

with the same number of elements  
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**Theorem** Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are finite non-empty sets with same number of elements and  $f: A \rightarrow B$ . Then  $f$  is one-one if and only if  $f$  is onto.

**Remark** For  $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we can define  $f+g$ ,  $fg$ , and  $f/g$  if  $g(x)$  is never 0.

Proof: Let  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$   
 $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$

**Remark** If  $X$  is a finite set, we can always let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Suppose  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a 1-1 function

Then  $a_i \neq a_j \Rightarrow f(a_i) \neq f(a_j)$  in  $B$ .

$\therefore \{f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)\}$  has  $n$  distinct elements. So  $f(A) = B$ .

$\therefore f$  is surjective.

Suppose  $f$  is surjective, then  $f$  is 1-1.

We prove the contrapositive. Suppose  $f$  is not 1-1.

Then there are  $a_i \neq a_j$  such that  $f(a_i) = f(a_j) \in B$ .

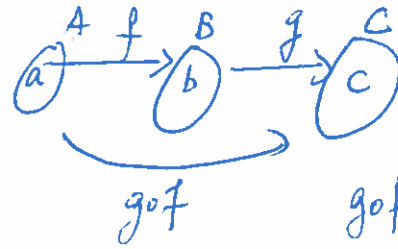
So  $f(A) = \{f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)\}$  has at most  $n-1$  elements

$\therefore$  i.e.,  $f$  is not surjective. Thus  $f(A) \neq B$ .

**Definition** If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ , then the **composite function**  $h = g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $h(a) = g(f(a))$  for every  $a \in A$ ,

**Theorem** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be functions.

- (a) If  $f$  and  $g$  are one-one, then so is  $g \circ f$ .
- (b) If  $f$  and  $g$  are onto, then so is  $g \circ f$ .
- (c) If  $f$  and  $g$  are bijective, then so is  $g \circ f$ .



$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f(a) &= g(f(a)) \\ &= g(b) \\ &= c. \end{aligned}$$

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

Proof:

(a)

Assume  $f, g$  are 1-1.

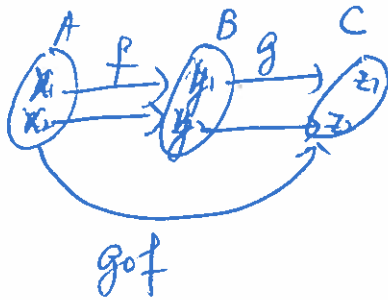
If  $a_1 \neq a_2$  in  $A$  then  $f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$  in  $B$   
 if  $b_1 \neq b_2$  in  $B$  then  $g(b_1) \neq g(b_2)$  in  $C$

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

If  $x_1 \neq x_2$  in  $A$ , then  $g(f(x_1)) = g(y_1), g(f(x_2)) = g(y_2)$   
 with  $y_1 = f(x_1)$  &  $y_2 = f(x_2)$  as  $f$  is 1-1,  $y_1 \neq y_2$

$\therefore g \circ f$  is 1-1

~~$g \circ f(x_1) \neq g \circ f(x_2)$  in  $C$~~   
 $\therefore g(y_1) \neq g(y_2)$  in  $C$   
 $\therefore g \circ f(x_1) \neq g \circ f(x_2)$  in  $C$



(b) Assume  $f, g$  are onto. Then  $f(A) = B$  and  $g(B) = C$ .  
 Then  $g \circ f(A) = g(B) = C$ . ✓

Proof 2. For any  $b \in B$ , there is  $a \in A$  st.  $f(a) = b$  ;  
 for any  $c \in C$  there is  $b \in B$  st.  $g(b) = c$ .

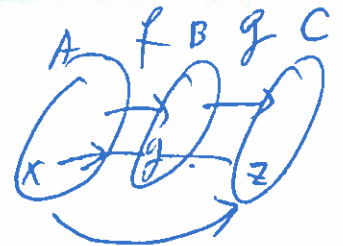
$\therefore$  For any  $z \in C$ .

Then there is  $y \in B$  st.  $g(y) = z$ .

Also then there is  $x \in A$  st.  $f(x) = y$ .

$$\therefore g \circ f(x) = g(y) = z$$

$\therefore x \in A$  such that  $g \circ f(x) = z$

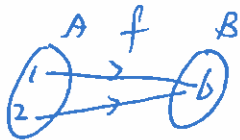


(c) By (a) & (b), the result follows.

**Definition** Given a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$ , we can define the inverse relation  $R^{-1}$  from  $B$  to  $A$ .

**Theorem** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function. then the inverse relation  $f^{-1}$  from  $B$  to  $A$  is a function if and only if  $f$  is bijective. In such a case,  $f^{-1}$  is also bijective.

Example



$$f: \{1, 2\} \rightarrow \{b\}$$

$$\text{set. } f(1) = f(2) = b$$

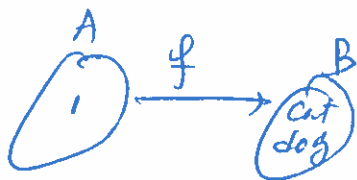
is a function, and can be written as

then  $f = \{(1, b), (2, b)\} \subseteq A \times B$

Then the inverse relation  $f^{-1} = \{(b, 1), (b, 2)\} \subseteq B \times A$

$f^{-1}$  is NOT a function because  $b \in B$  is related to both 1 & 2 in  $A$

Example



$$f: \{1\} \rightarrow \{\text{cat}, \text{dog}\}$$

$$f(1) = \text{cat}$$

$$f = \{(1, \text{cat})\} \subseteq A \times B$$

Then the inverse relation  $f^{-1} = \{(\text{cat}, 1)\} \subseteq B \times A$ .

$f^{-1}$  is NOT a function because  $\text{dog} \in B$  is not related to anything in  $A$

Proof

Assume  $f$  is 1-1 & onto

To prove the inverse relation  $f^{-1}$  from  $B$  to  $A$  is a bijection

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

Let  $b \in B$ . There is  $a \in A$ .  
 $\therefore (a, b) \in f$  because  $f$  is surjective  
 $\therefore (b, a) \in f^{-1}$ .

Next. Suppose  $(b, a_1) \in f^{-1}$  &  $(b, a_2) \in f^{-1}$ .

Then  $(a_1, b), (a_2, b) \in f$   
 $\therefore a_1 = a_2$  because  $f$  is 1-1.

So  $f^{-1}$  is well-defined

1-1: Suppose  $b_1 \neq b_2$  in  $B$ .

Consider  $f^{-1}(b_1), f^{-1}(b_2) = a_2$  in  $A$   
 $= a_1$

i.e.,  $(a_1, b_1) \in f$

$(a_2, b_2) \in f$

So  $a_1 \neq a_2$  Else if  $a_1 = a_2 = a$  &

$f(a) = b_1$  with  
 $f(a) = b_2$  with  
 $b_1 \neq b_2$   
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Onto For any  $a \in A$   
there is  $b \in B$  s.t.

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

$$f^{-1}(b) = a, \text{ i.e., } (b, a) \in f^{-1}.$$

Because for every  $a \in A$ , there is  $b \in B$  s.t.  $(a, b) \in f$

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Now suppose  $f^{-1} \stackrel{+}{\rightarrow} \subseteq B \times A$  is  
a well-defined function.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (f^{-1})^{-1} &= \{ (a, b) : (b, a) \in f^{-1} \} \\ &= f. \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection by the previous part of the proof.

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Permutations of a set  $A$  are bijections from  $A$  to  $A$ . If  $A$  has  $n$  elements, we assume  $A = \{1, \dots, n\}$  and use a special representation.

Suppose  $A = \{1, \dots, n\}$ . We use the notation  $S_n$  to denote the set of bijections from  $A$  to  $A$ .

For example,  $S_3$  has 6 elements:

$$f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, f_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, f_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, f_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, f_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

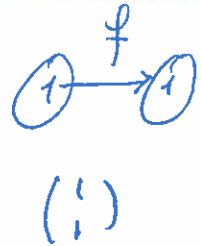
$$f_6^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = f_6$$

$$f_5^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = f_4$$

One can find inverses, and do compositions.

Example

$A = \{1, 2\}$ . There is only one bijection



$$f_4 \circ f_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = f_6$$

Example

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . There are 2 bijections

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_3 \circ f_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = f_2$$

In general:

$$A = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & n \\ i_1 & i_2 & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ n & (n-1) & \dots & 1 & = n! \\ \text{choices} \end{matrix}$$

$$f_3 \circ f_3 \circ f_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = f_1$$