

## Homework 5

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## Question 3

Solve the following questions from the Discrete Math zyBook:

a) **Exercise 4.1.3:** Recognizing well-defined algebraic functions and their ranges.  
Which of the following are functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ? If  $f$  is a function, give its range.

(b)  $f(x) = 1/(x^2 - 4)$

*Solution:* Not a function. If  $x$  is 2 or -2, then  $f(x)$  is not defined, not a real number. ■

(c)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2}$

*Solution:* A function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ; range of  $f : \{y \mid y \geq 0\}$ . ■

b) **Exercise 4.1.5:** Range of a function.

Express the range of each function using roster notation.

(b) Let  $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(x) = x^2$ .

*Solution:*  $\{4, 9, 16, 25\}$  ■

(d)  $f: \{0, 1\}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . For  $x \in \{0, 1\}^5$ ,  $f(x)$  is the number of 1's that occur in  $x$ .  
For example  $f(01101) = 3$ , because there are three 1's in the string "01101".

*Solution:*  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  ■

(h) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .  $f: A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $f(x, y) = (y, x)$ .

*Solution:*  $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$  ■

(i) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .  $f: A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $f(x, y) = (x, y + 1)$ .

*Solution:*  $\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$  ■

(l) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .  $f: P(A) \rightarrow P(A)$ . For  $X \subseteq A$ ,  $f(X) = X - \{1\}$ .

*Solution:*  $\{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{2, 3\}\}$  ■

## Question 4

### I. Solve the following questions from the Discrete Math zyBook:

#### a. Exercise 4.2.2: Properties of algebraic functions.

For each of the functions below, indicate whether the function is onto, one-to-one, neither or both. If the function is not onto or not one-to-one, give an example showing why.

(c)  $h : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, h(x) = x^3$

*Solution:* One-to-one but not onto. For example, there is no  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x^3 = 2$ . ■

(g)  $f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, f(x, y) = (x + 1, 2y)$

*Solution:* One-to-one but not onto. For example, there is no  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(x, y) = (1, 3)$  ■

(k)  $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+, f(x, y) = 2^x + y$

*Solution:* Not onto. For example, there is no  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $f(x, y) = 1$  because the minimum value of  $f$  is 3 where  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$ . Not one-to-one. For example,  $f(2, 1) = f(1, 3) = 5$ . ■

#### b. Exercise 4.2.4: Properties of functions on strings and power sets.

For each of the functions below, indicate whether the function is onto, one-to-one, neither or both. If the function is not onto or not one-to-one, give an example showing why.

(b)  $f : \{0, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^3$ . The output of  $f$  is obtained by taking the input string and replacing the first bit by 1, regardless of whether the first bit is a 0 or 1. For example,  $f(001) = 101$  and  $f(110) = 110$ .

*Solution:* Not onto. For example, there is no  $x \in \{0, 1\}^3$  such that  $f(x) = (001)$ . Not one-to-one. For example,  $f(100) = f(000) = (100)$ . ■

(c)  $f : \{0, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^3$ . The output of  $f$  is obtained by taking the input string and reversing the bits. For example  $f(011) = 110$ .

*Solution:* Onto and one-to-one. ■

(d)  $f : \{0, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^4$ . The output of  $f$  is obtained by taking the input string and adding an extra copy of the first bit to the end of the string. For example,  $f(100) = 1001$ .

*Solution:* One-to-one and not onto. For example, there is no  $x \in \{0, 1\}^3$  such that  $f(x) = (0001)$ . ■

(g) Let  $A$  be defined to be the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  and let  $B = \{1\}$ .  $f : P(A) \rightarrow P(A)$ . For  $X \subseteq A$ ,  $f(X) = X - B$ . Recall that for a finite set  $A$ ,  $P(A)$  denotes the power set of  $A$  which is the set of all subsets of  $A$ .

*Solution:* Not onto. For example, there is no  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = \emptyset$ . Not one-to-one. For example,  $f(\{1, 2\}) = f(\{2\}) = \{2\}$  ■

**II. Give an example of a function from the set of integers to the set of positive integers that is:**

**a. one-to-one, but not onto**

*Solution:*  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+, f(x) = \begin{cases} 2|x|, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 2|x| + 3, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  ■

**b. onto, but not one-to-one**

*Solution:*  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+, f(x) = |x|$  ■

**c. one-to-one and onto**

*Solution:*  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+, f(x) = \begin{cases} 2|x|, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 2|x| + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  ■

**d. neither one-to-one nor onto**

*Solution:*  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+, f(x) = x^2$  ■

## Question 5

Solve the following questions from the Discrete Math zyBook:

**a) Exercise 4.3.2:** Finding inverses of functions.

For each of the following functions, indicate whether the function has a well-defined inverse. If the inverse is well-defined, give the input/output relationship of  $f^{-1}$ .

(c)  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 2x + 3$

*Solution:*  $f^{-1}(x) = 1/2(x - 3)$  ■

(d) Let  $A$  be defined to be the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ .  $f : P(A) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ .

For  $X \subseteq A$ ,  $f(X) = |X|$ . Recall that for a finite set  $A$ ,  $P(A)$  denotes the power set of  $A$  which is the set of all subsets of  $A$ .

*Solution:* The function  $f$  is not one-to-one, so  $f^{-1}$  is not well-defined. ■

(g)  $f : \{0, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^3$ . The output of  $f$  is obtained by taking the input string and reversing the bits. For example,  $f(011) = 110$ .

*Solution:*  $f : \{0, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^3$ . The output of  $f$  is obtained by taking the input string and reversing the bits. For example,  $f(011) = 110$ . ■

(i)  $f : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, f(x, y) = (x + 5, y - 2)$

*Solution:*  $f^{-1}(x, y) = (x - 5, y + 2)$  ■

**b) Exercise 4.4.8:** Explicit formulas for compositions of functions.

The domain and target set of functions  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The functions are defined as:

- $f(x) = 2x + 3$

- $g(x) = 5x + 7$

- $h(x) = x^2 + 1$

Give an explicit formula for each function given below.

(c)  $f \circ h$

*Solution:*  $f \circ h(x) = 2x^2 + 5$  ■

(d)  $h \circ f$

*Solution:*  $h \circ f(x) = 4x^2 + 12 + 10$  ■

**c) Exercise 4.4.2:** Composition of functions on integers.

Consider three functions  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$ , whose domain and target are  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Let

- $f(x) = x^2$
- $g(x) = 2^x$
- $h(x) = \lceil x/5 \rceil$

(b) Evaluate  $f \circ h(52)$

*Solution:* 121 ■

(c) Evaluate  $g \circ h \circ f(4)$

*Solution:* 16 ■

(d) Give a mathematical expression for  $h \circ f$ .

*Solution:*  $h \circ f(x) = \lceil x^2/5 \rceil$  ■

**d) Exercise 4.4.6:** Composition of functions on sets of strings.

Define the following functions  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$ :

- $f : \{0, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^3$ . The output of  $f$  is obtained by taking the input string and replacing the first bit by 1, regardless of whether the first bit is a 0 or 1. For example,  $f(001) = 101$  and  $f(110) = 110$ .
- $g : \{0, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^3$ . The output of  $g$  is obtained by taking the input string and reversing the bits. For example,  $g(011) = 110$ .
- $h : \{0, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^3$ . The output of  $h$  is obtained by taking the input string  $x$ , and replacing the last bit with a copy of the first bit. For example,  $h(011) = 010$ .

(c) What is  $h \circ f(010)$ ?

*Solution:* 111 ■

(d) What is the range of  $h \circ f$ ?

*Solution:*  $\{101, 111\}$  ■

(e) What is the range of  $g \circ f$ ?

*Solution:*  $\{001, 011, 111, 101\}$  ■

e) **Extra Credit Exercise 4.4.4:** Composition of onto and one-to-one functions.

(c) Is it possible that  $f$  is not one-to-one and  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one? Justify your answer. If the answer is "yes", give a specific example for  $f$  and  $g$ .

*Solution:* No. ■

(d) Is it possible that  $g$  is not one-to-one and  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one? Justify your answer. If the answer is "yes", give a specific example for  $f$  and  $g$ .

*Solution:* Yes. The diagram below illustrates an example:

