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CS215 DISCRETE MATH

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Rules of Inference for Propositional Logic

- **modus ponens** (*law of detachment*) 肯定前件式

  $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$

- **modus tollens** 否定后件式

  $(\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$

- **hypothetical syllogism** 假言三段论

  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

- **disjunctive syllogism** 选言三段论

  $(\neg p \wedge (p \vee q)) \rightarrow q$

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- **Addition**

  $p \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

- **Simplication**

  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$

- **Conjunction**

  $((p) \wedge (q)) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$

- **Resolution**

  $((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r)) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$

Rules of Inference for Quantified Statements

- **Universal Instantiation** (UI)

$$\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(c)}$$

- **Universal Generalization** (UG)

$$\frac{P(c) \text{ for an arbitrary } c}{\therefore \forall x P(x)}$$

- **Existential Instantiation** (EI)

$$\frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some element } c}$$

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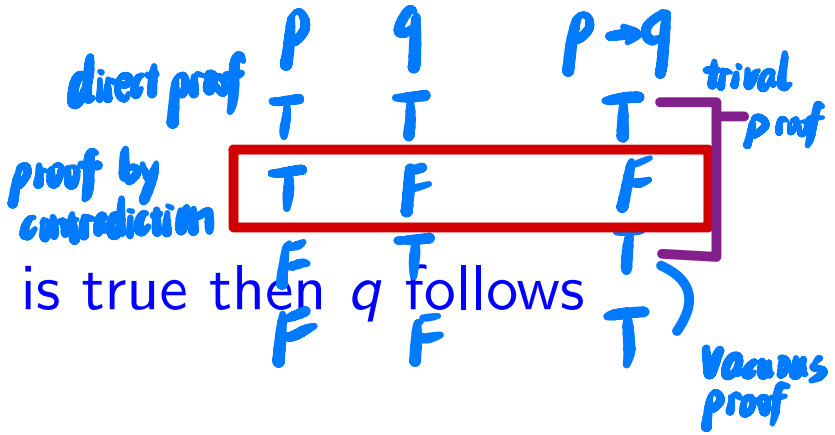
Methods of Proving Theorems

- Basic methods to prove theorems:
  - ◇ *direct proof*
    - $p \to q$ is proved by showing that if p is true then q follows
  - ◇ *proof by contrapositive*
    - show the contrapositive $\neg q \to \neg p$
  - ◇ *proof by contradiction*
    - show that $(p \wedge \neg q)$ contradicts the assumptions
  - ◇ *proof by cases*
    - give proofs for all possible cases
  - ◇ *proof of equivalence*
    - $p \leftrightarrow q$ is replaced with $(p \to q) \wedge (q \to p)$



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◇ proof of $p \rightarrow q$: direct proof ①　逆否命题

◇ proof of $q \rightarrow p$: proof by contrapositive ②

① $n = 2k+1$　$n^2 = 2k^2+1$

② n is even $\rightarrow$ n^2 is even

$n = 2k$　$n^2 = 4k^2 = 2 \cdot (2k^2)$

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Proofs with Quantifiers

- **Universally quantified statements**

  ◇ prove the property holds for all examples

  – proof by cases to divide the proof into different parts

  ◇ counterexamples

  – disprove universal statements

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- **Existence proof**

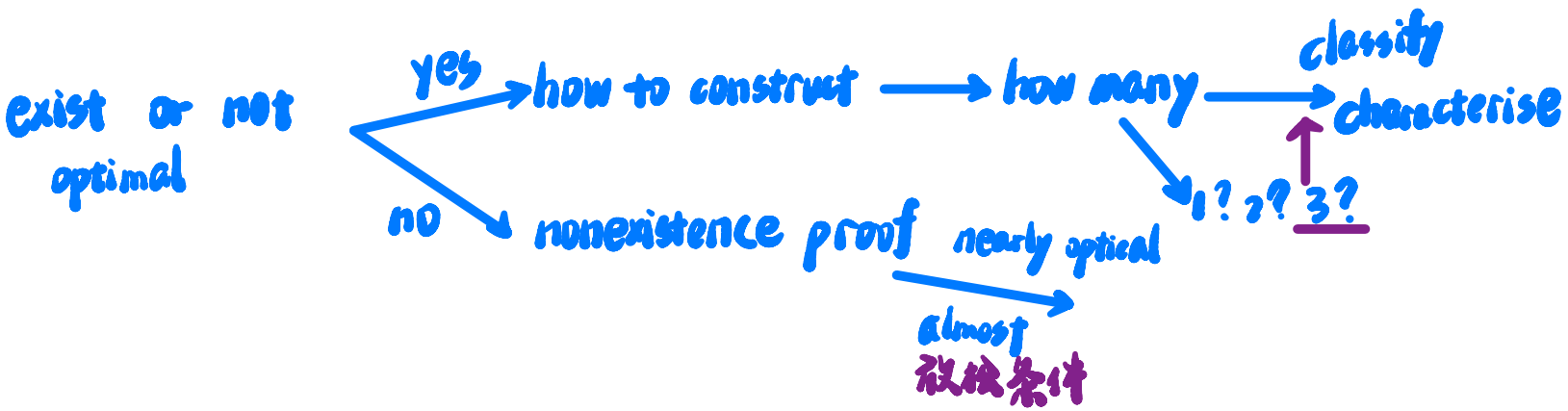
  ◇ constructive

  – find a specific example to show the statement holds

  the probabilistic method 概率方法

  ◇ nonconstructive

  – proof by contradiction



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不能写成 $\frac{p}{q}$ p,q 都是 $q \neq 0$ 的形式

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Suppose that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational. Then there exist two integers m and n such that $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ and $\sqrt{2} = m/n$. We have then $m^2 = 2n^2$. It then follows that m is even. Let $m = 2k$ for some integer k. It then follows that $n^2 = 2k^2$. Hence, n is also even. This means $\gcd(m, n)$ must have a factor 2, which contradicts to the assumption that $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

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Suppose that there are only a finite number of primes. Then some prime number p is the largest of all the prime numbers, and we can list the prime numbers in ascending order:

$$2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \ldots, p.$$

Let $n = (2 \times 3 \times 5 \times \cdots \times p) + 1$. Then $n > 1$, and n cannot be divided by any prime number in the list above. This means that n is also a prime. Clearly, n is larger than all the primes in the list above. This is contrary to the assumption that all primes are in the list.

可证 $mk+n$，$(m,n)=1$ 形式的素数有无穷多个

Words from Dijkstra

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Edsger W. Dijkstra
(1930–2002)

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- **Representing a set by**:
  - listing (enumerating) the elements
  - if enumeration is hard, use ellipses ($\ldots$)
  - definition by property, using the set builder

$$\{x \mid x \text{ has property } P\ (P(x))\}$$

Important sets

- Natural numbers:
  - $\mathbf{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$
- Integers:
  - $\mathbf{Z} = \{\ldots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$
- Positive integers:
  - $\mathbf{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$
- Rational numbers:
  - $\mathbf{Q} = \{\frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbf{Z}, q \in \mathbf{Z}, q \neq 0\}$
- Real numbers:
  - $\mathbf{R}$
- Complex numbers:
  - $\mathbf{C}$

Interval Notation and Equality

- $[a, b] = \{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$
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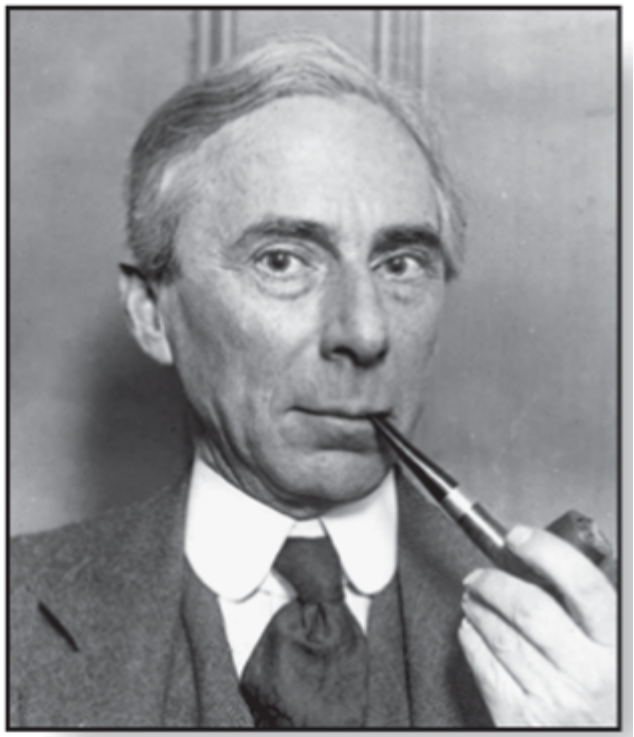

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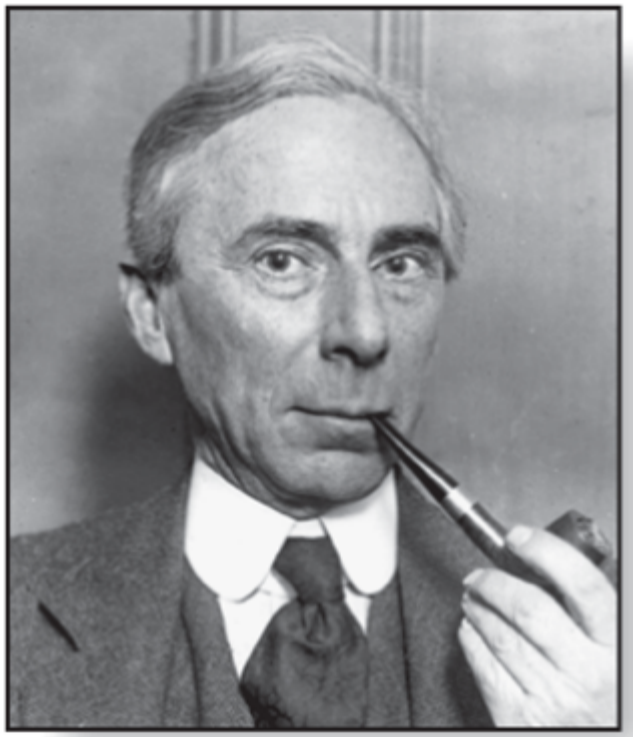

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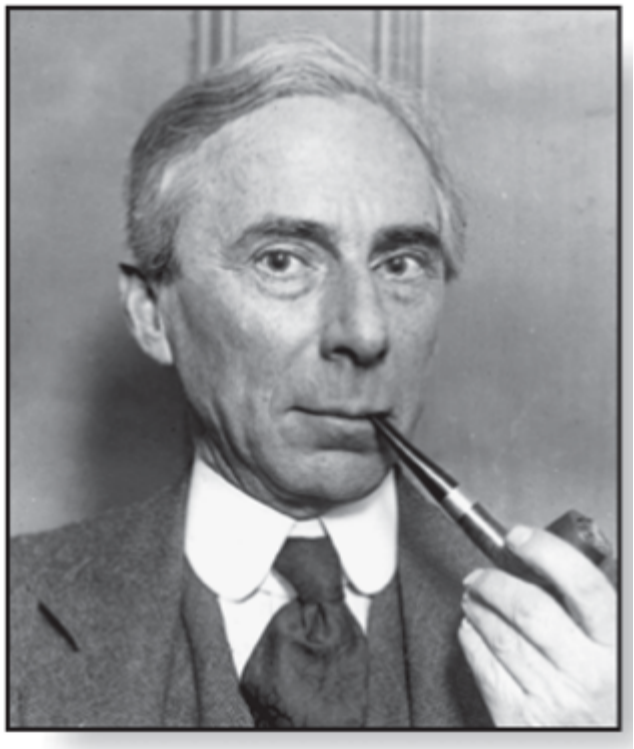

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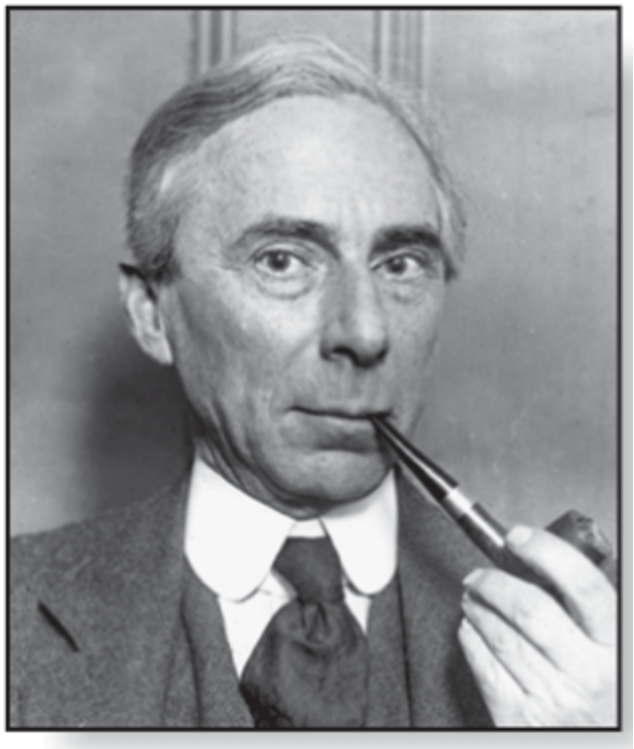
  Answer: axiomatic set theory (out of range)



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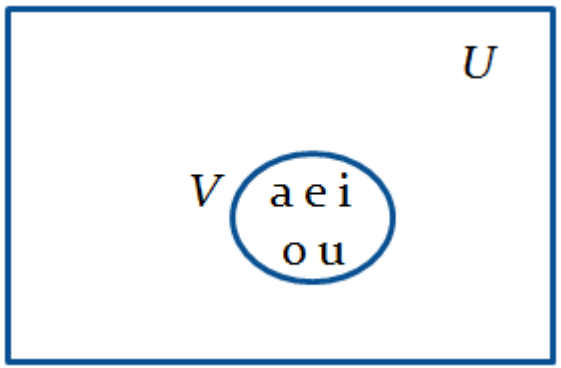

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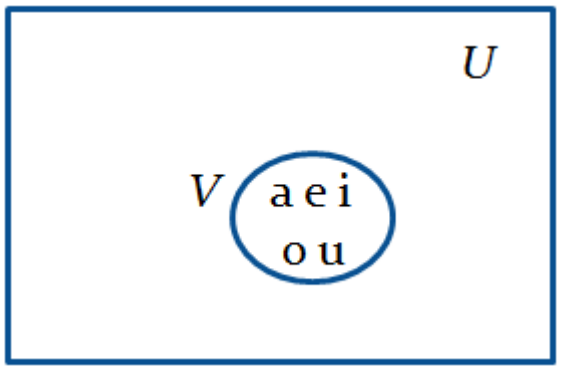

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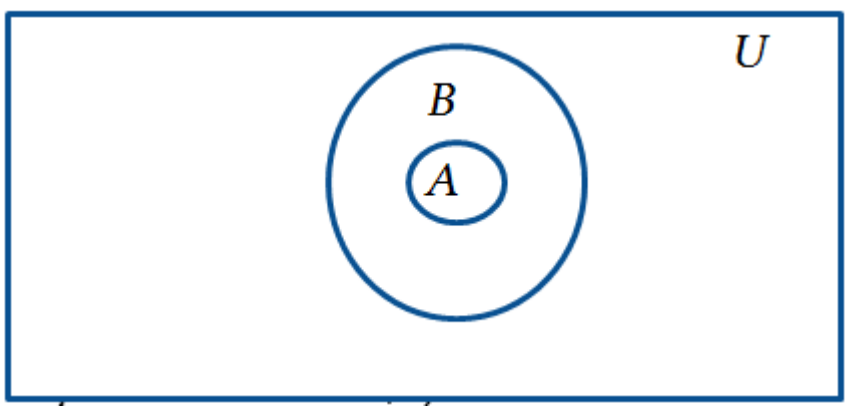

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$A = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots, 20\}$ ($|A| = 20$)

$B = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ (infinite)

$|\emptyset| = 0$

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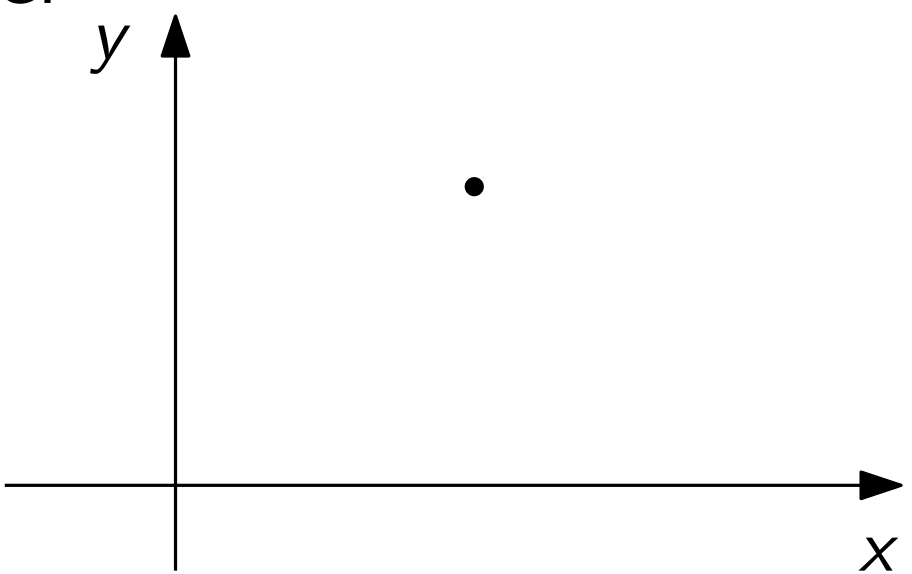

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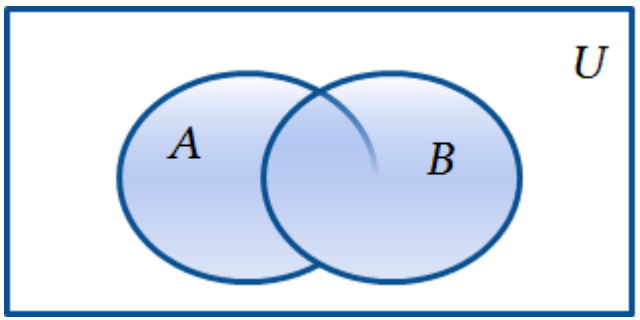

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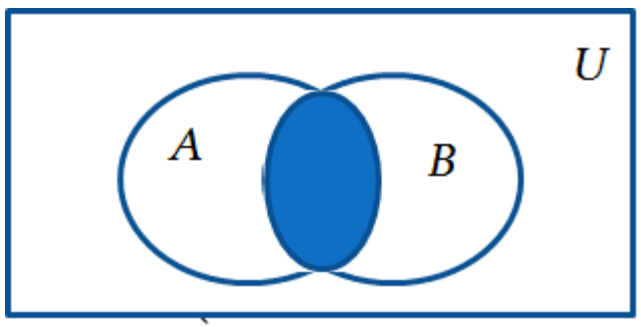

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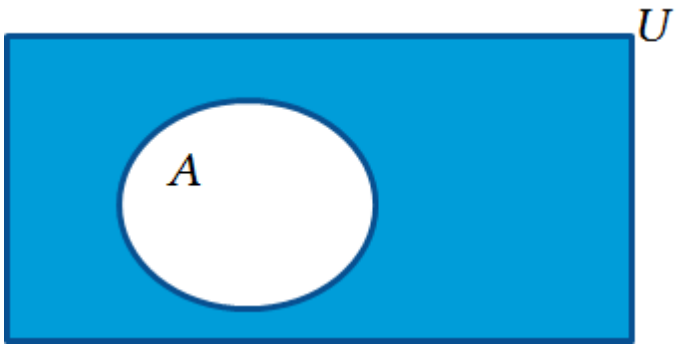

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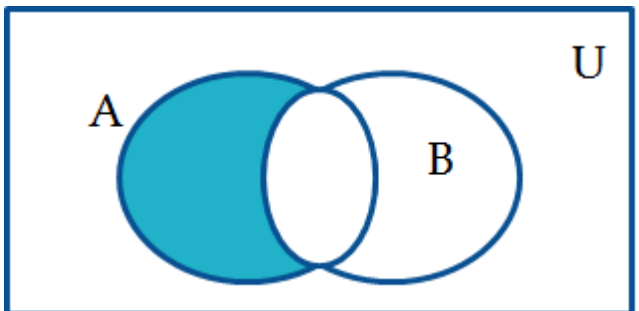

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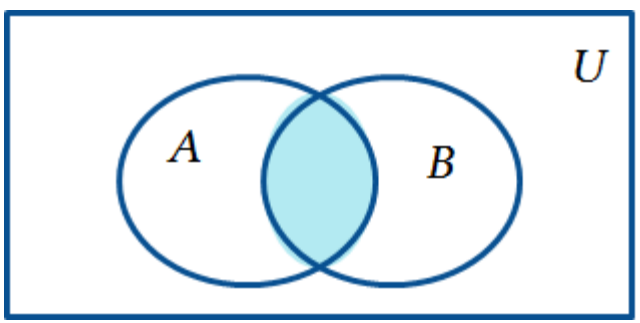

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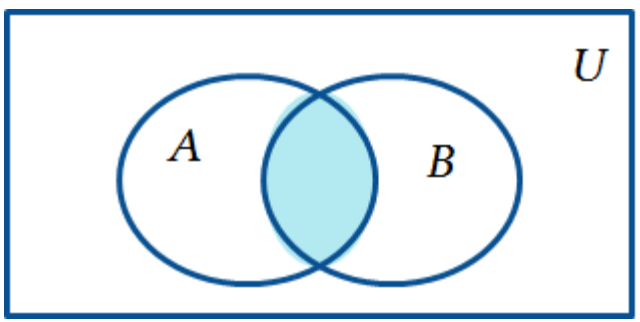

the principle of inclusion and exclusion

Review Questions

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2. $A \cap B$
3. $\bar{A}$
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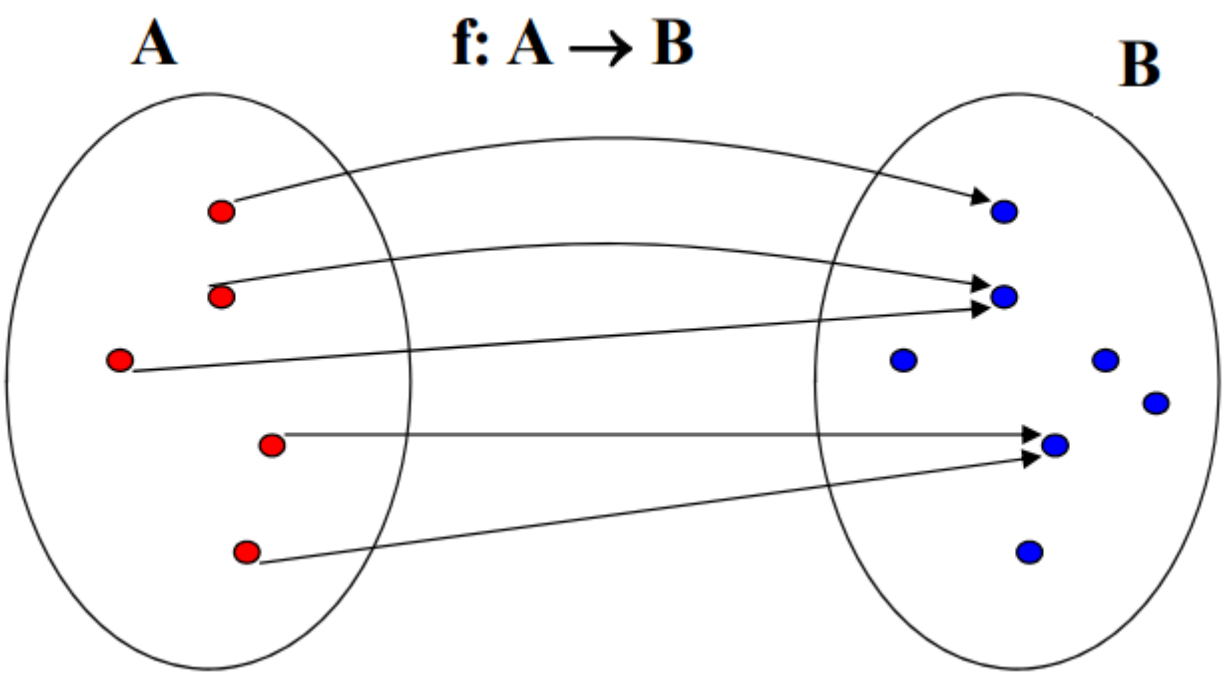

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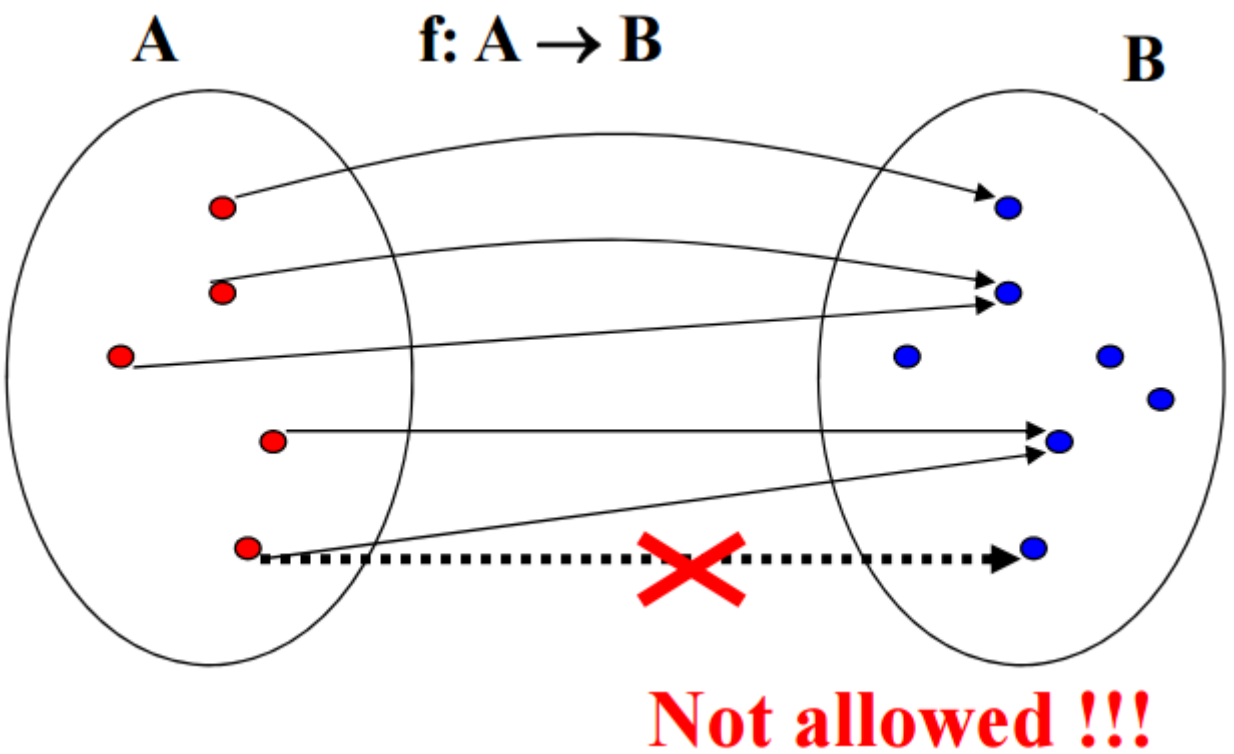

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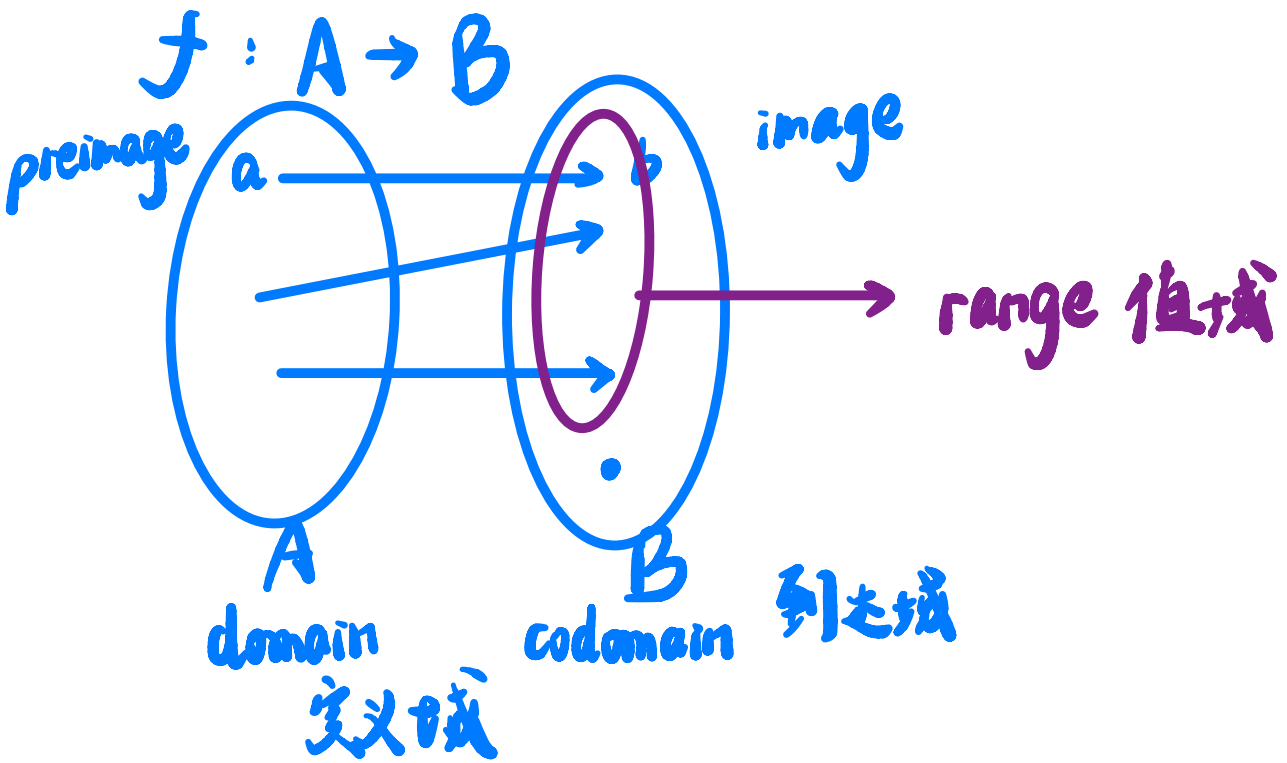

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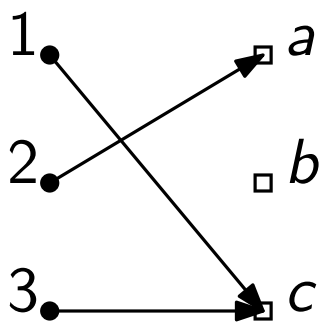

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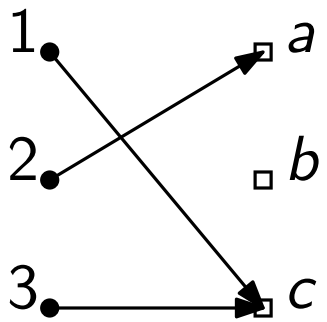

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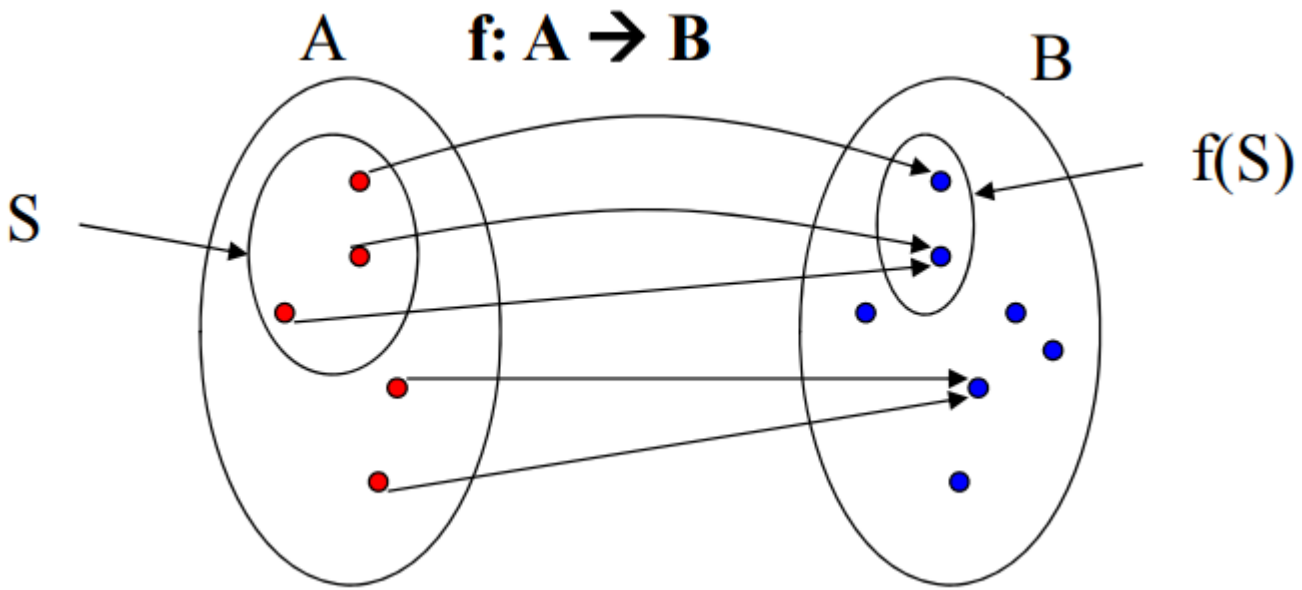

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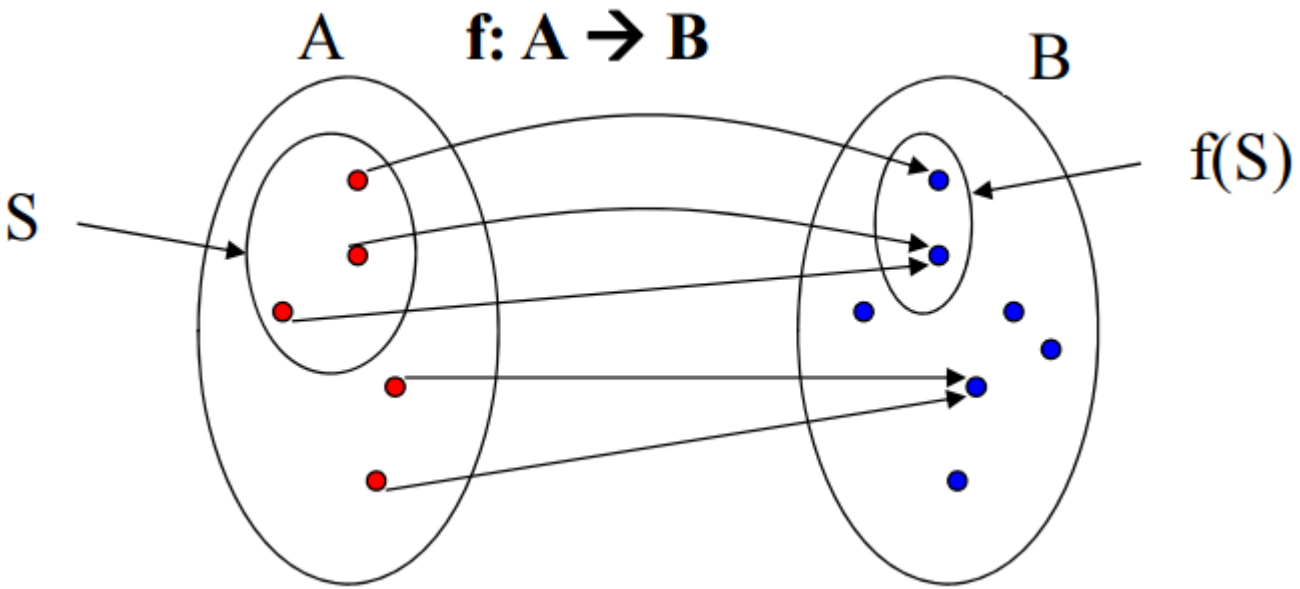

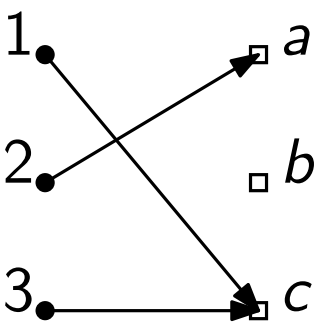

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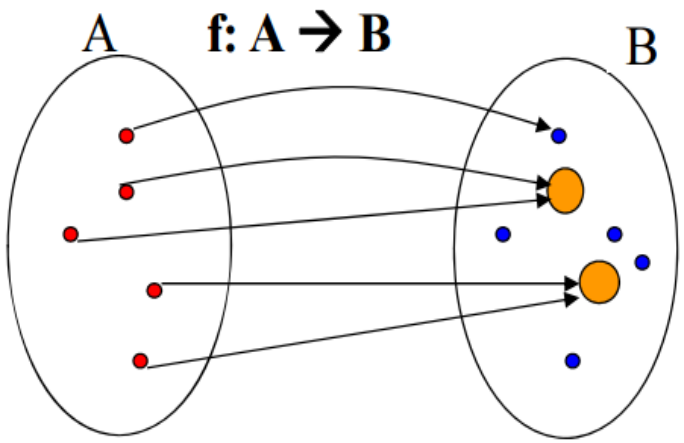

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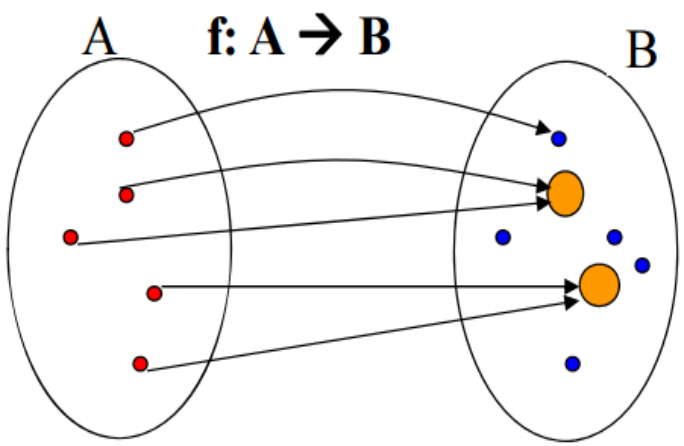

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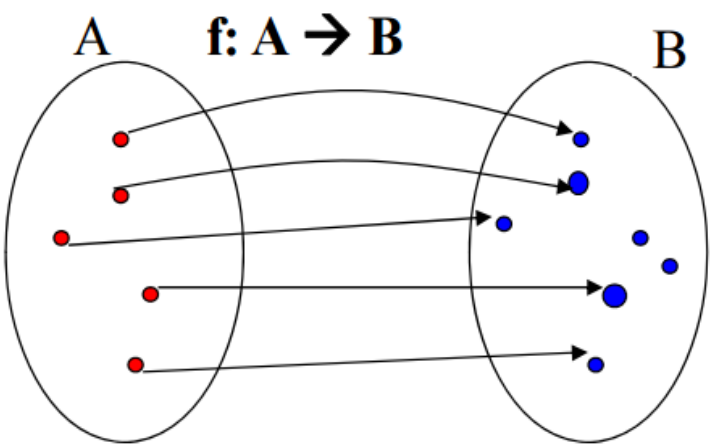

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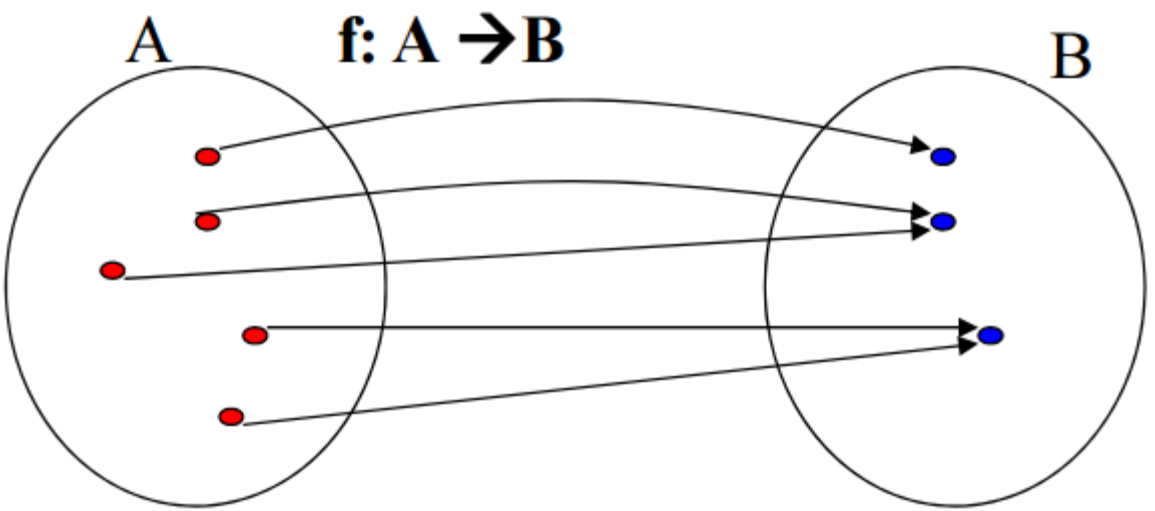

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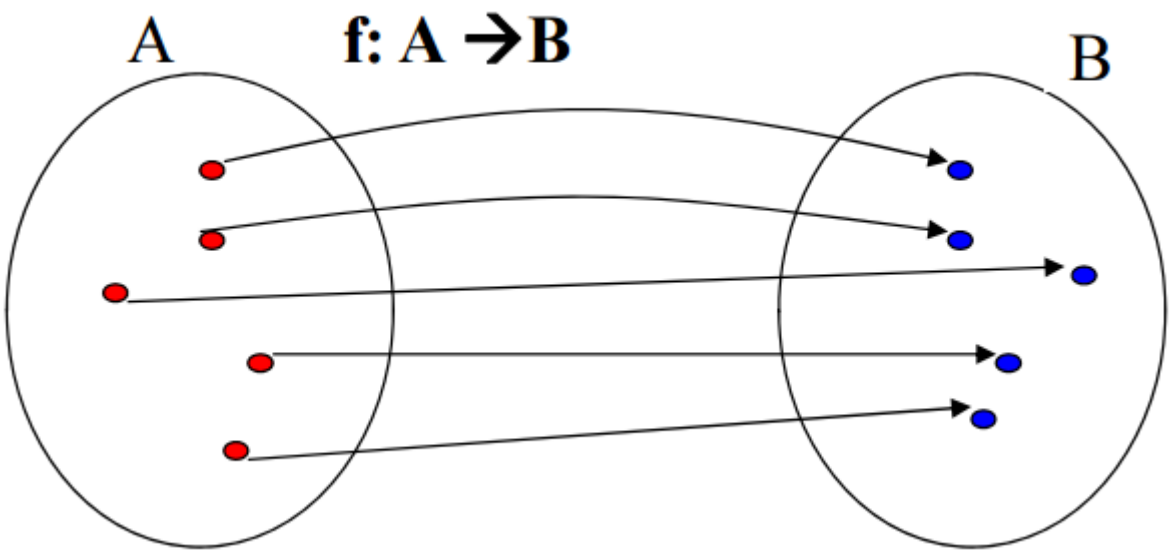

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Summary

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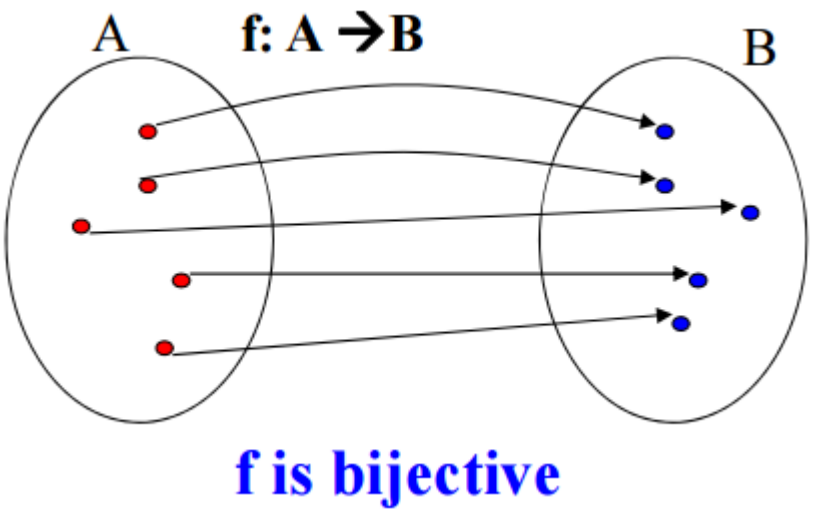

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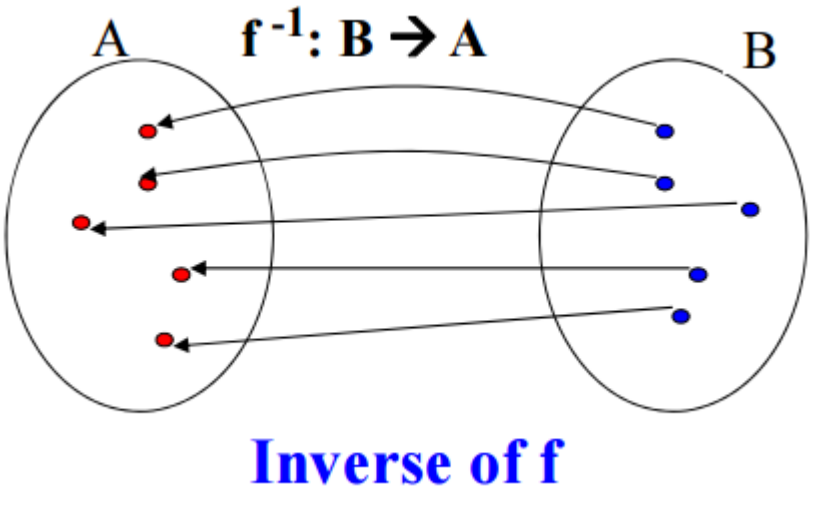

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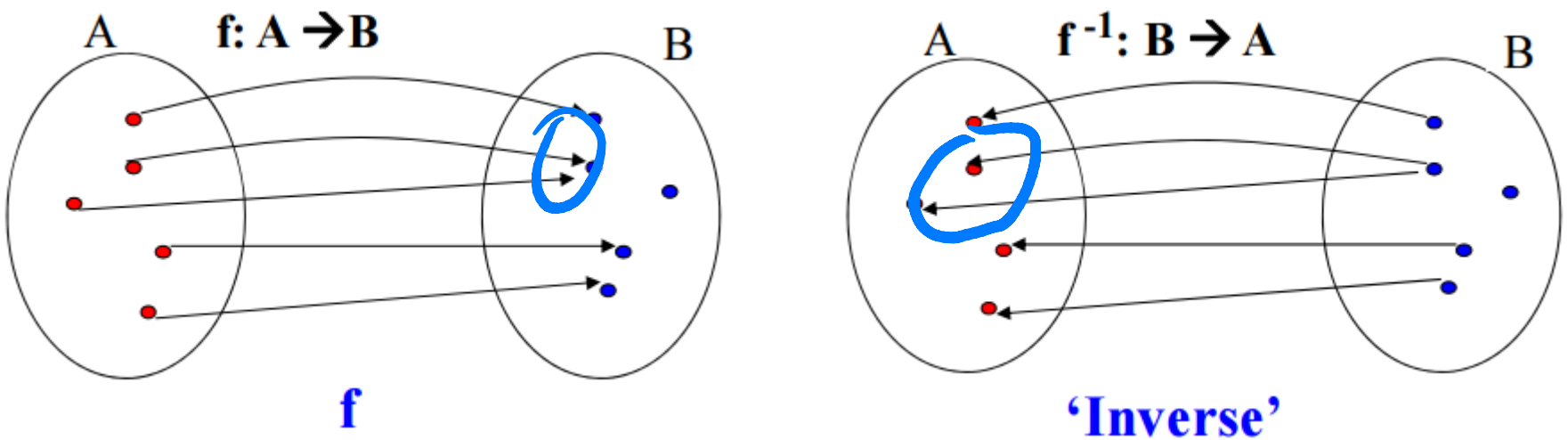

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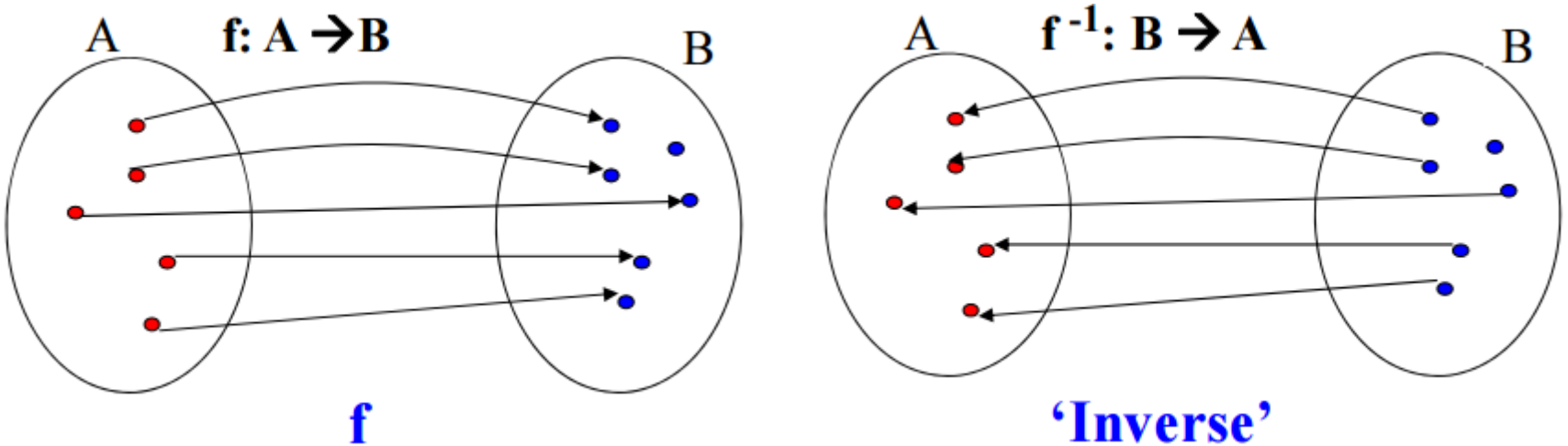

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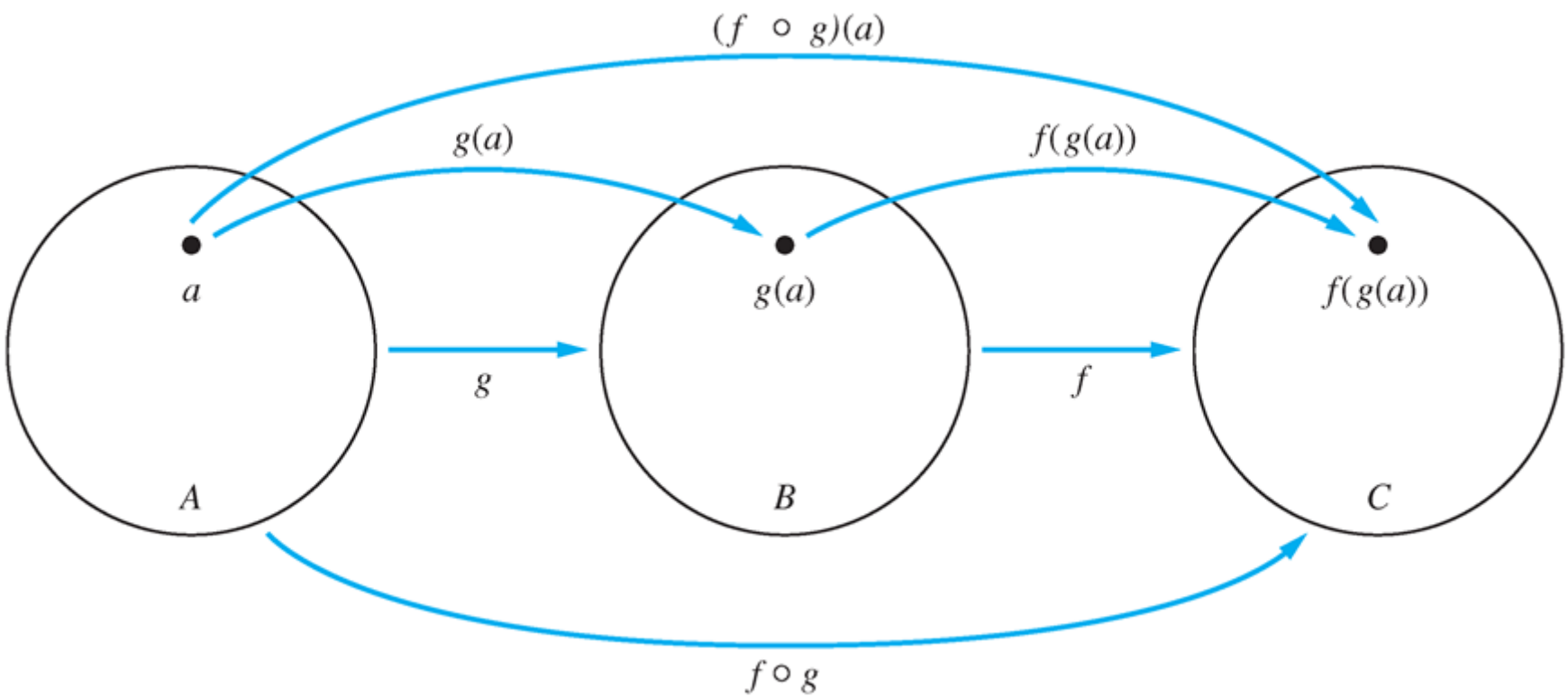

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$$(f \circ f^{-1})(b) = f(f^{-1}(b)) = f(a) = b,$$

  where I_A, I_B denote the *identity functions* on the sets A and B, respectively.

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Next Lecture

- functions, complexity ...