

(Q7)

**Theorem 1.** *One way to prove that  $S = T$  is to prove that  $S \subseteq T$  and  $T \subseteq S$ .*

*Let*

$$S = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R} : y = \frac{x}{x+1} \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\} \right\}$$
$$T = (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$$

*Use this strategy to prove that  $S = T$ .*

*Proof.* We observe that  $S$  is the range of a function  $\frac{x}{x+1}$  which has the domain  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ . Let  $y \in S$ . It follows that:

$$y = \frac{x}{x+1} \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$$

Therefore, we can work our way backwards through the function to get the element from the domain that produced each value of  $y$  in  $S$ .

Thus:

$$y = \frac{x}{x+1}$$
$$xy + y = x$$
$$y = x - xy$$
$$y = x(1 - y)$$
$$\frac{y}{1 - y} = x$$

From the definition of  $S$  and  $T$ ,

$$y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y \neq 1 \implies y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\} \implies y \in T$$

From which we can conclude  $S \subseteq T$ .

Now, we have to prove that  $T \subseteq S$ .

Similarly, we let  $x \in T$ . Since  $1 \notin T$ , we can define  $T$  as the domain of a function that is defined everywhere except 1.

$$y = \frac{x}{1 - x} \text{ for some } x \in T$$

It follows that:

$$y - xy = x$$
$$y = x + xy$$
$$\frac{y}{y+1} = x$$

For all  $x \in T \implies x \in S$ , as  $S$  is the image of the the similar function  $\frac{x}{x+1}$ , thereby implying  $T \subseteq S$ .

Since  $S \subseteq T$  and  $T \subseteq S$ , we can conclude that  $S = T$  by mutual subset inclusion, as required. ■