

Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science

Lecture 4: Set and Function

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Complicated Answer: (out of the scope of this course)

- Free variable: $\sum_{k=1}^{10} f(k, n)$, n is a free variable

Where φ is any formula and where x is *not* a free variable in ψ :

$\forall x \varphi \rightarrow \psi \Leftrightarrow \forall x(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ (No!)

$\psi \rightarrow \forall x \varphi \Leftrightarrow \forall x(\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$ (Yes!)

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Review of Last Lecture

- Nested Quantifiers: $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$, $\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$
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- Argument and Inference

- ▶ Argument form is **valid**, if

$(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge p_n) \rightarrow q$ is a **tautology**.

- ▶ The validity of an **argument follows from** the validity of argument form.
 - ▶ Rules of inference
- Proofs: direct proof, proof by contrapositive, proof by contradiction, proof by cases, ...

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Step	Reason
1. $\neg p \wedge q$	Premise
2. $\neg p$	Simplification using (1)
3. $r \rightarrow p$	Premise
4. $\neg r$	Modus tollens using (2) and (3)
5. $\neg r \rightarrow s$	Premise
6. s	Modus ponens using (4) and (5)
7. $s \rightarrow t$	Premise
8. t	Modus ponens using (6) and (7)

Summary of Logic and Proof

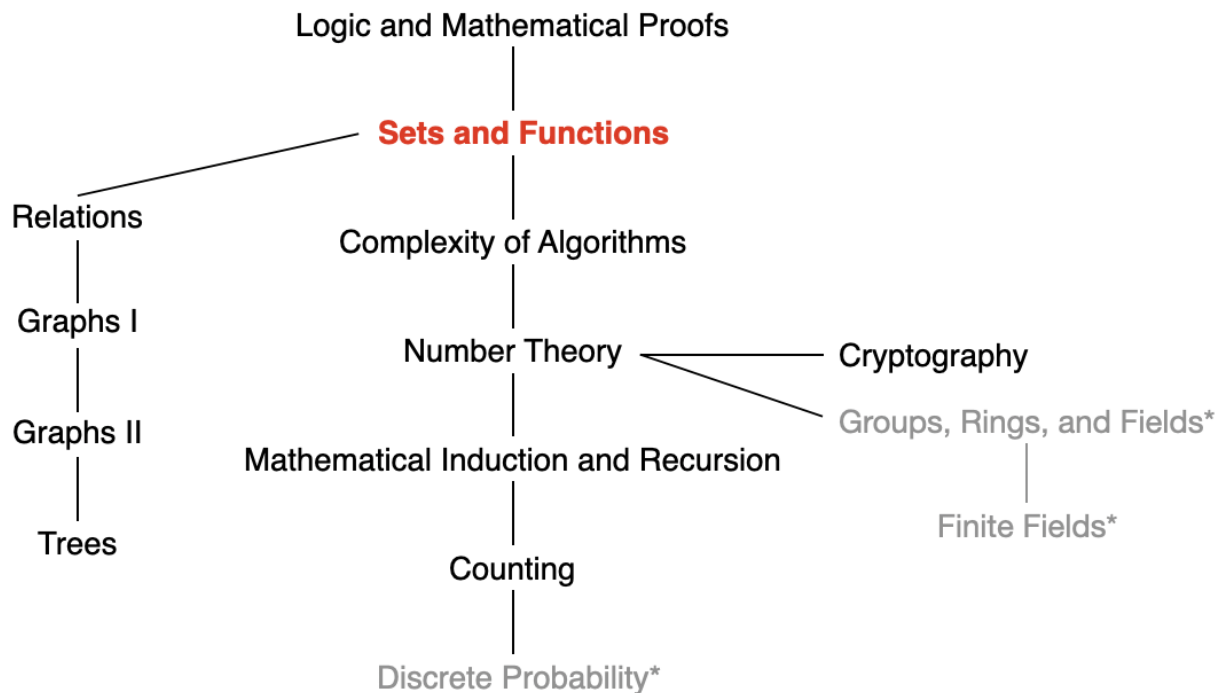
- **Logic:**

- ▶ Proposition, applications, equivalence \equiv , ...
- ▶ Predicates $P(x)$
- ▶ Quantifiers $\forall xP(x)$, $\exists xP(x)$

- **Mathematical Proofs:**

- ▶ Argument: premises, conclusion
- ▶ Rules of inference
- ▶ Proofs

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Many discrete structures are built with sets:

- combinations
- relations
- graphs

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Notation:

- $a \in A$: a is an element of set A
- $a \notin A$: a is not an element of set A

Important sets

- Natural numbers:

- ◇ $\mathbf{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- Integers:

- ◇ $\mathbf{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

- Positive integers:

- ◇ $\mathbf{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- Rational numbers:

- ◇ $\mathbf{Q} = \{\frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbf{Z}, q \in \mathbf{Z}, q \neq 0\}$

- Real numbers:

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- Complex numbers:

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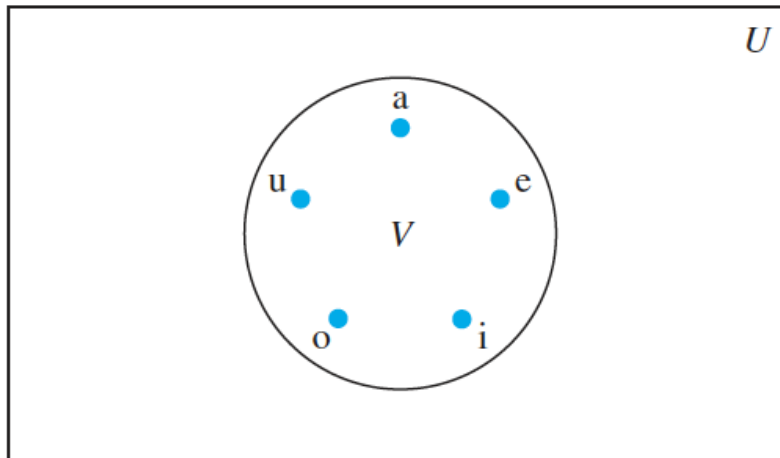
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Venn Diagrams

A set can be visualized using Venn diagrams



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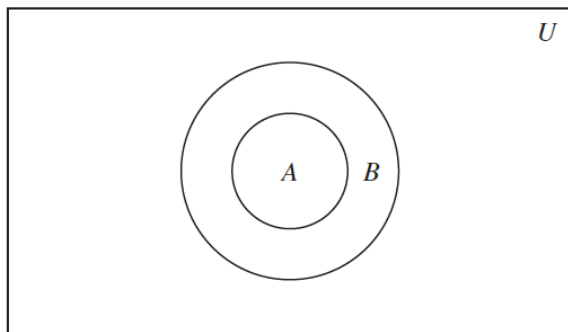
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Proof of Subset

Proof:

- Showing $A \subseteq B$: if x belongs to A , then x also belongs to B .
- Showing $A \not\subseteq B$: find a single $x \in A$ such that $x \notin B$.

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Examples:

- $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 20\}$, where $|A| = 20$
- $B = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$, which is **infinite**
- $|\emptyset| = 0$
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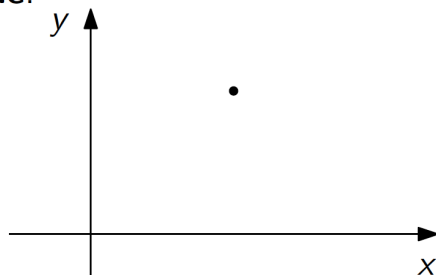
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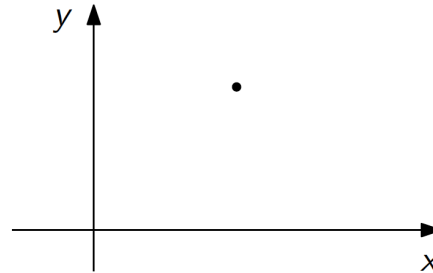


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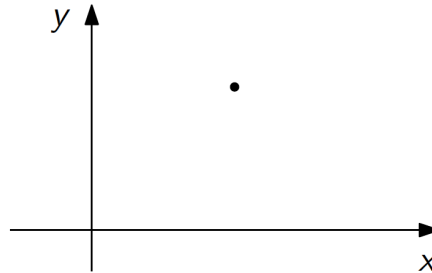
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A^n denotes $A \times A \times \dots \times A$ with n sets:

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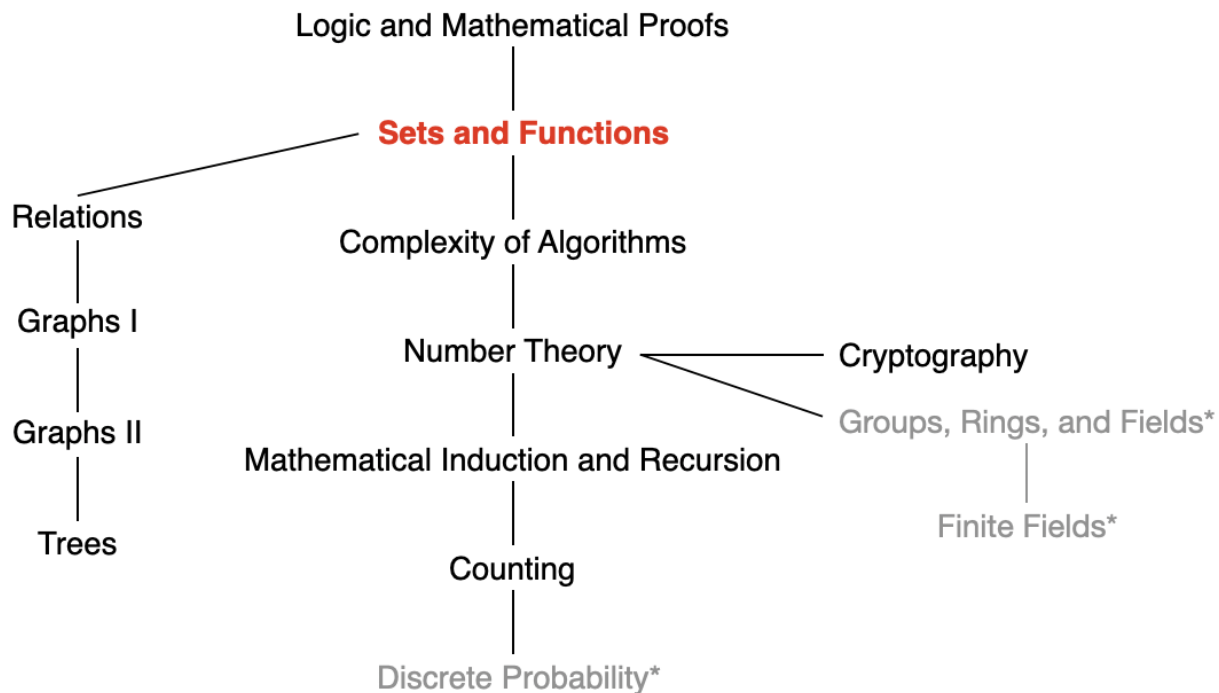
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Summary of Set

- Set: unordered collection of objects
- Subset $A \subseteq B$
- Cardinality: size of set
- Power of set $\mathcal{P}(A)$
- Tuple: (a, b)
- Cartesian Product $A \times B$
- Relation: a subset of $A \times B$



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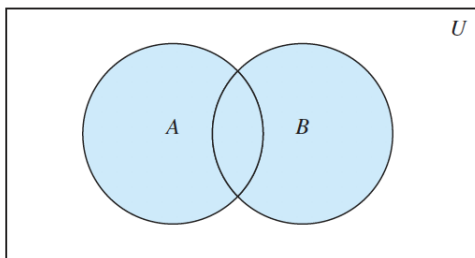


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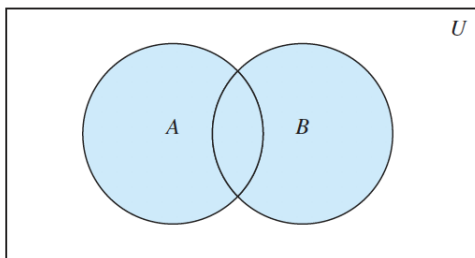
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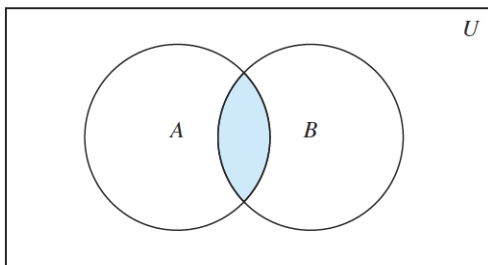
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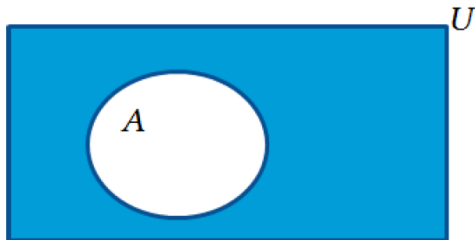
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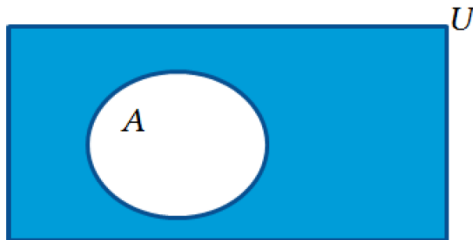
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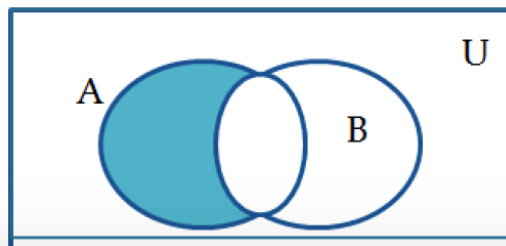


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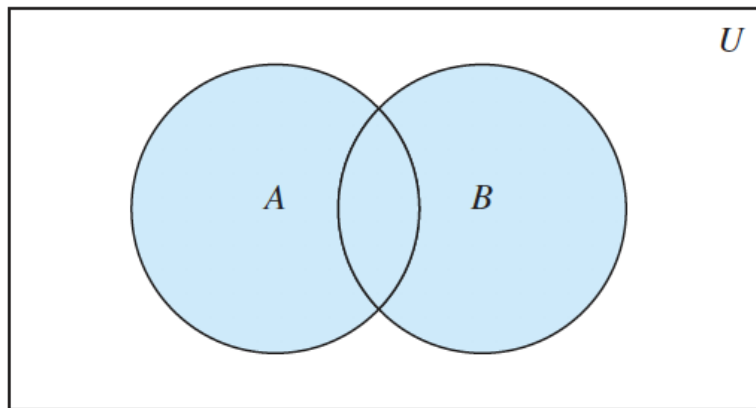
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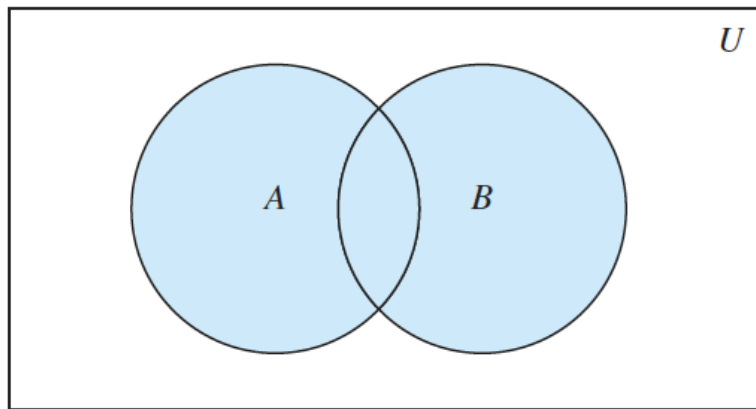
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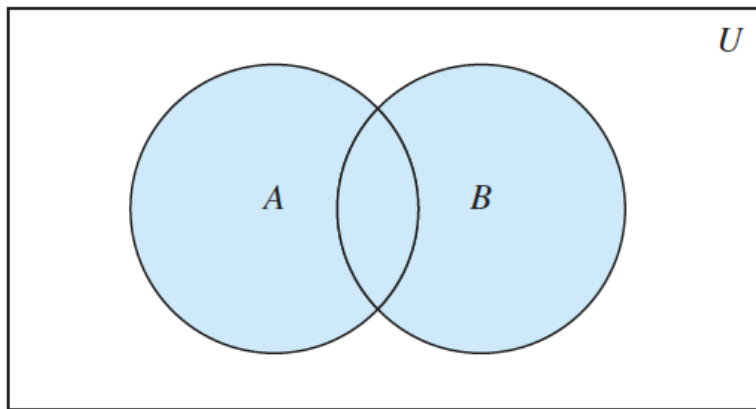


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$$\diamond A \cap U = A$$

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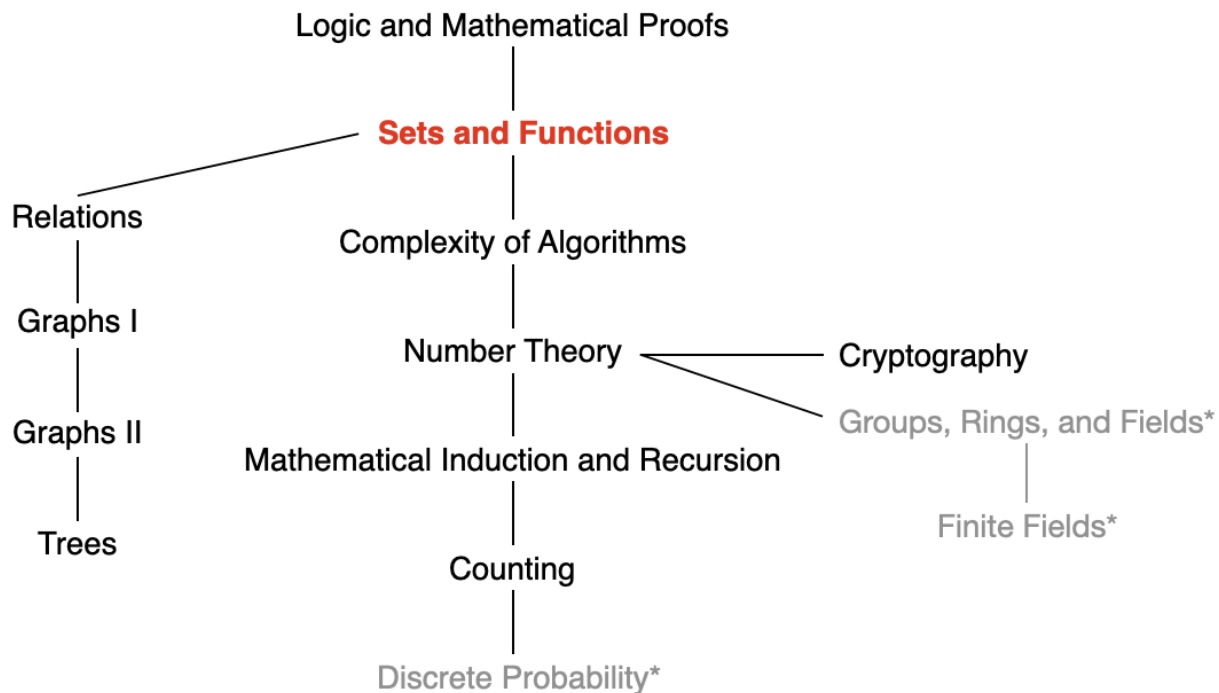
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Summary of Set Operations

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This Lecture



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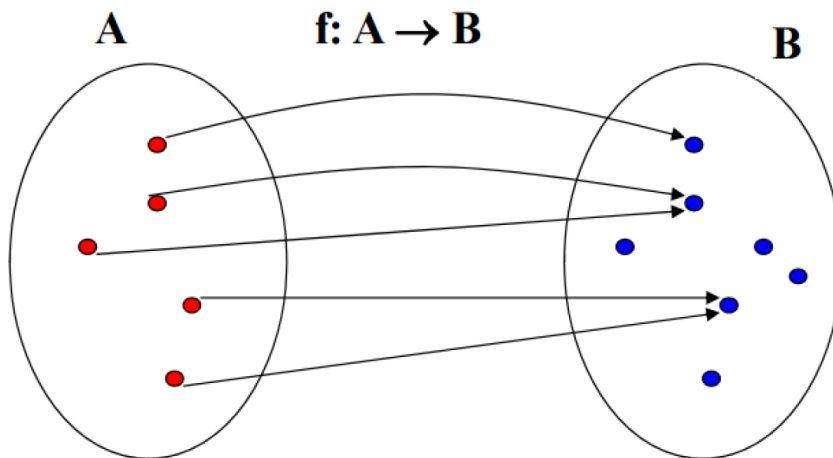
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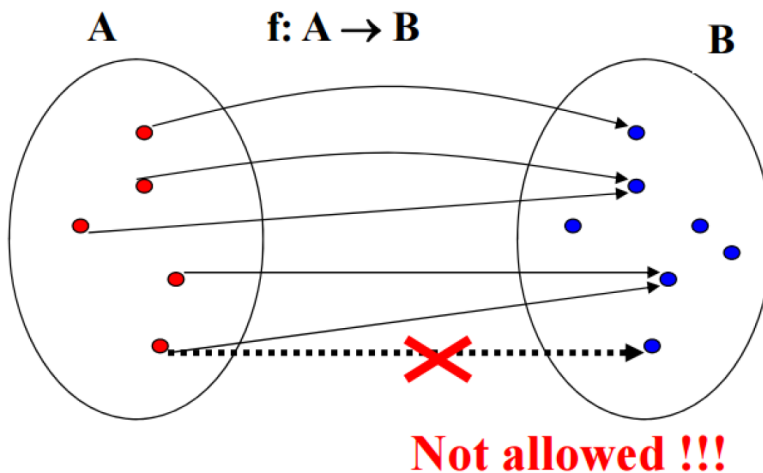
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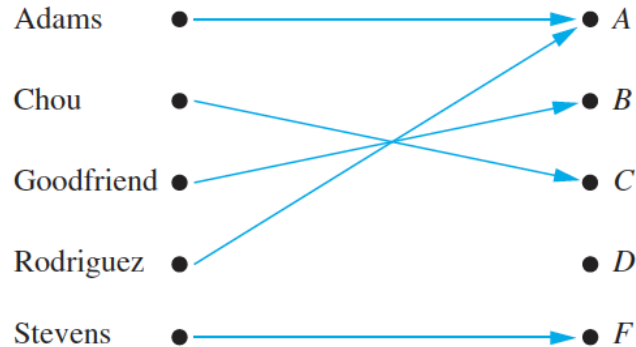
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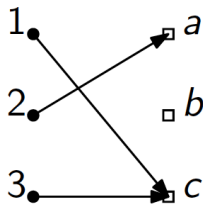
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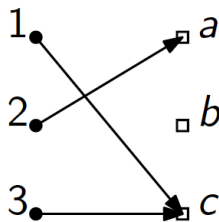


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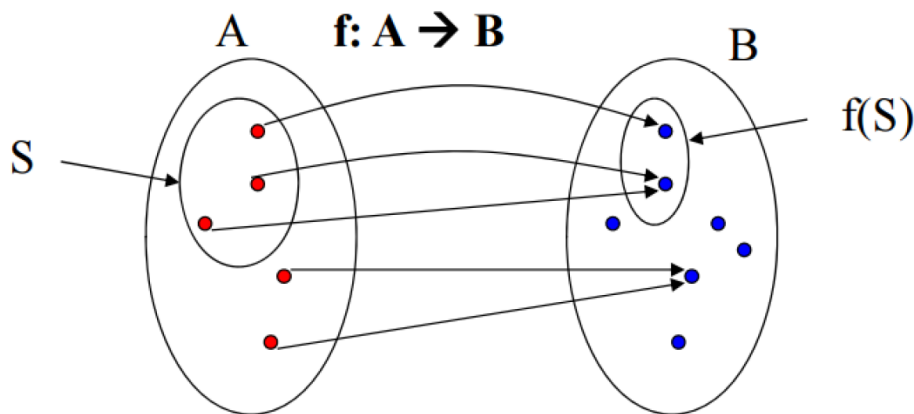
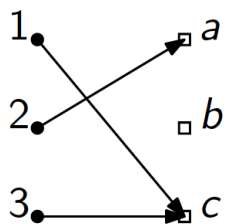
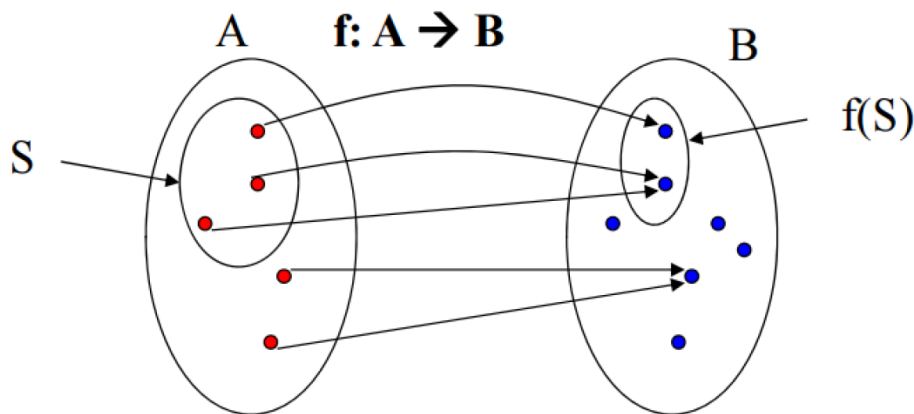


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- **Onto function**

- ▶ every member of the codomain is the image of some element of the domain.

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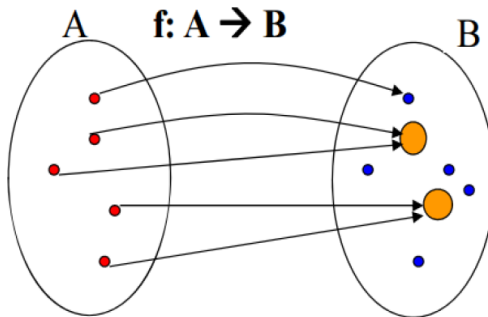
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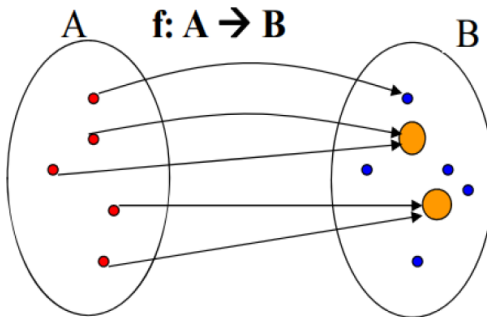


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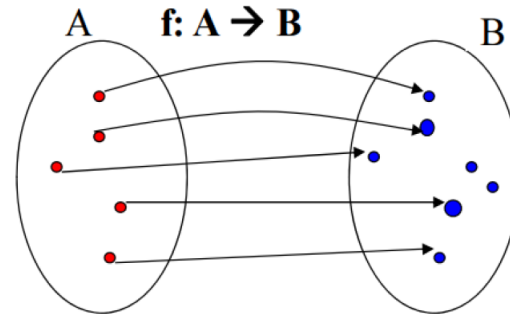
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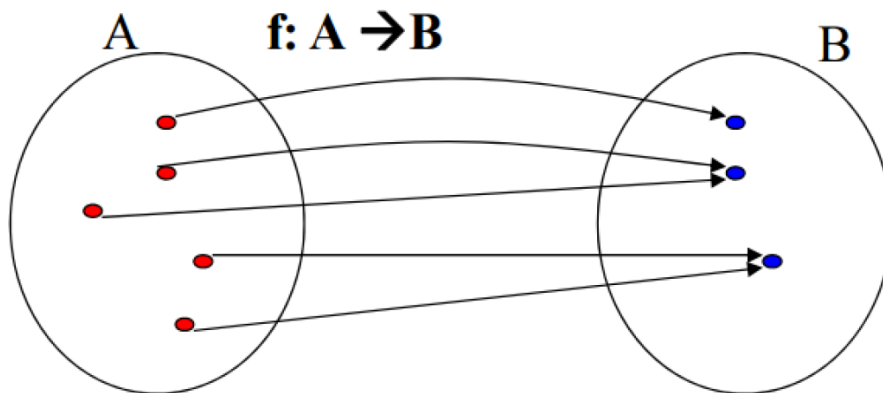
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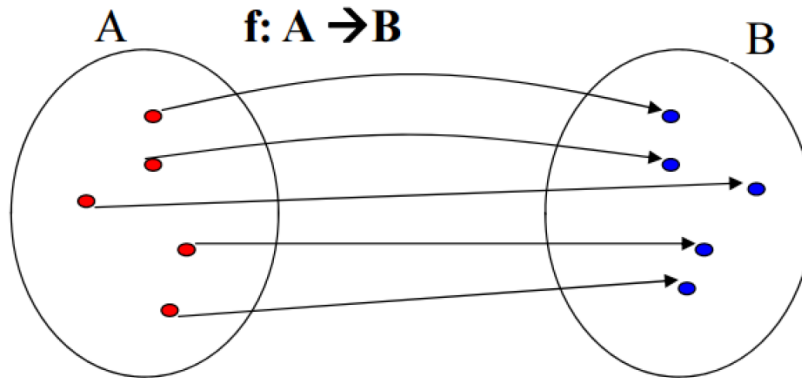
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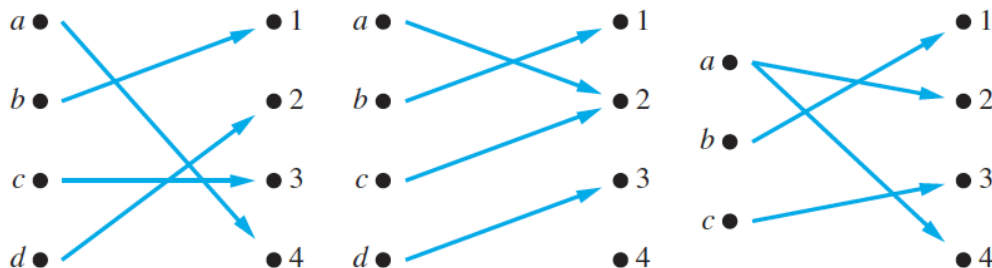
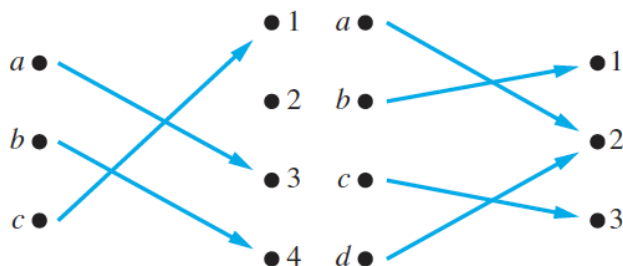
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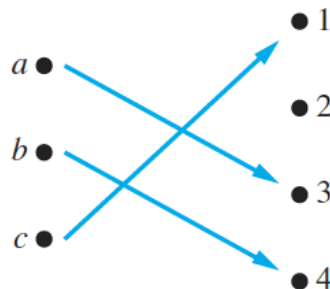
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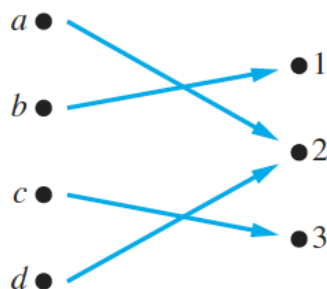


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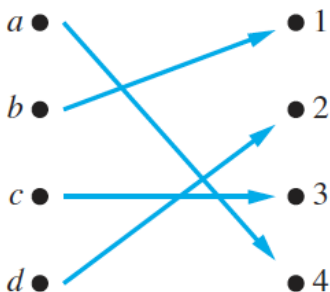
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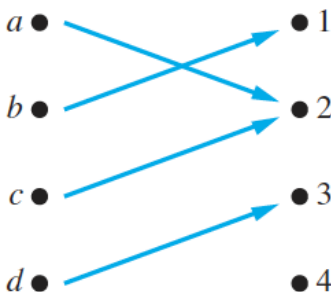
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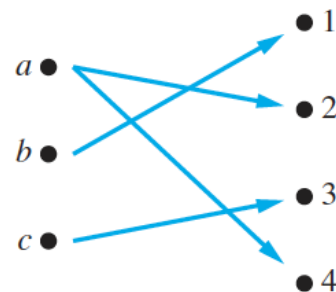
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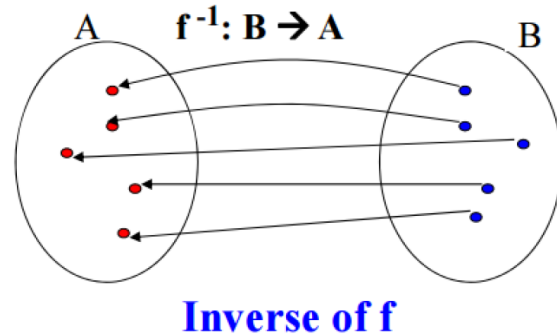
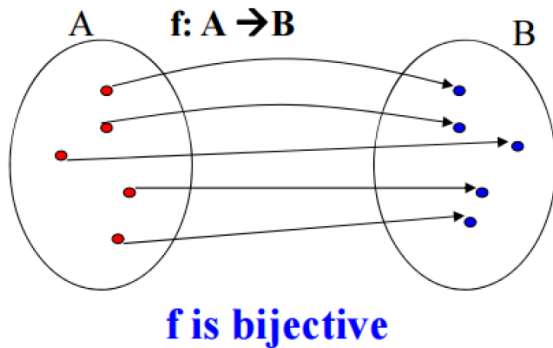
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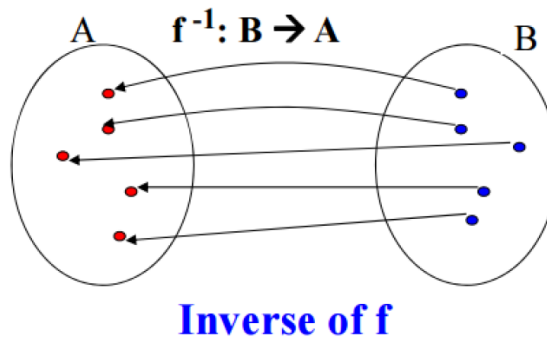
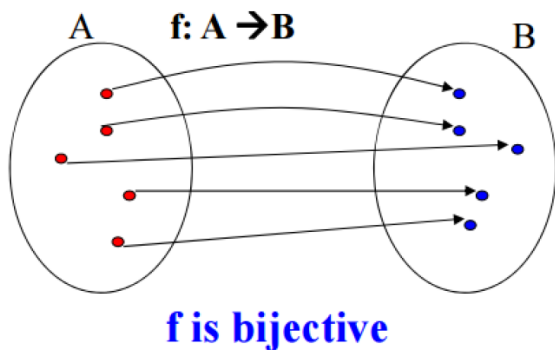


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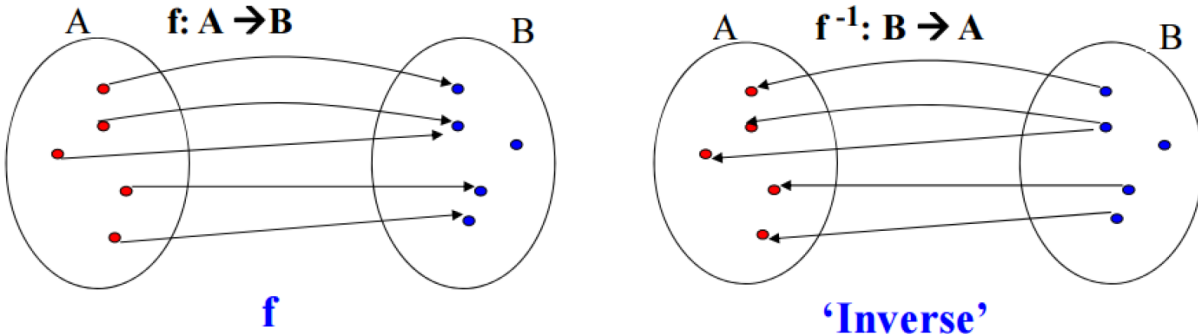
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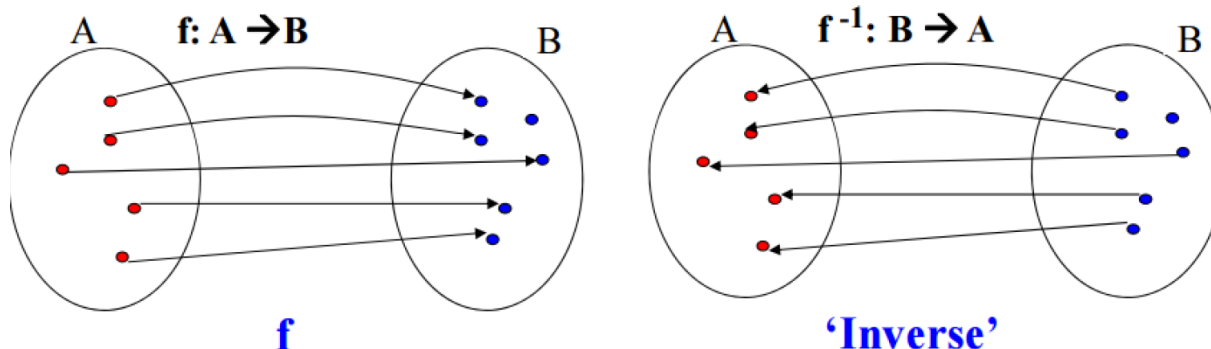
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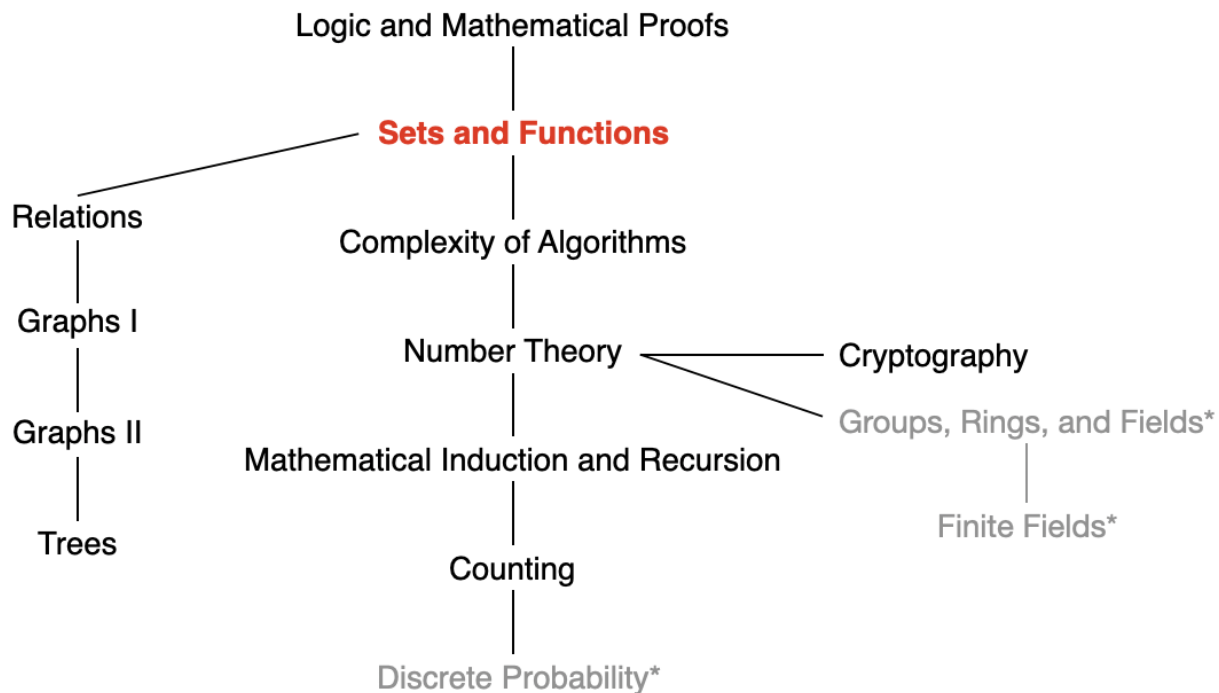
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