

COT3100 Exam 2 review

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- 2 2.3 Functions
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Exam details

- Time: 8:20 to 10:20 PM
- Topics:
 - 2.3 to 2.5 (no matrices!)
 - 3.1 to 3.3
 - Somewhat cumulative (proof techniques, etc.)
- Things to bring:
 - Writing utensils
 - Handwritten reference sheet (8.5x11)
 - 4 function calculator
 - ID (UF ID, state ID, or ID on phone)

Common mistakes!

- 1 What is the parity of 0?
- 2 List all primes less than 10.
- 3 What is $0!$?
- 4 What is $\lfloor -3.2 \rfloor$?

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Functions

Definition

A *function* f is written as

$$f: A \rightarrow B,$$

where A is the *domain* of f and B is the *codomain* of f . Every element of the domain is mapped to exactly one element of the codomain.

Definition

The *range* of a function f is the set of all values of the codomain that are actually mapped to by some value of the domain.

Be careful in using codomain and range! The codomain is the *possible* values that can be mapped to, but they aren't necessarily all mapped to.

One-to-one and onto

Definition

A function f is *one-to-one* or *injective* if every element of the codomain has *at most* one domain element mapped to it.

Definition

A function f is *onto* or *surjective* if every element of the codomain has *at least* one domain element mapped to it.

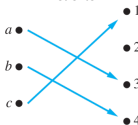
See the relationship?

Bijections

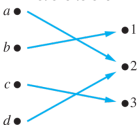
Definition

A function f is a *one-to-one correspondence* or *bijection* if it is both one-to-one and onto. Equivalently, each codomain element has *exactly one* domain element mapped to it.

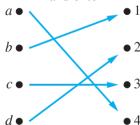
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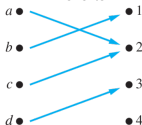
(b) Onto,
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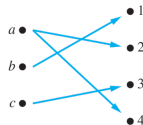
(c) One-to-one
and onto



(d) Neither one-to-one
nor onto



(e) Not a function



Mathematical definitions

Definition

A function f is *one-to-one* if for any two elements x_1 and x_2 in the domain of f ,

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2.$$

Definition

A function f is *onto* if for any element y in the codomain of f , there exists an x in the domain where

$$f(x) = y.$$

Note

An onto function has the same range and codomain (why?).

Practice

Problem

Given $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, where $f(x) = x^4$, prove or disprove if f is one-to-one. Prove or disprove if f is onto. What if the domain was \mathbb{R}^+ ?

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Evaluate

$$\sum_{j=0}^4 \sum_{k=98}^{100} \frac{1}{25} (k - 97)(j + 1)^3.$$

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Countability

Definition

A *countable* set S has a bijection

$$f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow S.$$

A set where this bijection does not exist is *uncountable*.

Note

The integers \mathbb{Z} , the set of even integers, and (surprisingly) the set of rationals \mathbb{Q} are all examples of countable sets.

Note

The set of reals, \mathbb{R} is uncountable. Any interval of \mathbb{R} is also uncountable. The set of irrationals is also uncountable (why?).

Practice

Problem

Prove that the subset of a countable set is countable.

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Searching and sorting complexities

Search algorithms:

- Linear search - $O(n)$
- Binary search - $O(\log_2 n)$

Sorting algorithms:

- Bubble sort - $O(n^2)$
- Selection sort - $O(n^2)$
- Insertion sort - $O(n^2)$

Refer to the textbook and discussion slides for details of each algorithm.

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Warning!

You will likely need to write algorithms beyond searching/sorting!
Be ready to work with arrays (lists), strings, and numbers.

Problem

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Example

If `nums=[2,1,5,3,1]`, then `nums` has a peak at $i = 0$ (2) since $2 > 1$, and a peak at $i = 2$ (5) since $5 > 1$ and $5 > 3$.

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Growth rates

Note

The following order represents the growth rates of functions from slowest to fastest:

$$1 \ll \log n \ll n \ll n \log n \ll n^2 \ll (\text{polynomials}) \ll 2^n \ll n! \ll n^n$$

Big O

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Practice

Problem

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Find the time complexity of the `peak_count` algorithm.