

1 Tutorial problems

1. Let $X = \{1, 2, 5\}$ and $Y = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$. List the elements of:

(a) $X \cup Y$ (the union of X and Y)

$$\{0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6\}$$

(b) $X \cap Y$ (the intersection of X and Y)

$$\{2\}$$

(c) $X - Y$ (the complement of Y relative to X)

$$\{1, 5\}$$

(d) $Y - X$ (the complement of X relative to Y)

$$\{0, 4, 6\}$$

(e) $\mathcal{P}(X)$ (the power set of X , i.e. the set of all subsets of X)

$$\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{5\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 5\}, \{2, 5\}, \{1, 2, 5\}$$

2. Let $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $Y = \{f, t\}$.

(a) List all the members of $X \times Y$.

$$(0, f), (0, t), (1, f), (1, t), (2, f), (2, t).$$

(b) List all total functions from Y to X .

Each column (after the first) in the table below describes one function according to its values at f and t respectively.

f	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2
t	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2

- (c) List all partial (but not total) functions from Y to X .

Each column (after the first) in the table below describes one function according to its values at f and t respectively. I use \perp to represent “undefined”.

f	\perp	\perp	\perp	\perp	0	1	2
t	\perp	0	1	2	\perp	\perp	\perp

3. Let X be a set with 3 elements, and Y a set with 4 elements.

- (a) How many elements are there in $X \times Y$?

12 since any one of the 3 elements from X could come first, and any of the 4 from Y second (as these are independent we multiply together the options).

- (b) How many total functions are there from X to Y ?

Each of the 3 elements of X independently chooses one of 4 values, so we get $4 \times 4 \times 4 = 4^3 = 64$ possible total functions.

- (c) How many total functions are there from Y to X ?

This time $3^4 = 81$

- (d) How many partial (possibly total) functions are there from X to Y ?

We can think of “undefined” as a fifth possible value so get $5^3 = 125$.

4. Give examples of functions $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that satisfy:

- (a) f is total and injective but not surjective,

Note in this and all the remaining answers there are many possibilities. I’m just giving one example of each. The function $f(x) = 2x$ is injective since $2x = 2y$ implies $x = y$ and not surjective since it takes on no odd values.

- (b) f is total and surjective but not injective,

Take $f(x) = x - 1$ except $f(0) = 0$. It’s surjective since $x = f(x + 1)$ for all x but not injective since $f(0) = f(1)$. Or take $f(x) = \lfloor x/2 \rfloor$ (i.e., integer division as in Java). Now surjective because $x = f(2x)$ for all x , but not injective since $f(2k) = f(2k + 1)$ for any k .

- (c) f is total, injective and surjective, but is not the identity,

Take $f(0) = 1$, $f(1) = 0$ and $f(x) = x$ for all $x > 1$.

(d) *f is not total, but is surjective.*

Take f to be undefined at odd numbers and $f(x) = x/2$ for even numbers, or f undefined at 0 and $f(x) = x - 1$ for all $x > 0$.