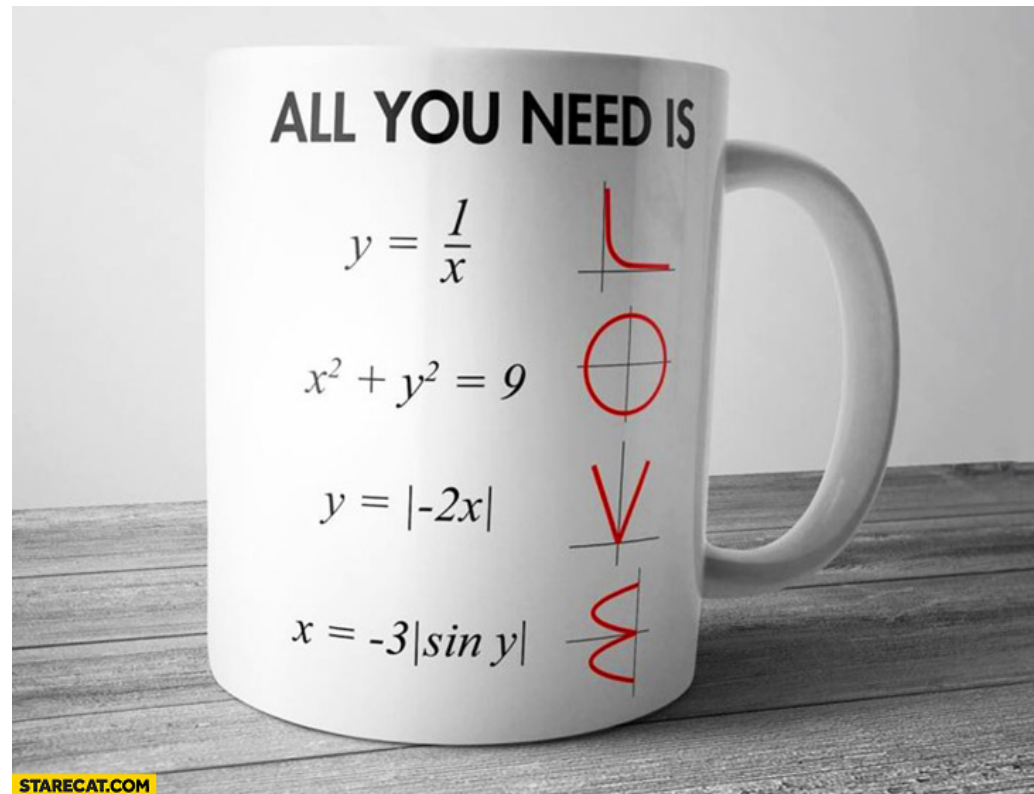


# Functions



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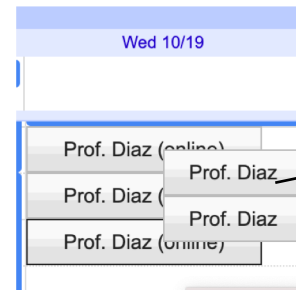
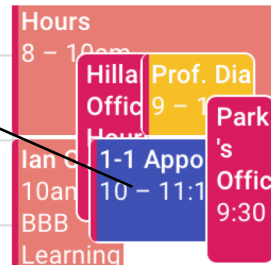
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# Reminder: Individual Appointments Available

- Individual appointments available with faculty
  - Over the week or two
  - If you want to discuss your exam, your progress in the course, or anything else in a 1-on-1 format
  - See 203 Office Hour calendar for times and info
    - Look for events titled **“1-1 Appointment with [...]”**

As of 8 am, there are open appointment slots **today 4-5** and **tomorrow morning**

1-on-1 appointments marked in **BLUE** on OH calendar. Click the link to go to the appointments page



On the appointments page, click a time that works for you, Book the appointment, then Save

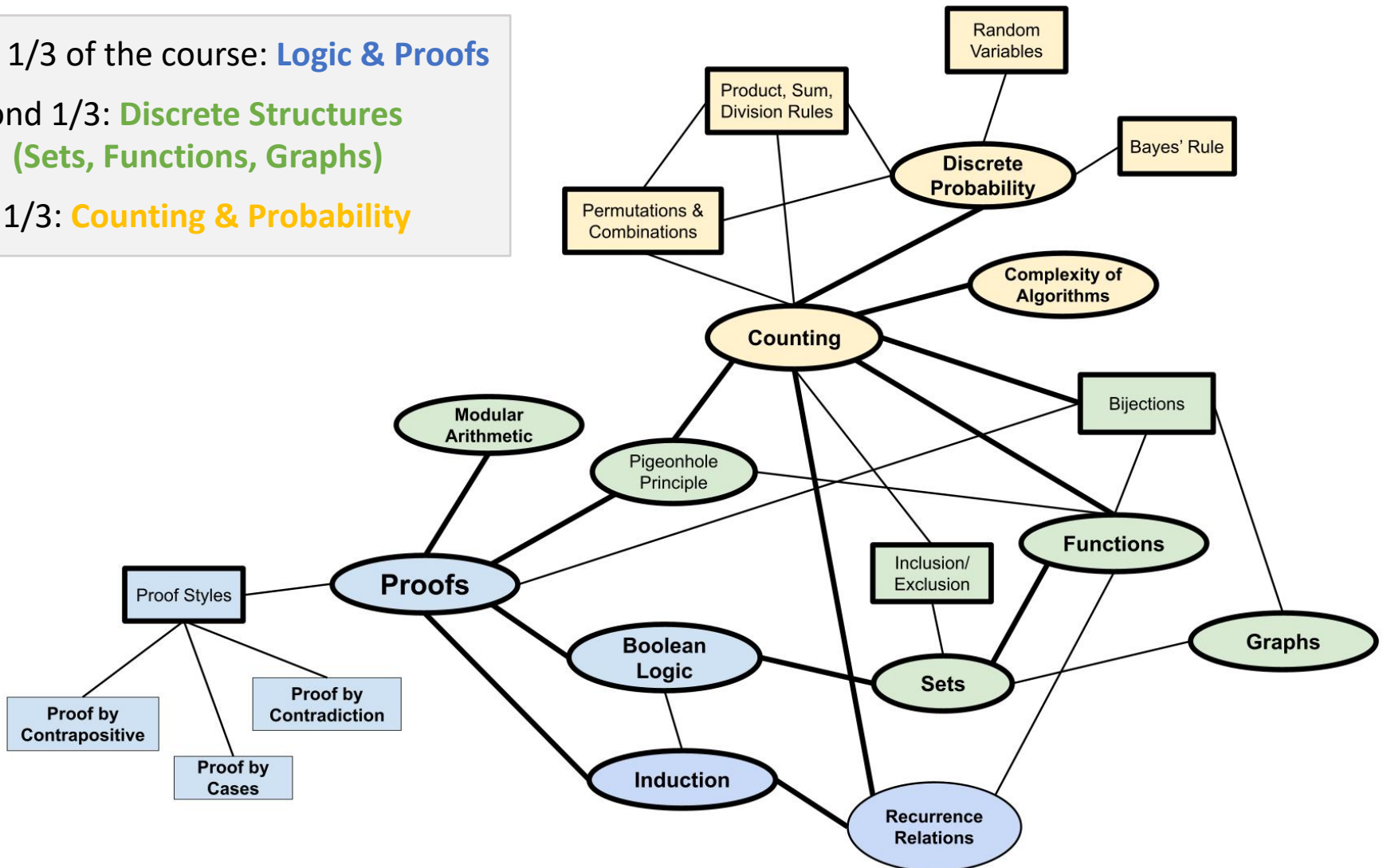
- Note: a C or better in 203 is needed to count towards a CS/CE/DS major or minor
  - If you are concerned, we have resources and advice we can share. We can discuss your individual situation in a 1-1 appt.

## **Fall Break due date shifts**

- HW 6 / Check-in 6 due FRIDAY
- HW 4 Regrades open until tonight, 11:59pm
- Exam 1 Regrades open through Sunday, 11:59pm

# The “Big Picture” of 203: How does this all fit together?

- First 1/3 of the course: **Logic & Proofs**
- Second 1/3: **Discrete Structures**  
(Sets, Functions, Graphs)
- Last 1/3: **Counting & Probability**

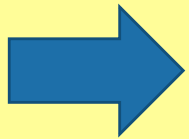


# Learning Objectives: Functions & Properties

After today's lecture (and this week's readings, discussion & homework), you should be able to:

- **Know Technical vocab:** mapping, function, domain, codomain, range, onto, one-to-one, bijection, inverse function, function composition
- Function definition
  - Identify whether there is a function satisfying a given input/output mapping
- Function properties
  - Determine the properties of a given function: onto, one-to-one, bijection
  - Find inverses of bijections
  - Prove that a given function is or isn't onto, and is or isn't one-to-one
- Operations with Functions
  - Determine whether a function has an inverse, and if so, find the inverse function.
  - Find the composite function of  $f$  with  $g$  (mapping, domain & codomain)
  - Prove properties of composite functions (next time)

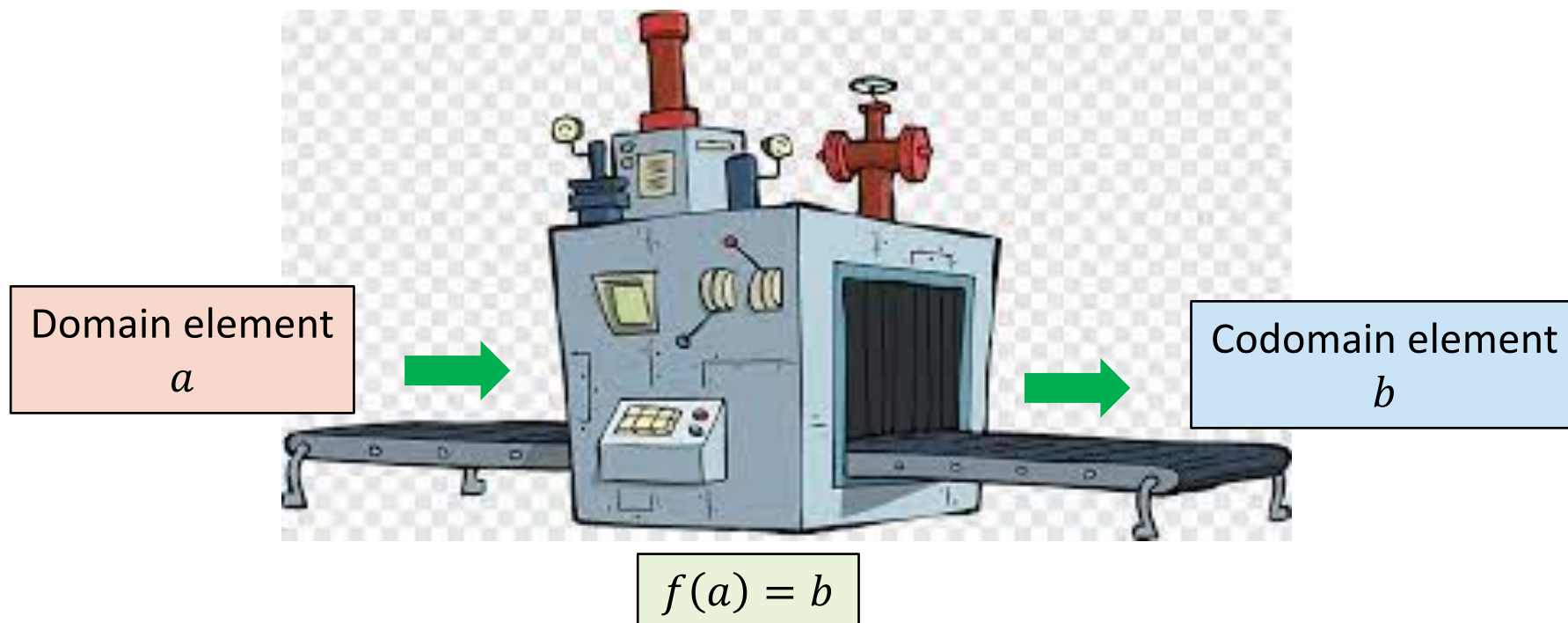
# Outline



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  - **Definition, Domain, Codomain, Range**
  - Recognizing (non)-functions
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# Functions

- A **function** is a **machine** where:
  - you can input an element from one given set (the “**domain**”),
  - and it outputs an element from another given set (the “**codomain**”)

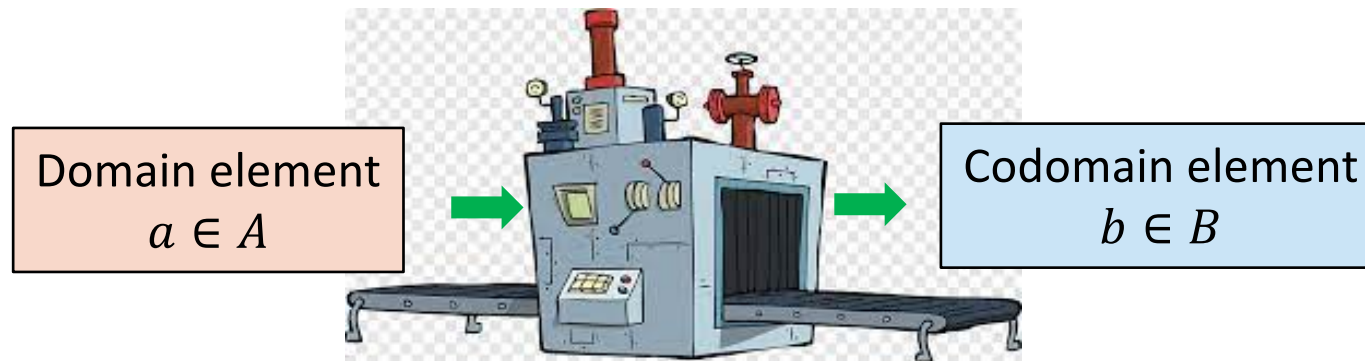
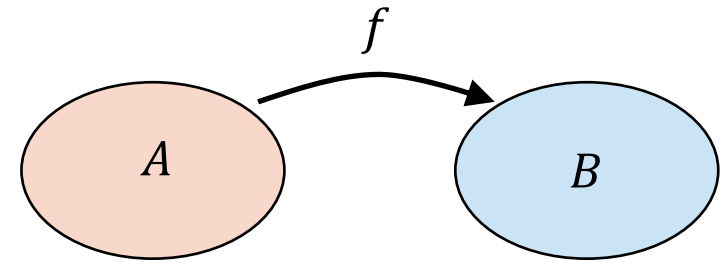


- For a function  $f$ , the output of domain element  $a$  is written  $f(a)$
- The output is **exactly one** codomain element! Never 0, never  $\geq 2$
- But it **is** possible that two domain elements give the same codomain element as output

# Writing Functions

- **Notation:**  $f : A \rightarrow B$

- Means that  $f$  is a function with **domain A** and **codomain B**



Two ways to write a function:

(1) Define the transformation

$$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, f(x) = x^2 + 2$$

Domain is  $\mathbb{Z}$  (you can input any integer)

Codomain is  $\mathbb{N}$  (always returns a natural number)

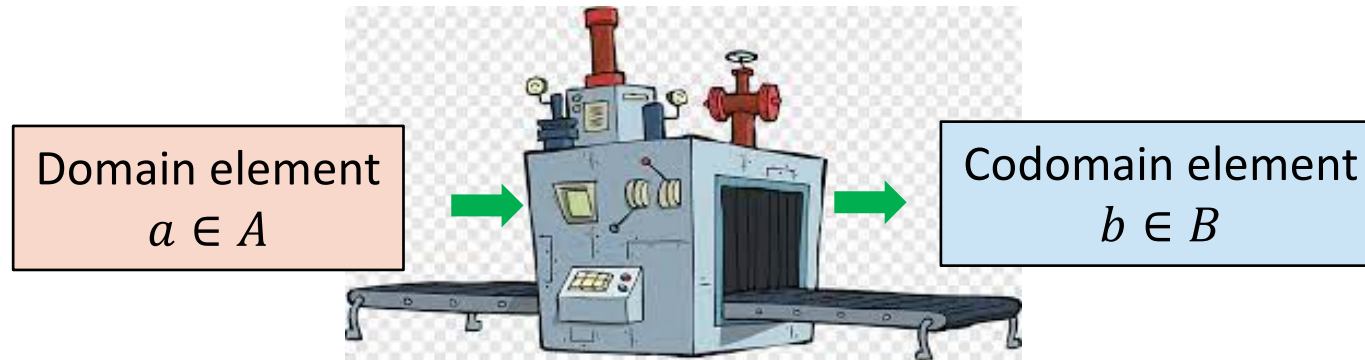
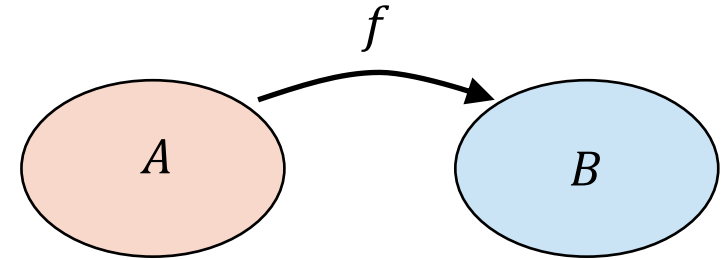
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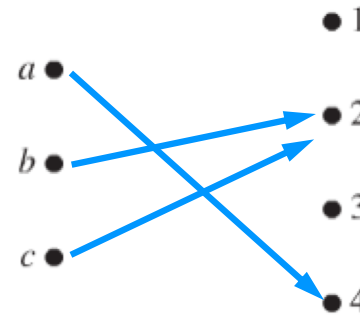
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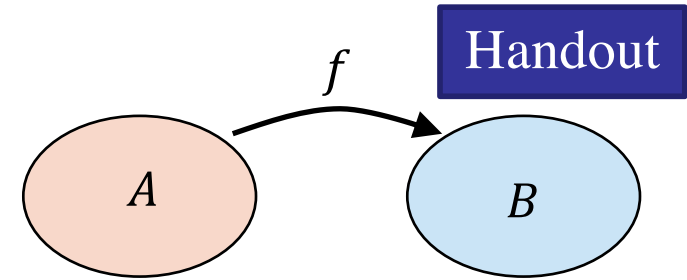
(2) (For **finite** domains) explicitly give the entire input/output mapping

$$f : \{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

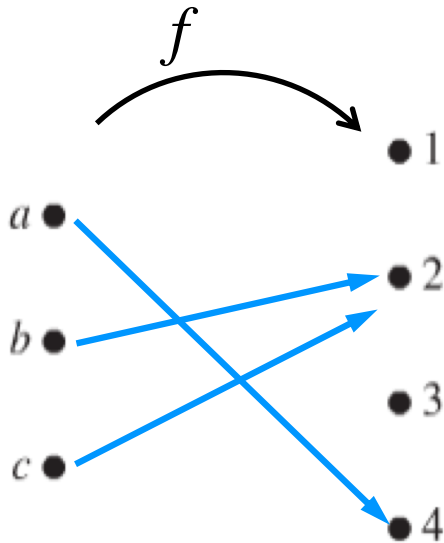


$$\begin{aligned} f(a) &= 4 \\ f(b) &= 2 \\ f(c) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

# Lec 15: Functions & Properties



- A **function**  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a machine where you input an element from a given set (the “\_\_\_\_\_”) and it outputs an element from another given set (the “\_\_\_\_\_”).
- **Key Requirements** (to be a function):
  - For every input, the function produces \_\_\_\_\_ output
  - A mapping not necessarily satisfying these requirements is a **relation**.



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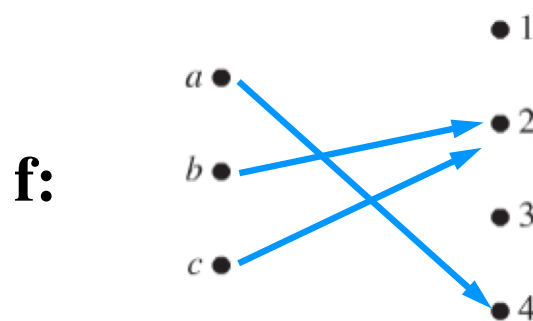
Codomain = \_\_\_\_\_

Range = \_\_\_\_\_

# Range vs. Codomain

$$f : \textcolor{red}{D} \rightarrow \textcolor{blue}{C}$$

- Every element of the **domain** maps to exactly one element of the **codomain**.
- It's ok if some elements of the **codomain** are not mapped to, or are mapped to several times.
- **Range**: The set of elements in the **codomain** that **do** get mapped to at least once.



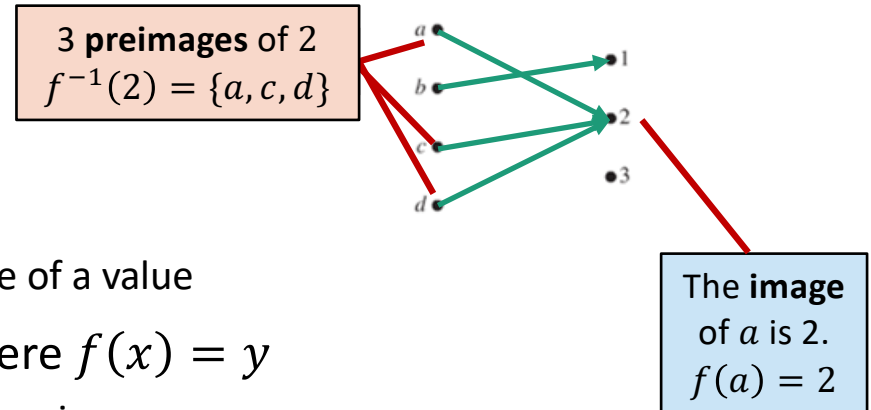
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**range:** {2, 4}

# Image and Preimage

Given a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$



- For  $x \in A$ , the **image** of  $x$  is value of  $f(x)$ 
  - Because  $f$  is a function, there is exactly 1 image of a value
- For  $y \in B$ , a **preimage** of  $y$  is a value  $x$  where  $f(x) = y$ 
  - Note there may be 0 or multiple preimages for a given  $y$
- Sometimes rather than using a single value for an input, we use a **set** of values:  $f(\{a, b, c\})$ 
  - This returns the **set** of output values:
    - $f(\{a, b, c\}) = \{f(a), f(b), f(c)\} = \{2, 1, 2\} = \{1, 2\}$
    - We also call  $\{1, 2\}$  the **image** of  $\{a, b, c\}$
- We use the inverse notation for a **preimage** function (even if a function doesn't have an inverse, ):
  - $f^{-1}(S) = \{x \mid f(x) \in S\}$ , the set of all  $x$  that map to something in  $S$
  - $f^{-1}(\{1, 2\}) = \{x \mid f(x) \in \{1, 2\}\} = \{a, b, c, d\}$

# Example

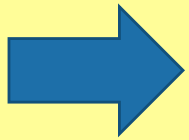
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# Is That A Function?

One type of problem we'll see:

- Given a **description of input/output pairs**, is there a function with that particular input/output mapping?
  - Every **domain** element paired with exactly one **codomain** element  $\rightarrow$  yes
  - Some **domain** element paired with 0 or  $\geq 2$  **codomain** elements  $\rightarrow$  no

Is there a function  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  where  $f(x) = y$  iff  $x = y^2$ ?

**No:** this “function” would need to have  
 $f(1) = 1$  and  $f(1) = -1$ .



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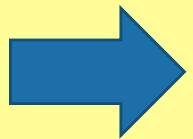
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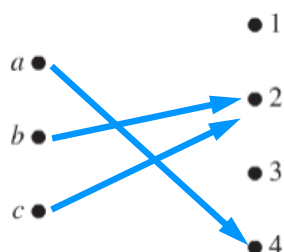
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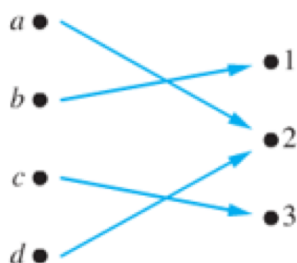
# Function Properties

- Every function **must** map each domain element to exactly one codomain element, no matter what.

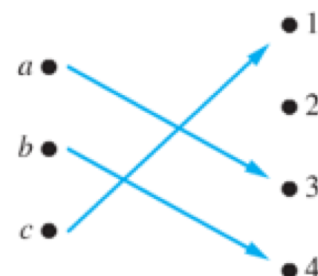


Each domain element (point on the left) has exactly one outgoing arrow

- Functions that **just so happen** to have related properties for their *codomain* have special names:



**“Onto” means that:** all codomain points have **at least** one incoming arrow



**“1-to-1” means that:** all codomain points have **at most** one incoming arrow

**More useful in proofs:** no 2 domain points map to the same codomain point

# Onto

Also called “**surjective**”

For a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , “**f is onto**” means that every codomain element has **at least one** domain element that maps to it.

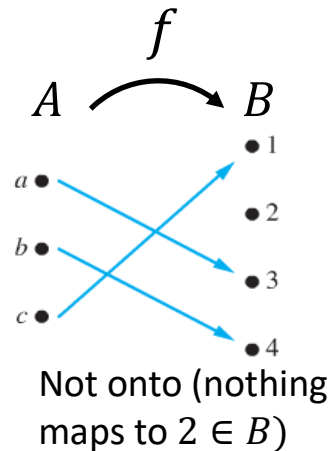
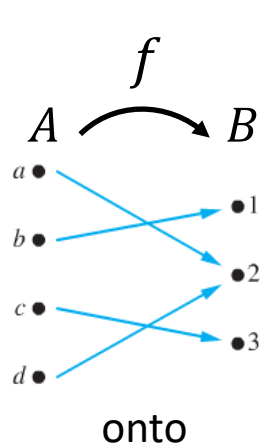
$$\forall b \in B$$

$$\exists a \in A$$

$$f(a) = b$$

*Example:* Mapping of guests to rooms in a full hotel

“ $f$  is onto” means the same thing as “ $\text{range}(f) = \text{codomain}(f)$ ”



**Not onto:**  
 $\text{range}(f) = \{1, 3, 4\}$   
 $\text{codomain}(f) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$   
 $\text{range}(f) \neq \text{codomain}(f)$



# One-to-one

Also called “**injective**”

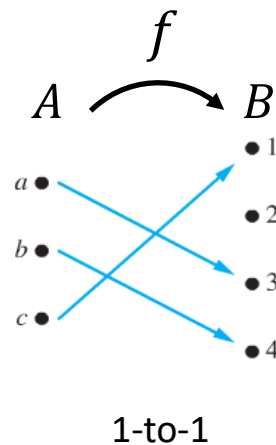
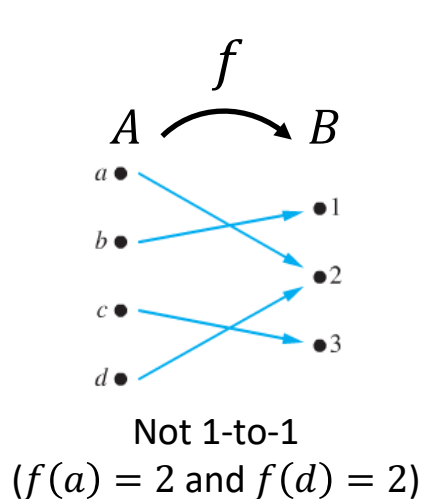
For a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , “**f is 1-to-1**” means that  
no two (different) domain elements map to the same thing

$$\neg \exists a_1, a_2 \in A, \quad a_1 \neq a_2 \wedge f(a_1) = f(a_2)$$

$$\equiv \forall a_1, a_2 \in A \quad [(f(a_1) = f(a_2)) \rightarrow (a_1 = a_2)]$$

Far better for proofs

*Example:* Mapping of students to seats in a [possibly non-full] classroom



# Onto, One-to-one, Bijections, Inverse Functions Handout

Given a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$

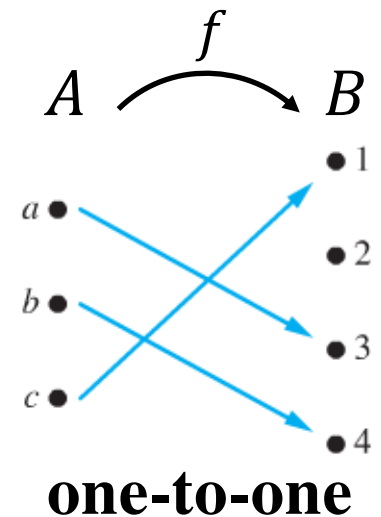
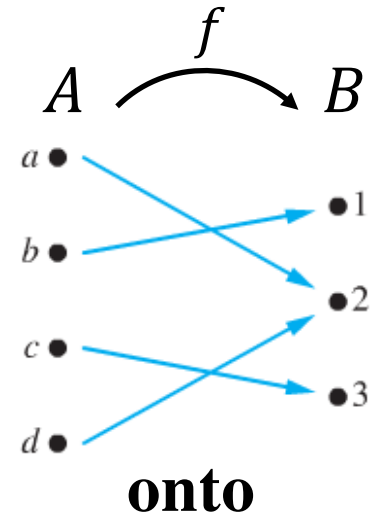
- $f$  is **onto** iff

- $f$  is **one-to-one** iff

- $f$  is a **bijection** iff

- $f$  has an inverse  $f^{-1}$  iff  $f$  is \_\_\_\_\_

- $f^{-1}(b) = a \iff f(\text{____}) = \text{____}$



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$$\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A [f(a) = b]$$

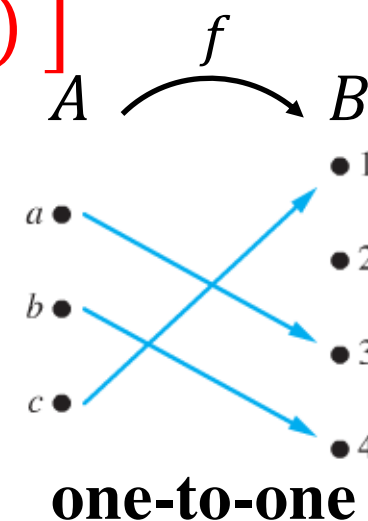
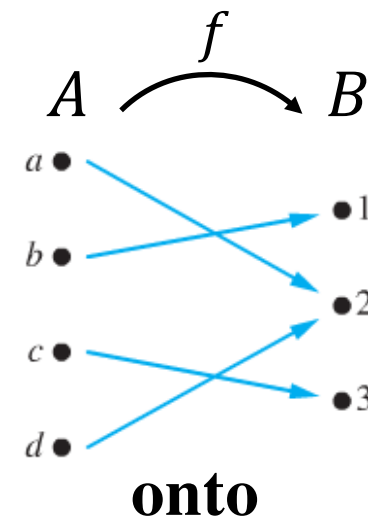
- $f$  is **one-to-one** iff

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in A [ (f(a_1) = f(a_2)) \rightarrow (a_1 = a_2) ]$$

- $f$  is a **bijection** iff

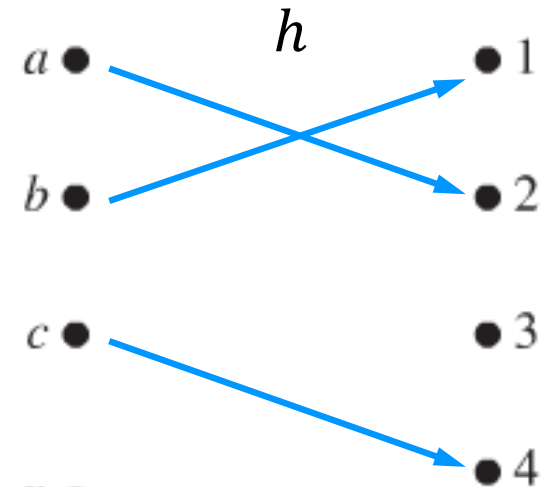
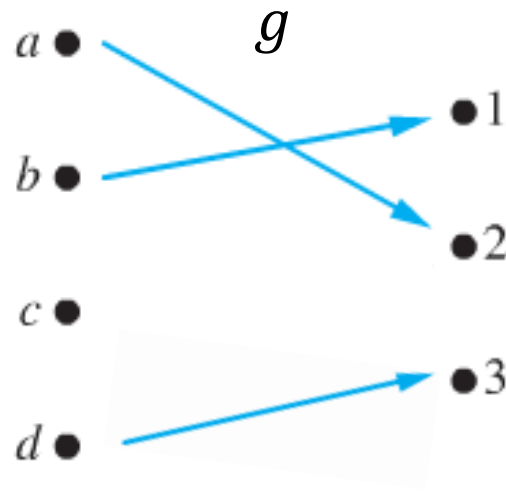
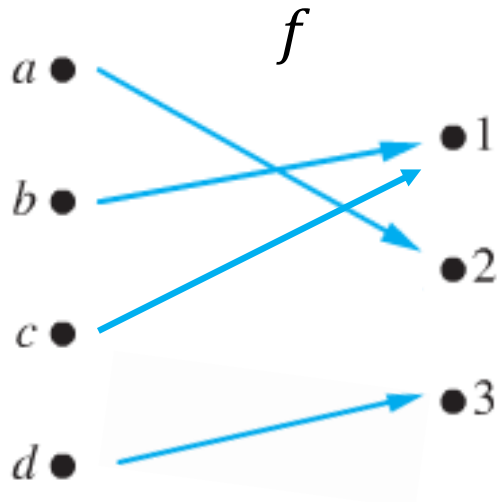
- $f^{-1}$  exists iff

$$\blacksquare f^{-1}(b) = a \leftrightarrow f(a) = b$$



# Exercise: One-to-one and Onto

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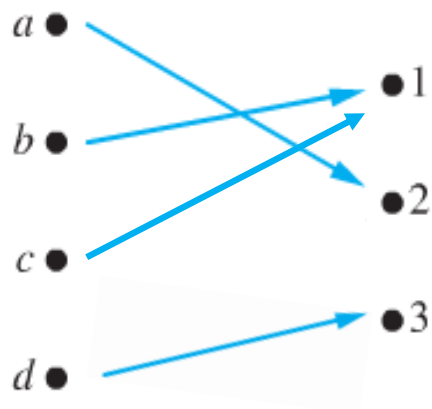


2. Draw a function that is
- a) Onto and one-to-one
  - b) Neither onto nor one-to-one

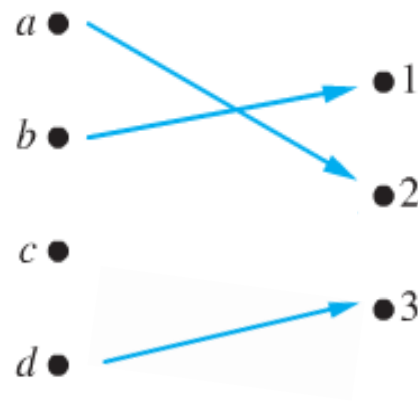
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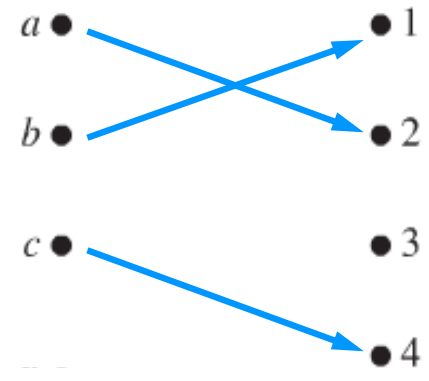
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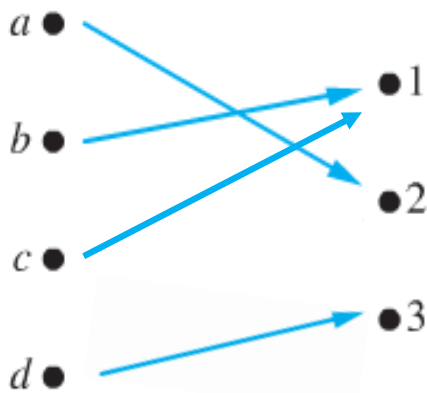
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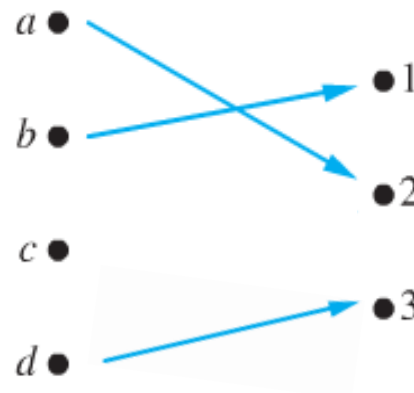
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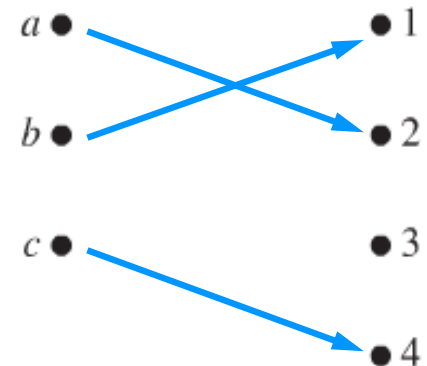
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Not a function  
 $f(c)$  undefined

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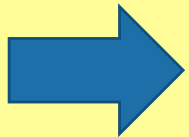
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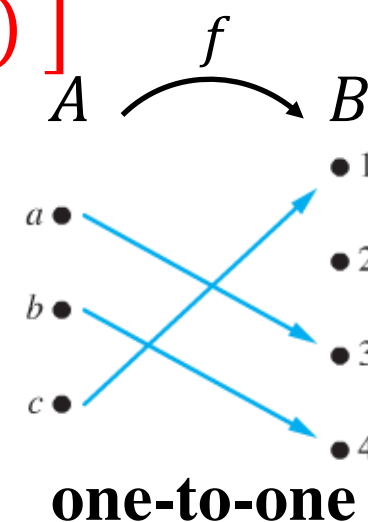
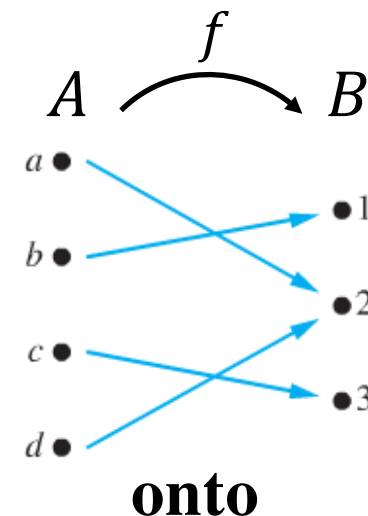
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- So  $f(a) = b$ . *Done!*

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**Prove or Disprove (circle one):  $f$  is onto.**

**We will try to prove the expression:**

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What do you think? Should we prove or disprove?

## Possible side work:

“Onto” = every codomain element is mapped to.

Let's try a few values:

- $f(-1) = (-1)^3 + 1 = 0$
- $f(0) = 0^3 + 1 = 1$
- $f(1) = 1^3 + 1 = 2$
- $f(2) = 2^3 + 1 = 9$
- $f(3) = 3^3 + 1 = 28$
- ...

Looks like a gap here  
Nothing will map to these values  
**Probably disprove**

Reminder: **this is not a (dis)proof!** Just building intuition on whether to prove/disprove.

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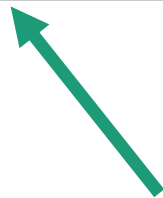
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Prove **there exists** by naming a specific value for  $b$ .

Our previous side work suggested that  $b = 3$  is a good choice for  $b$ ...

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- *Hint: it's usually much easier to work with an **equality**...*

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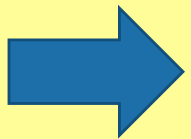
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- **Seeking contradiction**, assume that  $f(a) = b$ .
- So  $a^3 + 1 = 3$
- So  $a^3 = 2$
- So  $a = 2^{\frac{1}{3}}$
- This contradicts that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  (since  $2^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is not an integer), which completes the contradiction. So  $f(a) \neq b$ .
- In other words the only  $a$  that solves  $f(a) = 3$  is **not in the domain of  $f$** . Therefore,  $f$  is not onto.

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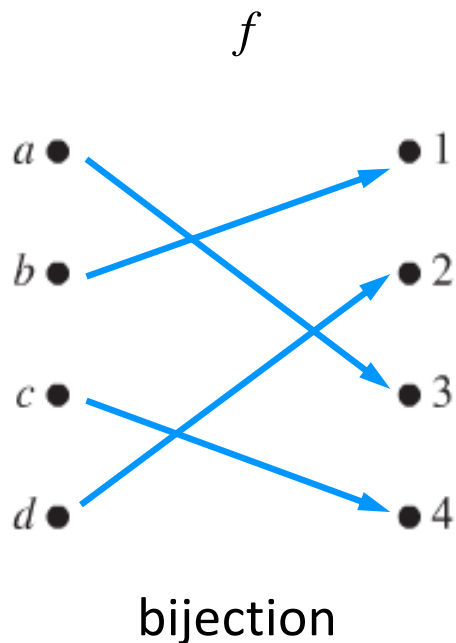
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# Bijections

For a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , “**f is a bijection**” means:

- $f$  is both onto (surjective) and 1-to-1 (injective)
- Equivalently, every codomain element  $b \in B$  has **exactly** one domain element  $a \in A$  that maps to it.



- Confusingly, some resources (like the textbook) sometimes call a bijection a *one-to-one correspondence*.
- We will try to only say “bijection” but be careful if you come across this phrase in the wild!

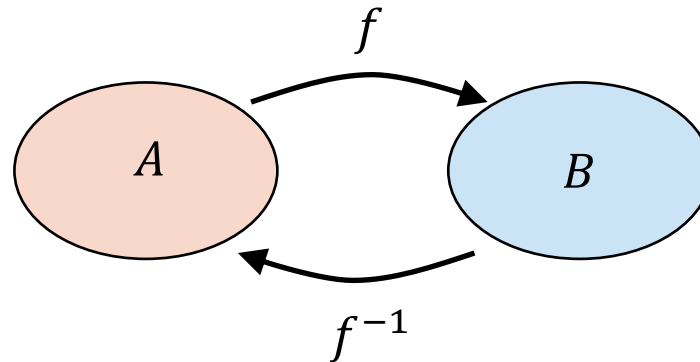
Bijections are important mainly because they have two special properties:

- Bijections have “**inverses**” *covered next*
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*much more on this in the third part of the course!*

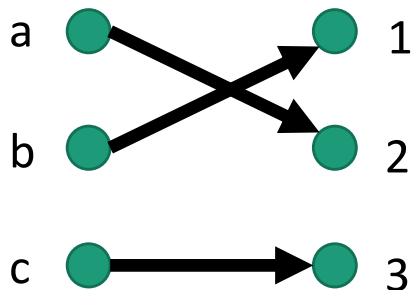
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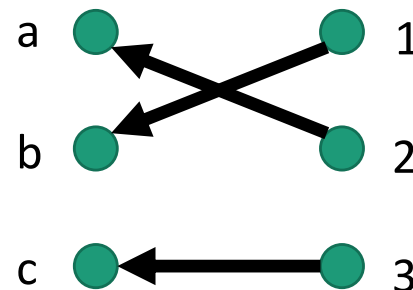
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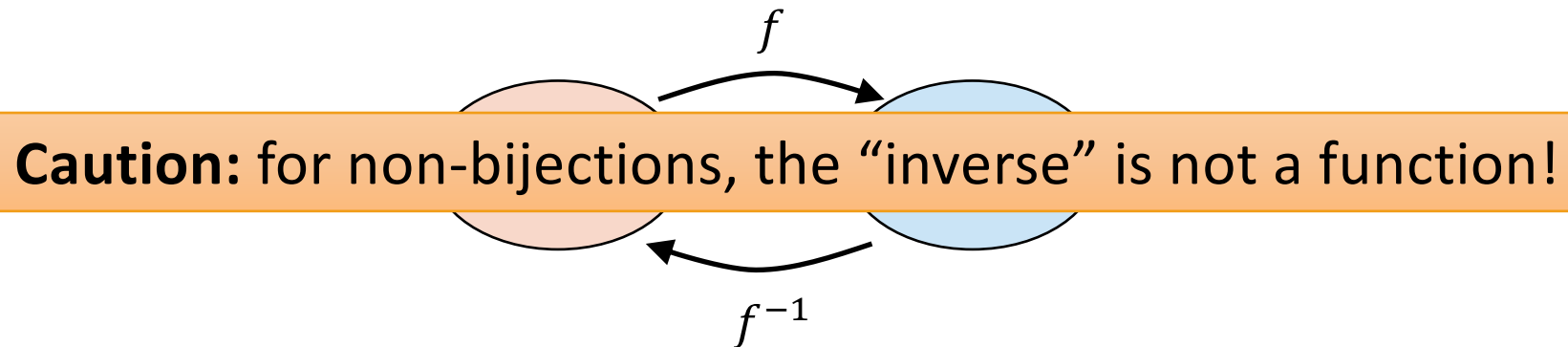
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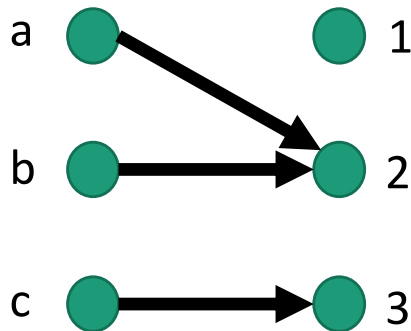
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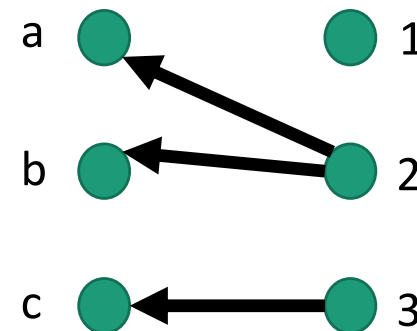
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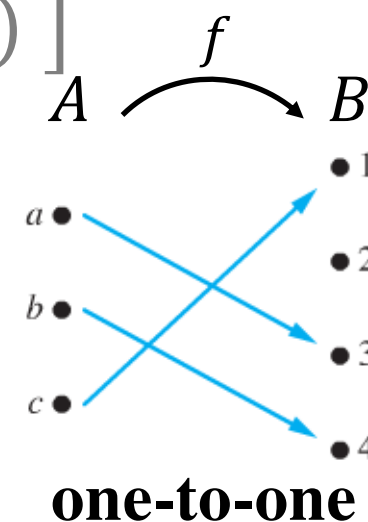
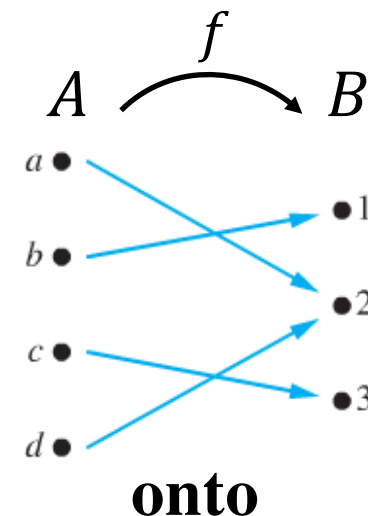
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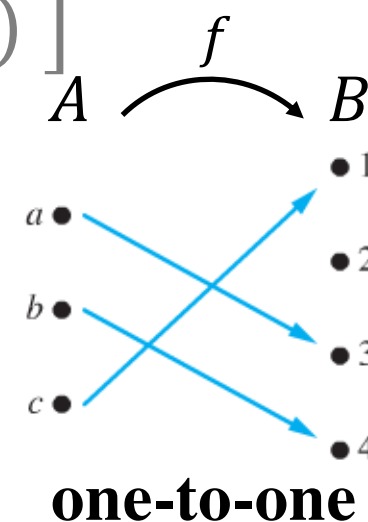
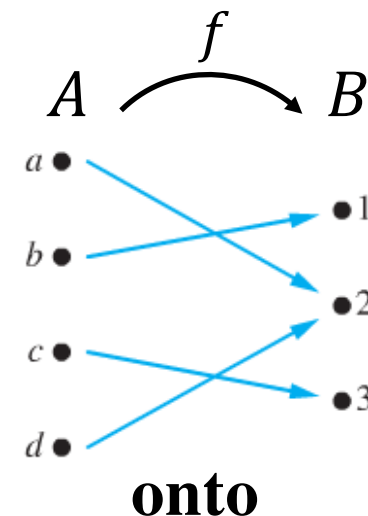
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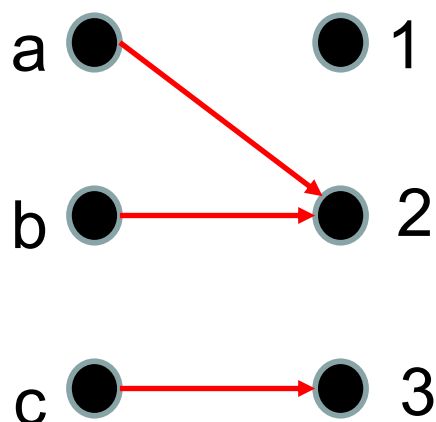
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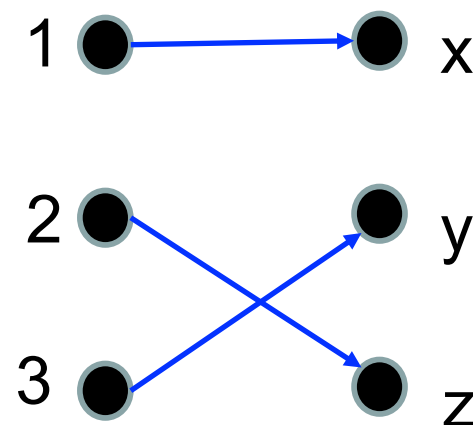


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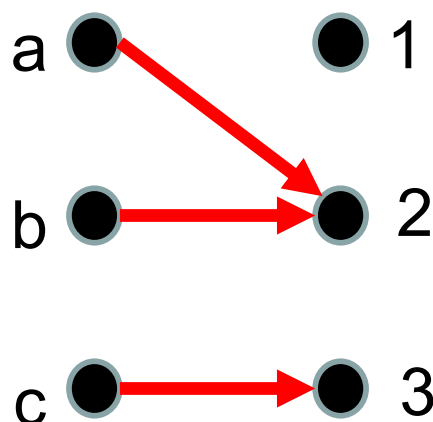


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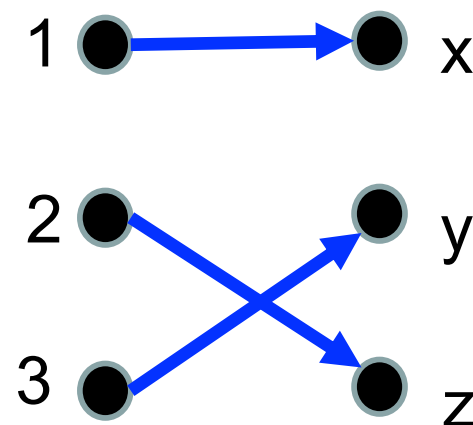
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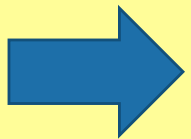
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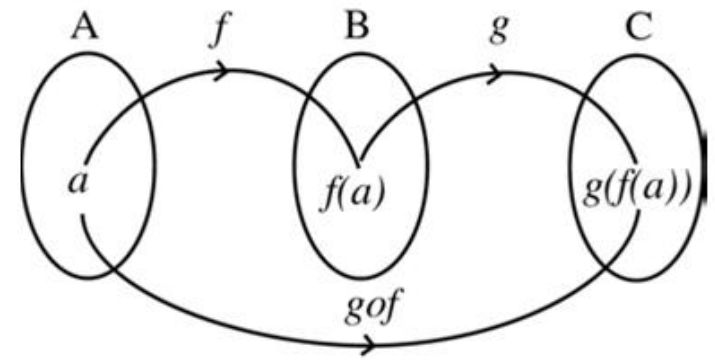
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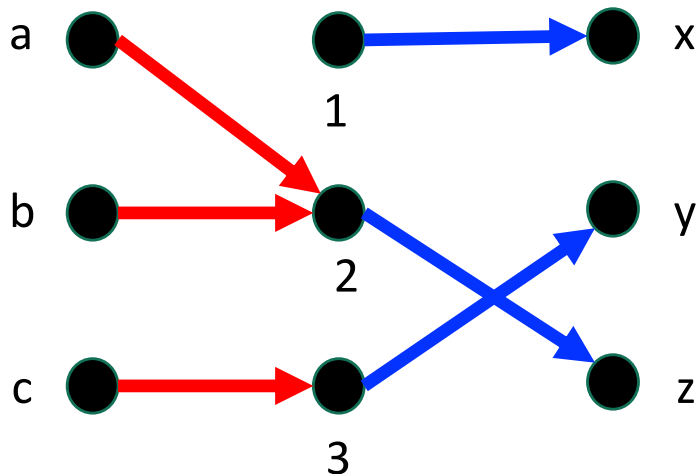


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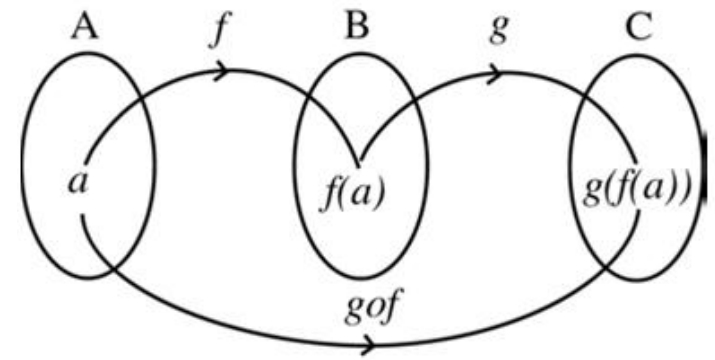
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**Definition:**

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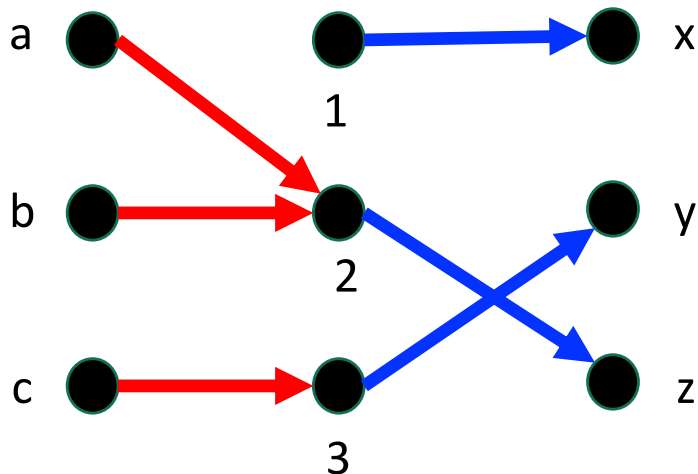


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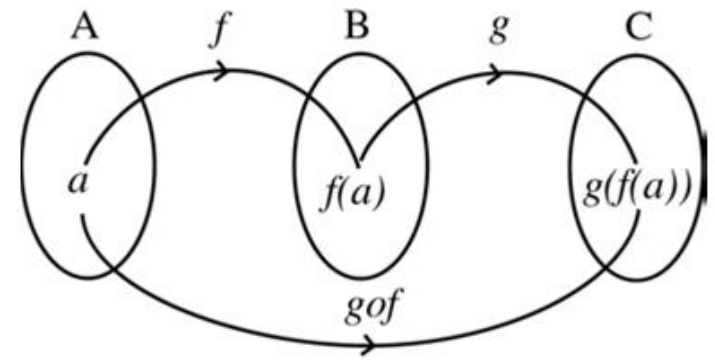


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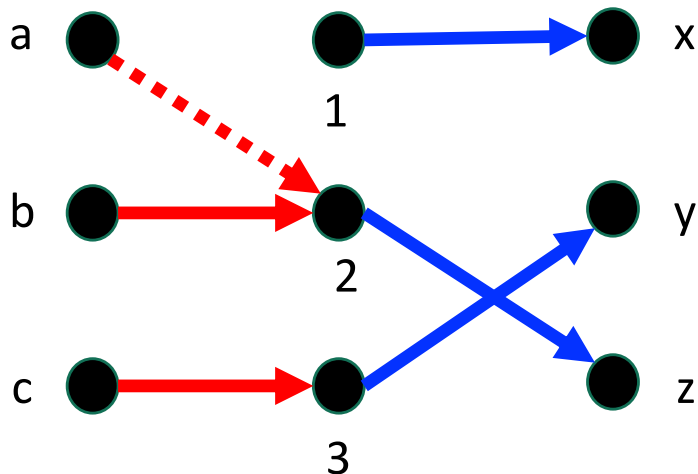


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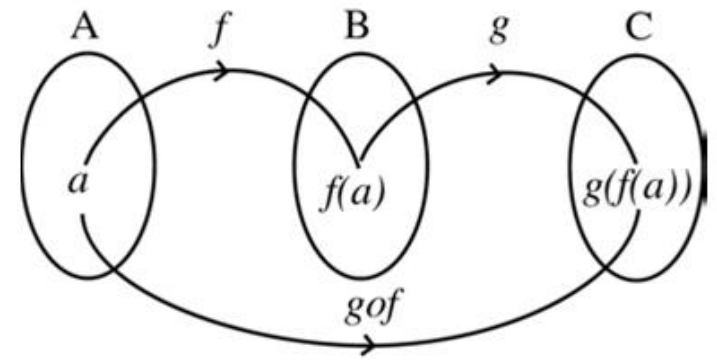


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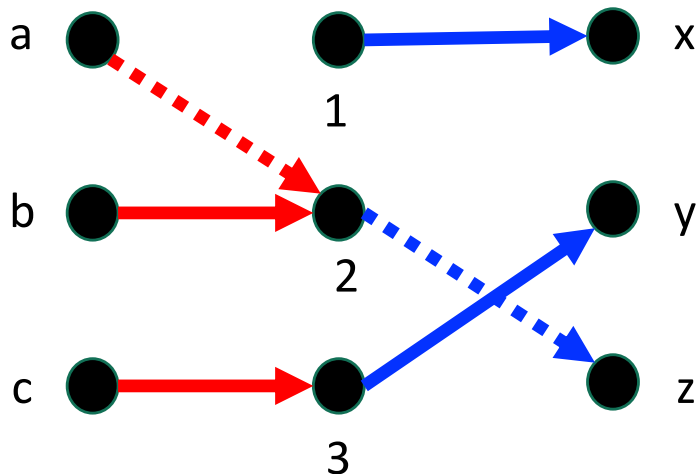


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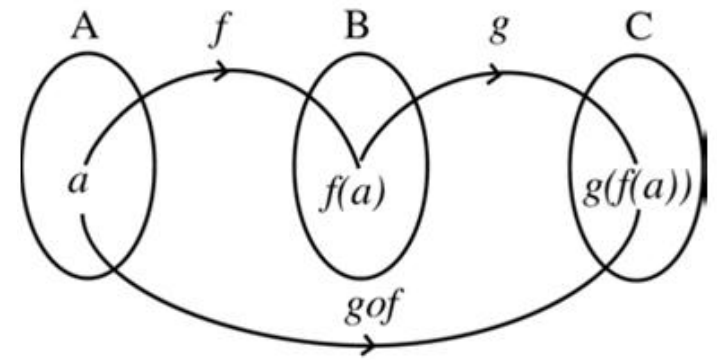


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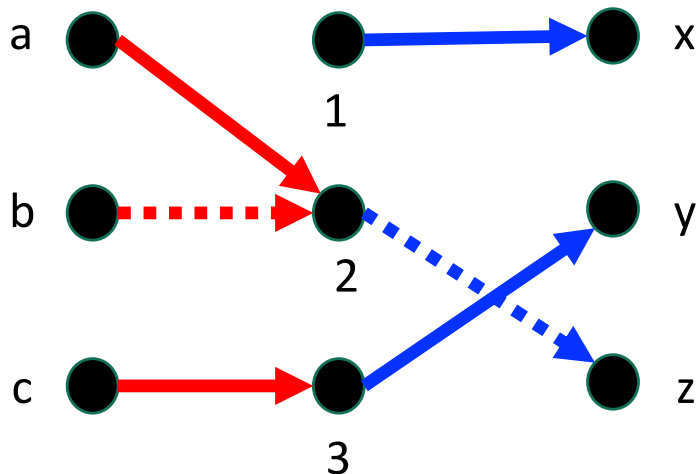


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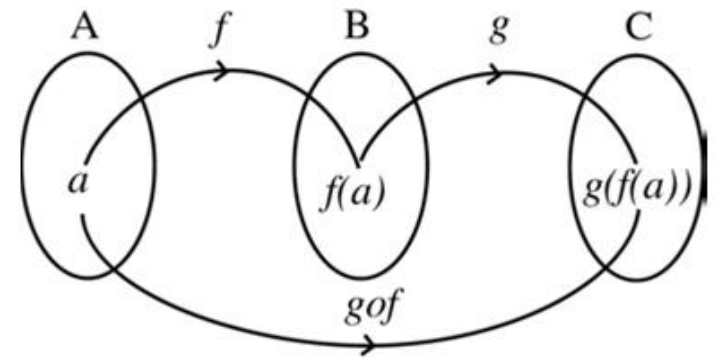
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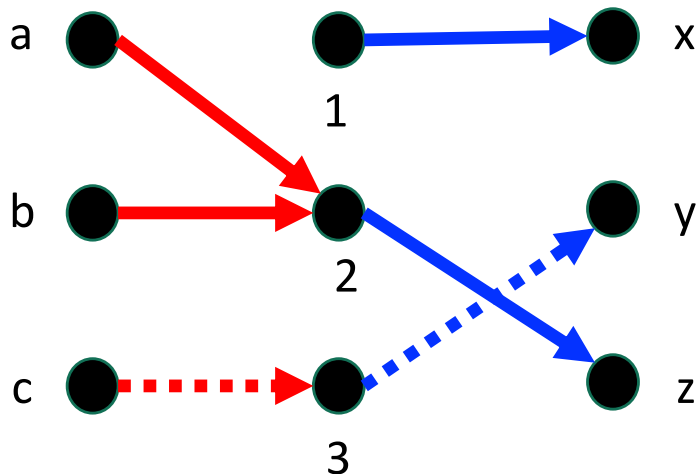


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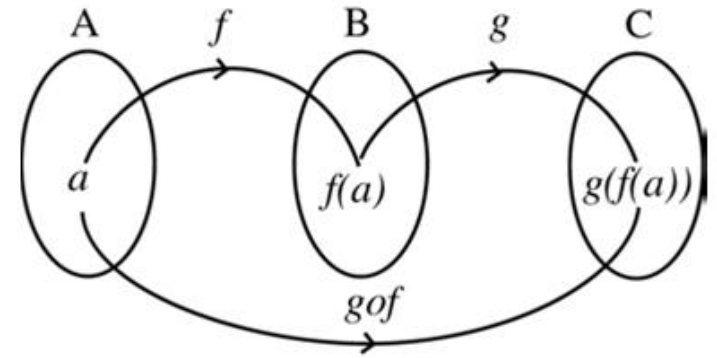
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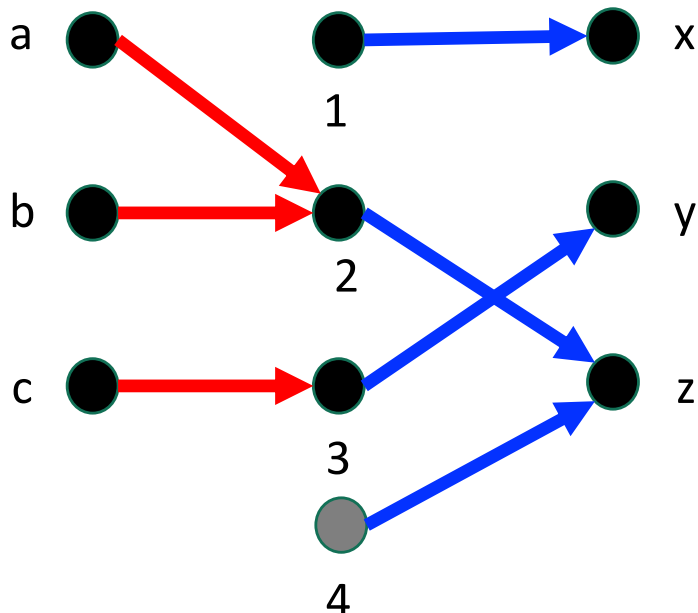


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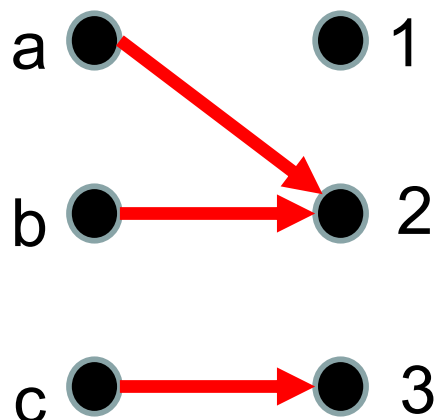
$$(g \circ f)(c) = y$$

**Note:** we can also compose  $g \circ f$  when  $\text{codom}(f) \subseteq \text{dom}(g)$ .  
(The “extra” domain elements of  $g$  won’t affect  $g \circ f$ .)

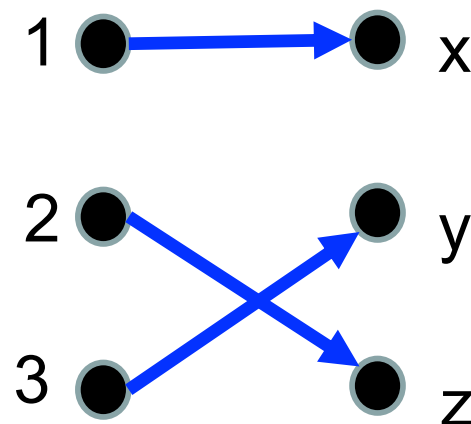


# Inverses and Composition

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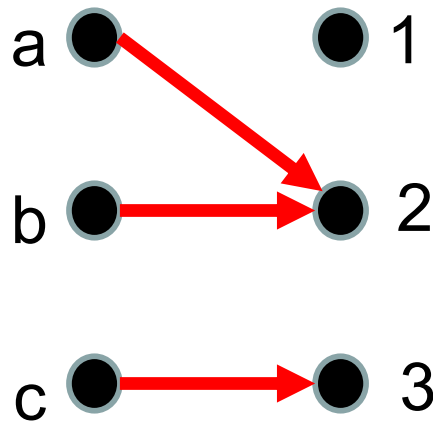


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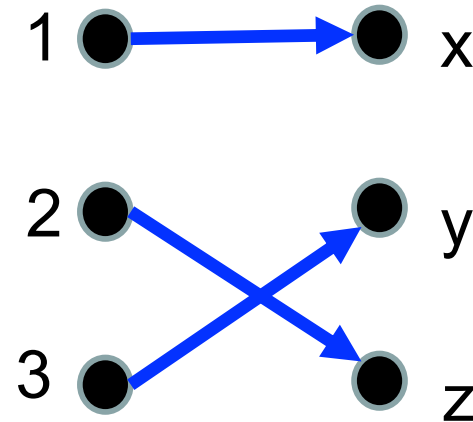
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# Inverses and Composition

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Which of these exist?

1.  $f^{-1}$  - NO ( $f$  is not a bijection)
2.  $g^{-1}$  - YES ( $g$  is a bijection)
3.  $f \circ g$  - NO ( $\text{codom}(g)$  not subset of  $\text{dom}(f)$ )
4.  $g \circ f$  - YES ( $\text{codom}(f) \subseteq \text{dom}(g)$ )

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$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= f(3x + 1) \\ &= 2(3x + 1) + 3 \\ &= 6x + 5 \end{aligned}$$

## Caution:

Order matters!  $(f \circ g)(x)$  is not the same as  $(g \circ f)(x)$

$$\text{Here, } (g \circ f)(x) = g(2x + 3) = 3(2x + 3) + 1 = 6x + 7$$

# Wrapup

- We'll revisit functions throughout this course
- The properties of **onto**, **one-to-one**, and **invertibility** are important in:
  - Counting (later this term)
  - Hashing, Cryptography, Error-correcting codes, Computational Geometry, ...