

**Math 3210-3**  
HW 4  
Solutions

You were only required to turn in the following problems: 1(e), 2(a), 3, 4, 5(b), 6, 7(b), and 8(b). Each problem is worth 1 point.

## Relations

1. Determine which of the three properties (reflexive, symmetric and transitive) apply to each relation. (You can write simply "R," "S," or "T".)
  - (a) Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{N}$  given by  $xRy$  iff  $x$  divides  $y$ . **R, T**
  - (b) Let  $X$  be a set and let  $R$  be the relation " $\subseteq$ " defined on subsets of  $X$ . **R, T**
  - (c) Let  $R$  be the relation on the real numbers given by  $xRy$  iff  $x - y$  is rational. **R, S, T**
  - (d) Let  $R$  be the relation on the real numbers given by  $xRy$  iff  $x - y$  is irrational. **S**
  - (e) Let  $R$  be the relation on the real numbers given by  $xRy$  iff  $(x - y)^2 < 0$ . **S, T**
  - (f) Let  $R$  be the relation on the real numbers given by  $xRy$  iff  $|x - y| \leq 2$ . **R, S**
2. Find examples of relations with the following properties.
  - (a) Reflexive, but not symmetric and not transitive.  
Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  given by  $xRy$  if and only if  $x < y + 1$ .
  - (b) Symmetric, but not reflexive and not transitive.  
Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  given by  $xRy$  iff  $x - y$  is irrational.
  - (c) Transitive, but not reflexive and not symmetric.  
Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  given by  $xRy$  iff  $x < y$ .
  - (d) Reflexive and symmetric, but not transitive.  
Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  given by  $xRy$  iff  $|x - y| \leq 2$ .
  - (e) Reflexive and transitive, but not symmetric.  
Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{N}$  given by  $xRy$  iff  $x$  divides  $y$ .
  - (f) Symmetric and transitive, but not reflexive.  
Let  $R$  be the relation on the real numbers given by  $xRy$  iff  $(x - y)^2 < 0$ .

3. ♣ Let  $S$  be the Cartesian coordinate plane  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  and define a relation  $R$  on  $S$  by  $(a, b)R(c, d)$  iff  $a = c$ . Verify that  $R$  is an equivalence relation and describe a typical equivalence class  $E_{(a,b)}$ .

*Proof:* To show  $R$  is an equivalence relation, we need to show it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. Clearly we have that  $R$  is reflexive since  $(a, b)R(a, b)$  iff  $a = a$  which is always true. Now suppose  $(a, b)R(c, d)$ . Then  $a = c$  and  $(c, d)R(a, b)$  is true. Hence  $R$  is symmetric. Finally suppose  $(a, b)R(c, d)$  and  $(c, d)R(e, f)$ . Then  $a = c$  and  $c = e$ , so  $a = e$ , and we have that  $(a, b)R(e, f)$  and  $R$  is transitive.

□

A typical equivalence class would be  $E_{(a,b)} = \{(a, x) | x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  which is a vertical line for each value of  $a$ .

4. Let  $S$  be the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of all integers and let  $R = \{(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : m - n \text{ is even}\}$ . Verify that  $R$  is an equivalence relation and describe the equivalence class  $E_5$ . How many distinct equivalence classes are there?

*Proof:* Once again we need to show  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. Then  $mRm$  iff  $m - m$  is even, but  $m - m = 0 = 2(0)$  which is even, so  $mRm$ . If  $mRn$ , then  $m - n$  is even, and we can write  $m - n = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $n - m = -(m - n) = -(2k) = 2(-k)$  which is also even, so  $nRm$ . Now suppose that  $mRn$  and  $nRr$ . Then  $m - n = 2k$  and  $n - r = 2l$  for  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $m - r = m - n + n - r = (m - n) + (n - r) = 2k + 2l = 2(k + l)$  which is even, so  $mRr$ . Therefore  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

□

The equivalence class  $E_5 = \{(5, n) | 5 - n \text{ is even}\} = \{(5, n) | n \text{ is odd}\} = \{(a, b) | a, b \text{ are odd}\}$ . Therefore there are two distinct equivalence classes,  $E_{\text{odd}}$  and  $E_{\text{even}}$ .

## Functions

5. Find the range of each function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

(a)  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ .

The graph of this function is a parabola with vertex  $(0, 1)$  which opens up. So the range is  $[1, \infty)$ .

(b)  $f(x) = (x + 3)^2 - 5$ .

The graph of this function is a parabola with vertex  $(-3, -5)$  which opens up. So the range is  $[-5, \infty)$ .

(c)  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 1$ .

The graph of this function is a parabola. We can complete the square to find the vertex which is at  $(-2, -3)$ , so the range is  $[-3, \infty)$ .

(d)  $f(x) = 2 \cos 3x$ .

The range of a cosine function is  $[-1, 1]$ , but since we have altered the amplitude of this function by multiplying by 2, the range of this function is  $[-2, 2]$ .

6. Let  $S$  be the set of all circles in the plane, and let  $T$  be the set of all circles in the plane that are centered at the origin. Then  $T \subset S$ .

(a) Define  $f : S \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $f(C) =$  the area enclosed by  $C$ , for all  $C \in S$ . Is  $f$  injective? Is  $f$  surjective?

$f$  is not injective. To see this, let  $C_1$  be the circle of area 1 centered at the origin, and let  $C_2$  be the circle of area 1 centered at  $(1, 1)$ . Then  $f(C_1) = 1 = f(C_2)$  but the circles are distinct. On the other hand,  $f$  is surjective. To see this, choose any  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $C$  be the circle with area  $r$  centered at the origin. Then  $f(C) = r$ .

(b) Define  $g : T \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $g(C) =$  the area enclosed by  $C$ , for all  $C \in T$ . Is  $g$  injective? Is  $g$  surjective?

In this case  $g$  is injective and surjective. Two circles with the same area centered at the origin have to be the same circle, so  $g$  is injective. And by the same argument as above, the function is surjective.

7. ♣ In each part, find a function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  that has the desired properties.

(a) surjective, but not injective.

Let  $f(n) = \lceil [1 + \frac{n}{3}] \rceil$ . Then  $f(1) = 1$  and  $f(2) = 1$ , but for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(3(m-1)) = m$ , so  $f$  is surjective, but not injective.

(b) injective, but not surjective.

Let  $f(n) = n^2$ . Clearly  $f$  is injective, but not surjective. For instance, consider  $2 \in \mathbb{N}$ . There is no element in  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $n^2 = 2$ .

(c) neither surjective nor injective.

Let  $f(n) = 5$ . Then clearly  $f$  is not surjective nor injective.

(d) bijective.

Let  $f(n) = n$ . Clearly  $f$  is injective and surjective.

8. ♣ Find examples to show that equality does not hold in the following theorem: Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Let  $C, C_1$  and  $C_2$  be subsets of  $A$  and let  $D, D_1$ , and  $D_2$  be subsets of  $B$ . Then the following hold:

(a)  $C \subseteq f^{-1}[f(C)]$ .

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = x^2$ . Let  $C = [0, \infty)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(f(C)) = f^{-1}(f([0, \infty))) = f^{-1}([0, \infty)) = \mathbb{R}$ .

(b)  $f[f^{-1}(D)] \subseteq D$ .

Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be given by  $f(n) = n + 1$ . Let  $D = \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $f[f^{-1}(D)] = f(\mathbb{N}) = \{2, 3, \dots\}$ .

(c)  $f(C_1 \cap C_2) \subseteq f(C_1) \cap f(C_2)$ .

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = x^2$ , and let  $C_1 = (-2, -1)$  and  $C_2 = (1, 2)$ . Then  $f(C_1) = (1, 4)$ ,  $f(C_2) = (1, 4)$ ,  $C_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$ , so  $f(C_1 \cap C_2) = \emptyset$ , but  $f(C_1) \cap f(C_2) = (1, 4)$ .