

# Functions and Chinese Remainder Theorem

## Meeting #8

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# Outline

- 1 Warm Up
- 2 Functions
  - Injective Functions
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## AMC 2021 12B # 2

### Problem

*At a math contest, 57 students are wearing blue shirts, and another 75 students are wearing yellow shirts. The 132 students are assigned into 66 pairs. In exactly 23 of these pairs, both students are wearing blue shirts. In how many pairs are both students wearing yellow shirts?*

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*Two distinct numbers are selected from the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 36, 37\}$  so that the sum of the remaining 35 numbers is the product of these two numbers. What is the difference of these two numbers?*

# Review

Remember that last time, we introduced the idea of modular arithmetic.

## Definition (Congruence)

We say

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

if and only if  $a - b$  is divisible by  $n$ . That is,  $\frac{a-b}{n} \in \mathbb{Z}$

Another way to think of this is that  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $n$  if they have the same remainders when divided by  $n$ .

## Example

$$12 \equiv 9 \equiv 4 \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$$

$$31 \equiv 1 \equiv 4 \pmod{3}$$

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# Functions

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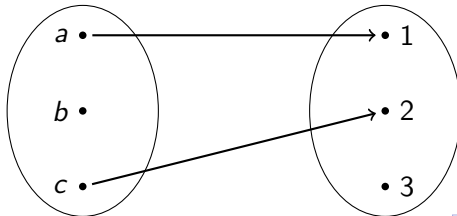
A function is an operation which takes a set of input values and *maps* them to output values. Each input can have only 1 output.

For example, a line is a function.

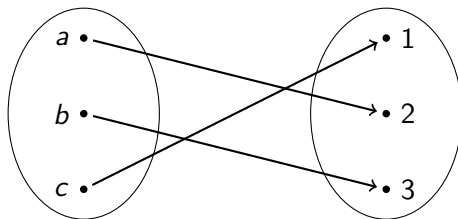
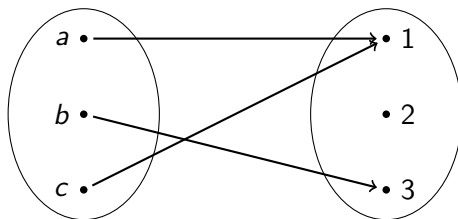
## Definition (Injective Function)

An *injective* function is a function where each output has either 1 or 0 inputs. That is, 2 inputs cannot map to the same output.

Here is an injective function.



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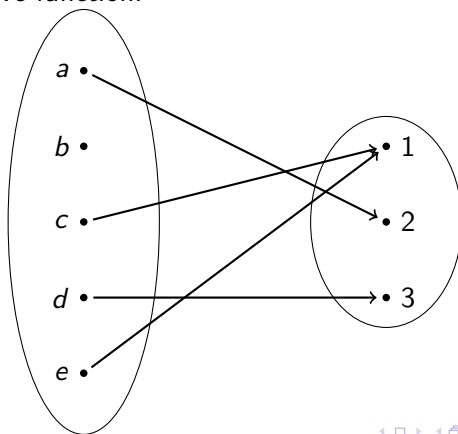


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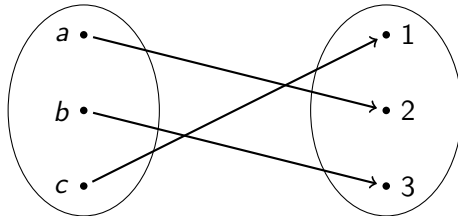
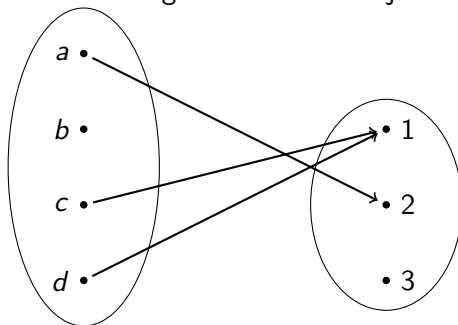
An *surjective* function is a function where each output has at least one input.

Here is an surjective function.



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Determine whether the following functions are surjective.

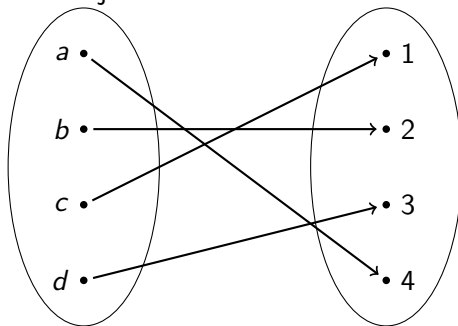


# Set Theory

## Definition (Bijective Function)

A bijective function is a function where each input has a distinct output and each output has a distinct input. In other words, the function is both injective and surjective.

Here is an example of a bijective function.



# Chinese Remainder Theorem

## Theorem (CRT)

*Let  $m$  and  $n$  be integers such that  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ . Then there is a bijection between residues modulo  $mn$  and pairs of residues modulo  $m$  and  $n$ .*

For example, let us take  $m, n = 3, 2$ , we have the following table.

$x$ modulo 6	$x$ modulo 3	$x$ modulo 2
0	0	0
1	1	1
2	2	0
3	0	1
4	1	0
5	2	1

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- $a = 9$

# Resources

Art of Problem Solving-[artofproblemsolving.com](https://artofproblemsolving.com)

- ① Problems
- ② Alcumus Game
- ③ Problem Solving Books
- ④ Classes