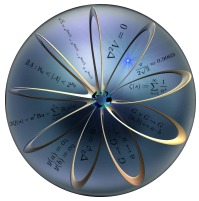

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A function $f : A \to B$ is sometimes called a *total function*, to signify that $f(a)$ is defined for every $a \in A$. If C is any set such that $C \supseteq A$ then f is also a *partial function* from C to B.

Clearly if f is a function from A to B then it is a partial function from A to B, but a partial function need not be defined for every element of its domain. The set of elements of A for which f is defined is sometimes called the *domain of definition*.