

A binary relation on a domain D ^{B functional} describes a function ~~from~~ D iff there is exactly one pair (x, y) in the relation for each $x \in D$. D is called the domain of the function.

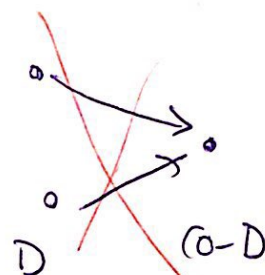
Each function must also specify a co-domain set from which output values are taken.

We write $f: S \rightarrow T$ to say f has domain S and co-domain T and then specify f by giving a ^{functional} subset of $S \times T$.

* Functions with the same set of pairs are different functions if they have different co-domains

A function can be:

injective (one-to-one): each co-domain element is used at most once.



surjective (onto): each co-domain element is used.
range = co-domain

bijective: injective and surjective.

The range of a function is the subset of the co-domain that is used.

A permutation of a set S is a bijection $S \rightarrow S$.

If $f: S \rightarrow T$ and $g: T \rightarrow U$

then $g \circ f: S \rightarrow U$ "the composition of g and f "

[we write $f(x)$ when $x \in D$ and $f: D \rightarrow S$ to represent
the unique $y \in S$ s.t. (x, y) is in the set of pairs for f]
"the image of x under f "

$g \circ f$ is defined so that $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$ for $x \in S$

Then The composition of 2 bijections is itself a bijection.

$$|A| = |B| \cancel{= |C|} = |C|$$

Early mathematicians of computation

Alan Turing

Turing machine

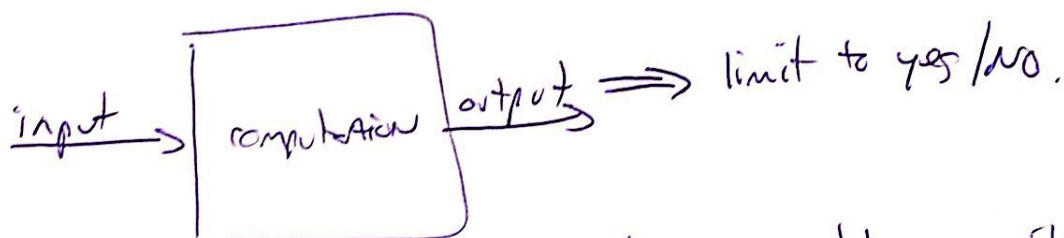
Alonzo Church

The lambda calculus

(underlies LISP)

— exactly equivalent expressive power / computability.

Suggests: The above both define "computation"



A specification for the computation would describe input
the desired input/output pairs. \Rightarrow set of strings that
should get "yes"

A desired computational behavior for yes/no computation (decision problems) can be specified by a set of strings, the inputs for which we want "yes".

typically infinite
a language

Obs: There are countably many finite strings. (Σ^*)
Obs: This there are countably many^c programs.

set of finite strings over alphabet Σ

How many subsets of Σ^* are there? $|P(\Sigma^*)|$
so uncountably

→ these are the languages

∴ There are uncountably many computational ~~tasks~~ task specifications (languages) but only countably many programs (each solves at most one)