

# **CSE215**

# **Foundations of Computer Science**

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# Agenda

- Attendance
- Pigeonhole principle
- Inverse functions
- Function composition

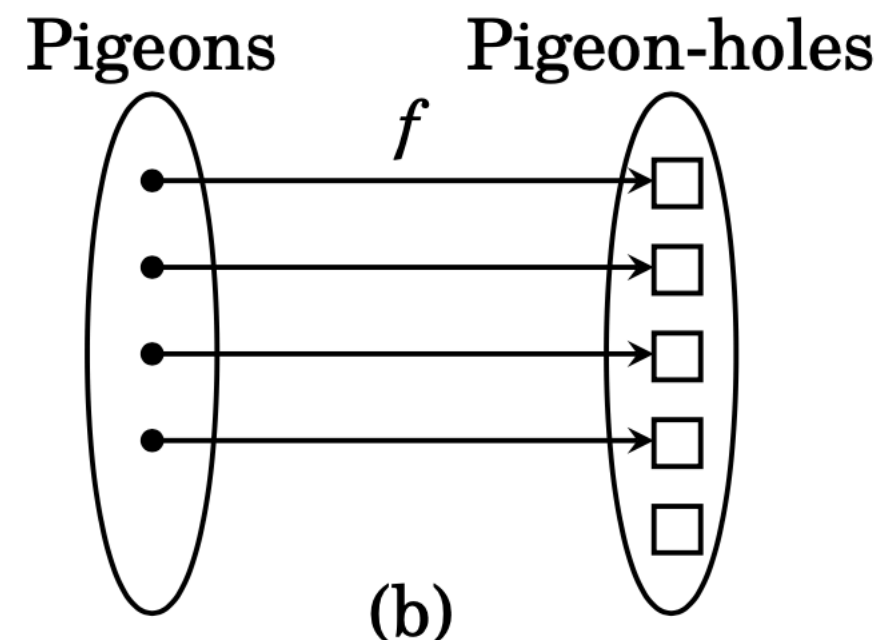
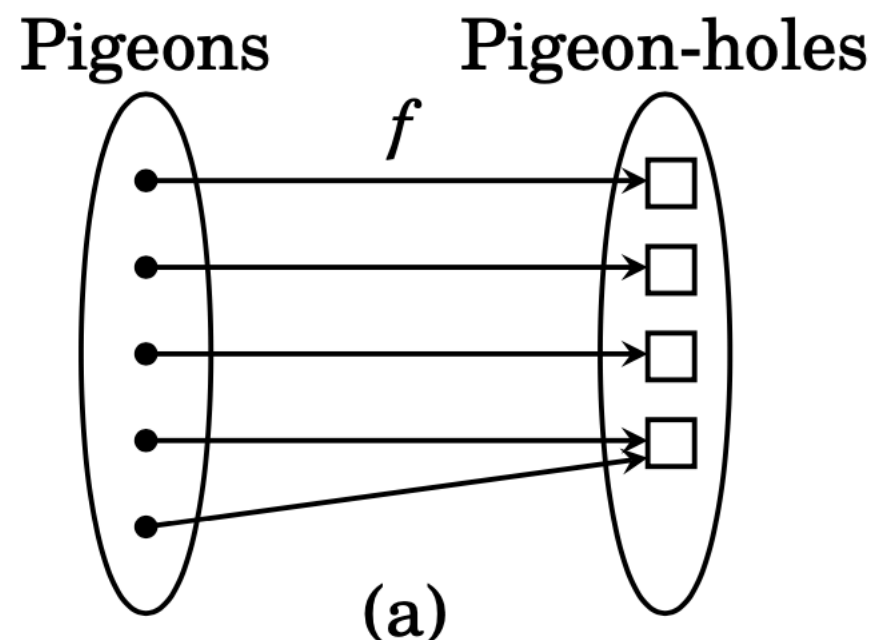
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# The Pigeonhole Principle

# 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.
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# 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.
- 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

- 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 bijective
- 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  $f(k) = \text{last digit of } a^k$
- 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  $x \neq y$ .

$\vdots$

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

**Contrapositive approach:**

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

$\vdots$

Therefore  $x = y$ .

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

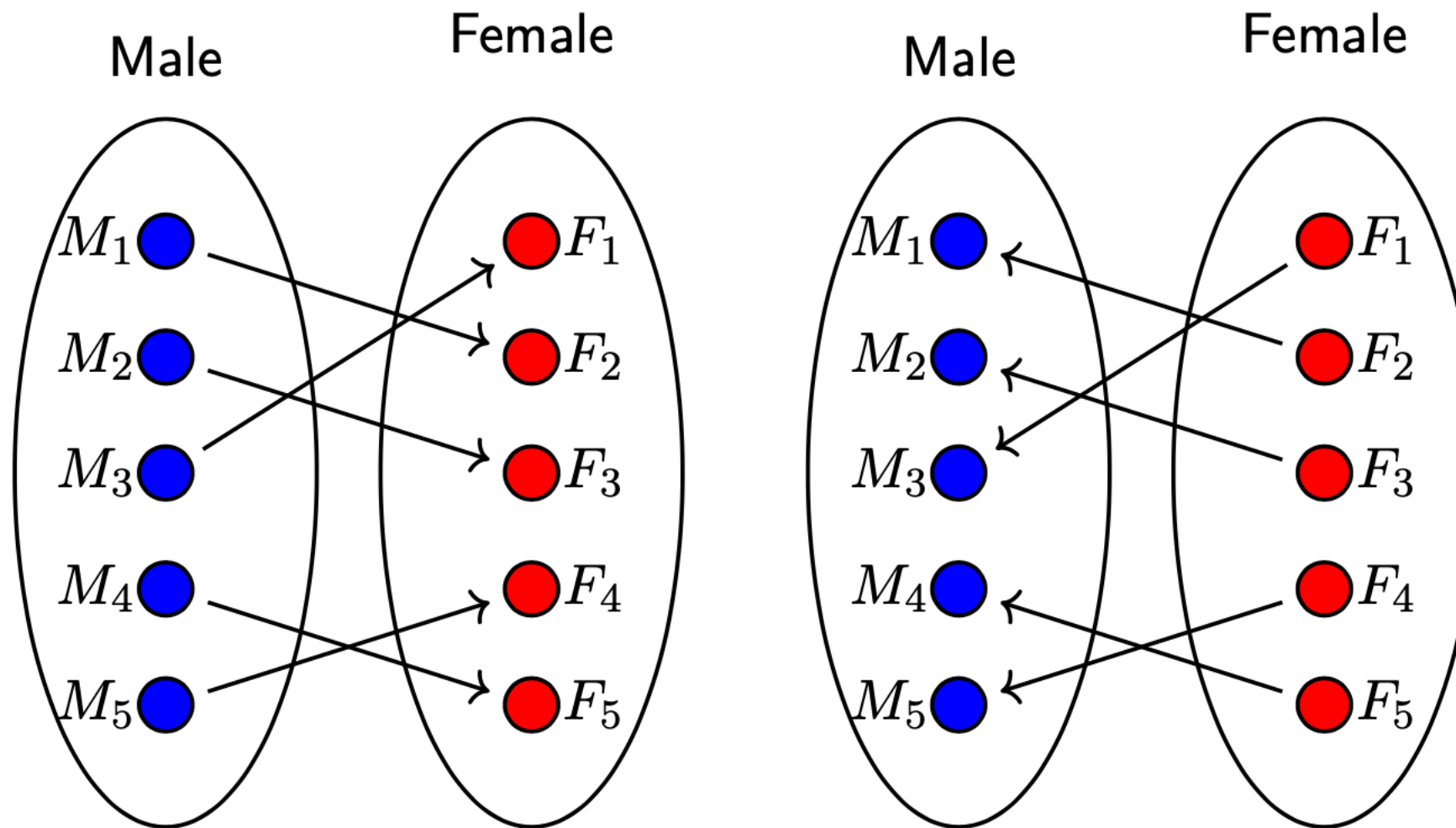
Suppose  $b \in B$ .

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

# Inverse functions

## Inverse functions

- What is the difference between the two marriage functions?



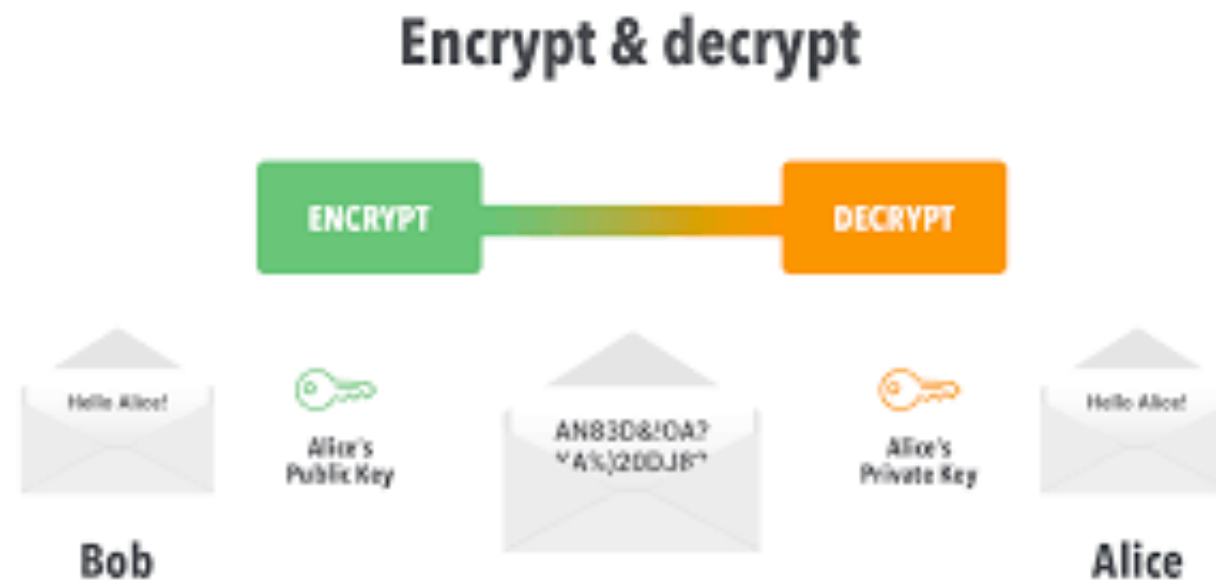


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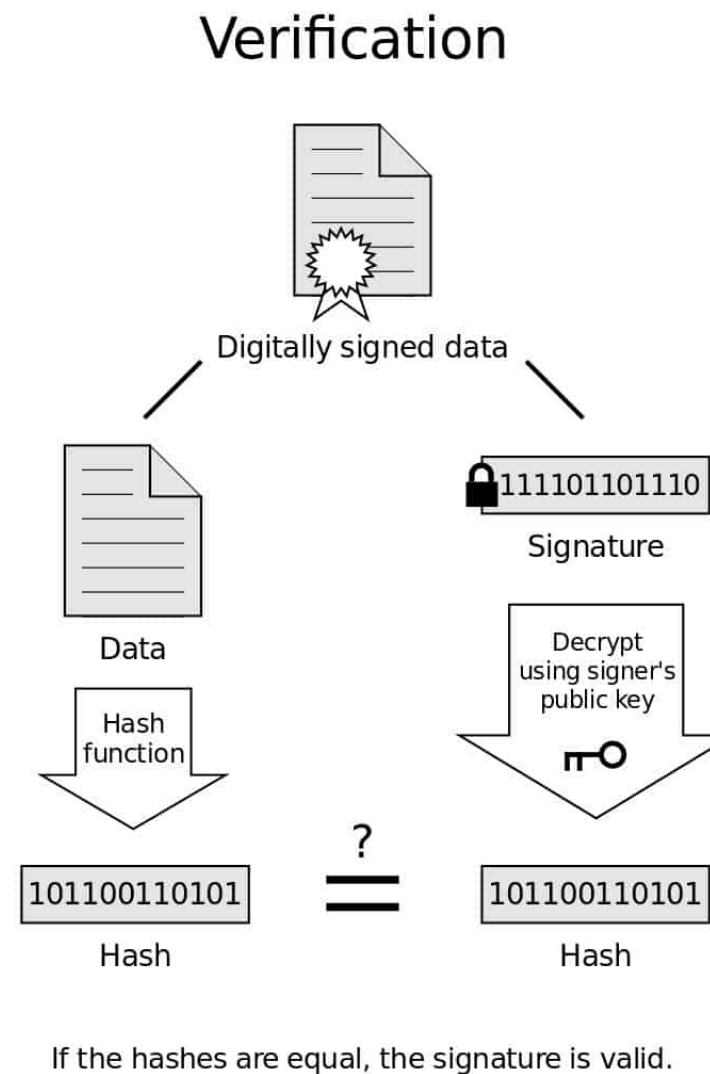
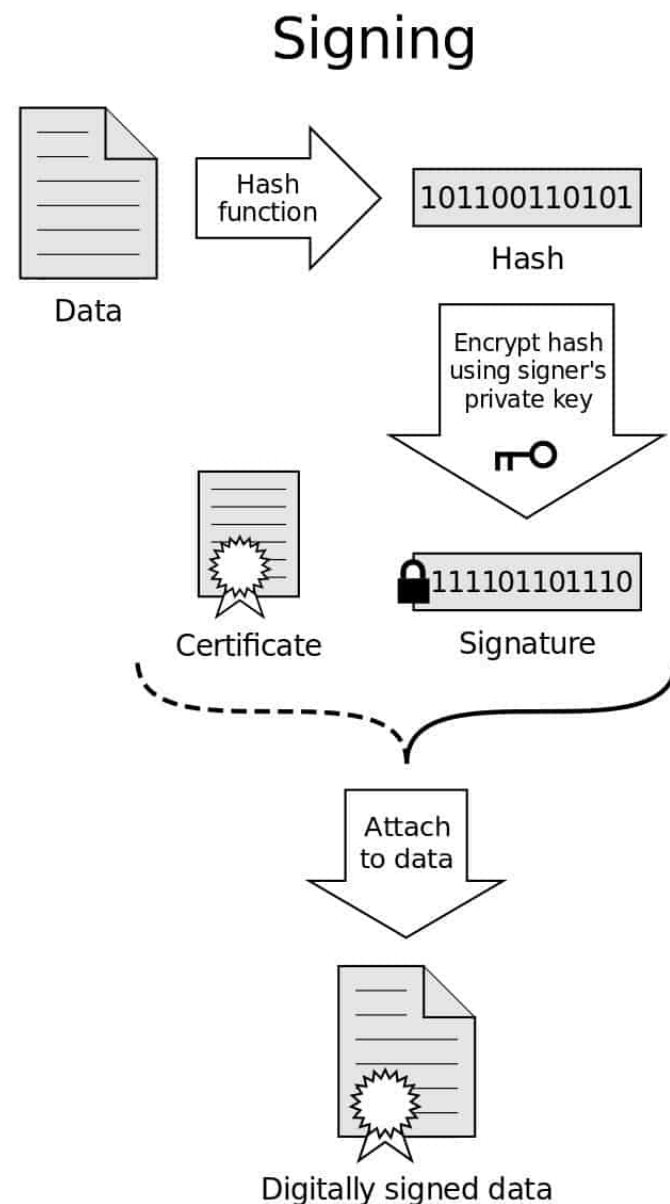
## Definition

- 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  $F(x) = y$ .
- $F^{-1}(y) = x \Leftrightarrow y = F(x)$ .

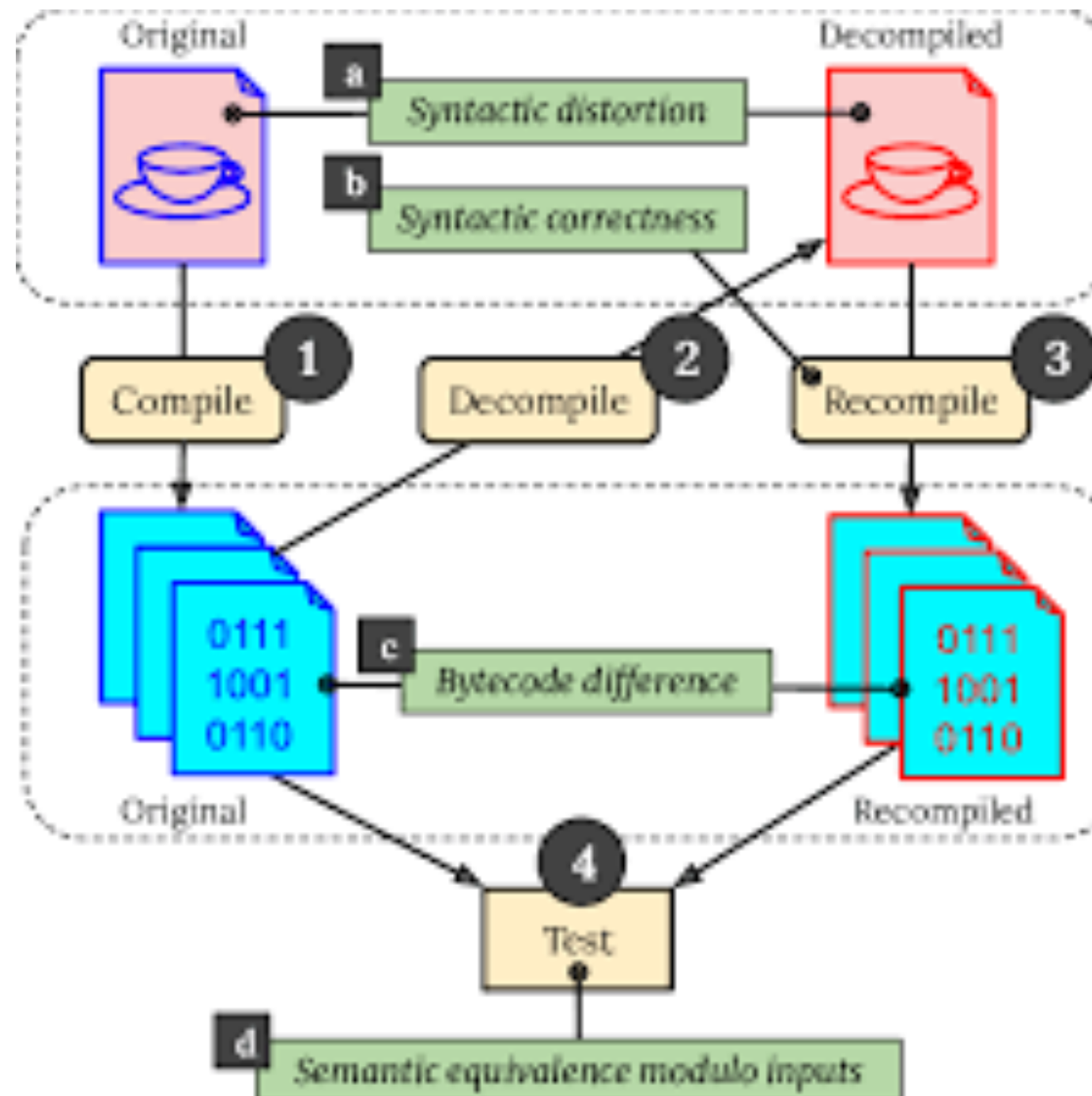
# Does encryption have an inverse function?



# 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  $\{0, 1\}$

$\{\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(0, 0, 0, 0)$
$\{a\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(1, 0, 0, 0)$
$\{b\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(0, 1, 0, 0)$
$\{c\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(0, 0, 1, 0)$
$\{d\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(0, 0, 0, 1)$
$\{a, b\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(1, 1, 0, 0)$
$\{a, c\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(1, 0, 1, 0)$
$\{a, d\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(1, 0, 0, 1)$
$\{b, c\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(0, 1, 1, 0)$
$\{b, d\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(0, 1, 0, 1)$
$\{c, d\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(0, 0, 1, 1)$
$\{a, b, c\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(1, 1, 1, 0)$
$\{a, b, d\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(1, 1, 0, 1)$
$\{a, c, d\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(1, 0, 1, 1)$
$\{b, c, d\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(0, 1, 1, 1)$
$\{a, b, c, d\}$	$\leftarrow$	$(1, 1, 1, 1)$

## 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  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . 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

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## 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  $F^{-1}(y) = x$ .