

## Section 7.2: One-to-one and Onto

1. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **one-to-one** (injective)  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in X.$$

Also give contrapositive, and what occurs if  $f$  is not one-to-one.

2. Go through one-to-one functions on finite (diagrams) and infinite (formulas) sets.  
3. Showing that a function is one-to-one: (Go through examples of each.)

(a) Suppose  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  with  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ .

(b) Show that  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Showing that a function is not one-to-one:

- Find  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  s.t.  $x_1 \neq x_2$  but  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ .

4. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **onto** (surjective)  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X \text{ s.t. } f(x) = y.$$

Also, give negation (not onto).

5. Go through onto functions on finite (diagrams) and infinite (formulas) sets.

6. Showing that a function is onto: (Go through examples of each.)

(a) Suppose  $y$  is any element in  $Y$ .

(b) Show that  $\exists x \in X$  s.t.  $f(x) = y$ .

Showing that a function is not one-to-one:

- Find an element  $y \in Y$  s.t.  $y \neq f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

(Go through scratch work and proof.)

7. A function  $f$  is a **bijection** if  $f$  is both one-to-one and onto.

8. Theorem: Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$ . (Prove)

(a) If  $f$  and  $g$  are 1-1 functions, then  $g \circ f$  is a 1-1 function.

(b) If  $f$  and  $g$  are onto functions, then  $g \circ f$  is an onto function.

9. Inverse functions:

- We need  $f \circ f^{-1}$  to be the **identity function** on  $\mathcal{D}(f^{-1})$  and  $f^{-1} \circ f$  to be the identity function on  $\mathcal{D}(f)$ .
- Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a 1-1 function. Then  $f^{-1} : \mathcal{R}(f) \rightarrow X$  is the **inverse function** of  $f$  defined by  $f^{-1}(y) = x$  if  $y = f(x)$ .
- Finding  $f^{-1}$ .
- If we view  $f$  as a series of ordered pairs,  $f^{-1}$  reverses coordinates. For  $f^{-1}$  to be a function,  $f$  must be 1-1.
- $f^{-1}(B)$  is called the **inverse image** or **preimage** of  $B$ .

10. Example: Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $A_1, A_2 \subset X$ . Show that  $f(A_1 \cup A_2) \subset f(A_1) \cup f(A_2)$ .