

### 1.3.1 Functions: Image, Closure

- a) The floor function from  $\mathbb{R}_+$  into  $\mathbb{N}$  is defined by putting  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  to be the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . What are the images under the floor function of the sets

i)  $[0, 1] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$

$$\text{Image}(\text{Floor}([0, 1])) = \{0, 1\}$$

ii)  $[0, 1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x < 1\}$

$$\text{Image}(\text{Floor}([0, 1))) = \{0\}$$

iii)  $(0, 1] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 < x \leq 1\}$

$$\text{Image}(\text{Floor}((0, 1])) = \{0, 1\}$$

iv)  $(0, 1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 < x < 1\}$

$$\text{Image}(\text{Floor}((0, 1))) = \{0\}$$

- b) Let  $f : A \rightarrow A$  be a function from set  $A$  into itself. Show that for all  $X \subseteq A$ ,  $f(X) \subseteq f[X]$ , and give a simple example of the failure of the converse inclusion.

$$\begin{aligned} f[X] &= \{a \in A : f(x) = a, x \in X\} \\ \forall x \in X, x \in A &\implies f[X] = \{a \in A : f(x) = a, x \in A\} \\ &\implies f(x) \rightarrow A \end{aligned}$$

- c) Show that when  $f(A) \subseteq A$  then  $f[A] = A$

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) \subseteq A &\implies f[A] = \{a \in A : f(x) = a\} \\ &\implies \forall a \in f[A], a \in A \end{aligned}$$

- d) Show that for any partition of  $A$ , the function  $f$  taking each element  $a \in A$  to its cell is a function on  $A$  into the power set  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  of  $A$  with the partition as its range.

$$\begin{aligned} f : A &\rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A) \\ \text{range}(f) &= \mathcal{P}(A) \\ \forall X \in \mathcal{P}(A) \end{aligned}$$

- e) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function from set  $A$  into set  $B$ . Recall the ‘abstract inverse’ function  $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  defined at the end of Slide 52 by putting  $f^{-1}(b) = \{a \in A : f(a) = b\}$  for each  $b \in B$ .

- i) Show that the collection of all sets for  $b \in f(A) \subseteq B$  is a partition of  $A$  in the sense defined in Chapter 2 of the David Makinson’s book.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(A) &= \{A_i : i \in I, \forall a_i \in A_i, A_i \neq \emptyset, A_i \cap A_{i'} = \emptyset\} \\ \{a \in A : f(a) = b, b \in B\} &= \mathcal{P}(A) \\ \forall a \in A, \exists b \in B : f(a) = b &\implies f^{-1}(b_i) \cap f^{-1}(b_{i'}) = \emptyset \\ &\implies f^{-1}(B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \end{aligned}$$

- ii) Is this still the case if we include in the collection the sets  $f^{-1}(b)$  for  $b \in B \setminus f(A)$ ?  
Depends in if  $f$  is bijective, if it is,  $B$  then would just add an empty set, which would not affect the partition, but if  $B$  is not surjective, then  $f^{-1}$  would be greater than  $\mathcal{P}(A)$

### 1.3.2 Injections, surjections, bijections

- a) Is the floor function from  $\mathbb{R}_+$  into  $\mathbb{N}$  injective?

No, because several values from  $\mathbb{R}_+$  map to the same values in  $\mathbb{N}$ , An exaple is that 1.01, 1.1, 1.9 all map to 1

- b) Show that the composition of two bijections is a bijection. You may make use of results of exercises in the previous slides on injectivity and surjectivity.

$$\begin{array}{ll} f : A \rightarrow B & g : B \rightarrow C \\ \forall a \in A, \exists b \in B : f(a) = b & \forall b \in B, \exists c \in C : g(b) = c \\ f(a) = f(a') \iff a = a' & g(b) = g(b') \iff b = b' \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f &\implies \forall a \in A, \exists c \in C : g(f(a)) = c \\ &\implies g(f(a)) = g(f(a')) \iff a = a' \\ &\implies g \circ f \text{ is bijective} \end{aligned}$$

- c) Use the equinumerosity principle to show that there is never any bijection between a finite set and any of its proper subsets.

$$\begin{aligned} \#(A) = \#(B) &\iff f : A \rightarrow B \text{ is bijective} \\ B \subset A &\implies B = \{\forall b \in B, b \in A\}, A \setminus B \neq \emptyset \\ B \subset A &\implies \exists a \in A : f(a) \notin B \\ &\implies f \text{ is not bijective} \\ &\implies \#(A) \neq \#(B) \end{aligned}$$

- d) Give an example to show that there can be a bijection between an infinite set and certain of its proper subsets.

$$\begin{aligned} A = \mathbb{N}, B = \mathbb{N}_+ \\ f : A \rightarrow B = f(a) = a + 1 \\ f(0) = 1, f(1) = 2 \dots f(n) = n + 1 \end{aligned}$$

- e) Use the principle of comparison to show that for finite sets  $A, B$ , if there are injective functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$ , then there is a bijection from  $A$  to  $B$ . (Hint: Consider the superposition  $g \circ f$  and establish that it provides for a desired bijection).

$$\begin{array}{ll} f : A \rightarrow B & g : B \rightarrow A \\ \forall a \in A, \exists b \in B : f(a) = b & \forall b \in B, \exists a \in A : g(b) = a \\ f(a) = f(a') \iff a = a' & g(b) = g(b') \iff b = b' \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f &: A \rightarrow A \\ f \circ g &: B \rightarrow B \\ &\implies \forall a \in A, \exists b \in B \\ &\implies A \text{ and } B \text{ are bijective} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.3.3 Pigeonhole principle

- a) If a set  $A$  is partitioned into  $n$  cells, how many distinct elements of  $A$  need to be selected to guarantee that at least two of them are in the same cell?  
 $n + 1$
- b) Let  $K = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ . How many distinct numbers must be selected from  $K$  to guarantee that there are two of them that sum to 9? (Hint: Let  $A$  be the set of all unordered pairs  $(x, y)$  with  $x, y \in K$  and  $x + y = 9$ . Check that this set forms a partition of  $K$  and apply the preceding part of the exercise).

$$A = \{x, y : x, y \in K, x + y = 9\}$$

$$A = \{\{1, 8\}, \{2, 7\}, \{3, 6\}, \{4, 5\}\}$$

$$A = \mathcal{P}(K)$$

$$\#(A) = 4 \implies \text{You need 5 numbers}$$

### 1.3.4 Handy functions

- a) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ .
- i) Show that if at least one of  $f, g$  is a constant function, then  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  is a constant function.

$$f \text{ is constant} \implies \exists b \in B \forall a \in A : f(a) = b$$

$$\implies f(A) = b$$

$$g \circ f \implies \exists c \in C \forall a \in A : g(f(a)) = c$$

- ii) If  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  is a constant function, does it follow that at least one of  $f, g$  is a constant function (give a verification or a counterexample).

$$g \circ f \implies \exists c \in C \forall a \in A : g(f(a)) = c$$

$$\implies f(A) = b \vee g(B) = c$$

$$\implies \exists b \in B \forall a \in A : f(a) = b \vee \exists c \in C \forall b \in B : g(b) = c$$

$$\implies f \text{ is constant or } g \text{ is constant}$$