

# Functions

# Function terminology

- A *function* maps elements of one set (called the *domain*) to another set (called the *codomain*).
- *Domain*: the set which contains the values to which the function is applied
- *Codomain*: the set which contains the ***possible*** values (results) of the function
- *Image*: the set of ***actual*** values produced when applying the function to the values of the domain

Formally the image of  $f$  is  $\{y \in Y \mid (\exists x \in X)[f(x) = y]\}$

# More function terminology

□  $f: X \rightarrow Y$

- $f$  is the function name
- $X$  is the domain
- $Y$  is the co-domain
- $f(x) = y$  means  $f$  maps  $x$  to  $y$

# Formal definitions

- Image of function (in class)
- Inverse image of a point (in class)
- $f=g$  if
  - $f$  and  $g$  have the same domain
  - $f$  and  $g$  have the same codomain
  - For all  $x$  (in domain),  $f(x)=g(x)$

# Types of functions

- $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is *one-to-one* (or *injective*) if  
 $(\forall x_1, x_2 \in X)[F(x_1) = F(x_2) \rightarrow x_1 = x_2]$ , or alternatively  
 $(\forall x_1, x_2 \in X)[x_1 \neq x_2 \rightarrow F(x_1) \neq F(x_2)]$
- $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is *onto* (or *surjective*) if  
 $(\forall y \in Y)(\exists x \in X)[F(x) = y]$
- $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is **not one-to-one** if  
 $(\exists x_1, x_2 \in X)[(x_1 \neq x_2) \wedge (F(x_1) = F(x_2))]$
- $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is **not onto** if  
 $(\exists y \in Y)(\forall x \in X)[F(x) \neq y]$

# Proving functions one-to-one and onto

$$f(x) = 3x - 4, \quad f(x) = x^2 + 2$$

$$\square f: R \rightarrow R$$

$$\square f: R \rightarrow Z$$

$$\square f: Z \rightarrow R$$

$$\square f: Z \rightarrow Z$$

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# One-to-one correspondence or bijection

$F: X \rightarrow Y$  is *bijective* iff  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is one-to-one and onto

If  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is bijective then it has an inverse function

$$(\exists F^{-1})[Y \rightarrow X]$$

$$(\forall x \in X)[F(x) = y \rightarrow F^{-1}(y) = x]$$

$$(\forall y \in Y)[F^{-1}(y) = x \rightarrow F(x) = y]$$

# Proving something is a bijection

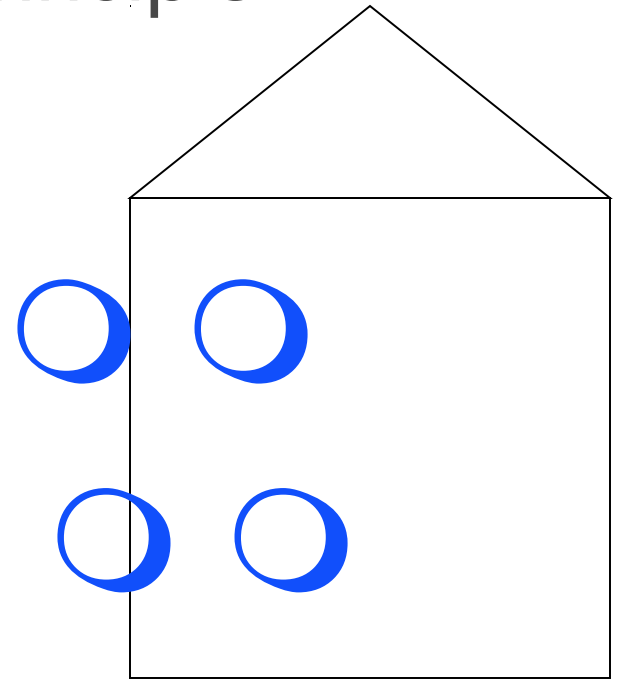
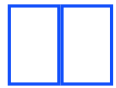
$$F(x) = 5x + \frac{1}{2}$$

- $f: R \rightarrow R$
- $f: R \rightarrow Z$
- $f: Z \rightarrow R$
- $f: Z \rightarrow Z$

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# The pigeonhole principle



## □ Basic form:

A function from one finite set to a smaller finite set cannot be one-to-one; there must be at least two elements in the domain that have the same image in the codomain.

# Examples

- Using this class as the domain:
  - must two people share a birth month?
  - must two people share a birthday?
  
- Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ 
  - if I select 5 different integers at random from this set, must two of the numbers sum exactly to 9?
  - if I select 4 integers?
  
- There exist two people in New York City who have the same number of hairs on their heads.
  
- There exist two subsets of  $\{1, \dots, 10\}$  with three elements that sum to the same value.

# Generalized Pigeonhole Principle

## □ The generalized pigeonhole principle:

- If  $X, Y$  are finite, and  $|X| > k|Y|$ , and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  then there is some  $y \in Y$  such that  $y$  is the image of at least  $k+1$  distinct elements of  $X$ .

# Examples

## □ Using the generalized form:

- assume 50 people in the room, how many must share the same birth month?
- $|A|=5, |B|=3 \quad F: P(A) \rightarrow P(B)$

how many elements of  $P(A)$  must map to a single element of  $P(B)$ ?

# Composition on finite sets- example

## □ Example

$X = \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $Y_1 = \{a,b,c,d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a,b,c,d,e\}$ ,  $Z = \{x,y,z\}$

|            |            |                              |
|------------|------------|------------------------------|
| $f(1) = c$ | $g(a) = y$ | $g \circ f(1) = g(f(1)) = z$ |
| $f(2) = b$ | $g(b) = y$ | $g \circ f(2) = g(f(2)) = y$ |
| $f(3) = a$ | $g(c) = z$ | $g \circ f(3) = g(f(3)) = y$ |
|            | $g(d) = x$ |                              |
|            | $g(e) = x$ |                              |

# Composition for infinite sets- example

$$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad f(n) = n + 1$$

$$g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad g(n) = n^2$$

$$g \circ f(n) = g(f(n)) = g(n+1) = (n+1)^2$$

$$f \circ g(n) = f(g(n)) = f(n^2) = n^2 + 1$$

$$\text{Note: } g \circ f \neq f \circ g$$

# Identity function

□  $i_X$  the identity function for the domain  $X$

$$i_X : X \rightarrow X \quad (\forall x \in X) [i_X(x) = x]$$

□  $i_Y$  the identity function for the domain  $Y$

$$i_Y : Y \rightarrow Y \quad (\forall y \in Y) [i_Y(y) = y]$$

□ composition with the identity functions

# Composition with inverse

- Recall: if  $f$  is a bijection then  $f^{-1}$  exists.
- Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijection.
- What is  $f \circ f^{-1}$ ?
- What is  $f^{-1} \circ f$ ?



# One-to-one in composition

- If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  are both one-to-one, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is one-to-one.
- If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  are both onto, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is onto.

# Cardinality

- Sets  $A$  and  $B$  have the *same cardinality* iff there is a one-to-one correspondence from  $A$  to  $B$ .
- We denote  $A$  and  $B$  have the same cardinality by  $|A| = |B|$ .

# Countable sets

- A set  $S$  is called *countably infinite* iff  $|S| = |\mathbf{N}|$ .
- A set is called *countable* iff it is finite or countably infinite.
- A set which is not countable is called *uncountable*.

# Countable Sets?

Which of these sets are countably infinite?

☐  $\mathbb{N}$

☐  $\mathbb{N}^{\text{even}}$

☐  $\mathbb{Z}$

☐  $\mathbb{Q}^+$

☐  $\mathbb{Q}$

# Real numbers

□ We'll take just a part of this infinite set

□ Reals between 0 and 1 (noninclusive)

$$X = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 < x < 1\}$$

□ All elements of  $X$  can be written as

$$0.a_1a_2a_3\dots a_n\dots$$

# Cantor's proof

- Assume the set  $X = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 < x < 1\}$  is countable
- Then the elements in the set can be listed

$$0.a_{11}a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}\dots a_{1n}\dots$$

$$0.a_{21}a_{22}a_{23}a_{24}\dots a_{2n}\dots$$

$$0.a_{31}a_{32}a_{33}a_{34}\dots a_{3n}\dots$$

... ..

- Select the digits on the diagonal
- Build a number  $d$ , such that  $d$  differs in its  $n^{\text{th}}$  position from the  $n^{\text{th}}$  number in the list

$$d_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a_{nn} \neq 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } a_{nn} = 1 \end{cases}$$

# All reals

$$\text{Cardinality}(\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 < x < 1\}) = \text{Cardinality}(\mathbb{R})$$