

Pages 2-3, Assigned Tuesday 9/21/10

Consider non-empty sets A, B and a function $f: A \rightarrow B$.

Also, consider the subsets $A_1, A_2 \subset A$ and $B_1, B_2 \subset B$.

Use the definitions $f(A_1) = \{f(a) \in B: a \in A_1\}$ and $f^{-1}(B_1) = \{a \in A: f(a) \in B_1\}$.

1. Show that:

(a) $f(A_1 \cup A_2) = f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$.

(b) $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$. Show an example for $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \neq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$.

(c) $f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2)$.

(d) $f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2)$.

(e) $f^{-1}(B \setminus B_1) = A \setminus f^{-1}(B_1)$.

Proof:

(a) We know that $b \in f(A_1 \cup A_2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in A_1 \cup A_2 \text{ where } f(a) = b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in A_1 \text{ or } a \in A_2 \text{ where } f(a) = b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b \in f(A_1) \text{ or } b \in f(A_2).$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b \in f(A_1) \cup f(A_2).$$

$$\therefore f(A_1 \cup A_2) = f(A_1) \cup f(A_2).$$

(b) We have that $b \in f(A_1 \cap A_2)$

$$\Rightarrow \exists a \in A_1 \cap A_2 \text{ such that } f(a) = b$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in A_1 \text{ and } a \in A_2$$

$$\Rightarrow b \in f(A_1) \text{ and } b \in f(A_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow b \in f(A_1) \cap f(A_2).$$

$$\therefore f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cap f(A_2).$$

Example to show $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \neq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$. :

$$f(x) = x^2, A_1 = \{-2\}, A_2 = \{2\}.$$

$$\text{Then } f(A_1 \cap A_2) = \emptyset \neq \{4\} = f(A_1) \cap f(A_2).$$

(c) We know that $a \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(a) \in B_1 \cup B_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(a) \in B_1 \text{ or } f(a) \in B_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in f^{-1}(B_1) \text{ or } a \in f^{-1}(B_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2).$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(B_1 \cup B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cup f^{-1}(B_2).$$

(d) We know that $a \in f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(a) \in B_1 \cap B_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(a) \in B_1 \text{ and } f(a) \in B_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in f^{-1}(B_1) \text{ and } a \in f^{-1}(B_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2).$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(B_1 \cap B_2) = f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2).$$

(e) We have that $a \in f^{-1}(B \setminus B_1)$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(a) \in B \setminus B_1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(a) \in B \text{ and } f(a) \notin B_1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in f^{-1}(B) \text{ and } a \notin f^{-1}(B_1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in (f^{-1}(B)) \setminus f^{-1}(B_1) = A \setminus f^{-1}(B_1).$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(B \setminus B_1) = A \setminus f^{-1}(B_1).$$

2. This exercise regards the 1-1 functions:

(a) Show that if f is 1-1, then $f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$.

(b) If $f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$, for all $A_1, A_2 \subset A$, then f is 1-1.

(c) f is 1-1 $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(f(A_1)) = A_1$ for every $A_1 \subset A$.

(d) From the proof of (c), conclude that $A_1 \subset f^{-1}(f(A_1))$ for any function f .

(e) Show that if $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ are 1-1, then $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is 1-1.

Proof:

(a) Assume f is 1-1. By 1(b) we have $f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$, so we only need to show $f(A_1) \cap f(A_2) \subseteq f(A_1 \cap A_2)$.

We have that $b \in f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$

$\Rightarrow b \in f(A_1)$ and $b \in f(A_2)$

$\Rightarrow \exists a_1 \in A_1$ and $\exists a_2 \in A_2$ such that $f(a_1) = b = f(a_2)$.

Since f is 1-1, then $a_1 = a_2$.

Thus, $a_1 \in A_1 \cap A_2$, hence $b \in f(A_1 \cap A_2)$.

$\therefore f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$.

(b) Assume $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$ for all $A_1, A_2 \subset A$.

Let $a, b \in A$ such that $f(a) = f(b)$.

Let $A_1 = \{a\}$ and let $A_2 = \{b\}$.

Then $f(a) = f(b) \in f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$. Note that $f(A_1) \cap f(A_2) \neq \emptyset$.

Since $f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$, $f(a) = f(b) \in f(A_1 \cap A_2)$.

If $a \neq b$, then $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$, hence $f(A_1 \cap A_2)$, a contradiction.

$\therefore a = b$, hence f is 1-1.

(c) \Rightarrow : Assume f is 1-1. Let $A_1 \subset A$.

We have that $a \in f^{-1}(f(A_1)) \Rightarrow f(a) \in f(A_1) \Rightarrow \exists a_1 \in A_1$ such that $f(a_1) = f(a)$.

Since f is 1-1, then $a = a_1$, hence $a \in A_1$.

And $a \in A_1 \Rightarrow f(a) \in f(A_1) \Rightarrow a \in f^{-1}(f(A_1))$.

$\therefore f^{-1}(f(A_1)) = A_1$.

\Leftarrow : Assume $f^{-1}(f(A_1)) = A_1$ for every $A_1 \subset A$.

Let $a, b \in A$ such that $f(a) = f(b)$. Let $A_1 = \{a\}$.

Then $f(a) \in f(A_1)$, hence $f(b) \in f(A_1)$. Thus $b \in f^{-1}(f(A_1))$.

Since $f^{-1}(f(A_1)) = A_1$, then $b \in A_1$, hence $a = b$.

$\therefore f$ is 1-1.

(d) Let $A_1 \subset A$. Let $a \in A_1$. Let f be a function $f: A \rightarrow B$.

Then $f(a) \in f(A_1)$, hence $a \in f^{-1}(f(A_1))$. $\therefore A_1 \subset f^{-1}(f(A_1))$.

(e) Let $x, y \in A$ such that $(g \circ f)(x) = (g \circ f)(y)$.

Then $g(f(x)) = g(f(y))$.

Since g is 1-1, we have that $f(x) = f(y)$.

Since f is 1-1, we have that $x = y$.

$\therefore g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is 1-1.

3. This exercise regards the onto functions.

(a) Show that $f(f^{-1}(B_1)) \subset B_1$ for any function.

(b) f is onto $\Leftrightarrow f(f^{-1}(B_1)) = B_1$ for all $B_1 \subset B$.

(c) Show that if $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ are onto functions, then $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is 1-1 is onto.

Proof:

(a) Let f be a function $f: A \rightarrow B$. Let $b \in f(f^{-1}(B_1))$. Then $f^{-1}(b) \in f^{-1}(B_1)$.

Thus $b \in B_1$. $\therefore f(f^{-1}(B_1)) \subset B_1$.

(b) \Rightarrow : Assume f is onto.

We have by part (a) that $f(f^{-1}(B_1)) \subset B_1$, so we only need to show that $B_1 \subset f(f^{-1}(B_1))$.

Let $b \in B_1$. Since f is onto, then $\exists a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$. Thus $f^{-1}(b) = a$.

So then $b = f(a) = f(f^{-1}(b)) \in f(f^{-1}(B_1))$. $\therefore B_1 \subset f(f^{-1}(B_1))$.

\Leftarrow : Assume $f(f^{-1}(B_1)) = B_1$ for all $B_1 \subset B$.

Let $b \in B$. Let $B_1 = \{b\}$. Then $f(f^{-1}(\{b\})) = \{b\}$ by our assumption.

Thus $f(f^{-1}(b)) = b$. $\therefore f$ is onto.

(c) Let $f: A \rightarrow B, g: B \rightarrow C$ be onto functions.

Let $z \in C$ then since g is onto, $\exists w \in B$ such that $g(w) = z$.

And since f is onto, $\exists x \in A$ such that $f(x) = w$.

So then $(g \circ f)(x) = z$, hence $g \circ f$ is onto.

4. This exercise regards the 1-1 and onto functions.

(a) Show that if $A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ are 1-1 and onto functions, then $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is 1-1 and onto, and $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$.

Proof:

(a) By 2(a), $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is onto. And by 3(c) $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is 1-1.

$(g \circ f)^{-1}(C) = \{a \in A \mid (g \circ f)(a) \in C\}$.

Let $a \in (g \circ f)^{-1}(C)$. Then $(g \circ f)(a) = c$ for some $c \in C$.

So then $(g \circ f)(a) = c$. Thus $f(a) = g^{-1}(c)$, hence $a = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})(c)$.

$\therefore a \in f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}(C)$.

5. Think about the polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric functions. Examine their 1-1 and onto properties.

Polynomial Functions: Polynomials of even degree are not 1-1 or onto.

Polynomials of odd degree that are factorable over the reals are not 1-1, but are onto.

Exponential functions: 1-1, but not onto.

Logarithmic functions: 1-1, but the domain is not defined on all of \mathbb{R} .

Trigonometric functions:

Sine: Not 1-1 and not onto.

Cosine: Not 1-1 and not onto.

Tangent: 1-1 and onto, but not defined on all of \mathbb{R} .