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Recall: A map  $f: A \rightarrow B$  assigns a **unique** element  $f(a) \in B$  for each  $a \in A$ .

Example:  $A = \{\text{sections in Math 311 class}\}$

$B = \{\text{TAs in Math Dept.}\}$

$(\text{Section } x) \xrightarrow{f} (\text{TA of the section } x)$  is a well-defined map from  $A \rightarrow B$ . e.g.  $f(\text{Section 2}) = (\text{TA Fei Qi})$

$(\text{TA } y) \xrightarrow{g} (\text{Section TA } y \text{ is in charge of})$  is **NOT** a well-defined map from  $B \rightarrow A$ , b/c Fei Qi is in charge of two sections, namely H1 and 02. **Not unique!**

When  $A, B$  are sets of numbers, we call  $f: A \rightarrow B$  a **function**.

Historically, functions were introduced and studied prior to maps

Example:  $x \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto$  square root of  $x$  is NOT a well-defined function.

$x \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto$  positive square root of  $x$  is a well-defined function.

Think about why.

For a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,

- $A$  is referred as its **domain**,  $B$  is referred as its **codomain**.

\* Properties may change if the domain or codomain changes for the same rule of assignment!

- For  $X \subseteq A$  subset, the collection of all elements in  $B$  that  $A$  maps to is called the **image** of  $X$ , denoted  $f(X)$ .

Formally:  $f(X) = \{y \in B : y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in X\}$

Equivalently:  $y \in f(X) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in X, y = f(x)$

- For  $Y \subseteq B$  subset, the collection of all elements in  $A$  that map into  $Y$  is called the **preimage** of  $Y$ , denoted  $f^{-1}(Y)$

Formally:  $f^{-1}(Y) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in Y\}$

Equivalently:  $x \in f^{-1}(Y) \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in Y$ .

Example: For  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$ . Find

$f(\mathbb{R}), f([0, \infty)), f([-9, 16]), f([1, 4])$

$f^{-1}(\mathbb{R}), f^{-1}([0, \infty)), f^{-1}([-9, 16]), f^{-1}([1, 4])$

(Try it before looking at the answer next page).

Ans:  $f(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f([0, \infty)) = [0, \infty)$ .  $f([-9, 16]) = [0, 256]$ .  $f([1, 4]) = [1, 16]$   
 $f^{-1}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$ .  $f^{-1}([0, \infty)) = \mathbb{R}$ .  $f^{-1}([-9, 16]) = [-4, 4]$ .  $f^{-1}([1, 4]) = [-2, -1] \cup [1, 2]$ .

•  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is called **injective** if

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in A, f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2.$$

Informally: If two numbers are mapped to the same number, then they are equal.

Equivalently:  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in A, x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

Informally, different numbers are mapped to different numbers.

•  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is called **surjective** if

$$\forall y \in B, \exists x \in A, f(x) = y$$

Informally: Every number in the codomain is the image of some number in the domain.

Equivalently:  $f(A) = B$ .

Normally  $f(A)$  is referred as range of  $f$ , denoted  $\text{Im} f$ .

•  $f$  is **bijective** if  $f$  is both injective and surjective.

Example:  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Find if  $f: A \rightarrow B, f(x) = x^2$  is injective, surjective or bijective:

(1)  $A = \mathbb{R}, B = \mathbb{R}$

(2)  $A = \mathbb{R}, B = [0, \infty)$

(3)  $A = \mathbb{R}, B = [-1, 4]$ .

(4)  $A = \mathbb{R}, B = [1, 4]$ .

(5)  $A = [0, \infty), B = \mathbb{R}$ .

(6)  $A = (-\infty, 0], B = [0, \infty)$

(7)  $A = [-1, 4], B = [1, 16]$

(8)  $A = [1, 4], B = [1, 16]$

I wish this example convinces you that domain and codomain make a difference.

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|            | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Injective  | X   | X   | X   | X   | ✓   | ✓   | X   | ✓   |
| Surjective | X   | ✓   | X   | ✓   | X   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |
| Bijjective | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | ✓   | X   | ✓   |

Example: Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function,  $X \subseteq A$  be a subset.

Prove that  $X \subseteq f^{-1}(f(X))$ . Show by example that the inclusion can be proper, and prove that if  $f$  is injective, then  $X = f^{-1}(f(X))$ .

Sol'n: ①.  $x \in X \Rightarrow f(x) \in f(X)$

*Y is introduced to avoid the confusion brought by notations.*

Denote  $Y = f(X) \subseteq B$ , then  $f(x) \in Y$

By def. of  $f^{-1}(Y)$ , we have  $x \in f^{-1}(Y)$ , which is  $f^{-1}(f(X))$ .

So we proved  $x \in X \Rightarrow x \in f^{-1}(f(X))$ .

Thus  $X \subseteq f^{-1}(f(X))$  □

② Take  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  $f(x) = x^2$ . Let  $X = [1, 2]$ . Compute  $f^{-1}(f(X))$  to see.  
 $X \subsetneq f^{-1}(f(X))$  (Hint: Check the above examples for  $f^{-1}(f(X))$ )

③ We show  $x \in f^{-1}(f(X)) \Rightarrow x \in X$  when  $f$  is injective.

$x \in f^{-1}(f(X)) \Rightarrow f(x) \in f(X) \subseteq B$

Denote  $y = f(x) \in B$ , then  $y \in f(X)$

By def. of  $f(X)$ ,  $\exists x' \in X$ ,  $f(x') = y$ .

In general  $x'$  doesn't have to be  $x$ . But now that  $f$  is injective,

recall  $y = f(x)$ , so  $f(x) = f(x') \Rightarrow x = x'$ .

Since  $x' \in X$ , so  $x = x' \Rightarrow x \in X$ .

So we proved  $x \in f^{-1}(f(X)) \Rightarrow x \in X$

Thus  $f^{-1}(f(X)) \subseteq X$ . □

Exercise: Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function,  $Y \subseteq B$  be a subset.

Prove that  $f(f^{-1}(Y)) \subseteq Y$ . Show by example that the inclusion can be proper, and prove that if  $f$  is surjective, then  $f(f^{-1}(Y)) = Y$ .

Exercise:  $\forall X \subseteq A, X = f^{-1}(f(X)) \Leftrightarrow f$  is injective

Well-ordering principle: Every nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  has a smallest member.

Principle of Math Ind.:  $P(1) \wedge (\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)) \Rightarrow (\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, P(n))$

Proof: Assume  $(\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \neg P(k)$ .

Collect all such  $k$ 's to form a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ .

Name it  $S$ . Well-ordering Principle  $\Rightarrow S$  has a smallest elt, say  $k_0$ .

i.e.  $\forall n < k_0, P(n)$  is true. In particular,  $P(k_0 - 1)$  is true.

From  $(\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+) P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$  with  $P(k_0 - 1)$  is true

we know  $P(k_0)$  is true, i.e.  $k_0 \notin S$ . Contradiction.

This proves  $(\neg \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \neg P(k) \Leftrightarrow (\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) P(k)$ .

Example:  $(\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+) 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x}$  if  $x \neq 1$ .

If  $n = 1$ , LHS =  $1 + x$ , RHS =  $\frac{1 - x^2}{1 - x} = 1 + x$

Assume for  $n = k$ , LHS = RHS, i.e.  $1 + x + \dots + x^k = \frac{1 - x^{k+1}}{1 - x}$ .

Want:  $n = k + 1$ , LHS = RHS. i.e. Want  $1 + x + \dots + x^k + x^{k+1} = \frac{1 - x^{k+2}}{1 - x}$

From ind. hypa: LHS =  $\frac{1 - x^{k+1}}{1 - x} + x^{k+1} = \frac{1 - x^{k+1} + x^{k+1}(1 - x)}{1 - x} = \frac{1 - x^{k+2}}{1 - x}$   
= RHS.

From principle of math. induction, LHS = RHS  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .  $\square$

Exercise: Prove that  $n^3 + 5n$  is divisible by 6.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

Recall: Cartesian Product  $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$

Relation between  $A, B$ : any subset of  $A \times B$ .

Function: relation built on set of numbers, satisfying

$$a \sim b_1, a \sim b_2 \Rightarrow b_1 = b_2 \in B.$$

$f: A \rightarrow B$ . If  $a$  is related to  $b$ , denote it by  $f(a) = b$

the requirement means  $a_1 = a_2 \in A \Rightarrow f(a_1) = f(a_2) \in B$

Given  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , let  $M \subseteq A$ ,  $N \subseteq B$ .

Image of  $f$  on  $M$  is the subset  $\{y = f(a) \in B : a \in M\}$  of  $B$   
denoted  $f(M)$

Preimage of  $f$  on  $N$  is the subset  $\{a \in A : f(a) \in N\}$  of  $A$ .

Example:  $f(x) = x^2$  gives a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(\mathbb{R}) = \{x \geq 0\}. \quad f([0, \infty)) = \{x \geq 0\} \quad f([2, 4]) = \{4 \leq x \leq 16\}$$

$$f^{-1}([0, \infty)) = \mathbb{R} \quad f^{-1}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}. \quad f^{-1}([9, 16]) = [-4, -3] \cup [3, 4]$$

$$f^{-1}([-1, 16]) = [-4, 4] \quad f^{-1}((-\infty, 0)) = \emptyset$$

In general:  $f: A \rightarrow B$  func.

$\Rightarrow X \subseteq f^{-1}(f(X))$ . It might be a proper inclusion.

e.g.  $f: x \mapsto x^2$ .  $X = [0, \infty)$ .  $f^{-1}(f([0, \infty))) = f^{-1}([0, \infty)) = \mathbb{R} \supset X$

Proof:  $x \in X$ , we should show  $x \in f^{-1}(f(X))$

Recall  $x \in f^{-1}(N)$  iff  $f(x) \in N$ .

$x \in f^{-1}(f(X)) \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in f(X)$ , which is obvious if  $x \in X$ . (backward)

More formally:  $x \in X \Rightarrow f(x) \in f(X) \Rightarrow x \in f^{-1}(f(X))$ . (direct).

Q.E.D.

Exercise: Prove that for  $Y \subseteq B$ ,  $f[f^{-1}(Y)] \subseteq Y$ .

In some cases,  $X = f^{-1}(f(X))$ . Guess the condition for  $f$ ?

Ans:  $f$  is injective.

Proof: It suffices to show  $f^{-1}(f(X)) \subseteq X$ .

$x \in f^{-1}(f(X)) \Rightarrow f(x) \in f(X)$ .

Recall:  $a \in f(X) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \in X$ , s.t.  $f(y) = a$ .

(Replace  $a \mapsto f(x)$ ).  $\Rightarrow \exists y \in X$ ,  $f(y) = f(x)$

Recall:  $f$  is injective iff  $f(x) = f(y)$  for some  $x, y \in A \Rightarrow x = y$ .

e.g.  $x \mapsto x^2$  is injective as func.  $[0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

not injective as func.  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Inj  $\Rightarrow y = x$ . Since  $y \in X$ .  $\Rightarrow x \in X$ .

Exercise: Prove that for  $Y \subseteq B$ ,  $f(f^{-1}(Y)) = Y$  if  $f$  is surjective.