

Functions

Assume A, B sets, function f from A to B is assignment of exactly one element of B to each element of A

$$f: A \rightarrow B$$

↑  
name of function    ↑ domain    ↓ co-domain

ex.  $A = \{\text{Ben, Pegg}\}$

$B = \{\text{Blue, orange, purple}\}$

$C: A \rightarrow B$

$C(\text{Ben}) = \text{Orange}, C(\text{Pegg}) = \text{Blue}$  valid

$C(\text{Ben}) = \text{Orange}, C(\text{Ben}) = \text{Purple}, C(\text{Pegg}) = \text{blue}$  invalid

$C(\text{Ben}) = \text{Pink}$  invalid (not in co-domain)

Image of function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is set of values we actually get when applied to A (can be different from B)

Onto

function onto iff image equals co-domain

for function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $\forall y \in B, \exists x \in A$  s.t.  $f(x) = y$

(quantifier order matters, swapping gives different definition)

\* ex.  $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$   $g(x) = x+2$  prove g is onto (show g can output any integer)  
 Strat: define arbitrary element in co-domain, show it must have a pre-image in domain  
 Proof: Let  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a = y - 2$  where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , a is an element of the domain. Then,  
 $g(a) = g(y-2) = y-2+2 = y$ . We found pre-image in the domain of our arbitrary element y of the  
 co-domain,  $\therefore g$  is onto.

One-to-one

- Pre-image: for  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , if  $y \in B$  and  $x \in A$  and  $f(x) = y$ , then x is a pre-image of y

- Can have multiple pre-images (i.e.  $f(x) = y$ ,  $f(z) = y$ ,  $f(a) = y$ , etc.)

- One-to-one: iff no element of co-domain has more than one pre-image

-  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $\forall x, y \in A, x \neq y \rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$   
 for different elements in domain      we get diff outputs

$f: A \rightarrow B, \forall x, y \in A, f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow x = y$  (contrapositive)

(i.e. for two same outputs, inputs were same, f one-to-one)

ex.  $A = \{\text{Ben, Pegg}\}$     $B = \{\text{orange, blue, purple}\}$     $C: A \rightarrow B$

$c(\text{Ben}) = \text{Orange}$     $c(\text{Pegg}) = \text{Orange}$    yes function, not one-to-one

\* ex. Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  and  $f(x) = 2x+1$ . Prove  $f$  is one-to-one.

Strat: use contrapositive, assume  $f(x) = f(y)$ , show  $x=y$

Proof: Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$ . By definition of  $f$ ,  $2x+1 = 2y+1$ ,  $2x = 2y$ ,  $x = y$ . Since  $x = y$ ,  $f$  is one-to-one.

### Extra Stuff

• Bijection:  $f: A \rightarrow B$  that is one-to-one and onto

- $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$  exists and is also a bijection
- $|A| = |B|$

• Composition:  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

## Discussion Problems - 5.1bc, 5.3b, 7.1b, 7.3ab

### 5.1 Nested Quantifiers

Explain why each of the following propositions is true or false:

- (a)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, y^3 \leq x$
- (b)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, \forall y \in \mathbb{N}, xy = x$
- (c)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Q}, |x - y| \leq 0.01$
- (d)  $\exists y \in \mathbb{Q}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, |x - y| \leq 0.01$
- (e)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, \forall y \in \mathbb{N}, \text{GCD}(x, y) = 1$
- (f)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, x = y^2$
- (g)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q}, \exists (w, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, x = \frac{w}{y}$
- (h)  $\exists (w, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}, x = \frac{w}{y}$

a) True. When  $x < 0$ , choose a  $y \geq \sqrt[3]{x}$  and  $y < 0$ . When  $x = 0$ , choose a  $y \leq 0$ . When  $x > 0$ , choose a  $y \leq \sqrt[3]{x}$

b) True,  $x = 0$ .  $0 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\forall y \in \mathbb{N}, xy = x, 0y = 0, 0 = 0 \checkmark$

c) True

### 5.3 Concrete Onto Proofs

Prove that the following functions are onto:

- (a)  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x) = 17 - 2x$
- (b)  $f : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f(x, y) = xy + 27$

b) Let  $f : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f(x, y) = xy + 27$ . Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , an arbitrary element in the co-domain.

Let  $a, b$  be the pre-image of  $m$  such that  $a = 1$  and  $b = m - 27$ .  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  because  $a = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b = m - 27$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $27 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , therefore  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$  too. Then,  $f(a, b) = f(1, m - 27) = 1(m - 27) + 27 = m$ .

Because  $m$  is an arbitrary element of the co-domain and we found a pre-image to  $m$  in the domain of  $f$ ,  $f$  is onto.

$$17 - 2y = x \quad \frac{17 - x}{2} = y$$

a) Let  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x) = 17 - 2x$ . Let  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , an arbitrary element in the co-domain of  $g$ .

Let  $m$  be the pre-image of  $z$  such that  $m = \frac{17-z}{2}$ . Then,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  because  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$g(m) = g\left(\frac{17-z}{2}\right) = 17 - 2\left(\frac{17-z}{2}\right) = z$ .  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , therefore  $m$  is in the domain of  $g$  and is the pre-image of  $z$ . Because  $z$  is an arbitrary element of the co-domain of  $g$ ,  $g$  must be onto

① define arbitrary element  $z$  in co-domain

② define element  $m = f^{-1}(z)$  (not always inverse tho), show  $m \in \text{domain}$

③ show  $f(m) = z$

④ show onto bc found pre-image to arbitrary in the domain

## 7.1 Concrete One-to-one Proofs

Prove that each of the following functions is one-to-one.

- (a)  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x) = 2^{x+1}$
- (b)  $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $h(x) = x^2 + 27$

b) Let  $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $h(x) = x^2 + 27$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and assume  $h(a) = h(b)$ . Then,  $a^2 + 27 = b^2 + 27$ ,  
 $a^2 = b^2$ , and  $a \geq 0$  and  $b \geq 0$ , so  $a = b$ . Thus,  $h(x)$  is one-to-one.

## 7.3 Abstract proof using Composition

- (a) Suppose that  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are sets and  $f : B \rightarrow C$  and  $g : A \rightarrow B$  are functions. Prove that if  $f \circ g$  is onto and  $f$  is one-to-one, then  $g$  is onto.
- (b) Give a concrete counter-example (involving small sets!) showing why the assumption that  $f$  is one-to-one is necessary in (a).

a) Let  $f : B \rightarrow C$  and  $g : A \rightarrow B$ , assume  $f \circ g$  is onto and  $f$  is one-to-one. Let  $m \in B$ ,  $z = f(m)$ . Since  $f \circ g$  is onto,  $\exists k \in A$  st.  $f(g(k)) = z$ . Since  $f$  is one-to-one,  $f(g(k)) = z = f(m)$ , then  $g(k) = m$ . We found the pre-image of  $m$  in  $A$ ,  $\therefore g$  is onto.

b) Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $C = \{5, 6\}$ . Assume  $g(1) = 3$  and  $f(3) = 4 \dots$