

MTH 343 Homework 1

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Proof. $A \setminus (B \cup C) \subset (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$

Let $x \in A \setminus (B \cup C)$. We know that $x \in A$ and $x \notin B \cup C$, thus $x \notin B$ and $x \notin C$. Since $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$, $x \in A \setminus B$. Similarly since $x \notin C$, $x \in A \setminus C$, thus $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$, and thus $A \setminus (B \cup C) \subset (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$.

$A \setminus (B \cup C) \supset (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$

Let $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$. Then $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$ and $x \notin C$. Thus $x \notin B \cup C$, and it follows that $x \in A \setminus (B \cup C)$. Therefore $A \setminus (B \cup C) \supset (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$. And we say that the two sets are equal. \square

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(a)

Let f be a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $f(x) = e^x$.

1 : 1 Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = f(y)$. Then $e^x = e^y$, and we can take the natural log of both sides which gives $x = y$. Thus f is one-to-one.

Onto For f to be onto, for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ there must exist some $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = y$. Let $y = -1$, then there should be some x such that $f(x) = e^x = -1$. Since this equation has no solutions, f is not onto. If $y > 0$ then $\exists x : f(x) = y$, so we say that the range of f is $(0, \infty)$.

(b)

Let f be a function $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ where $f(n) = n^2 + 3$.

1 : 1 Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f(m) = f(n)$. Then we say that $m^2 + 3 = n^2 + 3$, which is equivalent to saying that $m^2 = n^2$. This does not guarantee that $m = n$, because the case where $m = -n$ is also a solution, therefore f is not one-to-one.

Onto Let $f(n) = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 + 3 &= 0 \\n^2 &= -3 \\n &= \sqrt{-3}\end{aligned}$$

Since this has no solutions, f is not onto. The range of f is $[3, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Z}$.

(c)

Let f be a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $f(x) = \sin(x)$.

1 : 1 Let $x = 0$ and $y = 2\pi$, then $f(x) = f(y) = 0$, but $x \neq y$. Therefore f is not one-to-one.

Onto Since $-1 \leq \sin(x) \leq 1$, f is not onto and its range is $[-1, 1]$.

(d)

Let f be a function $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ where $f(n) = n^2$.

1 : 1 Choose $m = 1, n = -1$, then $f(m) = f(n)$ but $m \neq n$, so f is not one-to-one.

Onto We know that $n^2 \geq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, so f is not onto and its range is $\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

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Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$.

(a)

Suppose f and g are one-to-one. Show $g \circ f$ is one-to-one.

Proof. Let $a_1, a_2 \in A$ such that $g \circ f(a_1) = g \circ f(a_2)$. Since g is one-to-one, we know that $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$. Since f is one-to-one, it follows that $a_1 = a_2$, therefore $g \circ f$ is one-to-one as well \square

(b)

Show that $g \circ f$ is onto $\implies g$ is onto.

Proof. Suppose that $g \circ f$ is onto. Then for all $c \in C$ there exists some $a \in A$ such that $g \circ f(a) = c$. Let $c \in C$ be arbitrary. Then, there $\exists a \in A$ such that $c = g(f(a))$. We know that $f : A \rightarrow B$, so $f(a) \in B$. Thus, there exists $b = f(a) \in B$ such that $g(b) = c$, therefore g is onto. \square

(c)

Show that $g \circ f$ is one-to-one $\implies f$ is one-to-one.

Proof. Assume that $g \circ f$ is one-to-one. If $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$ then $a_1 = a_2$ for any $a_1, a_2 \in A$. We want to show that $x \neq y \implies f(x) \neq f(y)$. Let $x, y \in A$ such that $x \neq y$. Then, by assumption, $g(f(x)) \neq g(f(y))$. Suppose by contradiction that $f(x) = f(y)$, then since g is a function it follows that $g(f(x)) = g(f(y))$ (contradiction). Therefore $f(x)$ must not equal $f(y)$, and we say that f is one-to-one. \square

(d)

Show that $g \circ f$ is one-to-one and f is onto $\implies g$ is one-to-one.

Proof. Assume that $g \circ f$ is one-to-one and that f is onto. We want to show that $g(b_1) = g(b_2) \implies b_1 = b_2 \forall b_1, b_2 \in B$. Let $b_1, b_2 \in B$ such that $g(b_1) = g(b_2)$ without loss of generality. Then since f is onto, we know that $\exists a_1, a_2 \in A$ such that $f(a_1) = b_1$ and $f(a_2) = b_2$. Therefore, $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$, and since $g \circ f$ is one-to-one, it follows that $a_1 = a_2$. Since g is well-defined and $a_1 = a_2$, $b_1 = b_2$ therefore g is one-to-one. \square

(e)

Show that $g \circ f$ is onto and g is one-to-one $\implies f$ is onto.

Proof. Assume that $g \circ f$ is onto and g is one-to-one. We want to show that for all $b \in B$, there exists $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$. Let $b \in B$ be arbitrary, thus $g(b) \in C$. Since $g \circ f$ is onto, this means that there exists $a \in A$ such that $g(f(a)) = c$. Since g is one-to-one and $c = g(f(a)) = g(b)$, this means that $f(a) = b$. Thus for all $b \in B$, there exists $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$. \square

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Prove that

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proof. We must show the base case and the inductive step in order to show that the statement holds for all natural numbers.

Base Case Let $n = 1$, then

$$1^2 = \frac{1(1+1)(2(1)+1)}{6}$$

This holds.

Inductive Step We want to show that if the equation holds for n , then it will hold for $n + 1$. Assume that

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Then, adding $(n+1)^2$ to both sides we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 + (n+1)^2 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + (n+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1) + 6(n+1)^2}{6} \\ &= \frac{(2n^3 + 3n^2 + n) + (6n^2 + 12n + 6)}{6} \\ &= \frac{2n^3 + 9n^2 + 13n + 6}{6} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2(n+1)+1)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the statement is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. \square

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