

# Lecture 11 - Discrete Mathematics

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## 1 Functions

Proving a function is one-to-one

- **Direct method:** Suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$ , therefore,  $x = y$ , thus  $f$  is one-to-one
- **Contrapositive method:** Suppose that  $x \neq y$ . Therefore,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ , thus  $f$  is one-to-one
- **Contradiction method:** Suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$  but  $x \neq y \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ , thus  $f$  is one-to-one.

Proving a function is onto.

- **Direct method:** Let  $b$  be an arbitrary element of  $B$ , then construct an element  $a \in A : f(a) = b$ , therefore  $f$  is onto.
- **Set method:** Show that sets  $im f = B$ .

### 1.1 Examples:

1.  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = 3x + 4$ . Show that  $f$  is one-to-one.

- **Proof by direct method:** Suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$ , then

$$3x + 4 = 3y + 4$$

$$3x = 3y \Rightarrow x = y$$

2. Let  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , defined by  $f(x) = |x|$ . Show it is not one-to-one.

- **Proof by counterexample:** Consider  $f(5) = f(-5)$ , but  $5 \neq -5$ , thus,  $f$  is not one to one.

**Note:** Recall that  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , where  $f$  is onto  $B$  if  $\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A : f(a) = b$ , so  $im f = B$ .

3. Show  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 3x + 4$  is onto.

- **Proof:** Consider  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . We need to find  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $f(a) = b$ .
- Let  $a \in A : a = \frac{1}{3}(b - 4)$   
Then  $f(a) = f(\frac{1}{3}(b - 4)) = 3(\frac{1}{3}(b - 4)) + 4 = b$   
Thus,  $f$  is onto.

4. **Proposition:** Let  $f$  be a function. The inverse relation  $f^{-1}$  is a function if and only if  $f$  is one-to-one.

- **Proof:** Let  $f$  be function

$\Rightarrow$  Assume  $f^{-1}$  is a function. We need to show that  $f$  is one-to-one.

- Suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$ , then  $\exists z : (x, z), (y, z) \in f$ . Then  $(z, x), (z, y) \in f^{-1}$  by the definition of the inverse relation. And because it is a function, then  $x = y$  by definition.
- Therefore,  $f$  is one-to-one.

$\Leftarrow$  Assume  $f$  is one-to-one. We need to show  $f^{-1}$  is a function.

- Let  $(x, y), (x, z) \in f^{-1}$  and we need to show  $y = z$ .
- Then  $(y, x), (z, x) \in f$ , so  $f(y) = f(z) = x$  and  $f$  is one-to-one, so  $f(y) = f(z) \Rightarrow y = z$ . Thus,  $f^{-1}$  is a function.

## 2 Pigeonhole Principle:

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be finite sets and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$

- If  $|A| > |B|$ , then  $f$  is not one-to-one.
- If  $|A| < |B|$ , then  $f$  is not onto.
- If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is one-to-one, then  $|A| \leq |B|$
- If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is onto, then  $|A| \geq |B|$
- If there is a bijection for  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , then  $|A| = |B|$
- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be finite sets with  $|A| = a$  and  $|B| = b$ .

1. The number of functions from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $b^a$
2. If  $a \leq b$ , the number of functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is  $\frac{b!}{(b-a)!}$

**Note:** If  $a > b$ , then the number one-to-one functions is zero

3. If  $a \leq b$ , the number of functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is  $\sum_{j=0}^b (-1)^j (b-j)^a$

**Note:** If  $a < b$ , the number of onto functions is zero.

4. If  $a = b$ , the number of bijections for  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is  $a!$  or  $b!$

**Note:** If  $a \neq b$ , the number of bijections is zero

### 2.1 Examples:

1. 24.1(b)  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, y = 2x\}$  where  $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{im } f =$  the set of all even integers.
  - Is  $f$  one-to-one? **Yes**
  - What is  $f^{-1}$ ?  $f^{-1}$  is not onto  $\mathbb{Z}$ , because  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$ .
2. (g)  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{Q}, x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$  is not a function, because  $(0, 1) \in f$ , but  $(0, -1) \in f$ .
3. (j)  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{N}, \binom{x}{y} = 1\} = f$  is not a function, because  $\binom{x}{0} = 1, \binom{x}{x} = 1$ , so  $(x, 0) \in f$ , but  $(x, x) \in f$ .
4. 24.4 Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{3, 4\}$ . Write down all functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , indicate which are one-to-one, and which are onto  $B$ .
  - $\{(1, 3), (2, 4)\}$ : onto  $\checkmark$ , one-to-one  $\checkmark$
  - $\{(1, 4), (2, 3)\}$ : onto  $\checkmark$ , one-to-one  $\checkmark$
  - $\{(1, 4), (2, 4)\}$ : onto  $\times$ , one-to-one  $\times$
  - $\{(1, 4), (2, 3)\}$ : onto  $\times$ , one-to-one  $\times$

### 2.2 What is the Pigeonhole Principle?

**Dirichlet Box Principle:** States that if  $n + 1$  or more pigeons are placed in  $n$  holes, then one hole must contain two or more pigeons.

### 2.3 Examples:

1. Assume you have an infinite number of red, green, blue, and black socks in a drawer. How many socks do you need to pull out of the drawer to guarantee a pair?  
**A:** You will need to pull out 5 socks to guarantee a pair. In this case, pigeons are socks, which you pull out, and the holes are the colors of the socks.
2. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there exist positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ , with  $a \neq b$ , such that  $n^a - n^b$  is divisible by 10.  
**A:** Any natural number is divisible by 10 if its last digit is zero.
  - **Proof:** Consider 11 natural numbers.
$$n^1, n^2, \dots, n^{11}$$
  - Since there are ten possible one's digits, but we have 11 different numbers, then two of these numbers must have the same last digits. Thus,  $10 | n^a - n^b$ .

### 3 Composition

Let  $A, B, C$  be sets and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ . Then the function  $g \circ f$  is a function from  $A$  to  $C$ , defined by  $(f \circ g)(a) = g(f(a))$ , where  $a \in A$ , and  $gf$  is called the composition of  $g$  and  $f$ . Where  $\text{dom}(g \circ f) = \text{dom } f$  and  $g \circ f \neq f \circ g$

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions. To prove  $f = g$

- Prove  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } g$
- Prove that for every  $x$  in their common domain,  $f(x) = g(x)$

#### Identity Function:

**Definition:** Let  $A$  be a set. The identity function on  $A$  is the function  $\text{id}_A(a) = a$ , so  $\text{id}_A = \{(a, a) : a \in A\}$ .

#### 3.1 Examples:

1. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and let  $f : A \rightarrow A$ , and  $g : A \rightarrow A$ . Find  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$

$$f = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1)\}$$

$$g = \{(1, 5), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 2), (5, 1)\}$$

Therefore,

$$g \circ f = \{(1, 5), (2, 5), (3, 5), (4, 5), (5, 5)\}$$

$$f \circ g = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1)\}$$

2. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C, h : C \rightarrow D$ . Then  $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$

**Note:** Composition of functions are associative. However, composition of functions are not commutative.

3. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Then  $f \circ \text{id}_A = \text{id}_B \circ f = f$

- **Proof:** Consider  $f \circ \text{id}_A$  and  $f$ . We know that  $\text{dom}(f \circ \text{id}_A) = \text{dom } \text{id}_A = A = \text{dom } f$ , so all domains are the same. Let  $a \in A$ , then  $(f \circ \text{id}_A)(a) = f(\text{id}_A(a)) = f(a)$ , so  $f \circ \text{id}_A$  and  $f$  have the same image  $\forall a \in A$ . Thus,  $f \circ \text{id}_A = f$ .
- Similar argument for  $\text{id}_B \circ f$ .  $\text{dom}(\text{id}_B \circ f)(a) = \text{id}_B(f(a)) = f(a)$ , so  $\text{id}_B \circ f$  and  $f$  have the same image. Thus  $\text{id}_B \circ f = f$
- Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a bijection, then  $f \circ f^{-1} = \text{id}_B$  and  $f^{-1} \circ f = \text{id}_A$ .