

## Study Unit 7

### Activity 7-12

1. Write down the bijective (one-to-one correspondence) functions from X to Y in each case:

(a)  $X = \{\emptyset, \{113\}\}$  and  $Y = \{\{1\}\}$ :

To obtain a bijective function from X to Y we must fill in the template

$\{\emptyset, \quad\}, (\{113\}, \quad\}$

in such a way that different pairs get different elements of Y (for injectivity) and all elements of Y are used up (for surjectivity).

This is not possible, since Y has only one element and there are two pairs needing *different* second co-ordinates.

So there is no bijective function from X to Y in this case.

(b)  $X = \{\emptyset, \{113\}\}$  and  $Y = \{\{1\}, \{2\}\}$ :

We need to fill in the template

$\{\emptyset, \quad\}, (\{113\}, \quad\}$

so that we use, once only, each element of Y. This is possible in 2 ways:

$$h_1 = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, (\{113\}, \{2\})\}$$

and  $h_2 = \{\emptyset, \{2\}, (\{113\}, \{1\})\}.$

(c)  $X = \{\emptyset, \{113\}\}$  and  $Y = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{7\}\}$ :

There is no way to fill in the template  $\{\emptyset, \quad\}, (\{113\}, \quad\}$  so that we use each member of Y exactly once, because there are 3 elements in Y and only 2 gaps to be filled in.

So there are no bijective functions from X to Y in this case.

2. Check the following functions for injectivity (one-to-one), surjectivity (onto) and bijectivity (a one-to-one correspondence) (ie functions that are both injective and surjective), and give the inverse function of each:

(a)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by the rule  $f(x) = x + 1$ :

$f$  is **injective**, because

$$\text{if } f(u) = f(v)$$

$$\text{then } u + 1 = v + 1$$

$$\text{ie } u = v.$$

$f$  is **surjective**, because

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ran}(f) &= \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}, (x, y) \in f\} \\ &= \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}, y = x + 1\} \\ &= \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}, x = y - 1\} \\ &= \{y \mid y - 1 \text{ is an integer}\} = \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is **bijective**,  $f^{-1}$  is a function from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

We can determine the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}(y, x) \in f^{-1} &\text{ iff } (x, y) \in f \\ &\text{ iff } y = x + 1 \\ &\text{ iff } x = y - 1\end{aligned}$$

so  $f^{-1}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by the rule  $f^{-1}(y) = y - 1$ .

*Note:* We can also write this as

$f^{-1}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by the rule  $f^{-1}(x) = x - 1$  or

$f^{-1}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by the rule  $f^{-1}(z) = z - 1$ , etc.

It is important to note that it does not matter which variable we use.

(b)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by the rule  $f(x) = x^2$ :

$f$  is **not injective**, because we can find a counterexample:

If we choose  $u = 2$  and  $v = -2$ , then  $u \neq v$  but

$$f(u) = f(2) = 4 \text{ and } f(v) = f(-2) = 4$$

$$\text{ie } f(u) = f(v).$$

$f$  is **not surjective**, because we can find a counterexample:

If we choose  $y = -9$ ,

then there is no  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x^2 = y$  (since  $x^2 \geq 0$  for every integer  $x$ ),

$$\text{so } -9 \notin \text{ran}(f).$$

Hence  $\text{ran}(f) \neq \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is **not bijective**,  $f^{-1}$  is not a function from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(c)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by the rule  $f(x) = 3 - x$ :

$f$  is **injective** because

$$\text{if } f(u) = f(v)$$

$$\text{then } 3 - u = 3 - v$$

$$\text{ie } u = v.$$

$f$  is **surjective** because

$$\text{ran}(f) = \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}, (x, y) \in f\}$$

$$= \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}, y = 3 - x\}$$

$$= \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 3 - y\}$$

$$= \{y \mid 3 - y \text{ is an integer}\}$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}$$

Since  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is **bijective**,  $f^{-1}$  is a function from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$(y, x) \in f^{-1} \text{ iff } (x, y) \in f$$

$$\text{iff } y = 3 - x$$

$$\text{iff } x = 3 - y.$$

So  $f^{-1}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by the rule  $f^{-1}(y) = 3 - y$ .

(d)  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by the rule  $f(x) = 4x + 5$ :

$f$  is **injective** because

$$\text{if } f(u) = f(v)$$

$$\text{then } 4u + 5 = 4v + 5$$

$$\text{ie } 4u = 4v$$

$$\text{ie } u = v.$$

$f$  is **not surjective** because, if we choose  $y$  to be even, say  $y = 8$ ,

then  $y$  cannot be written in the form  $4x + 5$  (Can you remember why not?)

$$\text{ie } y \notin \text{ran}(f).$$

Hence  $\text{ran}(f) \neq \mathbb{Z}$  (although  $\text{ran}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ ).

So  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is **not bijective**.

*Note:* If  $f$  were defined to be a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  would be bijective (can you show this?) with an inverse calculated as follows:

$$(y, x) \in f^{-1} \text{ iff } (x, y) \in f$$

$$\text{iff } y = 4x + 5$$

$$\text{iff } y - 5 = 4x$$

$$\text{iff } (y - 5)/4 = x.$$

Hence  $f^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by the rule  $f^{-1}(y) = (y - 5)/4$ .

1. Consider an identity function  $i_C: C \rightarrow C$ .

(a) Prove that  $i_C: C \rightarrow C$  is bijective.

A function is **bijective** if it is **injective** and **surjective**.

$i_C: C \rightarrow C$  is defined by the rule  $i_C(x) = x$  ( $i_C$  is the identity function on  $C$ ):

$i_C$  is **injective**, because

$$\text{if } i_C(u) = i_C(v)$$

$$\text{then } u = v.$$

$i_C$  is **surjective**, because

$$\text{ran}(i_C) = \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in C, (x, y) \in i_C\}$$

$$= \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in C, y = x\}$$

$$= \{y \mid y \in C\} = C$$

$i_C$  is injective and surjective, thus it is a bijective function.

(c) Prove that  $i_C$  is an equivalence relation on  $C$ .

In order to prove that  $i_C$  is an equivalence relation, we have to prove that  $i_C$  is **reflexive, symmetric and transitive**.

### Reflexivity:

*Is it the case that for all  $x \in C$ ,  $(x, x) \in i_C$ ?*

Yes, for any  $x \in C$ ,  $x = x$ ,

ie  $(x, x) \in i_C$ .

Thus  $i_C$  is reflexive.

### Symmetry:

*If  $(x, y) \in i_C$ , is it the case that  $(y, x) \in i_C$ ?*

Suppose  $(x, y) \in i_C$ ,

then  $y = x$

ie  $x = y$ ,

therefore  $(y, x) \in i_C$ .

Thus  $i_C$  is symmetric.

### Transitivity:

*If  $(x, y) \in i_C$  and  $(y, z) \in i_C$ , is it the case that  $(x, z) \in i_C$ ?*

*(Assume  $(x, y) \in i_C$  and  $(y, z) \in i_C$  then use this information to prove that  $(x, z) \in i_C$ .)*

Suppose  $(x, y) \in i_C$ ,

then  $y = x$  ①

and

suppose  $(y, z) \in i_C$ ,

then  $z = y$ . ②

From ① and ② it follows that:

$z = y = x$

ie  $z = x$ ,

therefore  $(x, z) \in i_C$ .

Thus  $i_C$  is transitive.

$i_C$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, thus it is an equivalence relation.