

# MATH101 ASSIGNMENT 3

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(1) (a)  $\bar{z} = 7$  and  $|z| = 7$

(b)  $\bar{z} = \sqrt{3} - i$  and  $|z| = \sqrt{3+1} = 2$

(c)  $z = \frac{2+i}{2-i} \times \frac{2+i}{2+i} = \frac{4+4i+i^2}{4+1} = \frac{3+4i}{5} = \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{5}i$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{3}{5} - \frac{4}{5}i \text{ and } |z| = \sqrt{\frac{9}{25} + \frac{16}{25}} = 1$$

(d)  $z = (i^2)^2 = (-1)^2 = 1$

$$\bar{z} = 1 \text{ and } |z| = 1$$

(e)  $z = 2^3 - 3(2)^2(3i) + 3(2)(3i)^2 - (3i)^3 = 8 - 36i - 54 + 27i$

$$z = -46 + 9i \text{ and } \bar{z} = -46 - 9i$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{2116 + 81} = 13\sqrt{13}$$

(f)  $z = \frac{2^3+3(2)^2(3i)+3(2)(3i)^2+(3i)^3}{5^3-3(5)^2(2i)+3(5)(2i)^2-(2i)^3} = \frac{8+36i-54-27i}{125-150i-60+8i} = \frac{-46+9i}{65-142i}$

$$z = \frac{-46+9i}{65-142i} \times \frac{65+142i}{65+142i} = \frac{-2990-6532i+585i+1278i^2}{4225+20164} = \frac{-4268-5947i}{24389}$$

$$z = -\frac{4268}{24389} - \frac{5947}{24389}i \text{ and } \bar{z} = -\frac{4268}{24389} + \frac{5947}{24389}i$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{4268}{24389}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5947}{24389}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{2197}{24389}} \text{ or}$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{\frac{46^2+9^2}{65^2+142^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2116+81}{4225+20164}} = \sqrt{\frac{2197}{24389}}$$

(g)  $z = \frac{(3+i)-(1-i)}{(1-i)(3+i)} = \frac{2+2i}{3+i-3i-i^2} = \frac{2+2i}{4-2i}$

$$z = \frac{2+2i}{4-2i} \times \frac{4+2i}{4+2i} = \frac{8+4i+8i+4i^2}{16+4} = \frac{4+12i}{20} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{5}i$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{3}{5}i \text{ and } |z| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{25} + \frac{9}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{5}$$

- (2) In order for  $f$  to be a well-defined function, we must have  $x \geq 0$  (since we cannot take the square root of a negative number in  $\mathbb{R}$ ). Hence, the maximum subset is  $X_f \subseteq [0, \infty) := \text{dom}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} := \mathbb{R}_0^+$

For  $X_g$  we must have  $x^2 - 1 \geq 0$  or equivalently,  $|x| \geq 1$ . This implies  $X_g \subseteq (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) := \text{dom}(g) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq 1\}$ .

For  $X_h$  we must have  $x \geq 1$ . This is because  $g$  and  $h$  differ only by their codomains, with  $\text{codom}(h)$  restricted to  $\mathbb{R}_0^+$ . So by deduction, we find  $X_h \subseteq [1, \infty) := \text{dom}(h) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 1\}$ .

As square roots take only non-negative values in  $\mathbb{R}$ , the range (or image) of the functions  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are all  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} := \mathbb{R}_0^+$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g : \text{im}(g) &= \text{dom}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} \\ f \circ h : \text{im}(h) &= \text{dom}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} \\ g \circ f : \text{im}(f) &\neq \text{dom}(g) \Leftrightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} \neq \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq 1\} \\ h \circ f : \text{im}(f) &\neq \text{dom}(h) \Leftrightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} \neq \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 1\} \end{aligned}$$

Of the four compositions above, only  $f \circ g$  and  $f \circ h$  are defined.

$$f \circ g : X_g \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x^2 - 1}) = \sqrt{(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})} \text{ where}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom}(f \circ g) &= \text{dom}(g) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq 1\} \\ \text{codom}(f \circ g) &= \text{codom}(f) := \mathbb{R} \\ \text{im}(f \circ g) &= \text{im}(g) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} \end{aligned}$$

$$f \circ h : X_h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto f(h(x)) = f(\sqrt{x^2 - 1}) = \sqrt{(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})} \text{ where}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom}(f \circ h) &= \text{dom}(h) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 1\} \\ \text{codom}(f \circ h) &= \text{codom}(f) := \mathbb{R} \\ \text{im}(f \circ h) &= \text{im}(h) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} \end{aligned}$$

- (3) (a) We must have  $x \neq -1$  for  $f$  to be a function (since we cannot divide by 0). Thus, the maximum subset is  $X := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq -1\}$  and the function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto \frac{1}{1+x}$  has  $\text{im}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 0\}$ .

Clearly,  $f$  is not surjective since  $\text{codom}(f) \neq \text{im}(f)$ , as there is no  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = 0$ . We give the following proof below.

Let  $y$  be in the codomain  $\mathbb{R}$ . We must find an  $x$  in the domain  $X$  such that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} = y$ . Solving for  $x$ , we find  $x = \frac{1-y}{y}$  where  $y \neq 0$ . Thus, there is no  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  which satisfies  $f(x) = 0$ .

However, the function is injective because  $f(x) = f(x')$  if and only if  $x = x'$ . We show this by direct proof. Assume  $f(x) = f(x')$ . That is,  $\frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1}{1+x'}$ . Hence,  $1+x = 1+x'$  and  $x = x'$ . Hence,  $f$  is injective.

Geometrically, this means every horizontal line intersects the graph of  $f$  in at most one point.

- (b) If we write  $\sqrt{x^4 - x^2}$  in factorised form,  $\sqrt{x^2(x^2 - 1)}$ , then we must have  $|x| \geq 1$  or  $x = 0$  for  $f$  to be a function. Thus,  $X := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |x| \geq 1 \text{ or } x = 0\}$  and  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto \sqrt{x^4 - x^2}$  has  $\text{im}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}$ .

Again,  $f$  is not surjective since  $\text{codom}(f) \neq \text{im}(f)$ , as there is no  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) < 0$ . The function is also not injective and we prove this by contradiction.

Assume  $f(x) = f(x')$  such that  $\sqrt{x^4 - x^2} = \sqrt{x'^4 - x'^2}$ . Hence,  $x^4 = x'^4$  and  $x^2 = x'^2$ . Observe that one solution to either equation is  $x = 2$  and  $x' = -2$ . Hence, we have the following counterexample to  $f$  being injective. Suppose  $x = 2$  and  $x' = 2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(2) = \sqrt{2^4 - 2^2} = \sqrt{16 - 4} = \sqrt{12} \\ f(x') &= f(-2) = \sqrt{(-2)^4 - (-2)^2} = \sqrt{16 - 4} = \sqrt{12} \end{aligned}$$

but  $x \neq x'$ . Thus  $f$  is neither injective nor surjective.

- (c) For  $f$  to be a well-defined function, the maximum subset  $X$  is the set of all real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ . So the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto x^3 - 13$  has  $\text{im}(f) = \mathbb{R}$ .

This function is surjective since  $\text{codom}(f) = \text{im}(f)$ . In other words, its range coincides with its codomain. Geometrically, this means that every horizontal line intersects the graph of  $f$  in one or more points. In this particular case, each horizontal line intersects  $f$  exactly once.

It is also injective because  $f(x) = f(x')$  if and only if  $x = x'$ . Again, we assume  $f(x) = f(x')$  such that  $x^3 = x'^3$ . By taking cube roots, we find  $x = x'$ . Hence,  $f$  is injective.

Moreover,  $f$  is bijective.

- (4) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then we must find a number,  $\delta > 0$ , such that  $|x| < \delta$  guarantees  $\left| \frac{1}{1+x^2} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon$ . Algebraic steps yield

$$\left| \frac{1}{1+x^2} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{1 - (1+x^2)}{1+x^2} \right| = \left| \frac{-x^2}{1+x^2} \right| = \frac{|-x^2|}{|1+x^2|}$$

The term  $1+x^2$  is always positive (since  $x^2 > 0$ ). So  $1+x^2 = |1+x^2|$ . We also know that  $|-x^2| = |x^2| = |x||-x| = |x||x|$ . Therefore,

$$\left| \frac{1}{1+x^2} - 1 \right| = \frac{|x||x|}{1+x^2} = \frac{|x|}{1+x^2} |x|$$

Now we must estimate the largest value that the term  $\frac{|x|}{1+x^2}$  can have for  $x$  in an interval centred at 0. We choose arbitrarily  $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$  which gives us  $|x| < \frac{1}{2}$ . Moreover  $x^2 < \frac{1}{4}$ , which implies  $1+x^2 < \frac{5}{4}$  and thus  $\frac{1}{1+x^2} < \frac{4}{5}$ .

Combining these estimates together yields

$$\frac{|x|}{1+x^2} = |x| \frac{1}{1+x^2} < \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

and hence,

$$\left| \frac{1}{1+x^2} - 1 \right| = \frac{|x|}{1+x^2} |x| < \frac{2}{5} |x|$$

For this expression to be smaller than  $\varepsilon$ , we need  $|x| < \frac{5}{2} \varepsilon$ . Thus, given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have found  $\delta = \min \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \varepsilon \right]$  guarantees  $\left| \frac{1}{1+x^2} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $|x| < \delta$ .