

COT 3100C: INTRODUCTION TO DISCRETE STRUCTURES

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Basic Structures: Sets and Functions

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Sets

- The Language of Sets.
- Set Operations.
- Set Identities.

Functions

- Types of Functions.
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- Computability.

Section

Functions

Section Summary₃

Definition of a Function.

- Domain, Codomain.
- Image, Preimage.

Injection, Surjection, Bijection.

Inverse Function.

Function Composition.

Graphing Functions.

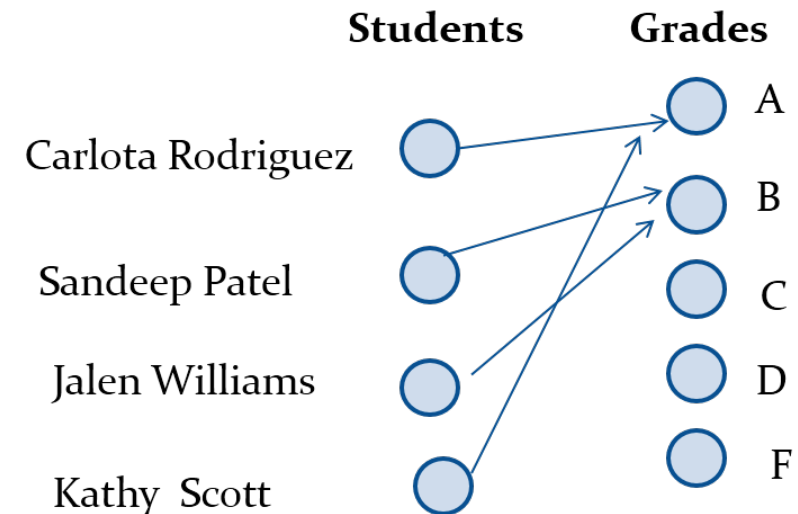
Floor, Ceiling, Factorial.

Partial Functions.

Functions₁

Definition: Let A and B be nonempty sets. A *function* f from A to B , denoted $f: A \rightarrow B$ is an assignment of each element of A to exactly one element of B . We write $f(a) = b$ if b is the unique element of B assigned by the function f to the element a of A .

- Functions are sometimes called *mappings* or *transformations*.



Assignment of Grades in a Discrete Structures Class.

Functions₂

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ can also be defined as a subset of $A \times B$ (a relation). This subset is restricted to be a relation where no two elements of the relation have the same first element.

Specifically, a function f from A to B contains one, and only one ordered pair (a, b) for every element $a \in A$. **$f(a)=b$.**

$$\forall x \left[x \in A \rightarrow \exists y \left[y \in B \wedge (x, y) \in f \right] \right]$$

and

$$\forall x, y_1, y_2 \left[\left[(x, y_1) \in f \wedge (x, y_2) \in f \right] \rightarrow y_1 = y_2 \right]$$

Functions₃

Given a function $f: A \rightarrow B$:

We say f maps A to B or f is a *mapping* from A to B .

A is called the **domain** of f .

B is called the **codomain** of f .

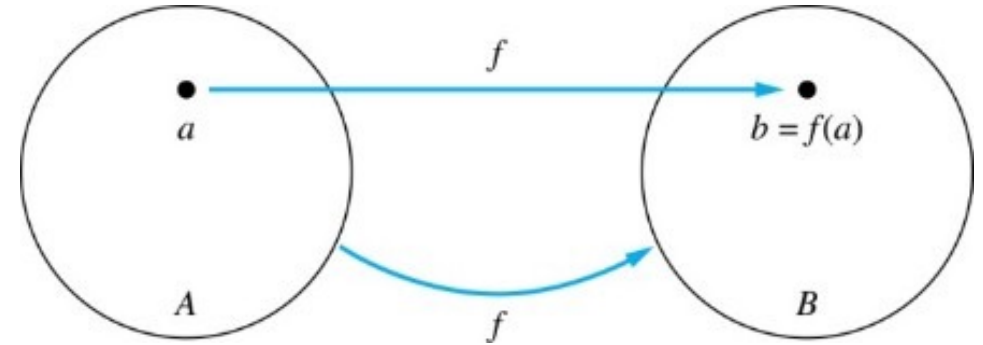
□ If $f(a) = b$,

- then b is called the **image** of a under f .
- a is called the **preimage** of b .

□ The **range** of f is the set of all images of points in A under f . We denote it by $f(A)$.

□ Two functions are **equal** when they have the same domain, the same codomain and map each element of the domain to the same element of the codomain.

The Function f Maps A to B .



Questions

$f(a) = ?$ **z**

The image of d is ? **z**

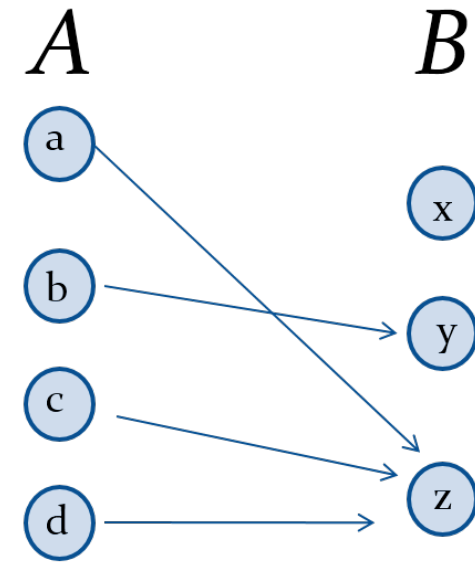
The domain of f is ? **A**

The codomain of f is ? **B**

The preimage of y is ? **b**

$f(A) = ?$ **$\{y, z\}$**

The preimage(s) of z is (are) ? **$\{a, c, d\}$**



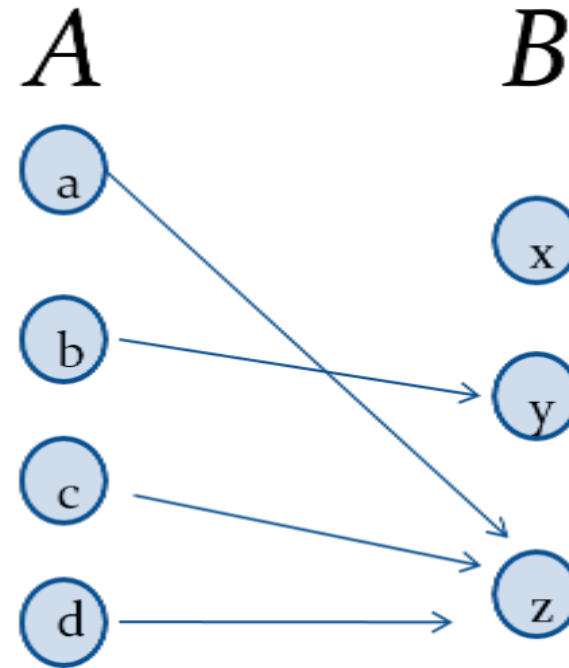
Question on Functions and Sets

Definition: If $f:A \rightarrow B$ and S is a subset of A , then

$$f(S) = \{f(s) \mid s \in S\}$$

$f\{a,b,c\}$ is ? $\{y,z\}$

$f\{c,d\}$ is ? $\{z\}$



Functions

Definition: Let f_1 and f_2 be functions from A to R . Then f_1+f_2 and $f_1.f_2$ are also functions from A to R defined for all $x \in A$ by

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

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

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

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

Injectons

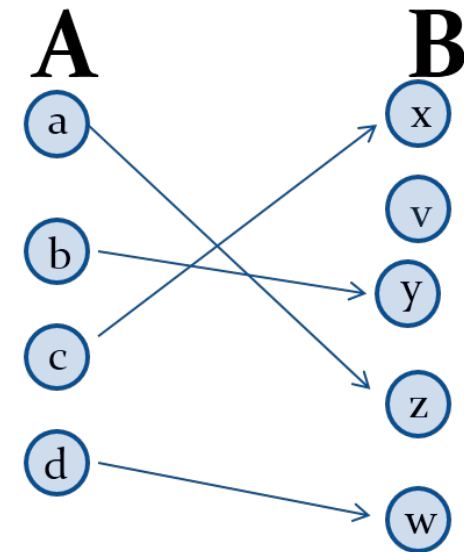
Definition: A function f is said to be **one-to-one**, or **injective**, if and only if $f(a) = f(b)$ implies that $a = b$ for all a and b in the domain of f .

A function is said to be an **injection** if it is one-to-one.



$$\forall a \forall b (f(a) = f(b) \rightarrow a = b)$$

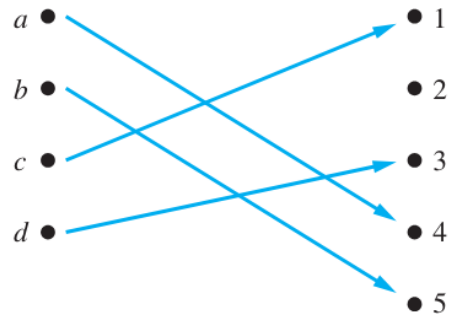
$$\forall a \forall b (a \neq b \rightarrow f(a) \neq f(b))$$



Injection - Examples

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

Yes



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

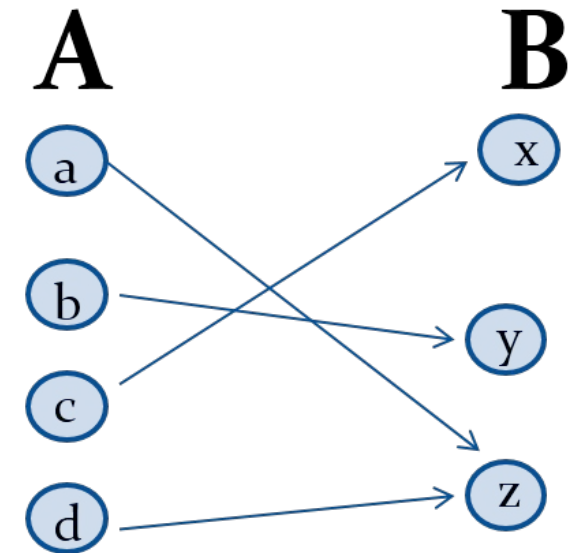
No

e.g., $f(1) = f(-1) = 1$, but $1 \neq -1$

Surjections

Definition: A function f from A to B is called **onto** or **surjective**, if and only if for every element $b \in B$ there is an element $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$.

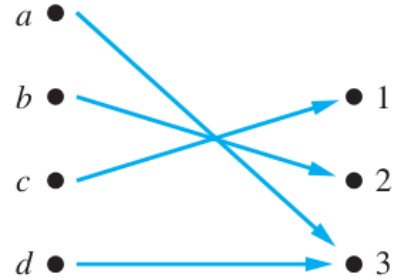
- A function f is called a *surjection* if it is *onto*.
- f 's range and codomain are equal.
- $\forall y \exists x (f(x) = y)$



Surjection - Examples

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

Yes



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

No

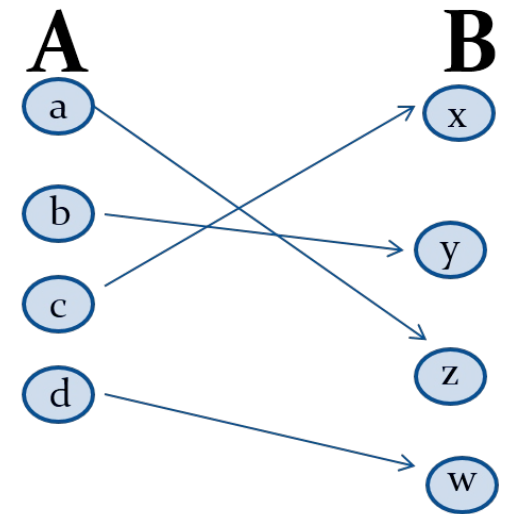
e.g., no integer x with $x^2 = -1$

Bijections

Definition: A function f is a ***one-to-one correspondence***, or a ***bijection***, if it is both one-to-one and onto (surjective and injective).

Example: Let f be the function from $\{a, b, c, d\}$ to $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with $f(a) = 4$, $f(b) = 2$, $f(c) = 1$, and $f(d) = 3$. Is f a bijection?

Yes



Showing that f is one-to-one or onto

Suppose that $f : A \rightarrow B$.

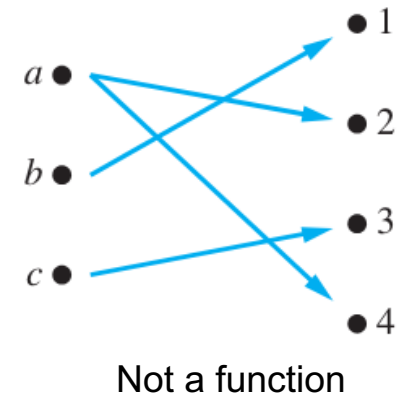
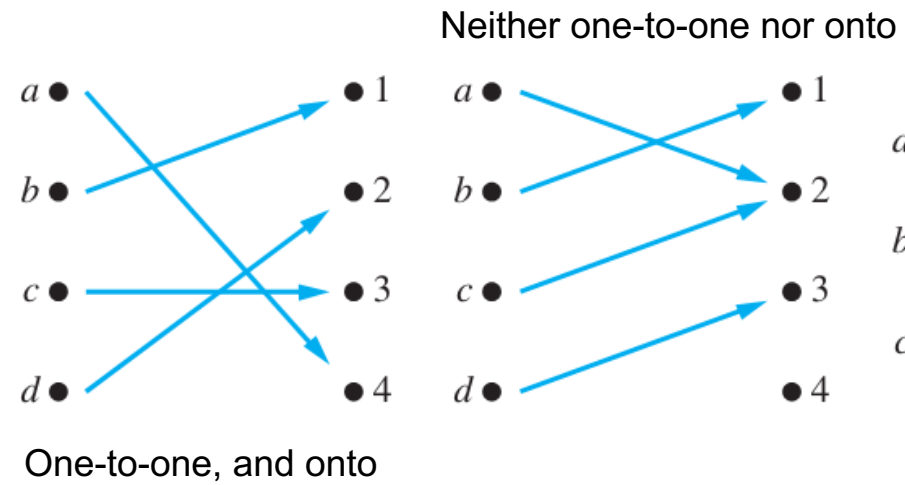
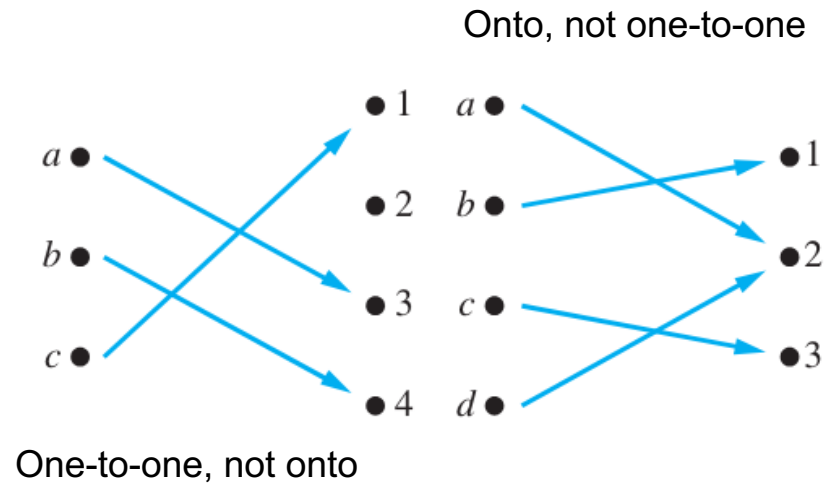
To show that f is injective Show that if $f(x)=f(y)$ for arbitrary $x,y \in A$, then $x=y$.

To show that f is not injective Find particular elements $x,y \in A$ such that $x \neq y$ and $f(x)=f(y)$.

To show that f is surjective Consider an arbitrary element $y \in B$ and find an element $x \in A$ such that $f(x)=y$.

To show that f is not surjective Find a particular $y \in B$ such that $f(x) \neq y$ for all $x \in A$.

Examples



Inverse Functions₁

Definition: Let f be a bijection from A to B . Then the *inverse* of f , denoted f^{-1} , is the function from B to A defined as

$$f^{-1}(y) = x \text{ iff } f(x) = y$$

- No inverse exists unless f is a bijection. Why?

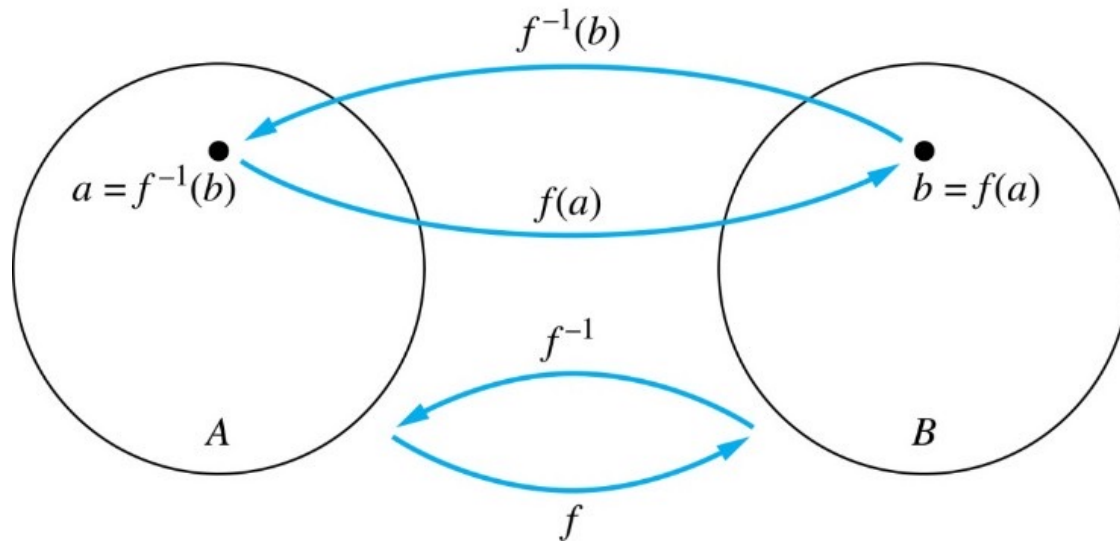
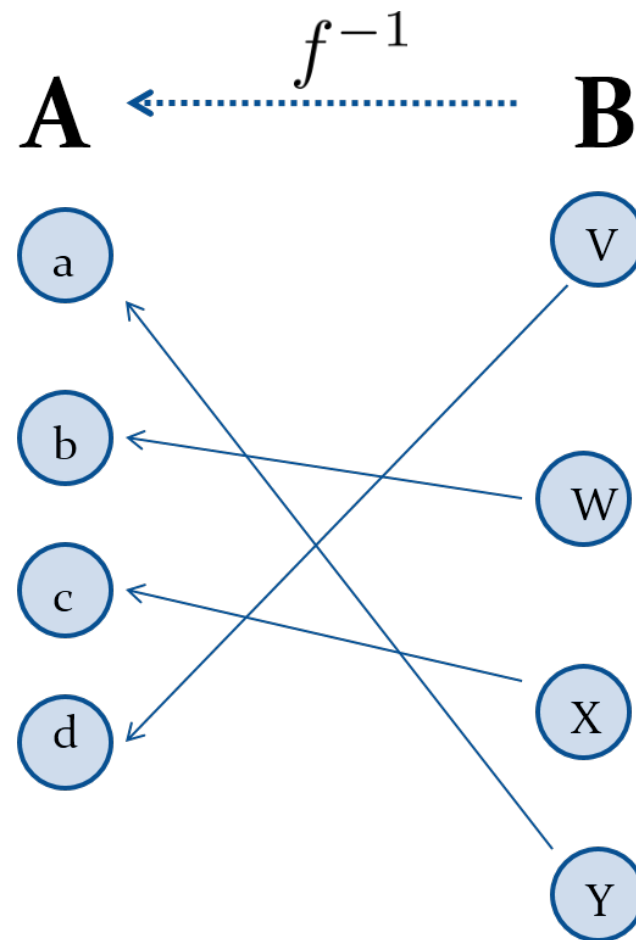
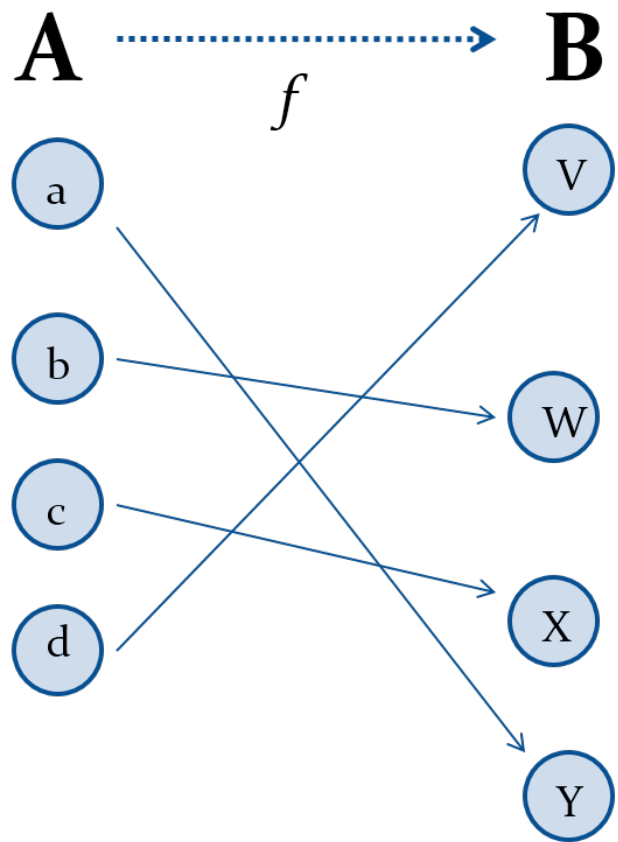


FIGURE: The Function f^{-1} is the inverse of Function f

Inverse Functions₂



Questions₁

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

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

Questions₂

Example 2: Let $f: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ be such that $f(x) = x + 1$. Is f invertible, and if so, what is its inverse?

Solution: The function f is invertible because it is a one-to-one correspondence. The inverse function f^{-1} reverses the correspondence.

Format: $f(x) = y$; therefore, $f(x)=y=x+1$.

$f^{-1}(y) = x$, so, rewrite x in terms of y .

$$x = y - 1$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = y - 1.$$

Questions₃

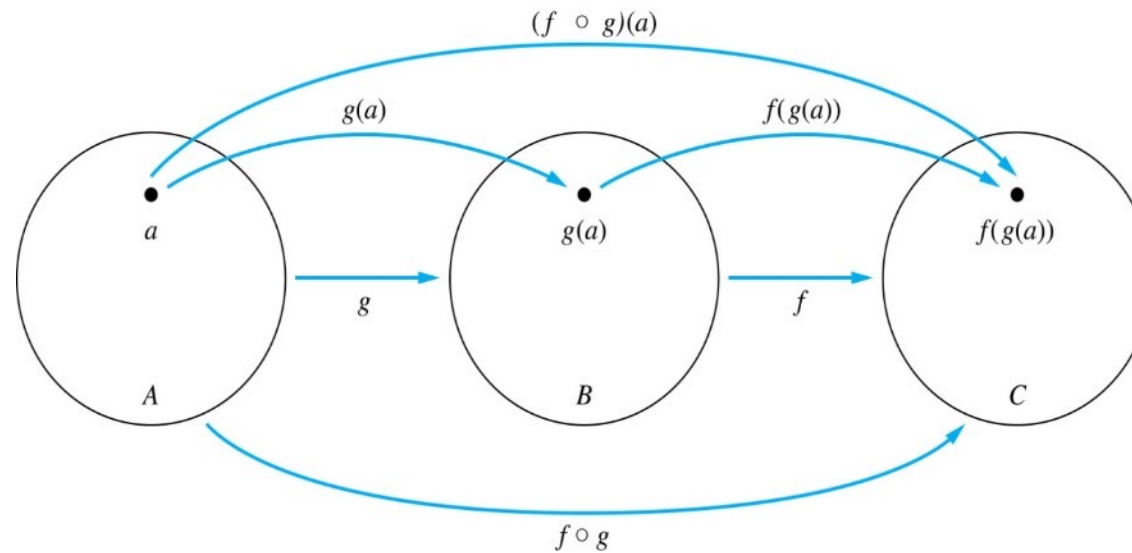
Example 3: Let $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be such that $f(x) = x^2$

Is f invertible, and if so, what is its inverse?

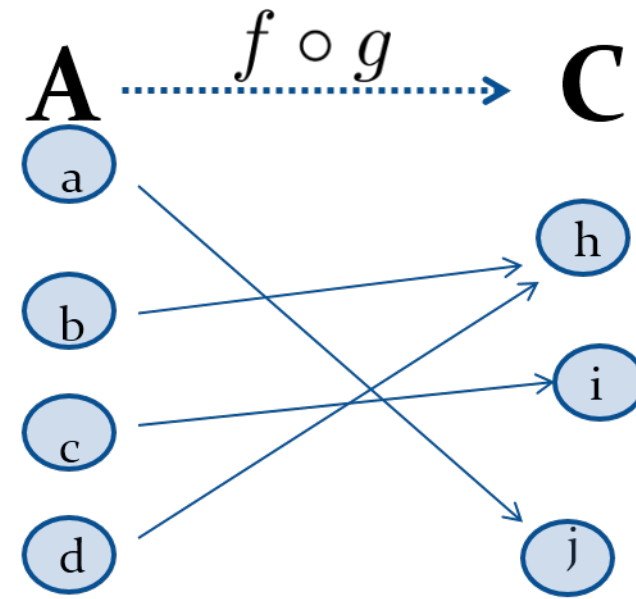
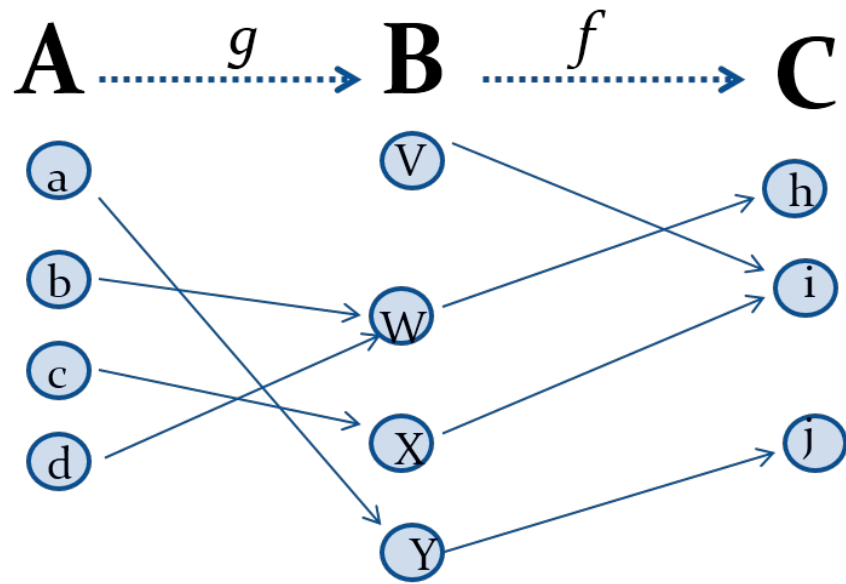
Solution: The function f is not invertible because it is not one-to-one. $f(-2) = f(2) = 4$.

Composition₁

Definition: Let $f: B \rightarrow C$, $g: A \rightarrow B$. The *composition of f with g* , denoted $f \circ g$ is the function from A to C defined by

$$(f \circ g)(a) = f(g(a))$$


Composition₂



Composition₃

Example 1: $f(x)=x^2$ and $g(x)=2x+1$.

$$f \circ g = ?$$

$$g \circ f = ?$$

$$f(x) = x^2 \text{ and } g(x) = 2x + 1,$$

then

$$f(g(x)) = (2x + 1)^2$$

and

$$g(f(x)) = 2x^2 + 1$$



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