

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

if $f(u) = f(v)$

then $u + 1 = v + 1$

ie $u = v$.

f is **surjective**, because

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

$$= \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}, y = x + 1\}$$

$$= \{y \mid \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}, x = y - 1\}$$

$$= \{y \mid y - 1 \text{ is an integer}\} = \mathbb{Z}$$

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

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

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

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),

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?) 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.