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# Functions

## 7.1. Introduction to Functions

## 7.2 One-to-One, Onto, Inverse functions



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## One-to-One Functions

### • Definition

Let  $F$  be a function from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$ .  $F$  is **one-to-one** (or **injective**) if, and only if, for all elements  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $X$ ,

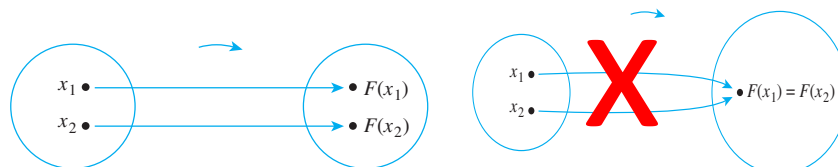
$$\text{if } F(x_1) = F(x_2), \text{ then } x_1 = x_2,$$

or, equivalently,  $\text{if } x_1 \neq x_2, \text{ then } F(x_1) \neq F(x_2).$

Symbolically,

$$F: X \rightarrow Y \text{ is one-to-one} \Leftrightarrow \forall x_1, x_2 \in X, \text{ if } F(x_1) = F(x_2) \text{ then } x_1 = x_2.$$

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are One-to-One

To prove  $f$  is one-to-one (Direct Method):

**suppose**  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are elements of  $X$  |  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , and  
**show** that  $x_1 = x_2$ .

To show that  $f$  is *not* one-to-one:

**Find** elements  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $X$  so  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  but  $x_1 \neq x_2$ .

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are One-to-One

### Example 1

Define  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by the rule

$$f(x) = 4x - 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R}$$

Is  $f$  one-to-one? Prove or give a counterexample.

Suppose  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are real numbers such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ .

[We must show that  $x_1 = x_2$ ] By definition of  $f$ ,

$4x_1 - 1 = 4x_2 - 1$ . Adding 1 to both sides gives

$4x_1 = 4x_2$ , and dividing both sides by 4 gives

$x_1 = x_2$ , which is what was to be shown.

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are One-to-One

### Example 2

Define  $g : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  by the rule

$$g(n) = n^2 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

Is  $g$  one-to-one? Prove or give a counterexample.

#### Counterexample:

Let  $n_1 = 2$  and  $n_2 = -2$ . Then by definition of  $g$ ,

$$g(n_1) = g(2) = 2^2 = 4 \text{ and also}$$

$$g(n_2) = g(-2) = (-2)^2 = 4.$$

Hence  $g(n_1) = g(n_2)$  but  $n_1 \neq n_2$ ,

and so  $g$  is not one-to-one.

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are One-to-One

### Example 3

Define  $g : \mathbf{MobileNumber} \rightarrow \mathbf{People}$  by the rule

$$g(x) = \mathit{Person} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{MobileNumber}$$

Is  $g$  one-to-one? Prove or give a counterexample.

#### Counter example:

0599123456 and 0569123456 are both for Sami

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are One-to-One

### Example 4

Define  $g : \mathbf{Fingerprints}^* \rightarrow \mathbf{People}$  by the rule  
 $g(x) = \mathit{Person}$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{Fingerprint}$



\*Small right finger

Is  $g$  one-to-one? Prove or give a counterexample.

#### Prove:

In biology and forensic science: “The flexibility of friction ridge skin means that no two finger or palm prints are ever exactly alike in every detail” [w].

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## Onto Functions

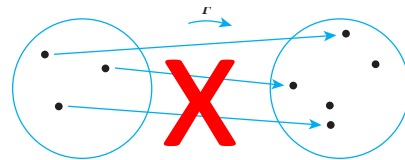
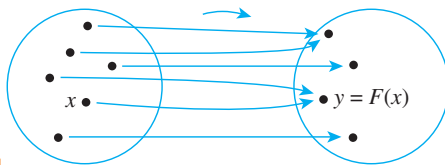
### • Definition

Let  $F$  be a function from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$ .  $F$  is **onto** (or **surjective**) if, and only if, given any element  $y$  in  $Y$ , it is possible to find an element  $x$  in  $X$  with the property that  $y = F(x)$ .

Symbolically:

$$F: X \rightarrow Y \text{ is onto} \Leftrightarrow \forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X \text{ such that } F(x) = y.$$

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are Onto

To prove  $F$  is onto, (method of generalizing from the generic particular)

**suppose** that  $y$  is any element of  $Y$

**show** that there is an element  $x$  of  $X$  with  $F(x) = y$ .

To prove  $F$  is *not* onto, you will usually

**find** an element  $y$  of  $Y$  |  $y \neq F(x)$  for *any*  $x$  in  $X$ .

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are Onto

### Example 1

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$$f(x) = 4x - 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R}$$

Is  $f$  onto? Prove or give a counterexample.

Let  $y \in \mathbf{R}$ . [We must show that  $\exists x$  in  $\mathbf{R}$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .] Let  $x = (y + 1)/4$ . Then  $x$  is a real number since sums and quotients (other than by 0) of real numbers are real numbers. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f\left(\frac{y+1}{4}\right) && \text{by substitution} \\ &= 4 \cdot \left(\frac{y+1}{4}\right) - 1 && \text{by definition of } f \\ &= (y+1) - 1 = y && \text{by basic algebra.} \end{aligned}$$

[This is what was to be shown.]

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are Onto

### Example 2

Define  $h: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  by the rules

$$h(n) = 4n - 1 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

Is  $h$  onto? Prove or give a counterexample.

#### Counterexample:

The co-domain of  $h$  is  $\mathbf{Z}$  and  $0 \in \mathbf{Z}$ . But  $h(n) \neq 0$  for any integer  $n$ . For if  $h(n) = 0$ , then

$$4n - 1 = 0 \quad \text{by definition of } h$$

which implies that

$$4n = 1 \quad \text{by adding 1 to both sides}$$

and so

$$n = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{by dividing both sides by 4.}$$

But  $1/4$  is not an integer. Hence there is no integer  $n$  for which  $f(n) = 0$ , and thus  $f$  is not onto.

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are Onto

### Example 3

Define  $g : \mathbf{MobileNumber} \rightarrow \mathbf{People}$  by the rule  
 $g(x) = \textit{Person}$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{MobileNumber}$

Is  $g$  onto? Prove or give a counterexample.

**Counter example:**

Sami does not have a mobile number

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## Proving/Disproving Functions are Onto

### Example 4

Define  $g : \mathbf{Fingerprints} \rightarrow \mathbf{People}$  by the rule  
 $g(x) = \textit{Person}$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{Fingerprint}$

Is  $g$  onto? Prove or give a counterexample.



**Prove:**

In biology and forensic science: there is no person without fingerprint

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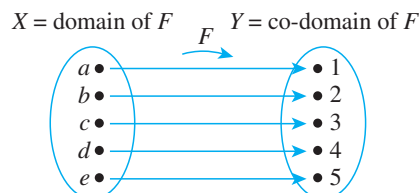
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## One-to-One Correspondences

### • Definition

A **one-to-one correspondence** (or **bijection**) from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$  is a function  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  that is both one-to-one and onto.

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## String-Reversing Function

Let  $T$  be the set of all finite strings of  $x$ 's and  $y$ 's. Define  $g : T \rightarrow T$  by the rule: For all strings  $s \in T$ ,  $g(s)$  = the string obtained by writing the characters of  $s$  in reverse order. E.g.,  $g(\text{"Ali"}) = \text{"ilA"}$

Is  $g$  a one-to-one correspondence from  $T$  to itself?


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## Inverse Functions

### Theorem 7.2.2

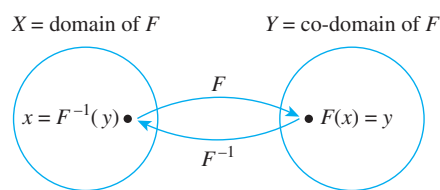
Suppose  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is a one-to-one correspondence; that is, suppose  $F$  is one-to-one and onto. Then there is a function  $F^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$  that is defined as follows:

Given any element  $y$  in  $Y$ ,

$F^{-1}(y)$  = that unique element  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $F(x)$  equals  $y$ .

In other words,

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



→ Is it always that the inverse of a function is a function?

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## Finding Inverse Functions

The function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by the formula

$$f(x) = 4x - 1 \text{ for all real numbers } x$$

(was shown one-to-one and onto)

Find its inverse function?

**Solution** For any [particular but arbitrarily chosen]  $y$  in  $\mathbf{R}$ , by definition of  $f^{-1}$ ,

$$f^{-1}(y) = \text{that unique real number } x \text{ such that } f(x) = y.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= y \\ \Leftrightarrow 4x - 1 &= y && \text{by definition of } f \\ \Leftrightarrow x &= \frac{y + 1}{4} && \text{by algebra.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 1}{4}.$$

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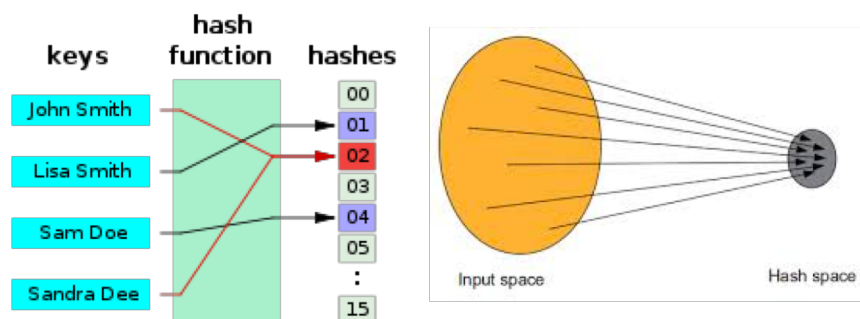
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## Hash Functions

- Maps data of arbitrary length to data of a fixed length.
- Very much used in databases and security



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## Hash Functions

How to store long (ID numbers) for a small set of people

For example:  $n$  is an ID number, and  $m$  is number of people we have

$$\text{Hash}(n) = n \bmod m$$

0	356-63-3102
1	
2	513-40-8716
3	223-79-9061
4	
5	328-34-3419
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collision?

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## Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

$$\text{Log}_b x = y \iff b^y = x$$

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## Relations between Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

### Laws of Exponents

If  $b$  and  $c$  are any positive real numbers and  $u$  and  $v$  are any real numbers, the following laws of exponents hold true:

$$b^u b^v = b^{u+v} \quad 7.2.1$$

$$(b^u)^v = b^{uv} \quad 7.2.2$$

$$\frac{b^u}{b^v} = b^{u-v} \quad 7.2.3$$

$$(bc)^u = b^u c^u \quad 7.2.4$$

The exponential and logarithmic functions are one-to-one and onto. Thus the following properties hold:

For any positive real number  $b$  with  $b \neq 1$ ,

$$\text{if } b^u = b^v \text{ then } u = v \quad \text{for all real numbers } u \text{ and } v, \quad 7.2.5$$

and

$$\text{if } \log_b u = \log_b v \text{ then } u = v \quad \text{for all positive real numbers } u \text{ and } v. \quad 7.2.6$$

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## Relations between Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

We can derive additional facts about exponents and logarithms, e.g.:

### Theorem 7.2.1 Properties of Logarithms

For any positive real numbers  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $x$  with  $b \neq 1$  and  $c \neq 1$ :

a.  $\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$

b.  $\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b x - \log_b y$

c.  $\log_b(x^a) = a \log_b x$

d.  $\log_c x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b c}$

**How to prove this?**

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## Using the One-to-Oneness of the Exponential Function

Prove that:

$$\log_c x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b c}.$$

**Solution** Suppose positive real numbers  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $x$  are given. Let

$$(1) u = \log_b c \quad (2) v = \log_c x \quad (3) w = \log_b x.$$

Then, by definition of logarithm,

$$(1') c = b^u \quad (2') x = c^v \quad (3') x = b^w.$$

Substituting (1') into (2') and using one of the laws of exponents gives

$$x = c^v = (b^u)^v = b^{uv} \quad \text{by 7.2.2}$$

But by (3),  $x = b^w$  also. Hence

$$b^{uv} = b^w,$$

and so by the one-to-oneness of the exponential function (property 7.2.5),

$$uv = w.$$

Substituting from (1), (2), and (3) gives that

$$(\log_b c)(\log_c x) = \log_b x.$$

And dividing both sides by  $\log_b c$  (which is nonzero because  $c \neq 1$ ) results in

$$\log_c x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b c}.$$

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