

## INTRODUCTION TO PROOFS: HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

**Your solutions should be organised to proceed logically, and should be written in complete sentences.**

**Homework Assignment 2 (from the posted Exercises for the course):**  
Exercises 1.7(a); 2.1(c); 2.2(b); 2.5(a); 3.2 (shown below)

1.7. Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is bijective.

(a) Suppose  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is bijective (and hence we know  $g \circ f$  is bijective). Show that  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$  (here  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$  denotes the inverse of  $g \circ f$ , which we have seen is unique). (So you need to show that for any  $z \in Z$ , we have  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(z) = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}(z)$ . Take  $y \in Y$  so that  $g^{-1}(z) = y$ , and take  $x \in X$  so that  $f^{-1}(y) = x$ . Recall that we have a “recipe” for describing an inverse function.)

2.1. Suppose  $P, Q, R$  are propositions. Show:

(c) Show that  $P \vee (Q \wedge R) \iff (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$ .

2.2. Suppose  $P, Q$  are propositions. Show:

(b)  $\neg(P \implies Q) \iff (P \wedge \neg Q)$ .

2.5. Suppose  $P, Q, R$  are propositions. Show:

(a) Show that  $(P \implies Q) \iff R$  is not equivalent to  $P \implies (Q \iff R)$ .

2.6. We use  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to denote  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to denote  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$f((x, y)) = (x + y, x - y, x^2 + y^2).$$

(a) Prove that  $f$  is injective. (Suggestion: Suppose that  $(x, y), (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  so that  $f((x, y)) = f((u, v))$ . Show that  $(x, y) = (u, v)$ . (So you must show that  $x = u$  and  $y = v$ .)

(b) Prove that  $f$  is not surjective. (So you need to choose explicit values for  $u, v, w$  and then deduce that for **any** choices for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , it is impossible to have  $f((x, y)) = (u, v, w)$ . Suggestion: For the sake of contradiction, suppose that  $f$  is surjective. Carefully choose explicit values  $u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}$ , and suppose that  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $f((x, y)) = (u, v, w)$ ; derive a contradiction.)

3.2. Negate the following propositions:

(a)  $\exists i \in I$  so that  $x \in B_i$ ,

(b)  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  so that  $\forall n \geq N, |a_n - c| < \varepsilon$ .

(c)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  so that  $\forall n \geq N, \forall m \geq N, |a_n - a_m| \leq \varepsilon$ .

(d)  $\forall f : X \rightarrow Y, \forall A \subseteq X, \forall B \subseteq X, f(A \setminus B) \subseteq f(A) \setminus f(B)$ .