

Answer on Question #75633 – Math – Discrete Mathematics

Consider the function f .

Let's denote the set $\{a, b, c\}$ as set A and the set $\{1, 2, 3\}$ as set B . Then function f is a mapping $f: A \rightarrow B$, $f(a) = 2, f(b) = 3, f(c) = 1$.

- a) f is an injective function (f is an “into” function) because for $\forall m, n \in A: m \neq n \implies f(m) \neq f(n)$.
- b) f is a surjective mapping (f is an “onto” function), because $f(A) = B$.
- c) f is an injective mapping and f is a surjective mapping, therefore f is a bijective mapping. Then there is an inverse mapping $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$, which can be defined as follows:

$$\forall y \in B \exists! x \in A: f(x) = y. \text{ Then } x = f^{-1}(y).$$

As a result, $a = f^{-1}(2), b = f^{-1}(3), c = f^{-1}(1)$.