

# Functions Test 2 - SOLUTIONS

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## 1 Preamble

This is a test covering what we have learnt so far in lecture. Student's must show all work to receive full marks.

## 2 Allowed Aids

The following aids are allowed on the Test

- **Open Book Test** (Your entire binder is allowed).

## 3 Restrictions:

- **NO** calculator's.

## 4 Remarks:

- $n \cdot \mathbf{S} = \underbrace{\mathbf{S} + \cdots + \mathbf{S}}_{n \text{ times}}.$   $(n \in \mathbb{N})$
- $\text{len}(\mathbf{S})$  is number of bits in the binary string  $\mathbf{S}$ .
- $\text{floor}(x)$  is the smallest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .

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## Part A - Multiple Choice

**Question 1.** Answer the following True/False questions,

1. Let  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the identity function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}(\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1}(\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}(\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1}(\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}(\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1}(-4)))))) = 4.$$

Answer: **True** ☐ **False** ☒ , Note that  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

2. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = 2(x - 1)^2$  be a function. Then  $f$  is not invertible.

Hint: Try using the Horizontal line test.

Answer: ☒ **True** ☐ **False** , Follow the hint and try using the horizontal line test to see why.

3. Let  $\mathcal{X} = \{0.5, \pi, 3.8\}$  and  $\mathcal{Y} = \{1, 4, 4.8\}$  be sets, define the following function,

- $\psi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ .
- $\psi(x) = \text{floor}(x) + 1$ .

Then  $\psi$  is an invertible function.

Answer: **True** ☐ **False** ☒ , Draw a mapping diagram to see why.

4. Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{10, 1100, 111000\}$  be a set of *binary strings* and  $Y = \{5, 7, 3\}$  be a set of natural numbers, define the following function,

- $\Delta: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow Y$ .
- $\Delta(\mathbf{S}) = \text{len}(\mathbf{S}) + 1$ .

Then the function,

- $\Delta^{-1}: Y \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ .
- $\Delta^{-1}(y) = \text{floor}(y/2) \cdot \mathbf{1} + \text{floor}(y/2) \cdot \mathbf{0}$ , (where  $\mathbf{1}$  and  $\mathbf{0}$  are *binary strings*),

is the inverse function for  $\Delta$ .

Answer: ☒ **True** ☐ **False**

5. Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{x - 4} - 1$  be a function, then  $g^{-1}(x) = (x - 1)^2 + 4$  is the inverse of  $g$ .

Answer: **True** ☐ **False** ☒ ,  $g^{-1}(x) = (x + 1)^2 + 4$

6. Let  $f(x) = x^2$ . Suppose we apply the following transformations to  $f$ ,

- Reflection across the y-axis.
- Vertical compression by a factor of 3.
- Horizontal compression by a factor of 2.
- Horizontal shift, left by 2 units.
- Vertical shift, down by 2 units.

Then the corresponding transformation equation is  $h(x) = \frac{1}{3}f(-2x - 4) - 2$ .

Answer: ☒ **True** ☐ **False**

7. Let  $f(x) = |x|$ , and let  $h(x) = -2f(5x - 3) + 9$  be a transformation of  $f(x)$ , then the corresponding coordinate transformation of  $f$  is,

$$(x, f(x)) \longrightarrow \left( \frac{x-3}{5}, -2f(x) + 9 \right).$$

Answer: **True** False , The coordinate transformation is  $((x+3)/5, -2f(x) + 9)$

8. Let  $\Omega: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  be a *surjective function*, then  $|\mathcal{H}| = |\mathcal{T}|$ .

Answer: **True** False

9. Let  $f(x) = x^2$ , let  $h(x) = -f(x)$  be a transformation of  $f$ , and let  $r(x) = -h(-x)$  be a transformation of  $h$ , then  $r(x) = f(x)$ .

Answer: True **False** , Note that  $h(x)$  is a reflection of  $f$  across the  $x$ -axis.  $r(x)$  reflects  $h$  back through the  $x$ -axis, and hence  $f$  returns to its original position,  $r(x)$  then reflects  $h$  through the  $x$ -axis, however this has no effect on  $x^2$  due to its symmetry.

10. Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$  be a function. Then  $f$  is not invertible.

Answer: **True** False , This one was tricky, notice that the domain is  $\mathbb{N}$  so this function will look different from a standard parabola. We'll take this up in class.

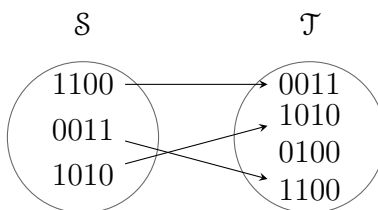
## Part B - Solve all problems

**Question 2.** For each of the following, you are given a function and its definition. For each question,

- (i) Prove that the function is invertible **or** prove that the function is not invertible.
  - (ii) Determine the range of the function.
- (a) Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{1100, 0011, 1010\}$ ,  $\mathcal{T} = \{0011, 1010, 0100, 1100\}$  be sets of binary strings and define,
- $\lambda: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ .
  - $\lambda(\mathbf{S}) = s_3s_4s_1s_2$ .

**Solution.**

(i)



From the mapping diagram, we conclude that since  $0100 \in \mathcal{T}$  is not mapped to,  $\lambda$  fails to be surjective, since  $\lambda$  fails to be surjective, it fails to be invertible.

- (ii) Based on the outputs given in the mapping diagram, we conclude that the range of the function is,

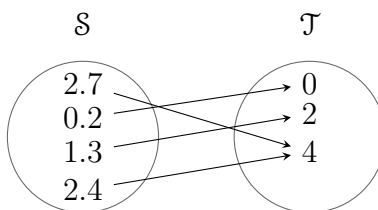
$$\mathcal{R}_\lambda = \{0011, 1010, 1100\}.$$

- (b) Let  $\mathcal{N} = \{2.7, 0.2, 1.3, 2.4\}$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = \{0, 2, 4\}$  be sets and define,

- $\omega: \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ .
- $\omega(n) = 2 \cdot \text{floor}(n)$ .

**Solution.**

(i)



From the mapping diagram, we conclude that since  $\omega(2.7) = \omega(2.4) = 4$ ,  $\omega$  fails to be injective, since  $\omega$  fails to be injective, it fails to be invertible.

- (ii) Based on the outputs given in the mapping diagram, we conclude that the range of the function is,

$$\mathcal{R}_\omega = \{0, 2, 4\}.$$

**Question 3.** Let  $\beta: V \rightarrow W$  be an invertible function. Suppose that the formula for the invertible function is,

$$\beta^{-1}(w) = 2w - 4.$$

- (a) Given the co-domain  $W = \{-2, -4, 0, 2\}$  of  $\beta$ , recover the domain  $V$ .

**Solution.** Since  $\beta$  is invertible, each element in the domain  $V$  corresponds to a unique element in the co-domain  $W$ , the inverse function  $\beta^{-1}$  allows us to remap each element in  $W$  to its unique corresponding element in the domain  $V$ . Hence, it suffices to determine the output of  $\beta^{-1}(w)$  for each  $w \in W$ . (**Ask me in class if you are still confused**)

$W$	$\beta^{-1}(w)$
-2	$\beta^{-1}(-2) = 2(-2) - 4 = -8$
-4	$\beta^{-1}(-4) = 2(-4) - 4 = -12$
0	$\beta^{-1}(0) = 2(0) - 4 = -4$
2	$\beta^{-1}(2) = 2(2) - 4 = 0$

And hence  $V = \{-12, -8, -4, 0\}$ .

- (b) Determine the formula for  $\beta(v)$ .

**Hint:** Use the same algorithm for determining the inverse.

**Solution.** Proceeding with the inverse algorithm,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta^{-1}(w) &= 2w - 4 \\ y &= 2w - 4 \\ y + 4 &= 2w \\ w &= \frac{1}{2}(y + 4) \\ \beta(v) &= \frac{1}{2}(v + 4).\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Confirm that your formula for  $\beta(v)$  is correct by checking that each element in  $V$  correctly maps back to the corresponding elements in  $W$ .

**Solution.** To do so we proceed with a table of outputs,

$V$	$\beta(v)$
-12	$\beta(-12) = (-12 + 4)/2 = -4$
-8	$\beta(-8) = (-8 + 4)/2 = -2$
-4	$\beta(-4) = (-4 + 4)/2 = 0$
0	$\beta(0) = (0 + 4)/2 = 2$

By the table of outputs, we conclude that each element in  $V$  maps to the correct corresponding element in  $W$ . And hence we have certificate of correctness for our formula for  $\beta$ .

**Question 4.** Let  $X = \{-3, 0, -5\}$  and  $Y = \{5, 3, 0\}$  be sets, define the following function,

- $\Phi: X \rightarrow Y$ .
- $\Phi(x) = |x|$ .

Prove that the function,

- $\Phi^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$ .
- $\Phi^{-1}(y) = -\text{id}_Y(y)$ .

is the inverse function for  $\Phi$ .

**Solution.** We confirm that both conditions of Definition 4.1 hold with mapping tables,

$X$	$\Phi^{-1}(\Phi(x))$
-3	$\Phi^{-1}(\Phi(-3)) = \Phi^{-1}(3) = -\text{id}_Y(3) = -3$
0	$\Phi^{-1}(\Phi(0)) = \Phi^{-1}(0) = -\text{id}_Y(0) = 0$
-5	$\Phi^{-1}(\Phi(-5)) = \Phi^{-1}(5) = -\text{id}_Y(5) = -5$

$Y$	$\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(y))$
5	$\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(5)) = \Phi(-5) =  -5  = 5$
3	$\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(3)) = \Phi(-3) =  -3  = 3$
0	$\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(0)) = \Phi(0) =  0  = 0$

By our results from the mapping tables, we conclude that  $\Phi^{-1}(y) = -\text{id}_Y$  is indeed the inverse function for  $\Phi$ .

**Question 5.** Determine the inverse function for the following functions,

(a)  $f(x) = 4x + 8$ .

**Solution.** Proceeding with the inverse algorithm,

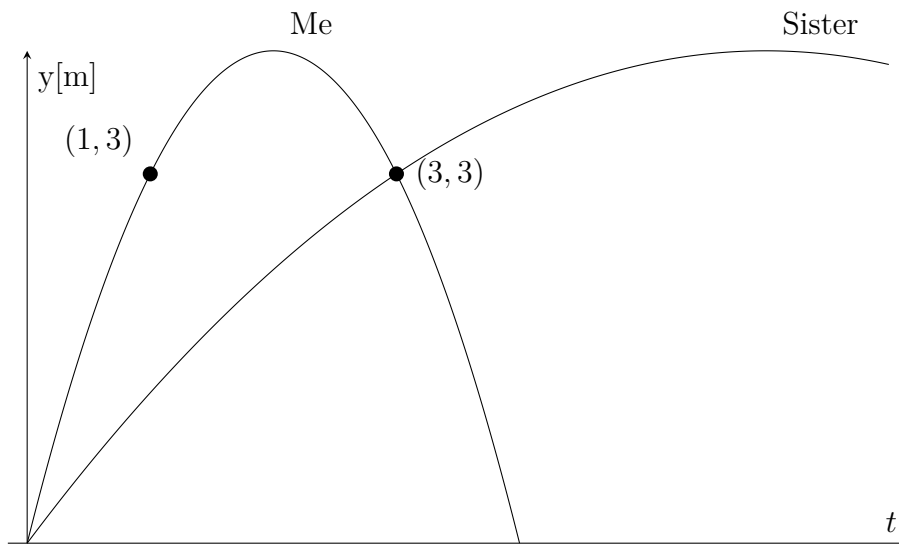
$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 4x + 8 \\y &= 4x + 8 \\y - 8 &= 4x \\x &= \frac{1}{4}(y - 8) \\f^{-1}(x) &= \frac{1}{4}(x - 8).\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $H(x) = \sqrt{x - 16} + 2$ .

**Solution.** Proceeding with the inverse algorithm,

$$\begin{aligned}H(x) &= \sqrt{x - 16} + 2 \\y &= \sqrt{x - 16} + 2 \\y - 2 &= \sqrt{x - 16} \\(y - 2)^2 &= x - 16 \\x &= (y - 2)^2 + 16 \\f^{-1}(x) &= (x - 2)^2 + 16.\end{aligned}$$

**Question 6.** Suppose that I throw a ball from ground level and my sister simultaneously throws a rock. She manages to hit the ball at exactly  $t = 3$  seconds.



Let  $M(x)$  denote my graph and  $S(x)$  denote the graph of my sister. We can represent the graph of my sister as a horizontal scaling of my graph,

$$S(x) = M(B \cdot x) \quad (B \in \mathbb{R}, B \neq 1)$$

Using the data given in the plot, determine the correct value for  $B$ .

**Solution (1).** Since my sister hits the ball at exactly  $t = 3$  seconds, it follows that  $S(3) = 3$ . Since  $M(1) = 3$ , we can horizontally stretch my graph  $M(x)$  by a factor 3 to obtain,

$$S(3) = M\left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3\right) = M(1) = 3.$$

And hence,

$$B = \frac{1}{3}.$$

**Solution (2).** Another solution is to think about how to transform,

$$(1, 3) \longrightarrow (3, 3).$$

After which you could conclude that a horizontal stretch by a factor of 3 should do the job,

$$(1, 3) \longrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{1/3}, 3\right) = (3, 3).$$



**Question 7.** Let  $f(x) = |x|$ , and let  $R(x) = -\frac{1}{2}f(2x + 4) + 1$  be a transformation of  $f$ .

(a) Describe the transformation.

**Solution.** Let  $A = -1/2, B = 2, H = 4, K = 1$ . We first factor  $R(x)$  to obtain,

$$R(x) = -\frac{1}{2}f(2x + 4) + 1 = -\frac{1}{2}f(2(x + 2)) + 1.$$

From which we can describe the transformations,

- Since  $A < 0$ ,  $f$  is reflected across the x-axis.
- $f$  is horizontally shifted left by 2 units.
- $f$  is vertically shifted up by 1 unit.
- Since  $|A| = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $0 < \frac{1}{2} < 1$  we conclude that  $f$  has been vertically compressed by a factor of 2.
- Since  $|B| = 2$  and  $2 > 1$  we conclude that  $f$  has been horizontally compressed by a factor of 2.

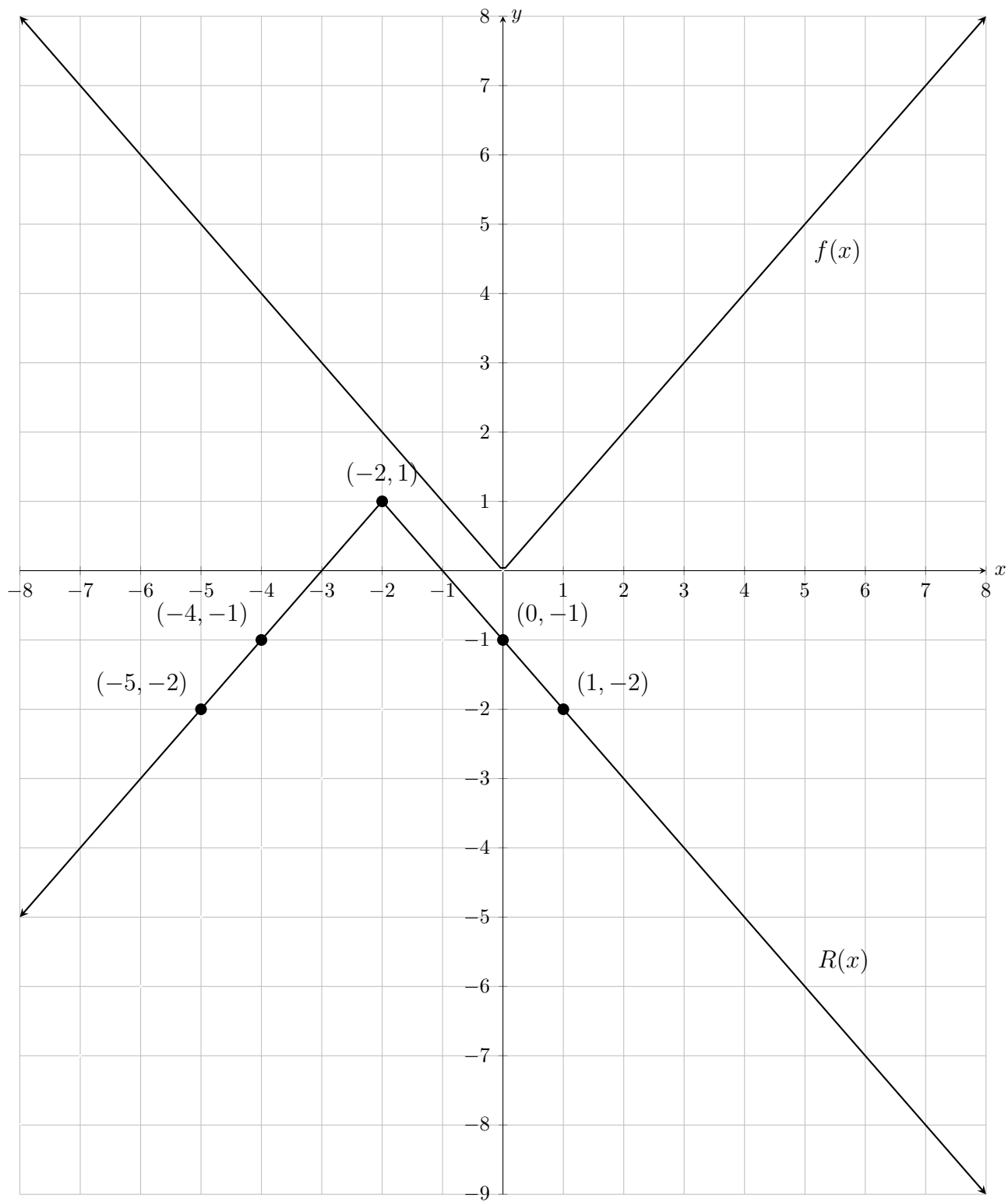
(b) Determine the expression for the coordinate transformation,

$$\left(\frac{x - H}{B}, Af(x) + K\right) = \left(\frac{x - 4}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}f(x) + 1\right)$$

(c) Complete the following coordinate table to determine the corresponding transformed coordinates.

$(x, f(x))$	$\left((x - 4)/2, -\frac{1}{2}f(x) + 1\right)$
$(0, 0)$	$(-2, 1)$
$(-6, 6)$	$(-5, -2)$
$(6, 6)$	$(1, -2)$
$(-4, 4)$	$(-4, -1)$
$(4, 4)$	$(0, -1)$

- (d) Using your results from the coordinate table, sketch the transformation  $R(x)$ . Be sure to **label** the transformed coordinates as well as the function.



## Part C - Solve exactly one of the three problems.

**Question 8.** Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $B = \{x, y, z\}$  be sets. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the set of all functions from  $A \rightarrow B$ . Let  $\mathcal{M} = \{f \in \mathcal{L} \mid f \text{ is invertible}\}$ . Determine  $|\mathcal{M}|$  and justify that your answer is correct.

**Note:** Try counting all possible mapping diagrams between  $A$  and  $B$ . Two invertible functions are the same if their mapping diagrams are equivalent.

**Solution (1).** Each function  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  is an invertible function between  $A$  and  $B$  with a unique mapping diagram where each element in  $A$  is mapped to a unique element in  $B$ . Hence we can count all possible ways to construct such a mapping diagram. For  $a \in A$ , we can map it to either  $x, y, z$ , this gives us 3 choices. For each of those choices, we can map  $b \in A$  to either of the 2 remaining choices. And lastly, for  $c \in A$ , we can map it to the remaining single choice. This gives us a total of 6 choices, and hence  $|\mathcal{M}| = 6$ .

**Solution (2).** Another approach to count all possible invertible mapping diagrams between  $A$  and  $B$  is to draw all of them.

**Question 9.** Let  $A, B$  be sets, and let  $F: A \rightarrow B$  be a function between the sets. We define the **nullset** of  $F$  to be,

$$\text{Null}(F) = \{a \in A \mid F(a) = 0\}.$$

Let  $G: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $G(x) = 2x - 4$ ,

- (a) Determine  $\text{Null}(G)$ .
- (b) What do you think  $\text{Null}(G^{-1})$  contains and why?
- (c) Determine  $\text{Null}(G^{-1})$ .

**Solution.**

- (a) Note that,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Null}(G) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid G(x) = 0\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 2x - 4 = 0\}.\end{aligned}$$

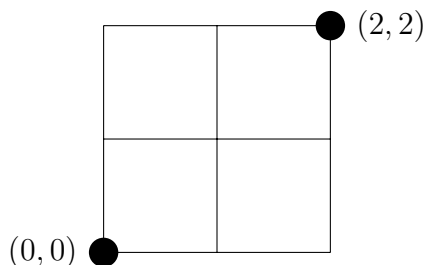
At this point we conclude that  $\text{Null}(G)$  contains the solution to the equation  $2x - 4 = 0$ . If we solve the equation by isolating for  $x$ , we get that  $x = 2$ . Hence,

$$\text{Null}(G) = \{2\}.$$

- (b)  $\text{Null}(G^{-1})$  contains the y-intercept of  $G$ . This is because  $G(0) = 4$  is the y-intercept of  $G$ , therefore the inverse function  $G^{-1}$  will map 4 back to 0. Hence,  $G^{-1}(4) = 0$ . Because  $G$  is invertible,  $G^{-1}$  can at most map a single element back to 0, or else it would fail to be injective. Hence  $G^{-1}$  contains only the y-intercept of  $G$ .
- (c) From our previous argument, we conclude that,

$$\text{Null}(G^{-1}) = \{4\}.$$

**Question 10.** Consider the following grid below,



Let **R** denote a rightward move and **U** denote an upward move. We define a path from  $(0,0)$  to  $(2,2)$  to be a sequence of rightward and upward moves. For example **RRUU** is a path from  $(0,0)$  to  $(2,2)$ , and so is **UURR**.

- (a) Determine all paths from  $(0,0)$  to  $(2,2)$ . Collect all of these paths into the set  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Hint:**  $|\mathcal{P}| = 6$ .

- (b) Let  $Z = \{\{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,4\}, \{2,3\}, \{2,4\}, \{3,4\}\}$ .

- (i) Describe a function  $\Psi: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow Z$  that assigns a relationship between the two sets.

**Note:** The function description can be in words.

- (ii) Draw a mapping diagram for  $\Psi$  based on your description of the function.

**Hint:** In my description :  $\Psi(\text{UURR}) = \{3,4\}$ ,  $\Psi(\text{RUUR}) = \{1,4\}$  (Yours could be different)

- (c) Describe the inverse function  $\Psi^{-1}: Z \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ .

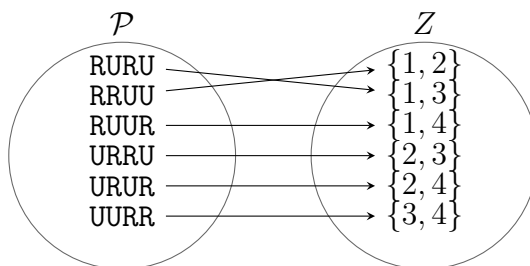
**Solution.**

- (a) After counting all the paths, you should obtain,

$$\mathcal{P} = \{\text{RURU}, \text{RRUU}, \text{RUUR}, \text{URRU}, \text{URUR}, \text{UURR}\}.$$

- (b) (i) The function can be described as follows, for every path  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\Psi(p)$  assigns to the path  $p$  the set in  $Z$  which contains the integers which correspond to the positions of the character **R** in the path  $p$ . So for example,  $\Psi(\text{URRU}) = \{2,3\}$ .

- (ii) By our description of  $\Psi$  from (i), we can deduce the mapping diagram,



- (c) The inverse function can be described as follows, for every set  $S \in Z$ ,  $\Psi^{-1}(S)$  assigns to the set  $S$  the path in  $\mathcal{P}$  which contains the character **R** at the positions indicated by the integers in the set  $S$ . So for example,  $\Psi^{-1}(\{2,4\}) = \text{URUR}$ .