

PMT Additional Exercises (Week 5)

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1 Discrete Structures: Functions

We have seen in the lectures that if R is an equivalence relation on a set A , it will partition A into its quotient set A/R . Prop. 2.17 shows that $A/R = \{[a] : a \in A\}$.

Suppose that every equivalence class $[a]$ has a (unique, distinguished) representative \bar{a} .

1. Let A, B be finite sets, and define $f : A \rightarrow B$ to be surjective.¹ Show that there is an equivalence relation R on A , where $(a_1, a_2) \in R$ if and only if $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$.
2. Let $g : B \rightarrow A$ be a function where $g(b) = \bar{a}$, the unique representative of $[a]$ where $f(a) = b$. Show that g is injective.²
3. Define $g' : B \rightarrow A/R$ similarly to g , except mapping to the equivalence class $[a]$ instead of \bar{a} . Show that g' is a bijection.

The following questions test your understanding of the definitions.

4. (*) Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$, and $f : A \rightarrow B$. Show that there is a function $g : B \rightarrow A$ such that $(g \circ f)(a) = a$ for any $a \in A$. [*thanks to A. Corti*]
5. Let A, B be finite sets of m, n elements respectively.
 - (a) (*) How many injections $A \rightarrow B$ are there?
 - (b) Let $n = 2$ How many surjections?
 - (c) (**) Now $n > 2$. How many surjections?
 - (d) How many bijections?

[*Hint: consider cases m larger than n , etc.*]

2 Logic: Natural Deduction

Prove the following using Natural Deduction:

1. $A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow \neg B \vdash \neg A$
2. $\neg B \rightarrow \neg A \vdash A \rightarrow B$ (the contrapositive)
3. $\vdash A \rightarrow A$
4. $\vdash A \vee \neg A$ (obviously, you're not allowed to use EM for this one)
5. $(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$
6. [*Q1a of the 2015 exam*] $B, \neg C \rightarrow \neg A \vee \neg B \vdash A \rightarrow C$
7. $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$

¹surjective here means every element in B is mapped by at least 1 element in A .

²injective maps preserve distinctness: if $g(b_1) = g(b_2)$, then we can conclude $b_1 = b_2$. Say: "No two b s map to the same a ."

3 Solutions to Functions

1. This is a routine verification of R, S, T, which I will omit.
2. Since f is surjective, g is injective.
(another proof) We defined R such that $f(a_1) = f(a_2) = b$ if and only if a_1, a_2 belong to the same equivalence class. So f maps all the members of $[a]$ to the same value of b . Now suppose $g(b_1) = g(b_2) = \bar{a} \in A$. Then $b_1 = f(\bar{a}) = b_2$.
3. It suffices to show that g' is surjective (argue injective via surjectivity of f , alternatively, proof similar to injectivity of g). Suppose for a contradiction that g' is not surjective. Then $\exists a \in A$ such that $f(a) \notin B$. But f is a function (hence maps all the elements in its domain).
4. We need $A \neq \emptyset$, because to be a function, g must map any value in B to some value. Define g as follows. Fix $b \in B$. If $b \notin \text{image}(f)$, then let $g(b) = a_0$ (choose any $a_0 \in A$). If b is in the image of f , then $\exists a_b \in A$ s.t. $f(a_b) = b$. Let $g(b) = a_b$.
(proof) Pick $a \in A$ arbitrarily and verify $(g \circ f)(a) = a$. Let $f(a) = b$ and clearly $a = a_b$ by construction. Then $g(f(a_b)) = g(b) = a_b = a$ as required.
5. $|A| = m, |B| = n$.
 - (a) Suppose $m > n$. There can be no injections. For $m \leq n$, we need to choose m distinct elements to map to, from n possible values, where order (permutation) matters. So $\frac{n!}{(m-n)!}$.
 - (b) Try inclusion-exclusion. There are n^m possible functions $A \rightarrow B$ (n choices for m inputs). But $n = 2$, so just 2^m . There are only two possible non-surjective functions (send all elements in A to the first value, or the second value). So $2^m - 2$.
 - (c) (Why can't we just count? Think about this)
Consider $n = 3$. Write 1, 2, 3 for the elements of B . We need to subtract the non-surjective functions from 3^m . There are 2^m functions each including only (1, 2), (1, 3), or (2, 3). But the Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion tells us that we have subtracted 3 functions twice. So $3^m - 3(2^m) + 3$.
Construction: we want $n^m - (n)(n-1)^m + \binom{n}{2}(n-2)^m - \dots$
Claim: This formula works
$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} (n-k)^m$$

Satisfy yourself that this is correct.
- (d) This is just the number of injections when $m = n$, i.e. $m!$.

4 Solutions to Natural Deduction

Full proofs are not included, but you can ask me for clarifications.

1. Suppose A . Then from the givens, we can use $\rightarrow E$ to get both $B, \neg B$. Contradiction. So we get $\neg A$ by $\neg I$.
2. Suppose A . We want to get B , so suppose $\neg B$. Get $\neg A$ by $\rightarrow E$, then B by PC . Conclude $A \rightarrow B$ using $\rightarrow I$.
3. This one can't be that hard! Do it yourself.
4. Note: if we could use equivalences, this is exactly the same as the last. This appears in the notes, and the overall form is a proof by contradiction.
5. This is slightly messy, but we'll just try:
Suppose $A \rightarrow B$. We want to get $A \rightarrow C$. So suppose A . B follows using $\rightarrow E$. $B \rightarrow C$ from using $\rightarrow E$ on the given. Then we get C , thus $A \rightarrow C$. Finally we have $((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$.

6. Suppose A . We want to get C . Suppose $\neg C$. Then we get $\neg A \vee \neg B$. Perform $\vee E$ to get $\neg B$: but this contradicts the given B . So after some $\perp I$, we get C via PC . And that's all we need to conclude $A \rightarrow C$.
7. Suppose B . We will show $A \rightarrow C$. Suppose A . Then we have $B \rightarrow C$, but we have B , so we have C .