

Homework 7 - Math 300 B - Winter 2015 - Dr. Matthew Conroy

Relevant reading: Velleman, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 7.1, 7.2

1. Define a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -3x & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Is  $f$  one-to-one? Is  $f$  onto? Is  $f^{-1}$  a function? State and prove a theorem.

(a) Show that  $f$  is one-to-one and onto.

(b) Give a formula for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

2. Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be sets. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ .

(a) Prove that if  $f$  and  $g$  are onto, then  $g \circ f$  is onto.

(b) Prove that if  $g \circ f$  is onto, then  $g$  is onto.

(c) If  $g \circ f$  is onto, is  $f$  necessarily onto? Prove your answer.

3. Let  $A$  be the set of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow A$  by

$$f(x) = \{z \in \mathbb{R} : |z| > x\}.$$

Is  $f$  one-to-one? Is  $f$  onto?

4. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets, and  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Suppose  $f$  is one-to-one. Prove that there exists a subset  $C \subseteq B$  such that  $f^{-1} : C \rightarrow A$ .

5. For each of the following pairs of sets, give a bijection from the first set to the second set. Then give the inverse of each bijection.

(a)  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{-6, 0, 5\}$

(b)  $(-2, \infty)$  and  $(-\infty, 7)$  (these are intervals, i.e., subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ )

(c)  $(-\infty, 3)$  and  $(0, 1)$  (these are intervals, i.e., subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ )

6. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be finite sets. If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$ .

7. Let  $A$  be a finite set. Prove that if  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is injective, then  $f$  is bijective.

8. Prove that, if  $A \sim B$ , then  $\mathcal{P}(A) \sim \mathcal{P}(B)$ .