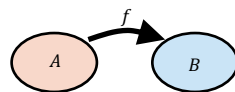


Technical verbs ① mapping, ② function, ③ domain, ④ codomain, ⑤ range, ⑥ onto, ⑦ one-to-one, ⑧ bijection, ⑨ inverse function, ⑩ function composition

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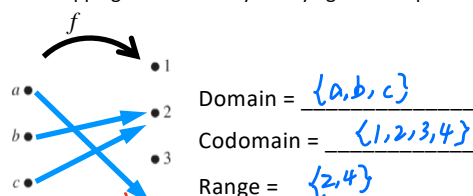
Lec 15: Functions & Properties



- A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a machine where you input an element from a given set (the "domain") and it outputs an element from another given set (the "codomain").

Key Requirements (to be a function):

- For every input, the function produces exactly one output
- A mapping not necessarily satisfying these requirements is a relation.



⑤ range: the set of elements in the codomain that do get mapped at least once.

given $f: A \rightarrow B$, for $x \in A$, the image of x is value of $f(x)$. (if only one)
for $y \in B$, the preimage of y is a value of x where $f(x) = y$. (it may not exist or have ≥ 2 !!)

原像 \rightarrow map \rightarrow 像
preimage \rightarrow image

Also, image and preimage can be for a set:

eg: $f(\{a, b, c\}) = \{f(a), f(b), f(c)\} = \{2, 1, 2\} = \{1, 2\}$

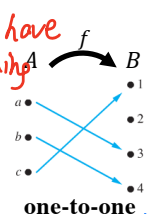
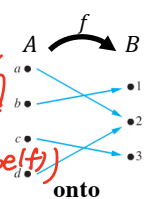
then $\{1, 2\}$ is the image of $\{a, b, c\}$, and $\{a, b, c\}$ is the preimage of $\{1, 2\}$.

Image of domain given f is its range;
Preimage of codomain and range is domain!

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

Given a function $f: A \rightarrow B$

- f is **onto** iff all codomain points have at least one incoming arrow. (or surjection) (满射) (i.e. $\text{codomain}(f) = \text{range}(f)$) (像域 = 值域)
- f is **one-to-one** iff all codomain points have at most one incoming arrow. (or injection) (单射) (无多对对应 y)
- f is a **bijection** iff onto \wedge $1 \rightarrow 1$
- f has an inverse f^{-1} iff f is **bijection**
- $f^{-1}(b) = a \leftrightarrow f(a) = b$



Given $f: A \rightarrow B$
 $\neg \exists a_1, a_2 \in A, (a_1 \neq a_2) \wedge (f(a_1) = f(a_2))$
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 $\forall a_1, a_2 \in A, [(f(a_1) = f(a_2)) \rightarrow (a_1 = a_2)]$

Examples (or not!) of Functions

- Is there a function getChild , with domain/codomain both the set of all people, and

$\text{getChild}(x) = y$ iff y is the child of x ?

A. Yes
B. No

- Is there a function getMother , with domain/codomain both the set of all people, and

$\text{getMother}(x) = y$ iff y is the mother of x ?

Not everyone has exactly one mother.

A. Yes
B. No

- Is there a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

$f(x) = y$ iff $x = y^2$?

- ① Some $x (< 0)$ has no square root
- ② Some $x (> 0)$ has 2 square roots.

A. Yes
B. No

- Is there a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

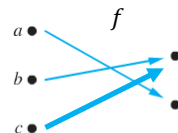
$f(x) = y$ iff $y = 1/x^2$

$x = 0$ has no mapping

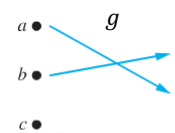
A. Yes
B. No

Exercise: One-to-one and Onto

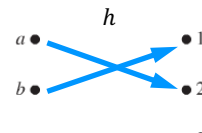
- For each of f, g , and h : is it a function? If so, which properties does it have?



function; onto; $\neg 1 \rightarrow 1$



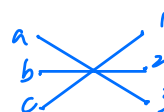
not a function



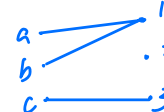
function; \neg onto; $1 \rightarrow 1$ (✓)

- Draw a function that is

a) Onto and one-to-one



b) Neither onto nor one-to-one



Special Properties

(1) Bijections have inverse

(2) For bijection $A \rightarrow B$, $|A| = |B|$

- The properties of **onto**, **one-to-one**, and **invertibility** are important in:

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- Counting (later this term)
- Hashing, Cryptography, Error-correcting codes, Computational Geometry, ...

Proof: $f(x)$ is one-to-one

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 2x + 4$.
Prove: f is one-to-one.

Goal: Prove logical expression

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}, [f(a_1) = f(a_2)] \rightarrow (a_1 = a_2)$$

Let a_1, a_2 be arbitrary real numbers

Assume $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$

$$2a_1 + 4 = 2a_2 + 4$$

$$2a_1 = 2a_2$$

$$a_1 = a_2$$

So $a_1 = a_2$

Thus f is one-to-one

Proof: $f(x)$ is onto

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 2x + 4$.
Prove: f is onto.

Goal: Prove expression

$$\forall b \in \mathbb{R}, \exists a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } f(a) = b$$

Let b be an arbitrary real number.

Consider $a = \frac{b}{2} - 2$

Note that a is a real number, and thus in the domain of f .

$$\text{So } 2a = b - 4$$

$$2a + 4 = b$$

$$\text{So } f(a) = b$$

Side work:

$$f(a) = b$$

$$2a + 4 = b$$

$$2a = b - 4$$

$$a = \frac{b}{2} - 2$$

Prove or Disprove: $f(x)$ is onto

Let $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, $f(x) = x^3 + 1$.
Prove or Disprove (circle one): f is onto.

We will try to prove the expression:

$$\exists y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ we have } f(x) \neq y$$

Consider $b=3$

Let a be an arbitrary integer

Seeking contradiction, assume that $f(a) = b$

$$\text{So } a^3 + 1 = 3$$

$$a^3 = 2$$

$$a = 2^{\frac{1}{3}} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

This contradicts that $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

So $f(a) \neq b$

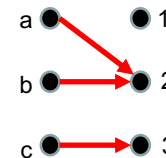
In other words that only a that solves $f(a) = 3$ is not in the domain of f .

Therefore f is not onto.

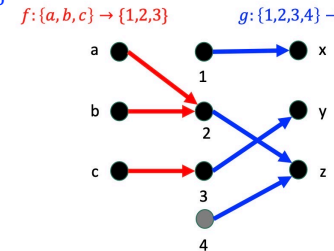
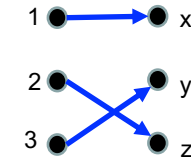
(10) Composition of functions 复合函数
 Def: $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$. We can only compose g of f when $\text{codom}(f) \subseteq \text{dom}(g)$

Inverses and Composition

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

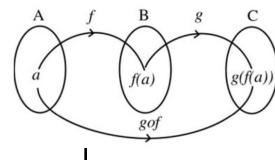


$$g: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{x, y, z\}$$



Which of these exist?

- f^{-1} \times f not a bijection
- g^{-1} \checkmark g is a bijection
- $f \circ g$ \times $\text{codom}(g) \not\subseteq \text{dom}(f)$
- $g \circ f$ \checkmark $\text{codom}(f) \subseteq \text{dom}(g)$



Caution:

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

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

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

