

19.1 Functions, inverse branches and composition

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KEY WORDS bijection • involution

Objective

Distinguish injectivity and surjectivity using the stated domain and codomain; Choose and verify an inverse branch by composing in both directions; Trace repeated function composition while preserving the domain.

Original public practice. Marking guidance is authored locally. Use the topic reference for prerequisites and full theorem statements.

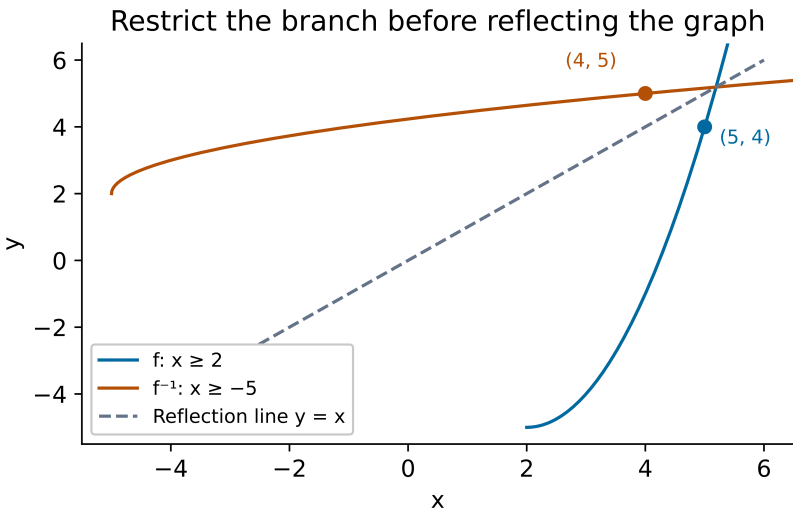
1 Key knowledge and worked examples

bijection : A function that is both injective and surjective between its specified sets.

involution : A function whose composition with itself is the identity on its domain.

A function assigns exactly one output to each allowed input. Injective means equal outputs force equal inputs; surjective means every element of the stated codomain is reached. The map $x \mapsto x^2$ from $\mathbb{R}$ to $[0, \infty)$ is surjective but not injective. From $[0, \infty)$ to $[0, \infty)$ it is both, hence bijective. From $[0, \infty)$ to $\mathbb{R}$ it remains injective but fails surjectivity. Keep domain, image and codomain separate when testing each claim.

For $f(x)=(x-2)^2-5$ with $x \geq 2$, $f(5)=4$ and $f^{-1}(4)=2+\sqrt{9}=5$. The unrestricted quadratic would have two inputs, -1 and 5 , giving output 4 . For $g(x)=1/(1-x)$, the orbit $3 \rightarrow -1/2 \rightarrow 2/3 \rightarrow 3$ has period three, so $g^8(3)=2/3$; the count concerns compositions, not eighth powers.



Restrict to one branch before reflecting: $(5, 4)$ on f becomes $(4, 5)$ on f^{-1}

2 Practice

2.1 For $f:[2,\infty) \rightarrow [-5,\infty)$, $f(x)=(x-2)^2-5$, what is $f^{-1}(y)$? [1]

- A $2+\sqrt{y+5}$
- B $2-\sqrt{y+5}$
- C $\sqrt{y-5}$
- D $1/((y-2)^2-5)$
- E $(y+2)^2-5$

2.2 For $g(x)=1/(1-x)$ on $\mathbb{R}$ excluding 0 and 1, what is $g^8(3)$? [1]

- A 3
- B $-1/2$
- C $2/3$
- D $1/256$
- E 9

2.3 Restrict $f(x) = (x - 1)^2 + 2$ to $x \geq 1$. State its image and inverse, including domains. Verify both inverse compositions. [4]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Let $h(x) = 1/(1 - x)$. Determine the domain of $h \circ h \circ h$ and its formula. May the simplified expression be extended to the excluded points without changing the original composite? [4]
