

## Homework 5

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1. Prove that if the real-valued function  $f$  is strictly increasing or strictly decreasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is one-to-one (Note: You cannot assume  $f$  is differentiable).

*Proof.* Case 1:  $f$  is strictly decreasing.

Let  $x, a \in \text{dom}(f)$ . Assume that  $f(x) = f(a)$ . If  $x \neq a$ , then by trichotomy either  $x < a$  or  $x > a$ .

Case A: If  $x < a$ , then  $f(x) > f(a)$ , and  $f(x) \neq f(a)$ .

Case B: If  $x > a$ , then  $f(x) < f(a)$ , and  $f(x) \neq f(a)$ .

In either case, if  $x \neq a$ , then  $f(x) \neq f(a)$ , and  $f$  is one-to-one.

Case 2:  $f$  is strictly increasing.

Let  $x, a \in \text{dom}(f)$ . Assume that  $f(x) = f(a)$ . If  $x \neq a$ , then by trichotomy either  $x < a$  or  $x > a$ .

Case A: If  $x < a$ , then  $f(x) < f(a)$ , and  $f(x) \neq f(a)$ .

Case B: If  $x > a$ , then  $f(x) > f(a)$ , and  $f(x) \neq f(a)$ .

In either case, if  $x \neq a$ , then  $f(x) \neq f(a)$ , and  $f$  is one-to-one.

As such,  $f$  is one-to-one if it is strictly increasing or strictly decreasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ . □

2. Prove the following are metrics:

$$(a) \quad X = \mathbb{R}, d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y \\ 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

$$(b) \quad X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, d((x, y), (z, w)) = \sqrt{(x - z)^2 + (y - w)^2}$$

**Definition 1** (Metric). A metric on a set  $X$  is a function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$(a) \quad d(x, y) \geq 0$$

$$(b) \quad d(x, y) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = y$$

$$(c) \quad d(x, y) = d(y, x),$$

$$(d) \quad d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z).$$

*Proof.* We begin by proving that the first function is a metric.

1. The  $\text{rang}(d) = \{0, 1\}$  so the function is definitely greater than or equal to zero for any inputted pair of values.
2. By the definition of  $d$ ,  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ .
3. Since the equals relationship is symmetric,  $x = y \implies y = x$ . As such,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ , since the order of the inputs does not generate a unique output.
4. Not completed.

Therefore the first function is a metric.

We now prove that the second function is a metric.

1. The  $\text{rang}(d) = \{0, 1\}$  so the function is definitely greater than zero.
2. By the definition of  $d$ , if and only if  $x = y$  does  $d(x, y) = 0$ .
3. Since the equals relationship is symmetric,  $x = y \implies y = x$ . As such,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ .
4. Not completed.

Therefore the function is a metric. □

3. Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be given by  $f(m, n) = 2^{m-1}(2n - 1)$ . Prove that  $f$  is one-to-one and onto.

*Proof.* If we can prove that there is a unique solution  $f(m, n)$  for every  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we will have proven that  $f$  is one-to-one and onto.

We begin by breaking apart the function. Let us consider two functions:

$$g(m) = 2^{m-1}$$

and

$$h(n) = 2n - 1,$$

such that

$$f(m, n) = g(m) \cdot h(n).$$

The function  $g$  is clearly one-to-one and onto for any  $m$ . Any value of  $m$  produces a power of two, all of which are in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Looking at  $f$ , we see that if  $m > 1$ ,  $g$  in effect creates the even factors found in the result,  $f(m, n)$ .

Considering  $h$ , we see that it is also one-to-one and onto for any  $n$ . Any value of  $n$  produces an odd number (because  $h$  is the definition of an odd number) – in fact,  $h$  produces every odd number in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

There are two cases to consider.

Case 1:  $m = 1$ . In this case,  $f(1, n)$  will map  $n$  to every odd number in  $\mathbb{N}$ . If  $m = 1$ , the function  $f$  is one-to-one and onto.

Let  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_q$  be the prime factorization of  $f(m, n)$ , where  $p_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq q$ , is a prime factor of  $f(m, n)$  raised to some power. By the fundamental theorem of arithmetic, the prime factorization of a number is unique up to commutativity. In this case, we find that  $f(1, n) = 2n - 1$ , so the prime factorization is entirely dependent on the value of  $n$ .

Case 2:  $m > 1$ . In this case,  $f(m, n)$  has some power of two (that is not one) multiplying an odd number. Since any odd number multiplied by an even number is even,  $f(m, n)$  will be even for all  $n$ .

Let  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_q$  be the prime factorization of  $f(m, n)$ , where  $p_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq q$ , is a prime factor of  $f(m, n)$  raised to some power. By the fundamental theorem of arithmetic, the prime factorization of a number is unique up to commutativity. In this case, we find that  $f(m, n) = 2^{m-1}(2n - 1)$ , so the prime factorization is entirely dependent on the value of both  $m$  and  $n$ .

Since different values of  $n$  will yield different odd numbers, the prime factors will be the same if and only if the value of the input is the same. The same is true for  $m$ .

As such, as long as  $(m, n) \neq (p, q)$ ,  $f(m, n)$  and  $f(p, q)$  have different prime factors. Therefore,  $f(m, n)$  is one-to-one.

Furthermore, there is always at least one solution for all  $m, n$ , so  $f(m, n)$  is onto as well.  $\square$

4. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function from a nonempty set  $A$ . Prove that the set  $\mathcal{C} = \{f^{-1}(b) : b \in \text{rang}(f)\}$  is a partition of  $A$ . Note:  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ .

**Definition 1** (Partition). The set  $\mathcal{C}$  is a partition of  $A$  if:

1.  $\forall D \in \mathcal{C}, D \neq \emptyset$
2.  $\forall D, E \in \mathcal{C}$ , then either  $D \cap E = \emptyset$  or  $D = E$
3.  $\cup_{D \in \mathcal{C}} D = A$

*Proof.* We begin by showing that  $\mathcal{C}$  does not contain the empty set. By the definition of the inverse, we know that  $f^{-1} = \{a \in A : f(a) = b\}$ . Choosing any  $D \in \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$ , we can see that  $\exists b \in \text{rang}(f) : f^{-1}(b) = D$ . The set  $D$  is nonempty, since if  $b \in \text{rang}(f)$ , then there exists  $a \in A : f(a) = b$ .

We now show that any two subsets of  $\mathcal{C}$  are pairwise disjoint if they are not the same set. Since  $f$  is a function, there is only one  $f(a)$  for any  $a \in A$ . Then, the intersection of any two subsets of  $\mathcal{C}$ , which is the set containing the inverse of all elements of the range, will be the empty set unless they are the same: this follows as a result of there being only one  $f(a)$  for any  $a \in A$  – if there were more than one, then multiple elements in the range could have the same preimage, but this is not the case. Indeed, the intersect of any two sets in  $\mathcal{C}$  is not the empty set if they are the same set.

Finally, we show that the union of all sets in  $\mathcal{C}$  are equal to  $A$ . since  $f$  is a function,  $\text{dom}(f) = A$ . That means that every point in  $A$  is either mapped to  $B$  by  $f$ , or does not have a solution. By the definition of  $\mathcal{C}$ , the other partition must be the set of  $a \in A : f^{-1}(b) \neq a, b \in B$ . The union of these two partitions is equal to  $A$ .

Therefore,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a partition of  $A$ .

□

5. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function from a nonempty set  $A$  which is surjective. Find a new function  $g : C \rightarrow B$  which is one-to-one such that  $C \subseteq A$ ,  $\text{rang}(g) = \text{rang}(f)$ , and for every  $x \in C$ ,  $f(x) = g(x)$ . Explain why  $g$  has an inverse function,  $g^{-1}$ . Then, compute  $f(g^{-1}(x))$  for all  $x \in B$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is surjective, there is at least one solution for  $f(a)$  for all  $a \in A$ . Consider the function  $g : C \rightarrow B$ , where  $C$  is the set of all values in  $A$  such that a single element is chosen from every different partition of  $A$ . Then, since we can partition  $A$  such that each partition's elements send all its points to the same point in  $B$ , by restricting the domain to a single point from each partition, we can make  $g$  one-to-one – and since  $f$  was onto, simply restricting the domain doesn't cause  $g$  to cease being onto, which makes  $g$  bijective. Furthermore,  $\text{rang}(g) = \text{rang}(f)$ , and for every  $x \in C$ ,  $f(x) = g(x)$ , since  $g$  is essentially  $f$  with a restricted domain. Since  $g$  is bijective, it has an inverse that is also bijective.

The composed function  $f(g^{-1}(x))$  for all  $x \in B$  is  $B$ . The inverse  $g^{-1}$  takes every element of  $B$  and maps it to a partition of  $A$ . Then,  $f$  operates on those elements (which are essentially a single element from every partition of  $A$ , making  $f$  look like  $g$  since it's operating on what is essentially a restricted domain) and sends them to the range. Since  $f$  is onto, every element that  $g^{-1}$  returned in  $A$  is sent back to  $B$ . As such, the composition yields the set  $B$ .  $\square$