

CS1231(S) Tutorial 4: Functions

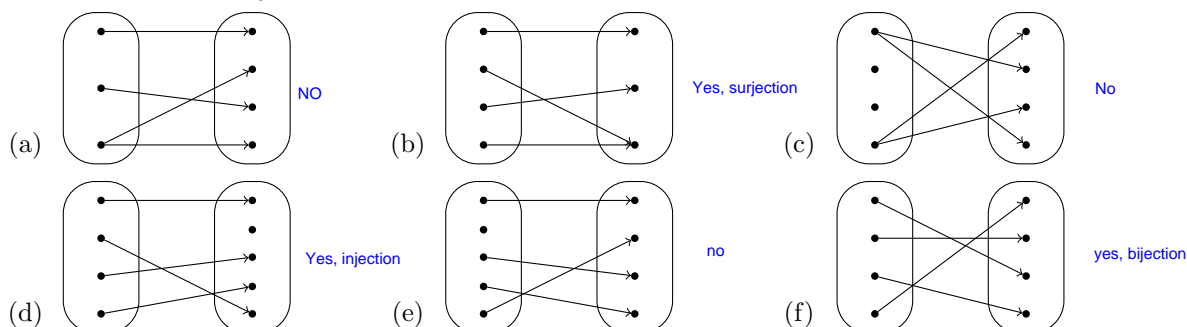
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1. Which of the following formulas define a function $f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$?

- (a) $f(n) = \pm n$. NO
 (b) $f(n) = 2^n$. no, i.e. $\sqrt[4]{2} = 2^{1/4}$ is not a rational number
 (c) $f(n) = \frac{1}{n^2+1}$. Yes
 (d) $f(n) = \lfloor \sin n \rfloor$. Yes

2. Each of the diagram below represents a way of assigning the LHS points to the RHS points: a point x on the left is assigned a point y on the right if and only if there is an arrow from x to y .



Which of the above represent a function from the LHS set to the RHS set? Amongst those that represent a function, which ones represent injections, which ones represent surjections, and which ones represent bijections?

3. Let U be a set and $A \subseteq U$ such that $\emptyset \neq A \neq U$. Define the function $\chi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ by setting, for all $x \in U$,

$$\chi(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \notin A; \\ 1, & \text{if } x \in A. \end{cases}$$

domain: U
codomain: \mathbb{Z}
image: $\{0, 1\}$

Find the domain, the codomain, and the image of χ .

4. Which of the functions defined in the following are injective? Which are surjective? Prove that your answers are correct. If a function defined below is both injective and surjective, then find a formula for the inverse of the function. Here denote by Bool the set $\{\mathbf{true}, \mathbf{false}\}$.

$$\begin{array}{lll} f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}; & g: \text{Bool}^2 \rightarrow \text{Bool}; & h: \text{Bool}^2 \rightarrow \text{Bool}^2; \\ x \mapsto 12x + 31, & (p, q) \mapsto p \wedge \sim q, & (p, q) \mapsto (p \wedge q, p \vee q), \end{array}$$

$$k: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z};$$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \text{ is even;} \\ 2x - 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

5. Find the values of the following:

- (a) $\lfloor 12.31 \rfloor$; 12
- (b) $\lceil 12.31 \rceil$; 13
- (c) $\lfloor -12.31 \rfloor$; -13
- (d) $\lceil -12.31 \rceil$. -12

6. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. The *order* of a bijection $f: A \rightarrow A$ is defined to be the least $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that

$$\underbrace{f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f}_{n\text{-many } f\text{'s}} = \text{id}_A.$$

Define functions $g, h: A \rightarrow A$ by setting, for all $x \in A$,

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = 2; \\ 2, & \text{if } x = 1; \\ x, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad h(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } x = 3; \\ 3, & \text{if } x = 2; \\ x, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the orders of g , h , $g \circ h$, and $h \circ g$.

7. Let A, B, C be sets. Show that $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$ for all bijections $f: A \rightarrow B$ and all bijections $g: B \rightarrow C$.

8. Fix sets A, B . Define the *graph* of a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ to be

$$\{(x, y) \in A \times B : x \in A \text{ and } y = f(x)\}.$$

- (a) Assuming $A \neq \emptyset$, find a subset $S \subseteq A \times B$ that cannot be the graph of any function $f: A \rightarrow B$.
 - (b) Find a necessary and sufficient condition for a subset $S \subseteq A \times B$ to be the graph of some function $A \rightarrow B$. Show that your condition is indeed necessary and sufficient.
9. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function. Let $X \subseteq A$ and $Y \subseteq B$.

- (a) Compare the sets X and $f^{-1}(f(X))$.
 - (i) Is one always a subset of the other? Justify your answer.
 - (ii) Propose, with justification, a necessary and sufficient condition on X for the two sets to be equal.
- (b) Compare the sets Y and $f(f^{-1}(Y))$.
 - (i) Is one always a subset of the other? Justify your answer.
 - (ii) Propose, with justification, a necessary and sufficient condition on Y for the two sets to be equal.