# COMP 233 Discrete Mathematics

# Chapter 7 Functions

# Functions 7.1 Introduction to Functions

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# Motivation

Many issues in life can be mathematized and used as functions:

- Div(x), mod(x), ....
- FatherOf(x), TruthTable (x)

• In this chapter we focus on **discrete functions** 

# What is a Function



A function is a relation from X, the domain, to Y, the codomain, that satisfies 2 properties:

- 1) Every element x is related to some element in Y;
- 2) No element in X is related to more than one element in Y

## **Function Definition**

#### • Definition

A function *f* from a set *X* to a set *Y*, denoted  $f: X \to Y$ , is a relation from *X*, the domain, to *Y*, the co-domain, that satisfies two properties: (1) every element in *X* is related to some element in *Y*, and (2) no element in *X* is related to more than one element in *Y*. Thus, given any element *x* in *X*, there is a unique element in *Y* that is related to *x* by *f*. If we call this element *y*, then we say that "*f* sends *x* to *y*" or "*f* maps *x* to *y*" and write  $x \xrightarrow{f} y$  or  $f: x \to y$ . The unique element to which *f* sends *x* is denoted

$$f(x)$$
 and is called  $f$  of  $x$ , or  
the output of  $f$  for the input  $x$ , or  
the value of  $f$  at  $x$ , or  
the image of  $x$  under  $f$ .

The set of all values of f taken together is called the *range of f* or the *image of X under f*. Symbolically,

range of f = image of X under f = { $y \in Y | y = f(x)$ , for some x in X }.

Given an element y in Y, there may exist elements in X with y as their image. If f(x) = y, then x is called **a preimage of y** or **an inverse image of y**. The set of all inverse images of y is called *the inverse image of y*. Symbolically,

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the inverse image of  $y = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = y\}.$ 

# Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Define a function **f** from X to Y



a. Write the domain and co-domain of f.

b. Find f(a), f(b), and f(c).

c. What is the range of *f*?

d. Is c an inverse image of 2? Is b an inverse image of 3?

e. Find the inverse images of 2, 4, and 1.

f. Represent f as a set of ordered pairs.

#### **Solution**

a. domain of  $f = \{a, b, c\}$ , co-domain of  $f = \{1, 2, 3, ..., 2, ..., 2, ..., c, ...$ 4} b. f(a) = 2, f(b) = 4, f(c) = 2c. range of  $f = \{2, 4\}$ d. Yes, No e. inverse image of  $2 = \{a, c\}$ inverse image of  $4 = \{b\}$ inverse image of  $1 = \emptyset$  (since no arrows point to 1) f. {(a, 2), (b, 4), (c, 2) }

# Example

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(a) There is an element x, namely b, that is not sent to any element in of Y (i.e., there is no arrow coming out of Y)(b) The element c isn't sent to a unique element of Y: that is, there are two arrows coming out of c; one pointing to 2 and the other is pointing to 3

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#### **Theorem 7.1.1 A Test for Function Equality**

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#### Example:

Let  $L = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and define functions f and g: For all x in L  $f(x) = (x^2 + x + 1) \mod 3$  and  $g(x) = (x + 2)^2 \mod 3$ .

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x	$x^2 + x + 1$	$f(x) = (x^2 + x + 1) \mod 3$	$(x+2)^2$	$g(x) = (x+2)^2 \bmod 3$
0	1	$1 \mod 3 = 1$	4	$4 \mod 3 = 1$
1	3	$3 \mod 3 = 0$	9	$9 \mod 3 = 0$
2	7	$7 \mod 3 = 1$	16	$16 \mod 3 = 1$

#### Equal functions in reality?

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(F+G)(x) = F(x) + G(x) and (G+F)(x) = G(x) + F(x).

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**Does** F + G = G + F?

(F+G)(x) = F(x) + G(x) by definition of F+G= G(x) + F(x) by the commutative law for addition of real numbers = (G+F)(x) by definition of G+F

Hence F + G = G + F.

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Examples of Functions Identity Function

$$I_X(x) = x$$
 for all  $x$  in  $X$ .

#### Identity function send each element of X to the element that is identical to it

E.g.,  $I_x(y) = y$ 

### Examples of Functions Sequences

An infinite sequence is a function defined on set of integers that are greater than or equal to a particular integer.

E.g., Define the following sequence as a function from the set of positive integers to the set of real numbers

$$1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots, \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1}, \dots$$

can be thought as a function *f* from the nonnegative integers to the real numbers that associate  $0 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $1 \rightarrow -1/2$ ,  $2 \rightarrow 1/3$ , ...

Send each integer 
$$n \ge 0$$
 to  $f(n) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1}$ .

$$g(n+1) = \frac{(-1)^{n+2}}{n+1}$$

### **Examples of Functions**

**Function Defined on a Power Set** 

Recall from Section 6.1 that P(A) denotes the set of all subsets of the set A.

Define a function F:  $P(\{a, b, c\}) \rightarrow Z^{nonneg}$ as follows: For each  $X \in P(\{a, b, c\})$ ,

*F(X)* = the number of elements in *X.* Draw an arrow diagram for *F*.



# **Examples of Functions**

#### **Cartesian product**

Define functions  $M: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $R: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  as follows: For all ordered pairs (a, b) of integers,

M(a, b) = ab and R(a, b) = (-a, b).

M is the multiplication function that sends each pair of real numbers to the product of the two.

R is the reflection function that sends each point in the plane that corresponds to a pair of real numbers to the mirror image of the point across the vertical axis.

#### Find the following

a. M(-1, -1)	b. $M\left(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}\right)$	c. <i>M</i> (√2, √2)
d. <i>R(2,</i> 5)	e. <i>R</i> (-2, 5)	f. <i>R</i> (3, -4)

a. (-1)(-1) = 1b. (1/2)(1/2) = 1/4c.  $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2$ d. (-2, 5)e. (-(-2), 5) = (2, 5)f. (-3, -4)

## Examples of Functions Logarithmic functions

#### Definition Logarithms and Logarithmic Functions

Let *b* be a positive real number with  $b \models 1$ . For each positive real number *x*, the **logarithm with base** *b* **of** *x*, written  $\log_b x$ , is the exponent to which *b* must be raised to obtain *x*. Symbolically,

$$\log_b x = y \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad b^y = x.$$

The logarithmic function with base *b* is the function from  $\mathbf{R}^+$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  that takes each positive real number *x* to  $\log_b x$ .

- $\log_3 9 = 2$  because  $3^2 = 9$ .
- $\log_2(1/2) = -1$  because  $2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- $\log_{10}(1) = 0$  because  $10^0 = 1$ .
- log<sub>2</sub>(2<sup>m</sup>) = m because the exponent to which 2 must be raised to obtain 2<sup>m</sup> is m.
- $2^{\log_2 m} = m$  because  $\log_2 m$  is the exponent to which 2 must be raised to obtain m.

# **Examples of Functions** Boolean Functions

#### • Definition

An (*n*-place) Boolean function f is a function whose domain is the set of all ordered n-tuples of 0's and 1's and whose co-domain is the set  $\{0, 1\}$ . More formally, the domain of a Boolean function can be described as the Cartesian product of n copies of the set  $\{0, 1\}$ , which is denoted  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . Thus  $f: \{0, 1\}^n \to \{0, 1\}$ .



# **Examples of Functions**

#### **Boolean Functions**

Consider the three-place Boolean function defined from the set of all 3-tuples of 0's and 1's to  $\{0, 1\}$  as follows: For each triple  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  of 0's and 1's,

 $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \mod 2.$ 

Describe f using an input/output table.

 $f(1, 1, 1) = (1 + 1 + 1) \mod 2 = 3 \mod 2 = 1$  $f(1, 1, 0) = (1 + 1 + 0) \mod 2 = 2 \mod 2 = 0$ and so on to calculate the other values

	Input		Output
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \mod 2$
1	1	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0
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# **Well-defined Functions**

#### Checking Whether a Function Is Well Defined

A function is **NOT** well defined if it fails to satisfy at least one of the requirements of being a function

E.g., Define a function  $f: \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$  by specifying that for all real numbers *x*, f(x) is the real number *y* such that  $x^2+y^2=1$ .

There are two reasons why this function is not well defined: For almost all values of x either (1) there is no y that satisfies the given equation or (2) there are two different values of y that satisfy the equation

Consider when x=2 Consider when x=0

# **Well-defined Functions**

**Checking Whether a Function Is Well Defined** 

$$f: \mathbf{Q} \to \mathbf{Z}$$
 defines this formula:  
 $f\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = m$  for all integers *m* and *n* with  $n \neq 0$ .

Is *f* a well defined function?

It is not a well defined function since fractions have more than one representation as quotients of integers.

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$
 and  $f\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) = 3$ ,  
 $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \neq f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ 

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# **Well-defined Functions**

**Checking Whether a Function or not** 

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# Functions 7.2 Properties of Functions

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#### 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*,

if  $F(x_1) = F(x_2)$ , then  $x_1 = x_2$ ,

or, equivalently,

if 
$$x_1 \neq x_2$$
, then  $F(x_1) \neq F(x_2)$ .

Symbolically,

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

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A Function That Is Not One-to-One

a. Do either of the arrow diagrams in Figure 7.2.2 define one-to-one functions?



b. Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . Define  $H: X \rightarrow Y$  as follows: H(1) = c, H(2) = a, and H(3) = d. Define  $K: X \rightarrow Y$  as follows: K(1) = d, K(2) = b, and K(3) = d. Is either H or K one-to-one?

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(a) F is one-to-one but G is not. F is one-to-one because no two different elements of X are sent by F to the same element of Y. G is not one-to-one because the elements a and c are both sent by G to the same element of Y: G(a) = G(c) = w but  $a \neq c$ .

(b) *H* is one-to-one but *K* is not. *H* is one-to-one because each of the three elements of the domain of *H* is sent by *H* to a different element of the co-domain:  $H(1) \neq H(2), H(1) \neq H(3), \text{ and } H(2) \neq H(3). K$ , however, is not one-to-one because K(1) = K(3) = d but  $1 \neq 3$ . © Susanna S. Epp, Mustafa Jarrar, and Ahmad Abusnaina 2005-2018, All rights reserved

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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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.

### Define $g: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$ by the rule $g(n) = n^2$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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

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Counterexample: Let  $n_1 = 2$  and  $n_2 = -2$ . Then by definition of g,  $g(n_1) = g(2) = 2^2 = 4$  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.

### Define g: MobileNumber $\rightarrow$ People by the rule g(x) = Person for all $x \in$ MobileNumber

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

Counter example: 0599123456 and 0569123456 are both for Sami

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



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#### **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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#### • 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:

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





a. Do either of the arrow diagrams in Figure 7.2.4 define onto functions?



b. Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Define  $H: X \to Y$  as follows: H(1) = c, H(2) = a, H(3) = c, H(4) = b. Define  $K: X \to Y$  as follows: K(1) = c, K(2) = b, K(3) = b, and K(4) = c. Is either H or K onto?

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b. Let X = {1, 2, 3, 4} and Y = {a, b, c}. Define H: X → Y as follows: H(1) = c, H(2) = a, H(3) = c, H(4) = b. Define K: X → Y as follows: K(1) = c, K(2) = b, K(3) = b, and K(4) = c. Is either H or K onto?
(a) F is not onto because b≠ F(x) for any x in X. G is onto because each element of Y equals G(x) for some x in X: a = G(3), b = G(1), c = G(2) = G(4), and d = G(5).

#### (b) H is onto but K is not.

*H* is onto because each of the three elements of the co-domain of *H* is the image of some element of the domain of *H*: a = H(2), b = H(4), and c=H(1)=H(3).

*K*, however, is not onto because  $a \neq K(x)$  for any  $x \inf\{1,2,3,4\}$ .

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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Let  $y \in \mathbf{R}$ . [We must show that  $\exists x \text{ in } \mathbf{R} \text{ such that } f(x) = y$ .] 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

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

#### [This is what was to be shown.]

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**Counterexample:** 

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

4n - 1 = 0 by definition of *h* 

which implies that

4n = 1 by adding 1 to both sides

and so

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

© Susanna 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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**Prove:** In biology and forensic science: there is no person without fingerprint

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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.



## **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., 
$$g(``Ali'') = ``ilA''$$

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

# (a)one-to-one: (b)onto

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#### (a) one-to-one:

- suppose that for some strings s1 and s2 in T, g(s1) = g(s2). [We must show that s1 = s2.]
- Now to say that g(s1) = g(s2) is the same as saying that the string obtained by writing the characters of s1 in reverse order equals the string obtained by writing the characters of s2 in reverse order.
- But if *s*1 and *s*2 are equal when written in reverse order, then they must be equal to original.

In other words,  $S_1 = S_2 [as was to be shown]$ . © Susanna S. Epp, Mustafa Jarrar, and Ahmad Abusnaina 2005-2018, All rights reserved

## **String-Reversing Function**

(b) onto: suppose *t* is a string in *T*.

- [We must find a string s in T such that g(s) = t.]
- Let s = g(t).
- By definition of g, s = g(t) is the string in *T* obtained by writing the characters of *t* in reverse order.
- But when the order of the characters of a string is reversed once and then reversed again, the original string is recovered.
- g(s) = g(g(t))
  - = the string obtained by writing the characters of t in reverse order and then writing those characters in reverse order again

= **t** 

This is what was to be shown.

#### **A Function of Two Variables**

Define a function  $F: \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$  as follows: For all  $(x, y) \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ ,

F(x, y) = (x + y, x - y).

Is *F* a one-to-one correspondence from  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$  to itself?

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F(x, y) = (x + y, x - y).

Is *F* a one-to-one correspondence from  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$  to itself?

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#### **Inverse Functions**

#### Theorem 7.2.2

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

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



 $\rightarrow$  Is it always that the inverse of a function is a function?

### **Finding Inverse Functions**

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Solution For any [particular but arbitrarily chosen] y in **R**, by definition of  $f^{-1}$ ,  $f^{-1}(y) =$  that unique real number x such that f(x) = y.

But  

$$f(x) = y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4x - 1 = y$$
by definition of f
$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{y + 1}{4}$$
by algebra.  
Hence  $f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 1}{4}$ .

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### **Hash Functions**

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



#### **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  $Hash(n) = n \mod m$  $Hash(n) = n \mod 7$  for all numbers *n*.

0	356-63-3102
1	
2	513-40-8716
3	223-79-9061
4	
5	328-34-3419
6	

collision?

#### **Exponential and Logarithmic Functions**

$$\log_b x = y \iff b^y = x$$

#### **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:

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

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

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

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

For any positive real number b with  $b \neq 1$ , if  $b^u = b^v$  then u = v for all real numbers u and v,

and

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

7.2.5

#### **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?

#### 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

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

Then, by definition of logarithm,

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

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

$$x = c^v = (b^u)^v = b^{uv}$$
 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

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

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

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