

Practice Course 08

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Section 2.3

Functions

DEFINITION 5

A function f is said to be *one-to-one*, or an *injection*, if and only if $f(a) = f(b)$ implies that $a = b$ for all a and b in the domain of f . A function is said to be *injective* if it is one-to-one.

$$\forall a \forall b (f(a) = f(b) \rightarrow a = b)$$

$$\forall a \forall b (a \neq b \rightarrow f(a) \neq f(b))$$

DEFINITION 7

A function f from A to B is called *onto*, or a *surjection*, if and only if for every element $b \in B$ there is an element $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$. A function f is called *surjective* if it is onto.

$$\forall y \exists x (f(x) = y)$$

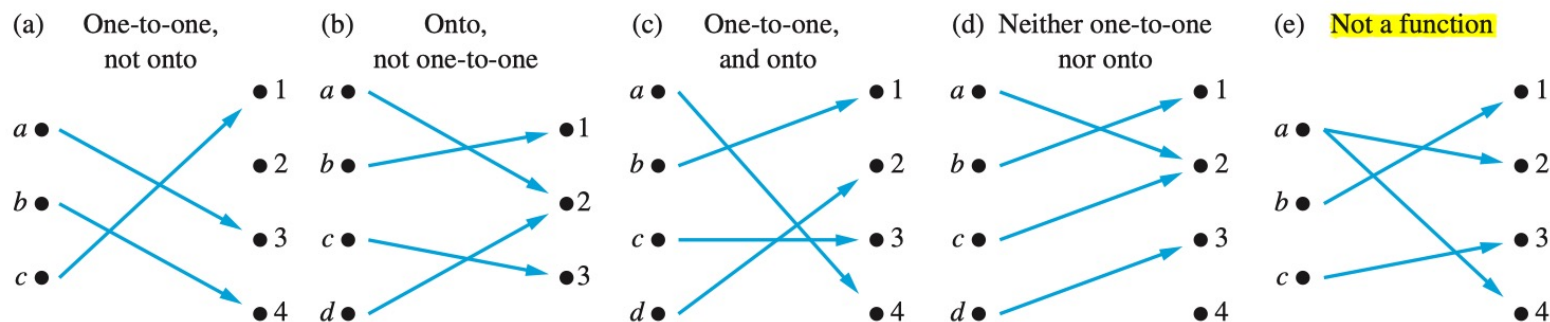
DEFINITION 8

The function f is a *one-to-one correspondence*, or a *bijection*, if it is both *one-to-one* and *onto*. We also say that such a function is *bijective*.

The above definitions are particularly useful when judging one-to-one or onto mappings in Chapter 2.5

DEFINITION 1

Let A and B be nonempty sets. A function f from A to B is an assignment of exactly one element of B to each element of A . We write $f(a) = b$ if b is the unique element of B assigned by the function f to the element a of A . If f is a function from A to B , we write $f : A \rightarrow B$.



Note that a function f is one-to-one if and only if $f(a) \neq f(b)$ whenever $a \neq b$. This way of expressing that f is one-to-one is obtained by taking the contrapositive of the implication in the definition.

15. Determine whether the function $f: \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ is onto if

a) $f(m, n) = m + n.$

b) $f(m, n) = m^2 + n^2.$

c) $f(m, n) = m.$

d) $f(m, n) = |n|.$

e) $f(m, n) = m - n.$

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a) Onto b) Not onto c) Onto d) Not onto e) Onto

a) For any n , we can find $m=0 \Rightarrow f(0, n) = 0+n = n$

b) $f(m, n) = m^2 + n^2 > 0$, but the codomain is \mathbf{Z} (contain $x < 0$)

c) For any int m we have $f(m, n) = m$

d) Similar to b.

e) For any int m , we can set $n=0 \Rightarrow f(m, 0) = m$

23. Determine whether each of these functions is a bijection from \mathbf{R} to \mathbf{R} .

a) $f(x) = 2x + 1$

b) $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

c) $f(x) = x^3$

d) $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)/(x^2 + 2)$

a) $f(x) = 2x + 1$ $y = 2x + 1 \Rightarrow x = g(y) = \frac{y - 1}{2}$

one-to-one : $f(a) = f(b) \longrightarrow a = b$
 Yes

$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 2x_1 + 1 = 2x_2 + 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$

onto : $f(x) = 2x + 1 = m \in \boxed{\mathbb{R}} \Rightarrow x = \frac{m - 1}{2}$
 Yes

i.e. for all elements in \mathbb{R} , we can find a x

b) one-to-one : $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 2x_1^2 + 1 = 2x_2^2 + 1$
 No

$\Rightarrow x_1^2 = x_2^2 \quad x_1 \stackrel{?}{=} x_2$

onto : method 1: $f(x) = x^2 + 1 = m \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x^2 = m - 1$ exist x ?
 No

method 2: $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \in [1, +\infty)$ not all of \mathbb{R}

c) one-to-one: $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1^3 = x_2^3 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$
 Yes

onto: $f(x) = x^3 = m \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x = m^{\frac{1}{3}}$
 Yes

d) one-to-one: $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow \frac{x_1^2+1}{x_1^2+2} = \frac{x_2^2+1}{x_2^2+2}$
 No.

$$\Rightarrow (x_1^2+1)(x_2^2+2) = (x_1^2+2)(x_2^2+1)$$

$$2x_1^2 + x_2^2 = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^2 \neq x_2^2 \quad x_1 \neq x_2$$

onto: $f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{x^2+2} = m \Rightarrow x^2+1 = mx^2+2m$
 No.

$$(1-m)x^2 = 2m-1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{2m-1}{1-m} = \frac{2m-2+1}{1-m} = -1 + \frac{1}{1-m}$$

- 33.** Suppose that g is a function from A to B and f is a function from B to C .
- a)** Show that if both f and g are one-to-one functions, then $f \circ g$ is also one-to-one.
 - b)** Show that if both f and g are onto functions, then $f \circ g$ is also onto.

Q 33.

$$A \xrightarrow{g} B \quad B \xrightarrow{f} C$$

a) By definition of one-to-one: if $x \neq y$ then $f(g(x)) \neq f(g(y))$

proof: if $x \neq y$

$$g \text{ is one-to-one} \Rightarrow g(x) \neq g(y)$$

$$f \text{ is one-to-one} \Rightarrow f(g(x)) \neq f(g(y))$$

Here, we view $g(x)$ and $g(y)$ as different elements of B .

b) $\forall z \exists x (f(g(x)) = z)$

proof: f is onto: \Rightarrow exist $y \in B$ such that $f(y) = z$

g is onto and $y \in B \Rightarrow$ exist $x \in A$ such that $g(x) = y$

$$\Rightarrow z = f(y) = f(g(x))$$

Section 2.5

Cardinality of Sets

DEFINITION 1

The sets A and B have the **same cardinality** if and only if there is a **one-to-one correspondence** from A to B . When A and B have the same cardinality, we write $|A| = |B|$.

DEFINITION 2

If there is a **one-to-one function** from A to B , the cardinality of A is less than or the same as the cardinality of B and we write $|A| \leq |B|$. Moreover, when $|A| \leq |B|$ and A and B have different cardinality, we say that the cardinality of A is less than the cardinality of B and we write $|A| < |B|$.

DEFINITION 3

A set that is either finite or has the same cardinality as the **set of positive integers** is called **countable**. A set that is not countable is called *uncountable*. When an infinite set S is countable, we denote the cardinality of S by \aleph_0 (where \aleph is aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet). We write $|S| = \aleph_0$ and say that S has cardinality “**aleph null**.”

THEOREM 1

If A and B are **countable sets**, then $A \cup B$ is also countable.

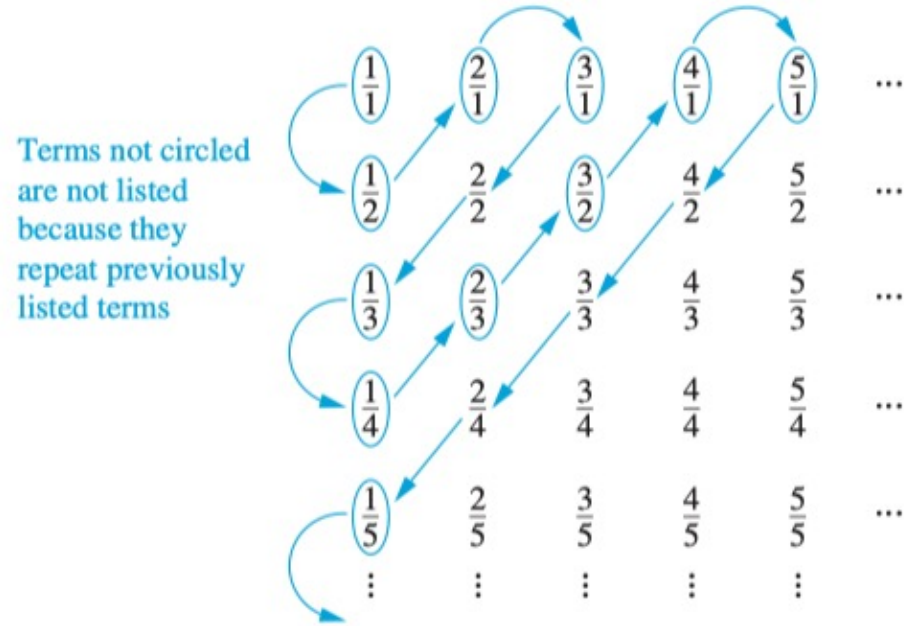


FIGURE 3 The Positive Rational Numbers Are Countable.

1, 1/2, 2, 3, 1/3, 1/4, 2/3, 3/2, 4, 5,

1. Determine whether each of these sets is finite, countably infinite, or uncountable. For those that are countably infinite, exhibit a one-to-one correspondence between the set of positive integers and that set.

- a) the negative integers
- b) the even integers
- c) the integers less than 100
- d) the real numbers between 0 and $\frac{1}{2}$
- e) the positive integers less than 1,000,000,000
- f) the integers that are multiples of 7

- a) Countably infinite
- b) Countably Infinite
- c) Countably infinite
- d) Uncountable
- e) Finite
- f) Countably infinite

16. Show that a subset of a countable set is also countable.
15. Show that if A and B are sets, A is uncountable, and $A \subseteq B$, then B is uncountable.

Q16. Suppose $A \subseteq B$ and B were Countable,

with $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots\}$.

Since $A \subseteq B$, we can list the elements of A using the order same with B . So A is Countable.

- 19.** Show that if A , B , C , and D are sets with $|A| = |B|$ and $|C| = |D|$, then $|A \times C| = |B \times D|$.

Q19.


$|A| = |B| \Leftrightarrow$ bijection f from A to B ($a \rightarrow f(a)$)

$|C| = |D| \Leftrightarrow$ bijection g from C to D ($c \rightarrow g(c)$)

$|A \times C| = |B \times D|$ we can define a bijection mapping

$(a, c) \mapsto (f(a), g(c))$ (a, c) to $(f(a), g(c))$

Show that the $|(0, 1)| = |(0, 1]|$.

Solution: It is not at all obvious how to find a one-to-one correspondence between $(0, 1)$ and $(0, 1]$ to show that $|(0, 1)| = |(0, 1]|$. Fortunately, we can use the Schröder-Bernstein theorem instead. Finding a one-to-one function from $(0, 1)$ to $(0, 1]$ is simple. Because $(0, 1) \subset (0, 1]$, $f(x) = x$ is a **one-to-one function** from $(0, 1)$ to $(0, 1]$. Finding a one-to-one function from $(0, 1]$ to $(0, 1)$ is also not difficult. The function $g(x) = x/2$ is clearly one-to-one and maps $(0, 1]$ to $(0, 1/2] \subset (0, 1)$. As we have found **one-to-one functions** from $(0, 1)$ to $(0, 1]$ and from $(0, 1]$ to $(0, 1)$, the Schröder-Bernstein theorem tells us that $|(0, 1)| = |(0, 1]|$. 

33. Use the Schröder-Bernstein theorem to show that $(0, 1)$ and $[0, 1]$ have the same cardinality

Q33: $f: (0, 1) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ $f(x) = x$

$g: [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1)$ $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$

Then use Schroder - Bernstein Theorem.

1. Let A and B be two finite sets, prove that A and B have the same number of elements if and only if there is a one to one correspondence.
2. Let $S=\{1,3,5,7,8,9,12,13,\dots\}$ (the set of odd positive integers plus 8 and 12), find a one to one correspondence from \mathbb{Z}^+ to S .
3. Let $A=\{a,b\}$, prove the set of all finite sequences over A is countable.