

Math 251, Mon 20-Sep-2021 -- Mon 20-Sep-2021
Discrete Mathematics
Fall 2021

Monday, September 20th 2021

Wk 4, Mo

Topic:: Functions

Read:: Rosen 2.3

HW:: WW functions due Thurs.

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Warmup:

1. For a bit string S , let $f(S)$ give

- a) the position of a 0-bit in S No
b) the number of 1-bits in S Yes

In either case, is f a function from the set of all bit strings to \mathbb{Z} ?

2. Given $f(x) = 3x+1$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

- a) Is f a function from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} ?
b) Is f surjective? \checkmark
c) Is f injective? \checkmark } f is bijective

d) Does f have an inverse function? If so, what is it? $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-1}{3}$

e) Is $g(f(x))$ a function from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} ? (mention partial functions)

No

Some special functions

- characteristic functions on a set

Given any set A

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

- floor and ceiling functions

1. arrange in ascending order: $\text{ceil}(x)$, $\text{floor}(x)$, $x-1$, $x+1$, x

2. give an alternate expression for

$\text{floor}(-x)$

$\text{ceil}(-x)$

$\text{floor}(x + n)$, where n is an integer

$\text{floor}(2x)$

- logarithms

Did not discuss in class - review it.

For $b > 1$, define $\log_b(x)$

Properties of logs

inverse to b^x

$$\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$$

$$\log_b(x/y) = \log_b x - \log_b y$$

$$\log_b(x^a) = a \log_b x$$

$$\log_a x = \log_b x / \log_b a$$

" f is a fn. from domain to codomain."

Other phrases:

" f is a fn. of a real variable" ... \leftrightarrow domain = \mathbb{R}

" f is real-valued" \leftrightarrow codomain = \mathbb{R}

f is surjective precisely when: $\text{range}(f) = \text{codomain}(f)$

$$\forall y \in \text{codomain} \exists x \in \text{domain} (f(x) = y).$$

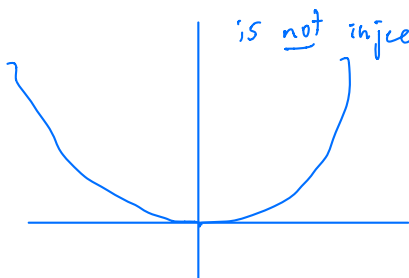
f is injective precisely when: $\forall x_1 \in \text{domain} \forall x_2 \in \text{domain} (f(x_1) = f(x_2) \rightarrow x_1 = x_2)$

(i.e. cannot get the same y -value out of f from 2 different x -values.)

Ex.] $f(x) = x^2$

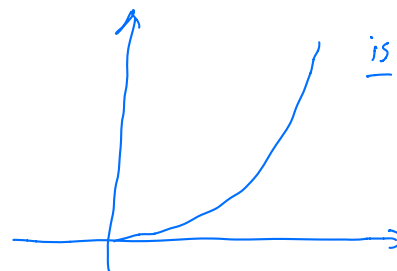
as a fn. from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R}

is not injective



as a fn. from $[0, \infty)$ to \mathbb{R}

is injective



A bijective fn. is both surjective and injective. As a result, it has an inverse that is a function returning from B to A (if $f: A \rightarrow B$).

Inverse of $f(x) = 3x + 1$ $y = 3x + 1$

Solve for x : $y - 1 = 3x$
 $x = \frac{1}{3}y - \frac{1}{3}$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \boxed{x/3 - 1/3}$$

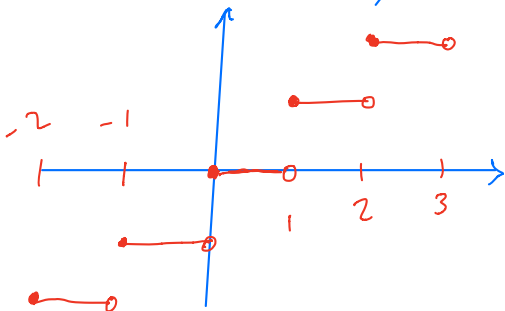
$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$

For example above

$$g(f(x)) = g(3x + 1) = \sqrt{3x + 1}$$

In Python $\text{floor}(x) =$ largest integer not exceeding x
 $= \lfloor x \rfloor$

Ex.] $\lfloor 2.1 \rfloor = 2$, $\lfloor 2 \rfloor = 2$, $\lfloor -3.9 \rfloor = -4$



Some special functions

Identity function. $\iota: A \rightarrow B$ requires $A \subseteq B$.

Indicator functions. Given a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, the indicator function on the set A is defined as

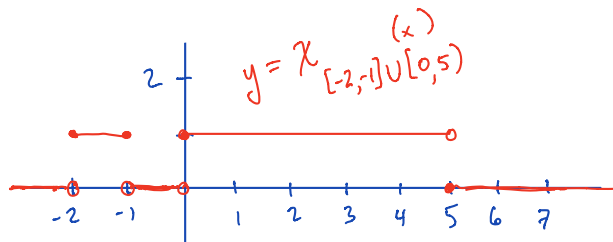
$$\chi_A(x) := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin A. \end{cases}$$

- evaluating an indicator function

$$\chi_{[0,5)}(5) = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \chi_{[0,5)}(\pi) = 1.$$

- graph of an indicator function

Let $A = [-2, -1] \cup [0, 5)$
 Its graph is depicted here:



The floor/ceiling functions.

- how defined
- True or false?

1. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \forall y \in \mathbb{R} ([x+y] = [x] + [y])$ *False*

2. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \forall m \in \mathbb{Z} ([x+m] = [x] + m)$ *True*

3. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} ([-x] = -[x])$

4. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} ([2x] = [x] + [x+0.5])$

5. $[]: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is a bijection.