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Lecture 9

Partitions

- Disjoint : A and B are disjoint if their intersection is empty
↳ No elements in common

Functions

- $f: A \rightarrow B$ is an assignment from A to exactly one element of B.

Injection

- one-to-one function

Surjection (onto)

- all elements in the codomain are mapped

Bijection

- both injection and surjection

Example

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = 2x + 1$$

Injectivity:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R} \quad (f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow x = y)$$

$$2x + 1 = 2y + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

Surjectivity

$$\forall f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \exists x$$

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y

$$2x+1 = y$$

$$2x = y-1$$

$$x = \frac{y-1}{2} \quad y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = x^2$$

$$y = f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y = x^2$$

$$\begin{cases} \pm\sqrt{y} = x & \text{when } y \geq 0 \\ \pm\sqrt{y}i = x & \text{when } y < 0 \end{cases}$$

Not a Surjection!

Inverse Functions

Def: Let f be a bijection from A to B . Then the inverse of f , denoted f^{-1} , is the function from B to A .

Composition

Def: Let $f: B \rightarrow C$, $g: A \rightarrow B$. The composition of f with g , denoted $f \circ g$ is the function from A to C .

Example

$\{1, 2, 3\}$
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$$f: [1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$\text{Range}(f) = \{1, 4, 9\}$$

$$f: [1, 16] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$g(x) = x^2$$

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$\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 15, 16\}$

So $g \circ f = g(f(x))$ works because

- ★ The RANGE of the INNER FUNCTION has to be a subset of the DOMAIN of the OUTER FUNCTION.

Cardinality of Infinite Sets (Not in Zybooks, WILL BE ON EXAM 2)

- Some infinities are bigger than others!

$$|\mathbb{Z}| < |\mathbb{R}| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})|$$

• Relative Definitions

- $|A| = |B|$, i.f.f. there is a bijection from A to B
- $|A| \leq |B|$, if there is an injection from A to B
- When $|A| \leq |B|$ and $|A| \neq |B|$, we write $|A| < |B|$
- $|A| < |\mathcal{P}(A)|$
- $A \subseteq B \rightarrow |A| \leq |B|$

Example

$$D = [0, 1], E = [0, 2]$$

• A bijective function $f(x) = 2x$

• So $|A| = |B|$

• A set is countable if :

• A is finite OR $|A| \leq |\mathbb{Z}^+|$

• Basically you want to find a bijection that maps A to $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, to show A is countable.

• If that is not the case then the set is uncountable.

Countable vs Uncountable

$[-1000, 1000] \cap \mathbb{Z}$ countable

$\{10, 11, 12, \dots\}$

Positive Rational Numbers

Definition : A rational number can be expressed as the ratio of two integers p and q such that $q \neq 0$.

• Positive rational numbers are countable.