

# Homework 7

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12 Determine whether each of these functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  is one-to-one:

(a)  $f(n) = n - 1$  is one-to-one:

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $f(a) = f(b)$ . Since  $f(a) = f(b)$ ,  $a - 1 = b - 1$ . Adding 1 to both sides,  $a = b$ , so the elements are the same, and the sets are one-to-one.  $\square$

(b)  $f(n) = n^2 + 1$  is not one-to-one, as both  $f(1) = f(-1) = 2$ .

(c)  $f(n) = n^3$  is one-to-one:

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $f(a) = f(b)$ . Since  $f(a) = f(b)$ ,  $a^3 = b^3$ . Taking the cube root of each side,  $a = b$ , so the elements are the same, and therefore the sets are one-to-one.  $\square$

(d)  $f(n) = \lceil n/2 \rceil$  is not one-to-one, as  $f(1) = f(2) = 1$ .

20 Give an example of a function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$  which is

(a) one-to-one but not onto:  $f(n) = n^2$

(b) onto but not one-to-one:  $f(n) = \lceil n/2 \rceil$

(c) both onto and one-to-one (but different from the identity function):

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} f(n) = n + 1 & n \text{ is even} \\ f(n) = n - 1 & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

(d) neither one-to-one nor onto:  $f(n) = 0$

22b Determine whether  $f(x) = -3x^2 + 7$  is a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

This function is not a bijection, as  $f(1) = f(-1) = 4$ .

22c Determine whether  $f(x) = (x + 1)/(x + 2)$  is a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

This is not a function as  $f(-2)$  is undefined, which means it is also not a bijection. Additionally, there is no  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

30 Let  $S = \{-1, 0, 2, 4, 7\}$ . Find  $f(S)$  if

(a)  $f(x) = 1$ :  $\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1\} = \{1\}$

- (b)  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ :  $\{-1, 1, 5, 9, 15\}$
- (c)  $f(x) = \lceil x/5 \rceil$ :  $\{0, 0, 1, 1, 2\} = \{0, 1, 2\}$
- (d)  $f(x) = \lfloor (x^2 + 1)/3 \rfloor$ :  $\{0, 0, 1, 5, 16\} = \{0, 1, 5, 16\}$

36 If  $f$  and  $f \circ g$  are one-to-one, does it follow that  $g$  is one-to-one? Justify your answer.

Yes (assuming both have the same domain and codomain)

*Proof.* Suppose  $g$  is not one-to-one. Then there exists some  $x, y$  where  $x \neq y$  in the domain of  $g$  where  $g(x) = g(y)$ . Because functions produce equal output for equal input, since  $g(x) = g(y)$ , then  $f(g(x)) = f(g(y))$ , despite  $x \neq y$ . But we said  $f \circ g$  is one-to-one: a contradiction! Therefore  $g$  must be one-to-one.  $\square$

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

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

*Proof.* Let  $x \in f(S) \cup f(T)$ . Since  $x \in f(S \cup T)$ , then either  $x \in f(S)$  or  $x \in f(T)$ . If  $x \in f(S)$ , then there exists some  $y$  in  $A$  such that  $f(y) = x$ . Since  $y \in S \cup T$ , either  $y \in S$  or  $y \in T$ , so  $y \in S \cup T$ , and then  $f(y) \in f(S \cup T)$ . Thus,  $f(S) \cup f(T) \subset f(S \cup T)$ .

Similarly, let  $x \in f(S \cup T)$ . So there exists some  $y \in A$  such that  $f(y) = x$ , so  $y$  is in  $S \cup T$ . This means that either  $y \in S$  or  $y \in T$ , so  $f(y) \in f(S)$  or  $f(y) \in f(T)$ . Thus,  $f(S \cup T) \subset f(S) \cup f(T)$ .

Since both are subsets of the other,  $f(S \cup T) = f(S) \cup f(T)$ .  $\square$

(b)  $f(S \cap T) \subset f(S) \cap f(T)$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in f(S \cap T)$ . Then  $\exists y \in A$  such that  $f(y) = x$ . So  $y \in S \cap T$ , meaning that  $y \in S$  and  $y \in T$ . Then  $f(y) \in f(S) \cap f(T)$ , making  $f(S \cap T) \subset f(S) \cap f(T)$ .  $\square$

76 Prove or disprove each of these statements:

(a) True

*Proof.* Let the integer  $n$  be the ceiling of  $x$ . Since  $n$  is an integer, the floor of  $n$  is  $n = \lceil x \rceil$ .  $\square$

(b) False:  $x = y = 1.5$

(c) True

*Proof.* Let the ceiling of  $x/4$  be  $n$ , so  $n - 1 < x/4 \leq n$ , and  $2n - 2 < 2/x \leq 2n$ .  $\square$

(d) False:  $x = 3.5$

(e) True