

Lecture 7: Functions

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Functions in C programming:

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int f(int x, double y) {  
    return x * sqrt(y);  
}
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$f(3, 4) \rightarrow 6.0$

$f(4, 3) \rightarrow 6.928203$

$f(6, 1) \rightarrow 6.0$

Many built-in math functions in C:

- floor(), round()
- ceil(), floor()
- sin(), cos(), tan()
- log(), log10()
- sqrt(), pow()
- etc.

Applications of function in Computer Science:
computational complexity of algorithms,
counting objects, study of sequences and
strings, etc.

7. Functions

7.1 Definitions

- Definitions of function, arrow diagram, image, pre-image, setwise image, setwise preimage, domain, co-domain, range.
- Sequences, strings.
- Function equality.

7.2 Injections, Surjections, Bijections and Inverse Functions

- Injections, surjections, bijections.
- Inverse functions.
- Bijectivity and invertibility.

7.3 Composition of Functions

- Composition with the identity function; composition with its inverse.
- Associativity and noncommutativity of function composition.
- Composition of injections; composition of bijections.

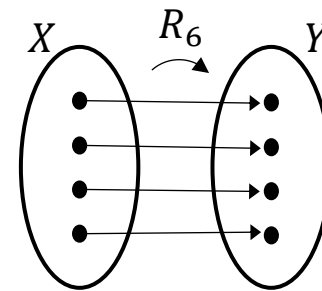
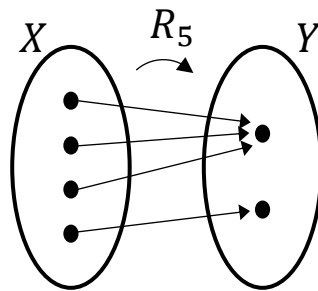
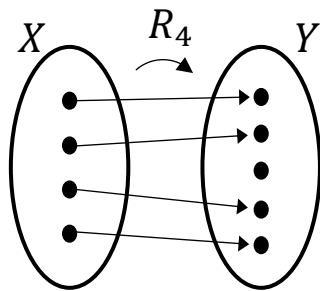
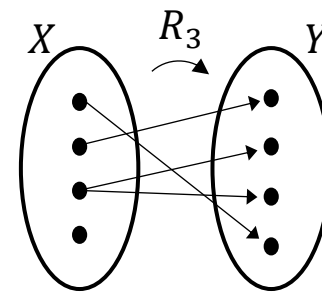
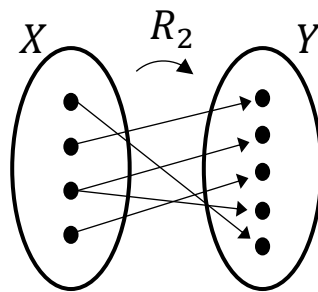
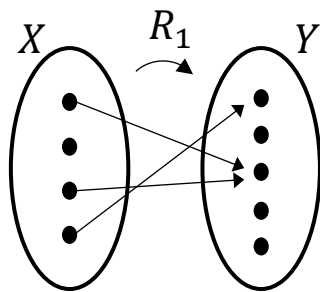
7.4 Addition and Multiplication on $\mathbb{Z}_n$

Recapitulation

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Definition: Relation

Let X and Y be sets. A (binary) **relation from X to Y** is a subset of $X \times Y$. Given an ordered pair (x, y) in $X \times Y$, x is **related to y by R** , or x is **R -related to y** , written $x R y$, iff $(x, y) \in R$.



7.1 Definitions

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Definition: Function

A function f from a set X to a set Y , denoted $f: X \rightarrow Y$, is a relation satisfying the following properties:

(F1) $\forall x \in X \exists y \in Y (x, y) \in f$.

(F2) $\forall x \in X \forall y_1, y_2 \in Y \left(((x, y_1) \in f \wedge (x, y_2) \in f) \rightarrow y_1 = y_2 \right)$.

(That is, the y in (F1) is unique.)

Or alternatively,

Let f be a relation on sets X and Y , i.e. $f \subseteq X \times Y$. Then f is a function from X to Y , denoted $f: X \rightarrow Y$, iff

$$\forall x \in X \exists! y \in Y (x, y) \in f.$$

Informally,

A function from X to Y is an assignment to each element of X **exactly one element** of Y .

Example #1: A function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as follows:
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, $f(x)$ is the real number y such that $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Is the above a function? **No!**

Two reasons. For almost all values of x , either (1) there is no y that satisfies the given equation (eg: when $x = 2$), or (2) there are two different values of y that satisfy the equation (eg: when $x = 0$).

Definitions: Arrow Diagrams

If X and Y are finite sets, you can define a function f from X to Y by drawing an **arrow diagram**.

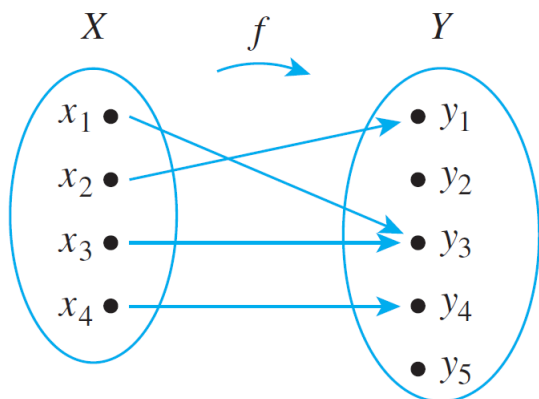


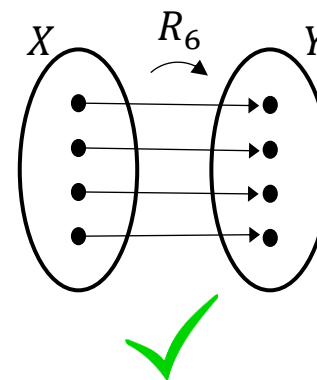
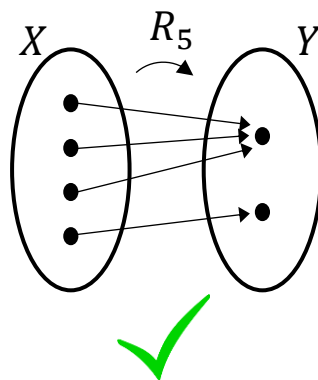
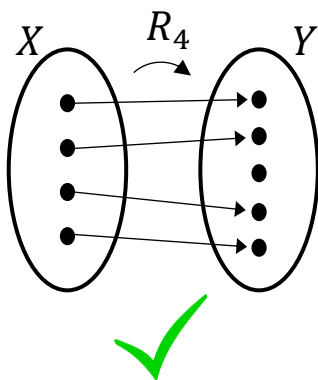
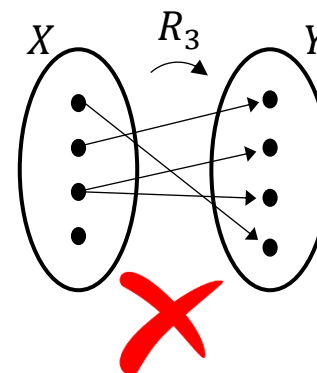
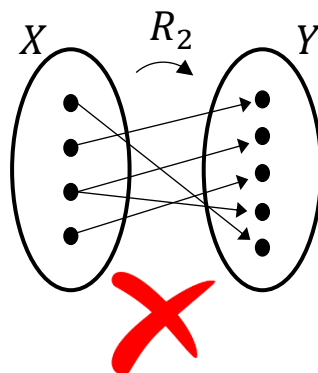
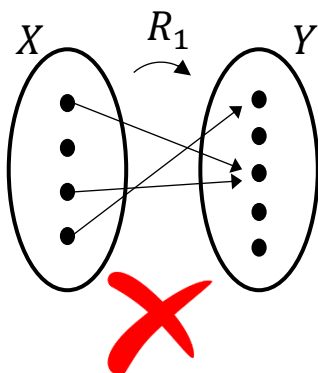
Figure 7.1.1

This arrow diagram defines a function because

1. Every element of X has an arrow coming out of it.
2. No element of X has two arrows coming out of it that point to two different elements of Y .

f is a function from X to Y , denoted $f: X \rightarrow Y$, iff
 $\forall x \in X, \exists! y \in Y$ such that $(x, y) \in f$.

Example #2: Which of the following relations are functions and which are not? Why?



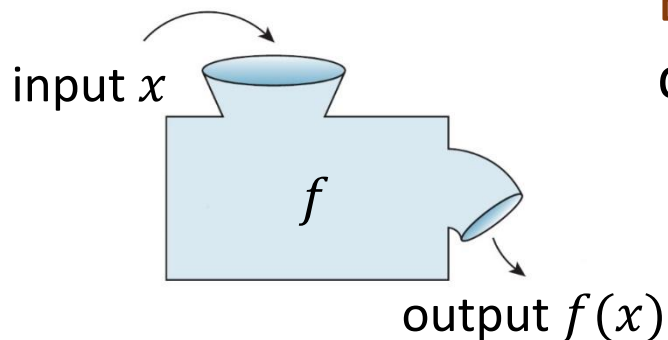
Definitions: Argument, image, preimage , input, output

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. We write $f(x) = y$ iff $(x, y) \in f$.

We say that “ f sends/maps x to y ” and we may also write $x \xrightarrow{f} y$ or $f: x \mapsto y$. Also, x is called the **argument** of f .

$f(x)$ is read “ f of x ”, or “the **output** of f for the **input** x ”, or “the value of f at x ”, or “the **image** of x under f ”.

If $f(x) = y$, then x is a **preimage** of y .



Example #3: A function $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is defined as: $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = 2x + 1$.

x	$f(x)$
0	1
1	3
7	15
-5	-9

Definitions: Setwise image and preimage

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function from set X to set Y .

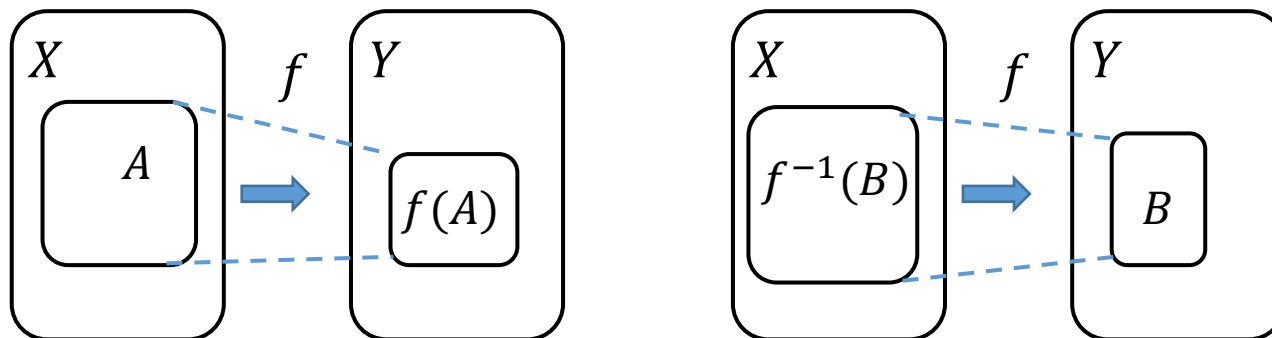
- If $A \subseteq X$, then let $f(A) = \{f(x) : x \in A\}$.
- If $B \subseteq Y$, then let $f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in B\}$

We call $f(A)$ the **(setwise) image** of A , and $f^{-1}(B)$ the **(setwise) preimage** of B under f .

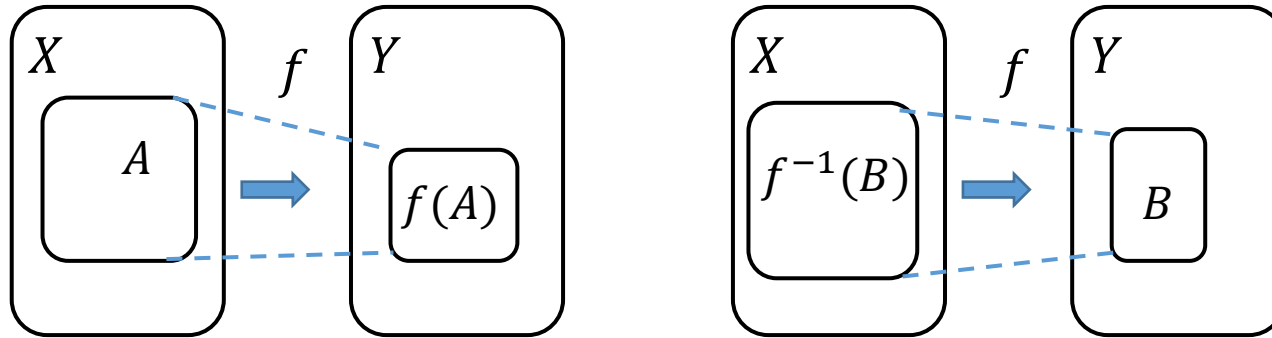


$f^{-1}(B)$ is NOT an inverse function! (Inverse function to be defined later.)

Note: We use different terminologies here from Susanna Epp's as the latter may cause confusion.



Definitions: Setwise image and preimage



Example #4:

A function $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is defined by setting $g(x) = x^2 \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 What is $g(\{-1, 0, 1\})$? What is $g^{-1}(\{0, 1, 2\})$?

$$g(\{-1, 0, 1\}) = \{g(-1), g(0), g(1)\} = \{1, 0, 1\} = \{0, 1\}.$$

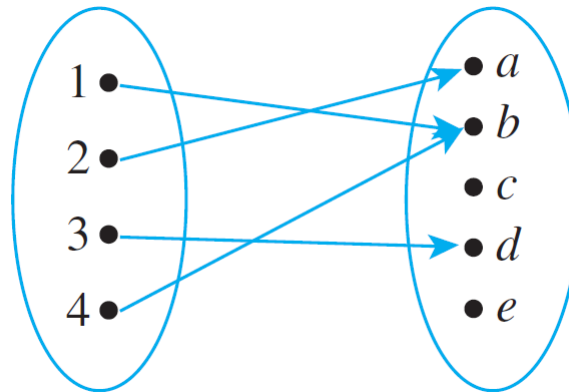
$$g^{-1}(\{0, 1, 2\}) = \{-1, 0, 1\}. \text{ (Because } g(0) = 0; g(-1) = g(1) = 1.)$$

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function from set X to set Y .

- If $A \subseteq X$, then let $f(A) = \{f(x) : x \in A\}$.
- If $B \subseteq Y$, then let $f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in B\}$

Definitions: Setwise image and preimage

Example #5: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$, and define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by the following arrow diagram:

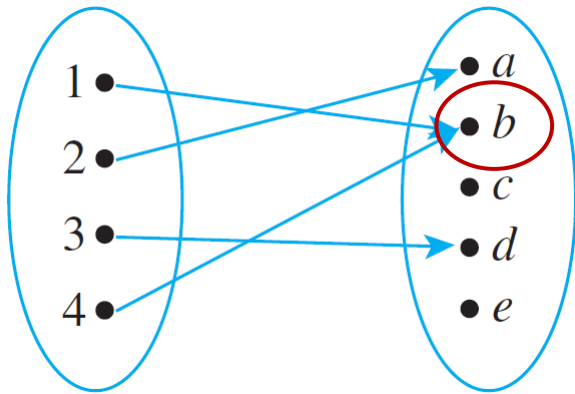


Let $A = \{1, 4\}$, $B = \{a, b\}$, and $C = \{c, e\}$. Find:

- (a) $f(A)$ $\{b\}$
- (b) $f(X)$ $\{a, b, d\}$
- (c) $f^{-1}(B)$ $\{1, 2, 4\}$
- (d) $f^{-1}(C)$ $\emptyset$

Definitions: Setwise image and preimage

As the symbol for **setwise preimage** is $f^{-1}()$, which coincidentally is identical to the symbol for **inverse function** (see section 7.2.4), we use the notation $f^{-1}(\alpha)$ to refer to the setwise preimage of a set α (which is a subset of the co-domain), reserving the notation $f^{-1}(x)$ (where x is a member of the co-domain) for the inverse function (if f indeed has an inverse function). Note that in general $f^{-1}(\alpha)$ needs not be a function, whereas $f^{-1}(x)$ must be a function.



Therefore, to denote the setwise preimage of a single element in the co-domain, eg: b , we would write $f^{-1}(\{b\})$ instead of $f^{-1}(b)$. (Because f does not have an inverse function in this case.)

$$f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{1, 4\}.$$

Definitions: Domain, co-domain, range

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function from set X to set Y .

- X is the **domain** of f and Y the **co-domain** of f .
- The **range** of f is the (setwise) image of X under f :
 $\{y \in Y : y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in X\}.$

Range $\subseteq$ Co-domain

Example #6: A function $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is defined as:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = 2x + 1.$$

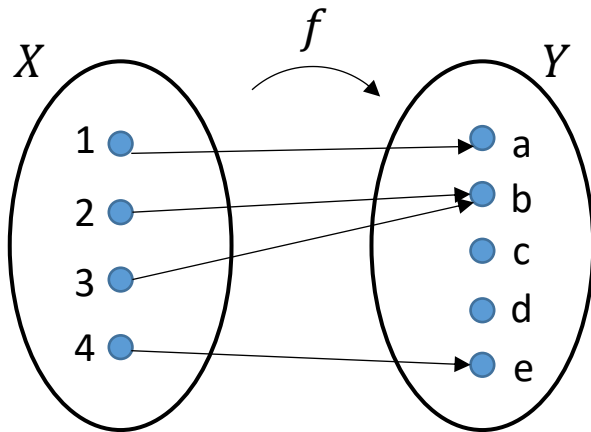
What are the domain, co-domain, and range of f ?

Domain: the set of integers, $\mathbb{Z}$.

Co-domain: the set of integers, $\mathbb{Z}$.

Range: the set of odd integers.

Example #7: The function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is shown below.



(a) Represent f as a set of ordered pairs.

$\{(1, a), (2, b), (3, b), (4, e)\}$

(b) The domain of f ?

X or $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

(c) The co-domain of f ?

Y or $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$

(d) The range of f ?

$\{a, b, e\}$

(e) The image of 4, i.e. $f(4)$?

e

(f) The (setwise) image of $\{3, 4\}$, i.e. $f(\{3, 4\})$?

$\{b, e\}$

(g) A pre-image of b ?

2 or 3

(h) The (setwise) preimage of $\{b\}$, i.e. $f^{-1}(\{b\})$?

$\{2, 3\}$

(i) The (setwise) preimage of $\{c, d\}$, i.e. $f^{-1}(\{c, d\})$?

$\emptyset$

(j) The (setwise) preimage of $\{a, b, c\}$, i.e. $f^{-1}(\{a, b, c\})$?

$\{1, 2, 3\}$

7.1.2 Sequences and Strings

Definition: Sequence

A **sequence** $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ can be represented by a function a whose domain is $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ that satisfies $a(n) = a_n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

In this sense, any function whose domain is $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq m}$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ represents a sequence.

Example #8: Consider the sequence 2, 3, 5, 9, 17, 33, 65, We may represent this sequence by the function $a: \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ that satisfies, for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $a(n) = 2^n + 1$.

Definition: Fibonacci Sequence

The **Fibonacci sequence** $F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots$ is defined by setting, for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $F_0 = 0$ and $F_1 = 1$ and $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$.

Fibonacci sequence: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, ...

Example #9: We may represent the Fibonacci sequence $F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots$ by the function $F: \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ that satisfies, for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$,

$$F(0) = 0 \text{ and } F(1) = 1 \text{ and } F(n+2) = F(n+1) + F(n).$$

Definition: String

Let A be a set. A **string** or a word over A is an expression of the form $a_0 a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{l-1}$ where $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{l-1} \in A$.

Here l is called the **length** of the string. The **empty string** ε is the string of length 0.

Let A^* denote the set of all strings over A .

Example #10: Let $A = \{s, u\}$. Some strings over A are $s, ssuu, susuussu$ and $uuuuuuuu$ with lengths 1, 4, 8 and 7 respectively.

One can represent a string $a_0 a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{l-1}$ over A by the function $a: \{0, 1, \dots, l-1\} \rightarrow A$ satisfying $a(n) = a_n$ for all $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, l-1\}$.

Every function $a: \{m, m+1, \dots, m+l-1\} \rightarrow A$ where $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ represents a string of length l over A , namely, $a(m) a(m+1) \dots a(m+l-1)$.

Equality of Sequences

Given two sequences $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ and $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$ defined by the functions $a(n) = a_n$ and $b(n) = b_n$ respectively for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, we say that the two sequences are equal if and only if $a(n) = b(n)$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Equality of Strings

Given two strings $s_1 = a_0 a_1 a_2 \dots a_{l-1}$ and $s_2 = b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_{l-1}$ where $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, we say that $s_1 = s_2$ if and only if $a_i = b_i$ for all $i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, l-1\}$.

7.1.3 Function Equality

Theorem 7.1.1 Function Equality

Two functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: C \rightarrow D$ are equal, i.e. $f = g$, iff (i) $A = C$ and $B = D$, and (ii) $f(x) = g(x) \forall x \in A$.

Example #11: Let $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and define functions f and g on X as follows: $\forall x \in X$,

$$f(x) = (x^2 + x + 1) \bmod 3 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = (x + 2)^2 \bmod 3$$

Is $f = g$?

Note: $a \bmod b$ computes the remainder of $a \div b$.

Yes.

x	$x^2 + x + 1$	$f(x) = (x^2 + x + 1) \bmod 3$	$(x + 2)^2$	$g(x) = (x + 2)^2 \bmod 3$
0	1	$1 \bmod 3 = 1$	4	$4 \bmod 3 = 1$
1	3	$3 \bmod 3 = 0$	9	$9 \bmod 3 = 0$
2	7	$7 \bmod 3 = 1$	16	$16 \bmod 3 = 1$

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Example #12: Let $f: \{0,2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ and $g: \{0,2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ defined by setting, for all $x \in \{0,2\}$, $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = x^2$.

Is $f = g$? Yes. Their domains are the same, their co-domains are the same, and $f(x) = g(x)$ for every $x \in \{0,2\}$.

Example #13: Let $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ and $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ defined by setting, for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $f(x) = x^3 = g(x)$. Is $f = g$?

No, because their co-domains are different.

7.2 Injections, Surjections, Bijections and Inverse Functions

7.2.1 Injections (One-to-One Functions)

Definition: Injection (one-to-one function)

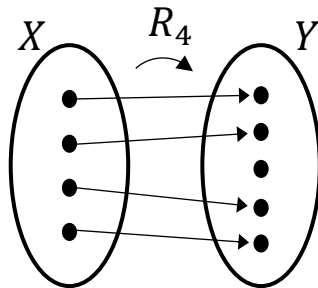
A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **injective** (or **one-to-one**) iff

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in X (f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2).$$

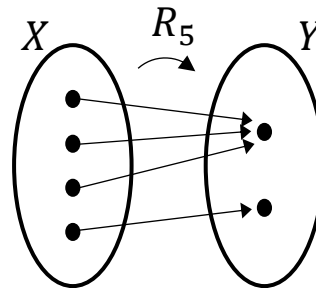
or, equivalently (contrapositive), $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$.

An injective function is called an **injection**.

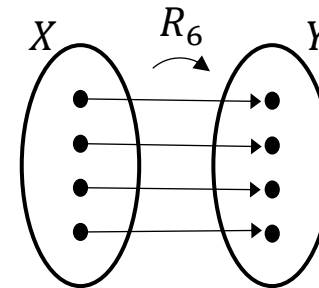
Which of the following is/are injections?



Injection



Not injection



Injection

Injections (One-to-One Functions)

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 $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X (f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2)$.

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **not injective** iff
 $\exists x_1, x_2 \in X (f(x_1) = f(x_2) \wedge x_1 \neq x_2)$.

Example #14: Define a function $f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ by setting $f(x) = 3x + 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Q}$. Is f injective?

Yes. Proof:

1. Let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$.
2. Then $3x_1 + 1 = 3x_2 + 1$.
3. So $x_1 = x_2$.

Example #15: Define $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ by setting $g(x) = x^2$ for every $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Is g injective?

No. $g(1) = 1^2 = 1 = (-1)^2 = g(-1)$, but $1 \neq -1$.

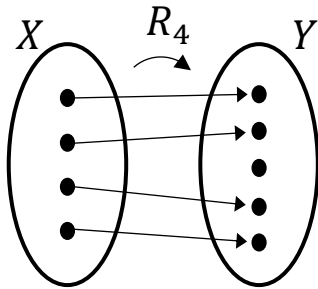
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Definition: Surjection (onto function)

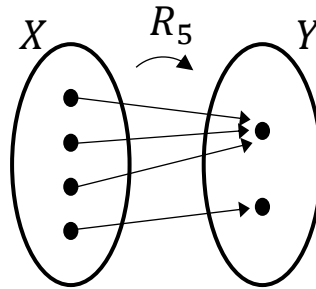
A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **surjective** (or **onto**) iff
$$\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X (y = f(x)).$$

Every element in the co-domain has a preimage. So, range = co-domain.
A surjective function is called a **surjection**.

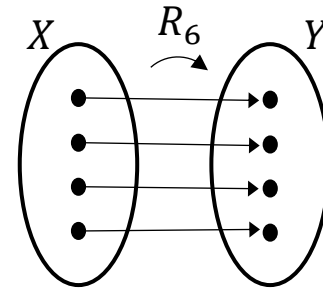
Which of the following is/are surjections?



Not surjection



Surjection



Surjection

Surjections (Onto Functions)

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **surjective** iff
 $\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X (y = f(x))$.

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **not surjective** iff
 $\exists y \in Y \forall x \in X (y \neq f(x))$.

Example #16: Define a function $f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ by setting $f(x) = 3x + 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Q}$. Is f surjective?

Yes. Proof:

1. Take any $y \in \mathbb{Q}$.
2. Let $x = (y - 1)/3$.
3. Then $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $f(x) = 3x + 1 = 3\left(\frac{y-1}{3}\right) + 1 = y$.

Example #17: Define $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ by setting $g(x) = x^2$ for every $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Is g surjective?

No.

$$g(x) = x^2 \geq 0 > -1 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

So $g(x) \neq -1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, although $-1 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

7.2.3 Bijections (One-to-One Correspondences)

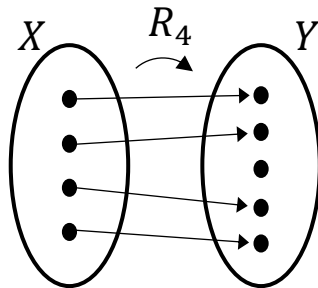
Definition: Bijection (one-to-one correspondence)

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **bijective** iff f is injective and surjective, i.e.

$$\forall y \in Y \exists! x \in X (y = f(x)).$$

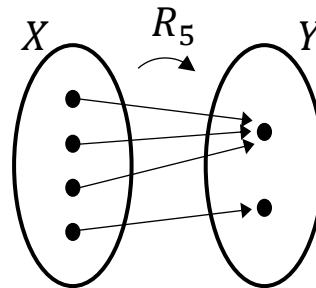
A bijective function is called a **bijection** or **one-to-one correspondence**.

Which of the following is/are bijections?



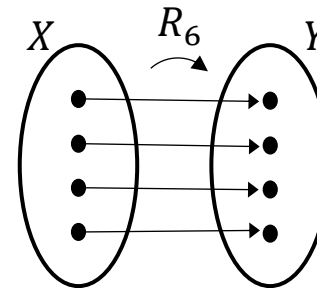
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Bijection

Bijections (One-to-One Correspondences)

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is:

- injective iff $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X (f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2)$;
- surjective iff $\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X (y = f(x))$;
- bijective iff $\forall y \in Y \exists! x \in X (y = f(x))$.

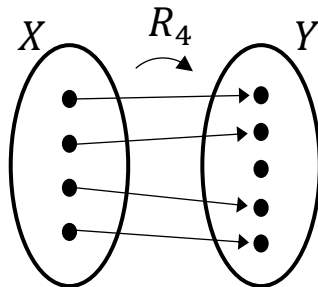
(Injective) Informally, every element in the codomain must have **at most one arrow** going into it.

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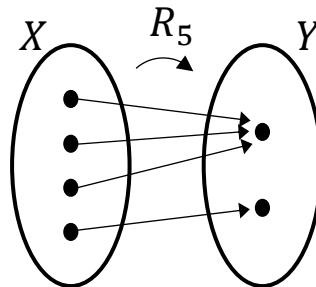
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(Bijective) Informally, every element in the codomain must have **exactly one arrow** going into it.



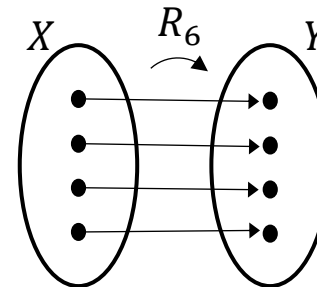
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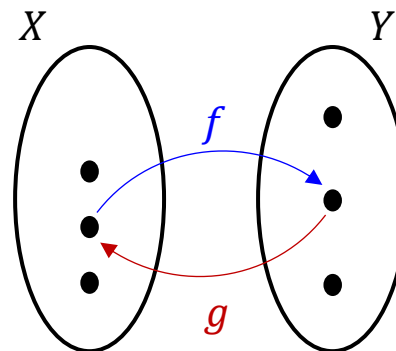
7.2.4 Inverse Functions

If f is a **bijection** from X to Y , then there is a function from Y to X that “undoes” the action of f ; that is, it sends each element of Y back to the element of X that it came from. This function is called the **inverse function** for f , denoted as f^{-1} .

Definition: Inverse function

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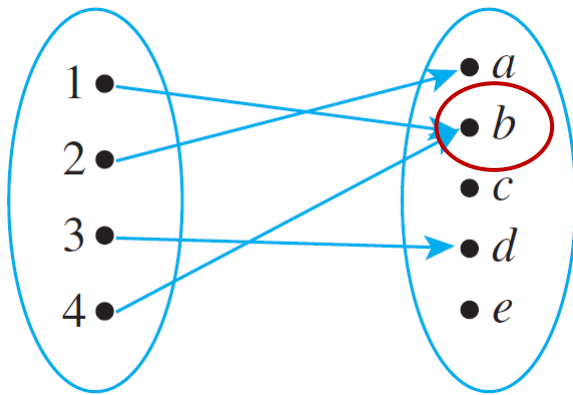
Example #18: Define $f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ by setting $f(x) = 3x + 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Q}$. Note that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$, $y = 3x + 1 \Leftrightarrow x = (y - 1)/3$.

Let $g: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ such that $g(y) = (y - 1)/3$ for all $y \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then the above tells us $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Q} (y = f(x) \Leftrightarrow x = g(y))$.

Therefore, g is the inverse of f .

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As the symbol for **setwise preimage** is $f^{-1}()$, which coincidentally is identical to the symbol for **inverse function** (see section 7.2.4), we use the notation $f^{-1}(\alpha)$ to refer to the setwise preimage of a set α (which is a subset of the co-domain), reserving the notation $f^{-1}(x)$ (where x is a member of the co-domain) for the inverse function (if f indeed has an inverse function). Note that in general $f^{-1}(\alpha)$ needs not be a function, whereas $f^{-1}(x)$ must be a function.



Therefore, to denote the setwise preimage of a single element in the co-domain, eg: b , we would write $f^{-1}(\{b\})$ instead of $f^{-1}(b)$. (Because f does not have an inverse function in this case.)

$$f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{1, 4\}.$$

Proposition: Uniqueness of inverses

If g_1 and g_2 are inverses of $f: X \rightarrow Y$, then $g_1 = g_2$.

Proof:

1. Note that $g_1, g_2: Y \rightarrow X$.
2. Since g_1 and g_2 are inverses of f , for all $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$, $x = g_1(y) \Leftrightarrow y = f(x) \Leftrightarrow x = g_2(y)$.
3. Therefore $g_1 = g_2$.

7.2.5 Bijectivity and Invertibility

Theorem 7.2.3

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a bijection, then $f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$ is also a bijection.
In other words, $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is bijective iff f has an inverse.

Proof: ($f: X \rightarrow Y$ is bijective iff f has an inverse)

1. (“if”) Suppose f has an inverse, say $g: Y \rightarrow X$.

1.1. We show injectivity of f .

1.1.1. Let $x_1, x_2 \in X$ such that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$.

1.1.2. Define $y = f(x_1) = f(x_2)$.

1.1.3. Then $x_1 = g(y)$ and $x_2 = g(y)$ as g is an inverse of f .

1.1.4. Hence $x_1 = x_2$.

1.2. We show surjectivity of f .

1.2.1. Let $y \in Y$.

1.2.2. Define $x = g(y)$.

1.2.3. Then $y = f(x)$ as g is an inverse of f .

1.3. Therefore f is bijective.

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Proof: ($f: X \rightarrow Y$ is bijective iff f has an inverse)

1. (“if”) Suppose f has an inverse, say $g: Y \rightarrow X$.
2. (“only if”) Suppose f is bijective.
 - 2.1. Then $\forall y \in Y \exists! x \in X (y = f(x))$ by the definition of bijection.
 - 2.2. Define the function $g: Y \rightarrow X$ by setting $g(y)$ to be the unique $x \in X$ such that $y = f(x)$ for all $y \in Y$.
 - 2.3. This g is well defined and is an inverse of f by the definition of inverse functions.
3. Therefore $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is bijective iff f has an inverse.

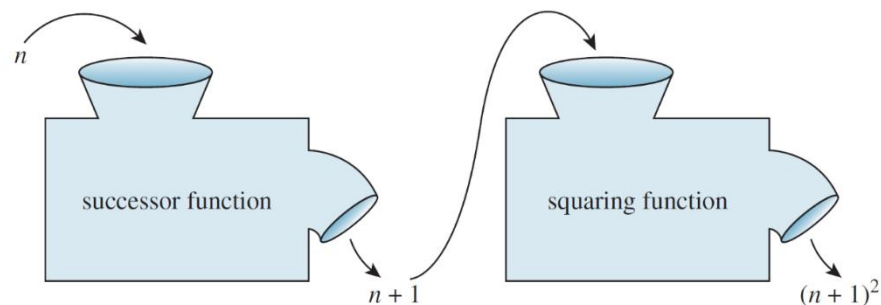
7.3 Composition of Functions

7.3.1 Composition of Functions

Consider two functions, the **successor function** and the **squaring function**, defined from $\mathbb{Z}$ to $\mathbb{Z}$, and imagine that each is represented by a machine.

If the two machines are hooked up so that the output from the successor function is used as input to the squaring function, then they work together to operate as one larger machine.

In this larger machine, an integer n is first increased by 1 to obtain $n + 1$; then the quantity $n + 1$ is squared to obtain $(n + 1)^2$.



Combining functions in this way is called **composing** them; the resulting function is called the **composition** of the two functions.

Definition: Composition of Functions

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be functions.

Define a new function $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ as follows:

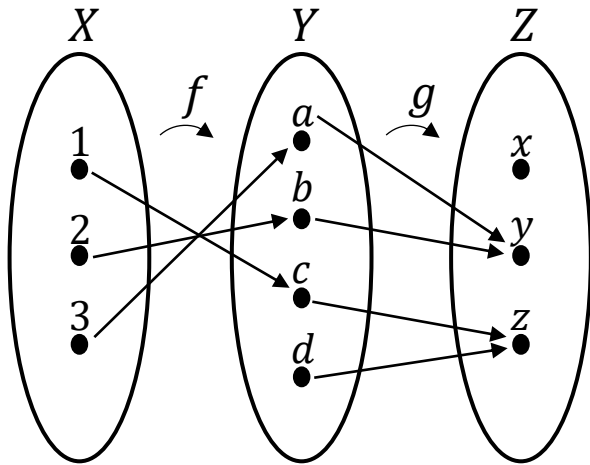
$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) \quad \forall x \in X.$$

where $g \circ f$ is read “ g circle f ” and $g(f(x))$ is read “ g of f of x ”.

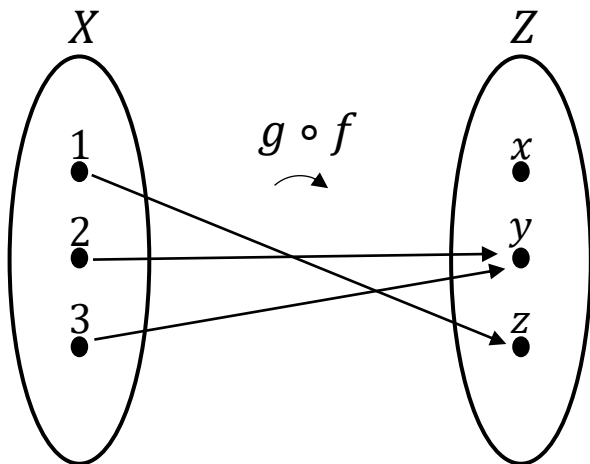
The function $g \circ f$ is called the **composition** of f and g .

Composition of Functions

Example #19: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $Z = \{x, y, z\}$. Define functions $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ by the arrow diagrams below.



Draw the arrow diagram for $g \circ f$.
What is the range of $g \circ f$?



$$(g \circ f)(1) = g(f(1)) = g(c) = z$$

$$(g \circ f)(2) = g(f(2)) = g(b) = y$$

$$(g \circ f)(3) = g(f(3)) = g(a) = y$$

Therefore the range of $g \circ f$ is $\{y, z\}$.

7.3.2 Composition with the Identity Function

The **identity function** on a set X , id_X , is the function from X to X defined by $id_X(x) = x$ for all $x \in X$.

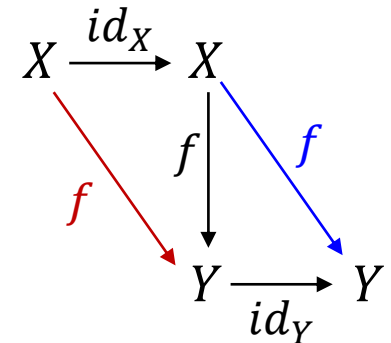
Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$.

(1) $f \circ id_X = f$ because

- Domains of $f \circ id_X$ and f are both X ;
- Co-domains of $f \circ id_X$ and f are both Y ;
- $(f \circ id_X)(x) = f(id_X(x)) = f(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

(2) $id_Y \circ f = f$ because

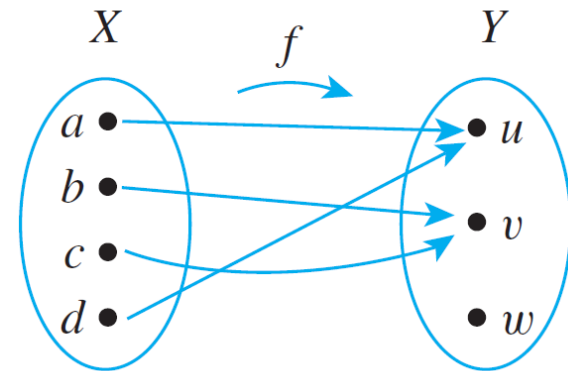
- Domains of $id_Y \circ f$ and f are both X ;
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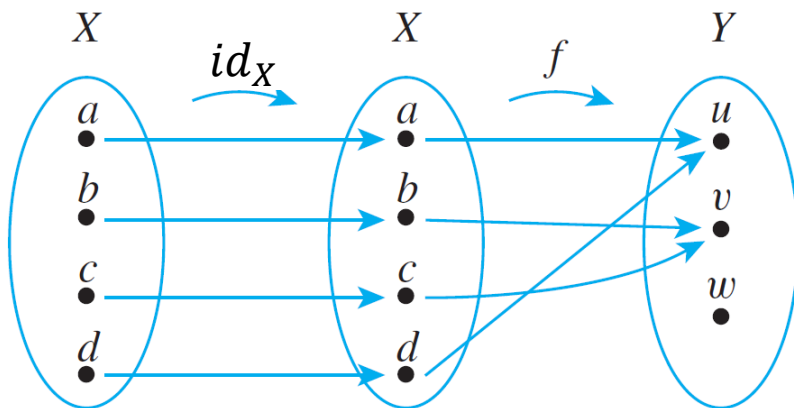
Composition with the Identity Function

Example #20: Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $Y = \{u, v, w\}$, and suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is given by the arrow diagram:

$$f \circ id_X = f$$



Find $f \circ id_X$



$$(f \circ id_X)(a) = f(id_X(a)) = f(a) = u$$

$$(f \circ id_X)(b) = f(id_X(b)) = f(b) = v$$

$$(f \circ id_X)(c) = f(id_X(c)) = f(c) = v$$

$$(f \circ id_X)(d) = f(id_X(d)) = f(d) = u$$

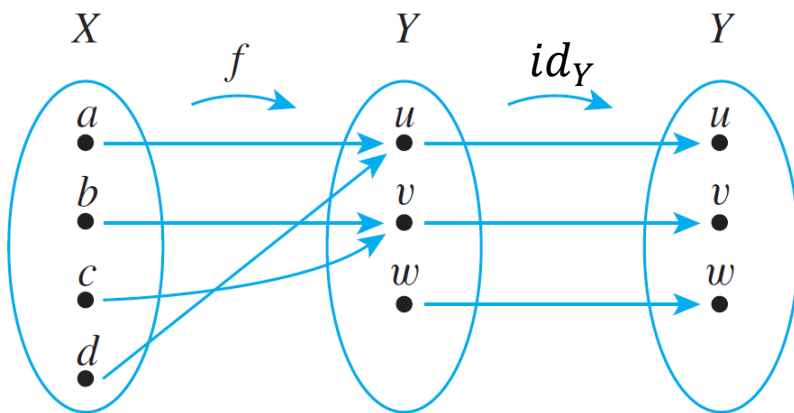
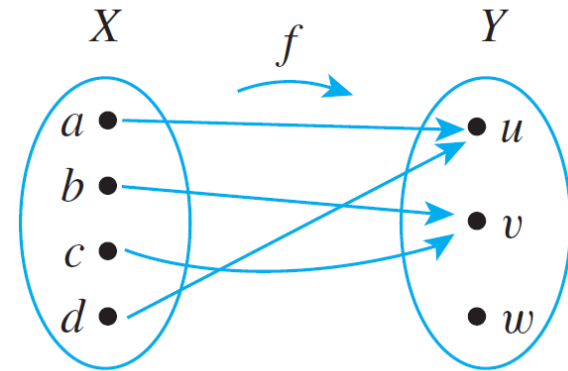
$$(f \circ id_X)(x) = f(x).$$

Composition with the Identity Function

Example #21: Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $Y = \{u, v, w\}$, and suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is given by the arrow diagram:

$$id_Y \circ f = f$$

Find $id_Y \circ f$



$$(id_Y \circ f)(a) = id_Y(f(a)) = f(a) = u$$

$$(id_Y \circ f)(b) = id_Y(f(b)) = f(b) = v$$

$$(id_Y \circ f)(c) = id_Y(f(c)) = f(c) = v$$

$$(id_Y \circ f)(d) = id_Y(f(d)) = f(d) = u$$

$$(id_Y \circ f)(x) = f(x).$$

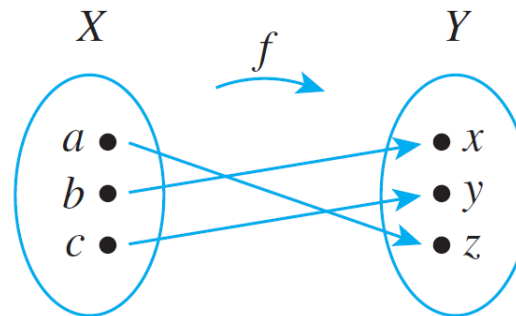
Theorem 7.3.1 Composition with an Identity Function

If f is a function from a set X to a set Y , and id_X is the identity function on X , and id_Y is the identity function on Y , then

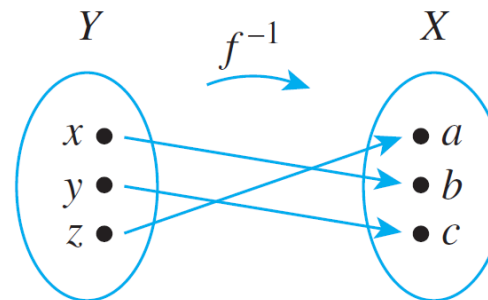
$$f \circ id_X = f \text{ and}$$
$$id_Y \circ f = f$$

7.3.3 Composing a Function with Its Inverse

Example #22: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $Y = \{x, y, z\}$. Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by the following arrow diagram.

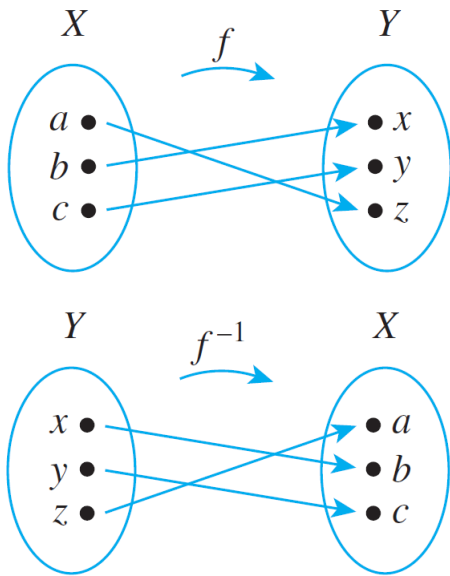


Then f is a bijection. Thus f^{-1} exists and is found by tracing the arrows backwards, as shown below.



Composing a Function with Its Inverse

Now $f^{-1} \circ f$ is found by following the arrows from X to Y by f and back to X by f^{-1} .



$$(f^{-1} \circ f)(a) = f^{-1}(f(a)) = f^{-1}(x) = a$$

$$(f^{-1} \circ f)(b) = f^{-1}(f(b)) = f^{-1}(y) = b$$

$$(f^{-1} \circ f)(c) = f^{-1}(f(c)) = f^{-1}(z) = c$$

Therefore, $f^{-1} \circ f = id_X$.

Similarly, $f \circ f^{-1} = id_Y$.

Theorem 7.3.2 Composition of a Function with Its Inverse

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a bijection with inverse function $f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$, then
$$f^{-1} \circ f = id_X \text{ and } f \circ f^{-1} = id_Y$$

7.3.4 Associativity of Function Composition

Function composition. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$.

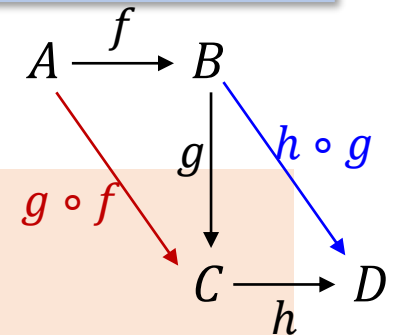
Then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ such that for every $x \in X$, $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$.

Theorem: Associativity of Function Composition

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$, $g: B \rightarrow C$ and $h: C \rightarrow D$. Then

$$(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f).$$

Function composition is associative.



Proof:

1. The domains of $(h \circ g) \circ f$ and $h \circ (g \circ f)$ are both A .
2. The codomains of $(h \circ g) \circ f$ and $h \circ (g \circ f)$ are both D .
3. For every $x \in A$,

$$((h \circ g) \circ f)(x) = (h \circ g)(f(x)) = h(g(f(x))) = h((g \circ f)(x)) = (h \circ (g \circ f))(x).$$

7.3.5 Noncommutativity of Function Composition

Function composition. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$.

Then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ such that for every $x \in X$, $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$.

Example #23: Let $f, g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that for every $x \in \mathbb{Z}$,
 $f(x) = 3x$ and $g(x) = x + 1$.

Then for every $x \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(3x) = 3x + 1$$

and

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x + 1) = 3(x + 1).$$

Note that $(g \circ f)(0) = 1 \neq 3 = (f \circ g)(0)$.

7.3.6 Composition of Injections

Example #24:

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $Y = \{w, x, y, z\}$, and $Z = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, and define injections $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ as shown in the arrow diagrams of Figure 7.3.1.

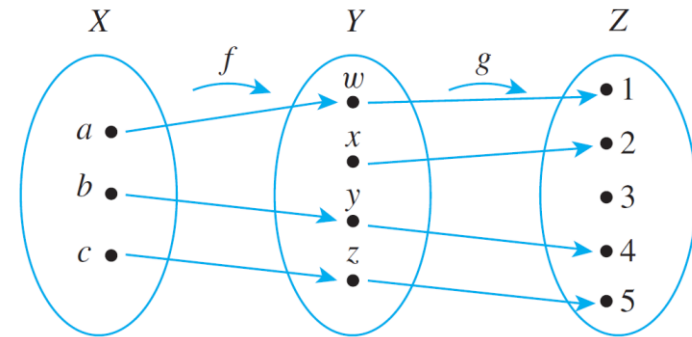


Figure 7.3.1

Then $g \circ f$ is the function with the arrow diagram shown in Figure 7.3.2.

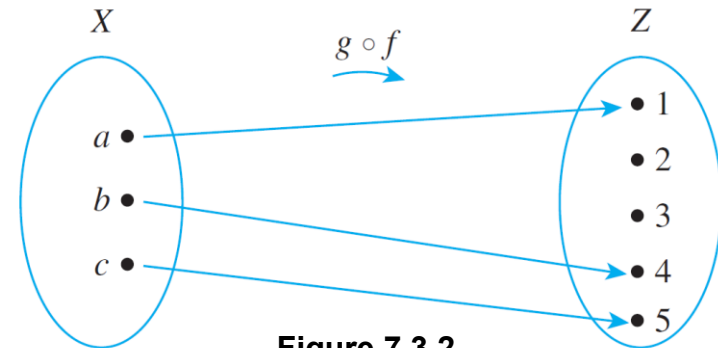


Figure 7.3.2

Is $g \circ f$ injective?

Yes.

Composition of Injections

Theorem 7.3.3

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are both injective, then $g \circ f$ is injective.

Proof:

1. Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are injections and let $x_1, x_2 \in X$ such that $(g \circ f)(x_1) = (g \circ f)(x_2)$.
2. Then $(g(f(x_1))) = g(f(x_2))$ by the definition of function composition.
3. Since g is injective, so $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ by the definition of injection.
4. Since f is injective, so $x_1 = x_2$ by the definition of injection.
5. Therefore $g \circ f$ is injective.

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **injective** iff
 $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X (f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2)$.

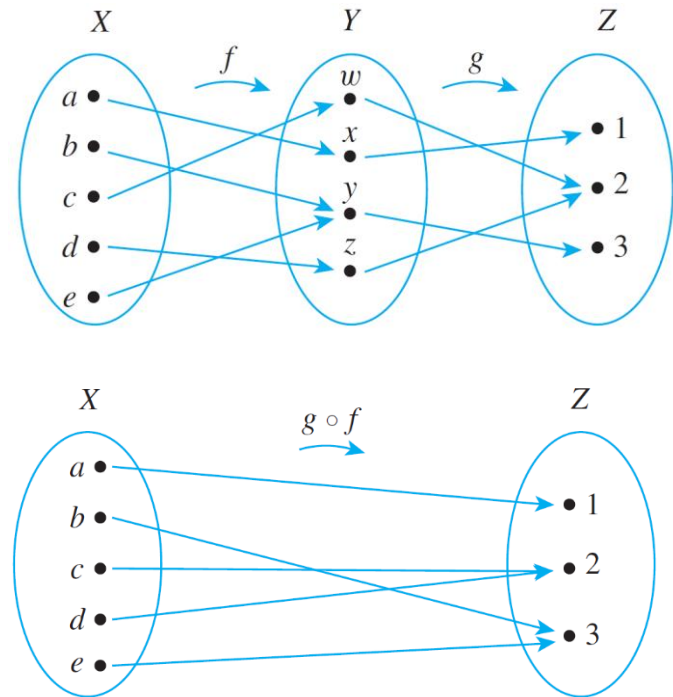
7.3.7 Composition of Surjections

Example #25:

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$, $Y = \{w, x, y, z\}$, and $Z = \{1, 2, 3\}$, and define surjections $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ as shown in the arrow diagrams on the right.

Then $g \circ f$ is the function with the arrow diagram on the right.

Is $g \circ f$ surjective? **Yes.**



Composition of Surjections

Theorem 7.3.4

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are both surjective, then $g \circ f$ is surjective.

Proof:

1. Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are surjections and let $z \in Z$.
2. Since g is surjective, so there is an element $y \in Y$ such that $g(y) = z$
by the definition of surjection.
3. Since f is surjective, so there is an element $x \in X$ such that $f(x) = y$
by the definition of surjection.
4. Hence there exists an element $x \in X$ such that
 $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(y) = z$.
5. Therefore $g \circ f$ is surjective.

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **surjective** iff
 $\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X (y = f(x))$.

7.4 Addition and Multiplication Functions on $\mathbb{Z}_n$

Definitions

7.4.1 Definitions (from Lecture #6)

Definition: Congruence

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then a is **congruent to b modulo n** iff $a - b = nk$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. In other words, $n \mid (a - b)$.

In this case, we write $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

Proposition

Congruence-mod n is an equivalence relation on $\mathbb{Z}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Definition: Equivalence Class

Suppose A is a set and $\sim$ is an equivalence relation on A . The **equivalence class** of $a \in A$, is

$$[a]_{\sim} = \{x \in A : a \sim x\}.$$

Definition: Set of equivalence classes

Let A be a set and $\sim$ be an equivalence relation on A . Denote by $A/\sim$ the set of all equivalence classes with respect to $\sim$, i.e.,

$$A/\sim = \{[x]_{\sim} : x \in A\}.$$

We may read $A/\sim$ as “the quotient of A by $\sim$ ”.

Now, we introduce a notation $\mathbb{Z}_n$:

The quotient $\mathbb{Z}/\sim_n$ where $\sim_n$ is the congruence-mod- n relation on $\mathbb{Z}$, is denoted $\mathbb{Z}_n$.

Definition: $\mathbb{Z}_n$

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From
Lecture #6:

Congruence modulo 2

:	:
-4	-3
-2	-1
0	1
2	3
4	5
:	:

 $\mathbb{Z}$
Partition of $\mathbb{Z}$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{2k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \\ \{2k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \end{array} \right\}$$

Congruence modulo 3

:	:	:
-6	-5	-4
-3	-2	-1
0	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8
:	:	:

 $\mathbb{Z}$
Partition of $\mathbb{Z}$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{3k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \\ \{3k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \\ \{3k + 2 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \end{array} \right\}$$

Congruence modulo 4

:	:	:	:
-8	-7	-6	-5
-4	-3	-2	-1
0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
:	:	:	:

 $\mathbb{Z}$
Partition of $\mathbb{Z}$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{4k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \\ \{4k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \\ \{4k + 2 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \\ \{4k + 3 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{\{2k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \{2k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{\{3k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \{3k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \{3k + 2 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{\{4k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \{4k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \{4k + 2 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \{4k + 3 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}\}$$

7.4.2 Addition and Multiplication on $\mathbb{Z}_n$

Definition: Addition and Multiplication on $\mathbb{Z}_n$

Define addition $+$ and multiplication $\cdot$ on $\mathbb{Z}_n$ as follows:

whenever $[x], [y] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$,

$$[x] + [y] = [x + y] \quad \text{and} \quad [x] \cdot [y] = [x \cdot y]$$

Example #26:

Take $[0], [1] \in \mathbb{Z}_3$,

Then $[0] + [1] = [0 + 1] = [1]$ (which is $\{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}$)

and $[0] \cdot [1] = [0 \cdot 1] = [0]$ (which is $\{\dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}$).

Proposition: Addition on $\mathbb{Z}_n$ is well defined

For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and all $[x_1], [y_1], [x_2], [y_2] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$,

$$[x_1] = [x_2] \text{ and } [y_1] = [y_2] \Rightarrow [x_1] + [y_1] = [x_2] + [y_2].$$

Proof:

1. Let $[x_1], [y_1], [x_2], [y_2] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ such that $[x_1] = [x_2]$ and $[y_1] = [y_2]$.
2. Then $x_1 \equiv x_2 \pmod{n}$ and $y_1 \equiv y_2 \pmod{n}$ **by the definition of congruence.**
3. Use the definition of congruence to find $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$x_1 - x_2 = nk \text{ and } y_1 - y_2 = nl.$$
4. Note that $(x_1 + y_1) - (x_2 + y_2) = (x_1 - x_2) + (y_1 - y_2) = nk + nl = n(k + l)$.
5. So $x_1 + y_1 \equiv x_2 + y_2 \pmod{n}$ **by the definition of congruence.**
6. Therefore, $[x_1] + [y_1] = [x_1 + y_1] = [x_2 + y_2] = [x_2] + [y_2]$ **by the lemma below.**

Lemma Rel.1 Equivalence Classes

Let $\sim$ be an equivalence relation on a set A . The following are equivalent for all $x, y \in A$. (i) $x \sim y$; (ii) $[x] = [y]$; (iii) $[x] \cap [y] \neq \emptyset$.

Proposition: Multiplication on $\mathbb{Z}_n$ is well defined

For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and all $[x_1], [y_1], [x_2], [y_2] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$,

$$[x_1] = [x_2] \text{ and } [y_1] = [y_2] \Rightarrow [x_1] \cdot [y_1] = [x_2] \cdot [y_2].$$

Proof:

1. Let $[x_1], [y_1], [x_2], [y_2] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ such that $[x_1] = [x_2]$ and $[y_1] = [y_2]$.
2. Then $x_1 \equiv x_2 \pmod{n}$ and $y_1 \equiv y_2 \pmod{n}$ **by the definition of congruence.**
3. Use the definition of congruence to find $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$x_1 - x_2 = nk \text{ and } y_1 - y_2 = nl.$$
4. Note that $(x_1 \cdot y_1) - (x_2 \cdot y_2) = (nk + x_2) \cdot (nl + y_2) - (x_2 \cdot y_2)$

$$= n(nkl + ky_2 + lx_2), \text{ where } (nkl + ky_2 + lx_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (by closure of integer addition)}$$
5. So $x_1 \cdot y_1 \equiv x_2 \cdot y_2 \pmod{n}$ **by the definition of congruence.**
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