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# **Relations and Functions**

CMSC250

# Relations









• **Any** subset of  $A \times B$  is called a **relation** from A to B.



 $R_4 = \{(a_1, b_1), (a_3, b_2), \\ (a_4, b_5), (b_3, a_2)\}$ 

Is <u>not</u> a relation, since it contains an element  $((b_3, a_2))$  which is **not** in  $A \times B$ .

## Definition

• Let A, B be sets. A relation R from A to B is any subset of  $A \times B$ .

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- $(R, \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{N})$ 
  - $\{(r, n) \mid n \text{ appears in the decimal expansion of } r \}$
  - E.g: {...,  $(\pi, 1)$ , (e, 7),  $(\frac{1}{3}, 3)$ , ... }
  - We would formally say that all of the above are elements of the relation R

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  - $(<, \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$  is **not** reflexive, since  $\sim (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})[n < n]$  (in fact, there is no such n)
  - $(R, \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$  defined as  $\{(x, y) \mid x + y \ge 100\}$  is **not** reflexive (e.g  $10 \in \mathbb{N}$ , but  $(10, 10) \notin R$ )

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 $((1, 100) \in R) \land ((100, 5) \in R),$ but  $(1, 5) \notin R$ 

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\mapsto in LaTeX

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• Every element of the domain should map to some co-domain element!

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Fails the "vertical line" test (2 different `y's mapped to by the same `x')



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- Because 1-1 but not onto functions are possible!







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#### Making functions onto or 1-1

• To make a function **onto**, we need to make the **co-domain smaller.** 

• To make a function 1-1, we need to make the domain smaller.

# **Bijective functions**

- A function  $f: X \mapsto Y$  is called **bijective (or a bijection, or a <u>1</u>-**<u>**1 correspondence**</u>) iff it is both surjective and injective.
  - We will try to avoid using the term "1-1 correspondence" (some books uses it) since it can confuse us with the notion of an injective (or 1-1) function.

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!!!!

For a = 0, the graph of the function fails the "horizontal line test"!

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Non-surjective! Set h(n) = y and solve for n:

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$$4n - 1 = y \Rightarrow n = \frac{y + 1}{4}$$

There are infinitely many choices of y for which  $n \notin \mathbb{Z}!$ 

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Surjective and injective! Surjective, since, if we set h(n) = y and solve for n:

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For every real y, there's always a **real** solution n. Injective, since it's of the form of (2) with  $a \neq 0$ .

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- In general, people considered "functions" to only be differentiable maps from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- The reason for the restriction because of the tight coupling of math and physics at that time: a "function" was something that could come up in nature.

- The view began to change around the era of Fourier.
- While studying heat, Fourier found out that the following function is discontinuous:

f(x, y, z, t) =temperature at loc (x, y, z)at time t.

• Lighting a match at (0, 0, 0) introduces a discontinuity in the function.



Joseph Fourier

- For a while people tried to extend the notion of function.
- Charles Hermite: "I turn with terror and horror from this lamentable scourge of continuous functions with no derivatives."



Charles Hermite, pictured here turning away with terror and horror from the lamentable scourge of continuous functions with no derivatives.

#### Modern View

- Owed primarily to Dirichlet and Lobachevsky.
- According to this view, *any correspondence* is a function.



Emanuel Dirichlet



Nicolai Lobachevsky

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