

Discrete Mathematics

Functions & Relations

3rd Lecture

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Functions

- Let f_1 and f_2 be functions from A to \mathbf{R} . Then $f_1 + f_2$ and $f_1 f_2$ are also functions from A to \mathbf{R} defined for all $x \in A$ by

$$(f_1 + f_2)(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$$

$$(f_1 f_2)(x) = f_1(x) f_2(x).$$

EX_1: Let f_1 and f_2 be functions from \mathbf{R} to \mathbf{R} such that $f_1(x) = x^2$ and $f_2(x) = x - x^2$. What are the functions $f_1 + f_2$ and $f_1 f_2$?

Sol: From the definition of the sum and product of functions, it follows that

$$(f_1 + f_2)(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x) = x^2 + (x - x^2) = x$$

and

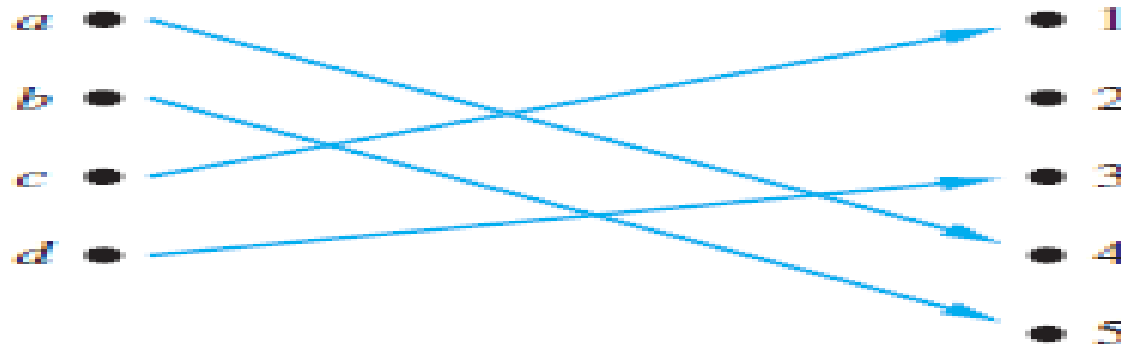
$$(f_1 f_2)(x) = x^2(x - x^2) = x^3 - x^4.$$

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One-to-One & Onto Functions

Some functions never assign the *same value* to two different domain elements. These functions are said to be **one-to-one**.

- A function f is said to be *one-to-one*, or an *injection*, if and only if $f(a) = f(b)$ implies that $a = b$ for all a and b in the domain of f .
- A function is said to be *injective* if it is one-to-one.
- Note that a function f is one-to-one if and only if $f(a) = f(b)$ whenever $a = b$.



A One-to-One Function

EX_2 Determine whether the function f from $\{a, b, c, d\}$ to $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ with $f(a) = 4$, $f(b) = 5$, $f(c) = 1$, and $f(d) = 3$ is one-to-one.

Sol: The function f is one-to-one because f takes on different values at the four elements of its domain. This is illustrated in the above figure.

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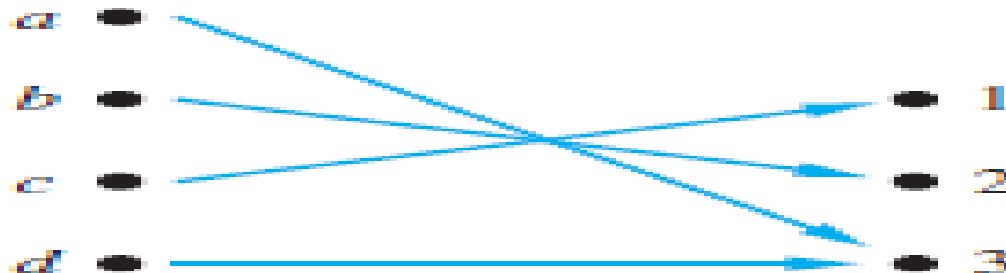
EX_3 Determine whether the function $f(x) = x^2$ from the set of integers to the set of integers is one-to-one.

Sol: The function $f(x) = x^2$ is not one-to-one because, for instance, $f(1) = f(-1) = 1$, but $1 \neq -1$.

- For some functions the **range and the codomain are equal**. That is, every member of the codomain is the image of some element of the domain. Functions with this property are called **onto** functions.
- A function f from A to B is called **onto**, or a *surjection*, if and only if for every element $b \in B$ there is an element $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$. A function f is called *surjective* if it is onto.

EX_4: Let f be the function from $\{a, b, c, d\}$ to $\{1, 2, 3\}$ defined by $f(a) = 3, f(b) = 2, f(c) = 1$, and $f(d) = 3$. Is f an onto function?

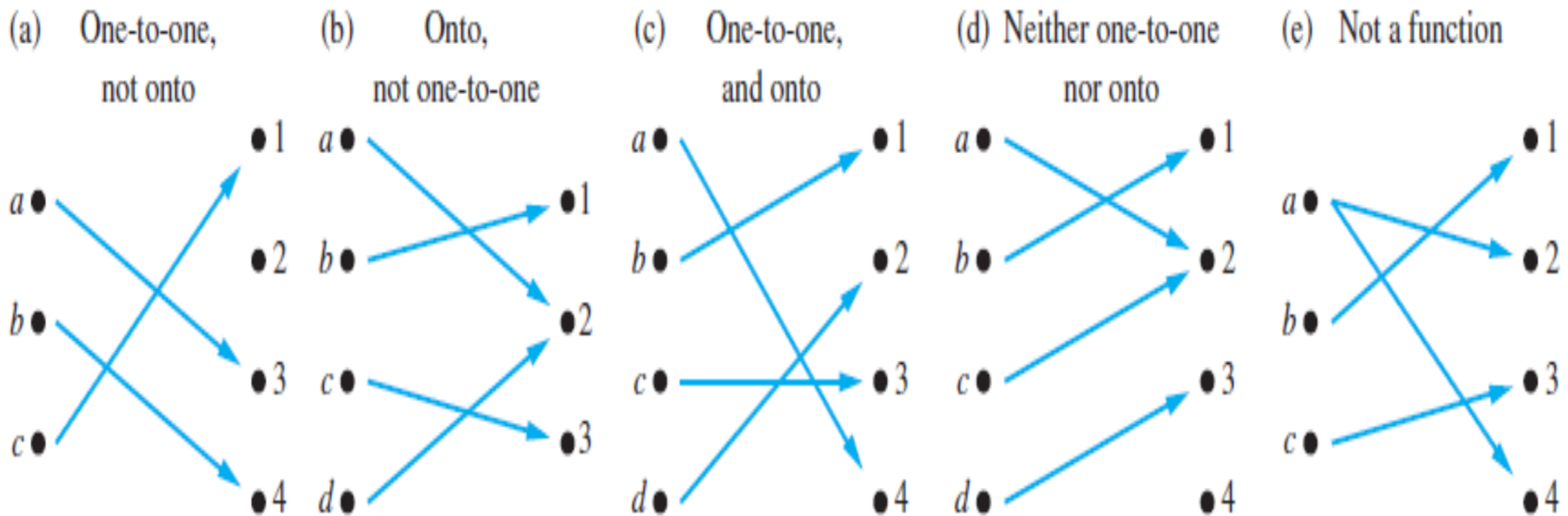
Sol: Because all three elements of the codomain are images of elements in the domain, we see that f is onto. This is illustrated in the figure below. Note that if the codomain were $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, then f would not be onto.



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EX_5 : Is the function $f(x) = x^2$ from the set of integers to the set of integers onto?

Sol: The function f is not onto because there is no integer x with $x^2 = -1$, for instance



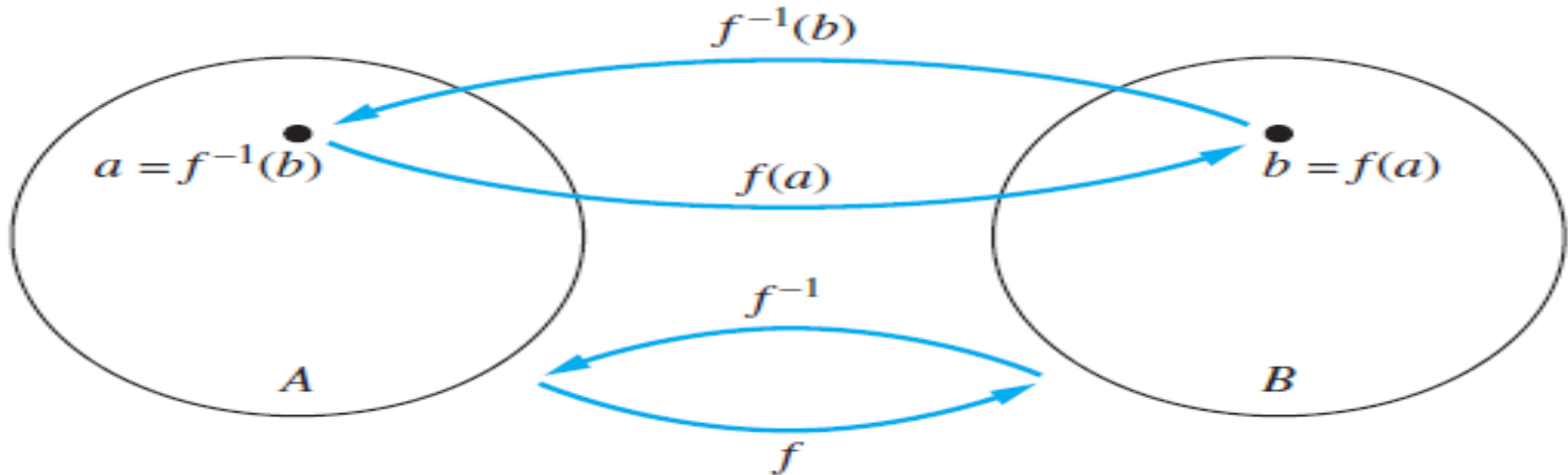
One-to-One & Onto Functions

H.W.: Describe each of the figures above how it is **One-to-One** or **Onto** Functions

Functions

Inverse Functions:

- Let f be a one-to-one correspondence from the set A to the set B .
- The *inverse function* of f is the function that assigns to an element b belonging to B the unique element a in A such that $f(a) = b$. The inverse function of f is denoted by f^{-1} .
Hence, $f^{-1}(b) = a$ when $f(a) = b$.



The Function f^{-1} Is the Inverse of Function f

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EX_6: Let f be the function from $\{a, b, c\}$ to $\{1, 2, 3\}$ such that $f(a) = 2, f(b) = 3$, and $f(c) = 1$. is f invertible, and if it is, what is its inverse?

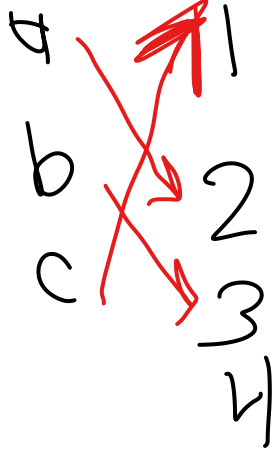
Sol: The function f is invertible because it is a one-to-one correspondence. The inverse function f^{-1} reverses the correspondence given by f , so $f^{-1}(1) = c, f^{-1}(2) = a$, and $f^{-1}(3) = b$.

EX_7: Let f be the function from \mathbf{R} to \mathbf{R} with $f(x) = x^2$. Is f invertible?

Sol: Because $f(-2) = f(2) = 4$, f is not one-to-one.

Note: If an inverse function were defined, it would have to assign two elements to 4. Hence, f is not invertible. (Note we can also show that f is not invertible because it is not

onto.)



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codomain

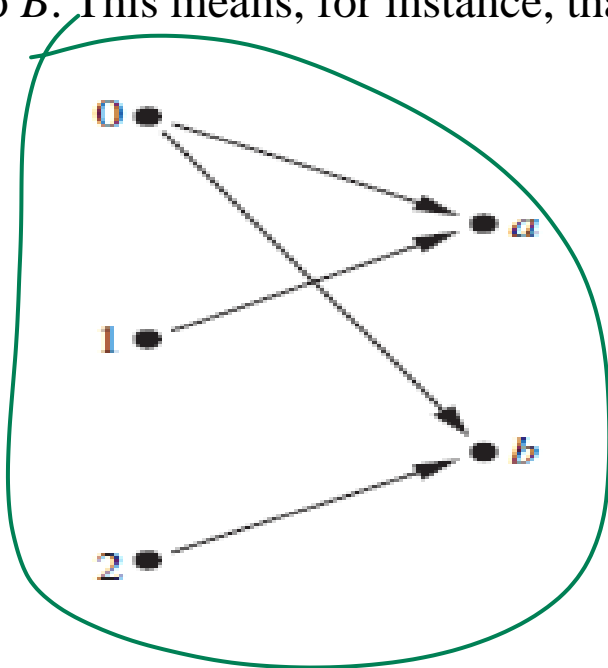
2 to 1, 2, 3
3 to 1, 2, 3

Relations

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$
$$B =$$

- Relationships between elements of sets are represented using the structure called a relation, which is just a subset of the Cartesian product of the sets.
- Relations can be used to solve problems such as determining which pairs of cities are linked by airline flights in a network, finding a viable order for the different phases of a complicated project, or producing a useful way to store information in computer databases.
- Let A and B be sets. A *binary relation from A to B* is a subset of $A \times B$.

EX_9: Let $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $B = \{a, b\}$. Then $\{(0, a), (0, b), (1, a), (2, b)\}$ is a relation from A to B . This means, for instance, that $0 R a$, but that $1 \not R b$.



R	a	b
0	×	×
1	×	
2		×

Relations

$$R = \{ (a, b) \mid a$$

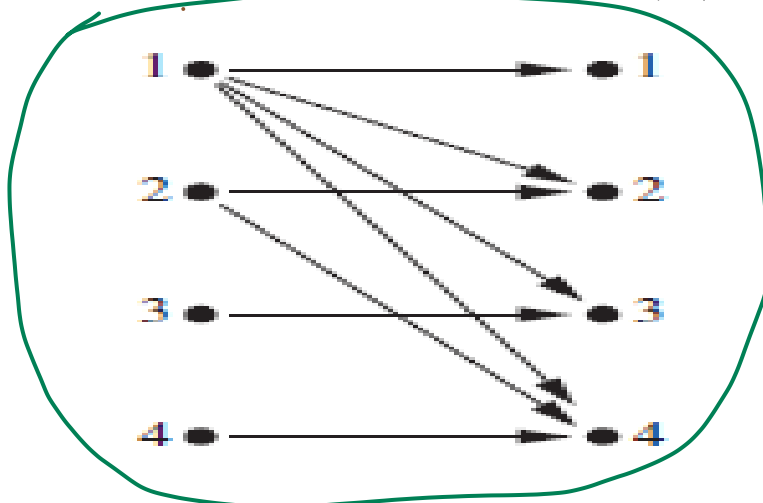
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- A relation on a set A is a relation from A to A .
- In other words, a relation on a set A is a subset of $A \times A$.

EX_10: Let A be the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Which ordered pairs are in the relation $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \text{ divides } b\}$?

Note: "a divides b" means "divides evenly". That is "a divides b" if and only if b/a is itself an integer. //

Sol: Because (a, b) is in R if and only if a and b are positive integers not exceeding 4 such that a divides b , we see that $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}$.



R	1	2	3	4
1	×	×	×	×
2		×		×
3			×	
4				×

Displaying the Ordered Pairs in the Relation R from Ex_10

Relations

EX_11: Consider these relations on the set of integers:

$$R1 = \{(a, b) \mid a \leq b\},$$

$$R2 = \{(a, b) \mid a > b\},$$

$$R3 = \{(a, b) \mid a = b \text{ or } a = -b\},$$

$$R4 = \{(a, b) \mid a = b\},$$

$$R5 = \{(a, b) \mid a = b + 1\},$$

$$R6 = \{(a, b) \mid a + b \leq 3\}.$$

$(1, 1)$ R_1 R_6
 R_3 R_4

Which of these relations contain each of the pairs $(1, 1)$, $(1, 2)$, $(2, 1)$, $(1, -1)$, and $(2, 2)$?

Sol: The pair $(1, 1)$ is in $R1$, $R3$, $R4$, and $R6$; $(1, 2)$ is in $R1$ and $R6$; $(2, 1)$ is in $R2$, $R5$, and $R6$; $(1, -1)$ is in $R2$, $R3$, and $R6$; and finally, $(2, 2)$ is in $R1$, $R3$, and $R4$.

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➤ A relation R on a set A is called *reflexive* if $(a, a) \in R$ for every element $a \in A$.

EX_12: Consider the following relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$R1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\},$$

$$R3 = \{(\underline{1, 1}), (1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 1), (\underline{2, 2}), (\underline{3, 3}), (4, 1), (\underline{4, 4})\},$$

$$R4 = \{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1), (\underline{4, 2}), (\underline{4, 3})\},$$

$$R5 = \{(\underline{1, 1}), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (\underline{2, 2}), (2, 3), (2, 4), (\underline{3, 3}), (3, 4), (\underline{4, 4})\},$$

$$R6 = \{(3, 4)\}.$$

Which of these relations are reflexive?

Sol: The relations $R3$ and $R5$ are reflexive because they both contain all pairs of the form (a, a) , namely, $(\underline{1, 1})$, $(\underline{2, 2})$, $(\underline{3, 3})$, and $(\underline{4, 4})$. The other relations are not reflexive because they do not contain all of these ordered pairs. In particular, $R1$, $R2$, $R4$, and $R6$ are not reflexive because $(3, 3)$ is not in any of these relations.

Relations

EX_13: Which of the relations from Ex_11 are reflexive?

$$R1 = \{(a, b) \mid a \leq b\},$$

$$R2 = \{(a, b) \mid a > b\},$$

$$R3 = \{(a, b) \mid a = b \text{ or } a = -b\},$$

$$R4 = \{(a, b) \mid a = b\},$$

$$R5 = \{(a, b) \mid a = b + 1\},$$

$$R6 = \{(a, b) \mid a + b \leq 3\}.$$

Sol: The reflexive relations from Ex_11 are $R1$ (because $a \leq a$ for every integer a), $R3$, and $R4$. For each of the other relations in this example it is easy to find a pair of the form (a, a) that is not in the relation.

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- Because relations from A to B are subsets of $A \times B$, two relations from A to B can be combined in any way two sets can be combined. •

$$R1 \cup R2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (3, 3)\},$$

$$R1 - R2 = \{(2, 2), (3, 3)\},$$

*To understand this , please refer the 2nd lecture in **slids 9-12.***



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