

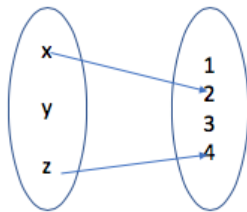
# Discrete Mathematics

Tutorial sheet

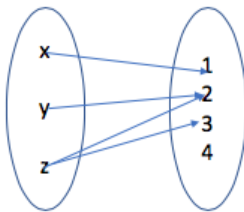
Functions

## Question 1.

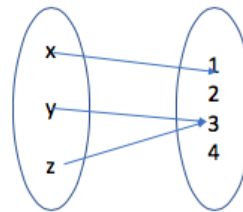
Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets with  $A = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Which of the following arrow diagrams define functions from  $A$  to  $B$ ?



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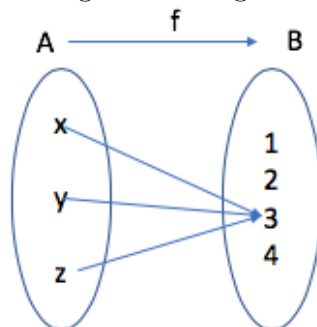
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## Question 2.

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets with  $A = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Let  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  defined by the following arrow diagram:



1. Write the domain, the co-domain and the range of  $f$ .
2. Find  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$ .
3. Write down the set of pre-images of 3 and the set of pre-images of 1.
4. represent  $f$  as a set of ordered pairs.

## Question 3.

The Hamming distance function is very important in coding theory. It gives a measure of the difference between two strings of 0's and 1's that have the same length. Let  $S_n$  be the set of all strings of 0's and 1's of length  $n$ . The Hamming function  $H$  is defined as follows:

$$H : S_n \times S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$$

$(s, t) \rightarrow H(s, t) =$  The number of positions in which  $s$  and  $t$  have different values.

For  $n = 5$ , Find  $H(11111, 00000)$ ,  $H(11000, 00000)$  ,  $H(00101, 01110)$  and  $H(10001, 01111)$  .

**Question 4.**

Digital messages consist of a finite sequence of 0's and 1's. When they are communicated across a transmission channel, they are frequently coded in special ways to reduce the chance that they will be garbled by interfering noise in the transmission lines. A simple way to encode a message of 0's and 1's is to write each bit three times, for example: the message 0010111 would be encoded as 000 000 111 000 111 111 111.

Let  $A$  be the set of all strings of 0's and 1's and let  $E$  and  $D$  be the encoding and the decoding function on the set  $A$  defined for each string,  $s$ , in  $A$  as follows:

$E(s) =$  The string obtained from  $s$  by replacing each bit of  $s$  with the same bit written three times.

$D(s) =$  The string obtained from  $s$  by replacing each consecutive triple of three identical bits of  $s$  by a single copy of that bit.

Find  $E(0110)$ ,  $E(0101)$ ,  $D(000111000111000111111)$  and

$D(11111000111000111000000)$

**Question 5.**

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $C = \{w, x, y, z\}$  be three sets.

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions defined as follows:

$f : A \rightarrow B$  is defined by the following table.

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x)$	$a$	$b$	$a$	$c$	$d$	$d$

$g : B \rightarrow C$  is defined by the following table.

$x$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$g(x)$	$w$	$x$	$y$	$z$

1. Draw arrow diagrams to represent the function  $f$  and  $g$ .
2. List the domain; the co-domain and the range of  $f$  and  $g$ .
3. Find  $f(1)$ , the ancestor (pre-image) of  $d$ . and  $(g \circ f)(3)$
4. Show that  $f$  is not a one to one function.
5. Show that  $f$  is an onto function.

6. Show that  $g$  is both one to one and onto.

**Question 6.**

Suppose you read that a function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  is defined by the formula  $f(m, n) = \frac{m}{n}$  for all  $(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

1. Is  $f$  a one to one function?
2. Is  $f$  an onto function?

**Question 7.**

Given a function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$ , where  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,

1. Plot the graph of the function  $f(x)$  for  $x \in [-3, 3]$ .
2. Use this graph to find  $\lfloor \pi \rfloor$ ,  $\lfloor -2.5 \rfloor$ ,  $\lfloor -1 \rfloor$ .
3. Use the graph in (1) to show that  $f$  is not a one to one (not injective) function.
4. Is  $f$  onto (surjective)? Justify your answer.

**Question 8.**

Let  $S$  denote the set of all 3 bit binary strings and  $B = (0, 1, 2, 3)$ . The function  $f : S \rightarrow B$  is defined by the rule

$$f(x) = \text{the number of zeros in } x \text{ for each } x \in S.$$

Find the following.

1. The domain of  $f$ .
2.  $f(001)$  and  $f(101)$ .
3. The set of ancestors of 2.
4. The range of  $f$ .
5. Say whether or not  $f$  is one to one, giving a reason for your answer.
6. Say whether or not  $f$  is onto, giving a reason for your answer.

**Question 9.**

Let  $f(x) = x \bmod 3$ , where  $f(x)$  is the remainder when  $x$  is divided by 3, and  $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

1. Find  $f(7)$  and  $f(12)$ .
2. Find the ancestors of 2.
3. Say whether or not  $f(x)$  is one to one, justifying your answer.
4. Say whether or not  $f(x)$  is onto, justifying your answer.

**Question 10.**

Given the following function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(x) = 4x - 1$ , for any real number  $x$ .

1. Is  $f$  a one to one function? Prove or give a counter-example.
2. Is  $f$  an onto function? Prove or give a counter-example.
3. Is  $f$  invertible? and why? if the answer yes define  $f^{-1}$ .

**Question 11.**

Given the following function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  with  $g(x) = 4x - 1$ , for any real number  $x$ .

1. Is  $g$  a one to one function? Prove or give a counterexample.
2. Is  $g$  an onto function? Prove or give a counterexample.
3. Is  $g$  invertible? and why? if the answer yes define  $g^{-1}$ .

**Question 12.**

Given the following function  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $h(x) = x^2 - 1$ , for any real number  $x$ .

1. What is co-domain and the range of  $h$
2. Is  $h$  a one to one function? Prove or give a counterexample.
3. Is  $h$  an onto function? Prove or give a counterexample.
4. Is  $h$  invertible? and why? if the answer yes define  $h^{-1}$ .

**Question 13.**

Given the following function  $h : [0, +\infty[ \rightarrow [-1, +\infty[$  with  $h(x) = x^2 - 1$ , for any real number  $x$ .

1. What is co-domain and the range of  $h$

2. Is  $h$  a one to one function? Prove or give a counterexample.
3. Is  $h$  an onto function? Prove or give a counterexample.
4. Is  $h$  invertible? and why? if the answer yes define  $h^{-1}$ .
5. On the same graph, plot the curve of  $h$  and that of  $h^{-1}$  if it exists.

**Question 14.**

Consider the following function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $f(x) = 2^{x+3}$ .

1. Show that  $f$  is a bijective function.
2. Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ .
3. Plot the both curves of  $f$  and of  $f^{-1}$  on the same graph.

**Question 15.**

Consider the following function  $f : \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x+1}$ .

1. Show that  $f$  is a one to one function.
2. Show that  $f$  is not an onto function.

**Question 16.**

Find the inverse of the following functions:

1.  $f(x) = e^{x^2-5}$
2.  $g(x) = e^x + 5$

**Question 17.**

Find the inverse of the following functions:

1.  $f(x) = \ln(x+2) + 2$
2.  $g(x) = \log_2(x-5) + 3$

**Question 18.**

Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be three sets/and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be two functions. Prove that if  $g \circ f$  is an onto function then  $g$  must be onto.

**Question 19.**

Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be three sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be two functions. Prove that if  $g \circ f$  is a one to one function then  $f$  must be one to one.

**Question 20.**

Let  $f : \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(x, y) = x + \sqrt{2}y$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$

Is  $f$  a one to one function? Prove or give a counter-example.

End of questions