

# Chapter 5

## 關係和函數

## Relations and Functions

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## 5.1 笛卡兒積和關係

### Definition

#### 5.1

For sets  $A, B \in \mathcal{U}$ , the *Cartesian product*, or cross product, of  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A \times B$  and equals  $\{(a, b) | a \in A, b \in B\}$ .

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對集合  $A$ ， $B$ ， $A$  和  $B$  的笛卡兒積 (Cartesian product) 或叉積 (cross product) 被表為  $A \times B$ ，且等於  $\{(a, b) | a \in A, b \in B\}$ 。

## EXAMPLE 5.1

令  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$  ,  $B = \{4, 5\}$  , 則

a)  $A \times B = \{(2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 4), (4, 5)\}.$

b)  $B \times A = \{(4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4), (5, 2), (5, 3), (5, 4)\}.$

c)  $B^2 = B \times B = \{(4, 4), (4, 5), (5, 4), (5, 5)\}.$

d)  $B^3 = B \times B \times B = \{(a, b, c) | a, b, c \in B\};$  例如  $(4, 5, 5) \in B^3$  。

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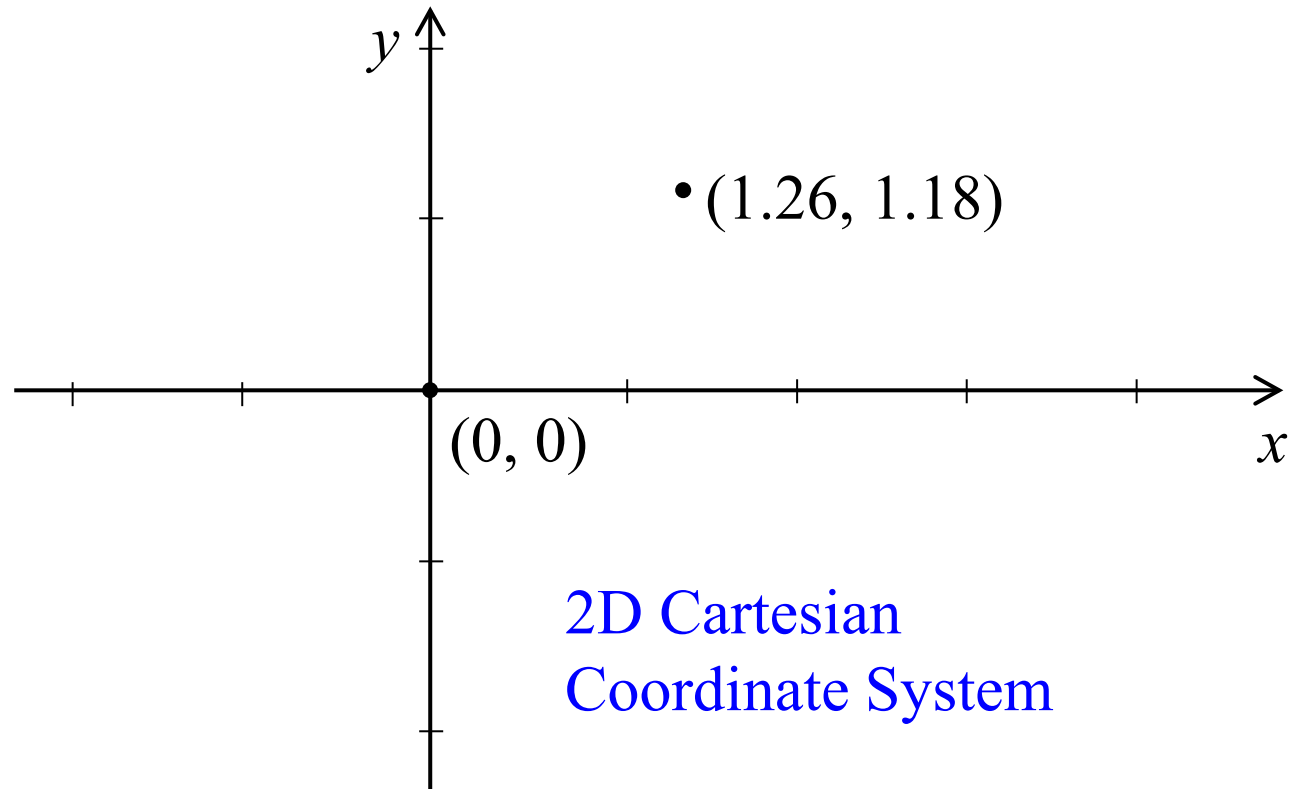
- the elements of  $A \times B$  are ordered pairs
- $|A \times B| = |A| \times |B| = |B \times A|$

But, in general  $A \times B \neq B \times A$ . And

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

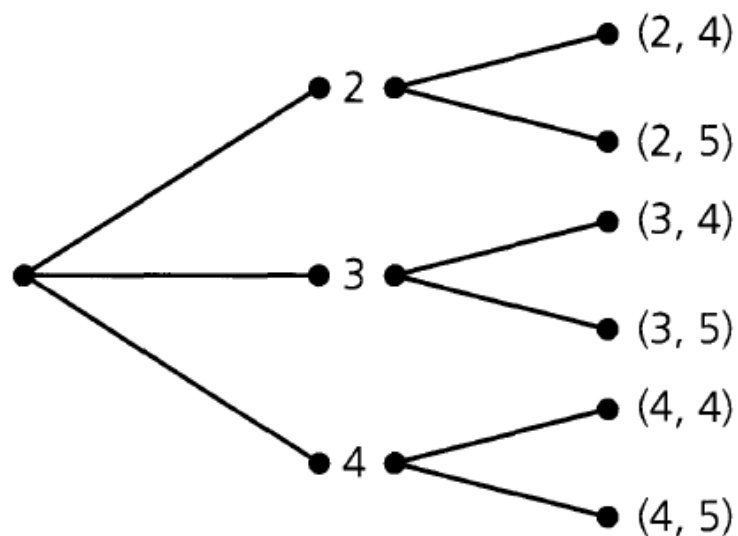
## EXAMPLE 5.2

The set  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} = \{(x, y) | x, y \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is recognized as the real plane of coordinate geometry and two-dimensional calculus.

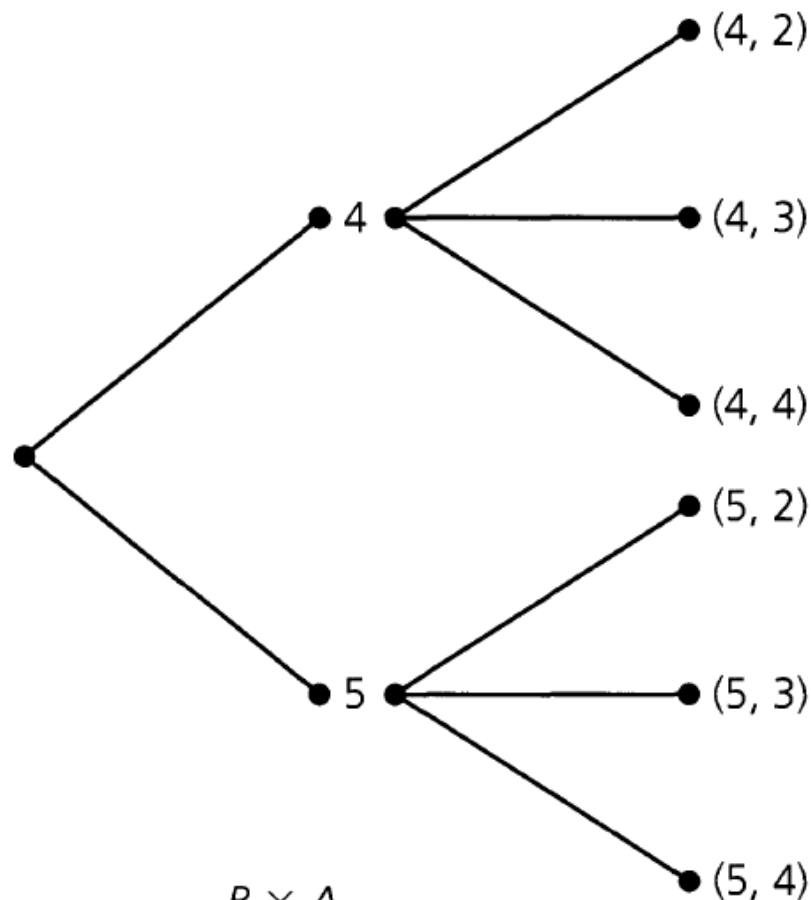


EXAMPLE  
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令  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$  ,  $B = \{4, 5\}$  , 則



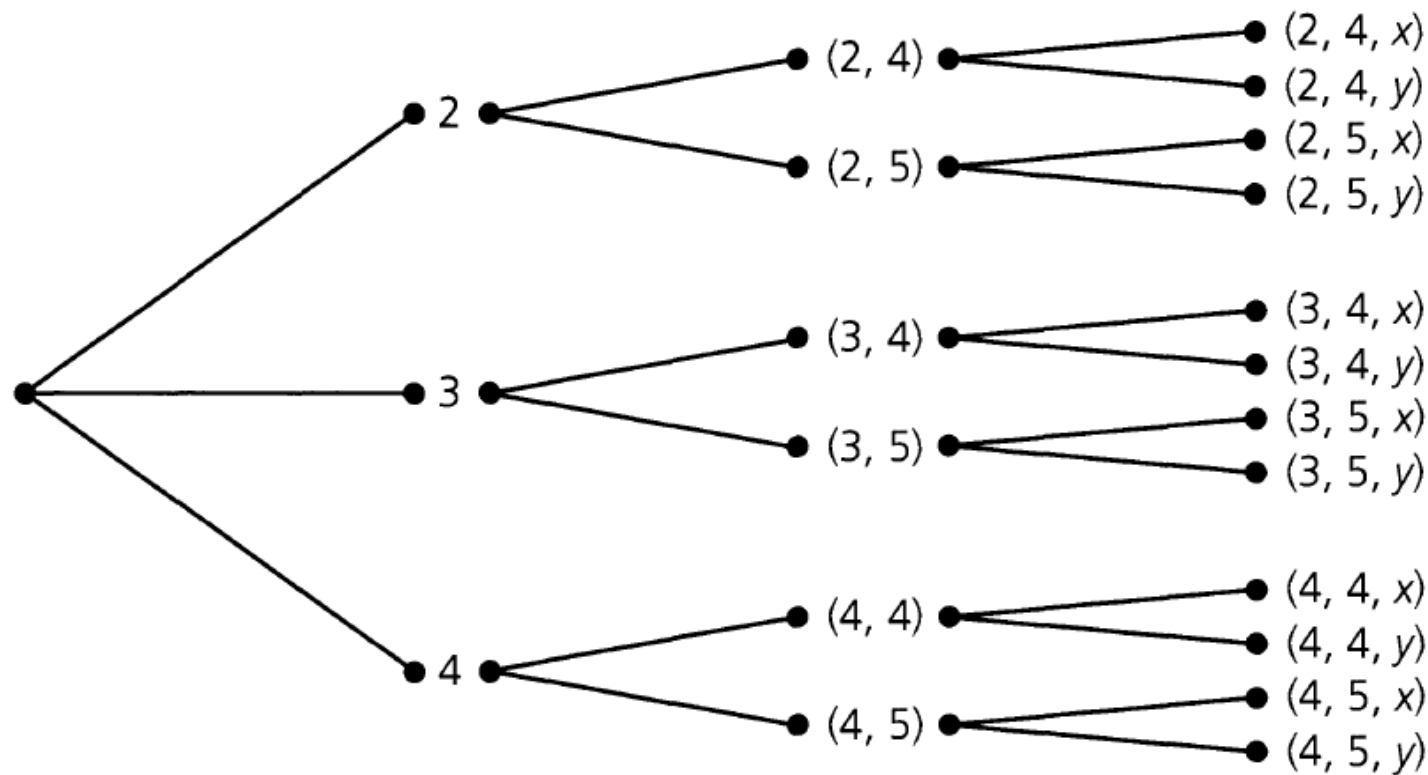
$A \times B$



$B \times A$

EXAMPLE  
5.3  
Cont.

let  $C = \{x, y\}$



$A \times B \times C$

$$|A \times B \times C| = 12 = 3 \times 2 \times 2 =$$



**Definition**  
**5.2**

For sets  $A, B$ , any subset of  $A \times B$  is called a (binary) *relation* from  $A$  to  $B$ . Any subset of  $A \times A$  is called a (binary) *relation* on  $A$ .

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對集合  $A, B$ ,  $A \times B$  的任一子集合被稱為一個由  $A$  到  $B$  的 (二元) 關係 [(binary) relation]。  $A \times A$  的任一子集合被稱為  $A$  上的 (二元) 關係。



**EXAMPLE**  
**5.4**

$$A = \{2, 3, 4\} \text{ , } B = \{4, 5\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 4), (4, 5)\}.$$

Followings are some examples of relations from  $A$  to  $B$ .

a)  $\emptyset$

b)  $\{(2, 4)\}$

c)  $\{(2, 4), (2, 5)\}$

d)  $\{(2, 4), (3, 4), (4, 4)\}$

e)  $\{(2, 4), (3, 4), (4, 5)\}$

f)  $A \times B$

Since  $|A \times B| = 6$ , there are  $2^6$  possible relations from  $A$  to  $B$   
(for there are  $2^6$  possible subsets of  $A \times B$ ).

## EXAMPLE

### 5.4

Cont.

對有限集合  $A$ ,  $B$  具  $|A|=m$  且  $|B|=n$ , 共有  $2^{mn}$  個由  $A$  到  $B$  的關係, 包括空關係及關係  $A \times B$  本身。

亦有  $2^{nm} (=2^{mn})$  個由  $B$  到  $A$  的關係, 其中亦含有  $\emptyset$  及  $B \times A$ 。由  $B$  到  $A$  的關係個數和由  $A$  到  $B$  的關係個數相同的理由是由  $B$  到  $A$  的任一個關係  $\mathcal{R}_1$  可由由  $A$  到  $B$  的一個唯一關係  $\mathcal{R}_2$  得到, 其方法僅是簡單的將  $\mathcal{R}_2$  上的每個序對的分量對調即可 (且反過來亦可)。

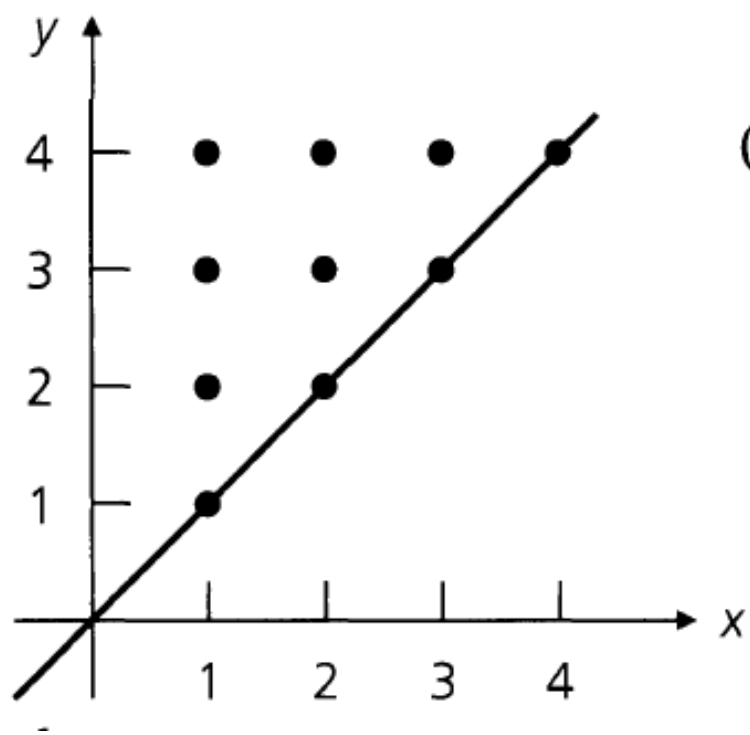
E.g.  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{4, 5\}$

Relations from  $A$  to  $B$   $\{(2, 4), (3, 4), (4, 4)\}$

Relations from  $B$  to  $A$   $\{(4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4)\}$

EXAMPLE  
5.5

With  $A = \mathbf{Z}^+$ , we may define a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on set  $A$  as  $\{(x, y) | x \leq y\}$ .



$(7, 7), (7, 11) \in \mathcal{R}$ , but  $(8, 2) \notin \mathcal{R}$ .

$(7, 11) \in \mathcal{R}$  can also be denoted by  $7 \mathcal{R} 11$ ;

$(8, 2) \notin \mathcal{R}$  becomes

*infix* notation for a relation.

# One observation

For any set  $A$ ,  $A \times \emptyset = \emptyset$ .

(If  $A \times \emptyset \neq \emptyset$ , let  $(a, b) \in A \times \emptyset$ .

Then  $a \in A$  and  $b \in \emptyset$ . Impossible!)

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.6**

## Real-Life Examples of Relations

Student and Grades:  $\{(Alice, 80), (Bob, 75), (Charlie, 90)\}$ .

Temperature and Time:  $\{(8 \text{ am}, 20^{\circ}\text{C}), (12 \text{ pm}, 25^{\circ}\text{C}), (6 \text{ pm}, 18^{\circ}\text{C})\}$ .

A person and his/her FB friends in the class:

$\{(小明, 雅惠), (小明, 志豪), (雅婷, 怡君), (怡君, 雅婷), (志豪, 心怡), \dots\}$ .

What do I get for \$120 in McDonalds?

$\{(安格斯牛肉堡, \$114), (嫩煎鷄腿堡, \$114), (大麥克, \$80), (凱撒辣脆鷄沙拉, \$104), \dots\}$

**THEOREM****5.1**

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對任意集合  $A, B, C \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  :

$$\text{a) } A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

$$\text{b) } A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

$$\text{c) } (A \cap B) \times C = (A \times C) \cap (B \times C)$$

$$\text{d) } (A \cup B) \times C = (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$$

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*Proof:* (a)

For any  $a, b \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $(a, b) \in A \times (B \cap C)$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in A \wedge b \in (B \cap C)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in A, b \in B, b \in C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in (A \times B) \wedge (a, b) \in (A \times C)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

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d)  $(A \cup B) \times C = (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$

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*Proof:* (b)

## 5.2 關係的性質

### EXAMPLE 5.7

1. Let  $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ . For  $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  
the *modulo  $n$  relation*  $\mathcal{R}$  is defined by  $x \mathcal{R} y$   
if  $x - y$  is a multiple of  $n$ .

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Define  $\mathcal{R}$  to be the binary relation on  $\mathbf{Z}$ , such that  $x \mathcal{R} y$  if  
$$x \equiv y \pmod{n}$$

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E.g. With  $n = 7$ ,  $9 \mathcal{R} 2$ ,  $-3 \mathcal{R} 11$ ,  $(14, 0) \in \mathcal{R}$ ,

but  $3 \not\mathcal{R} 7$  (that is, 3 is *not* related to 7).



EXAMPLE  
5.7  
cont.

2. Define  $\mathcal{R}$  to be the binary relation on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ , such that  $A \mathcal{R} B$  if  $A \cap C = B \cap C$ .

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E.g. universe  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

$$C = \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$$

- \* Then the sets  $\{1, 2, 4, 5\}$  and  $\{1, 2, 5, 7\}$  are related since  $\{1, 2, 4, 5\} \cap C = \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2, 5, 7\} \cap C$ .
- \*  $X = \{4, 5\}$  and  $Y = \{7\}$  are related because  $X \cap C = \emptyset = Y \cap C$ .
- \*  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $T = \{1, 2, 3, 6, 7\}$  are not related.  $S \not\mathcal{R} T$  — since  $S \cap C = \{1, 2, 3\} \neq \{1, 2, 3, 6\} = T \cap C$ .

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.8**

- (1) The relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  where  $a\mathcal{R}b$  means  $a \mid b$ .
- (2) The relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\mathbf{Z}$  where  $a\mathcal{R}b$  means  $a \neq b$ .
- (3) The relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\mathbf{Z}$  where  $a\mathcal{R}b$  means  $|a - b| \leq 1$ .

## Definition 5.3

A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on a set  $A$  is called reflexive if for all  $x \in A$ ,  $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ .

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一個集合  $A$  上的關係被稱是**反身的** (reflexive)，若對所有  $x \in A$ ， $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ 。

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EXAMPLE  
5.8  
cont.

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## EXAMPLE 5.9

For  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , a relation  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$  will be reflexive if and only if  $\{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4)\} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$

Consequently,  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$  is not a reflexive relation on  $A$ , whereas  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(x, y) | x, y \in A, x \leq y\}$  is reflexive on  $A$ .

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.10**

Given a finite set  $A$  with  $|A| = n$ , we have  $|A \times A| = n^2$ , so there are  $2^{n^2}$  relations on  $A$ .

How many of these are reflexive?

If  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ , a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is reflexive if and only if  $\{(a_i, a_i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ . Considering the other  $n^2 - n$  ordered pairs in  $A \times A$  [those of the form  $(a_i, a_j)$ , where  $i \neq j$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ] as we construct a reflexive relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$ , we either include or exclude each of these ordered pairs, so by the rule of product there are  $2^{(n^2-n)}$  reflexive relations on  $A$ .

## Definition 5.4

Relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on set  $A$  is called *symmetric* if  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow (y, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ .

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集合  $A$  上的關係  $\mathcal{R}$  被稱為是**對稱的** (symmetric)，若  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow (y, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ ，對所有  $x, y \in A$ 。

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## EXAMPLE 5.11

以  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ，我們有：

- a)  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)\}$ ，是  $A$  上一個對稱的但非反身的關係；  
**symmetric, but not reflexive**
- b)  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3)\}$ ，是  $A$  上一個反身的但非對稱的關係；  
**reflexive, but not symmetric**
- c)  $\mathcal{R}_3 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$  及  $\mathcal{R}_4 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$ ，  
是  $A$  上兩個既反身且對稱的關係； **both reflexive and symmetric**
- d)  $\mathcal{R}_5 = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$  是  $A$  上一個既不反身也不對稱的關係。  
**neither reflexive nor symmetric**



**EXAMPLE**  
**5.12**

To count the symmetric relations on  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ , we write  $A \times A$  as  $A_1 \cup A_2$ , where  $A_1 = \{(a_i, a_i) | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $A_2 = \{(a_i, a_j) | 1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j\}$ , so that every ordered pair in  $A \times A$  is in exactly one of  $A_1, A_2$ . For  $A_2$ ,

$$|A_2| = |A \times A| - |A_1| = n^2 - n = n(n - 1), \text{ an even integer.}$$

The set  $A_2$  contains  $(1/2)(n^2 - n)$  subsets  $S_{ij}$  of the form  $\{(a_i, a_j), (a_j, a_i)\}$  where  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

EXAMPLE  
5.12  
Cont.

In constructing a symmetric relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$ , for each ordered pair in  $A_1$  we have our usual choice of exclusion or inclusion.

For each of the  $(1/2)(n^2 - n)$  subsets  $S_{ij} (1 \leq i < j \leq n)$  taken from  $A_2$  we have the same two choices.

So by the rule of product there are

$$2^n \cdot 2^{(1/2)(n^2-n)} = 2^{(1/2)(n^2+n)} \text{ symmetric relations on } A.$$

EXAMPLE  
5.12  
Cont.

In counting those relations on  $A$  that are both reflexive and symmetric, we have only one choice for each ordered pair in  $A_1$ .

So we have  $2^{(1/2)(n^2-n)}$  relations on  $A$  that are both reflexive and symmetric.

**Definition  
5.5**

For a set  $A$ , a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is called *transitive* if,  
for all  $x, y, z \in A$ ,  $(x, y), (y, z) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow (x, z) \in \mathcal{R}$ .

(So if  $x$  “is related to”  $y$ , and  $y$  “is related to”  $z$ , we want  
 $x$  “related to”  $z$ , with  $y$  playing the role of “intermediary.”)


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對集合  $A$ ， $A$  上的關係  $\mathcal{R}$  被稱是**遞移的** (transitive)，若對所有  $x, y, z \in A$   $(x, y), (y, z) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow (x, z) \in \mathcal{R}$ 。(所以若  $x$  和  $y$  有關係且  $y$  和  $z$  有關係，我們要  $x$  和  $z$  有關係，以  $y$  扮演中間媒介的角色。)

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**EXAMPLE**  
**5.13**

$$x, y \in \mathbf{Z} \quad n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$$

$$x \equiv y \pmod{n}$$


*modulo n relation  $\mathcal{R}$*

defined by  $x \mathcal{R} y$  if  $x - y$  is a multiple of  $n$ .

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relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on the set  $\mathbf{Z}$

$$a \mathcal{R} b \text{ if } a \leq b$$

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Both relations are transitive.

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.14**

Define the relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on the set  $\mathbf{Z}^+$  by

$a \mathcal{R} b$  if  $a$  divides  $b$

$a|b$

that is,  $b = ca$  for some  $c \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ .

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Now if  $x \mathcal{R} y$  and  $y \mathcal{R} z$ , do we have  $x \mathcal{R} z$ ?

$$x \mathcal{R} y \Rightarrow y = sx \text{ for some } s \in \mathbf{Z}^+$$

$$y \mathcal{R} z \Rightarrow z = ty \text{ where } t \in \mathbf{Z}^+$$

Consequently,  $z = ty = t(sx) = (ts)x$  for  $ts \in \mathbf{Z}^+$

so  $x \mathcal{R} z$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive.

In addition,  $\mathcal{R}$  is reflexive, but not symmetric.

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.15**

If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 4), (2, 4)\}$  is a transitive relation on  $A$ ,  
whereas  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 3), (3, 2)\}$  is not transitive  
because  $(1, 3), (3, 2) \in \mathcal{R}_2$  but  $(1, 2) \notin \mathcal{R}_2$ .

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Note:

there is no known general formula for the total number of transitive relations on a finite set.

## Definition 5.6

Given a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on a set  $A$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  is called *antisymmetric* if for all  $a, b \in A$ ,  $(a \mathcal{R} b \text{ and } b \mathcal{R} a) \Rightarrow a = b$ .

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給集合  $A$  上的一個關係  $\mathcal{R}$ ， $\mathcal{R}$  被稱為**反對稱的** (antisymmetric)，若對所有  $a, b \in A$ ， $(a \mathcal{R} b \text{ 且 } b \mathcal{R} a) \Rightarrow a=b$ 。(僅有一個方法我們可同時有  $a$  和  $b$  有關係及  $b$  和  $a$  有關係，此方法是  $a$  和  $b$  為  $A$  上的相同元素。)

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EXAMPLE  
5.16

For a given universal set  $\mathcal{U}$ , a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  defined on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$  is such that  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$ , where  $A, B \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ .

Therefore,  $\mathcal{R}$  is the subset relation from Chapter 3.

If  $A \mathcal{R} B$  and  $B \mathcal{R} A$ , then we have  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ , which gives us  $A = B$ .

Hence, this relation is antisymmetric, reflexive, and transitive but not symmetric.

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.17**

For  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , the relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  given by

$\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 3)\}$  is not symmetric because  $(3, 2) \notin \mathcal{R}$ ,

and it is not antisymmetric because  $(1, 2), (2, 1) \in \mathcal{R}$  but  $1 \neq 2$ .

relation  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}$  is both symmetric and antisymmetric.

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.18**

How many relations on  $A$  are antisymmetric? Writing

$$A \times A = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\} \\ \cup \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2)\},$$

we make two observations as we try to construct an antisymmetric relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$ .

- 1) Each element  $(x, x) \in A \times A$  can be either included or excluded with no concern about whether or not  $\mathcal{R}$  is antisymmetric.

EXAMPLE  
5.18  
Cont.

2) For an element of the form  $(x, y)$ ,  $x \neq y$ , we must consider both  $(x, y)$  and  $(y, x)$  and we note that for  $\mathcal{R}$  to remain antisymmetric we have three alternatives:

- (a) place  $(x, y)$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ ;
- (b) place  $(y, x)$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ ;
- (c) place neither  $(x, y)$  nor  $(y, x)$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ .

So by the rule of product, the number of antisymmetric relations on  $A$  is  $(2^3)(3^3) = (2^3)(3^{(3^2-3)/2})$ .

If  $|A| = n > 0$ , then there are  $(2^n)(3^{(n^2-n)/2})$  antisymmetric relations on  $A$ .

## Definition 5.7

### 偏序

A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on a nonempty set  $A$  is called a *partial ordering* or a *partial-order relation* if  $\mathcal{R}$  is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive.

We often use  $\leq$  to denote a partial ordering, and called  $(A, \leq)$  a *partially ordered set* or a *poset*.

**Definition**  
**5.8**

全序

A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on a set  $A$  is called a *total order*,  
if  $\mathcal{R}$  is partial order and for any  $a, b$  in  $A$ ,  
either  $a\mathcal{R}b$  or  $b\mathcal{R}a$ .

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.19**

The relation  $\mathcal{R}$  defined on the set of  $\mathbf{Z}^+$ , such that  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}$ , if  $x \mid y$ , is a partial order relation.

Reflexive: since for all  $x \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ ,  $x \mid x$ . Thus,  $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ .

Antisymmetric: since for all  $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ , if  $x \mid y$  and  $y \mid x$ , then  $x = y$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{R}$  is antisymmetric.

Transitive: since for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ , if  $x \mid y$  and  $y \mid z$ , then  $x \mid z$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive.

But, the relation  $\mathcal{R}$  is not a total order relation because for example we have neither  $3 \mid 7$  nor  $7 \mid 3$ .

EXAMPLE  
5.20

Define  $A \mathcal{R} B$  to be “set  $A$  is a subset of or is equal to set  $B$ ”  
Then  $\mathcal{R}$  is a partial order on  $\{ \{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\} \}$ .

$$\{\} \mathcal{R} \{\}$$

$$\{1\} \mathcal{R} \{1\}$$

$$\{2\} \mathcal{R} \{2\}$$

$$\{1,2\} \mathcal{R} \{1,2\}$$

Reflexive

Subset is also antisymmetric.

$$\{\} \mathcal{R} \{1\}$$

$$\{\} \mathcal{R} \{2\}$$

$$\{1\} \mathcal{R} \{1,2\}$$

$$\{2\} \mathcal{R} \{1,2\}$$

$$\{\} \mathcal{R} \{1,2\}$$

Transitive

But neither

$\{1\} \mathcal{R} \{2\}$  nor  $\{2\} \mathcal{R} \{1\}$ , so  $\mathcal{R}$  is not a total order on  
 $\{ \{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\} \}$



**Definition  
5.9**

**等價**

An *equivalence relation*  $\mathcal{R}$  on a set  $A$  is a relation that is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

**EXAMPLE  
5.21**

The following are all equivalence relations:

- "equal to" on the set of real numbers.
- "similar to" on the set of all triangles.
- "congruence modulo  $n$ " on the integers.

**EXAMPLE**  
**5. 22**

If  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\},$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\},$$

$$\mathcal{R}_3 = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 3)\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_4 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), \\ (3, 2), (3, 3)\} = A \times A$$

are all equivalence relations on  $A$ .

## 5.3 函數：容易的及一對一

### Definition

#### 5.10

For nonempty sets  $A, B$ , a *function*, or *mapping*,  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$ , denoted  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  in which every element of  $A$  appears **exactly once** as the first component of an ordered pair in the relation.

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對非空集合  $A, B$ ，一個**函數** (function)，或**映射** (mapping)， $f$  由  $A$  到  $B$ ，被表為  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ，是一個由  $A$  到  $B$  的關係，其中  $A$  的每個元素恰出現一次做為關係中序對的第一個分量。

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**EXAMPLE**  
**5.23**

For  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{w, x, y, z\}$ ,  
 $f = \{(1, w), (2, x), (3, x)\}$  is a function,  
and consequently a relation, from  $A$  to  $B$ .

$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, w), (2, x)\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, w), (2, w), (2, x), (3, z)\}$   
are relations, but not functions, from  $A$  to  $B$ . (Why?)

# Notations

$$f: A \rightarrow B$$

We often write  $f(a) = b$

$$a \in A \quad b \in B$$

$(a, b)$  is an ordered pair in the function  $f$

$b$  is called *the image* of  $a$  under  $f$ , whereas  $a$  is a *preimage* of  $b$ .

$$(a, b), (a, c) \in f \text{ implies } b = c.$$

**Definition**  
**5.11**

For the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,

$A$  is called the *domain* of  $f$  and  $B$  the *codomain* of  $f$ .

The subset of  $B$  consisting of those elements that appear as second components in the ordered pairs of  $f$  is called the *range* of  $f$  and is also denoted by  $f(A)$

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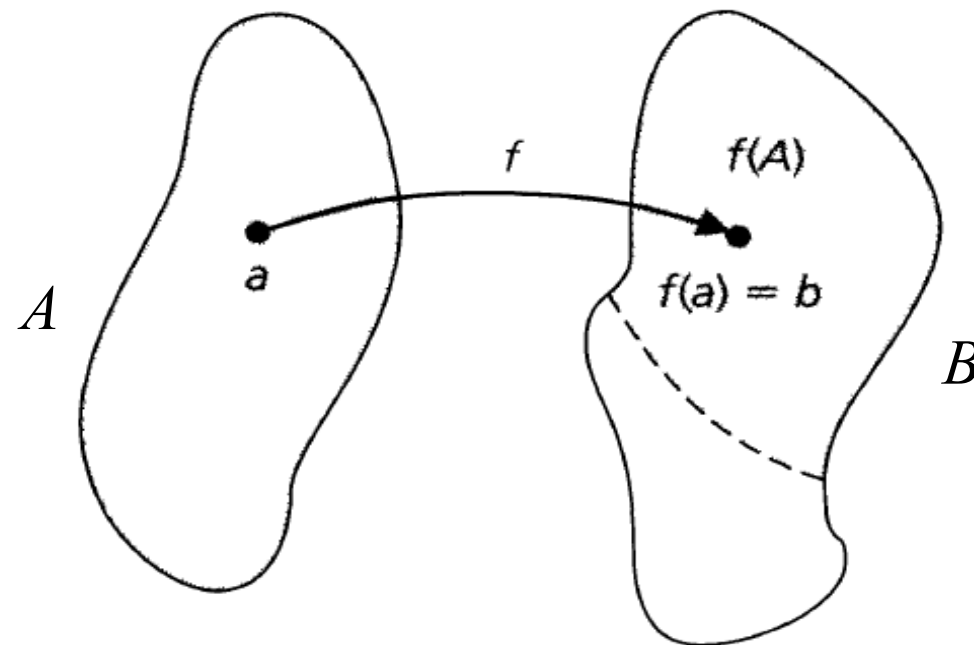
對函數  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ， $A$  被稱為  $f$  的**定義域** (domain) 且  $B$  被稱為  $f$  的**對應域** (codomain)。由  $f$  的所有序對中第二個分量所組成的  $B$  之子集合被稱為  $f$  的**值域** (range) 亦被表為  $f(A)$ ，因為它是 ( $A$  的所有元素) 在  $f$  之下的像所成的集合。

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**EXAMPLE**  
**5.23**  
**Cont.**

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{w, x, y, z\}$ ,  $f = \{(1, w), (2, x), (3, x)\}$

the domain of  $f = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , the codomain of  $f = \{w, x, y, z\}$ ,  
and the range of  $f = f(A) = \{w, x\}$ .



**EXAMPLE**  
**5.24**

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\} \text{ 且 } B = \{w, x, y, z\}$$

In Example 5.23 there are  $2^{12} = 4096$  relations from  $A$  to  $B$ .

How many functions are there from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

Let  $A, B$  be nonempty sets with  $|A| = m, |B| = n$ .

$A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\}$  and  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n\}$ ,

$f: A \rightarrow B$  can be described by

$$\{(a_1, x_1), (a_2, x_2), (a_3, x_3), \dots, (a_m, x_m)\}.$$

We can select any of the  $n$  elements of  $B$  for each  $x_i$ .

So, there are  $n^m = |B|^{|A|}$  functions from  $A$  to  $B$ .

In Example 5.23, there are  functions from  $A$  to  $B$ .



**EXAMPLE**  
**5.25**

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

. The function  $f = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 4)\}$

is a one-to-one function from  $A$  to  $B$ ;

$$g = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$$

is a function from  $A$  to  $B$ ,

. but it fails to be one-to-one because  $g(2) = g(3)$  but  $2 \neq 3$ .

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.26**

Consider the function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  where  $f(x) = 3x + 7$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .

Then for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ , we find that

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 3x_1 + 7 = 3x_2 + 7 \Rightarrow 3x_1 = 3x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2,$$

so the given function  $f$  is one-to-one.

On the other hand, suppose that  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is the function defined by  $g(x) = x^4 - x$  for each real number  $x$ . Then

$$g(0) = (0)^4 - 0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g(1) = (1)^4 - (1) = 1 - 1 = 0.$$

Consequently,  $g$  is *not* one-to-one, since  $g(0) = g(1)$  but  $0 \neq 1$

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.27**

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

there are  $2^{15}$  relations from  $A$  to  $B$  and

there are  $5^3$  functions from  $A$  to  $B$ .

How many of these functions are one-to-one?

With  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\}$  and  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n\}$ , and  $m \leq n$ ,  
a one-to-one function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  has the form

$$\{(a_1, x_1), (a_2, x_2), (a_3, x_3), \dots, (a_m, x_m)\}.$$

There are  $n$  choices for  $x_1$  (that is, any element of  $B$ ),

$n - 1$  choices for  $x_2$ ,

$n - 2$  choices for  $x_3$ , and so on,

EXAMPLE  
5.27  
Cont.

$n - (m - 1) = n - m + 1$  choices for  $x_m$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} n(n-1)(n-2) \cdots (n-m+1) &= \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} = P(n, m) \\ &= P(|B|, |A|). \end{aligned}$$

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

Answer: there are  one-to-one functions  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

**Definition  
5.12**

If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $A_1 \subseteq A$ , then

$$f(A_1) = \{b \in B \mid b = f(a), \text{ for some } a \in A_1\},$$

and  $f(A_1)$  is called the *image of  $A_1$  under  $f$* .

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若  $f: A \rightarrow B$  且  $A_1 \subseteq A$ ，則

$$f(A_1) = \{ b \in B \mid b = f(a), \text{ 對某些 } a \in A_1 \},$$

且  $f(A_1)$  被稱為  $A_1$  在  $f$  之下的像集

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**EXAMPLE**  
**5.28**

對  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  且  $B = \{w, x, y, z\}$ ，令  $f: A \rightarrow B$  被給為  $f = \{(1, w), (2, x), (3, x), (4, y), (5, y)\}$ ，則對  $A_1 = \{1\}$ ， $A_2 = \{1, 2\}$ ， $A_3 = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ， $A_4 = \{2, 3\}$ ，及  $A_5 = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ，我們發現下面它們在  $f$  之下對應的像集。

$$f(A_1) = \{f(a) | a \in A_1\} = \{f(a) | a \in \{1\}\} = \{f(a) | a = 1\} = \{f(1)\} = \{w\};$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(A_2) &= \{f(a) | a \in A_2\} = \{f(a) | a \in \{1, 2\}\} = \{f(a) | a = 1 \text{ 或 } 2\} \\ &= \{f(1), f(2)\} = \{w, x\}; \end{aligned}$$

$$f(A_3) = \{f(1), f(2), f(3)\} = \{w, x\},$$

$$f(A_3) = f(A_2)$$

$$f(A_4) = \{x\};$$

$$f(A_5) = \{x, y\}.$$

**THEOREM**  
**5.2**

Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , with  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq A$ . Then

**a)**  $f(A_1 \cup A_2) = f(A_1) \cup f(A_2);$

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**b)**  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subseteq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2);$

**c)**  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$  when  $f$  is one-to-one.

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*Proof:* (b)

For each  $b \in B$ ,  $b \in f(A_1 \cap A_2) \Rightarrow b = f(a)$ , for some  $a \in A_1 \cap A_2$   
 $\Rightarrow [b = f(a) \text{ for some } a \in A_1] \text{ and } [b = f(a) \text{ for some } a \in A_2]$   
 $\Rightarrow b \in f(A_1) \text{ and } b \in f(A_2)$   
 $\Rightarrow b \in f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$ , so  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subseteq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$ .

**THEOREM**  
**5.2**

Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , with  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq A$ . Then

**a)**  $f(A_1 \cup A_2) = f(A_1) \cup f(A_2);$

**b)**  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) \subseteq f(A_1) \cap f(A_2);$

**c)**  $f(A_1 \cap A_2) = f(A_1) \cap f(A_2)$  when  $f$  is one-to-one.

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*Proof:* (c)



## 5.4 映成函數

### Definition 5.13

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is called *onto*, or *surjective*, if  $f(A) = B$  — that is, if for all  $b \in B$  there is at least one  $a \in A$  with  $f(a) = b$ .

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函數  $f: A \rightarrow B$  被稱為**映成** (onto) 或**蓋射** (surjective)，若  $f(A)=B$ ，即若對所有  $b \in B$ ，至少存在一個  $a \in A$  使得  $f(a)=b$ 。

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EXAMPLE  
5.29

If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{x, y, z\}$ , then

$$f_1 = \{(1, z), (2, y), (3, x), (4, y)\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$f_2 = \{(1, x), (2, x), (3, y), (4, z)\}$$

are both functions from  $A$  *onto*  $B$ .

However, the function  $g = \{(1, x), (2, x), (3, y), (4, y)\}$  is not *onto*.

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If  $A, B$  are finite sets, then for an onto function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  to possibly exist we must have

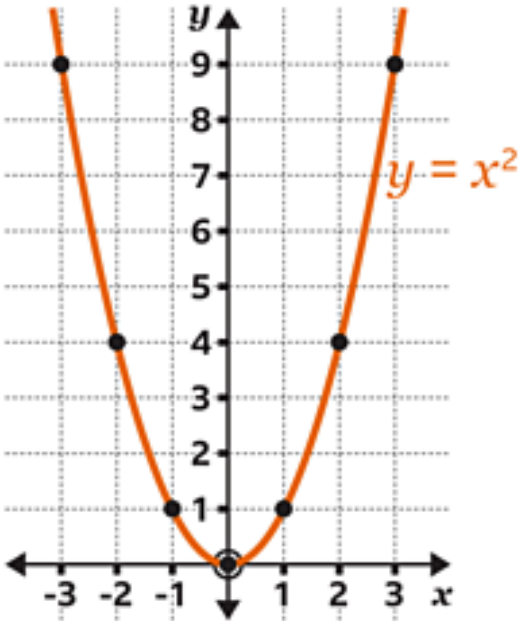
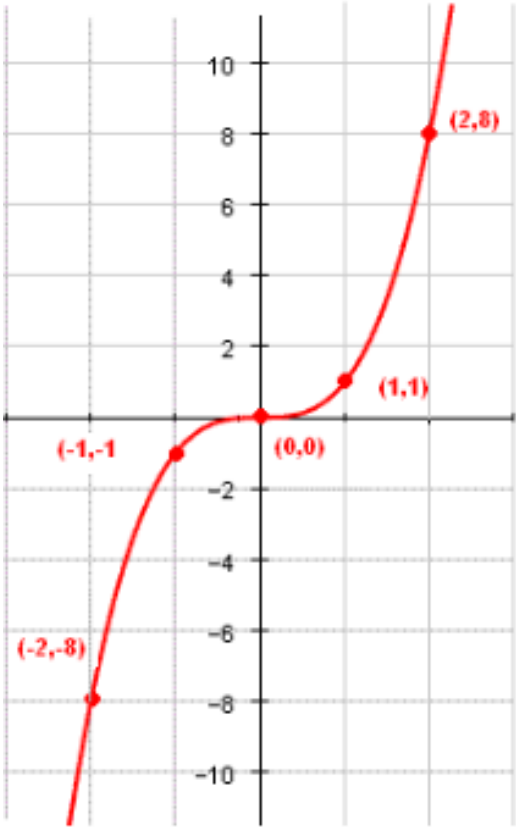


**EXAMPLE**  
**5.30**

函數  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  被定義為  $f(x)=x^3$  是一個映成函數。

函數  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ，其中  $g(x)=x^2$  對每個實數  $x$ ，不是一個映成函數。

函數  $h: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  定義為  $h(x)=x^2$  是一個映成函數。



EXAMPLE  
5.31

If  $A = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$ , then all functions  $f: A \rightarrow B$  are onto except  $f_1 = \{(x, 1), (y, 1), (z, 1)\}$ , and  $f_2 = \{(x, 2), (y, 2), (z, 2)\}$ , the *constant* functions.

So there are  $|B|^{|A|} - 2 = 2^3 - 2 = 6$  onto functions from  $A$  to  $B$ .

In general, if  $|A| = m \geq 2$  and  $|B| = 2$ , then there are  $2^m - 2$  onto functions from  $A$  to  $B$ .

EXAMPLE  
5.31  
Cont.

$A = \{w, x, y, z\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , there are  $3^4$  functions from  $A$  to  $B$ .

Considering subsets of  $B$  of size 2,

there are  $2^4$  functions from  $A$  to  $\{1, 2\}$ ,

$2^4$  functions from  $A$  to  $\{2, 3\}$ ,

and  $2^4$  functions from  $A$  to  $\{1, 3\}$ .

So we have  $3(2^4) = \binom{3}{2}2^4$  functions from  $A$  to  $B$   
that are definitely not onto.

EXAMPLE  
5.31  
Cont.

we must realize that not all of these  $\binom{3}{2}2^4$  functions are distinct.

when we consider all the functions from  $A$  to  $\{1, 2\}$ ,  
we are removing, among these, the function  
 $\{(w, 2), (x, 2), (y, 2), (z, 2)\}$ .

considering the functions from  $A$  to  $\{2, 3\}$ .

we remove the same function:  $\{(w, 2), (x, 2), (y, 2), (z, 2)\}$ .

**EXAMPLE**

5.31

Cont.

Consequently, in the result  $3^4 - \binom{3}{2}2^4$ ,

we have twice removed each of the constant functions where  $f(A)$  is one of the sets  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{2\}$ , or  $\{3\}$ .

Thus, there are

$$3^4 - \binom{3}{2}2^4 + 3 = \binom{3}{3}3^4 - \binom{3}{2}2^4 + \binom{3}{1}1^4 = 36 \text{ onto functions}$$

from  $A$  to  $B$ .

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$$|A| = m \geq 3$$

$$\binom{3}{3}3^m - \binom{3}{2}2^m + \binom{3}{1}1^m$$

**EXAMPLE**  
**5.31**  
**Cont.**

對有限集合  $A$ ， $B$  具  $|A|=m$  且  $|B|=n$ ，有

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n}{n}n^m - \binom{n}{n-1}(n-1)^m + \binom{n}{n-2}(n-2)^m - \dots \\ + (-1)^{n-2}\binom{n}{2}2^m + (-1)^{n-1}\binom{n}{1}1^m = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^k \binom{n}{n-k} (n-k)^m \\ = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{n-k} (n-k)^m \end{aligned}$$

個由  $A$  到  $B$  的映成函數。



**EXAMPLE**  
**5.32**

令  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  且  $B = \{w, x, y, z\}$ 。以  $m=7$  及  $n=4$  應用一般公式，我們發現有

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{4}{4}4^7 - \binom{4}{3}3^7 + \binom{4}{2}2^7 - \binom{4}{1}1^7 &= \sum_{k=0}^3 (-1)^k \binom{4}{4-k} (4-k)^7 \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^4 (-1)^k \binom{4}{4-k} (4-k)^7 = 8400 \end{aligned}$$

個由  $A$  映成  $B$  的函數。

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## 5.5 函數合成及反函數

### Definition 5.14

If  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , then  $f$  is said to be *bijective*,  
or to be a *one-to-one correspondence*, if  
 $f$  is both one-to-one and onto.

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若  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ，則  $f$  被稱為單蓋射 (bijective)，或為一對一對應 (one-to-one correspondence)，若  $f$  同時為一對一且映成。

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**EXAMPLE**  
**5.33**

If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{w, x, y, z\}$ ,

then  $f = \{(1, w), (2, x), (3, y), (4, z)\}$  is a one-to-one correspondence from  $A$  (on)to  $B$ , and  $g = \{(w, 1), (x, 2), (y, 3), (z, 4)\}$  is a one-to-one correspondence from  $B$  (on)to  $A$ .

**Definition**  
**5.15**

The function  $1_A: A \rightarrow A$ , defined by  $1_A(a) = a$  for all  $a \in A$ , is called the *identity function* for  $A$ .

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函數  $1_A: A \rightarrow A$ ，定義為  $1_A(a) = a$  對所有  $a \in A$ ，被稱為  $A$  的**恒等函數** (identity function)。

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**Definition**  
**5.16**

If  $f, g: A \rightarrow B$ , we say that  $f$  and  $g$  are *equal* and write  $f = g$ , if  $f(a) = g(a)$  for all  $a \in A$ .

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若  $f, g: A \rightarrow B$ ，我們稱  $f$  和  $g$  為**相等** (equal) 且記  $f = g$ ，若  $f(a) = g(a)$  對所有  $a \in A$ 。

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**EXAMPLE**  
**5.34**

Let  $f: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $g: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$  where  $f(x) = x = g(x)$ , for all  $x \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

Then  $f$ ,  $g$  share the common domain  $\mathbf{Z}$ , have the same range  $\mathbf{Z}$ , and act the same on every element of  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

But,  $f \neq g$ ! Here  $f$  is a one-to-one correspondence,  
whereas  $g$  is one-to-one but not onto;

EXAMPLE  
5.35

Consider the functions  $f, g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \in \mathbf{Z} \\ \lfloor x \rfloor + 1, & \text{if } x \in \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Z} \end{cases} \qquad g(x) = \lceil x \rceil, \text{ for all } x \in \mathbf{R}$$

If  $x \in \mathbf{Z}$ , then  $f(x) = x = \lceil x \rceil = g(x)$ .

For  $x \in \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Z}$ , write  $x = n + r$  where  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $0 < r < 1$ .

Then  $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor + 1 = n + 1 = \lceil x \rceil = g(x)$ .

Consequently, even though  $f, g$  are defined by *different* formulas, they are the *same* function — because they have the same domain and codomain and  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x$  in the domain  $\mathbf{R}$ .

**Definition**  
**5.17**

If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ , we define the *composite function*, which is denoted  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ , by  $(g \circ f)(a) = g(f(a))$ , for each  $a \in A$ .

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若  $f: A \rightarrow B$  且  $g: B \rightarrow C$ ，我們定義**合成函數** (composite function)，其被表為  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ ，為  $(g \circ f)(a) = g(f(a))$ ，對每個  $a \in A$ 。

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**EXAMPLE**  
**5.36**

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, c\}$ , and  $C = \{w, x, y, z\}$

with  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  given by

$$f = \{(1, a), (2, a), (3, b), (4, c)\} \text{ and}$$

$$g = \{(a, x), (b, y), (c, z)\}.$$

For each element of  $A$  we find:

$$(g \circ f)(1) = g(f(1)) = g(a) = x \qquad (g \circ f)(3) = g(f(3)) = g(b) = y$$

$$(g \circ f)(2) = g(f(2)) = g(a) = x \qquad (g \circ f)(4) = g(f(4)) = g(c) = z$$

So  $g \circ f =$

*Note:* The composition  $f \circ g$  is *not* defined.



**EXAMPLE**  
**5.37**

Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $g(x) = x + 5$ .

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x^2) = x^2 + 5,$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x + 5) = (x + 5)^2 = x^2 + 10x + 25.$$

$$(g \circ f)(1) = 6 \neq 36 = (f \circ g)(1)$$

the composition of functions is not a commutative operation.

<b>THEOREM</b> <b>5.3</b>
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Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ .

- a)** If  $f$  and  $g$  are one-to-one, then  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one.
- b)** If  $f$  and  $g$  are onto, then  $g \circ f$  is onto.

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*Proof:*

**a)** let  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  with  $(g \circ f)(a_1) = (g \circ f)(a_2)$ .

$$\Rightarrow g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a_1) = f(a_2), \text{ because } g \text{ is one-to-one.}$$

Also,  $f(a_1) = f(a_2) \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$ , because  $f$  is one-to-one.

Consequently,  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one.

<b>THEOREM</b> <b>5.3</b>
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Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ .

- a)** If  $f$  and  $g$  are one-to-one, then  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one.
  - b)** If  $f$  and  $g$  are onto, then  $g \circ f$  is onto.
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*Proof:*

- b)** For  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ , let  $z \in C$ .

Since  $g$  is onto, there exists  $y \in B$  with  $g(y) = z$ .

With  $f$  onto and  $y \in B$ , there exists  $x \in A$  with  $f(x) = y$ .

Hence  $z = g(y) = g(f(x)) = (g \circ f)(x)$ ,

so the range of  $g \circ f = C =$  the codomain of  $g \circ f$ ,  
and  $g \circ f$  is onto.

**EXAMPLE**  
**5. 38**

Let  $f, g, h: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,

where  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $g(x) = x + 5$ , and  $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 2}$ .

Then  $((h \circ g) \circ f)(x)$

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

$$= (h \circ g)(x^2)$$

$$= h(g(x^2))$$

$$= h(x^2 + 5)$$

$$= \sqrt{(x^2 + 5)^2 + 2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^4 + 10x^2 + 27}.$$

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

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

$$= h(g(f(x)))$$

$$= h(g(x^2))$$

$$= h(x^2 + 5)$$

$$= \sqrt{(x^2 + 5)^2 + 2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^4 + 10x^2 + 27}$$

$(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f)$  is true in general.

**Definition  
5.18**

If  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , then  $f$  is said to be *invertible* if there is a function  $g: B \rightarrow A$  such that

$$g \circ f = 1_A \text{ and } f \circ g = 1_B.$$

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若  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ，則  $f$  被稱為**可逆** (invertible) 若存在一個函數  $g: B \rightarrow A$  滿足  $g \circ f = 1_A$  及  $f \circ g = 1_B$ 。

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**THEOREM**  
**5.4**

If a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is invertible  
and a function  $g: B \rightarrow A$  satisfies  $g \circ f = 1_A$  and  $f \circ g = 1_B$ ,  
then this function  $g$  is unique.

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*Proof:*

If  $g$  is not unique, then there is another function  
 $h: B \rightarrow A$  with  $h \circ f = 1_A$  and  $f \circ h = 1_B$ .

Consequently,

$$h = h \circ 1_B = h \circ (f \circ g) = (h \circ f) \circ g = 1_A \circ g = g.$$

**THEOREM**  
**5.5**

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is invertible if and only if it is one-to-one and onto.

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*Proof:* Assuming that  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is invertible, we have a unique function  $g: B \rightarrow A$  with  $g \circ f = 1_A$ ,  $f \circ g = 1_B$ .

If  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  with  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ , then  $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$ , or  $(g \circ f)(a_1) = (g \circ f)(a_2)$ .

With  $g \circ f = 1_A$  it follows that  $a_1 = a_2$ , so  $f$  is one-to-one.

**THEOREM**  
**5.5**

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is invertible if and only if it is one-to-one and onto.

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*Proof:* (cont.)

For the onto property, let  $b \in B$ .

Then  $g(b) \in A$ , so we can talk about  $f(g(b))$ .

Since  $f \circ g = 1_B$ , we have  $b = 1_B(b) = (f \circ g)(b) = f(g(b))$ ,  
so  $f$  is onto.

Conversely, suppose  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is bijective.

Since  $f$  is onto, for each  $b \in B$  there is an  $a \in A$  with  $f(a) = b$ .

Consequently, we define the function  $g: B \rightarrow A$  by  $g(b) = a$ ,  
where  $f(a) = b$ .



**THEOREM**  
**5.5**

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is invertible if and only if it is one-to-one and onto.

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*Proof:* (cont.)

This definition yields a unique function.

The only problem that could arise is if

$$g(b) = a_1 \neq a_2 = g(b) \quad \text{because } f(a_1) = b = f(a_2).$$

However, this situation cannot arise because  $f$  is one-to-one.

Our definition of  $g$  is such that  $g \circ f = 1_A$  and  $f \circ g = 1_B$ ,  
so we find that  $f$  is invertible, with  $g = f^{-1}$ .