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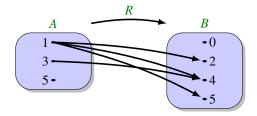
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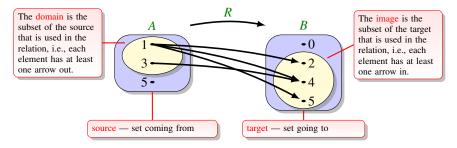
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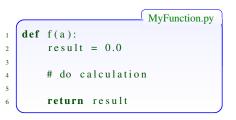
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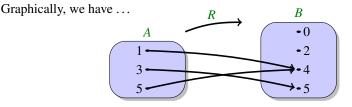
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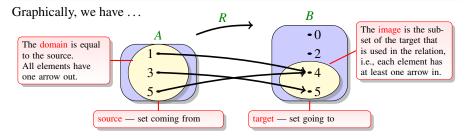


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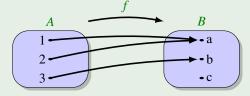
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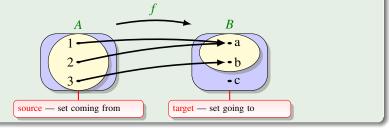


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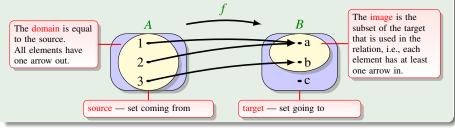


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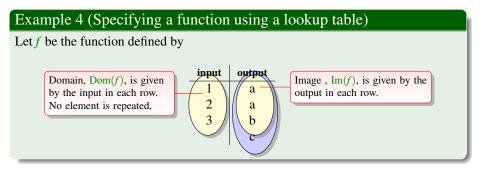
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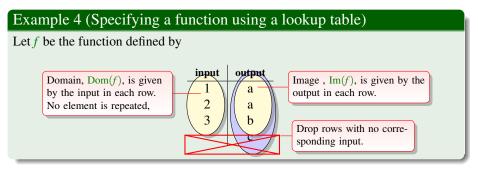


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		c	

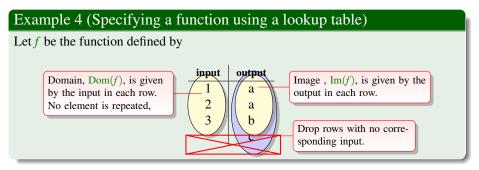
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14 E	016	Shift Out	46	2E	056	.		78	4E	116	N	N	110	6E	156	n	n
15 F	017	Shift In	47	2F	057	/	1	79	4F	117	O	0	111	6F	157	o	0
16 10	020	Data Link Escape	48	30	060	0	0	80	50	120	P	P	112	70	160	p	р
17 11	021	Device Control 1	49	31	061	1	1	81	51	121	Q	Q	113	71	161	q	q
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5 5 005 Enquiry	37 25 045 % %	69 45 105 E E	101 65 145 e e
6 6 006 Acknowledgment	38 26 046 & &	70 46 106 F F	102 66 146 f f
7 7 007 Bell	39 27 047 ' '	71 47 107 G G	103 67 147 g g
8 8 010 Backspace	40 28 050 ((72 48 110 H H	104 68 150 h h
9 9 011 Horizontal Tab	41 29 051))	73 49 111 I I	105 69 151 i i
10 A 012 Line feed	42 2A 052 * *	74 4A 112 J J	106 6A 152 j j
11 B 013 Vertical Tab	43 2B 053 + +	75 4B 113 K K	107 6B 153 k k
12 C 014 Form feed	44 2C 054 ,	76 4C 114 L L	108 6C 154 l
13 D 015 Carriage return	45 2D 055 - -	77 4D 115 M M	109 6D 155 m m
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16 10 020 Data Link Escape	48 30 060 0 0	80 50 120 P P	112 70 160 p p
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20 14 024 Device Control 4	52 34 064 4 4	84 54 124 T T	116 74 164 t t
21 15 025 Negative Ack.	53 35 065 & #053; 5	85 55 125 U U	117 75 165 u u
22 16 026 Synchronous idle	54 36 066 & #054; 6	86 56 126 V V	118 76 166 v v
23 17 027 End of Trans. Block	55 37 067 & #055; 7	87 57 127 W W	119 77 167 w w
24 18 030 Cancel	56 38 070 8 8	88 58 130 X X	120 78 170 x x
25 19 031 End of Medium	57 39 071 9 9	89 59 131 Y Y	121 79 171 y y
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	ter to Asen					70	167 w	
						78	170 w	
						79	171 x	
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						7C 7D	175	
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# convert from ACSII	to character					7E 7F	177 x	
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Example 5 (Specifying a function using set-builder notation)

The relation

 $L = \{(x, 3x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

is a function from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} .

• Alternative notation is typically used when dealing with functions



- Since in this example the source is equal to the target we say "*L* is a function on \mathbb{R} ". (as we did for relations)
- Similarly, the concepts
 - Into vs Onto
 - Injective (one-to-one)

also apply to functions. These properties are important when reversing functions^{\dagger}, so we will cover them again using function notation.

[†]decrypting a message, unzipping an archive, etc.

Function Notation

When defining functions we should be careful and explicitly state the source, the target and the rule. But we are informal (sloppy) and leave detail out assuming the reader will know what is implied. As a result there is large variation in notation. For example, all of the following are intended to define the same function

• Formal definition using set build notation

 $f = \{(a,b) | a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R} \land 3a = b\}$

• Formal definition using function notation

$$f:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}:x\mapsto 3x$$

or

$$f:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}:f(x)=3x$$

Informal definition using function notation

 $f: x \mapsto 3x$

or

f(x) = 3xor (this last version is horrible but we all do it) f = 3x Based on the context we usually assume $\mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$, or $\mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$. But need to verify that function is well-defined.

Constructing a Well-defined Function

Consider each of the following functions

$$a(x) = x^{2}$$
 $b(x) = \sqrt{x}$ $c(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ $d(x) = \log(x)$

In all four cases, we might start by assuming that the functions are from set \mathbb{R} to set \mathbb{R} but, while this works for the first function, we have problems with the others. Hence

If given just the rule, one must determine what inputs are allowable when specifying the source (domain).

For our four functions above we have

$$\begin{array}{l} a: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto x^2 & \text{(no issue)} \\ b: [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto \sqrt{x} & \text{(cannot get \sqrt of negative values)} \\ c: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\} \to \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto \frac{1}{x-2} & \text{(cannot divide by zero)} \\ d: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto \log(x) & \text{(cannot log of zero or negative values)} \end{array}$$

Notation —- Open/Closed/Semi-Open Intervals on \mathbb{R}

In the previous slide I used interval notation to represent sets involving numbers. Lets review that notation ...

Interval Notation	Set Notation	Graphical Representation	Informal Description
[a, b]	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \le x \le b\}$		Closed finite interval [‡]
(a, b)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$		Open finite interval
[a, b)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \le x < b\}$		Semi-open finite interval
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$[a,\infty)$	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \le x < \infty\}$	$a \longrightarrow \infty$	Semi-open infinite interval
(a,∞)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < \infty\}$	$a \longrightarrow \infty$	Open infinite interval
$(-\infty, b]$	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : -\infty < x \le b\}$	$\stackrel{-\infty}{\longleftarrow}$	Semi-open infinite interval
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$(-\infty,\infty)$	R	$\overset{-\infty}{\longleftrightarrow}\overset{\infty}{\longleftrightarrow}$	The Real Line

Table: Intervals on the real line.

[‡]This is "the set of all real numbers *x*, such that *a* is less than or equal to *x*, and *x* is less than or equal to *b*."

Notation — Open/Closed/Semi-Open Intervals on \mathbb{Z} (or \mathbb{N})

Similar notation applies to set involving integers, i.e., \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{N} ...

Interval Notation	Set Notation	Graphical Representation	Informal Description
[a, b]	$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : a \le x \le b\}$	$a a+1 \cdots b-1 b$	Closed finite interval [§]
(a, b)	$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : a < x < b\}$	$a \stackrel{a+1}{\longrightarrow} \cdots \stackrel{b-1}{\longrightarrow} b$	Open finite interval
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$(-\infty,\infty)$	\mathbb{Z}	$\overset{-\infty}{\longleftrightarrow}\overset{\infty}{\longleftrightarrow}$	The set of integers (\mathbb{Z} only)

Table: Intervals on integers \mathbb{Z} (or \mathbb{N}).

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(a, b)	$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : a < x < b\}$	$a \xrightarrow{a+1} \cdots \xrightarrow{b-1} b$	Open finite interval
[<i>a</i> , <i>b</i>)	$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : a \le x < b\}$	$a = a + 1 \cdots b - 1 b$	Semi-open finite interval
(a, b]	$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : a < x \le b\}$	$a = a + 1 \cdots b - 1 b$	Semi-open finite interval
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Type Intervals in Programming Languages

Again, I want to impress on you, that the concept of different intervals is not just something to keep mathematicians awake at night ... it also keeps programmers awake ...

For example, a Google search of why does python use semi open intervals generates

Why are Python ranges half-open (exclusive) instead of closed - Quora https://www.quora.com/Why-are-Python-ranges-half-open-exclusive-instead-of-close... ▼ Because half-open intervals are easier to compose and reason with. You never have to think ... But a moderate amount of experience will convince you that they are far more pleasant to ... Why do many websites use PHP int

> c++ - What is half open range and off the end value - Stack Overflow https://stackoverflow.com/questions/.../what-is-half-open-range-and-off-the-end-value ▼ Oct 25, 2012 - A half-open range is one which includes the first element, but we can also use the half-opening range in the function signature which can be

Why is SQL's BETWEEN inclusive rather than half-open? - Software ... https://softwareengineering.stackexchange.com/.../why-is-sqls-between-inclusive-rathe... • Aug 9, 2012 - ... (and apparently, so did the SQL designers) than a semi-open interval. ... the SQL standard is amended, don't use BETWEEN for dates/times.

Review Exercises 1 (Definition of a Function)

Question 1:

Consider the function defined by the rule $x \mapsto x^2$ with domain of f equal to $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Show that

 $\{(x, f(x))|x \in \text{Dom}(f)\} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$

Question 2:

For each of the following incomplete function definitions construct a formal definition, assuming input is a real number.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 4}$ **(b)** $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 10}$ **(c)** $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - x - 6}$

Question 3:

For each of the following incomplete function definitions construct a formal definition, assuming input is an element of \mathbb{N} .

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Function Definition

Recall that when properly specifying a function we need the set of allowed inputs (domain) and a set large enough to contain all possible outputs (target) in addition to a rule/table connecting input to output values. So we have definition:

Definition 6 (Function)

A function

 $f : \text{Dom}(f) \to \text{Target}(f) : x \mapsto f(x)$

is any process ((multi-)rule, lookup table, etc) that generates a *single* output from every input value. Hence we specify:

- The Dom(f) is the set of allowed inputs and is called the "domain of f".
 - If the domain is not specified, then it is assumed to be the largest subset of \mathbb{R} (or \mathbb{Z} or \mathbb{N}) whose values do not result in an invalid operation.
- The Target(*f*) is any set large enough to contain all possible outputs of *f* and is called the "target of *f*".
 - If the target is not specified, then it is assumed to be \mathbb{R} (or possibly \mathbb{Z} or \mathbb{N}).
 - We work with the target set of functions because it is often much more difficult to determine the image set the set of all output values.
- An assignment rule, that associates to every input x a unique output f(x).

Since functions are relations, the relation properties are also function properties ... we just have some extra terminology ...

Into vs. Onto

With a relation (so also a function) the image set (the set of all actual output) is a subset of the target:

or

• A function, $f : A \rightarrow B$, is surjective iff

 $\forall b \in B \quad \exists a \in A \quad (f(a) = b)$

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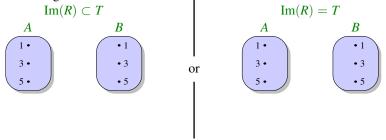
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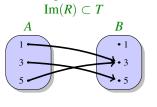
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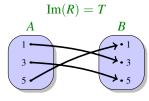
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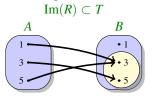
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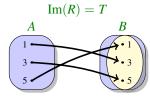
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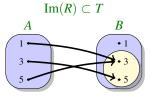
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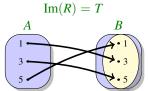
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A function, f, in which the image is a proper subset of the target is said to be an into function (or not surjective).



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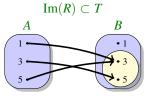
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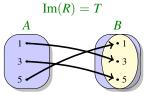


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• A function, $f : A \rightarrow B$, is surjective iff

$$\forall b \in B \quad \exists a \in A \quad (f(a) = b)$$

i.e., there is al least one arrow going to every point in B.



A function, f, in which the image is equal to the target is said to be an onto function (or surjective). Why is surjective important?

- If a function is surjective then every element in the target set can be generated/outputted given suitable input.
- If a function is **not** surjective then some elements in the target set **cannot** be generated/outputted regardless of the input goal of plausibly deniable encryption.

Deniable encryption

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In cryptography and steganography, plausibly **deniable encryption** describes encryption techniques where the existence of an encrypted file or message is deniable in the sense that an adversary cannot prove that the plaintext data exists.^[1]

Modern deniable encryption techniques exploit the fact that without the key, it is infeasible to distinguish between ciphertext from block ciphers and data generated by a cryptographically secure pseudorandom number generator (the cipher's pseudorandom permutation properties).^[7]

Injective (One-to-One)

A relation (or function) from set A to set B is one-to-one if every element in B has at most one incoming arrow.

Definition 7 (Injective (One-to-One))

A function (or relation) from set A to set B is one-to-one (or injective iff

$$\underbrace{f(a_1) = b_1 \land f(a_2) = b_1}_{f(a_1) = f(a_2)} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad a_1 = a_2$$

- Make sure you are happy with reconciling "most one incoming arrow" with the above definition, which effectually says "if element *b* has an incoming arrow from a_1 and an incoming arrow from a_2 then $a_1 = a_2$, i.e., the two incoming arrows are the same arrow". Or "equal outputs implies equal inputs".
- The contrapositive proposition is typically used when proving a function is injective.

$$a_1 \neq a_2 \implies f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$$

i.e., different inputs implies different outputs.

Application

I should talk here about injective functions used in encryption or lossless compression (zip, rar, 7z, etc), but instead I will talk about a function that is **not** injective to illustrate the importance of this property.

- A hash function is any function that return deterministic[¶] but generally irreversible^{||} output values for given inputs.
- Hash functions are a fundamental component in cryptography, and main attack strategy is to find two different inputs that generate the same output.

Hash Collision Attack

A Hash Collision Attack is an attempt to find two input strings of a hash function that produce the same hash result. Because hash functions have infinite input length and a predefined output length, there is inevitably going to be the possibility of two different inputs that produce the same output hash. If two separate inputs produce the same hash output, it is called a **collision**. This collision can then be exploited by any application that compares two hashes together – such as password hashes, file integrity checks, etc.

> Practically speaking, there are several ways a hash collision could be exploited. if the attacker was offering a file download and showed the hash to prove the file's integrity, he could switch out the file download for a different file that had the same hash, and the person downloading it would be unable to know the difference. The file would appear valid as it has the same hash as the supposed real file.

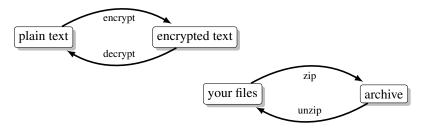
[¶]means, not random [¶]difficult to figure out the input if you only know the output

Bijective (Injective and Surjective)

Definition 8 (Bijective (Injective and Surjective))

A function, f, from set A to set B is said to be bijective (or a bijection) iff it is both injective and surjective.

- In terms of Venn diagram, a bijective function has
 - exactly one arrow leaving every element in the source (always true for a function).
 - exactly one arrow entering every element in the target.
- Bijective functions are reversible**



^{**}Just because something is reversible it says nothing about the relative difficulty of computing the different directions.

Review Exercises 2 (Function Properties)

Question 1:

Let $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $T = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$. Which of the following relations on $S \times T$ is a function.

(a) $\{(a,4), (d,3), (c,3), (b,2)\}$ (b) $\{(a,5), (c,4), (d,3)\}$

Question 2:

Classify each of the following functions as surjective, injective and bijective.

		() $f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}: m \mapsto 2m$
$\bigcirc f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}: x \mapsto 3x + 1$	$\bigcirc f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}: m \mapsto m+2$	
$\bigcirc f: \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{Q}: x \mapsto 3x + 1$		$\bigcirc g: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}: m \mapsto 2m^2 - 7$

Question 3:

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $B = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Determine which of the following are functions. For functions classify as surjective, injective and bijective.

- **(a)** $f \subseteq A \times B$, where $f = \{(1, a), (2, b), (3, c), (4, d)\}$.
- **()** *g* ⊆ *A* × *B*, where *g* = {(1, *a*), (2, *a*), (3, *b*), (4, *d*)}.
- **(a)** $h \subseteq A \times B$, where $h = \{(1, a), (2, b), (3, c)\}$.
- **(**) $k \subseteq A \times B$, where $k = \{(1, a), (2, b), (2, c), (3, a), (4, a)\}.$
- **(a)** $L \subseteq A \times A$, where $L = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 1), (4, 1)\}.$

Question 4:

If |A| and |B| are both finite, how many different functions are there from A to B?