MATH 120A Prep: Functions

Facts to Know:

Function Properties: Consider a function $f: X \to Y$.

• Injective/One-to-one -

• Surjective/Onto -

• Bijective -

Examples:

1. (a) Determine whether the exponential map $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = e^x$ is injective and/or surjective.

(b) What changes if we consider this as a function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^+$ where $\mathbb{R}^+ = \{r \in \mathbb{R} : r > 0\}$?

2. Is the map $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ where $g(x,y) = x^2 - y^2$ injective? Is it surjective?

3. Let S be the set $\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \neq y\}$. Show the map $h: S \to \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $h(x,y) = (x-y,x^2-y^2)$ is injective but not surjective.