

# CISC 102 (Fall 20)

## Homework #4: Functions (20 Points)

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1. (2pts)

Determine whether the mappings from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  shown below are or are not functions, and explain your decision.

(a)  $f(x) = 1/x$

Because there is no definition for  $x = 0$ , we must say that  $f(x) = 1/x$  is not a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$

(b)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

Because  $\sqrt{x}$  is not a real number for any negative number this does not work for  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , unless we define this function to only non-negative real numbers. Therefore we say:  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  is not a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

2. (2pts)

Determine whether each of the following functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is a bijection, and explain your decision. HINT: Plotting these functions may help you with your decision.

(a)  $f(x) = -x^2 + 2$

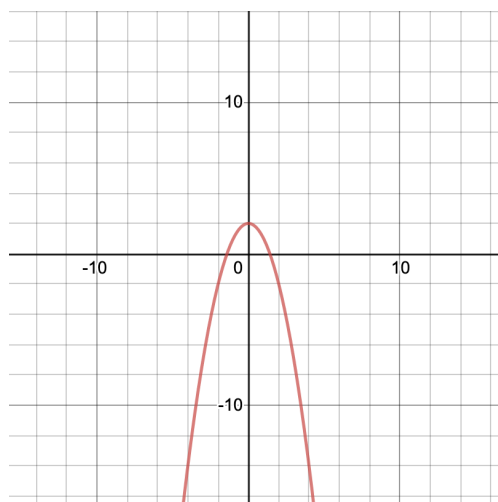


Figure 1:  $f(x) = -x^2 + 2$  Graph.

As we can see from this graph, this is not a bijection because it is not onto or one-to-one. We can see this because any horizontal line put on the graph will intersect more than one, or not at all.

(b)  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2$

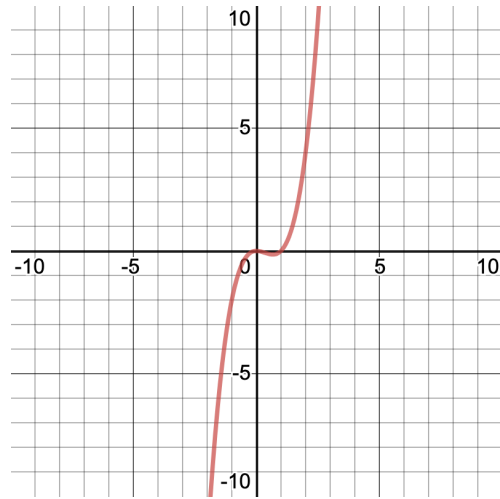


Figure 2:  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2$  Graph.

As we can see from the graph, this is not a bijection for  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , because  $f(x) = 0$  for both  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ .

3. (2pts)

Suppose the function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a bijection. What can you say about the values  $|A|$  and  $|B|$ ?

If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a bijection, then we can say that the cardinalities of A and B are equal. In other words:  $|A| = |B|$

4. (2pts)

Let  $f : \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \rightarrow \{\text{red, yellow, beige, green, umber, teal}\}$  be a one-to-one function. Prove, by contradiction, that  $f$  is a bijection.

In order to prove this is a bijection by contradiction, we first must assume that this is not a bijection.

Assign  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} = A$  and  $\{\text{red, yellow, beige, green, umber, teal}\} = B$

Assume  $|A| \neq |B|$ .

If  $|A| = 6$

and  $|B| = 6$

and  $6 = 6$ ,

$\therefore |A| = |B|$

Marking our initial assumption wrong, and therefore proving  $f$  as a bijection.

5. (2pts) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Let  $B = \{a, b\}$

Let  $C = \{\text{curling}, \text{hockey}, \text{table-tennis}\}$

(a) How many *one-to-one* functions are there from  $C$  to  $A$ ?

$$|C| = x$$

$$|A| = y$$

$$\frac{y!}{(y-x)!} = \frac{4!}{(4-4)!}$$

$$4! = 24 \text{ and } 0! = 1$$

$\therefore$  there are 24 one to one functions.

(b) How many *onto* functions are there from  $C$  to  $B$ ?

(Hint: count the non-onto functions)

$$C(4\text{val}) \rightarrow B(2\text{val}) = C \rightarrow B \text{ is } 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 = 16$$

However since each value in  $C$  has 2 possible images in  $B$ , there are 2 non-onto functions.

$\therefore C \rightarrow B = 14$  onto and 2 non-onto

6. (4pts)

Decide for each of the following expressions: Is it a function? If so,

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| (i) what is its domain, codomain, and image? | (ii) is it injective? (why or why not)  |
| (iii) is it surjective? (why or why not)     | (iv) is it invertible? (why or why not) |

(a)  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $x \mapsto x^3$

This is a function, denoted by  $f(x) = x^3$

We will refer to  $x$  as A and  $x^3$  as B.

(i) The domain can be defined by  $\mathbb{R}$ . Codomain is also defined as  $\mathbb{R}$ . The image is also  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(ii)  $f(x) = x^3$ . Here we need to find if  $f(a) = f(b)$  :

$$f(a) = a^3$$

$$f(b) = b^3$$

$$b^3 = a^3 \implies \sqrt[3]{b^3} = \sqrt[3]{a^3}$$

$b = a \therefore f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $x \mapsto x^3$  is injective.

(iii)  $f(x) = x^3$   
 $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{y^3}$   
 $f(x) = y \therefore f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $x \mapsto x^3$  is surjective.

(iv) Because each input has a unique output, we can say that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $x \mapsto x^3$  is invertible.

(b)  $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined by  $(r, z) \rightarrow \lceil r \rceil * z$

(i) Domain for  $r$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ , and the domain for  $z$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The codomain is  $\mathbb{Z}$ . This image is  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(ii) For this function to be injective, the cardinality of  $\lceil r \rceil * z \geq (r, z)$ . However we can see that this is not true, as not every  $r, z$  point will have a place to map in  $\lceil r \rceil * z$ , because of the ceiling function and multiplication.

(iii) This function is surjective because the cardinality of  $\lceil r \rceil * z \leq (r, z)$ , as so every point from the  $\lceil r \rceil * z$  will have a place to map on  $(r, z)$ .

(iv) This is not invertible. This is because a function must be bijective to be invertible, and because this is not injective it cannot be bijective.

7. (2pts)

Let  $f$  be a function from the set  $A$  to the set  $B$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be subsets of  $A$ . Show that

(a)  $f(S \cup T) = f(S) \cup f(T)$ :

Let  $x \in f(S \cup T)$  Then  $\{\exists y \in S \cup T | f(y) = x\}$ .

$y \in S \vee y \in T \therefore f(y) \in f(S) \vee f(y) \in f(T)$

Because  $f(y) = x$  we can rewrite as  $x \in f(S) \vee x \in f(T)$

$x \in f(S) \cup f(T) \therefore f(S \cup T) \subseteq f(S) \cup f(T)$

For the second part, we need to take the equations:  $y \in S \vee y \in T$  such that  $f(y) = x$

Because we are looking for the union we rewrite as  $y \in S \cup T$

$f(y) \in f(S \cup T) \equiv x \in f(S \cup T)$  Then we can rewrite as  $f(S) \cup f(T) \subseteq f(S \cup T)$ .

From the above work we can see that:

$f(S) \cup f(T) \subseteq f(S \cup T) = f(S \cup T) \subseteq f(S) \cup f(T)$

$\therefore f(S) \cup f(T) = f(S \cup T)$

(b)  $f(S \cap T) \subseteq f(S) \cap f(T)$ .

Let  $x \in f(S \cap T)$  Then  $\{\exists y \in S \cap T | f(y) = x\}$   
 $y \in S \wedge t \in T \equiv f(y) \in f(S) \wedge f(y) \in f(T) \equiv x \in f(S) \wedge x \in f(T)$   
 To find the intersection:  $x \in f(S) \cap f(T)$   
 $\therefore f(S \cap T) \subseteq f(S) \cap f(T)$

8. (1pts) find the inverse function of  $f(x) = x^3 + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^3 + 1 \equiv y = x^3 + 1 \\ x^3 &= y - 1 \\ x &= \sqrt[3]{y - 1} \\ \therefore f^{-1}(x) &= \sqrt[3]{x - 1} \end{aligned}$$

9. (2pts)

Suppose that  $g$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$  and  $f$  is a function from  $B$  to  $C$ .

(a) Show that if both  $f$  and  $g$  are one-to-one functions, then  $f \circ g$  is also one-to-one.

$f(x) = f(y) \therefore x = y$ . This shows that  $f$  is one to one.  
 $g(x) = g(y) \therefore x = y$ . This shows that  $g$  is one to one.

If  $g : A \rightarrow B$  is one to one and  $f : B \rightarrow C$  is one to one,  $f \circ g$  is one to one. This is how we see this:

Assume  $(f \circ g(x)) = (f \circ g(y))$

$f(g(x)) = f(g(y))$

Because  $f$  and  $g$  are both one to one:

$g(x) = g(y)$

$x = y$

Here we can see that  $x = y \therefore f \circ g$  is a one to one function.

(b) Show that if both  $f$  and  $g$  are onto functions, then  $f \circ g$  is also onto.

$f = \forall x \in C \exists y \in B. \therefore f(y) = x$ . This shows that  $f$  is onto.

$g = \forall y \in B \exists z \in A. \therefore g(z) = y$  This shows that  $g$  is onto.

Using the functions found above we can see:  $(f \circ g)(z) = f(g(z)) = f(y) = x$ .  
 This means that  $\{\forall x \in C \exists z \in A | (f \circ g)(z) = x\}$ .

Therefore  $f \circ g$  is onto.

10. (1pts)

Find  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ , where  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  and  $g(x) = x + 2$ , are functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Because  $f$  and  $g$  are both from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  then this must mean that  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  are also from  $\mathbb{R}$ . To find  $f \circ g$  we do the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g &= f(g(x)) = f(x + 2) = (x + 2)^2 + 1 = x^2 + 4x + 5 \\ \therefore f \circ g &= x^2 + 4x + 5 \end{aligned}$$

To find  $g \circ f$  we do the following:

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f &= g(f(x)) = g(x^2 + 1) = x^2 + 1 + 2 = x^2 + 3 \\ \therefore g \circ f &= x^2 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Answer:  $f \circ g = x^2 + 4x + 5$  and  $g \circ f = x^2 + 3$