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(points) a) Show that if $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing then $f(x)$ is 1-1 and f^{-1} is strictly increasing.

Suppose f is strictly decreasing, i.e. if $a < b$ then $f(a) > f(b)$
to show f is 1-1,

Let $x_1 \neq x_2$, then either $x_1 < x_2$ or $x_2 < x_1$

If $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2)$ since f is strictly decreasing
and so $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

Similarly if $x_2 < x_1$.

show f^{-1} is strictly increasing, let $c < d$ to show $f^{-1}(c) < f^{-1}(d)$

But $f^{-1}(c) = x_1 \Rightarrow f(x_1) = c$
 $f^{-1}(d) = x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_2) = d$ } if $f^{-1}(c) \leq f^{-1}(d)$
 $c > d$ } $\Rightarrow x_1 \leq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2)$

(points) Show that if S is nonempty set and $f, g \in \text{sym}(S)$ then $f \circ g \in \text{sym}(S)$

Proof: let $f, g \in \text{Sym} S$, f is 1-1 and onto and so is g .

To show $f \circ g$ is 1-1

Suppose $(f \circ g)(x_1) = (f \circ g)(x_2)$

$\Rightarrow f(g(x_1)) = f(g(x_2))$

$\Rightarrow g(x_1) = g(x_2)$ since f is 1-1

$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ since g is 1-1

$\Rightarrow f \circ g$ is 1-1

To show $f \circ g$ is onto, let $y \in S$

since f is onto, $\exists x \in S$ s.t. $f(x) = y$

But since g is onto, $\exists z \in S$ s.t. $g(z) = x$

and so $f(g(z)) = f(x) = y$.



Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-1, 1)$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$. Show that f is 1-1 and onto and

to show f is 1-1

Let $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ to show $x_1 = x_2$

pts $\frac{x_1}{1+|x_1|} = \frac{x_2}{1+|x_2|} \Rightarrow x_1 + x_1|x_2| = x_2 + x_2|x_1|$ (3 pts)

4 cases

To show f is onto,

Let $y \in (0, 1] \Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{1+|x|} \Rightarrow x > 0$
 $\Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{1+x}$

$\Rightarrow y + yx = x \Rightarrow y = x - yx = x(1-y)$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{1-y}$

$f(x) = f\left(\frac{y}{1-y}\right) = \frac{\frac{y}{1-y}}{1 + \left|\frac{y}{1-y}\right|} = \frac{\frac{y}{1-y}}{1 + \frac{y}{1-y}} = \frac{\frac{y}{1-y}}{\frac{1-y+y}{1-y}} = y$

If $y \in (-1, 0) \Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{1+|x|} \Rightarrow x < 0, |x| = -x$

$\Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{1-x} \Rightarrow y - yx = x \Rightarrow y = yx + x = x(y+1)$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{1+y}$ so $f(x) = f\left(\frac{y}{1+y}\right) = \frac{\frac{y}{1+y}}{1 + \left|\frac{y}{1+y}\right|} = \frac{\frac{y}{1+y}}{1 + \frac{y}{1+y}} = y$

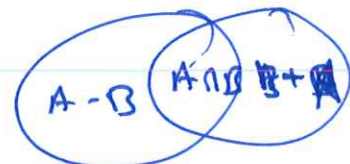
from above

$f^{-1}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{1-x} & , x \geq 0 \\ \frac{x}{1+x} & , x < 0 \end{cases} = \frac{x}{1-|x|}$

points) Show that $\chi_{A \cup B} = \chi_A + \chi_B - \chi_{A \cap B}$ for any sets A, B

cases Case 1 if $x \notin A \cup B \Rightarrow x \notin A \wedge x \notin B$

$0 = 0 + 0 - 0$



Case 2 if $x \in A - B$, similarly if $x \in B - A$ (cases)

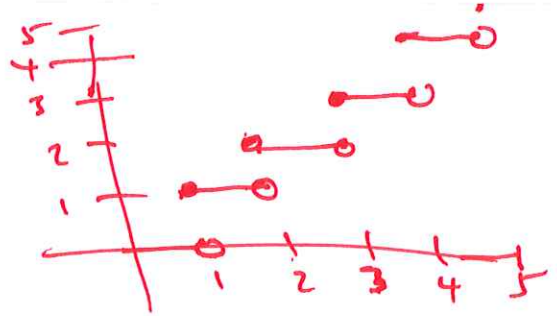
$\chi_{A \cup B} = 1, \chi_A = 1, \chi_B = 0, \chi_{A \cap B} = 0$

\Rightarrow Equality holds

Case 3 $x \in A \cap B \Rightarrow x \in A, x \in B, x \in A \cup B$

$1 = 1 + 1 - 1 \checkmark$

1 pts each



3)(5points) a) Let $f(x) = [x]$

Find $f^{-1}\{2,3,4\}, f^{-1}[2,4], f^{-1}(2,3), f^{-1}(\mathbb{N}), f(\mathbb{N}),$

$$f^{-1}\{2,3,4\} = f^{-1}(2) \cup f^{-1}(3) \cup f^{-1}(4) \\ = [2,3) \cup [3,4) \cup [4,5) = [2,5)$$

$$f^{-1}[2,4] = [2,5)$$

$$f^{-1}(2,3) = \emptyset$$

$$f^{-1}(\mathbb{N}) = [1, \infty)$$

$$f(\mathbb{N}) = \mathbb{N}$$

b) (6 points) Let $f: X \rightarrow Y, B \subset Y$

1) Show that $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subset B$

2) Is $B \subset f(f^{-1}(B))$, prove or disprove.

1) Let $y \in f(f^{-1}(B))$
 $\Rightarrow \exists x \in f^{-1}(B)$ s.t. $f(x) = y$
 $\Rightarrow f(x) \in B$
 $\Rightarrow y \in B$

from above
 let $B = [1, \infty)$
 $f^{-1}(B) = [1, \infty)$
 $f(f^{-1}(B)) = \mathbb{N}$
 But $B \not\subset \mathbb{N}$.

4) (6 points) a) Show that any subset of \mathbb{N} is countable.

If X is finite $\Rightarrow X$ is countable by definition
 If not, i.e. X is infinite

lets define $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ (Existence Axiom of choice)

s.t $f(1) = \text{least element in } X, f(1) \geq 1$

$f(2) = \text{least element in } X \setminus \{f(1)\}, f(2) \geq 2$

$f(n) = \text{least element in } X \setminus \{f(1), \dots, f(n-1)\}, f(n) \geq n$

~~f~~ f is 1-1, since the least is unique.

to show its onto, suppose not, $\exists z \in X \setminus f(\mathbb{N})$

$\Rightarrow z \in X \setminus \{f(1), f(2), f(3), \dots\}$

But $f(z) \in \{f(1), f(2), \dots\} \Rightarrow f(z) \in X \setminus \{f(1), f(2), \dots\}$

and $f(z) = \min\{X \setminus \{f(1), f(2), \dots, f(z-1)\}\} \Rightarrow f(z) \geq z$

But $z \notin \{f(1), f(2), \dots, f(z), \dots\} \Rightarrow f(z) < z$

$\min\{X \setminus \{f(1), \dots, f(z-1)\}\}$

b) (6 points) Show that if A, B are countable sets then $A \times B$ is countable set.

Since A, B are countable,

$A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}$

$B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots\}$

$a_k = f(k), f$ is 1-1
 $b_j = g(j), g$ is 1-1

$A \times B = \{(a_1, b_1), (a_1, b_2), (a_1, b_3), (a_1, b_4), \dots$

$(a_2, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a_2, b_3), (a_2, b_4), \dots$

$(a_3, b_1), (a_3, b_2), (a_3, b_3), \dots$

\vdots

let $h(a_i, b_j) = \sum_{k=1}^{i+j-2} k + i$

h is 1-1

5) (7 points) Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$. Prove that f is 1-1 if and only if $f(A) \cap f(B) = f(A \cap B)$

$$1-1 \Leftrightarrow f(A) \cap f(B) = f(A \cap B) \text{ for every } A, B$$

(\Leftarrow) Let $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ to show $x_1 = x_2$
or if $x_1 \neq x_2$ to show $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

(2pts) Since $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow \{x_1\} \cap \{x_2\} = \emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow f(\{x_1\}) \cap f(\{x_2\}) = \emptyset$ by the assumption
 $\Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

(\Rightarrow) Suppose f is 1-1, to show
 $f(A) \cap f(B) = f(A \cap B)$

(\Rightarrow) why $y \in f(A) \cap f(B)$

(2pts) $\Rightarrow y \in f(A) \wedge y \in f(B)$
 $\Rightarrow \exists x_1 \in A$ s.t. $f(x_1) = y \wedge \exists x_2 \in B$ s.t. $f(x_2) = y$
But f is 1-1, $\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \in A \cap B$
 $\Rightarrow y \in f(A \cap B)$

(\Leftarrow) why $y \in f(A \cap B)$

$\Rightarrow \exists x \in A \cap B$ s.t. $f(x) = y$

$\Rightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B$

$\Rightarrow f(x) \in f(A)$ and $f(x) \in f(B)$

$\Rightarrow f(x) \in f(A \cap B)$