

# Recitation: Functions

Discrete Mathematics TAs  
(plaigarised primarily from the book)

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## Questions

1. 10 points Determine whether  $f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is onto if
  - (a)  $f(m, n) = 2m - n$
  - (b)  $f(m, n) = m^2 - n^2$
  - (c)  $f(m, n) = m + n + 1$
  - (d)  $f(m, n) = |m| - |n|$
  - (e)  $f(m, n) = m^2 - 4$
2. 5 points if  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a one to one function show that there exists a function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g$  is onto
3. 5 points if  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a onto function show that there exists a function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g$  is one to one
4. 5 points Show that for every one-to-one and onto function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  it has an inverse function  $g$ , such that  $\forall a \in A, g(f(a)) = a$  and  $\forall b \in B, f(g(b)) = b$
5. 7 points
  1. Let  $I$  be the set of decimals of the form  $0.d_1d_2d_3d_4\dots$ . Construct a one to one function from  $I$  to  $I \times I$
  2. Find either an onto function from  $I$  to  $I \times I$  or a one to one function from  $I \times I$  to  $I$
  3. Do  $I$  **and**  $I \times I$  have the same cardinality?
6. 5 points Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$   
If  $C_0 \subseteq C$ , show that  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(C_0) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(C_0))$
7. 5 points Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$   
If  $f$  and  $g$  are injective, show that  $g \circ f$  is injective.
8. 5 points Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$   
If  $f$  and  $g$  are surjective, show that  $g \circ f$  is surjective.
9. 5 points In mathematics and computer science, the floor function is the function that takes as input a real number  $x$ , and gives as output the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .  
Let  $g$  be a function from the set  $A$  to the set  $B$ . Let  $S$  be a subset of  $B$ . We define the inverse image of  $S$  to be the subset of  $A$  whose elements are precisely all pre-images of all elements of  $S$ . We denote the inverse image of  $S$  by  $g^{-1}(S)$ , so  $g^{-1}(S) = \{a \in A \mid g(a) \in S\}$ . (Beware: The notation  $g^{-1}$  is used in two different ways. Do not confuse the notation introduced here with the notation  $g^{-1}(y)$  for the value at  $y$  of the inverse of the invertible function  $g$ . Notice also that  $g^{-1}(S)$ , the inverse image of the set  $S$ , makes sense for all functions  $g$ , not just invertible functions.)  
Let  $g(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$ . Find

(a)  $g^{-1}(\{0\})$ .

(b)  $g^{-1}(\{-1, 0, 1\})$

(c)  $g^{-1}(\{x \mid 0 < x < 1\})$ .

10. 5 points Let  $f$  be a function from the set  $A$  to the set  $B$ . Let  $S$  be a subset of  $B$ . We define the inverse image of  $S$  to be the subset of  $A$  whose elements are precisely all pre-images of all elements of  $S$ . We denote the inverse image of  $S$  by  $f^{-1}(S)$ , so  $f^{-1}(S) = \{a \in A \mid f(a) \in S\}$ . (Beware: The notation  $f^{-1}$  is used in two different ways. Do not confuse the notation introduced here with the notation  $f^{-1}(y)$  for the value at  $y$  of the inverse of the invertible function  $f$ . Notice also that  $f^{-1}(S)$ , the inverse image of the set  $S$ , makes sense for all functions  $f$ , not just invertible functions.)

Let  $f$  be a function from  $A$  to  $B$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be subsets of  $B$ . Show that  $f^{-1}(S \cap T) = f^{-1}(S) \cap f^{-1}(T)$ .