

## Concepts:

- Define the concepts “function”, “domain”, “codomain” and “range.”
- Find the domain, codomain and range of a function. Evaluate a function given by a table or a bubble diagram.
- Find the implied domain of a function given by an algebraic formula.
- Solve problems involving the floor and the ceiling functions.
- For a given function define the image and pre-image operations as functions from the power sets of the domain and codomain of the original function.
- Distinguish between the pre-image operation and the inverse function. Evaluate image and pre-image of intervals for simple functions such as the square, absolute value, floor and ceiling functions etc.
- Find the inverse of a function and the composition of two functions.
- Define the properties “one-to-one”, “onto” and “bijective,” “increasing” and “decreasing” functions both in intuitive (verbal) terms and by means of quantified formal statements.
- Identify functions that have certain properties on given domains and codomains.
- Prove algebraically whether a function is injective, or surjective based on the formal definition.
- Restrict the domain of a function in order to force it to be injective; restrict the codomain of a function in order to force it to be surjective.
- Prove algebraically that a function is bijective by showing that it is one-to-one and onto.

## Problems:

1. Use the formal definition (with quantifiers) of function properties to fill in the blanks:
  - (a) A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is one-to-one if and only if ...
  - (b) A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is not one-to-one if and only if ...
  - (c) A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is onto if and only if ...
  - (d) A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is not onto if and only if ...
2. Which of the following statements about an arbitrary function  $f$  are correct?
  - (a) The codomain and the domain are always the same.
  - (b) The domain is a subset of the codomain.
  - (c) A function  $f$  is not surjective if and only if there is an element  $y$  in the codomain such that  $f(x) \neq y$  for all inputs  $x$  in the domain.
  - (d) The codomain is the complement of the domain.
  - (e) The codomain is a subset of the range.

- (f) The range is a subset of the codomain.
- (g) A function  $f$  is surjective if and only if for every input  $x$  in the domain there is a corresponding output  $y$  in the codomain such that  $f(x) = y$ .
- (h) A function  $f$  is surjective if and only if its range is the same as the codomain.
- (i) A function is not surjective if and only if its range is a proper subset of the codomain.
3. Let  $f$  be a function such that  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , where the domain  $A$  and the codomain  $B$  are sets containing 6 elements. Which of the following statements are true?
- (a) If  $f$  is injective, then  $f$  is surjective.
- (b) If  $f$  is injective, then  $f$  is bijective.
- (c) Since the cardinality of the domain and the codomain is the same,  $f$  must be surjective.
- (d) If  $f$  is not injective, then  $f$  cannot be surjective .
- (e) If  $f$  is not surjective, then  $f$  cannot be injective.
4. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = x^2$ . Find
- (a)  $f([-3, 2]) =$
- (b)  $f^{-1}((0, 1)) =$
- (c)  $f(f^{-1}(\{0\})) =$
- (d)  $f^{-1}(f(\{3\})) =$
5. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = \sin x$ . Find
- (a)  $f([- \frac{\pi}{6}, 0]) =$
- (b)  $f^{-1}(\{0.5\}) =$
- (c)  $f(f^{-1}(\{0\})) =$
- (d)  $f^{-1}(f(\{0\})) =$
6. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = \lfloor \frac{x}{5} \rfloor$  Find.
- (a)  $f([-1, 11]) =$

(b)  $f^{-1}(\{16\}) =$

(c)  $f(f^{-1}(\{0\})) =$

(d)  $f^{-1}(f(\{0\})) =$

7. Prove that  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}; f(n) = 3n - 5$  is one-to-one but not onto.

8. Prove that  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}; g(x) = (x + 3)^2$  is not one-to-one but it is onto.

9. (a) Prove that  $f : [-3, 5] \rightarrow [-14, 10]; f(x) = 3x - 5$  is bijective.

(b) Prove that  $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [0, 2]; f(x) = |2x + 1|$  is not bijective.

10. Find all real solutions of  $2 < \lfloor 2x - 3 \rfloor \leq 5$ . Give your answers in interval notation. Note that  $\lfloor 2x - 3 \rfloor$  represents the floor of  $2x - 3$ .

11. (a) Prove that there exist real numbers  $x, y$  such that  $\lfloor 2x + y \rfloor = 2 \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$ .

(b) Disprove the statement  $\lfloor 2x + y \rfloor = 2 \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$  for all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Solutions:**

1. Use the formal definition (with quantifiers) of function properties to fill in the blanks:

(a) A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\forall x_1 \in A \forall x_2 \in A (f(x_1) = f(x_2) \rightarrow x_1 = x_2)$ .

(b) A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is not one-to-one if and only if  $\exists x_1 \in A \exists x_2 \in A ((f(x_1) = f(x_2)) \wedge (x_1 \neq x_2))$ .

(c) A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is onto if and only if  $\forall y \in B \exists x \in A (f(x) = y)$ .

(d) A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is not onto if and only if  $\exists y \in B \forall x \in A (f(x) \neq y)$ .

2. Which of the following statements about an arbitrary function  $f$  are correct?

(a) The codomain and the domain are always the same.

*Incorrect. The domain and the codomain can be totally unrelated sets.*

(b) The domain is a subset of the codomain.

*Incorrect. See the answer to (a).*

(c) A function  $f$  is not surjective if and only if there is an element  $y$  in the codomain such that  $f(x) \neq y$  for all inputs  $x$  in the domain.

*Correct. That is the definition of non-surjectivity. See 1 (d).*

(d) The codomain is the complement of the domain.

*Incorrect. See the answer to (a).*

(e) The codomain is a subset of the range.

*Incorrect. By definition the range is a subset of the codomain.*

(f) The range is a subset of the codomain.

*Correct.*

(g) A function  $f$  is surjective if and only if for every input  $x$  in the domain there is a corresponding output  $y$  in the codomain such that  $f(x) = y$ .

*Incorrect. This statement is true for any function.*

(h) A function  $f$  is surjective if and only if the range is the same as the codomain.

*Correct. This statement is equivalent to the definition of "onto."*

- (i) If a function is not surjective if and only if the range is a proper subset of the codomain.

Correct. This statement is equivalent to the previous statement.

The contrapositive of “if  $f$  is surjective, then the range is the same as the codomain” is “if the range is not the same as the codomain, that is the range is a proper subset of the codomain, then  $f$  is not surjective.”

The contrapositive of “if the range is the same as the codomain, then the function  $f$  is surjective” is “if the function is not surjective, then the range is a proper subset of the codomain.”

3. Let  $f$  be a function such that  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , where the domain  $A$  and the codomain  $B$  are sets containing 6 elements. Which of the following statements are true?

- (a) If  $f$  is injective, then  $f$  is surjective.

True. If  $f$  is injective, the range has exactly as many elements as the domain, i.e., 6. Since the codomain also has exactly 6 elements, and the range is a subset of the codomain, the codomain has to be equal to the range.

- (b) If  $f$  is injective, then  $f$  is bijective.

True. The argument in (a) shows that, in this case, if  $f$  is injective, then  $f$  is surjective. Hence,  $f$  is bijective.

- (c) Since the cardinality of the domain and the codomain is the same,  $f$  must be surjective.

False. For example, if for some  $c$  in the codomain,  $f(x) = c$  for all  $x$  in the domain, then  $f$  is not surjective.

- (d) If  $f$  is not injective, then  $f$  cannot be surjective.

True. If  $f$  is not injective, then the cardinality of the range must be less than 6. Thus, the range is a proper subset of the codomain, and hence  $f$  is not surjective.

- (e) If  $f$  is not surjective, then  $f$  cannot be injective.

True. This is the contrapositive statement of part (a).

4. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = x^2$ . Find

- (a)  $f([-3, 2]) = [0, 9]$ .  
 (b)  $f^{-1}((0, 1)) = (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$ .  
 (c)  $f(f^{-1}(\{0\})) = f(\{0\}) = \{0\}$ .  
 (d)  $f^{-1}(f(\{3\})) = f^{-1}(\{9\}) = \{-3, 3\}$ .

5. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = \sin x$ . Find

- (a)  $f\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}, 0\right) = [-0.5, 0]$ .

- (b)  $f^{-1}(\{0.5\}) = \{\frac{\pi}{6} + k \cdot 2\pi, \frac{5\pi}{6} + l \cdot 2\pi | k, l \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .
- (c)  $f(f^{-1}(\{0\})) = f(\{k \cdot \pi | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}) = \{0\}$ .
- (d)  $f^{-1}(f(\{0\})) = f^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{k \cdot \pi | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

6. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = \lfloor \frac{x}{5} \rfloor$ . Find

- (a)  $f([-1, 11]) = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$ .
- (b)  $f^{-1}(\{16\}) = [80, 85)$ .
- (c)  $f(f^{-1}(\{0\})) = f([0, 5)) = \{0\}$ .
- (d)  $f^{-1}(f(\{0\})) = f^{-1}(\{0\}) = [0, 5)$ .

7. Prove that  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}; f(n) = 3n - 5$  is one-to-one but not onto.

**One-to-one:** Assume  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are integers such that  $f(n_1) = 3n_1 - 5 = 3n_2 - 5 = f(n_2)$ . Adding 5 to both sides and dividing by 3, we obtain  $n_1 = n_2$ . Thus,  $f$  is one-to-one according to the definition.

**Not onto:** We will show that there is no input  $n$  such that  $f(n) = 3n - 5 = 0$ .

Case 1: If  $n \geq 2$ , then  $0 < 1 \leq 3n - 5$ .

Case 2: If  $n \leq 1$ , then  $3n - 5 \leq -2 < 0$ .

In either case,  $f(n) = 3n - 5 \neq 0$  for all integers  $n$ . Thus, 0 is in the codomain but not in the range of the function  $f$ , which implies that  $f$  is not onto.

8. Prove that  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}; g(x) = (x + 3)^2$  is not one-to-one but it is onto.

**Not one-to-one:** Let  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = -6$ . Then  $g(x_1) = g(x_2) = 9$  but  $x_1 = 0 \neq -6 = x_2$ .

**Onto:** Let  $y$  be an arbitrary non-negative real number in the codomain. Define  $x = \sqrt{y} - 3$ , which is a real number. Then  $g(x) = g(\sqrt{y} - 3) = (\sqrt{y} - 3 + 3)^2 = y$ .

9. (a) Prove that  $f : [-3, 5] \rightarrow [-14, 10]; f(x) = 3x - 5$  is bijective.

**Well defined:** Assume  $x \in [-3, 5]$ . By the definition of intervals,  $-3 \leq x \leq 5$ . Multiplying the inequalities by 3 and subtracting 5, we obtain  $-14 \leq 3x - 5 \leq 10$ . Thus, the output  $f(x) = 3x - 5$  lies in the interval  $[-14, 10]$  (codomain) by the definition of intervals.

**One-to-one:** Let  $a, b \in [-3, 5]$  be such that  $f(a) = f(b)$ . Hence,  $3a - 5 = 3b - 5$ . Adding 5 to both sides and dividing by 3, we obtain  $a = b$ .

**Onto:** Let  $y \in [-14, 10]$ . Pick  $x = \frac{y + 5}{3}$ . Then  $f(x) = 3 \cdot \frac{y + 5}{3} - 5 = y + 5 - 5 = y$ . Now we will show that  $x$  is in the domain  $[-3, 5]$ . Since  $y \in [-14, 10]$ ,  $-14 \leq y \leq 10$  by the definition of intervals. Adding 5 to all sides of the inequality  $-14 \leq y \leq 10$ , and then dividing all sides by 3, we get  $-3 \leq x = \frac{y + 5}{3} \leq 5$ . Hence,  $x \in [-3, 5]$ .

(b) Prove that  $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [0, 2]; f(x) = |2x + 1|$  is not bijective.

In order to justify that  $f$  is not bijective, we could either show that  $f$  is not onto or not one-to-one. We show that  $f$  is **not one-to-one**. For  $x_1 = -1$  and  $x_2 = 0$ ,  $f(-1) = |-1| = 1 = |1| = f(0)$ . Thus,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) = 1$  but  $x_1 = -1 \neq 0 = x_2$ .

10. Find all real solutions of  $2 < \lfloor 2x - 3 \rfloor \leq 5$ . Give the answer in interval notation. Note that  $\lfloor 2x - 3 \rfloor$  represents the floor of  $2x - 3$ .

Note that, if the floor value of a number is greater than 2, then that number must be greater or equal to 3. Further, if the floor value of a number is less than or equal to 5, then that number must be less than 6.

Thus, the inequality  $2 < \lfloor 2x - 3 \rfloor \leq 5$  is equivalent to another inequality  $3 \leq 2x - 3 < 6$  which does not contain the floor function. Adding 3 and dividing by 2 all sides of this inequality, we obtain  $3 \leq x < 4.5$ . Thus, the solution in interval notation is  $[3, 4.5)$ .

11. (a) Prove that there exist real numbers  $x, y$  such that  $\lfloor 2x + y \rfloor = 2 \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$ .

Pick  $x = 1$  and  $y = 0$ . Then  $\lfloor 2x + y \rfloor = 2 \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor = 2$ .

(b) Disprove the statement  $\lfloor 2x + y \rfloor = 2 \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$  for all real numbers  $x, y$ .

Pick  $x = y = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $\lfloor 2x + y \rfloor = 1$  and  $2 \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor = 0$ . Hence,  $\lfloor 2x + y \rfloor \neq 2 \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$  for  $x = y = \frac{1}{2}$ .