write $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ or $S = \emptyset$.

Proof: S is a ^{non-empty} collection of sets.

For $A, B \in S$, $(A, B) \in R$ iff $|A| = |B|$

To prove R on S is an equivalence relation:

i.e., \exists a bijection $f: A \rightarrow B$.

Reflexive: $\forall A \in S$ Then $id_A: A \rightarrow A$ is a bijection.

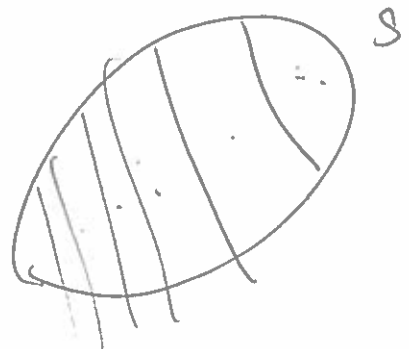
$\therefore (A, A) \in R$

Symmetric: $(\forall A, B \in S)$ Then $\exists f: A \rightarrow B$ which is a bijection. Then $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$ is a bijection.

$\therefore (B, A) \in R$

Transitive: $(\forall A, B, C \in S)$ Then \exists bijections $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$. Then $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is a bijection.

$\therefore (A, C) \in R$.



Definition A set is denumerable (or countably infinite) if $|A| = |\mathbb{N}|$. A set is countable if it is finite or it is denumerable. Otherwise, it is uncountable.

Example \mathbb{Z} , $2\mathbb{Z}$, etc. are denumerable.

Remark If A is finite, we may let $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$. If A is denumerable, we may let $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}$.

Theorem If C is a subset of a denumerable set A , then one of the following holds.

- (1) $C = \emptyset$.
- (2) $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ is finite.
- (3) C is denumerable.