

## Chapter 9. Injections, surjections, functions and sets.

**Injective** is the same as **one-to-one**.

**Surjective** is the same as **onto**.

**Bijective** is the same as **one-to-one and onto**.

**Example for class:** Prove that  $f : R \rightarrow R$  by  $f(x) = 4x - 3$  is bijective. Prove that  $h : N \rightarrow N$  by  $h(x) = 4x - 3$  is injective but not surjective. Prove that  $g : R \rightarrow R^{\geq}$  by  $g(x) = x^2$  is surjective but not injective.

**Exercise 29** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ . Prove the following:

- (a) If  $g$  and  $f$  are injective then  $g \circ f$  is also.
- (b) If  $g \circ f$  is injective then  $f$  is also.
- (c) Find a simple example where  $g \circ f$  is injective but  $g$  is not injective.
- (d) If  $g$  and  $f$  are surjective then  $g \circ f$  is also. (Same as Eccles #18 page 118.)
- (e) If  $g \circ f$  is surjective then  $g$  is also.
- (f) Find a simple example where  $g \circ f$  is surjective but  $f$  is not surjective.

**See Remarks 9.3.2 in Eccles.** He uses unconventional notation. He writes  $\overrightarrow{f}(S) = \{f(x) | x \in S\}$  whereas most authors simply use  $f(S)$ . In Sec 8.4 Eccles defines the image of a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Here it can be written as  $f(X)$  or  $\overrightarrow{f}(X)$  He also uses  $\overleftarrow{f}(T) = \{x | f(x) \in T\}$  where most authors use  $f^{-1}(T)$ .

It is very important to distinguish the two ways in which  $f^{-1}$  is normally used. When  $T$  is a set,  $f^{-1}(T)$  means the same as  $\overleftarrow{f}(T)$  and has nothing to do with the inverse of a function. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a bijection then  $f^{-1}$  is a function  $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$  called the inverse of  $f$ . It's the context that tells you how to interpret it.

**Exercise 30** In each of the following statements, assume  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . If it is true prove it. If it is false, give a counter example. **Compare these with exercise 9.7 on Eccles page 114 and problem 20 on Eccles page 118. You should try them first as they are special cases of the ones below.**

(a1) True or false? Eccles:  $\overrightarrow{f}(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} \overrightarrow{f}(B_i)$ . Conventional:  $f(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} f(B_i)$ .

(a2) True or false? Eccles:  $\overrightarrow{f}(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) \supseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} \overrightarrow{f}(B_i)$ . Conventional:  $f(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) \supseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} f(B_i)$ .

(b1) True or false? Eccles:  $\overrightarrow{f}(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \overrightarrow{f}(B_i)$ .

(b2) True or false? Eccles:  $\overrightarrow{f}(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i) \supseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \overrightarrow{f}(B_i)$ .

(c1) True or false? Eccles:  $\overleftarrow{f}(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} \overleftarrow{f}(B_i)$ . Conventional:  $f^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(B_i)$ .

(c2) True or false? Eccles:  $\overleftarrow{f}(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) \supseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} \overleftarrow{f}(B_i)$ . Conventional:  $f^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) \supseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(B_i)$ .

(d1) True or false? Eccles:  $\overleftarrow{f}(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \overleftarrow{f}(B_i)$ .

(d2) True or false? Eccles:  $\overleftarrow{f}(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i) \supseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \overleftarrow{f}(B_i)$ .