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Question 1. Remember that for all $A \in \mathbb{N}$, $\bar{A} = \mathbb{N} \setminus A$, and id_A is the identity function on A . Let $f \in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$ and let $A = \{f(n) | n \text{ is a prime number}\}$.

1. Characterize the elements of the set \bar{A} (i.e. find a property p such that $\bar{A} = \{n | p(n)\}$). Notice that p could be a conjunction of many "simpler" properties.
2. Define a function $g \in (A \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$ such that $f \circ g = id_A$.

Answer 1.1.

1. We define the property p as $p(n) \equiv (n = f(m) \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}) \wedge (m = pq \text{ such that } p, q \neq 1 \wedge p, q \in \mathbb{N})$.
2. Since f is a total function and thanks to the definition of A , we can state that the restriction $f|_B \in (B \rightarrow A)$, where B is the set of prime numbers, is bijective. We define g as $g(x) = f|_B^{-1}(x)$.

Question 2. Let $A = \{n | \exists m \in \mathbb{N}. n = m^2\}$ and $B = \{2n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Following the steps outlined below, define a bijection $f \in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$ such that $f(A) = B$ and $f(\bar{A}) = \bar{B}$.

1. Provide a bijection $g \in (A \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$.
2. Provide a bijection $h \in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow B)$.
3. Argue that there exists a bijection $g' \in (\bar{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$.

4. Provide a bijection $h' \in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \bar{B})$.
5. Prove that the function $f \in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$ defined as

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} (h \circ g)(n) & \text{if } n \in A \\ (h' \circ g')(n) & \text{if } n \in \bar{A} \end{cases}$$

satisfies all the desired proprieties.

Answer 2.1.

1. We define $g \in (A \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$ as $g(n) = \sqrt{n}$. Notice that $g(n) \in \mathbb{N}$ because $n = m^2, m \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow g(n) = m \in \mathbb{N}$.
We prove the surjectivity of g : $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, \exists y = x^2 \in A$ such that $g(y) = x$, therefore g is surjective.
We prove the injectivity of g : let $x, x' \in A$ such that $x \neq x'$. Then $g(x) = \sqrt{x} \neq \sqrt{x'} = g(x')$, therefore g is injective.
2. We define $h \in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow B)$ as $h(n) = 2n$. Clearly, the function is bijective.
3. Notice that \bar{A} is the set of natural number n , for which $\sqrt{n} \notin \mathbb{N}$. We could define the function g' in this way:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A} &\xrightarrow{g'} \mathbb{N} \\ 2 &\rightarrow 1 \\ 3 &\rightarrow 2 \\ 5 &\rightarrow 3 \\ 6 &\rightarrow 4 \end{aligned}$$

and so on.. That function g will be bijective.

4. We define $h' \in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \bar{B})$ as $h'(n) = 2n + 1$. Clearly, the function is bijective.
5. We prove that the function f defined above, satisfies all the desired properties.
First of all notice that $dom(f) = A \cup \bar{A} = \mathbb{N}$ and $ran(f) = (\{h(g(x)) | x \in A\} \cup \{h'(g'(x)) | x \in \bar{A}\}) \subseteq B \cup \bar{B} = \mathbb{N}$, therefore $f \in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$. Then observe that f is bijective because composition of bijective functions.
We state that $f(A) = B$: $\forall x \in A, f(x) = h(g(x)) = h(\sqrt{x}) = 2\sqrt{x} \in B$ and $\forall x \in B \exists y = (\frac{x}{2})^2 \in A$ such that $f(y) = x$.
We state that $f(\bar{A}) = \bar{B}$: $\forall x \in \bar{A}, f(x) = h'(g'(x)) \in \bar{B}$ and $\forall x \in \bar{B} \exists y = g'^{-1}(\frac{x-1}{2})$ such that $f(y) = x$ (notice that $\frac{x-1}{2} \in \mathbb{N}$ and g' bijective, so that y actually exists).

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