

CSE215

Foundations of Computer Science

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Agenda

- Attendance
- Pigeonhole principle
- Inverse functions
- Function composition

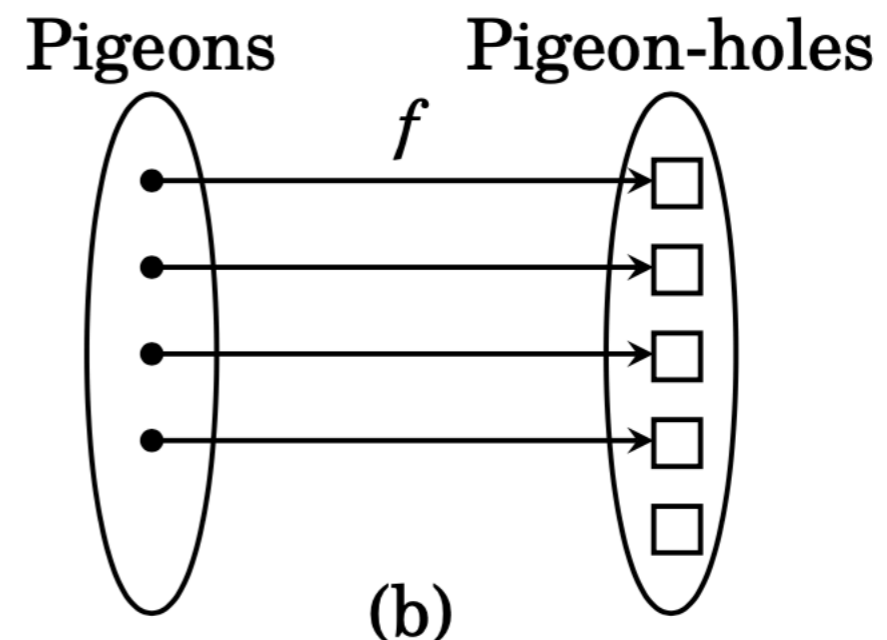
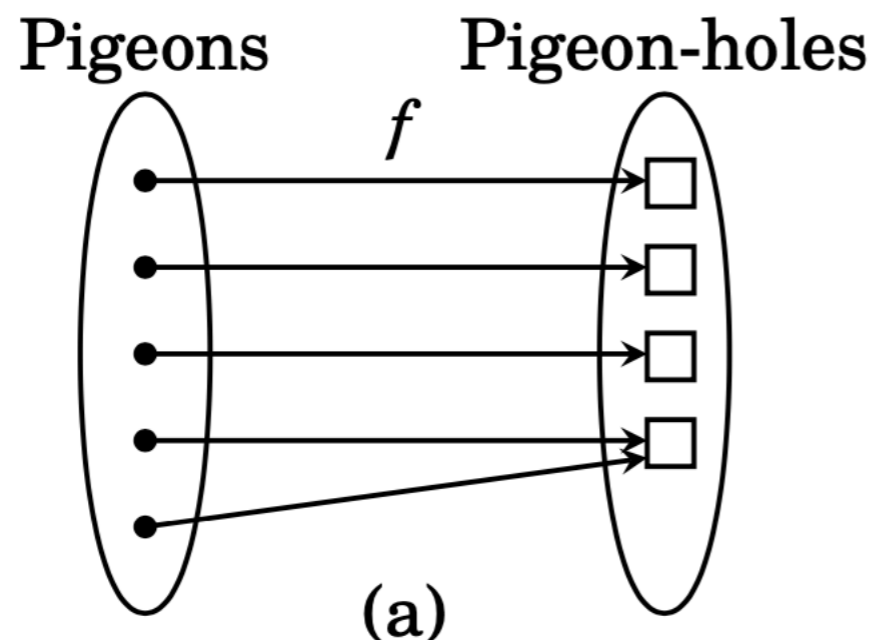
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Zoom on today!

The Pigeonhole Principle

Intuition

- Imagine there is a set A of pigeons and a set B of pigeonholes, and all the pigeons fly into the pigeonholes. You can think of this as describing a function $f : A \rightarrow B$, where pigeon X flies into pigeonhole $f(X)$.



The Pigeonhole Principle (function version)

Suppose A and B are finite sets and $f : A \rightarrow B$ is any function. Then:

- If $|A| > |B|$, then f is not injective.
- If $|A| < |B|$, then f is not surjective.

Example 1

- Prove the following statement: If A is any set of 10 integers between 1 and 100, then there exist two different subsets $X \subseteq A$ and $Y \subseteq A$ for which the sum of elements in X equals the sum of elements in Y .

To illustrate what this proposition is saying, consider the random set

$$A = \{5, 7, 12, 11, 17, 50, 51, 80, 90, 100\}$$

of 10 integers between 1 and 100. Notice that A has subsets $X = \{5, 80\}$ and $Y = \{7, 11, 17, 50\}$ for which the sum of the elements in X equals the sum of those in Y . If we tried to “mess up” A by changing the 5 to a 6, we get

$$A = \{6, 7, 12, 11, 17, 50, 51, 80, 90, 100\}$$

which has subsets $X = \{7, 12, 17, 50\}$ and $Y = \{6, 80\}$ both of whose elements add up to the same number (86). The proposition asserts that this is always possible, no matter what A is. Here is a proof:

Solution

Proof. Suppose $A \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 99, 100\}$ and $|A| = 10$, as stated. Notice that if $X \subseteq A$, then X has no more than 10 elements, each between 1 and 100, and therefore the sum of all the elements of X is less than $100 \cdot 10 = 1000$. Consider the function

$$f : \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000\}$$

where $f(X)$ is the sum of the elements in X . (Examples: $f(\{3, 7, 50\}) = 60$; $f(\{1, 70, 80, 95\}) = 246$.) As $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{10} = 1024 > 1001 = |\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 1000\}|$, it follows from the pigeonhole principle that f is not injective. Therefore there are two unequal sets $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ for which $f(X) = f(Y)$. In other words, there are subsets $X \subseteq A$ and $Y \subseteq A$ for which the sum of elements in X equals the sum of elements in Y . ■

Example 2

- Prove the following statement: There are at least two people in Incheon with the same number of hairs on their heads.
- We accept two facts. First, the population of Incheon is around 2.93 million. Second, it is a biological fact that every human head has fewer than one million hairs.

Solution

- Let A be the set of all people of Incheon and let $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000000\}$. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be the function for which $f(x)$ equals the number of hairs on the head of x . Since $|A| > |B|$, the pigeonhole principle asserts that f is not injective. Thus there are two people of Incheon x and y for whom $f(x) = f(y)$, meaning that they have the same number of hairs on their heads.

Exercise 1

- Prove that if six numbers are chosen at random, then at least two of them have the same remainder when divided by 5.

Solution

- Suppose we randomly choose 6 integers.
- Let A be the set of the six integers.
- Let B be the set $\{0,1,2,3,4\}$
- Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be the function defined as $f(a) = a \bmod 5$
- Then f cannot be one-to-one
- Therefore there exists a_1, a_2 of A such that $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$

Exercise 2

- Prove that if a is a natural number, then there exist two unequal natural numbers k and l for which $a^k - a^l$ is divisible by 10.

Solution

- Suppose we randomly choose a natural number “a”.
- Let $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1,2,\dots,9\}$ be a function defined as $f(k)$ = last digit of a^k
- Following the pigeonhole principle, f cannot be injective.
- Thus there exists k and l such that $f(k) = f(l)$
- Thus a^k and a^l have the same last digit. Thus $a^k - a^l$ is a multiple of 10.

Summary: one-to-one and onto functions

How to show a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is injective:

Direct approach:

Suppose $x, y \in A$ and $x \neq y$.

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Therefore $f(x) \neq f(y)$.

Contrapositive approach:

Suppose $x, y \in A$ and $f(x) = f(y)$.

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Therefore $x = y$.

How to show a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is surjective:

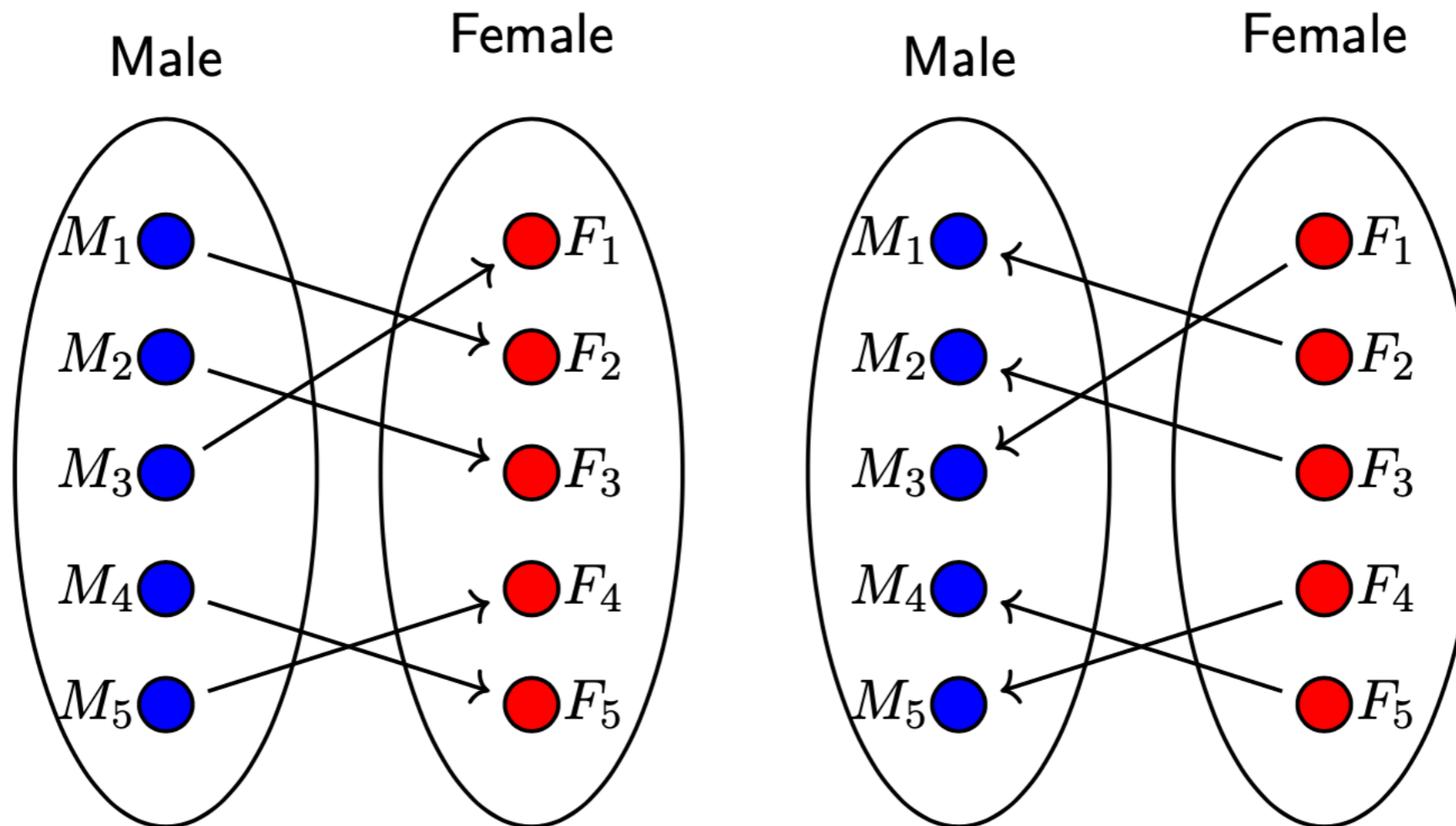
Suppose $b \in B$.

[Prove there exists $a \in A$ for which $f(a) = b$.]

Inverse functions

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- What is the difference between the two marriage functions?

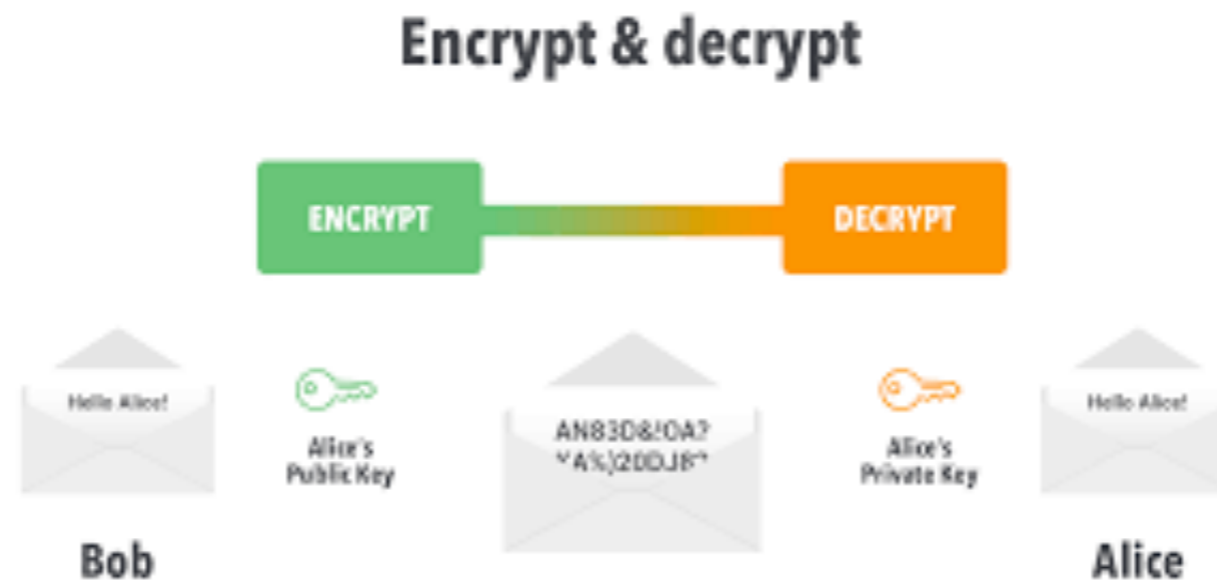


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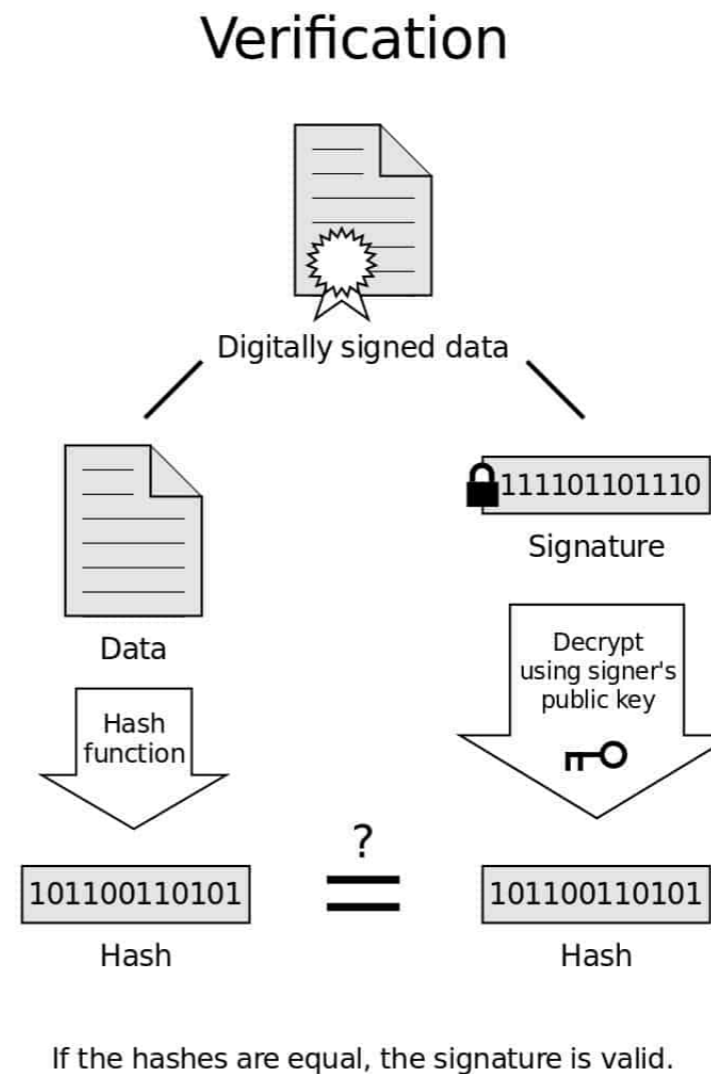
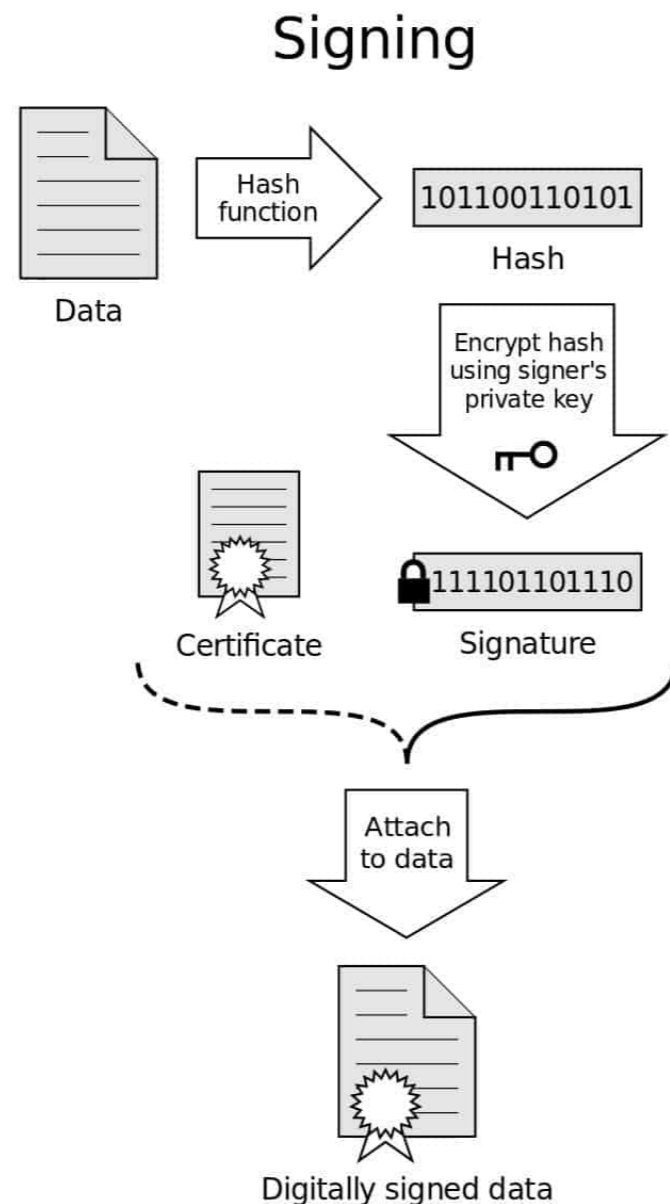
Definition

- Suppose $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a one-to-one correspondence.
Then, the **inverse function** $F^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ is defined as follows:
Given any element y in Y ,
 $F^{-1}(y)$ = that unique element x in X such that $F(x) = y$.
- $F^{-1}(y) = x \Leftrightarrow y = F(x)$.

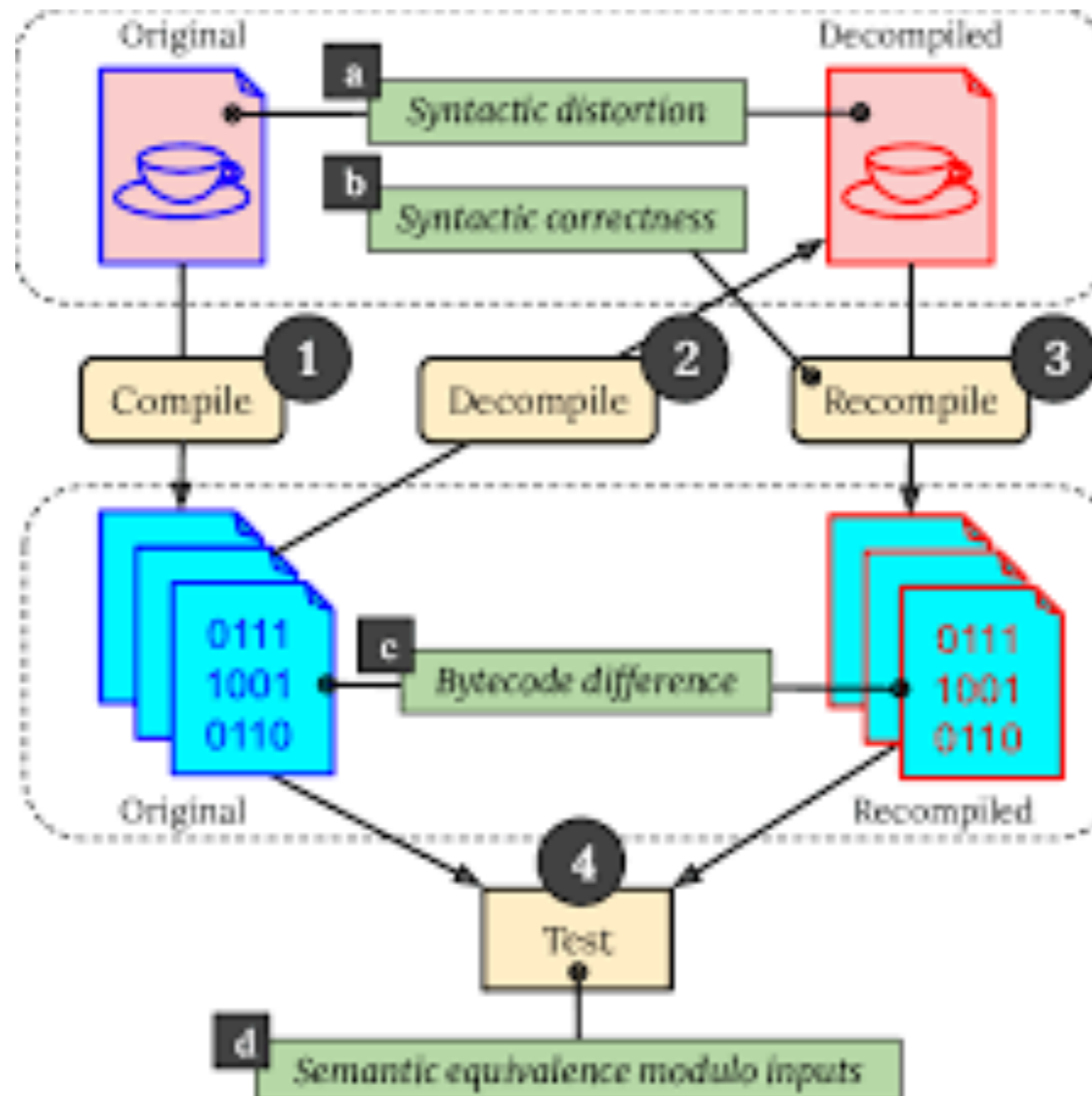
Does encryption have an inverse function?



Does digital signing have an inverse function?



Does Java compilation have an inverse function?



Inverse functions: Example 1

Subset of $\{a, b, c, d\}$

4-tuple of $\{0, 1\}$

$\{\}$	\leftarrow	$(0, 0, 0, 0)$
$\{a\}$	\leftarrow	$(1, 0, 0, 0)$
$\{b\}$	\leftarrow	$(0, 1, 0, 0)$
$\{c\}$	\leftarrow	$(0, 0, 1, 0)$
$\{d\}$	\leftarrow	$(0, 0, 0, 1)$
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Inverse functions: Example 2

Problem

- Define $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by the rule $f(x) = 4x - 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Find its inverse function.

Proof

For any y in R , by definition of f^{-1}

- $f^{-1} =$ unique number x such that $f(x) = y$
Consider $f(x) = y$
 $\implies 4x - 1 = y$ (\because Defn. of f)
 $\implies x = \frac{y+1}{4}$ (\because Simplify)
- Hence, $f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y+1}{4}$ is the inverse function.

Exercise 0

- Check that the function $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ defined by $f(n) = 6 - n$ is one-to-one correspondence. Then compute its inverse.

Exercise 1

- The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ is a one-to-one correspondence. Find its inverse.

Exercise 2

- Earlier, you proved that $f : \mathbb{R} - \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{5\}$ defined by $f(x) = (5x+1)/(x-2)$ is bijective. Now find its inverse.

Solution

- Earlier, you proved that $f : \mathbb{R} - \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{5\}$ defined by $f(x) = (5x+1)/(x-2)$ is bijective. Now find its inverse.
- Let y be an element of $\mathbb{R} - \{5\}$. We have $y = f(x)$ if and only if $x = 11/(y-5)+2$.
- Thus $f^{-1}(y) = 11/(y-5)+2$

Exercise 3

- The function $g: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ defined by the formula $g(m, n) = (m+n, m+2n)$ is a one-to-one correspondence. Find its inverse.

Solution

- Let (u,v) be an arbitrary element of $Z \times Z$. Then $f(m,n) = (u,v)$ if and only if $m = 2u-v$ and $n = v-u$.
- Thus, $f^{-1}(u,v) = (2u-v, v-u)$.

Exercise 4

Prove the following theorem

Theorem

- If X and Y are sets and $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a one-to-one correspondence, then $F^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ is also a one-to-one correspondence.

Inverse functions

Theorem

- If X and Y are sets and $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a one-to-one correspondence, then $F^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ is also a one-to-one correspondence.

Proof

- F^{-1} is one-to-one.

Suppose $F^{-1}(y_1) = F^{-1}(y_2)$ for some $y_1, y_2 \in Y$.

We must show that $y_1 = y_2$.

Let $F^{-1}(y_1) = F^{-1}(y_2) = x \in X$. Then

$y_1 = F(x)$ since $F^{-1}(y_1) = x$ and

$y_2 = F(x)$ since $F^{-1}(y_2) = x$.

So, $y_1 = y_2$.

- F^{-1} is onto.

We must show that for any $x \in X$, there exists an element y in Y such that $F^{-1}(y) = x$.

For any $x \in X$, we consider $y = F(x)$.

We see that $y \in Y$ and $F^{-1}(y) = x$.