

**Assignment due April 5th at 11:59 p.m.**

Complete the following problems. These problems are related to Chapters 12 in the Book of Proof. Found at:

<https://www.people.vcu.edu/~rhammack/BookOfProof/Main.pdf>

**Problem 1:** For each of the following functions, determine whether the function is injective, surjective, bijective or none. Also, order the functions in a manner such that if a function  $f(x)$  is to the left of  $g(x)$  in the ordering, then  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$ . You do not need to prove any of your conclusions. Assume the domain and co-domain of each function is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We say  $f(x)$  is  $\mathcal{O}(g(x))$  when  $f(x)$  is less than or equal to  $g(x)$  to within some constant multiple  $c$

- Ordering =  $e(x), h(x), c(x), a(x), f(x), g(x), b(x), d(x)$

- $a(x) = 2x$

$a(x)$  is  $\mathcal{O}(2x)$

Injective, Surjective and Bijective

- $b(x) = 2^x$

$b(x)$  is  $\mathcal{O}(2^x)$

Injective, not Surjective and Bijective

- $c(x) = \log(x)$

$c(x)$  is  $\mathcal{O}(\log(x))$

Injective, not Surjective and not Bijective

- $d(x) = x^x$

not Injective, not Surjective and not Bijective

- $e(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Injective, Surjective and Bijective

- $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{5}$

not Injective, not Surjective and not Bijective

- $g(x) = \frac{x^4-1}{7x+7}$

Injective, Surjective and Bijective

- $h(x) = 918532$

not Injective, Surjective and not Bijective

For problems 2 through 7, prove each of the statements.

**Problem 2:** The function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(n) = n^2$  is not surjective and not injective.

*Proof.* Assume  $a = b$ , so  $(f(a) = a^2) = (f(b) = b^2)$

we can say that  $a^2$  is equal to  $b^2$

now lets set  $a = -1$  and  $b = 1$

they both equal 1 yet are different values

therefore the function is not injective.

Now lets assume that  $n = 0$

it follows that  $f(0) = 0^2$  which is 0.

zero is not in  $\mathbb{N}$

therefore, the function is not surjective.

□

**Problem 3:** The function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(n) = 3n - 17$  is injective.

*Proof.* Assume  $f(a) = f(b)$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

It follows that  $3a - 17 = 3b - 17$

we can simplify to  $3a = 3b$  and then to  $a = b$

Therefore the function is injective.

□

**Problem 4:** The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$  is surjective. *Note that the floor function, denoted  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ , just rounds down.*

*Proof.* let  $a$  and  $b$  be  $\in \mathbb{R}$  and  $< 3$  and  $> 2$ .

$a \neq b$

they will both round down to 2.

therefore the function is surjective.

□

**Problem 5:** The function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(n) = -n + 4$ , is a bijection. *Hint: first find its inverse.*

*Proof.* Lets start by finding the inverse of this  $f$

so  $y = -x + 4$ , then switch  $x$  and  $y$  to get  $x = -y + 4$

now rewrite with  $y$  on it's own side.  $y = 4 - x$ .

so  $f^{-1}(x) = 4 - x$  and  $f(x) = -n + 4$

now look at  $f(f^{-1}(x))$  which is  $-(4 - x) + 4$ . This is equal to  $x$

They are inverses because this is equal to  $x$ .

Therefore  $f$  is bijective.

□

**Problem 6:**  $\frac{x^3+17}{4x+5}$  is  $O(3x^2)$ .

*Proof.* We say that  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$  if there exists constants  $C$  and  $k$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq C(g(x))$  for all  $x > k$

let  $c = 2$  and  $k = 1$ , assume  $x > k$ .

Then  $|\frac{x^3+17}{4x+5}| = \frac{x^3+17}{4x+5}$  because the function will be positive for any  $x > 1$

likewise,  $|\frac{x^3+17}{4x+5}| \leq x \frac{x^2+17}{4x+5}$  because it is a bigger function.

we can write this as  $\frac{1}{4}x^2 + 17$

then we can multiply the entire function by 24 and simplify to get  $2 \times 3x^2$

□

**Problem 7:**  $n \log(n)$  is not  $O(100n)$ . Assume log base 10.

*Proof.*  $f(x)$  is not  $O(g(x))$  means for all constants  $C, k$  there exists an  $x > k$  such that  $|f(x)| > C|g(x)|$

let  $C$  and  $k$  be arbitrary constants.

Assume BYOC that  $n \log n$  is  $O(100n)$

then there are  $C$  and  $k$  such that  $0 \leq n \log n \leq 100n$

if a  $n$  is divided from both sides, we get  $\log n \leq 100$

this fails for values of  $x < 10$

therefore it is a contradiction.

□