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## CHAPTER 2

[Part 2]

# FUNCTIONS

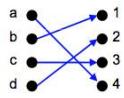
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## FUNCTION

- Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are nonempty sets.
- A **function** ( $f$ ) from  $X$  to  $Y$  is a relation from  $X$  to  $Y$  having a properties:
  - The domain of  $f$  is  $X$
  - If  $(x, y), (x, y') \in f$ , then  $y = y'$

## Relations vs Functions

- Not all relations are functions
- But consider the following function:



- All functions are relations!

## Relations vs Functions

### When to use which?

- A function is used when you need to obtain a SINGLE result for any element in the domain
  - Example: sin, cos, tan
- A relation is when there are multiple mappings between the domain and the co-domain
  - Example: students enrolled in multiple courses

## Domain, Co-domain, Range

- A function from  $X$  to  $Y$  is denoted,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$
- The **domain** of  $f$  is the set  $X$ .
- The set  $Y$  is called the **co-domain** or target of  $f$ .
- The set  $\{y \mid (x, y) \in f\}$  is called the **range**.

## Example

Given the relation,  $f = \{ (1, a), (2, b), (3, a) \}$  from  $X = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$  to  $Y = \{ a, b, c \}$  is a function from  $X$  to  $Y$ . State the domain and range.

Solution:

- ✓ The domain of  $f$  is  $X$
- ✓ The range of  $f$  is  $\{a, b\}$

### Example (cont.)

- $f = \{ (1,a), (2,b), (3,a) \}$

domain  $X$        $f$       range  $\{a,b\} \subseteq Y$       codomain  $Y$

### Example

- The relation,  $R = \{ (1,a), (2,a), (3,b) \}$  from  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  to  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  is NOT a function from  $X$  to  $Y$ .
- The domain of  $R$ ,  $\{1,2,3\}$  is not equal to  $X$ .

$R = \{ (1,a), (2,a), (3,b) \}$

There is no arrow from 4

### Example

- The relation,  $R = \{ (1,a), (2,b), (3,c), (1,b) \}$  from  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  to  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  is NOT a function from  $X$  to  $Y$
- $(1,a)$  and  $(1,b)$  in  $R$  but  $a \neq b$ .

$R = \{ (1,a), (2,b), (3,c), (1,b) \}$

There are 2 arrows from 1

### Notation of function: $f(x)$

- For the function,  $f = \{ (1,a), (2,b), (3,a) \}$
- We may write:  
 $f(1)=a, f(2)=b, f(3)=a$
- Notation  $f(x)$  is used to define a function.

### Example

- Defined:  $f(x) = x^2$
- $f(2) = 4, f(-3.5) = 12.25, f(0) = 0$
- $f = \{ (x, x^2) \mid x \text{ is a real number} \}$

### One-to-One Function

- A function  $f$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ , is said one-to-one (or injective) if for each  $y \in Y$ , there is at most one  $x \in X$ , with  $f(x)=y$ .
- For all  $x_1, x_2$ , if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , then  $x_1=x_2$ .  
 $\forall x_1 \forall x_2 ((f(x_1) = f(x_2)) \rightarrow (x_1=x_2))$

**Example**

- The function,  $f = \{ (1,b), (3,a), (2,c) \}$  from  $X = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$  to  $Y = \{ a, b, c, d \}$  is **one-to-one**.

Each element in  $Y$  has at most one arrow pointing to it

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**Example (cont.)**

- The function,  $f = \{ (1,a), (2,b), (3,a) \}$  from  $X = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$  to  $Y = \{ a, b, c \}$  is **NOT** one-to-one.
- $f(1) = a = f(3)$

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**Example**

Show that the function,  
 $f(n) = 2n + 1$   
 on the set of positive integers is one-to-one.

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**Solution**

- For all positive integer,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  if  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ , then  $n_1 = n_2$ .
- Let,  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ ,  $f(n) = 2n + 1$   
 then  $2n_1 + 1 = 2n_2 + 1$  (-1)  
 $2n_1 = 2n_2$  (+2)  
 $n_1 = n_2$
- This shows that  $f$  is one-to-one.

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**Example**

- Show that the function,  
 $f(n) = 2^n - n^2$   
 from the set of positive integers to the set of integers is **NOT** one-to-one.

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**Solution**

- Need to find 2 positive integers,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$   $n_1 \neq n_2$  with  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ .
- trial and error,  
 $f(2) = f(4)$
- $f$  is not one-to-one.

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### Onto Function

- If  $f$  is a function from  $X$  to  $Y$  and the range of  $f$  is  $Y$ ,  $f$  is said to be **onto**  $Y$  (or an onto function or a surjective function)
- For every  $y \in Y$ , there exists at least one  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$

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

### Example

- The function,  $f = \{ (1,a), (2,c), (3,b) \}$  from  $X = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$  to  $Y = \{ a, b, c \}$  is **one-to-one** and **onto**  $Y$ .

- $f = \{ (1,a), (2,c), (3,b) \}$

**One-to-one**  
Each element in  $Y$  has at most one arrow

**Onto**  
Each element in  $Y$  has at least one arrow pointing to it

### Example

- The function,  $f = \{ (1,b), (3,a), (2,c) \}$  is **not onto**  $Y = \{ a, b, c, d \}$

- $f = \{ (1,b), (3,a), (2,c) \}$

**not onto**  
no arrow pointing to  $d$

### Bijection Function

- A function,  $f$  is called **one-to-one correspondence** (or bijective/bijection) if  $f$  is both **one-to-one** and **onto**.
- Example:

- $f = \{ (1,\alpha), (2,\theta), (3,\beta) \}$

**One-to-one and onto  $Y$  -bijection**

### Exercise

Determine which of the relations  $f$  are functions from the set  $X$  to the set  $Y$ . In case any of these relations are functions, determine if they are one-to-one, onto  $Y$ , and/or bijection.

- $X = \{ -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 \}$ ,  $Y = \{ -3, 4, 5 \}$  and  $f = \{ (-2,-3), (-1,-3), (0,4), (1,5), (2,-3) \}$
- $X = \{ -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 \}$ ,  $Y = \{ -3, 4, 5 \}$  and  $f = \{ (-2,-3), (1,4), (2,5) \}$
- $X = Y = \{ -3, -1, 0, 2 \}$  and  $f = \{ (-3,-1), (-3,0), (-1,2), (0,2), (2,-1) \}$

### Inverse Function

- Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function.
- The **inverse** relation  $f^{-1} \subseteq Y \times X$  is a function from  $Y$  to  $X$ , if and only if  $f$  is both one-to-one and onto  $Y$ .

### Example

$f = \{(1,a), (2,c), (3,b)\}$ 
 $f^{-1} = \{(a,1), (c,2), (b,3)\}$

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### Example

- The function,  $f(x) = 9x + 5$  for all  $x \in R$  ( $R$  is the set of real numbers).
- This function is both one-to-one and onto.
- Hence,  $f^{-1}$  exists.
- Prove:

Let  $(y, x) \in f^{-1}, f^{-1}(y) = x$

$$(x,y) \in f, \quad y = 9x + 5$$

$$x = (y-5)/9$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = (y-5)/9$$

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### Exercise

- Find each inverse function.

- a)  $f(x) = 4x + 2, x \in R$
- b)  $f(x) = 3 + (1/x), x \in R$

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### Composition

- Suppose that  $g$  is a function from  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $f$  is a function from  $Y$  to  $Z$ .
- The **composition** of  $f$  with  $g$ ,  
 $f \circ g$   
 is a function  
 $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$   
 from  $X$  to  $Z$ .

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### Example

- Given,  $g = \{(1,a), (2,a), (3,c)\}$   
 a function from  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  to  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$   
 and,  
 $f = \{(a,y), (b,x), (c,z)\}$   
 a function from  $Y$  to  $Z = \{x, y, z\}$ .
- The **composition** function from  $X$  to  $Z$  is the function  
 $f \circ g = \{(1,y), (2,y), (3,z)\}$

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### Example (cont.)

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**Example**

$f(x) = \log_3 x$  and  $g(x) = x^4$

- $f(g(x)) = \log_3(x^4)$
- $g(f(x)) = (\log_3 x)^4$
- Note:  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$

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**Example**

$f(x) = \frac{1}{5}x$        $g(x) = x^2 + 1$

$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{x}{5}\right)$

$= \left(\frac{x}{5}\right)^2 + 1 = \frac{x^2}{25} + 1$

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**Example**

- Composition sometimes allows us to decompose complicated functions into simpler functions.
- example  $f(x) = \sqrt{\sin 2x}$

$g(x) = \sqrt{x}$      $h(x) = \sin x$      $w(x) = 2x$

$f(x) = g(h(w(x)))$

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**Exercise**

- Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions from the positive integers to the positive integers defined by the equations,  $f(n) = n^2$ ,  $g(n) = 2^n$
- Find the compositions
  - a)  $f \circ f$
  - b)  $g \circ g$
  - c)  $f \circ g$
  - d)  $g \circ f$

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**Recursive Algorithms**

- A recursive procedure is a procedure that invokes itself.
- A recursive algorithm is an algorithm that contains a recursive procedure.
- Recursion is a powerful, elegant and natural way to solve a large class of problems.

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**Example**

Factorial problem

- If  $n \geq 1$ ,  
 $n! = n(n-1) \Rightarrow 2 \times 1$   
 and  $0! = 1$
- Notice that, if  $n \geq 2$ ,  $n$  factorial can be written as,  
 $n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \Rightarrow 2 \times 1 \times 0$   
 $= n(n-1)!$

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### Example

- $n=5$
- $5!$

$5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 5 \cdot 4!$   
 $4! = 4 \cdot 3!$   
 $3! = 3 \cdot 2!$

### Recursive Algorithm for Factorial

- Input:  $n$ , integer  $\geq 0$
- Output:  $n!$
- Factorial ( $n$ ) {
  - if ( $n=0$ )
    - return 1
  - return  $n \cdot \text{factorial}(n-1)$

### Example

- Fibonacci sequence,  $f_n$

$f_1 = 1$   
 $f_2 = 1$   
 $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ , for  $n \geq 3$

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ....

### Recursive algorithm for Fibonacci Sequence :

- Input:  $n$
- Output:  $f(n)$
- $f(n)$  {
  - if ( $n=1$  or  $n=2$ )
    - return 1
  - return  $f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

### Example

Consider the following arithmetic sequence: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9...

Suppose  $a_n$  is the term sequence. The generating rule is  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2$ , for  $n \geq 1$ . The relevant recursive algorithm can be written as

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f(n)
{
  if (n = 1)
    return 1
  return f(n-1) + 2
}
    
```

Use the above recursive algorithm to trace  $n = 4$

### Example- Solution

Trace the output if  $n = 4$

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    f4["f(4)  
n = 4  
Because n ≠ 1  
return f(3) + 2"]
    f3["f(3)  
n = 3  
Because n ≠ 1  
return f(2) + 2"]
    f2["f(2)  
n = 2  
Because n ≠ 1  
return f(1) + 2"]
    f1["f(1)  
n = 1  
Because n = 1  
return 1"]
    
    f4 --> f3
    f3 --> f2
    f2 --> f1
    
    f1 -- "Return 1" --> f2
    f2 -- "Return 1 + 2 = 3" --> f3
    f3 -- "Return 3 + 2 = 5" --> f4
    f4 -- "Return 5 + 2 = 7" --> f4
    
    f4 --- ans["Answer = 7"]
    
```