

MA 387 Extra Credit Problems

1. Prove that for all x, y, f, g , if f, g are functions then

$$f[x] \cap g[y] = \emptyset \iff (g^{-1} \circ f) \cap (x \times y) = \emptyset$$

show L.S. $\neq \emptyset \iff$ R.S. $\neq \emptyset$

pf

Suppose $u \in$ L.S. then $(\exists a \in x)(\exists b \in y) f(a) = g(b)$.

$\therefore g^{-1} \circ f(a) = b \rightarrow \langle a, b \rangle \in$ R.S.

If $\langle a, b \rangle \in$ R.S. then $a \in x, b \in y$ &

$\langle a, b \rangle \in g^{-1} \circ f \rightarrow (\exists c)(\langle a, c \rangle \in f \text{ and } \langle c, b \rangle \in g^{-1})$

$\rightarrow (\exists c)(\langle a, c \rangle \in f \text{ and } \langle b, c \rangle \in g)$

$\rightarrow (\exists c)(f(a) = g(b) = c)$

$\rightarrow c \in$ L.S.

2. Prove that if $f: x \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} y$ then $\exists$ a 1-1 function g mapping $\mathcal{P}(y)$ into $\mathcal{P}(x)$.

pf For each $u \subseteq y$ define $F(u) = \{a \in x \mid f(a) \in u\}$

Suppose $v \subseteq y$ & $u \neq v$. Then either

(1) $(\exists a \in u)(a \notin v)$ or (2) $(\exists b \in v)(b \notin u)$.

prove case (1). (The proof of (2) is similar.)

Since f is onto, for each $a \in u$ there is a $c \in x$ such that $a = f(c)$. $\therefore f(c) \in u$ & $f(c) \notin v$.

$\therefore F(u) \neq F(v)$. $\therefore F$ is 1-1.