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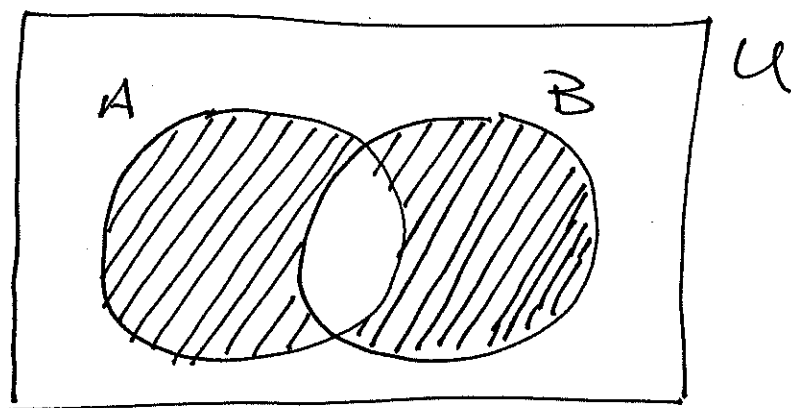
The symmetric difference of A, B

is

$$A \oplus B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \oplus x \in B\}$$

Exercise: show

- $A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$
- $A \oplus B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$



notation:

Given $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$

$$\bullet A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$$

$$\bullet A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

$$\bullet A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$$

$$\bullet A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

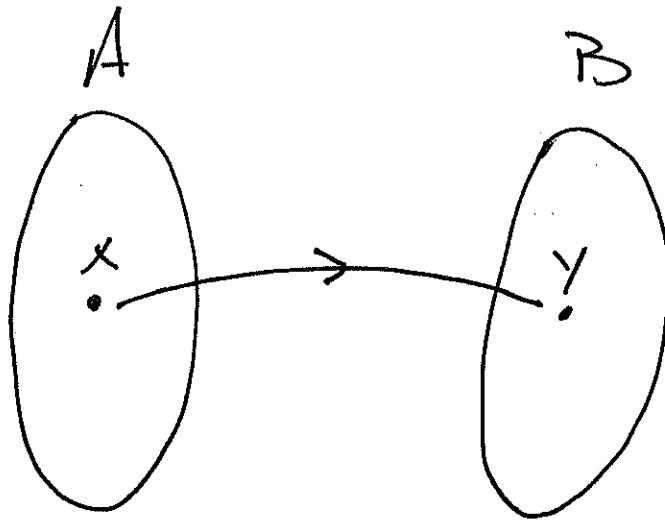
2.3 Functions

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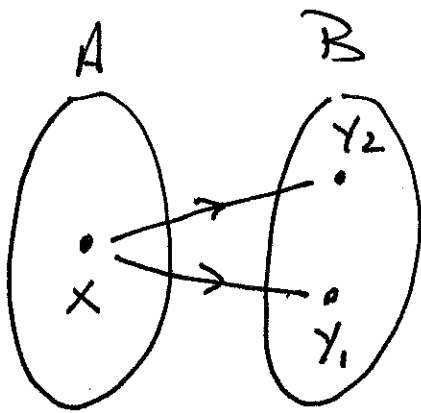
A function (map, mapping, transformation) consists of

- (1) A set A called domain
- (2) a set B called codomain
- (3) a rule f that assigns to each $x \in A$ a unique $y \in B$. write $y = f(x)$. call y the image of x under f , and call x a preimage of y under f .

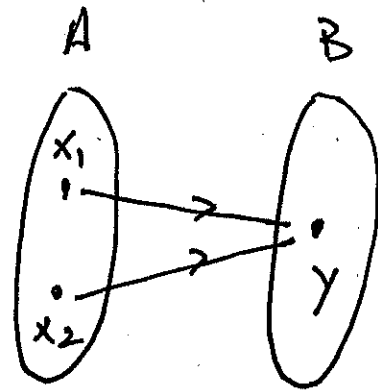
notation : $f: A \rightarrow B$



uniqueness



not a function

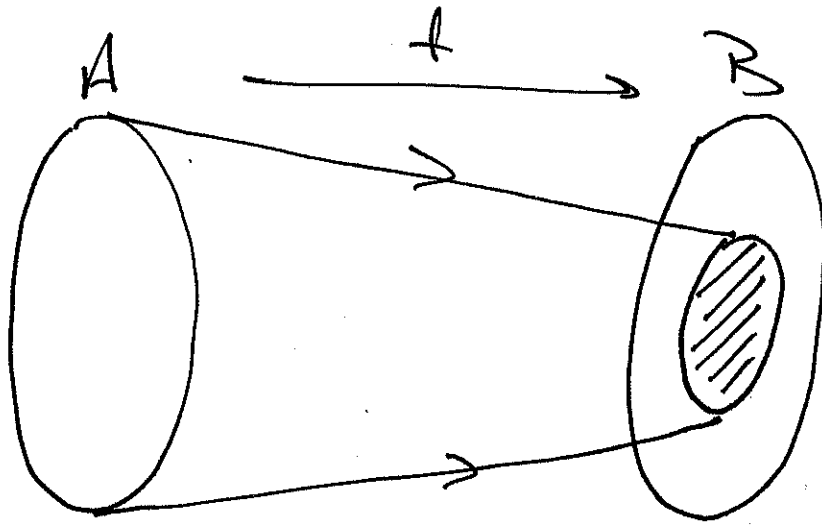


a function

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The range of f is the set

$$\begin{aligned} \text{range}(f) &= \{y \in B \mid \exists x \in A : y = f(x)\} \\ &= \{f(x) \mid x \in A\} \end{aligned}$$



Ex. $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = x^2$

$$\text{range}(f) = \{0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, \dots\}$$

Ex. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2$

$$\text{range}(f) = [0, \infty)$$

$$= \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq 0\}$$

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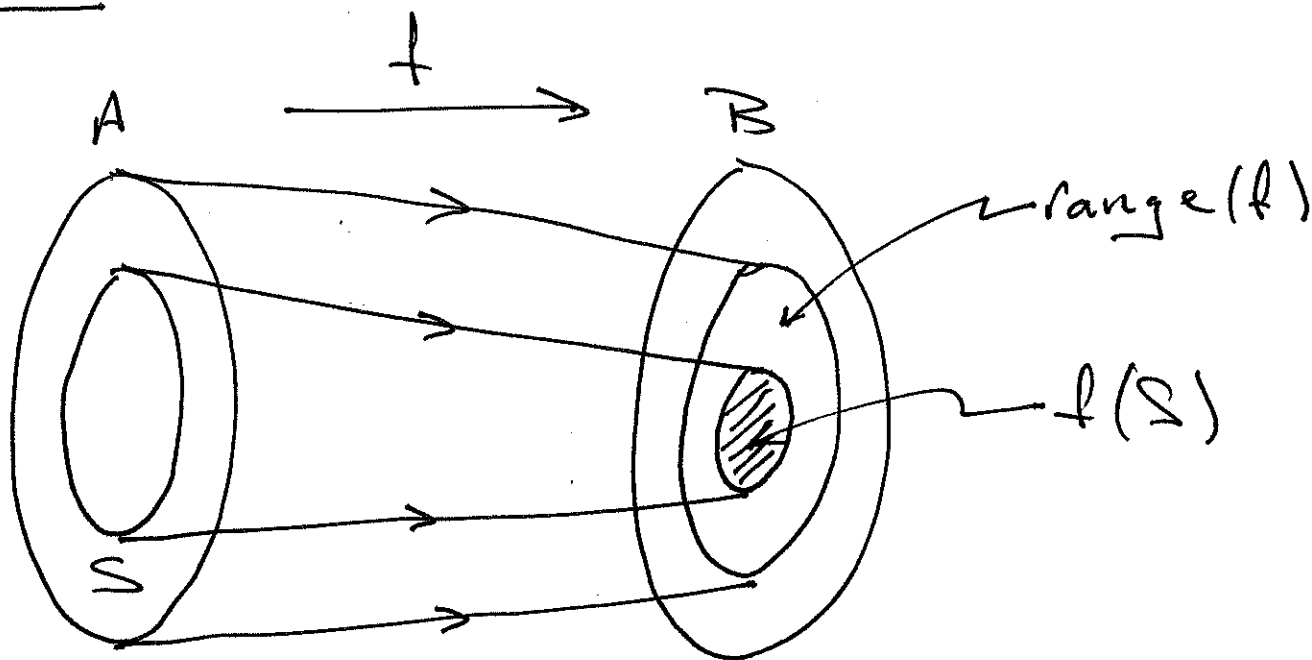
The image of $S \subseteq A$ under f is

$$f(S) = \{y \in B \mid \exists x \in S : y = f(x)\}$$

$$= \{f(x) \mid x \in S\}$$

note: $f(S) \subseteq f(A) = \text{range}(f) \subseteq B$

Picture



Ex. $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = x^2$

$$S = \{-1, 3, 7\}$$

$$f(S) = \{1, 9, 49\}$$

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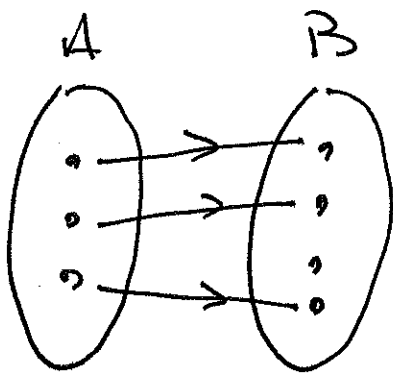
A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called injective (one-to-one) iff

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in A : f(x_1) = f(x_2) \rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

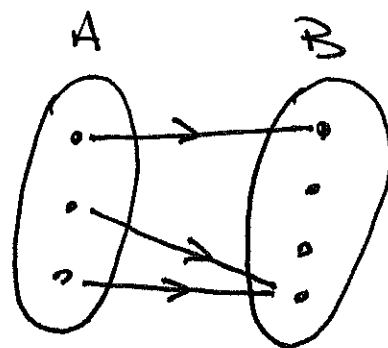
equivalently

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in A : x_1 \neq x_2 \rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$$

Picture



injective



not injective

Ex. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x^2$

not injective: $(-1)^2 = 1 = 1^2$

Ex. $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = 2x + 3$

is injective: let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Assume $g(x_1) = g(x_2)$. Then

$$2x_1 + 3 = 2x_2 + 3$$

$$\therefore 2x_1 = 2x_2$$

$$\therefore x_1 = x_2. \quad \checkmark$$

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we say $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is

• strictly increasing: $x < y \rightarrow f(x) < f(y)$

• strictly decreasing: $x < y \rightarrow f(x) > f(y)$

Theorem

if $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is either strictly inc. or strictly dec., then f is injective.

Ex. $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
is injective

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A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called surjective (onto) iff

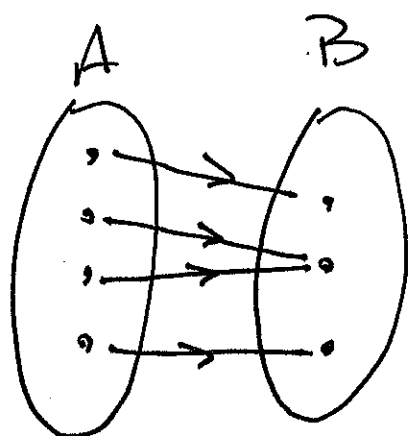
$$\text{range}(f) = B.$$

equivalently

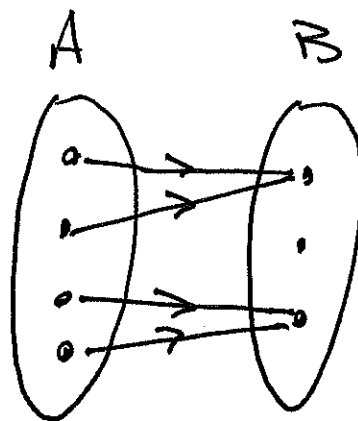
$$\forall y \in B \exists x \in A : y = f(x)$$

Picture - a

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surjective



not surjective

Ex. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2$

not surjective: $\nexists x$ st. $x^2 = -1$.

Ex. $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = 2x + 3$

is surjective: Let $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

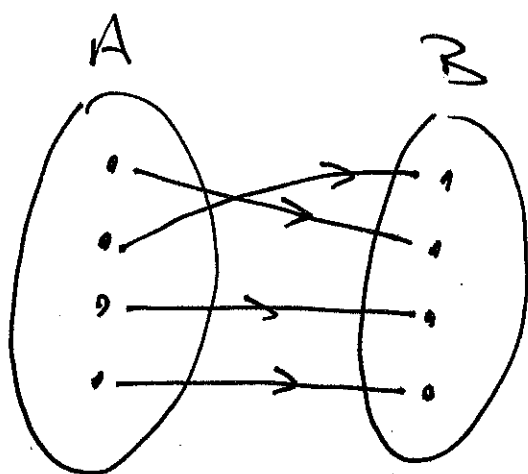
Let $x = \frac{y-3}{2}$. Then

$$g(x) = g\left(\frac{y-3}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{y-3}{2}\right) + 3$$

$$= (y-3) + 3 = y.$$

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A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called bijective iff it is both injective and surjective



Ex. $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = 2x + 3$ is bijective.

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The composition of $f: A \rightarrow B, g: B \rightarrow C$ is the function

$$g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$$

given by

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$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$$

for any $x \in A$.

Ex.

Let $A=B=C=\mathbb{R}$, $f(x)=x^2$, $g(x)=2x+3$.

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x^2) = 2x^2 + 3$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) = f(2x+3) = (2x+3)^2 \\ &= 4x^2 + 12x + 9 \end{aligned}$$

note: $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$ in general.

Theorem

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$, $g: B \rightarrow C$. Then

- (a) f, g injective $\rightarrow g \circ f$ injective
- (b) f, g surjective $\rightarrow g \circ f$ surjective
- (c) f, g bijective $\rightarrow g \circ f$ bijective

Proof of (a)

Let $x_1, x_2 \in A$ and suppose that $g \circ f(x_1) = g \circ f(x_2)$. Then

$$g(f(x_1)) = g(f(x_2))$$

$$\therefore f(x_1) = f(x_2) \quad (\text{since } g \text{ inj.})$$

$$\therefore x_1 = x_2 \quad (\text{since } f \text{ inj.})$$



Exercise

Prove b and c.

Exercise

Prove that composition is associative,
i.e. $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$ for
appropriate h, g, f .

Invertibility

Define for sets A, B

$$i_A : A \rightarrow A \quad \text{by} \quad i_A(x) = x$$

$$i_B : B \rightarrow B \quad \text{by} \quad i_B(y) = y$$

These are called identity functions.

note: for any $f: A \rightarrow B$

$$f \circ i_A = f = i_B \circ f$$

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A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called invertible iff there exists

$g: B \rightarrow A$ such that

$$f \circ g = i_B \text{ and } g \circ f = i_A$$

g is called an inverse function for f .

Theorem

if f is invertible, then its inverse g is unique.

Proof

Suppose there exist $g_1: B \rightarrow A$ and $g_2: B \rightarrow A$ satisfying

$$f \circ g_1 = i_B \quad \checkmark \quad \text{and} \quad g_1 \circ f = i_A$$

$$f \circ g_2 = i_B \quad \text{and} \quad g_2 \circ f = i_A \quad \checkmark$$

Then

$$g_1 = i_A \circ g_1$$

$$= (g_2 \circ f) \circ g_1$$

$$= g_2 \circ (f \circ g_1) \quad (\text{assoc.})$$

$$= g_2 \circ i_B = g_2$$



Now we can speak of the inverse function for $f: A \rightarrow B$ which is invertible. write

$$f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$$

for g .

Theorem

$f: A \rightarrow B$ is invertible $\iff$ f is bijective.

Proof $(\Rightarrow)$

Assume f is invertible, so $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$ exists. Then

- f is injective

Let $x_1, x_2 \in A$ and assume $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$.

$$\therefore f^{-1}(f(x_1)) = f^{-1}(f(x_2))$$

$$\therefore f^{-1} \circ f(x_1) = f^{-1} \circ f(x_2)$$

$$\therefore i_A(x_1) = i_A(x_2)$$

$$\therefore x_1 = x_2$$

□

- f is surjective

Let $y \in B$, and set $x = f^{-1}(y)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore f(x) &= f(f^{-1}(y)) \\
 &= f \circ f^{-1}(y) \\
 &= i_B(y) \\
 &= y.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Thus f is bijective.

($\Leftarrow$)

Assume f is bijective. Define $g: B \rightarrow A$ by:

for each $y \in B$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(y) &= \text{the unique } x \in A \text{ s.t.} \\
 &\quad y = f(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: such an x exists since f is surjective, it is unique since f is inj.

Then we have

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$$f(g(y)) = y \quad \text{for all } y \in B$$

and

$$g(f(x)) = x \quad \text{for all } x \in A$$

Thus

$$f \circ g = i_B \quad \text{and} \quad g \circ f = i_A$$

$$\therefore g = f^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad f \text{ is invertible}$$

