

# **Class notes on sections 4.2, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3**

- Topics covered:
  - Recursive definition
  - Rudimentary discussion on relations
  - Functions: injective, surjective and bijective

# Recursive Definitions

- Recursively defined sequence
  - Consider the Fibonacci sequence:

$$\{F_n\} = 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, \dots$$

$$\text{Here } F_1=1, F_2=1, F_3=2, \dots$$

## **Recursive Definition of $\{F_n\}$**

- Initialization:  $F_1 = 1, F_2 = 2$
- Recursion  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, n \geq 3$

# Recursive Definitions (contd.)

- Recursively defined functions

- Consider the factorial function:

$$n! = 1.2.3. ....(n-2)(n-1)n$$

Here  $0!=0$ ,  $1!=1$ ,  $2!=2$

## **Recursive Definition of $n!$**

- Initialization:  $1! = 1$
- Recursion  $n! = n.(n-1)!, n \geq 2$

# Recursive Definitions (contd.)

- **Recursively defined functions**

- Consider the binomial function:

$$C(n, k) = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

**Recursive definition of  $C(n, k)$**

$$C(n, k) = 0 \text{ if } k < 0 \text{ or } k > n.$$

$$C(n, k) = 1 \text{ if } k = 0; n = 0$$

$$C(n, k) = C(n - 1, k) + C(n - 1, k - 1), \text{ otherwise.}$$

## Recursive Definitions (contd.)

- Recursively defined mathematical notations

- Consider the sum

$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

$$\text{Here } S_0 = 0, S_1 = a_1, S_2 = a_2$$

### **Recursive Definition of $S_n$**

- Initialization:  $S_1 = a_1$
    - Recursion  $S_n = S_{n-1} + a_n, n \geq 2$

- Similar definitions can be described for the product

$$P_n = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n \text{ where } P_1 = a_1.$$

# Recursive Definitions (contd.)

- Recursively defined sets (defining the elements of a set recursively)
  - Consider the set  $S$  of prices (cents) payable using quarters and dimes.

## Recursive Definition of $S$

- Initialization:  $0 \in S$
- Recursion: If  $x \in S$ ,  $x+10 \in S$  and  $x+25 \in S$ .

Note that only the distinct elements of  $S$  are kept.

- Recursive defn. of +ve and –ve powers of 2
  - Initialization:  $1 \in T$
  - IF  $x \in T$ ,  $2x \in T$  and  $x/2 \in T$ .

## Recursive Definitions (contd.)

- Recursively defined sets (defining the elements of a set recursively)
  - Consider the power set of  $A$ .

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\{\}\} \text{ when } A = \{\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(A - \{x\}) \cup \mathcal{P}(X \cup \{x\} | X \in \mathcal{P}(A - \{x\})) \text{ when } A \text{ is not empty.}$$

# Recursive Definitions (contd.)

- Recursively defined character strings
  - Defn: A string is a finite sequence of 0 (null string) or more letters of alphabet  $\Sigma$ .  
For binary strings the alphabet set  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ .

Defining binary strings  $B$  recursively:

- Initialization:  $\{\} \in B$
- IF  $u \in B$ ,  $u || '0' \in B$  and  $u || '1' \in B$ .

Here  $||$  indicates concatenation.



# Recursive Definitions

- Factorial
- Fibonacci sequence
- Binomial Coefficients  
“ $n$ -choose- $k$ ”
- Addition of non-negative integers
- Summation Notation
- Product Notation

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n(n-1)!, & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ or } 1 \\ f(n-2) + f(n-1), & \text{if } k \geq 2 \\ 0, & \text{if } k < 0 \text{ or } k > n \end{cases}$$

$$C(n, k) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = n = 0 \\ C(n-1, k-1) + C(n-1, k), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$m + n = \begin{cases} m, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ m + 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ (m + (n-1)) + 1, & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i + a_n, & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n a_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i \right) \cdot a_n, & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

# Applications of Recursions

- Example: Find the recurrence for the number of  $n$  digit binary sequences with no pair of consecutive 1's.
  - Let  $A(n)$  denote the number of  $n$  digit binary sequences with no pair of consecutive 1s.
  - To write  $A(n)$  we condition on the last digit. If it is 0, the number of such sequence is  $A(n-1)$ . If it is 1, the penultimate digit must be 0, and the number of such sequences sought is  $A(n-2)$ .
  - Thus  $A(n) = A(n-1) + A(n-2)$  (inductive step)
  - Basis step:  $A(1) = 2$ ;  $A(2) = 3$

# Relations

(sections 5.1)

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  are sets;  $A \times B = \{(a,b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$ ;  $(a,b)$  are ordered pairs, also known as 2-tuple.
- The universes of  $A$  and  $B$  could be different.
- $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(x,y) \mid x,y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is the two-dimensional real plane.
- Binary relation:
  - For sets  $A$  and  $B$ , any subset of  $A \times B$  is a binary relation from  $A$  to  $B$ . Any subset of  $A \times A$  is called binary relation on  $A$ .
  - $A = \mathbb{Z}^+$ ;  $\{(x,y) \mid x \leq y\}$  is a relation on  $A$ .

# Relations

(sections 5.1)

- Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be sets. An  $n$ -ary relation on these sets (in this order) is a subset of  $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$ .
- Most of the times we consider  $n = 2$ .

# Relations as Subsets

A: Siblinghood.  $A = \{\text{people}\}$

Because relations are just subsets, all the usual set theoretic operations are defined between relations which belong to the same Cartesian product.

Q: Suppose we have relations on  $\{1,2\}$  given by  $R = \{(1,1), (2,2)\}$ ,  $S = \{(1,1), (1,2)\}$ . Find:

1. The union  $R \cup S$
2. The intersection  $R \cap S$
3. The symmetric difference  $R \oplus S$
4. The difference  $R - S$
5. The complement of  $R$

## Relations as Subsets

A:  $R = \{(1,1), (2,2)\}$ ,  $S = \{(1,1), (1,2)\}$

1.  $R \cup S = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,2)\}$

2.  $R \cap S = \{(1,1)\}$

3.  $R \oplus S = \{(1,2), (2,2)\}$ .

4.  $R - S = \{(2,2)\}$ .

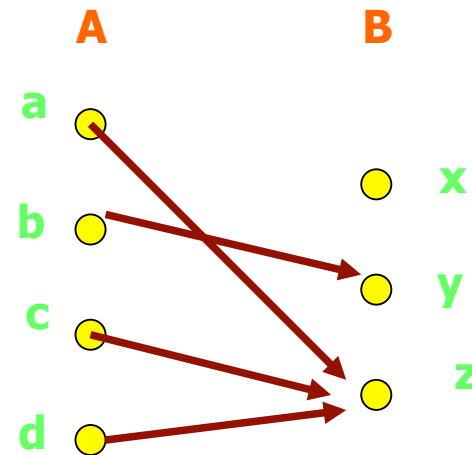
5.  $\overline{R} = \{(1,2), (2,1)\}$

# Functions (5.1,5.2,5.3)

- For non-empty sets  $A$  and  $B$ , a function (mapping)  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  ( $f: A \rightarrow B$ ) is a relation  $f$  (a subset of  $A \times B$ ) from  $A$  to  $B$  in which every element  $a \in A$ , the relation  $f$  contains exactly one pair of the form  $(a,b)$ . The element  $(a,b) \in f$  is abbreviated as  $f(a) = b$ .
- $A$  is the domain of  $f$ 
  - $B$  is the codomain of  $f$
  - if  $f(a) = b$ ,  $b$  is the image of  $a$ ;  $a$  is the preimage of  $b$
  - $f$  is treated as a set
  - The range of  $f$  is the set  $\{f(a): a \in A\} = \{b \mid (a,b) \in f\}$ . The range is the set of all possible “output values” for  $f$ .

# Example

- $f(a) = z$
- the image of  $d$  is  $z$
- the domain of  $f$  is  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$
- the codomain is  $B = \{x, y, z\}$
- $f(A) = \{y, z\}$
- the preimage of  $y$  is  $b$
- the preimages of  $z$  are  $a, c$  and  $d$
- $f(\{c, d\}) = \{z\}$
- The range of  $f$  is  $\{y, z\}$





# Functions

- $f: A \rightarrow B$  means
  - all  $a \in A$  have an image  $b \in B$
  - some  $b \in B$  may not have a preimage  $a \in A$
  - some  $b \in B$  may have more than one preimages  $a \in A$
- $f(A)$  denotes the subset  $X \subseteq B$  such that for any  $x \in X$ , there exists an element  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = x$ , and for any  $y \in B - X$ , there does not exist any  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = y$ .
  - $X$  is called the range of  $f$ .

# Functions

- Three things:
  - A function can be viewed as sending (mapping) elements from one set  $A$  to another set  $B$ .
  - Such a function can be regarded as a relation from  $A \rightarrow B$ .
  - For every input value  $a$  (of  $A$ ), there is exactly one output value  $f(a)$ . (Vertical line test)

## Some useful functions

- floor functions: real  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow$  integer  $\mathbb{Z}$ 
  - $\text{floor}(x) = \text{greatest integer } \leq x$   
 $= \lfloor x \rfloor$
- ceiling functions: real  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow$  integer  $\mathbb{Z}$ 
  - $\text{ceiling}(x) = \text{least integer } \geq x$   
 $= \lceil x \rceil$
- $\lfloor 3.5 \rfloor = 3; \lfloor \pi \rfloor = 3; \lfloor -3.5 \rfloor = -4$
- $\lceil 3.5 \rceil = 4; \lceil \pi \rceil = 4; \lceil -3.5 \rceil = -3$

## Some examples

- $g: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  which is defined as
$$g((m,n)) = g(m,n) = 6m - 9n.$$
  - Note that  $g = \{((m,n), 6m-9n) \mid (m,n) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}\}$
  - Domain is  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$
  - Codomain is  $\mathbb{Z}$
  - Range is  $\{3x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  (why? Discussed in the class)
- $A = \{p,q,r,s\}; B = \{0,1,2\};$ 
$$f = \{(p,0), (q,1), (r,2), (s,2)\}$$
  - $f$  is a function with domain  $A$ , codomain  $B$  and range  $B$ .

# Equality of functions

- Two functions  $f:A \rightarrow B$  and  $g:C \rightarrow D$  are equal if  $A=C$ ,  $B=D$  and  $f(x)=g(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ .
- Caution:  $f:\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and  $g:\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(x) = |x| + 2$ , and  $g(x) = |x| + 2$  are technically not equal.

# Injective (one-to-one) Surjective (onto) functions

- A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is:
  - Injective (one-to-one) if for every  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \neq y$ ,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Equivalently:

$$\forall x, y \in A, x \neq y \rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$$

$$\text{Contraposition: } \forall x, y \in A, f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow x = y$$

- Surjective (onto) if for every  $b \in B$ , there is an element  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ .

$$\forall b \in B \exists a \in A f(a) = b$$

- Bijective (one-to-one and onto) if  $f$  is injective and surjective.

## one-to-one (injective) functions

- $f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  where  $f(a) = a^2$  is one-to-one
- $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  where  $f(a) = a^2$  is not one-to-one
- floor and ceiling function is not one-to-one.

## onto (surjective) functions

- $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = x + 1$  is onto.
- $\lfloor . \rfloor: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is onto, but not one-to-one
- $\lceil . \rceil: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is onto, but not one-to-one



## one-to-one and onto (bijection)

- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x + 1$  is one-to-one correspondence
- $f: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1/3], f(x) = x/3$  is one-to-one and onto.
- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, f(x) = x^2$  is not one-to-one, but onto.
- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^3$  is injective and surjective.

# How to show a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is injective?

- Direct approach:  $\forall x, y \in A, x \neq y \rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$ 
  - Consider arbitrary  $x, y \in A; x \neq y$ 
    - .... Reduction steps with the goal to show that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$
- Contraposition approach:
$$\forall x, y \in A, f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow x = y$$
  - Suppose  $x, y \in A; f(x) = f(y)$ 
    - ..... Reduction steps with the goal to show that  $x=y$ .
- Often contrapositive approach is easy when  $f$  is an algebraic function

# How to show a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is surjective?

- $f$  is surjective if for all  $b \in B$ , there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ . That is

$f$  is surjective if  $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A f(a) = b$

- Contrapositive approach:

not (  $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A f(a) = b \rightarrow f$  is not surjective

i.e.  $\exists b \in B \forall a \in A f(a) \neq b \rightarrow f$  is not surjective

## How to show a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is surjective?

- $f: \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ ,  $f(x) = 1/x + 1$ . Is it surjective?
  - Let  $b \in B$  be an arbitrary element. Let  $f(x) = b$  for some  $x \in A$ . This means that

$$1/x + 1 = b$$

i.e.  $x = 1/(b-1)$ . Now  $x$  is not defined if  $b=1$ .

Therefore  $f$ , as defined above, is not an onto function.

- Show that  $g: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $g(m,n)=(m+n,m+2n)$  is bijective. (Discussed in the class)