

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

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

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

(b) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$

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

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

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).

Proof.

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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.

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