Mathematics

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Introduction

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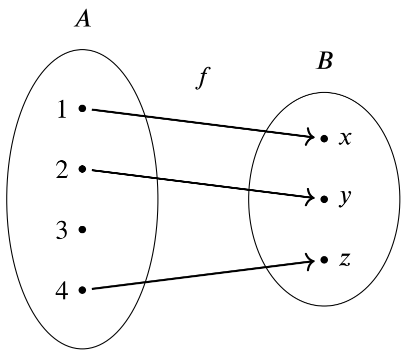
Mapping, Preimage and Image

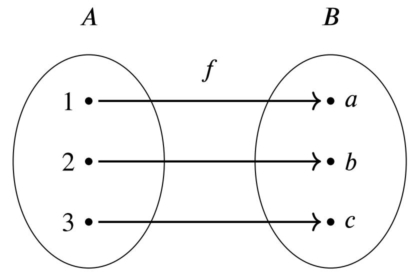
For two non-empty sets A and B, If an element a inside set A has a corresponding element b inside set B, denoted as $a \to b$, then we say that a is mapped to b or a and b are paired. The mapping between two sets is normally denoted as f, g, h, etc. The mapping shown in the diagram below can be denoted as $f : 1 \to x,\ 2 \to y,\ 4 \to z$.



Let $f : A \to B$ is a mapping, a is an element in A. If a is mapped to b under the mapping f, then b is said to be the image of a under the mapping f, denoted as $b = f(a)$; a is said to be the preimage of b under the mapping f. In the diagram above, under the mapping f, the image of 1, 2, and 4 are x, y, and z respectively, while the preimage of x, y, and z are 1, 2, and 4 respectively.

> Let A and B be two non-empty sets, f is a mapping from A to B such that for all elements in A, there is a unique corresponding element in B, then f is a function or a mapping from A to B, denoted as $f : A \to B$.

The mapping shown in the diagram below is a function.



22.1.1 Practice 1

1. For the following mappings, list the image of each element in A and the preimage of each element in B, and determine whether the mapping is a function or not:

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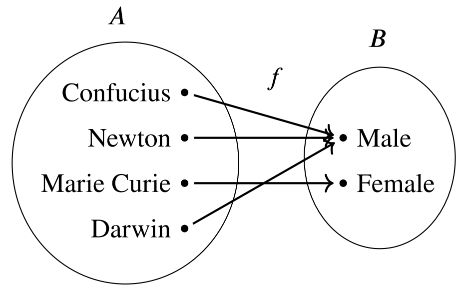

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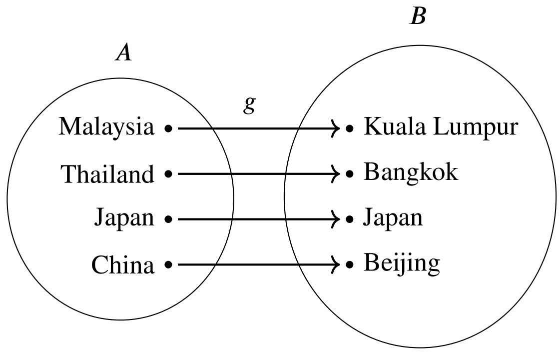

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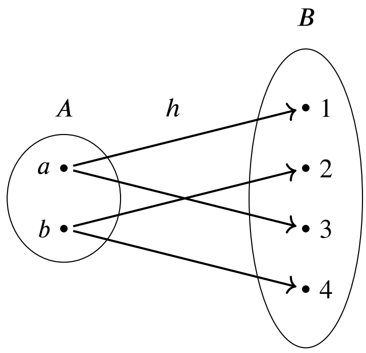

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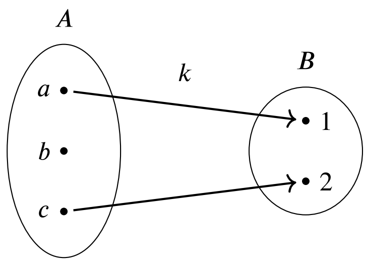

2. Given a mapping $g : x \to x + 3$, $x \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$, find the image of each x.

3. Determine whether the following mappings are functions.

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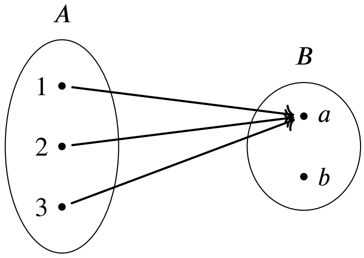

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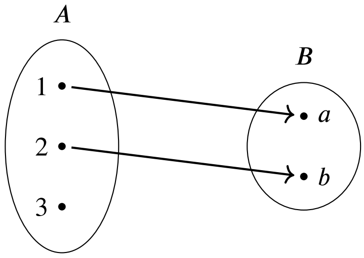

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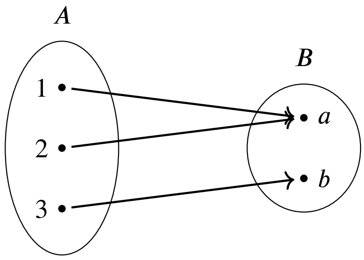

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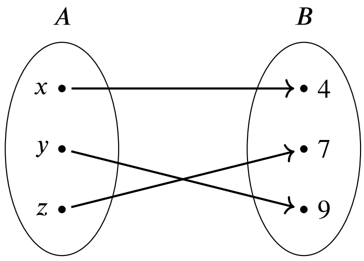

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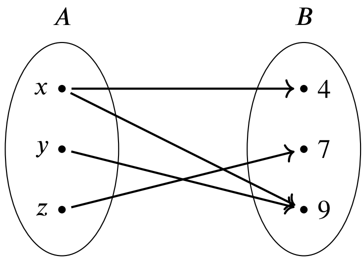

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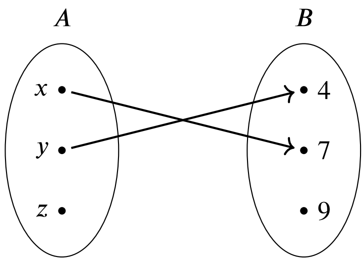


The function $f : A \to B$ can be written as $y = f(x)$, x is the element of A and y is the element of B. When x changes, y changes as well. x is called independent variable, while y is called dependent variable.

Keep in mind that $f(x)$ is NOT the product of f and x.

Representation of Functions

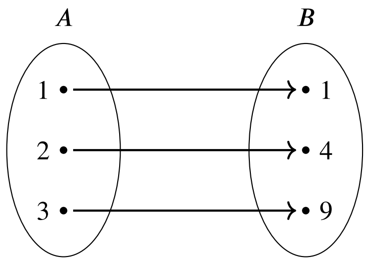
Generally speaking, there are a few ways to represent a function:

1. **Narrative Form**: express the function of two sets in words. For example, Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{1, 4, 9\}$, f is a function from A to B, its definition is that for any element x in A, its corresponding element is x^2 in B.

2. **Arrow Method**: draw an arrow to connect the preimage and image of a function such that the preimage is corresponding to the image. To express the example above, we express it as $f : 1 \to 1,\ 2 \to 4,\ 3 \to 9$.

3. **Analytical Method**: express the function in the form of mathematical expression to represent the relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable. For example, $f(x) = x^2, x \in \mathbb{A}$.

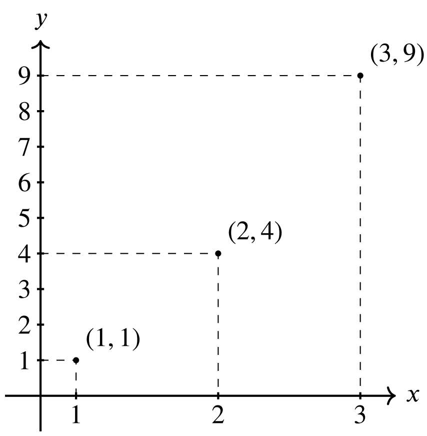
4. **Venn Diagram**: draw arrows between the venn diagram of two sets to represent the function, as shown below:



5. **Table Method**: express the function in the form of table, showing the relationship of the chosen value between independent variable x and the value of its corresponding dependent variable y, as shown below:

x	1	2	3
y	1	4	9

6. **Graphical Method**: draw a graph to represent the function of the two variables, as shown below:



22.1.2 Practice 2

Express the following functions using analytical method, venn diagram, table method and graphical method.

(a) f mapping each integers from -3 to 3 to its squares plus 4.

(b) g mapping each natural numbers from 1 to 4 to its cubes.

22.1.3 Exercise 22.1

1. Express the mapping from set A to set B, and determine which of the following mappings are functions.

	Set A	Set B	Mapping
(a)	{0, 3, 9, 12}	{0, 1, 2, 3}	Divide by 3
(b)	{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2}	{0, 1, 4, 9, 16}	Power of 4
(c)	{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2}	{0, 1, 4}	Square
(d)	$\{30°, 45°, 60°\}$	$\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right\}$	Sine
(e)	{-1, 0, 1, 2}	{-1, 0, 1}	Cube

2. Let function $f(x) = 3x^2 + 1$.

   (a) Find the image of the following elements:

      i. -3
      ii. -2
      iii. 0
      iv. 2
      v. 5

   (b) Find the preimage of the following elements:

      i. 13
      ii. 28
      iii. 1
      iv. 0
      v. 4

3. Let function $g(x) = 5x - 2$. Find:

   (a) $g(-2)$
   (b) $g(-1)$
   (c) $g(0)$

4. Let function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & x \leq -1 \\ x - 1, & -1 \leq x < 3 \\ 4x + 2, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$, find

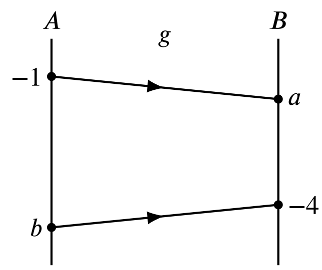
   (a) $f(-5)$
   (b) $f(-2)$
   (c) $f(0)$
   (d) $f(2)$
   (e) $f(10)$

5. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x^4$. Find the image of -1, 0, 1, and 2 under f.

6. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x^4$. Find the preimage of 0, 1, and 4 under f.

   In $\mathbb{R}$, which element does not have a preimage?

7. In the diagram below, given that function $g : A \to B$ is defined as $g : x \to 2x - 8$. Find the value of a and b.

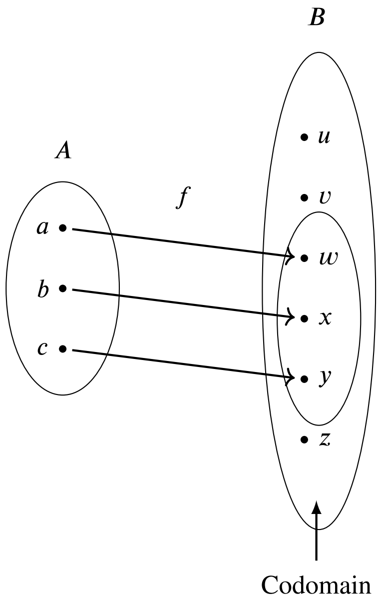


8. Using narrative form, arrow method, venn diagram, table method and graphical method, express the function $f(x) = 2x$, $x \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$.

22.2 Domain and Range

Let f is a function from set A to set B, then set A is called the domain of f, denoted by D_f; set B is called the codomain of f; the set of the images of all elements of A under f is called the range of f, denoted by R_f.

If the domain A and range B of function $f : A \to B$ are both subsets of real number set $\mathbb{R}$, then this function is called real valued function / real function. This book primarily discusses about real valued functions. When the domain of a real function is not mentioned and only the mapping rule is given, its domain is assumed to be the set of all real numbers that yield defined values $f(x)$. After the domain and the mapping rule are determined, the range of a function will then be determined.



22.3 Graphs of Functions and Their Transformations

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