



Introductory Course Mathematics

Exercise Sheet 4

G14 (Injectivity, Surjectivity, Bijectivity I)

(a) Which of the following functions are injective, surjective, bijective?

$$f_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto x^2$$

$$f_2 : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto x^2$$

$$f_3 : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \\ x \mapsto x^2$$

$$f_4 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto x^3$$

$$f_5 : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f_6 : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ x \mapsto \frac{1}{x^2}$$

Also determine the image of each function.

(b) Find a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ which is

- (i) injective but not surjective,
- (ii) surjective but not injective.

G15 (Composition of Functions)

(a) Find functions f and g such that the following functions can be written as $f \circ g$.

$$F_1(x) = \sqrt{x+9} \\ F_2(x) = (x-5)^2$$

$$F_3(x) = \sqrt{x} + 2 \\ F_4(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$$

- (b) Consider the functions f and g from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} given by $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = x - 3$. Find the composite functions $f \circ f$, $f \circ g$, $g \circ f$ and $g \circ g$ and determine the domain of each function. Demonstrate that $f \circ g$ is not necessarily the same as $g \circ f$.
- (c) Find $f \circ g \circ h$ where $f(x) = x/(x+1)$, $g(x) = x^2$ and $h(x) = x+3$. Find the maximal subset of \mathbb{R} on which $f \circ g \circ h$ is defined.

G16 (Preimages)

Determine the set

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = 1\},$$

with

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 5$$

G17 (Zeroes)

Find all zeroes of the following functions:

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$$

$$g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1$$

$$h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto x^4 - 1$$

G18 (Bonus Exercise: Injectivity, Surjectivity, Bijectivity II) Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a function. Prove that f is

- (a) injective,
- (b) surjective,
- (c) bijective

if and only if $f \circ f$ is.