

DRP Notes

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1 Functions

1.1 Definitions

Definition 1. A **Function** is defined by a subset of $A \times B$:

$$\Gamma_f := \{(a, b) \in A \times B | b = f(a)\} \subseteq A \times B$$

This set Γ_f is the graph of f ; a function is fully represented by its graph.

Functions are required to follow $(\forall a \in A)(\exists! b \in B) f(a) = b$

Identity function: $id_A : A \rightarrow A$ or $(\forall a \in A) id_A(a) = a$

1.2 Indexed Sets

An indexed set $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$ is informally defined as a_i for i ranging over some set of indices I . The more formal definition is a function $I \rightarrow A$ where A is some set from which we draw the elements a_i .

1.3 Composition of functions

Functions may be composed if $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ are functions, then so is the operation $g \circ f$ defined by:

$$(\forall a \in A) (g \circ f)(a) := g(f(a))$$

Composition is commutative and associative.

1.4 Injections, surjections, bijections

- A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is *injective* if $(\forall a' \in A)(\forall a'' \in A) a' \neq a'' \implies f(a') \neq f(a'')$. That is, if f sends different elements to different elements.
- A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is *surjective* if $(\forall b \in B)(\exists a \in A) b = f(a)$. That is, if f 'covers the whole of B ' (im $f = b$)

Injections are often drawn \hookrightarrow ; surjections are often drawn \twoheadrightarrow .

If f is both injective and surjective, we say it is *bijective* or an *isomorphism of sets*. Where we write \cong

1.5 Injections, surjections, bijections: Second viewpoint

If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a bijection, then we can 'flip its graph' to define a function $g : B \rightarrow A$. Assume $A \neq \emptyset$, and let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a function:

1. f has a left-inverse if and only if it is injective.
2. f has a right-inverse if and only if it is surjective.

This implies a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a bijection if and only if it has a two-sided inverse. ??.

1.6 Monomorphisms and epimorphisms

There is another way to express injectivity and surjectivity.

A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a *monomorphism* if the following holds:

for all sets Z and all functions $\alpha', \alpha'' : Z \rightarrow A$

$$f \circ \alpha' = f \circ \alpha'' \implies \alpha' = \alpha''$$

1.7 Exercises

Exercise 1. Prove that the inverse of a bijection is a bijection and that the composition of two bijections is a bijection.

First to prove the inverse of a bijective function f is injective:

By Proposition 2.1, b