

Sets and functions

→ A set is an unordered collection of elements

→ We list them, like this

$$S = \{x, y, z\} = \{z, x, y\}, |S| = 3$$

→ (later: we can't always list the element)

Ideas

Notation

Negation

• x is an element of S
 x is in S

$$x \in S$$

$$x \notin S$$

• T is a subset of S
every element of T is
an element of S

$$T \subset S$$

$$T \not\subset S$$

• Empty set

$\emptyset, \{ \}$

Question: Given a set S , is $\emptyset \subset S$? Yes

• Equality of sets

means $T \subset S$ and $S \subset T$

$$T = S$$

• Size of set if S
is finite

$|S|$

Sets can be tricky

$$S = \{ \{1, 2, 3\}, 4, (5, 6) \}$$

↑ ↑ ↑
set integer tuple of 2 ints

$$1 \notin S$$

$$\{1, 2, 3\} \notin S$$

$$\{1, 2, 3\} \in S$$

Some known sets

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \{x \mid x \text{ is a positive integer}\}$$

↑ "such that"

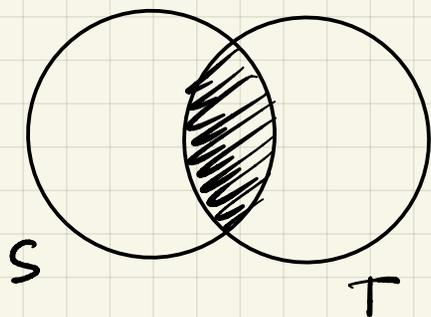
$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{x \mid x = \frac{a}{b} \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$$

(Rational numbers)

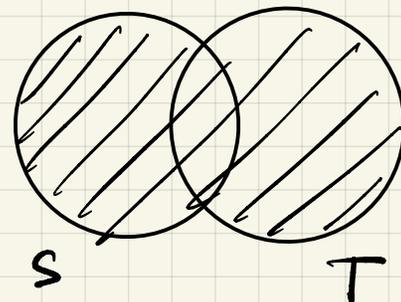
$$\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q}$$

Intersection & Union



$$S \cap T = \{x \mid x \in S \text{ and } x \in T\}$$

↑
intersection



$$S \cup T = \{x \mid x \in S \text{ or } x \in T\}$$

↑
union

Intersection: $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3 \dots \cap S_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i$

Union: $S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \dots \cup S_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i$

Addition Rule: $|S \cup T| = |S| + |T|$ if $S \cap T = \emptyset$

Product of sets

$$S \times T = \{ (x, y) \mid x \in S \text{ and } y \in T \}$$

Example: $S = \{a, b, c\}$ $T = \{1, 2\}$

$$S \times T = \{ (a, 1), (a, 2), (b, 1), (b, 2), (c, 1), (c, 2) \}$$

- $S \times T \neq T \times S$
- $|S \times T| = |T \times S| = |S| \cdot |T|$ (why?)

To generate a tuple:

1. choose an element from S ---
2. choose an element from T ---

#ways

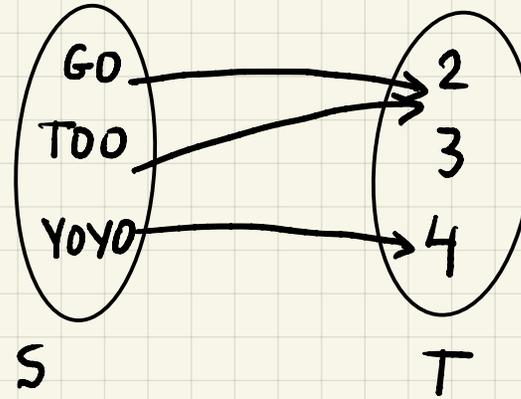
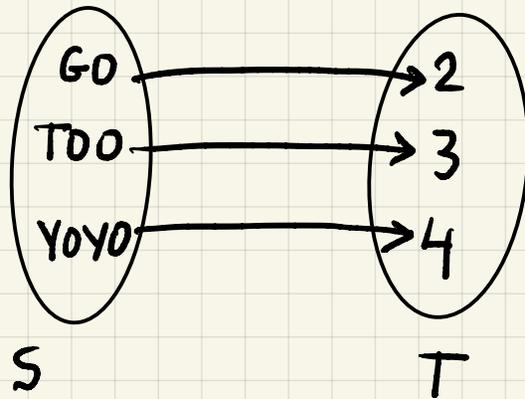
$|S|$

$|T|$

$|S| \cdot |T|$

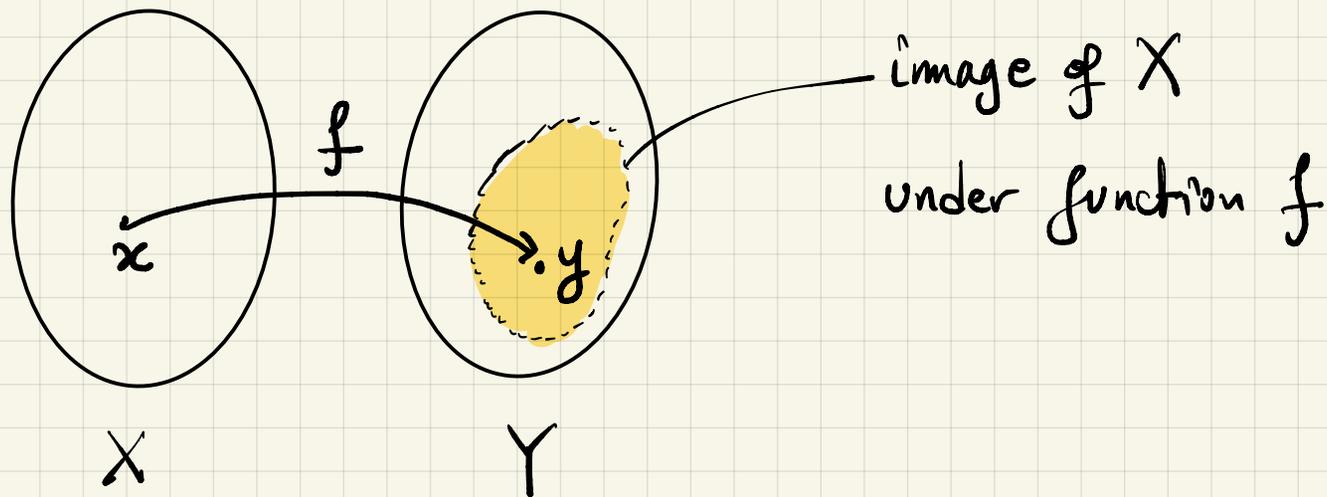
Functions

- A function is a mapping from one set S to another T
- The function "maps" elements from S to elements in T
- The function assigns for every element in S exactly one element in T .



Function:

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$



Domain

Co-domain

$$x \in X$$

$$y \in Y$$

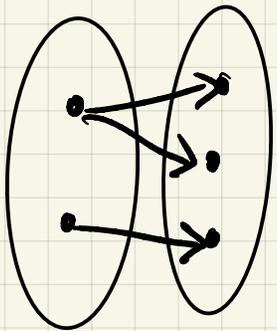
$$y = f(x)$$

When the image is the entire set Y , f is onto

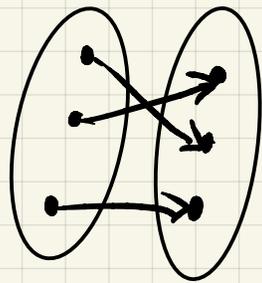
f is a function: For every $x \in X$, there exist exactly one $y \in Y$ such that $y = f(x)$

f is onto: For every $y \in Y$, there exists an $x \in X$ such that $y = f(x)$

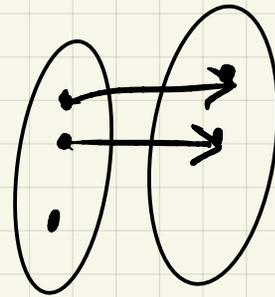
Example: which of the following is a function?



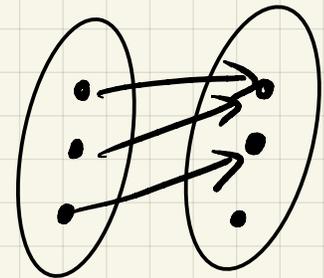
X



✓ onto



X



✓ not onto

function : $\forall x \in X, \exists$ exactly one y such
that $f(x) = y$

\forall : universal quantifier "All"

\exists : existential quantifier "Exists"

$\exists!$: unique existential quantifier

Function : $\forall x \in X, \exists! y \in Y, f(x) = y$

onto : $\forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X, f(x) = y$

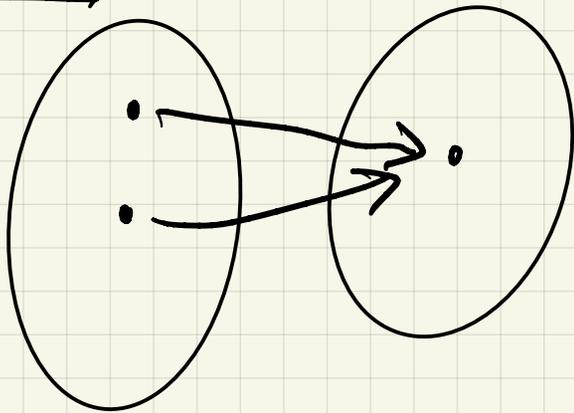
Another property of a function:

one-to-one: For every $x_1, x_2 \in X$,

if $x_1 \neq x_2$, then $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

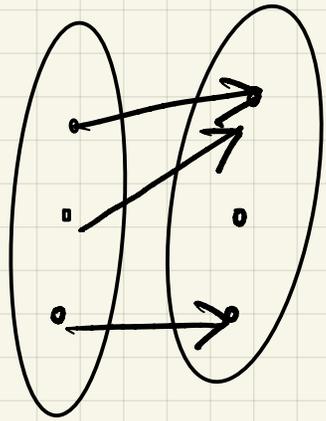
$$(x_1 \neq x_2) \implies f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$$

You can't have:

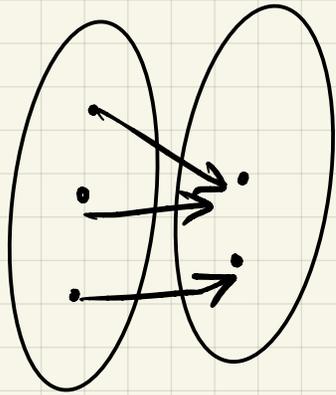


$$\forall x_1 \in X, \forall x_2 \in X, (x_1 \neq x_2) \implies f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$$

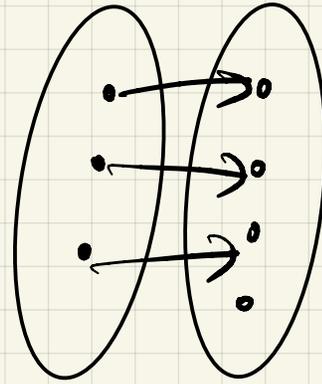
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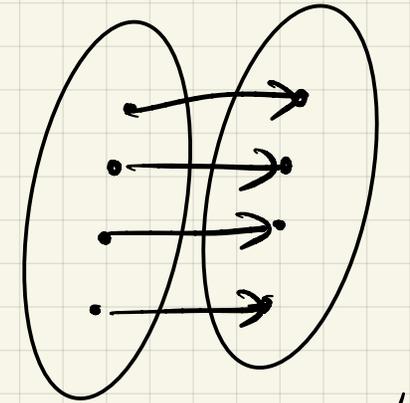
one-to-one: \times
 onto: \times



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 Bijection

if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a bijection

then $|X| = |Y|$