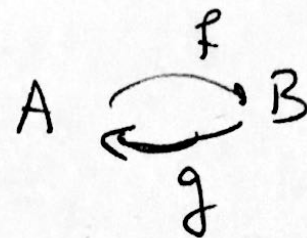


Math 120A Lecture 3:



Lemma:  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

(1)  $f$  is injective iff  $f$  has a left-inverse.

(left inverse means a function  $g: B \rightarrow A$   
st.  $g \circ f = \text{id}_A$ )

(2)  $f$  is surjective iff  $f$  has a right-inverse.

(i.e. a function  $g: B \rightarrow A$  st.  $f \circ g = \text{id}_B$ )

(3)  $f$  is bijective iff  $f$  has an inverse

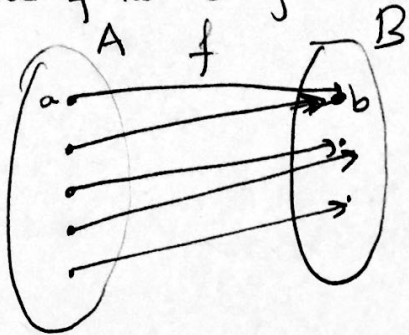
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proof: (1) In homework.  
(3) Exercise.

(2) Assume  $f$  is surjective



We want to show that there is a  $g: B \rightarrow A$

$$\text{s.t. } \forall b \in B \quad f \circ g(b) = f(g(b)) = b.$$

Let, for each  $b \in B$ ,  $g(b)$  be ~~set~~

one of the elements  $a$  in  $A$  s.t.  $f(a) = b$ .

(We are choosing lots of these elements so  
we are using the axiom of choice here)

Then we automatically have

$$f(\underbrace{g(b)}_a) = b.$$

Conversely, assume  $f$  has a right inverse  $g$ .

We know  $\forall b \in B$ ,  $f(g(b)) = b$ .

Then  $f$  is surjective because,  $\forall b \in B$ ,

$$\underbrace{f(g(b))}_b = b$$

this element maps to  $b$  under  $f$   
So  $f$  is surjective.

Cardinality:  $|A|$  means # of elements in  $A$ .  
number

But we can make sense of size for infinite sets by saying:

Def:  $A$  and  $B$  have the same cardinality if there exists a bijection  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

•  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$  have the same cardinality.

•  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{I}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}^n$  have the same cardinality.

•  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}$ , don't have the same cardinality.

• For any set  $S$ ,  $S$  and  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  don't have the same cardinality.

Relations: A relation <sup>between  $A$  and  $B$</sup>  is a subset of  $A \times B$ .

A relation on  $A$  is a subset of  $A \times A$ .

If  $\sim$  is the relation  $\sim \subset A \times A$ , we often write  $a \sim b$  for  $(a, b) \in \sim$ .

Def: A relation  $\sim$  on  $A$  is an equivalence relation if

(1)  $\sim$  is reflexive, i.e.  $a \sim a \quad \forall a \in A$ .



(2)  $\sim$  is symmetric i.e.

$$\forall a, b, \quad a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$$

(3)  $\sim$  is transitive, i.e.  $\forall a, b, c$

$$a \sim b \text{ and } b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c.$$

just like the properties of "=" on a set.

Ex. • On  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we have the relation

$$a \sim b \Leftrightarrow n \mid b - a. \quad (\text{for fixed } n)$$

(homework problem to show this is an equivalence relation)  
if  $n=5$

- On set of all triangles in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , similarity is an equivalence relation.

Set of equivalence classes

$A / \sim$  = "the set of equivalence classes of  $\sim$ ".

eg: on  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow 5 \mid b - a$ .

equivalence classes are

$\{0, 5, 10, \dots, -5, -10, \dots\}$	$= \overline{0}$
$\{1, 6, 11, \dots, -4, -9, \dots\}$	$= \overline{1}$
$\{2, 7, \dots, -3, -8, \dots\}$	$= \overline{2}$
$\{3, \dots\}$	$= \overline{3}$
$\{4, \dots\}$	$= \overline{4}$

$$\mathbb{Z} / \sim \text{ is } \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{3}, \overline{4}\}$$