

# Functions 1

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**1 For each of the following functions  $f$ , say whether  $f$  is 1-1 and whether  $f$  is onto:**

**1.a  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .**

$f(x) = (x+1)^2 - 1 \Rightarrow$  Neither 1-1 or onto. Image only spans  $[-1, \infty)$ , and  $f(-2) = f(0)$ .

**1.b  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x-2 & x > 1 \\ -x & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x+2 & x < -1 \end{cases}$$

Onto, but not 1-1. Image spans  $(-\infty, \infty) \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , but  $f(0) = f(2)$ .

**1.c  $f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = (x + \sqrt{2})^2$ .**

1-1 because in order for  $f(a) = f(b)$  for two rational nubmers  $a$  and  $b$ , either  $a = b$  or  $a + b = -2\sqrt{2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (a + \sqrt{2})^2 &= (b + \sqrt{2})^2 \\ a + \sqrt{2} &= b + \sqrt{2} \text{ or } a + \sqrt{2} = -b - \sqrt{2} \\ a &= b \text{ or } a + b = -2\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$a + b \neq -2\sqrt{2}$  becuase they are rational, so it is 1-1.

Not onto because the image only spans  $[0, \infty)$ .

**1.d  $f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $f(m, n, r) = 2^m 3^n 5^r$  for all  $m, n, r \in \mathbb{N}$ .**

1-1 because 2,3, and 5 are prime factors. Not onto because Not all natural numbers can be created, such as 7.

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Not 1-1 because  $f(1, 1, 2) = f(2, 2, 1)$ , ( $2^m 3^n 6^r = 2^m 3^n 2^r 3^r$ ). Not onto because Not all natural numbers can be created, such as 7.

**1.f** Let  $\sim$  be the equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  defined by  $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{7}$ , and let  $S$  be the set of equivalence classes of  $\sim$ . Define  $f : S \rightarrow S$  by  $f(\text{cl}(s)) = \text{cl}(s+1)$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\text{cl}(0) \rightarrow \text{cl}(1) \rightarrow \text{cl}(2) \rightarrow \text{cl}(3) \rightarrow \text{cl}(4) \rightarrow \text{cl}(5) \rightarrow \text{cl}(6) \rightarrow \text{cl}(0)$ , so both onto and 1-1.

**3** Two functions  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(x) = x^2 + x + 3$ , and  $(g \circ f)(x) = x^2 - 3x + 5$ . Find the possibilities for  $f$ .

$f(x) = y \Rightarrow y^2 + y + 3 = x^2 - 3x + 5 \Rightarrow (y)(y+1) = (x-1)(x-2)$ . After graphing,  $y = 1-x$  or  $x-2$ , so  $f(x) \in \{1-x, x-2\}$ .

**6**

**6.a** Find an onto function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{x-1}{2} & x \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ \frac{x}{2} & x \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Or:  $f(x) = (-1)^x \left( \frac{x - (x \% 2)}{2} \right)$ , but I'm not sure if the modulus operator is allowed in pure math

**6.b** Find a 1-1 function from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ .

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

**7**

**7.a** Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $T = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . How many functions are there from  $S$  to  $T$ ? How many of these are 1-1?

$5^3 = 125$  functions total.

$5 * 4 * 3 = 60$  1-1 functions.

**7.b** Let  $|S| = m, |T| = n$  with  $m \leq n$ . Show that the number of 1-1 functions from  $S$  to  $T$  is equal to  $n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-m+1)$ .

In a 1-1 function, each  $s \in S$  must map to one  $t \in T$ . Thus, there are  $n$  choices for  $s_1$ ,  $n-1$  choices for  $s_2$ , and so on, continuing until the last  $s$  ( $s_m$ ), which will have  $n-m+1$  choices. Thus the total 1-1 functions is  $n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-m+1)$ .