

MATH1050 Examples: Formal definition for the notion of functions.

1. (a) Let  $F = \{(x, y) \mid y^3 = x^2 + 1 \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . (Note that  $F \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ .)  
Verify that  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, F)$  is a function.
  - (b) Let  $A = (0, +\infty)$ , and  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x^2y = 1 \text{ and } x \in A \text{ and } y \in A\}$ . (Note that  $F \subset A^2$ .)  
Verify that  $(A, A, F)$  is a function.
  - (c) Let  $A_1 = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $A_2 = (-\infty, 0)$ ,  $F_1 = \{(x, y) \mid y = x^2 \text{ and } x \in A_1 \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $F_2 = \{(x, y) \mid y = x + 1 \text{ and } x \in A_2 \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , and  $F = F_1 \cup F_2$ . (You can take for granted that  $F \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ .)  
Verify that  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, F)$  is a function.  
**Remark.** Such is an example of ‘piecewise-defined functions’ in school mathematics.
2. (a) Let  $G = \{(x, y) \mid |y| = |x| \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Is  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, G)$  a function? Justify your answer.
  - (b) Let  $H = \{(x, y) \mid y^2 = x \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Is  $(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}, H)$  a function? Justify your answer.
  - (c) Let  $G = \{(\sqrt{t^2}, \cos(t)) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Is  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, G)$  a function? Justify your answer.
  - (d) Let  $H = \{(s^2, s) \mid s \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(t, 0) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } t < 0\}$ . Is  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, H)$  a function? Justify your answer.
3. In this question,  $0, 1, 2$  are regarded as pairwise distinct objects.
    - (a) Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and  $F = \{(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Is  $(A, B, F)$  a function? Justify your answer.
    - (b) Let  $A = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $B = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and  $F = \{(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0)\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Is  $(A, B, F)$  a function? Justify your answer.
    - (c) Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and  $F = \{(0, 0), (1, 2)\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Is  $(A, B, F)$  a function? Justify your answer.
  4. (a) Let  $A = [0, 1]$ ,  $B = [0, 2]$ , and  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } 4x^2 + y^2 = 4\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Define  $f = (A, B, F)$ . Verify that  $f$  is a function.
  - (b) Let  $A = [0, 1]$ ,  $B = [0, 1]$ , and  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } 4x^2 + y^2 = 4\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Define  $f = (A, B, F)$ . Is  $f$  a function? Justify your answer.
  - (c) Let  $A = [0, 1]$ ,  $B = [-1, 2]$ , and  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } 4x^2 + y^2 = 4\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Define  $f = (A, B, F)$ . Is  $f$  a function? Justify your answer.
5. (a) Let  $A = [0, 3]$ ,  $B = [0, 2]$ , and  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } 4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Define  $f = (A, B, F)$ . Verify that  $f$  is a function.
  - (b) Let  $A = [0, 3]$ ,  $B = [-1, 2]$ , and  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } 4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Define  $f = (A, B, F)$ . Is  $f$  a function? Justify your answer.
  - (c) Let  $A = [0, 3]$ ,  $B = [0, 1]$ , and  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } 4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Define  $f = (A, B, F)$ . Is  $f$  a function? Justify your answer.
6. (a) Let  $A = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } (y + 2)^2 = x\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times \mathbb{R}$ .  
Is  $(A, \mathbb{R}, F)$  a function? Justify your answer.
  - (b) Let  $A = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in A \text{ and } (y + 2)^2 = x\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A^2$ .  
Is  $(A, A, F)$  a function? Justify your answer.
  - (c) Let  $A = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $B = [-2, +\infty)$ ,  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } (y + 2)^2 = x\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .  
Is  $(A, B, F)$  a function? Justify your answer.
7. Let  $A = [0, 2]$ ,  $B = [0, 3]$ , and  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and } y^2 = x^2(2 - x)\}$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$  by definition.  
Define  $f = (A, B, F)$ .
    - (a) Verify that  $f$  is a function.
    - (b) Is  $f$  injective? Justify your answer.

8. Let  $A = [0, +\infty)$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $C_{\alpha, \beta} = \{(x, y) \mid (y - \beta)^2 = 1 + (x - \alpha)^3\}$ .

(a) Define  $E_\alpha = A^2 \cap C_{\alpha, 0}$ .

- For which values of  $\alpha$  is  $(A, A, E_\alpha)$  a function? Justify your answer.
- For which values of  $\alpha$  is  $(A, A, E_\alpha)$  an injective function? Justify your answer.
- For which values of  $\alpha$  is  $(A, A, E_\alpha)$  a surjective function? Justify your answer.
- For which values of  $\alpha$  is  $(A, A, E_\alpha)$  a bijective function? Justify your answer.

(b) Write  $F_\beta = A^2 \cap C_{0, \beta}$ .

- For which values of  $\beta$  is  $(A, A, F_\beta)$  a function? Justify your answer.
- For which values of  $\beta$  is  $(A, A, F_\beta)$  an injective function? Justify your answer.
- For which values of  $\beta$  is  $(A, A, F_\beta)$  a surjective function? Justify your answer.
- For which values of  $\beta$  is  $(A, A, F_\beta)$  a bijective function? Justify your answer.

9. Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x = s^3 \text{ for some } s \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ ,  $B = \{y \in \mathbb{Q} : y = t^4 \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . Define

$$F = \left\{ (x, y) \mid \begin{array}{l} x \in A \text{ and } y \in B \text{ and} \\ \text{there exists some } r \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ such that } (x = r^3 \text{ and } y = r^4). \end{array} \right\},$$

and  $f = (A, B, F)$ . Note that  $F \subset A \times B$ .

- Is  $f$  a function from  $A$  to  $B$ ? Justify your answer.
- Where  $f$  is a function, write down the ‘formula of definition’ of  $f$ .
- Where  $f$  is a function, determine whether  $f$  is injective. Justify your answer.
- Where  $f$  is a function, determine whether  $f$  is surjective. Justify your answer.

10. Consider the ‘declarations’ below through each of which some function is supposed to be defined. Determine whether it makes sense or not. Justify your answer.

(a) ‘Define the function  $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\begin{cases} x^2 - x + 2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x^3 + x - 2 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$ .’

(b) ‘Define the function  $f : [0, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\begin{cases} \ln(x+1) & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 2 \\ \log_{x-1}(x) & \text{if } 2 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$ .’

11. Consider the ‘declarations’ below through each of which some function is supposed to be defined. Determine whether it makes sense or not. Justify your answer.

(a) ‘Define the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(t^4) = t^3$  for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .’

(b) ‘Define the function  $f : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(t/s) = \frac{t^2 + 1}{s^2 + 1}$  for any  $s, t \in (0, +\infty)$ .’

12. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , we define  $\omega_n = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)$ , and  $Z_n = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \zeta = \omega_n^k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

You may take for granted that  $\omega_n^n = 1$  and  $Z_n = \{1, \omega_n, \omega_n^2, \dots, \omega_n^{n-1}\}$ . (Note that  $Z_n$  is the set of all  $n$ -th roots of unity.)

Consider the ‘declarations’ below through each of which some function is supposed to be defined. Determine whether it makes sense or not. Justify your answer.

(a) ‘Define the function  $f : Z_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f(\omega_6^k) = 6k$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .’

(b) ‘Define the function  $f : Z_{12} \rightarrow Z_6$  by  $f(\omega_{12}^k) = \omega_6^k$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .’

13. For any  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , define  $\omega_k = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right)$ , and define  $Z_k = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \zeta = \omega_k^j \text{ for some } j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Define the subset  $F_{m,n}$  of  $Z_m \times Z_n$  by

$$F_{m,n} = \{(\zeta, \eta) \mid \text{There exist some } r \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } \zeta = \omega_m^r \text{ and } \eta = \omega_n^r\}.$$

Define the relation  $f_{m,n}$  by  $f_{m,n} = (Z_m, Z_n, F_{m,n})$ . Consider the statements  $(\star)$ ,  $(\star\star)$  below:

( $\star$ )  $m$  is divisible by  $n$ .

( $\star\star$ )  $f_{m,n}$  is a function from  $Z_m$  to  $Z_n$ .

(a) Suppose ( $\star$ ) holds. Prove that ( $\star\star$ ) holds.

(b) Suppose ( $\star\star$ ) holds. Prove that ( $\star$ ) holds.

14. Let  $A = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$ ,  $F = \{(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in A \text{ and } (x-1)y = x\}$ . Define  $f = (A, A, F)$ . Note that  $F \subset A^2$ .

(a) Verify that  $f$  is a function.

(b) What is the 'formula of definition' of the function  $f$ .

(c) Verify that the function  $f$  is bijective.

(d) What is the 'formula of definition' of the inverse function of  $f$ .

(e) What are the respective 'formulae of definition' of  $f \circ f$  and  $f \circ f \circ f$ ?

15. Let  $D = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : |\zeta| < 1\}$ . Define

$$F = \left\{ (z, w) \mid z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } w \in D \text{ and } w = \frac{z}{\sqrt{1+|z|^2}}(\cos(|z|) + i \sin(|z|)) \right\}.$$

Note that  $F \subset \mathbb{C} \times D$ . Define  $f = (\mathbb{C}, D, F)$ .

(a) Verify that  $f$  is a function.

(b) Is  $f$  injective? Justify your answer.

(c) Let  $w \in D$ , and  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define the complex number  $v$  by  $v = \frac{w}{\sqrt{1-|w|^2}}(\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))$ .

Verify that

$$f(v) = Kw(\cos(L\theta + M \cdot \frac{|w|}{\sqrt{1-|w|^2}}) + i \sin(L\theta + M \cdot \frac{|w|}{\sqrt{1-|w|^2}}))$$

Here  $K, L, M$  are some appropriate non-negative integers whose values are independent of that of  $w$  and  $\theta$ . You have to determine the value of  $K, L, M$  explicitly.

(d) Is  $f$  bijective? Justify your answer.