

1997 Paper 1 Question 2

Discrete Mathematics

Suppose set S has m elements and set T has n elements. Give explicit formulae involving m and n only for the functions

$$f(m, n) = |B|/|I| \quad \text{and} \quad g(m, n) = |B|/|S \rightarrow T|$$

where B and I are the subsets of $S \rightarrow T$ consisting of those functions which are respectively bijections and injections.

[Hint: for f it may help to consider for each subset $X \subseteq T$, the number of injections which have range exactly X and then count the number of such X .] [10 marks]