

WE HAVE COVERED THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF CSE 16

- Understanding **mathematical notation**
- Understanding **logic**
- Understanding **proofs**
 - Direct proofs
 - **Proof by contradiction**
- The rest is just “practice” of the above with new mathematical definitions
 - So far, we have practiced with basic arithmetic, but now:
 - Functions
 - Relations
 - Algorithms
 - Sequences

MOTIVATING QUESTION

- What is the cardinality of the natural numbers?
 - What is the cardinality of the integers?
 - What is the cardinality of the real numbers?
 - Is any of them larger than the others?
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- Poll 1: is the set of integers larger than the set of natural numbers?
 - 62% said yes! The real answer to this question is NO!
 - Poll 2: is the set of real numbers larger than the set of integers?
 - 69% said yes! The real answer to this question is YES!

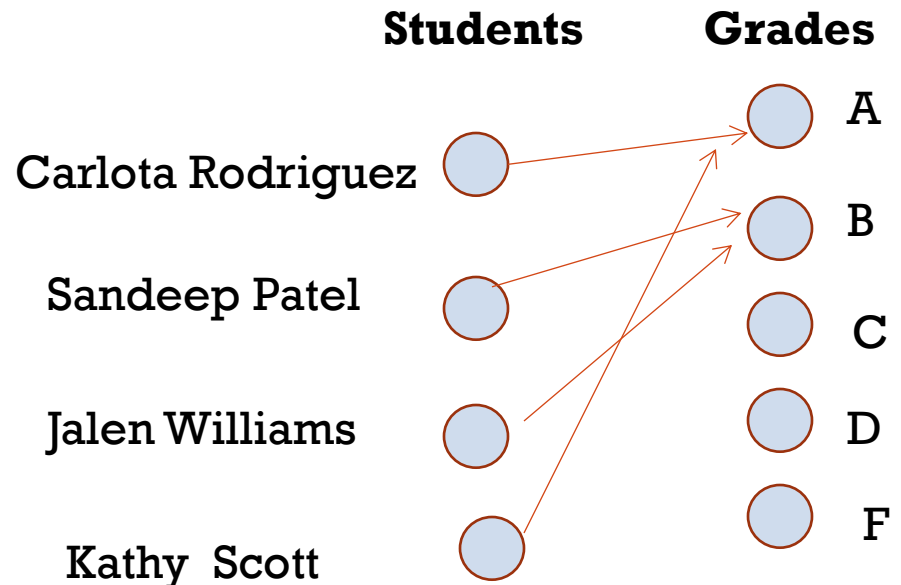
FUNCTIONS



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Definition: Let A and B be nonempty sets. A *function* f from A to B , denoted $f: A \rightarrow B$ is an assignment of each element of A to exactly one element of B . We write $f(a) = b$ if b is the unique element of B assigned by the function f to the element a of A .

- Functions are sometimes called *mappings* or *transformations*.



FUNCTIONS

- A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ can also be defined as a subset of $A \times B$ (a relation). This subset is restricted to be a relation where no two elements of the relation have the same first element.
- Specifically, a function f from A to B contains one, and only one ordered pair (a, b) for every element $a \in A$.

$$\forall x [x \in A \rightarrow \exists y [y \in B \wedge (x, y) \in f]]$$

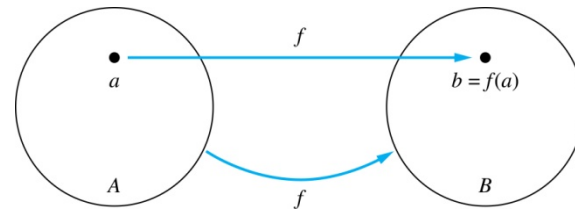
and

$$\forall x, y_1, y_2 [(x, y_1) \in f \wedge (x, y_2) \in f] \rightarrow y_1 = y_2]$$

DEFINITIONS

Given a function $f: A \rightarrow B$:

- We say f maps A to B or
 f is a *mapping* from A to B .
- A is called the *domain* of f .
- B is called the *codomain, target* of f .
- If $f(a) = b$,
 - then b is called the *image of a* under f .
 - a is called the *preimage of b* .
- The *range* of f is the set of all images of points in A under f . We denote it by $f(A)$.
- Two functions are *equal* when they have the same domain, the same codomain and map each element of the domain to the same element of the codomain.



REPRESENTING FUNCTIONS

- Functions may be specified in different ways:
 - An explicit statement of the assignment.
Students and grades example.
 - A formula.
 $f(x) = x + 1$
 - A computer program.
 - A Java program that when given an integer n , produces the n th Fibonacci Number.

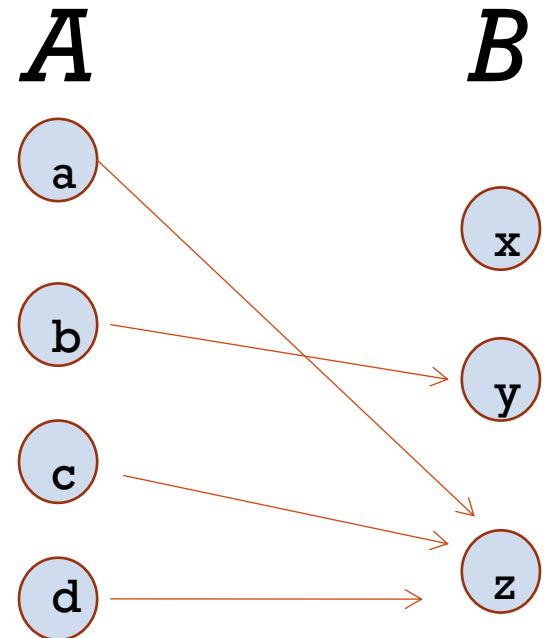
QUESTION ON FUNCTIONS AND SETS

- If $f : A \rightarrow B$ and S is a subset of A , then

$$f(S) = \{f(s) | s \in S\}$$

$f\{a,b,c\}$ is ? $\{y,z\}$

$f\{c,d\}$ is ? $\{z\}$



QUESTIONS

$$f(a) = ? \quad z$$

The image of d is ? z

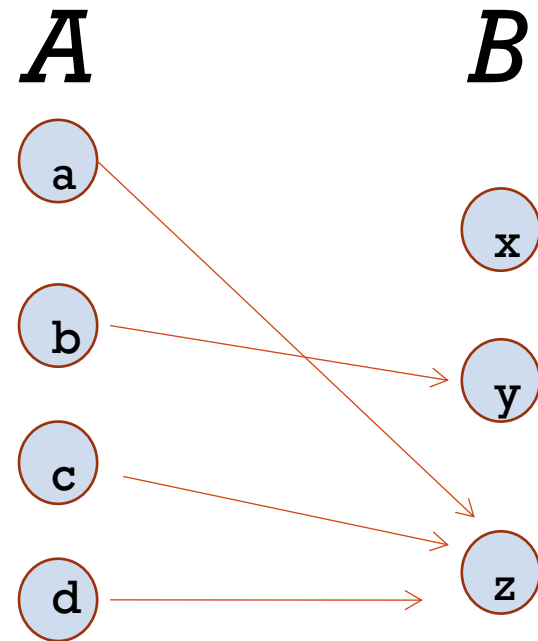
The domain of f is ? A

The codomain of f is ? B

The preimage of y is ? b

$$f(A) = ? \quad \{y, z\}$$

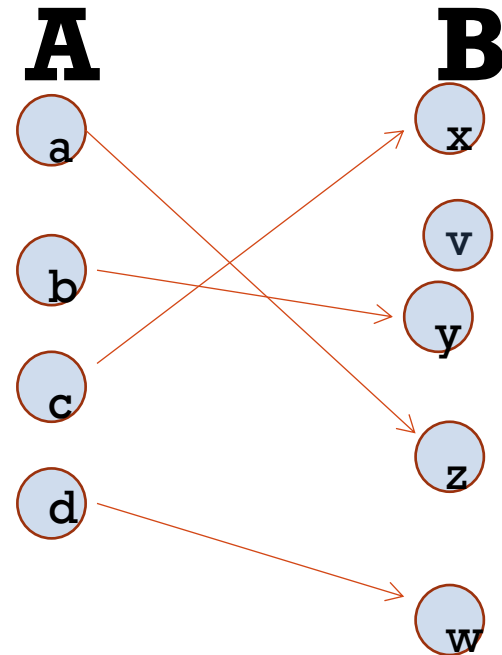
The preimage(s) of z is (are) ? $\{a, c, d\}$



DEFINITION OF ONE-TO-ONE FUNCTION

Definition: A function f is said to be *one-to-one* , or *injective* , if and only if $f(a) = f(b)$ implies that $a = b$ for all a and b in the domain of f .

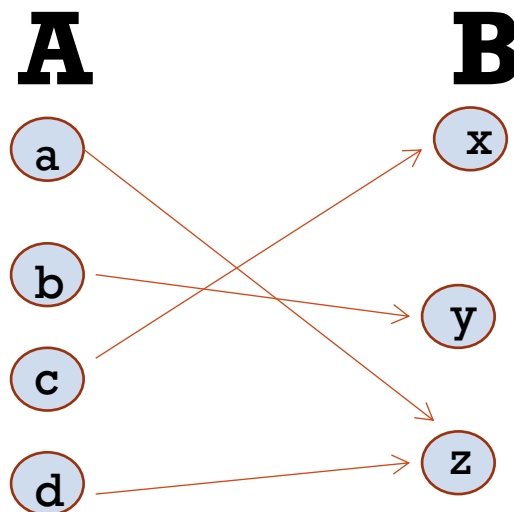
$$\forall a \forall b [f(a) = f(b) \rightarrow a = b]$$



DEFINITION OF AN ONTO FUNCTION

Definition: A function f from A to B is called **onto or surjective**, if and only if for every element $b \in B$ there is an element $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$. A function f is called a *surjection* if it is *onto*.

$$\forall b \exists a \quad f(a) = b$$



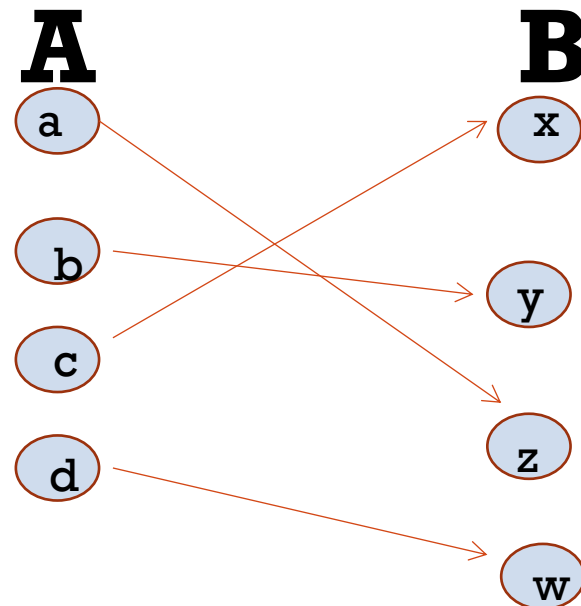
BIJECTIONS

Definition: A function f is a *one-to-one correspondence*, or a *bijection*, if it is both one-to-one (injective) and onto (surjective).

$$\forall a \forall b [f(a) = f(b) \rightarrow a = b]$$

and

$$\forall b \exists a \quad f(a) = b$$



SHOWING THAT f IS (OR IS NOT) ONE-TO-ONE (INJECTIVE) OR ONTO (SURJECTIVE)

One-to-one aka Injective iff $\forall a \forall b [f(a) = f(b) \rightarrow a = b]$

Onto aka Surjective iff $\forall b \exists a \quad f(a) = b$

Suppose that $f : A \rightarrow B$.

To show that f is injective Show that if $f(x) = f(y)$ for arbitrary $x, y \in A$ then $x = y$.

To show that f is not injective Find particular elements $x, y \in A$ such that $x \neq y$ and $f(x) = f(y)$.

To show that f is surjective Consider an arbitrary element $y \in B$ and find an element $x \in A$ such that $f(x) = y$.

To show that f is not surjective Find a particular $y \in B$ such that $f(x) \neq y$ for all $x \in A$.

SHOWING THAT f IS ONE-TO-ONE OR ONTO

Example 1: Let f be the function from $\{a, b, c, d\}$ to $\{1, 2, 3\}$ defined by $f(a) = 3$, $f(b) = 2$, $f(c) = 1$, and $f(d) = 3$. Is f an onto function?

Solution: Yes, f is onto since all three elements of the codomain are images of elements in the domain. If the codomain were changed to $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, f would not be onto.

Example 2: Is the function $f(x) = x^2$ from the set of integers to the set of integers onto?

Solution: No, f is not onto because there is no integer x with $x^2 = -1$, for example.

RECALL THAT CARDINALITY IS DEFINED WITH BIJECTIONS

Definition: The *cardinality* of a set A is equal to the cardinality of a set B , denoted

$$|A| = |B|,$$

if and only if there is a bijection from A to B .

- If there is a one-to-one function (*i.e.*, an injection) from A to B , the cardinality of A is less than or the same as the cardinality of B and we write $|A| \leq |B|$.
- When $|A| \leq |B|$ and A and B have different cardinality, we say that the cardinality of A is less than the cardinality of B and write $|A| < |B|$.

CARDINALITY IS DEFINED WITH BIJECTIONS

- **Definition:** A set that is either finite or has the same cardinality as the set of positive integers (\mathbf{Z}^+) is called *countable*. A set that is not countable is *uncountable*.
- The set of real numbers \mathbf{R} is an uncountable set.
- When an infinite set is countable (*countably infinite*) its cardinality is \aleph_0 (where \aleph is aleph, the 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet). We write $|S| = \aleph_0$ and say that S has cardinality “aleph null.”

SHOWING THAT A SET IS COUNTABLE

- An infinite set is countable if and only if it is possible to list the elements of the set in a sequence (indexed by the positive integers).
- The reason for this is that a one-to-one correspondence f from the set of positive integers to a set S can be expressed in terms of a sequence $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$ where $a_1 = f(1)$, $a_2 = f(2)$, \dots , $a_n = f(n)$, \dots

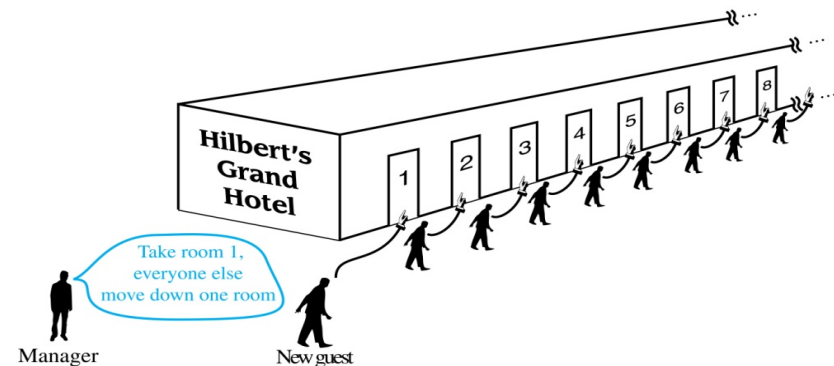
HILBERT'S GRAND HOTEL



David Hilbert

The Grand Hotel (example due to David Hilbert) has countably infinite number of rooms, each occupied by a guest. We can always accommodate a new guest at this hotel. How is this possible?

Explanation: Because the rooms of Grand Hotel are countable, we can list them as Room 1, Room 2, Room 3, and so on. When a new guest arrives, we move the guest in Room 1 to Room 2, the guest in Room 2 to Room 3, and in general the guest in Room n to Room $n + 1$, for all positive integers n . This frees up Room 1, which we assign to the new guest, and all the current guests still have rooms.

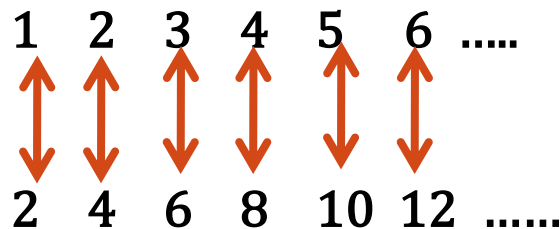


The hotel can also accommodate a countable number of new guests, all the guests on a countable number of buses where each bus contains a countable number of guests (see exercises).

SHOWING THAT A SET IS COUNTABLE

Example 1: Show that the set of positive even integers E is countable set.

Solution: Let $f(x) = 2x$.



Then f is a bijection from \mathbf{Z}^+ to E since f is both one-to-one and onto. To show that it is one-to-one, suppose that $f(n) = f(m)$. Then $2n = 2m$, and so $n = m$. To see that it is onto, suppose that t is an even positive integer. Then $t = 2k$ for some positive integer k and $f(k) = t$. ◀

SHOWING THAT A SET IS COUNTABLE

Example 2: Show that the set of integers \mathbf{Z} is countable.

Solution: Can list in a sequence:

0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3,

Or can define a bijection from \mathbf{N} to \mathbf{Z} :

- When n is even: $f(n) = n/2$
- When n is odd: $f(n) = -(n-1)/2$



THE POSITIVE RATIONAL NUMBERS ARE COUNTABLE

- **Definition:** A *rational number* can be expressed as the ratio of two integers p and q such that $q \neq 0$.
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ is a rational number
 - $\sqrt{2}$ is not a rational number.

Example 3: Show that the positive rational numbers are countable.

Solution: The positive rational numbers are countable since they can be arranged in a sequence:

$$r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots$$

The next slide shows how this is done.

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THE POSITIVE RATIONAL NUMBERS ARE COUNTABLE

Constructing the List

First list p/q with $p + q = 2$.

Next list p/q with $p + q = 3$

And so on.

Terms not circled
are not listed
because they
repeat previously
listed terms

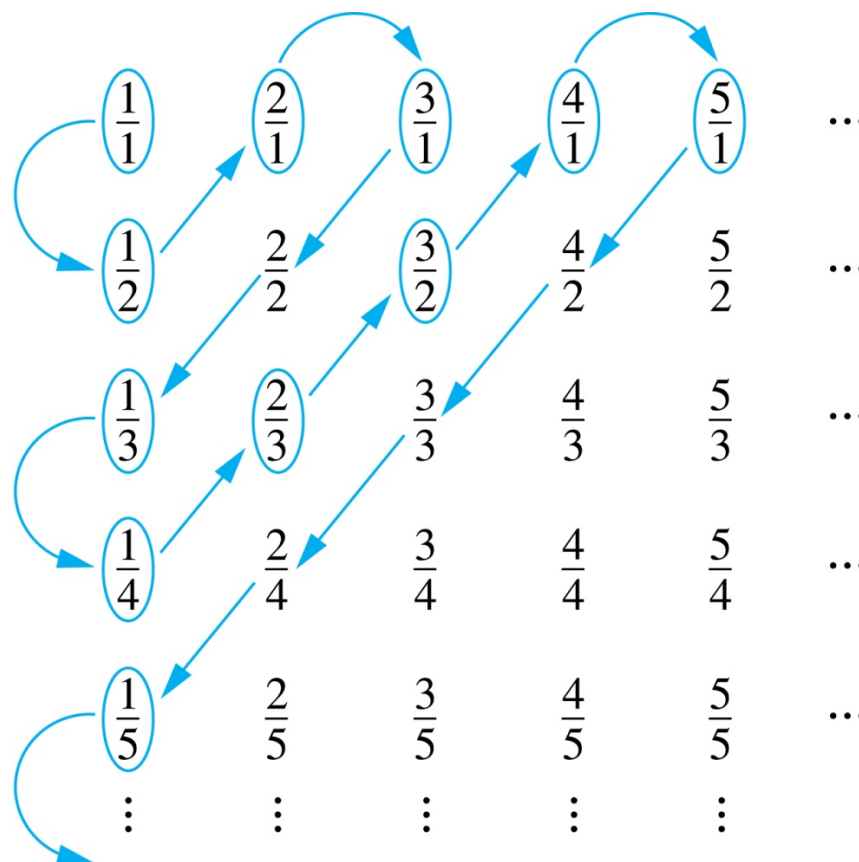
$1, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 3, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}, \dots$

First row $q = 1$.

Second row $q =$

2.

etc.



STRINGS

Example 4: Show that the set of finite strings S over a finite alphabet A is countably infinite.

Assume an alphabetical ordering of symbols in A

Solution: Show that the strings can be listed in a sequence.
First list

1. All the strings of length 0 in alphabetical order.
2. Then all the strings of length 1 in lexicographic (as in a dictionary) order.
3. Then all the strings of length 2 in lexicographic order.
4. And so on.

This implies a bijection from \mathbf{N} to S and hence it is a countably infinite set.



THE SET OF ALL JAVA PROGRAMS IS COUNTABLE.

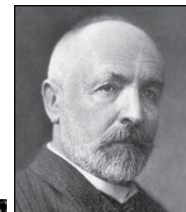
Example 5: Show that the set of all Java programs is countable.

Solution: Let S be the set of strings constructed from the characters which can appear in a Java program. Use the ordering from the previous example. Take each string in turn:

- Feed the string into a Java compiler. (A Java compiler will determine if the input program is a syntactically correct Java program.)
- If the compiler says YES, this is a syntactically correct Java program, we add the program to the list.
- We move on to the next string.

In this way we construct an implied bijection from \mathbf{N} to the set of Java programs. Hence, the set of Java programs is countable. ◀

Georg Cantor
(1845-1918)



THE REAL NUMBERS ARE UNCOUNTABLE

Example: Show that the set of real numbers is uncountable.

Solution: The method is called the Cantor diagonalization argument and is a proof by contradiction.

1. Suppose \mathbf{R} is countable. Then the real numbers between 0 and 1 are also countable (any subset of a countable set is countable).

2. The real numbers between 0 and 1 can be listed in order r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots .

3. Let the decimal representation of this listing be

$$r_1 = 0.d_{11}d_{12}d_{13}d_{14}d_{15}d_{16}\dots$$

$$r_2 = 0.d_{21}d_{22}d_{23}d_{24}d_{25}d_{26}\dots$$

$$r_3 = 0.d_{31}d_{32}d_{33}d_{34}d_{35}d_{36}\dots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{r} = .r_1r_2r_3r_4\dots$$

4. Form a new real number with the decimal expansion

where $r_i = 3$ if $d_{ii} \neq 3$ and $r_i = 4$ if $d_{ii} = 3$

5. r is not equal to any of the r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots . Because it differs from r_i in its i th position after the decimal point. Therefore there is a real number between 0 and 1 that is not on the list since every real number has a unique decimal expansion. Hence, all the real numbers between 0 and 1 cannot be listed, so the set of real numbers between 0 and 1 is uncountable.

6. Since a set with an uncountable subset is uncountable (an exercise), the set of real numbers is uncountable.

