

The Odd Questions of Chapter 6

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6.1: Let f be any function. Suppose that the inverse relation $f^{-1} = \{\langle y, x \rangle : y = f(x)\}$ is a function. Is f^{-1} a bijection?

Yes, it is a bijection because every ordered pair will have an inverse pair and no 2 ordered pairs will share an inverse unless they themselves were the same pair.

If f^{-1} was not injective then more than one y maps to a singular x , which is not possible because f is a function. If f^{-1} was not surjective then no y would map to an x , which is not possible because f is a function.

6.3:

a: If 2 finite sets A and B are the same size and r is an injective function from A to B , show that r is also surjective:

Injective means that the codomain has a element for atleast every element of the domain; $\text{---}B\text{---} \hookrightarrow \text{---}A\text{---}$. If the sets must be the same size then we know there are not any extra elements in the codomain so the function must also be surjective.

b: Give a counterexample showing part (a) does not necessarily hold if the sets are bijectively related infinite sets:

Suppose we have a square root function that relates a set of all perfect squares to a set of every real number. The function may seem bijective as each perfect square has a distinct integer (injective) and both sets have a cardinality of infinite, but there are numbers in the second set that cannot be mapped to, so the function is not surjective.

6.5: Suppose $f : A \mapsto B, g : C \mapsto D$, and $A \subseteq D$. Explain when $(f \circ g)^{-1}$ exists as a function from a subset of B to C . and express it in terms of f^{-1} and g^{-1}

$(f \circ g)$ goes from $C \mapsto A \mapsto B$ so $(f \circ g)^{-1}$ must go from $B \mapsto A \mapsto C$. Expressed in proper notation starting from a subset of B it would be $g^{-1}(f^{-1}(B'))$. This only represents a function though when functions f and g are injective so they're inverses remain functions. g may be surjective but f may not as extra elements must in B so that the inverse of its subset may map to the entire set A .

6.7: The function $f(n) = 2n$ is a bijection from \mathbb{Z} to the even integers and the function $g(n) = 2n + 1$ is a bijection from \mathbb{Z} to the odd integers. What are f^{-1}, g^{-1} and the function h of Theorem 6.4?

$$f^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}n$$

$$g^{-1} = \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$h(n) = g^{-1}(f^{-1}(n))$$

$$= g^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}n\right)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}n - 1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n-2}{4}$$