

Tutorial #5

Problem 1 Consider the set of ordered pairs (x, y) where x and y are real numbers. Such a pair can be seen as a point in the plane equipped with Cartesian coordinates (x, y) . For each of the following functions F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 determine a (2×2) -matrix A so that the point of coordinates (x, y) is sent to the point (x', y') when we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

1. $F_1(x, y) = (x, y)$,
2. $F_2(x, y) = (x, 0)$,
3. $F_3(x, y) = (0, y)$,
4. $F_4(x, y) = (y, x)$.

Solution 1 Note that we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, for each question, we need to find a, b, c, d so that, we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix}$$

The solutions are:

1. Since $F_1(x, y) = (x, y)$, the matrix A defining F_1 satisfies

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

According to what we saw in the lectures, A can be the identity matrix of order 2. that is:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Since $F_2(x, y) = (x, 0)$, the matrix A defining F_2 satisfies

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

that is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This suggests the following choice for A : $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

3. Since $F_3(x, y) = (0, y)$, the matrix A defining F_3 satisfies

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix},$$

that is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

This suggests the following choice for A : $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

4. Since $F_4(x, y) = (y, x)$, the matrix A defining F_4 satisfies

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix},$$

that is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}.$$

This suggests the following choice for A : $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Problem 2 Following up on the previous problem, determine which of the above functions F is injective? surjective?

Solution 2

1. We study F_1 :

- (a) F_1 is injective: Indeed, for all (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) if $F_1(x_1, y_1) = F_1(x_2, y_2)$ holds then we have $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$, which exactly means that F_1 is injective.

- (b) F_1 is surjective: Indeed, every (x', y') has a pre-image by F_1 , namely itself, since $F_1(x', y') = (x', y')$ holds.
2. We study F_2 :
- (a) F_2 is not injective: Indeed, we have $F_2(0, 1) = (0, 0) = F_2(0, 2)$, thus two different points, namely $(0, 1)$ and $(0, 2)$ have the same image by F_2 , namely $(0, 0)$.
- (b) F_2 is not surjective: Indeed, $(1, 1)$ has no pre-image by F_2 .
3. For similar reasons as those for F_2 , F_3 is neither injective nor surjective.
4. We study F_4 :
- (a) F_4 is injective: Indeed, for all (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) if $F_4(x_1, y_1) = F_4(x_2, y_2)$ holds then we have $(y_1, x_1) = (y_2, x_2)$ that is, $y_1 = y_2$ and $x_1 = x_2$, thus $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$, which exactly means that F_4 is injective.
- (b) F_4 is surjective: Indeed, every (x', y') has a pre-image by F_4 , namely (y', x') , since $F_4(y', x') = (x', y')$ holds.

Problem 3 Let x be a real number. Prove the following identities:

1. $\lceil -x \rceil = -\lfloor x \rfloor$
2. $\lfloor -x \rfloor = -\lceil x \rceil$

Solution 3

1. Remember that for every real number x there exists a unique integer n and a real number ε so that $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$ and $x = n + \varepsilon$ hold; moreover, we have $\lfloor x \rfloor = n$. Hence, for manipulating $\lfloor x \rfloor$, it is useful to keep that property (namely the formula $x = n + \varepsilon$) in mind.

Similarly, for every real number x there exists a unique integer n and a real number ε so that $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ and $x = n + \varepsilon$ hold; moreover, we have $\lceil x \rceil = n + 1$.

Since the equality that we want to prove mixes the floor and ceiling functions, let us assume first that x is an integer n . Then, we have:

$$\lceil -x \rceil = \lceil -n \rceil = -n = -\lfloor n \rfloor = -\lfloor x \rfloor.$$

If x is not an integer, then there exist an integer n and a real number ε so that $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and $x = n + \varepsilon$ both hold. In this case, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \lceil -x \rceil &= \\ \lceil -(n + \varepsilon) \rceil &= \\ \lceil -n - 1 + (1 - \varepsilon) \rceil &= \\ (-n - 1) + 1 &= \\ -n &= \\ -\lfloor n + \varepsilon \rfloor &= \\ -\lfloor x \rfloor. & \end{aligned}$$

2. Assume first that x is an integer n . Then, we have:

$$\lceil -x \rceil = \lceil -n \rceil = -n = -\lfloor n \rfloor = -\lfloor x \rfloor.$$

If x is not an integer, then exist an integer n and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ so that $x = n + \varepsilon$ holds. In this case, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor -x \rfloor &= \\ \lfloor -(n + \varepsilon) \rfloor &= \\ \lfloor -n - 1 + (1 - \varepsilon) \rfloor &= \\ -n - 1 &= \\ -(n + 1) &= \\ -\lceil n + \varepsilon \rceil &= \\ -\lceil x \rceil. & \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4 Let x be a real number and n be an integer. Prove the following identities:

1. $\lceil x + n \rceil = \lceil x \rceil + n$
2. $\lfloor x + n \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + n$

Solution 4

1. There exist an unique integer m and $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ so that $x = m + \varepsilon$ holds; moreover, we have $\lceil x \rceil = m + 1$. Then, we have

$$\lceil x + n \rceil = \lceil (m + n) + \varepsilon \rceil = m + n + 1 = \lceil m + \varepsilon \rceil + n = \lceil x \rceil + n.$$

2. The proof is similar to that of the previous claim.

Problem 5 Which of the functions f below is injective? surjective? When f is bijective, determine its inverse

1. $f_1 : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \\ x & \mapsto & x + 2 \end{array}$
2. $f_2 : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \\ x & \mapsto & x^2 - 1 \end{array}$
3. $f_3 : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ x & \mapsto & \frac{x+2}{3} \end{array}$
4. $f_4 : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ x & \mapsto & [x] \end{array}$

Solution 5

1. We study f_1 below:
 - (a) f_1 is injective. Indeed, for all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, if we have $f_1(x_1) = f_1(x_2)$, we deduce $x_1 + 2 = x_2 + 2$, that is, $x_1 = x_2$.
 - (b) f_1 is surjective. Indeed, given $y \in \mathbb{Z}$, there exists $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $f_1(x) = y$, namely $x = y - 2$.
 - (c) it follows that f_1 is bijective and that the inverse function of f_1 is: $f_1^{-1} : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \\ y & \mapsto & y - 2 \end{array}$
2. We study f_2 below:
 - (a) f_2 is not injective since $f_2(1) = 0 = f_2(-1)$.
 - (b) f_2 is not surjective since -2 has no pre-image by f_2 . Indeed $-2 = x^2 - 1$ has no solution in \mathbb{Z} (and even in \mathbb{R}).
3. We study f_3 below:
 - (a) f_3 is injective. Indeed, for all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, if we have $f_3(x_1) = f_3(x_2)$, then we have $\frac{x_1+2}{3} = \frac{x_2+2}{3}$, that is, $x_1 + 2 = x_2 + 2$, that is, $x_1 = x_2$.
 - (b) Indeed, given $y \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $x \in \mathbb{R}$ so that $f_3(x) = y$, namely $x = 3y - 2$.
 - (c) it follows that f_3 is bijective and that the inverse function of f_3 is: $f_3^{-1} : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ y & \mapsto & 3y - 2 \end{array}$
4. f_4 is not injective since $f_4(\sqrt{2}) = 2 = f_4(2)$. f_4 is not surjective since $\sqrt{2}$ has no pre-image by f_4 .