

# Math 295: Homework 9

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1. Chapter 5.2 # 3 Which of the functions in exercise 3 of § 5.1 are one-to-one and which are onto?

- (a) Let  $A = \{a, b, c, \}$  and  $B = \{a, b\}$ , and  $\{(a, b), (b, b), (c, a)\}$ .  
 $f$  is not one-to-one but it is onto.
- (b) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined by the formula  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$ .  
 $f$  is neither one-to-one or onto.
- (c) Let  $f = \{(x, n) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Z} | n \leq x < n + 1\}$ .  
 $f$  is not one-to-one, but it is onto.

2. Chapter 5.2 #6 Let  $A = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ . Define  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow A$  by the formula  $f(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{R} | y^2 < x\}$ .

- (a) Find  $f(2)$ .  
 $f(2) = (-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$
- (b) Is  $f$  one-to-one? Is it onto?  
 $f$  is one-to-one, and  $f$  is not onto.

3. Chapter 5.2 # 8 Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ .

- (a) Prove that if  $g \circ f$  is onto then  $g$  is onto.  
Proof: Assume  $(g \circ f)(x)$  is onto. Thus, by the definition of composition  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$ . Since,  $g(f(x))$  is onto, for every  $c \in C$ , there exists and  $a \in A$  such that  $g(f(a)) = c$ . Since  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $f(a) = b$ . Thus  $g(f(a)) = g(b)$ . And therefore for all  $c \in C$  there exists at least one  $b \in B$  such that  $g(b) = c$ . Thus  $g(x)$  is onto.
- (b) Prove that if  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one then  $f$  is one-to-one.  
Proof: Assume  $(g \circ f)(x)$  is one-to-one. Thus, by the definition of composition,  $g(f(x))$  is one-to-one. Given  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ , by the definition of one-to-one  $(g \circ f)(a_1) = (g \circ f)(a_2)$ , which implies  $a_1 = a_2$ . Also  $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$  which now implies  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ . Thus, by the definition of one-to-one,  $f$  is one-to-one.

4. Chapter 5.3 # 2 Let  $F$  be the funtion defined in exercise 4(b) of § 5.1. If  $X \in B$ , what is  $F^{-1}(X)$ ?  
 $F^{-1}(X) = A \setminus X$

5. Chapter 5.3 # 6 Let  $A = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}$ , and let  $f$  be the function with domain  $A$  defined by the formula

$$f(x) = \frac{3x}{x-2}$$

- (a) Show that  $f$  is a one-to-one, onto function from  $A$  to  $B$  for some set  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . What is the set  $B$ .  
One-to-one: According to the definition of  $f$ , we have

$$f(a_1) = f(a_2)$$

iff

$$\frac{3a_1}{a_1-2} = \frac{3a_2}{a_2-2}$$

iff

$$3a_1(a_2-2) = 3a_2(a_1-2)$$

iff

$$3a_1a_2 - 6a_1 = 3a_1a_2 - 6a_2$$

iff

$$-6a_1 = -6a_2$$

iff

$$a_1 = a_2$$

Thus there can be no real numbers  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  for which  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$  and  $a_1 \neq a_2$ . Thus  $f$  is one-to-one.

Onto: Let  $y$  be an arbitrary real number. Let  $x = \frac{-2y}{3-y}$ . Then  $g(x) = \frac{3x}{x-2} = \frac{3 \frac{-2y}{3-y}}{\frac{-2y}{3-y} - 2} = \frac{\frac{-6y}{3-y}}{\frac{-2y-6+2y}{3-y}} = \frac{-6y}{-6} = y$ . Thus  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R} \exists x \in \mathbb{R} (g(x) = y)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is an arbitrary function.

The set  $B = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$ .

It has been shown that  $f$  is one-to-one and onto from  $A$  to  $B$  for some set  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

- (b) Find a formula for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

$$f^{-1} = \frac{2x}{x-3}$$

6. Chapter 5.3 # 13 Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $f$  is onto. Let  $R = \{(x, y) \in A \times A \mid f(x) = f(y)\}$ . By exercise 17(a) of § 5.1,  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

- (a) Prove that there is a function  $h : A \setminus R \rightarrow B$  such that for all  $x \in A$ ,  $h([x]_R) = f(x)$ .  
Let  $h = \{(X, y) \in A \setminus R \times B \mid \exists x \in X (f(x) = y)\}$ . Pick  $[x] \in A \setminus R$ . Suppose  $[a] = [x]$  which implies  $aRx$ , which by the definition of a relation,  $f(a) = f(x)$ .

Then,

$$h([a]) = f(a)$$

and

$$h([x]) = f(x)$$

So,  $h([a]) = h([x])$  Thus,  $h$  is a function.

- (b) One-to-one: Suppose  $h([a]) = h([b])$ . Then  $f(a) = f(b)$ . So by the definition of  $R$ ,  $aRb$  implies  $a \in [b]$ . Furthermore,  $bRa$  implies  $b \in [a]$ . Thus based on Lemma (4.6.5),  $[a] = [b]$ . Thus  $h$  is one-to-one.  
Onto: Since  $f$  is onto,  $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A (f(a) = b)$ . Since,  $A \setminus R = \{[x] \mid x \in A\}$ ,  $a \in [a] \in A \setminus R$ . Thus  $h([a]) = f(a) = b$ . Therefore  $h$  is onto because we found for any arbitrary  $b \in B \exists a \in [a] (h([a]) = b)$ .