

# One-to-One Functions

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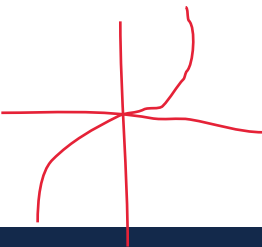
## Definition

A function is **one-to-one** if every element in the co-domain has at most one pre-image.  $\hookrightarrow$  injective

$$\forall x, y \in A, x \neq y \rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$$

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

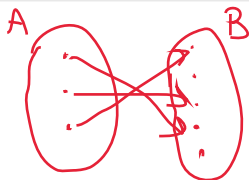
Ex. 1:  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^3$



Ex. 2:

$$g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g(n) = n^2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 0 \rightarrow 0 \\ 1 \rightarrow 1 \\ 2 \rightarrow 4 \\ \vdots \end{array}$$



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Students  $\rightarrow$  birth months  
50  $\quad$  12

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## Theorem (Pigeonhole Principle)

If  $n$  objects are placed into  $k$  containers and  $n > k$ , then at least one container has more than one object.

One container has at least the average.  $\frac{n}{k}$

If  $n > k \cdot m$ , then  $\exists$  container w/ at least  $m+1$  objects.

$$\frac{n}{k} > \frac{k \cdot m}{k} = m$$

$$|A| > |B| \rightarrow f \text{ not one-to-one}$$

91 students into  
9 Pennsall groups

$\Rightarrow \exists$  group w/  
 $\geq 11$  students.

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## Corollary

*Given a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , if  $|A| > |B|$ , then  $f$  is not one-to-one.*

*if  $f$  one-to-one, then  $|A| \leq |B|$ .*

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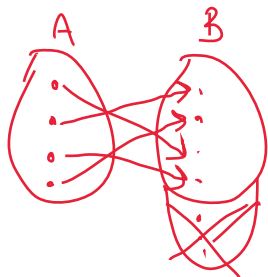
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A function is called a **bijection** if it is both onto and one-to-one.

one-to-one requires  $|A| \leq |B|$   
onto requires  $|A| \geq |B|$

}  $|A| = |B|$



# Counting One-to-One Functions

- $f : A \rightarrow B, |A| = \cancel{n}^k, |B| = \cancel{n}^n$        ~~$k \cdot k \cdot k \cdot \dots \cdot k = k^n$~~        $n^k$

$$\frac{(n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1)) (n-k)!}{(n-k)!}$$

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input	output
$a_1$	
$a_2$	
$\vdots$	
$a_k$	



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- $f : A \rightarrow B, |A| = \overset{k}{\cancel{n}}, |B| = \overset{h}{\cancel{n}}$
- $P(n, k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = \frac{n!}{(n-h)!} = h!$
- If  $k = n$ ,  $n!$  permutations (one-to-one functions *and* bijections)

# Proving one-to-one

Universal claim:  $\forall x, y \in A, f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow x = y.$

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## Example

$$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(n) = 2n - 1$$

Proof. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  be arb.

Suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$ .

That is,  $2x - 1 = 2y - 1$

$$2x = 2y$$

$$x = y.$$

Hence  $f$  is one-to-one.  $\square$

# Proving not one-to-one

Existential claim:  $\neg(\forall x, y \in A, x \neq y \rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y))$

$$\exists x, y \in A, x \neq y \text{ and } f(x) = f(y).$$

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$$\neg p \vee q$$

$$p \wedge \neg q$$

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## Example

$$h: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, h(n) = n^2$$

Proof Consider  $x = -1$  and  $y = 1$ .

Then  $x \neq y$ , but  $h(x) = (-1)^2 = 1 = 1^2 = h(y)$ .

So  $h$  is not one-to-one.  $\square$

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Case 1:  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

WLOG, suppose  $x < 0$ .

2:  $x < 0, y \geq 0$

3:  $x \geq 0, y < 0$

4:  $x < 0, y < 0$ .



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- Example: Prove  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, |x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$ .
- Non-example: Prove that for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x(x + 1)$  is even.

Case 1:  $x$  is even. }  
Case 2:  $x$  is odd. } WLOG, suppose  $x$  is even.

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