

Problem Session #5

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Course Policy: Read all the instructions below carefully before you start working on the assignment, and before you make a submission.

- They are the questions that I am going to solve during the next problem session.
- You should examine these questions before the lecture.
- I will write ONLY answers of the questions on the white board during the lecture.
- Since I have already shared the questions on Moodle, to obtain the questions is your responsibility.
- Please attend the lecture because I will take your attendances.

Problem 1: Functions

(0 points)

If f and $f \circ g$ are one-to-one, does it follow that g is one-to-one? Justify your answer.

(Solution)

- Since we know f and $f \circ g$ are one-to-one, we can define f and g functions as $g: A \Rightarrow B$ and $f: B \Rightarrow C$.
- Assume that b_1 and b_2 are the elements $\in B$ and since we know that f is one-to-one, their images are not equal, $f(b_1) \neq f(b_2)$.
- Assume that a_1 and a_2 are the elements $\in A$ and since we know that $f \circ g$ is one-to-one, we can say that $f(g(a_1)) \neq f(g(a_2))$.
- Using these two equations, we can suppose that $g(a_1) = b_1$ and $g(a_2) = b_2$.
- Since $g(a_1) \neq g(a_2)$, we can see that g is one-to-one.

Problem 2: Inverse of Functions

(0 points)

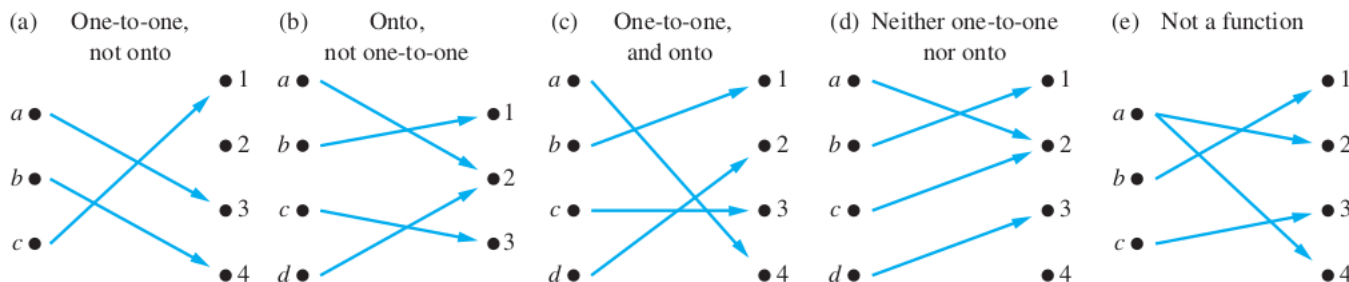
Let f be the function from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} defined by $f(x) = x^2$. Find

(a) $f^{-1}(\{x \mid 0 < x < 1\})$ **(Solution)** $\{x \mid -1 < x < 0 \vee 0 < x < 1\}$ **(b)** $f^{-1}(\{x \mid x > 4\})$ **(Solution)** $\{x \mid x > 2 \vee x < -2\}$

Problem 3: Function Properties

(0 points)

Give an example of a function $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ which is:



(a) onto but not one-to-one;

(Solution) The function defined by $f(1) = 1$ and for $n > 1$, $f(n) = n - 1$, for example.

(b) neither one-to-one nor onto;

(Solution) the constant function $f(n) = 107$ for all n , for example.

(c) both one-to-one and onto.

(Solution) the identity function $F(n) = n$, for all n , for example.

Problem 4: Functions

(0 points)

Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and let $f, g, h : S \rightarrow S$ be the functions defined by

- $f = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 4), (4, 5), (5, 3)\}$
- $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 5), (3, 1), (4, 2), (5, 4)\}$
- $h = \{(1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 1)\}$

(a) Explain why f and g have inverses but h does not. Find f^{-1} and g^{-1} .

(Solution)

$$f^{-1} = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 5), (4, 3), (5, 4)\};$$

$$g^{-1} = \{(1, 3), (2, 4), (3, 1), (4, 5), (5, 2)\}$$

Functions f and g have inverses because they are one-to-one and onto while h does not have an inverse because it is not one-to-one (equally because it is not onto).

(b) Show that $(f \circ g)^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1} \neq f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$.

(Solution)

- $(f \circ g)^{-1} = f(g(x))^{-1} = \{(1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 1), (5, 5)\}$
 - $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ for $f(g(x))^{-1}$
 - when $x = 1$:
 - * $g(1) = 3$ so $f(g(1)) = f(3) = 4$. If $f(g(1)) = 4$, then $f(g(4))^{-1} = 1$.
 - when $x = 2$:
 - * $g(2) = 5$ so $f(g(2)) = f(5) = 3$. If $f(g(2)) = 3$, then $f(g(3))^{-1} = 2$.
 - when $x = 3$:

- * $g(3) = 1$ so $f(g(3)) = f(1) = 3$. If $f(g(2)) = 3$, then $f(g(3))^{-1} = 2$.
 - when $x = 4$:
 - * $g(4) = 2$ so $f(g(4)) = f(2) = 1$. If $f(g(4)) = 1$, then $f(g(1))^{-1} = 4$.
 - when $x = 5$:
 - * $g(5) = 4$ so $f(g(5)) = f(4) = 5$. If $f(g(5)) = 5$, then $f(g(5))^{-1} = 5$.
- $g^{-1} \circ f^{-1} = g^{-1}(f^{-1}(x)) = \{(1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 1), (5, 5)\} = (f \circ g)^{-1}$
 - $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ for $g^{-1}(f^{-1}(x))$
 - when $x = 1$:
 - * $f^{-1}(1) = 2$ so $g^{-1}(f^{-1}(1)) = g^{-1}(2) = 4 = (1, 4)$
 - when $x = 2$:
 - * $f^{-1}(2) = 1$ so $g^{-1}(f^{-1}(2)) = g^{-1}(1) = 3 = (2, 3)$
 - when $x = 3$:
 - * $f^{-1}(3) = 5$ so $g^{-1}(f^{-1}(3)) = g^{-1}(5) = 2 = (3, 2)$
- $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} = \{(1, 5), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 4), (5, 1)\} \neq (f \circ g)^{-1}$