

# Mathematics for Computer Science

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## Lecture 1





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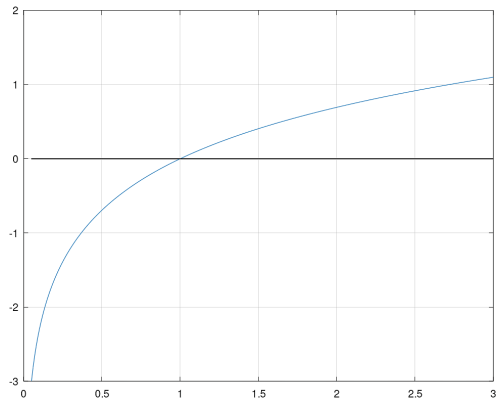
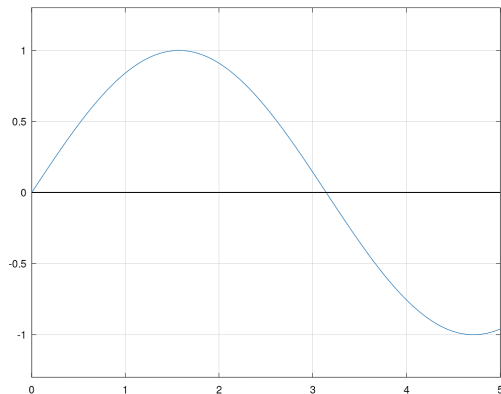
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If  $C$  is a circle, then  $C \notin Q$ .
- 2 If  $G$  is the set of all even numbers, then  $16 \in G$ , and  $3 \notin G$ .
- 3 If  $L$  is the set of all solutions of the equation  $x^2 = 1$ , then  $1 \in L$ , while  $2 \notin L$ .
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Thus, the following all describe the same set:

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4. By giving (specifying) a rule which determines if a given object is in the set or not.

1.  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a natural number}\}$
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3.  $\{y \mid y \text{ solves } (y + 1) \cdot (y - 3) = 0\}$
4.  $\{p \mid p \text{ is an even prime number}\}.$
5.  $\{f \mid f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is continuous}\}$
6.  $\{p \mid p \text{ is a polynomial of degree 5}\}$
7.  $\{g \mid g(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}, p \text{ and } q \text{ are polynomials}\}$
8.  $\{\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } p(\alpha) = 0, \text{ where } p \text{ is a given polynomial}\}$

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Set-builder notation can specify the form of the elements of a set:

$$\{3x - 1 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -7, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots\}$$

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Clearly,  $S \subseteq S$  for any set  $S$ .

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$$\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C},$$
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Let  $E = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \text{ is even}\}$ . Then,

- $E \subsetneq \mathbb{Z}$ . Indeed,  $E \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  and  $E \neq \mathbb{Z}$  since, for example,  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , but  $1 \notin E$ .
- $\mathbb{N} \not\subseteq E$  since  $1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , but  $1 \notin E$ .
- $E \not\subseteq \mathbb{N}$  since  $-2 \in E$ , but  $-2 \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

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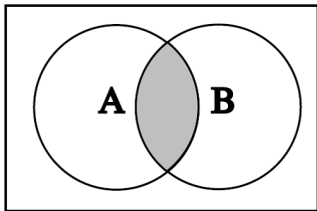
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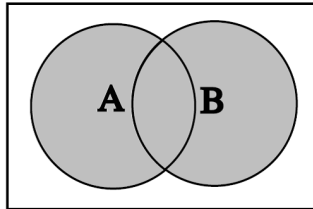
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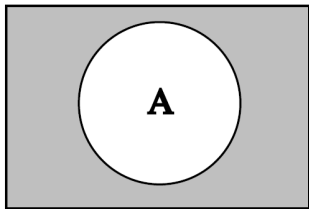




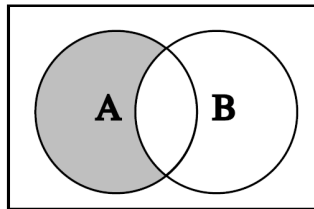
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The last line identities are called **De Morgan's (duality) laws** for sets.

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets. **Cartesian product** or **product** of  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted  $X \times Y$ , is the set of all **ordered pairs**  $(x, y)$ , where  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . In other words,

$$X \times Y = \{(x, y) \mid x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y\}.$$

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Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{2, 5\}$ . Then,

$$X \times Y = \{(a, 2), (a, 5), (b, 2), (b, 5), (c, 2), (c, 5)\}.$$

Clearly,  $(2, b) \notin X \times Y$  and neither  $(c, 3) \notin X \times Y$ .

On the other hand,  $(2, b) \in Y \times X$ .

**Note that**  $X \times Y \neq Y \times X$ . Also,  $X \times X = X^2$ .

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It was created at the end of the 19th century by **Georg Cantor** in order to allow mathematicians to work with infinite sets consistently.

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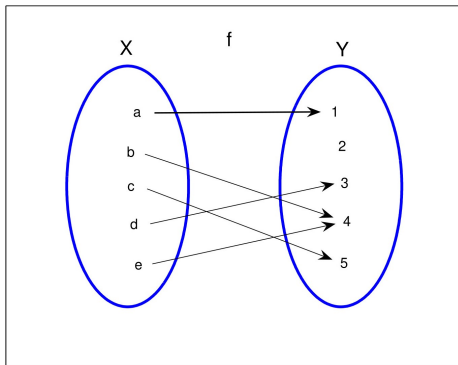
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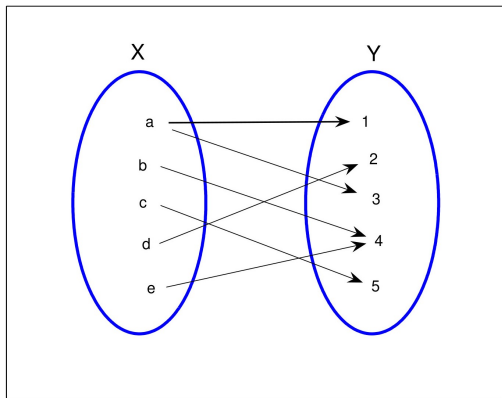
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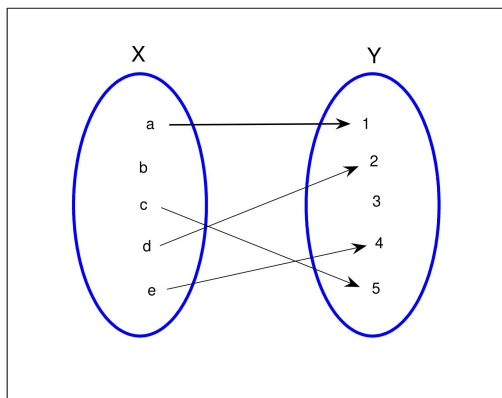


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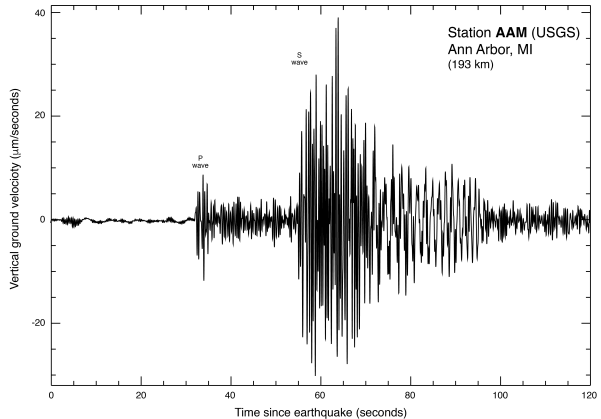
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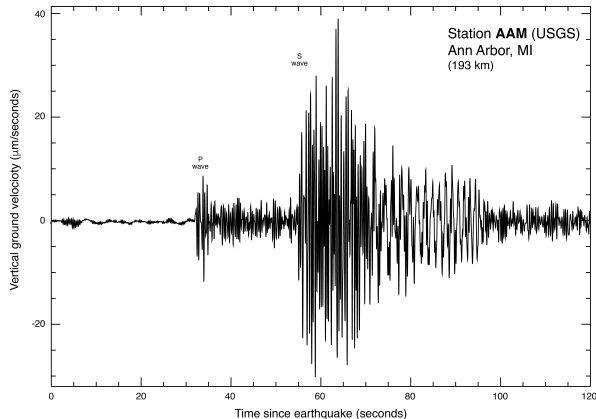
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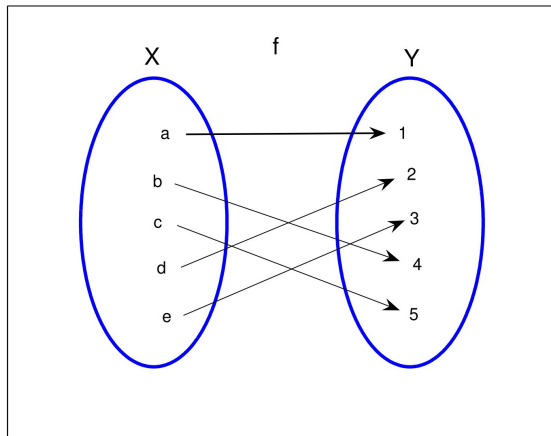
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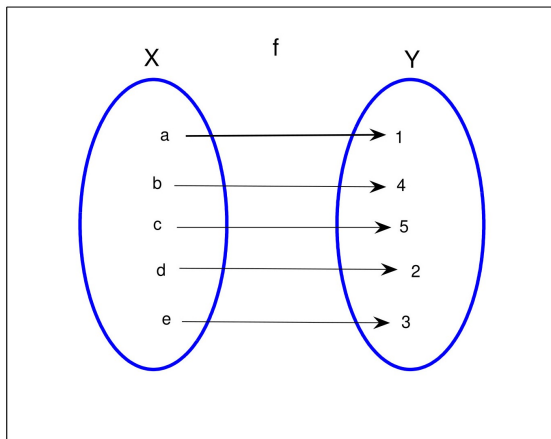
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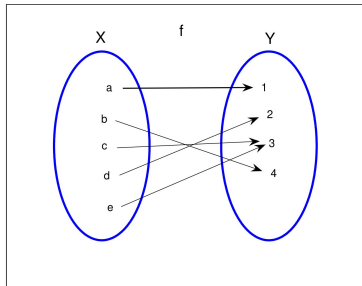


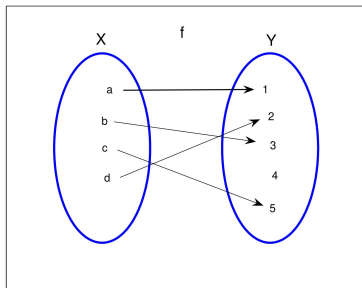
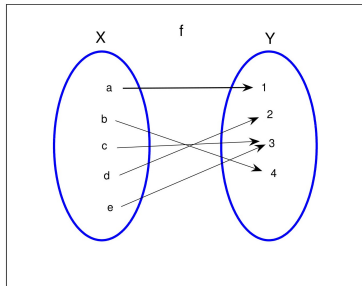
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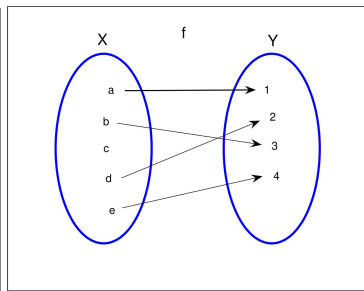
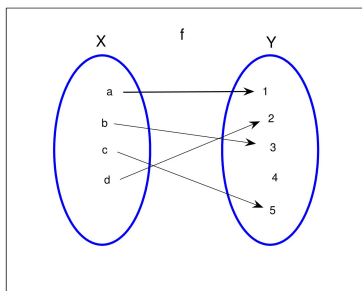
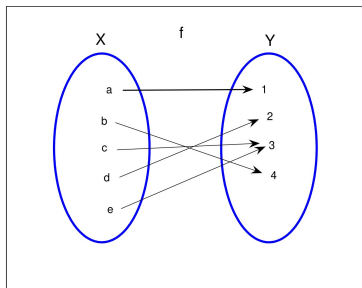
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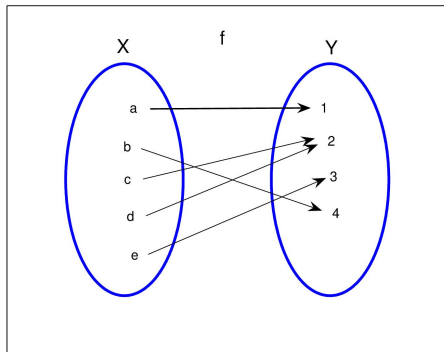




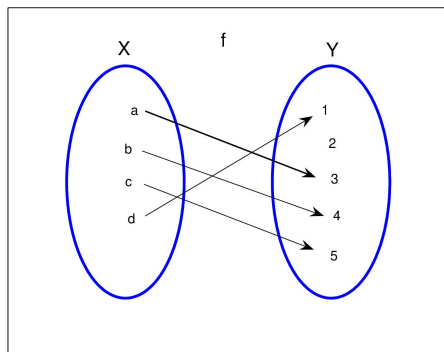


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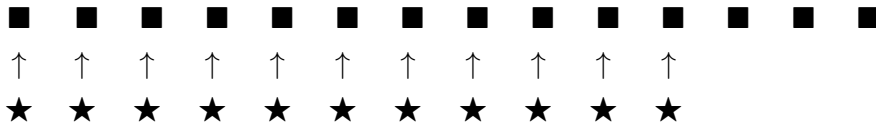
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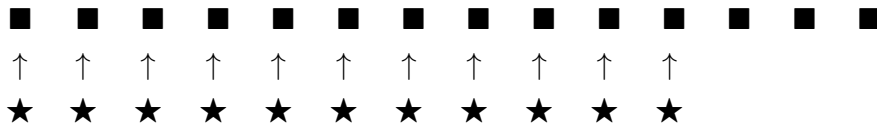
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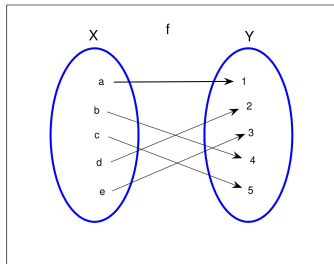
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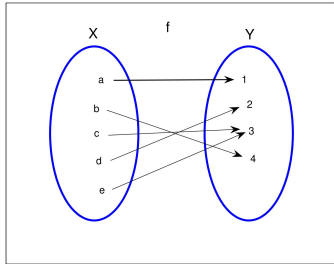
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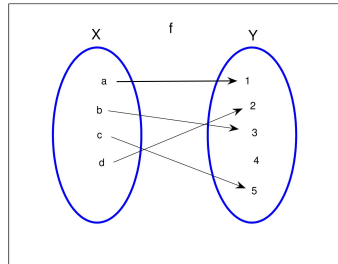
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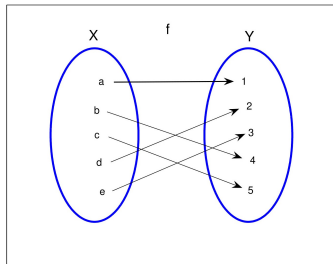
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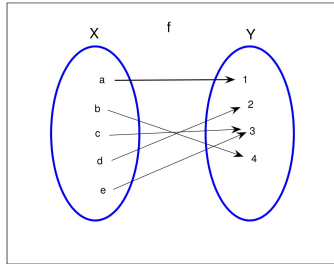
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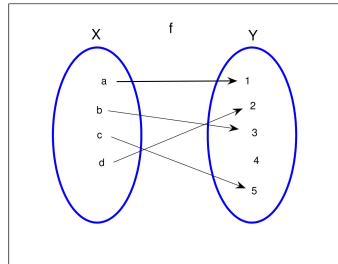
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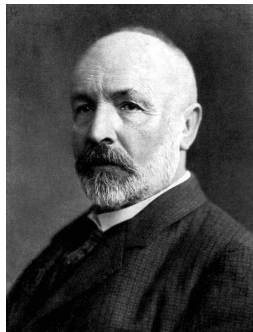
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So far, we have shown that

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