

Discrete Math

Exercise 3

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1 Create an injective and surjective function from \mathbb{N} to the natural numbers that can be divided by 5

We'll define:

$$\begin{aligned}f &: N \longrightarrow M \\f(n) &= 5n\end{aligned}$$

We'll define f 's inverse function:

$$\begin{aligned}f^{-1} &: M \longrightarrow N \\f^{-1}(n) &= \frac{n}{5}\end{aligned}$$

Now, we need to show that f is injective and surjective.
We'll do that by showing that:

$$\begin{aligned}f \circ f^{-1} &= id_M \\f^{-1} \circ f &= id_N\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f \circ f^{-1}(n) &= f(f^{-1}(n)) = f\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) = 5 \cdot \frac{n}{5} = n \\f^{-1} \circ f(n) &= f^{-1}(f(n)) = f^{-1}(5n) = \frac{5n}{5} = n\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we've shown that:

$$\begin{aligned}f \circ f^{-1} &= id_M \\f^{-1} \circ f &= id_N\end{aligned}$$

□

2 Create a bijective function from \mathbb{N} to $\mathbb{N} \times \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{n}{3}, 3\right) & 3|n \\ \left(\frac{n+1}{3}, 2\right) & 3|n+1 \\ \left(\frac{n+2}{3}, 1\right) & 3|n+2 \end{cases}$$

I am not sure how to prove this is bijective, but we can easily see that it is bijective, as for every different $n \in \mathbb{N}$ a different ordered-pair will return. □

3 Prove that the following sets are not countable

3.1

Let's look at:

$$B = \left\{ a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

We can see that it includes all of the integers(\mathbb{Z}) and some multiplicative variations of $\sqrt{2}$.

Therefore, we can create a bijective function F such that:

$$F : \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow B$$

Hence, B is countable.

Therefore, if we deduct a countable set from a non-countable set, the result will be necessarily a non-countable set.

3.2

$\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ is not countable, because it is a set of all of infinite sequences, as shown in lecture. In the given set - B , there is no difference, as $f^{-1}(0)$ and $f^{-1}(1)$ are infinite, and that means that there are infinite sequences.

4 Are the following sets countable?

4.1

A is not countable because we can still create an infinite number of sequences of $\{0, 1\}$.

4.2

A is countable because it can be viewed as a countable union on a countable number of finite sets.

As we've seen in the lecture, this type of union result in a countable set.

5 Build a bijective function from $(0,2)$ to $(0,1) \cup (2,3)$

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} n & 0 < n < 1 \\ n + 1 & 1 < n < 2 \end{cases}$$

6 Build a bijective $f : A \longrightarrow B$ or prove that it cannot exist

This function cannot exist.

It seems like B is "twice" as "big" as A .

For example, we can take $1 \longrightarrow (1, 0)$, and $-1 \longrightarrow (-1, 0)$.

However, that only fills half of the tuples of B .

This way, we'll only be able to build an injective function that will do it, but it will **not** be bijective.