Sets & Functions

What every programmer must know about it

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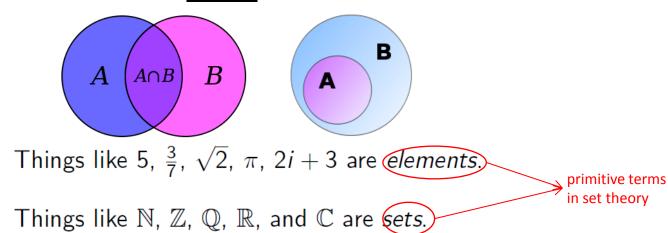
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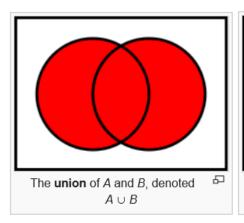
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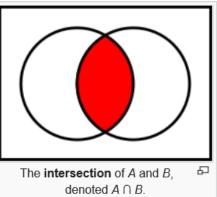
$$\left\{ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \left(\frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} - 1 = 0 \right) \land (x + 2y - 3 = 0) \right\}$$

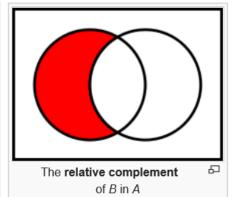
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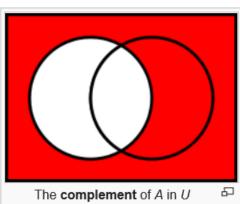
"A collection of well defined and distinct objects" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Set_(mathematics)











$$\{1, 2\} \cup \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2\}.$$

$$\{1, 2\} \cup \{2, 3\} = \{1, 2, 3\}.$$

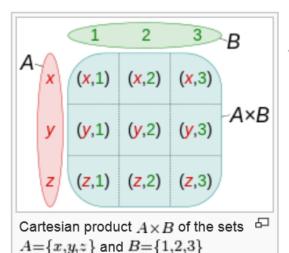
$$\{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{3, 4, 5\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\{1, 2\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2\}.$$

$$\{1, 2\} \cap \{2, 3\} = \{2\}.$$

$$\{1, 2\} \setminus \{1, 2\} = \emptyset.$$

$$\{1, 2\} \cap \{2, 3\} = \{2\}.$$
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \setminus \{1, 3\} = \{2, 4\}.$

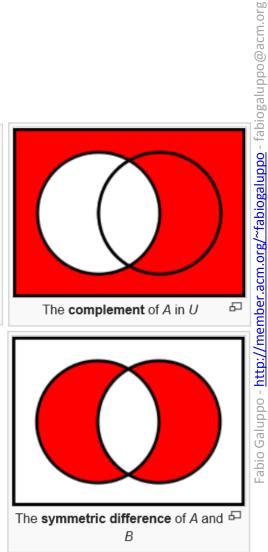


$$A \times B = \{ (a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B \}$$

 $A = \{1,2\}; B = \{3,4\}$

$$A \times B = \{1,2\} \times \{3,4\} = \{(1,3), (1,4), (2,3), (2,4)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{3,4\} \times \{1,2\} = \{(3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2)\}$$



$$A \Delta B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$$

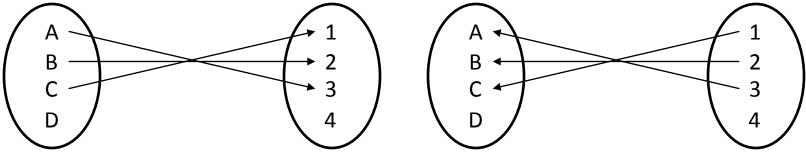
symmetric difference of {7,8,9,10} and {9,10,11,12} is the set {7,8,11,12}

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Set (mathematics) and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartesian product

Relations

• A Binary Relation from A to B is a subset of $A \times B$

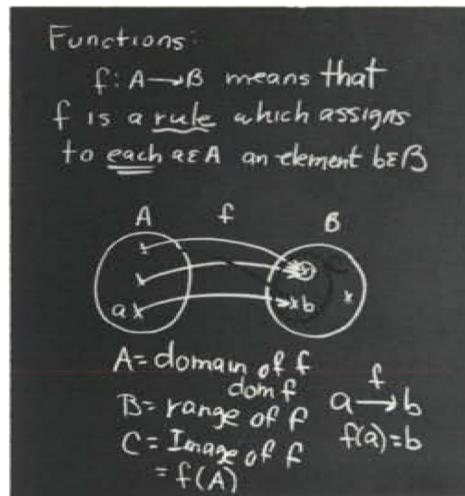
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A = \{Mark\ Twain, Lewis\ Carroll, Charles\ Dickens, Stephen\ King\}
               B = \{A \ Christmas \ Carol, Alice's \ Adventures \ in \ Wonderland, \}
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               The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Left Hand of Darkness}
                R = \{(Mark\ Twain, The\ Adventures\ of\ Tom\ Sawyer),
                      (Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland),
                      (Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol)}
               R^{-1} = \{(The\ Adventures\ of\ Tom\ Sawyer, Mark\ Twain\ ),
                       (Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll),
                        (A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens)}
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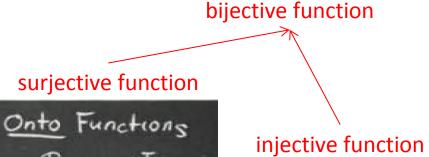


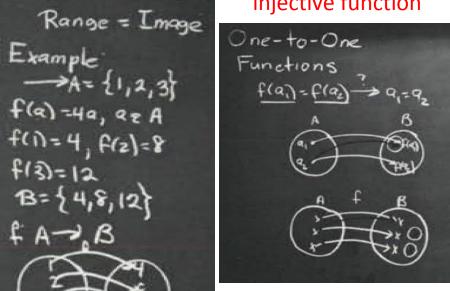
The pre-image set of R is {Mark Twain, Lewis Carroll, Charles Dickens}
The image set of R is {The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, A Christmas Carol}

Functions

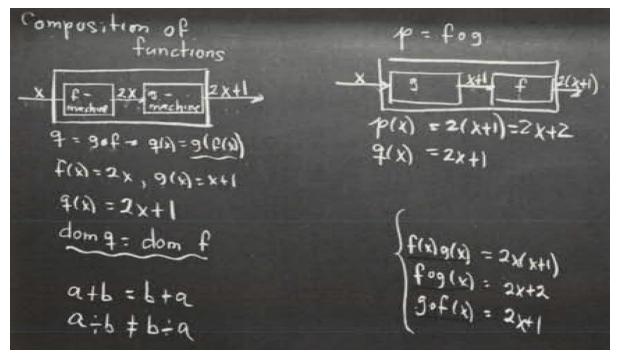
a function is a relation between a set of inputs and a set of permissible outputs - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Function (mathematics)







Composition of Functions

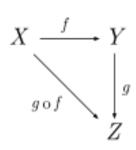


http://ocw.mit.edu/resources/res-18-006-calculus-revisited-single-variable-calculus-fall-2010/part-i-sets-functions-and-limits/lecture-2-functions/

$$\frac{f: a \to b \quad g: b \to c}{g \circ f: a \to c}$$



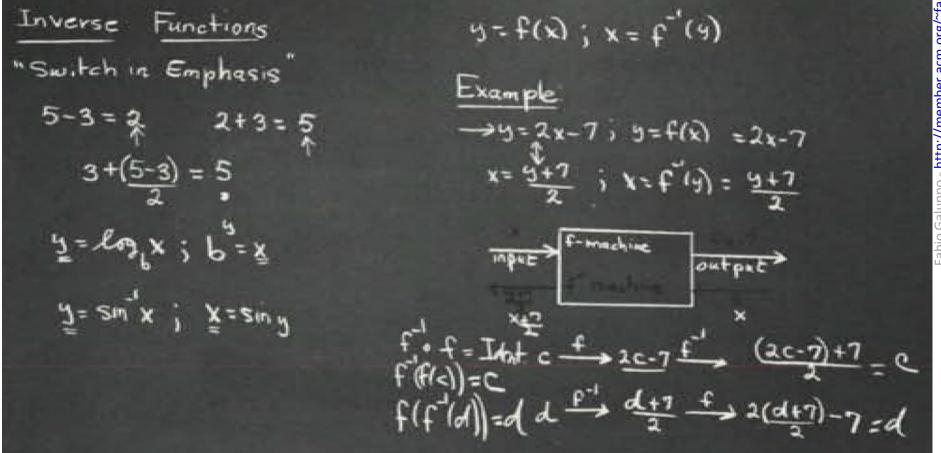
In a category, if there is an arrow going from A to B and an arrow going from B to C then there must also be a direct arrow from A to C that is their composition. This diagram is not a full category because it's missing identity morphisms (see later).



Inverse Functions

$$\log_2 8 = 3$$
 $2^3 = 8$

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



$$x^2/9 + y^2/16 - 1 = 0$$
 and $x + 2y - 3 = 0$







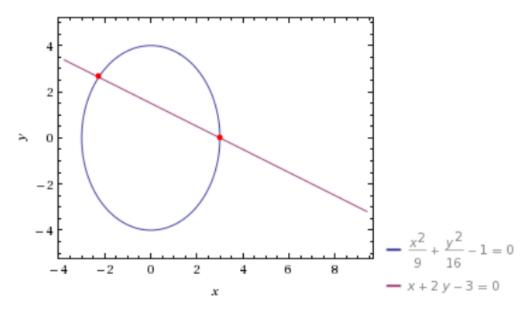


■ Examples Random

Input:

$$\left\{\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{16} - 1 = 0, x + 2y - 3 = 0\right\}$$

Plot of solution set:



Solutions:

$$x = -\frac{165}{73} , \quad y = \frac{192}{73}$$

$$x = 3 , \quad y = 0$$

$$\left\{ \left(-\frac{165}{73}, \frac{192}{73} \right), (3,0) \right\}$$