

# Welcome to the Logic and Discrete Structures - LSD course



Course 1

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- Grigore Moisil High School Timisoara
- Faculty of Automation and Computers, UPT
  - Computers and information technology
- PHD
  - Identifying the user of a computer based on the way he types on the keyboard
- AC League, Youth House, Timisoara City Hall, Ministry of Development, Authority for Digitization of Romania
- Computer Programming, Programming Techniques, Software Project Management, Logic and discrete structures

# Course administrative details

- Semester 1: 14 weeks
  - 2 hours of **class** / week
  - **laboratory** hours / week
- You will receive **2 grades** , their average is the final grade at LSD
  - 1 mark in the exam, in the session, after the 14 weeks
  - 1 mark for the laboratory activity
- To pass the subject, you need to get **at least grade 5** , both in the exam and in the laboratory
- **The exam** can be taken 3 times

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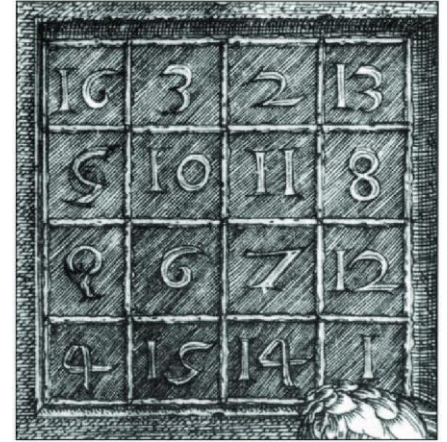
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- Logic and Discrete Structures
- What are we going to do?
  - LOGIC,
  - MATH and *What Kind of Math?*
  - PROGRAMMING *What kind of Programming?*
- What do you need before starting this course?
  - Fundamentals of mathematics
  - Curiosity

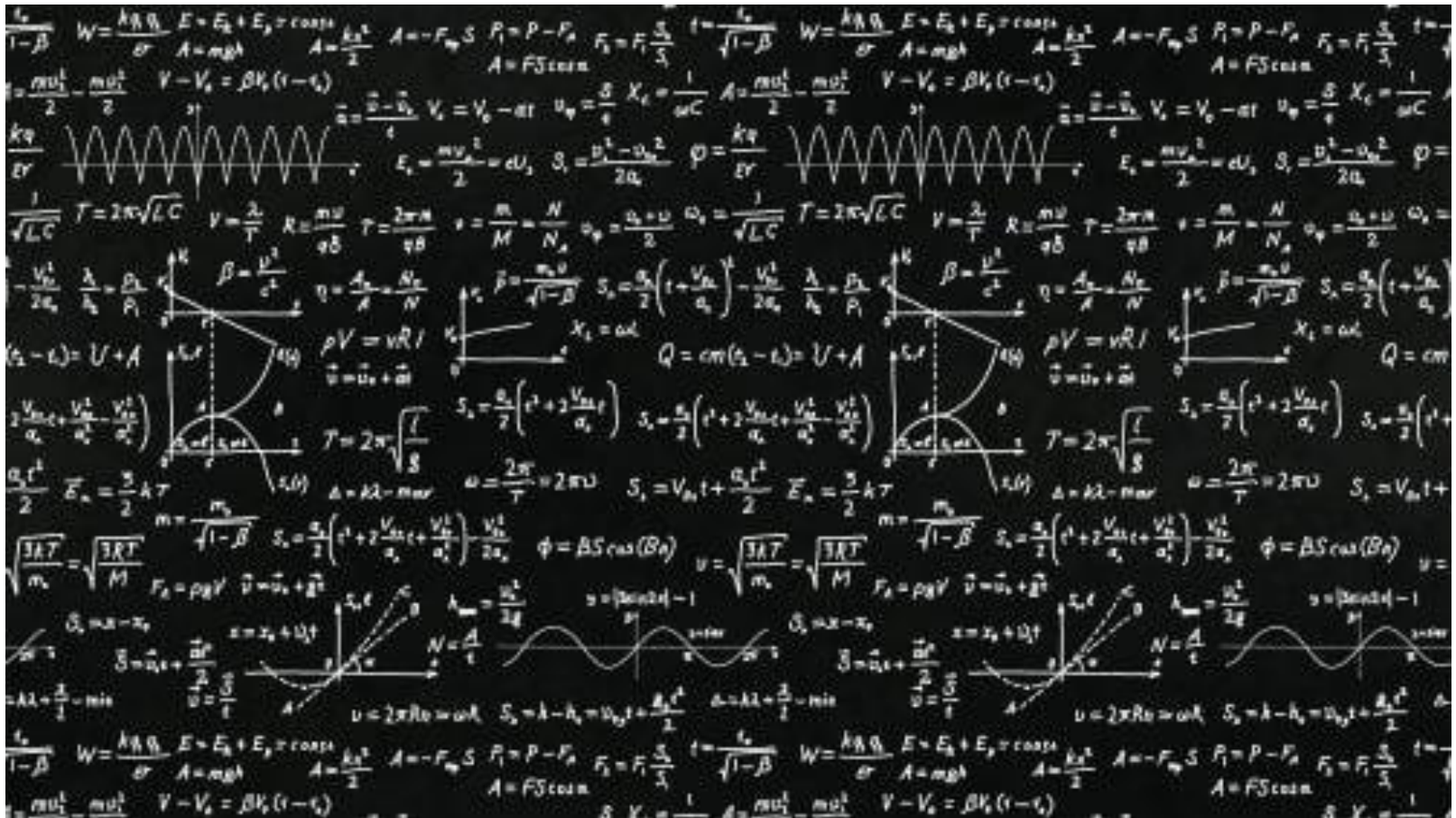
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## MATHEMATICAL LOGIC

- how do we express **sentences** precisely
  - for rigorous definitions , software specifications
- how do we prove statements
  - to show that an algorithm is correct
- how do we process logical **formulas**
  - to find solutions to problems

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## DISCRETE MATHEMATICS



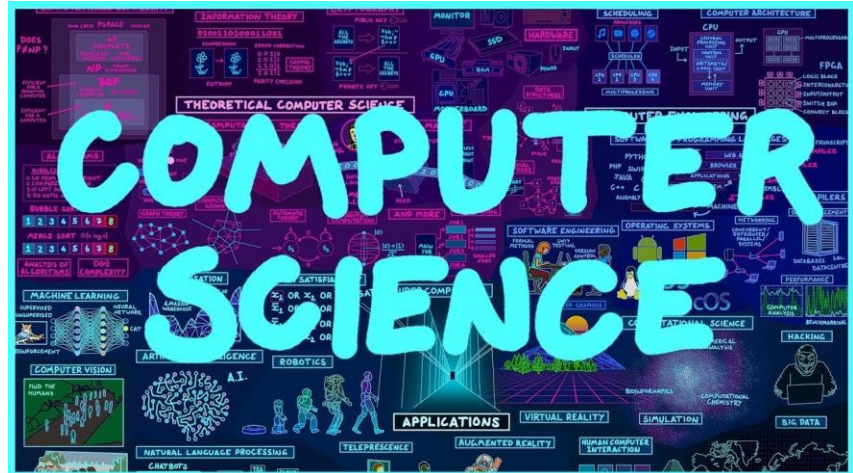


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## DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

It is the basic language of computer science

- *algorithms*
- *bioinformatics*
- *computer graphics*
- *data science*
- *machine learning*
- *software engineering etc.*



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## DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

- What are we studying?

we study notions/objects that take distinct, **discrete values**

- integers, logical values, relations, trees, graphs, etc.

- What are we not studying?

we do not study the **continuous field**

- real numbers, infinitesimals, limits, differential equations see: mathematical analysis

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## PROGRAMMING in PYTHON

PYTHON programming language

High level language

- It's super easy to get started with Python (even if you've never programmed before)
- The syntax is reader-friendly (and close to natural language)
- The code is compact
- The Python standard library provides a wide range of facilities and many external libraries are also available
- It is one of the most used programming languages today

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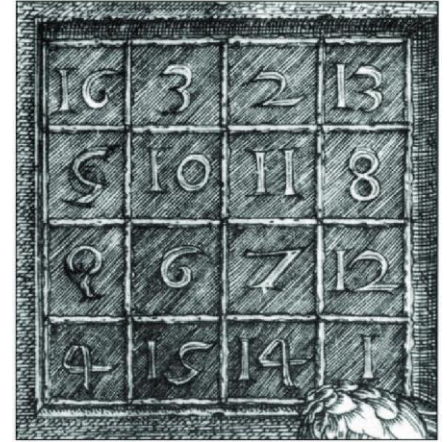
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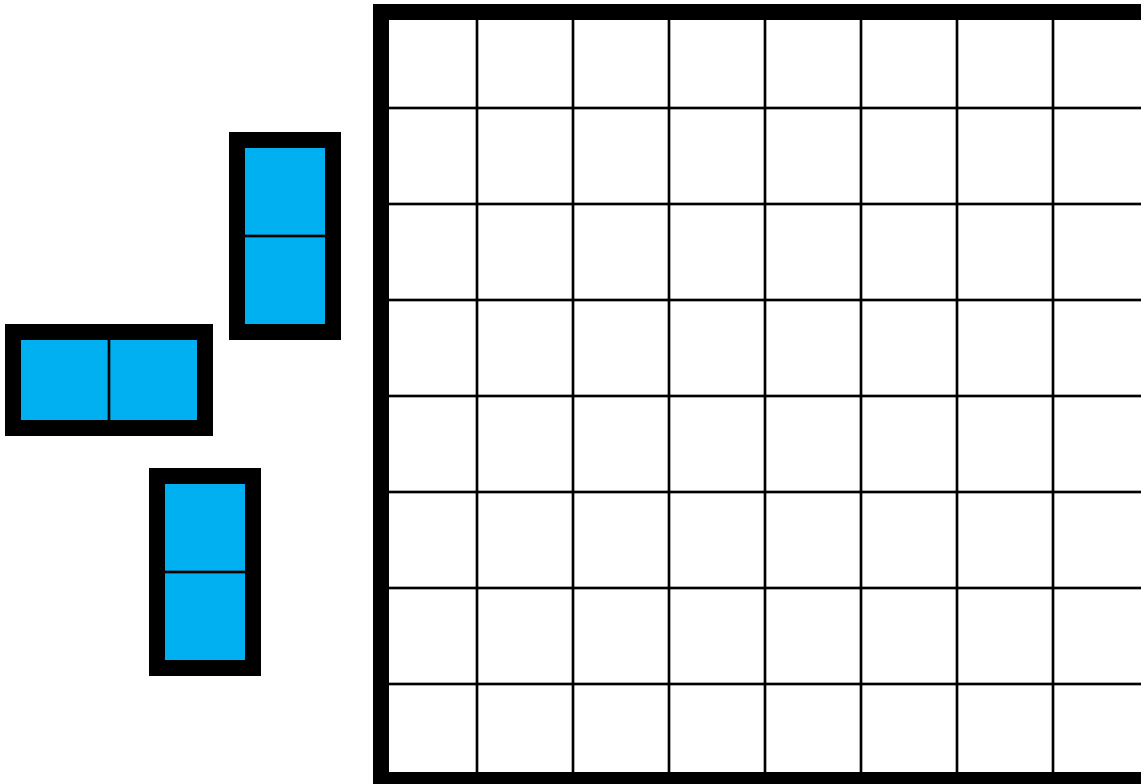


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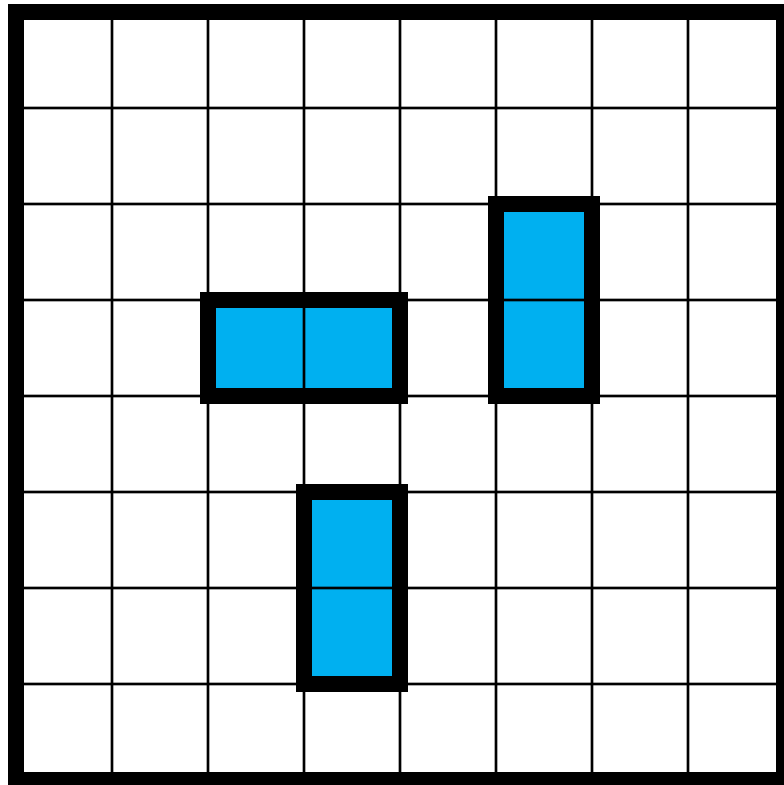
- DEMONSTRATION
- What is the demo?
  - An argument that is so convincing that you can use it to convince others
  - It's a sign of understanding

# DEMONSTRATION

A simple first example: Can we fill (without leaving empty spaces) an 8 x 8 chessboard with 1 x 2 dominoes?

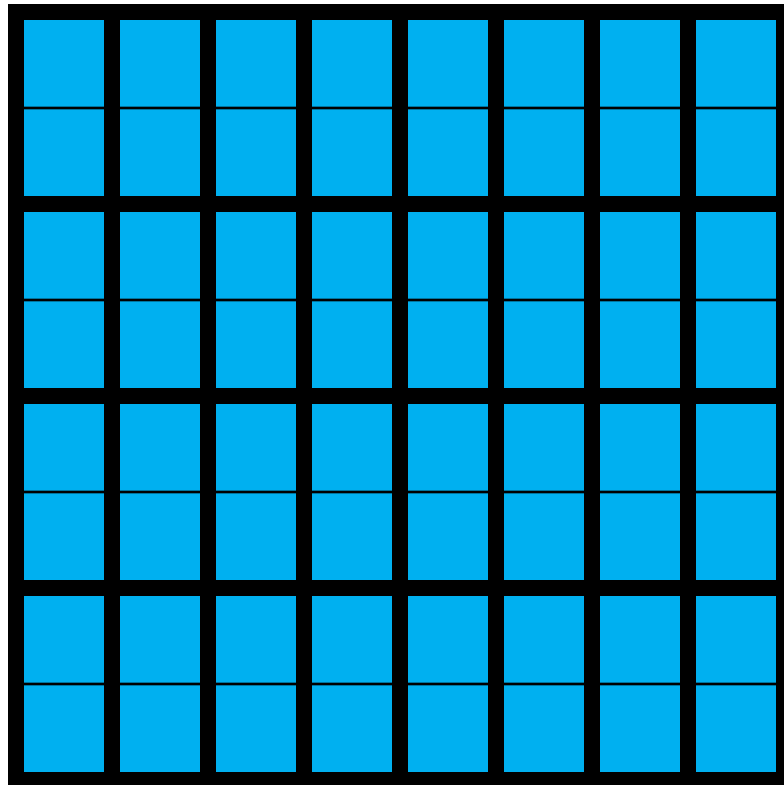


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## DEMONSTRATION BY EXAMPLE

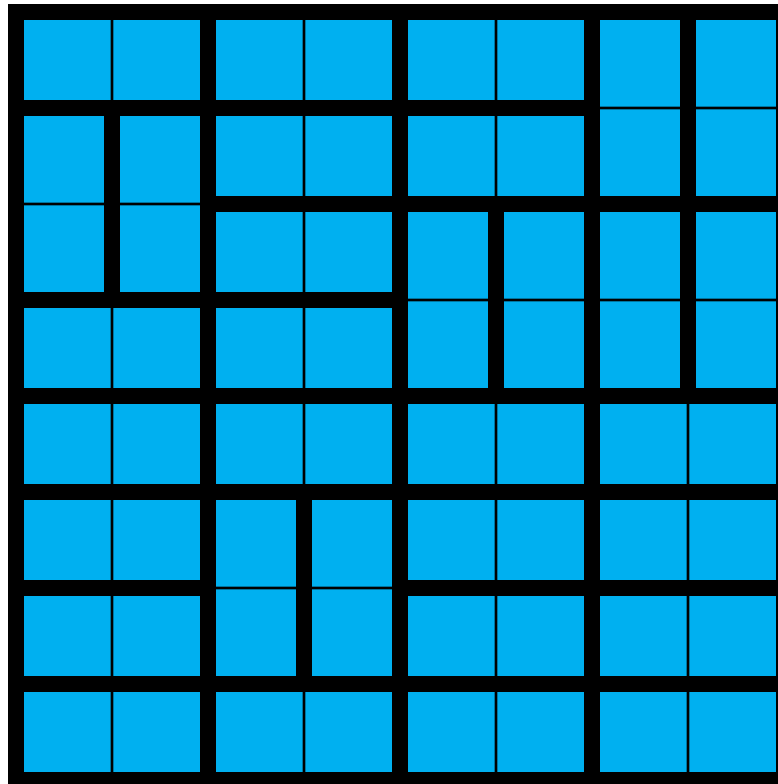
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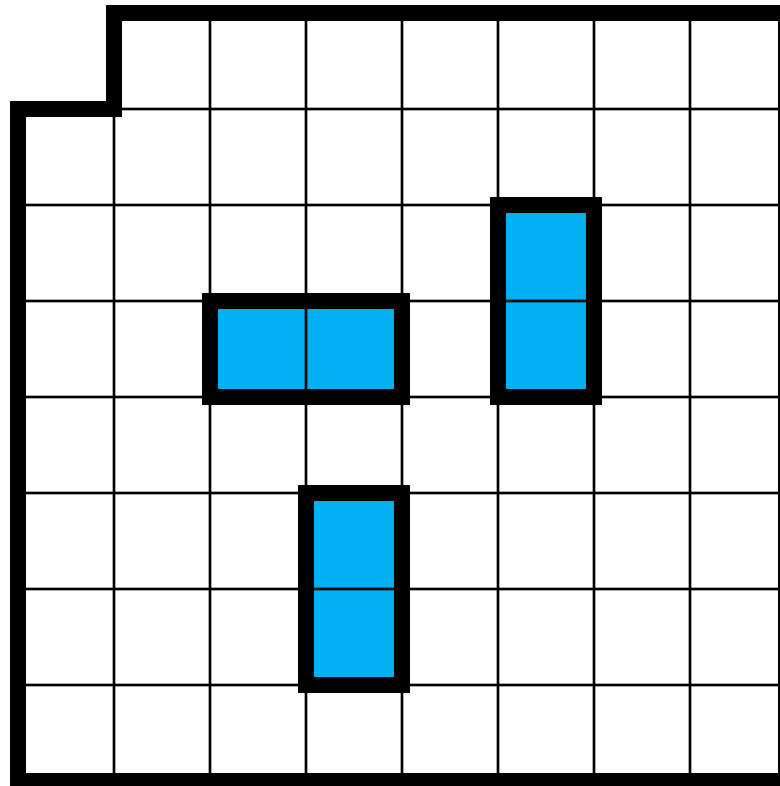
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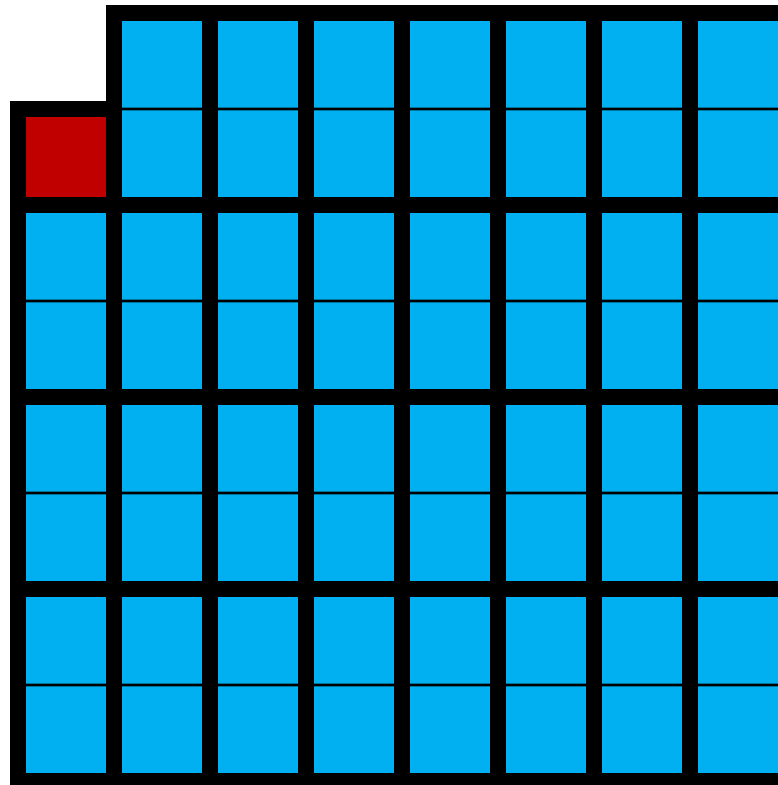
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But if we complicate the matter a bit? What if we remove a square from the board? Can we fill the board again this time?



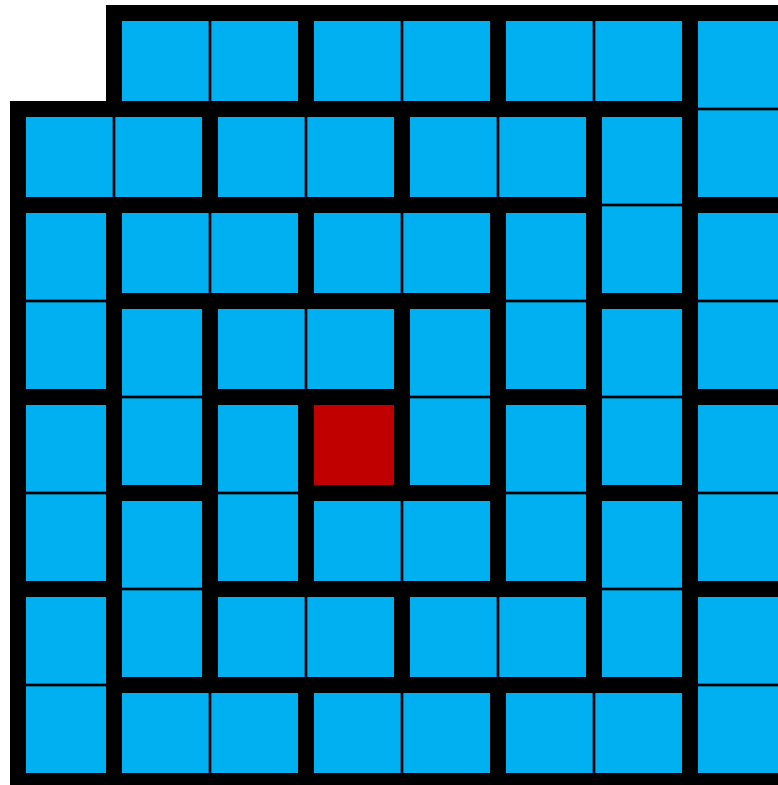
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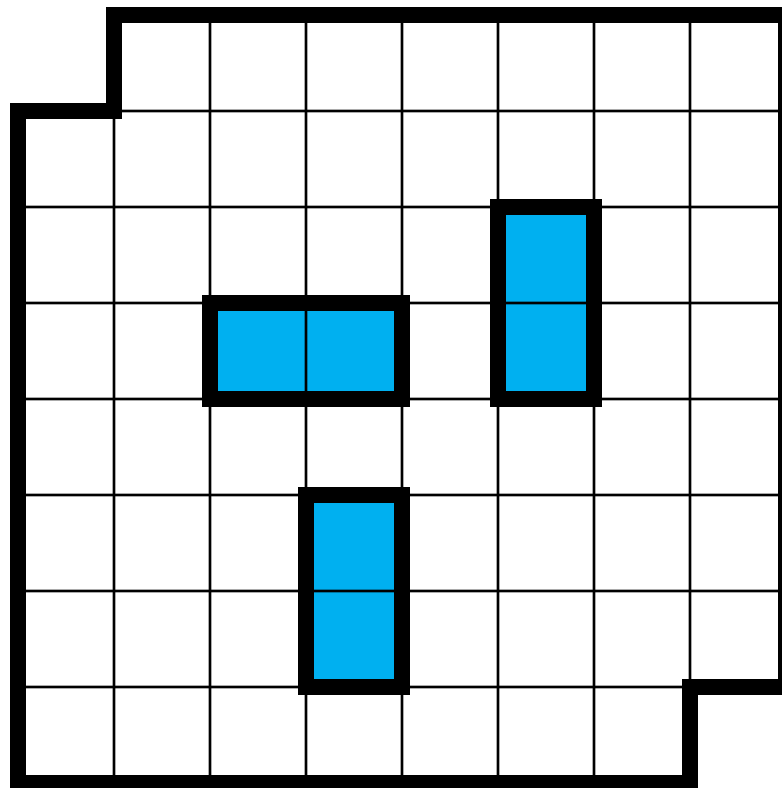
We can prove it like this:

Out of 64 squares on the chessboard ( $8 \times 8$ ). If we eliminate one, we are left with only 63 ( $8 \times 8 - 1$ ).

We can fill with pieces of dominos only an even number of squares ( $1 \times 2$ ). Because 63 is an odd number, it cannot be covered with the available pieces.

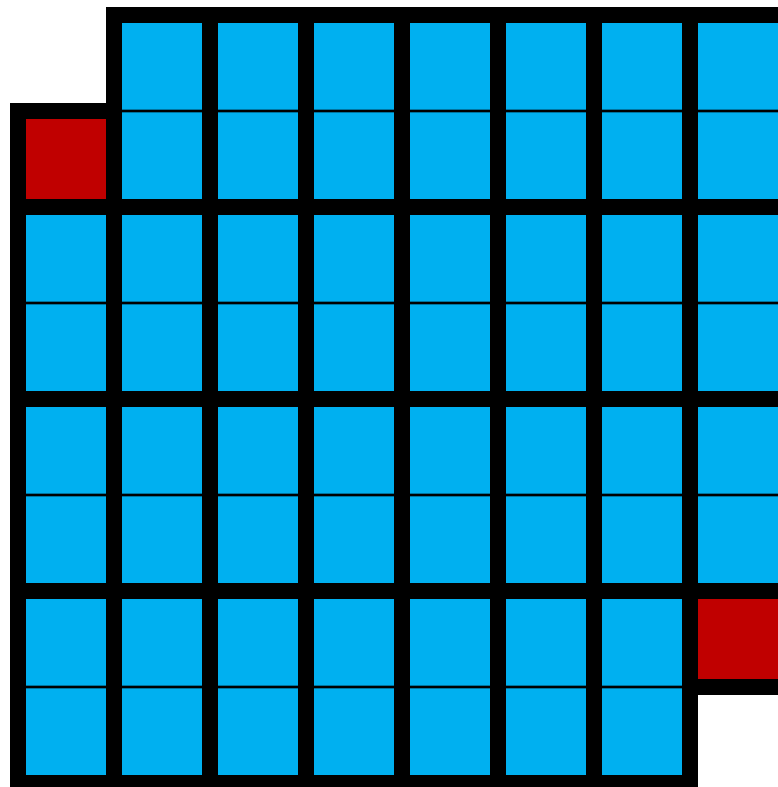
QED

But what if we complicate things a little more? What if we remove two squares from the board? Can we fill the board this time? We only have 62 ( $8 \times 8 - 2$ ) squares left to fill, so we could use 31 dominoes, right?



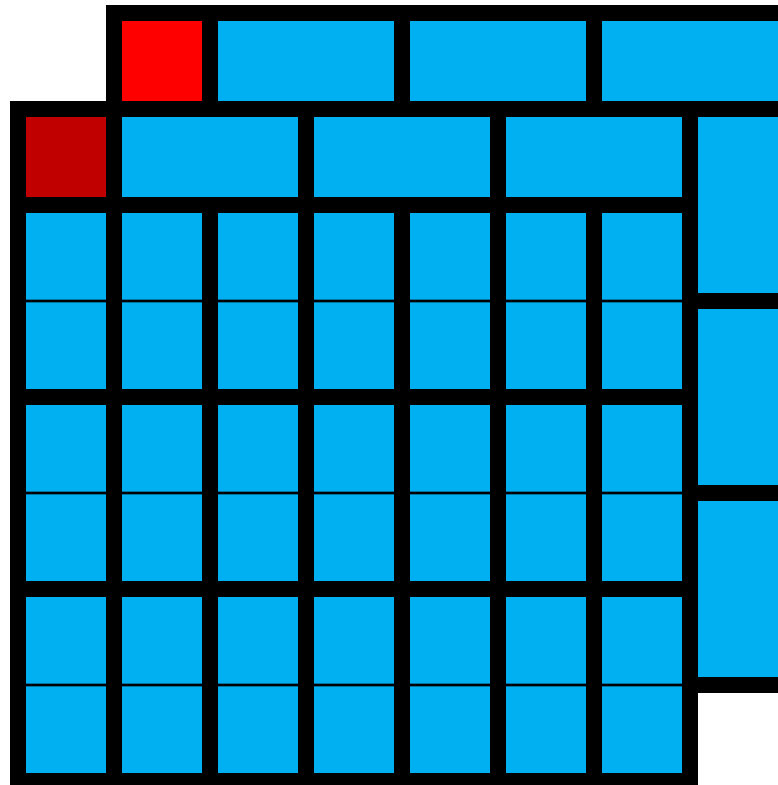
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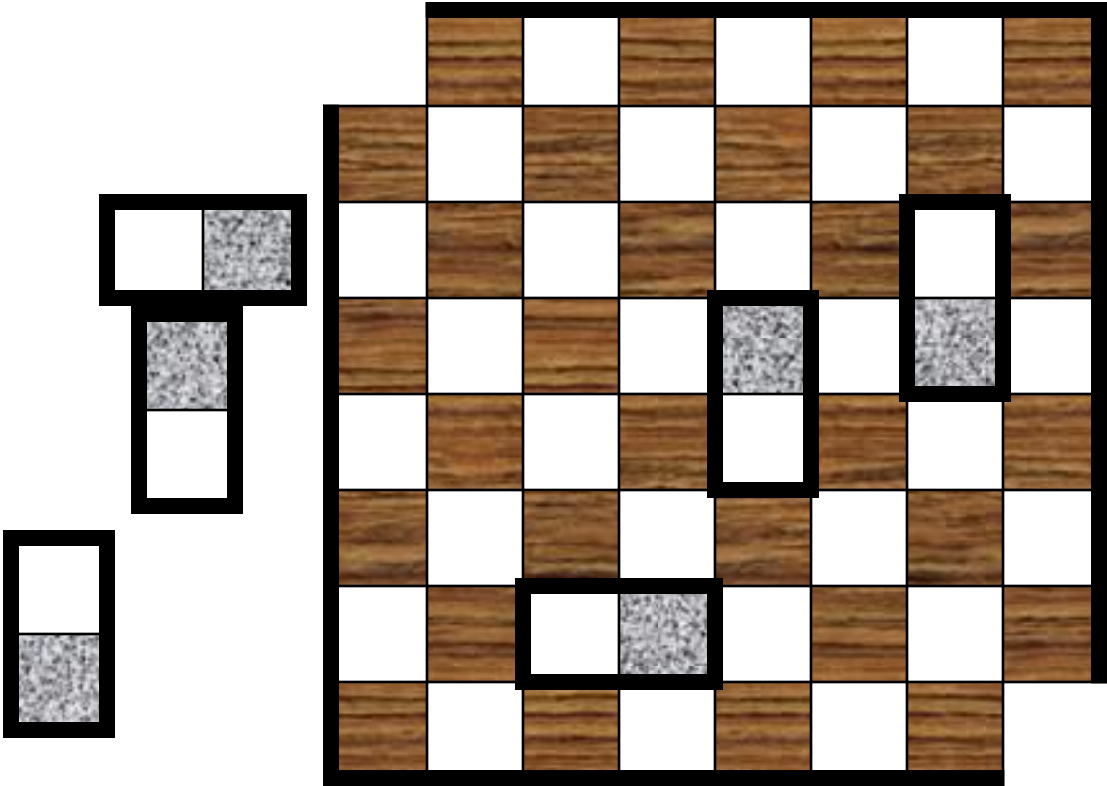
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To simplify our demonstration we will use the 2 colors of the chessboard. Each time there will be 2 different colors covered. We removed 2 white squares, so there are **32 brown squares** and only **30 white ones** left on the board , a surface impossible to cover, because **2 uncovered colored squares will always remain covered**.



- Will this demonstration convince you?
- We can continue with the examples. If we remove 2 squares of different colors, can we cover the rest of the board with dominoes?
- Can we prove that we can cover the rest of the board regardless of the 2 different colored squares removed?

What we've learned so far about the demos:

- To prove that something exists, it is enough to give an **example**
- To prove that something does not exist we have to follow a **logical reasoning**

We will continue with an example closer to mathematics:

# Is there a number?

- Is there a 2-digit number that if it becomes 7 times smaller then its first digit disappears?
- Yes,  $35 / 7 = 5$
- It's not hard to find, the 2-digit numbers divisible by 7 are just a few: 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56, 63
- But we can complicate the problem: Is there a number that, if it becomes 57 times smaller, then the first digit disappears?
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- Is there a number that, if it becomes 57 times smaller, then the first digit disappears?
- $7125 / 57 = 125$
- How can we find it mathematically:
  - We write down the searched number with  $ab\dots z$ , where each letter is a number
  - $ab\dots z = 57 * b\dots z$
  - $X = b\dots z$  we consider to have  $k$  digits
  - $a * 10^k + X = 57 * X$
  - $a * 10^k = 57 * X - X = 56 * X = 7 * 8 * X$
  - $a * 5^k * 2^k = 7 * 8 * X$
  - $a$  must be divisible by 7,  $a$  has 1 digit, so  $a = 7$
  - $7 * 5^k * 2^k = 7 * 8 * X$
  - $5^k * 2^k = 8 * X$
  - $5^k * 2^k = 2^3 * X$
  - If  $k = 3$  we have the solution  $X = 125$
  - So we found a number of the searched  $7125 = 57 * 125$

# Types of demonstrations

- By example - we have seen so far
- Proof by contradiction - we will go through
- By mathematical induction – we will go through

# Proof by contradiction

## The contrapositive of a statement

- Example:
  - The sentence "If it rains **implies** that I take my umbrella." is **equivalent** to its **contrapositive** :
  - "If I don't take my umbrella **it means** it's not raining."
- In logic, the above example is formally transposed as follows:
  - We write the sentence "It's raining" with P
  - We mark with Q the sentence "I take my umbrella"
  - "If it's raining, **it** means I'm taking my umbrella." is transcribed  $P \Rightarrow Q$  , where P is the premise and Q is the conclusion
  - $\neg P$  and  $\neg Q$  are the negations of the 2 sentences
  - **a sentence is equivalent to its contrapositive:**

$$P \Rightarrow Q \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

# Proof by contradiction

- The proof by contradiction uses the equivalence between a statement and its contrapositive:

$$P \Rightarrow Q \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

Statement

the contrapositive

- suppose the false conclusion ( $\neg Q$ )
- We show then the premise is false ( $\neg P$ ), which is absurd, knowing that the premise is true ( $P$ )
- the conclusion cannot be false  $\Rightarrow$  the conclusion is true



# Proof by contradiction

- **Example:** The sum of three natural numbers is 139. Prove that at least one of them is higher than 46 .
  - $P$  : " $a+b+c = 139$ , where  $a, b, c$  are natural numbers"
  - $Q$  : " $a > 46$  or  $b > 46$  or  $c > 46$ "
  - build  $\neg Q$ : " $a \leq 46$  and  $b \leq 46$  and  $c \leq 46$  "
  - $\neg Q \Rightarrow$  " $a+b+c \leq 46+46+46 \leq 138$  " contradicts  $P$   
which says that the sum is 139  $\Rightarrow \neg P$
  - Therefore  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is true
  - QED

# Proof by mathematical induction

- If a sentence  $P(n)$  depends on a natural number  $n$  and
  - 1 ) base case: if  $P(1)$  is true
  - 2) the inductive step: for any  $n \geq 1$   
 $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n + 1)$
- then  $P(n)$  is true for any  $n$ .

# Proof by mathematical induction

- **Example:** Prove that

$$9^n - 1 \div 8, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

1) we calculate  $P(1) = 9^1 - 1 = 8 \div 8$  - true

2) assume  $P(n)$  true

$$P(n) = 9^n - 1 \div 8$$

calculate  $P(n+1) = 9^{n+1} - 1$

$$= 9^n * 9 - 1$$

$$= 9^n * 9 - (9 - 8)$$

$$= 9 * (9^n - 1) + 8$$

$$= 9 * P(n) + 8$$

$P(n) \div 8$  si  $8 \div 8 \Rightarrow P(n+1) = 9 * P(n) + 8 \div 8$  - true

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*QED*

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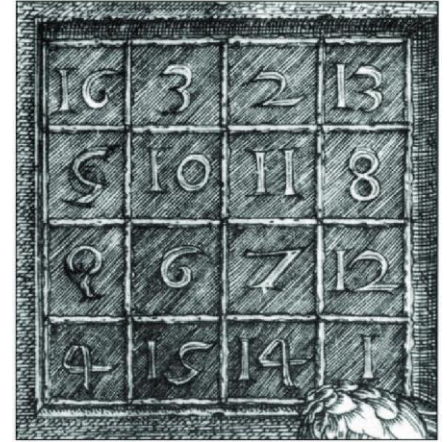
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# Introduction to Sets

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# What are the sets

Definition:

A **set** is a collection of objects that are called **elements** (of the set).

We have two distinct notions: elements and sets

$x \in S$  : element  $x$  **is an element of**  $S$

$y \notin S$  : element  $y$  **is not an element of**  $S$

**The order** of elements does **not** matter  $\{1, 2, 3\} = \{2, 1, 3\}$

One element **can not** appear many times  $\{1, 2, 3, 2\}$

# Subsets

$A$  is *a subset* of  $B$  :  $A \subseteq B$

if every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$  .

To *prove*  $A \not\subseteq B$  it is enough to find an element  $x \in A$  for which  $x \notin B$ .

- If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$  , then  $A = B$  (the sets are equal)

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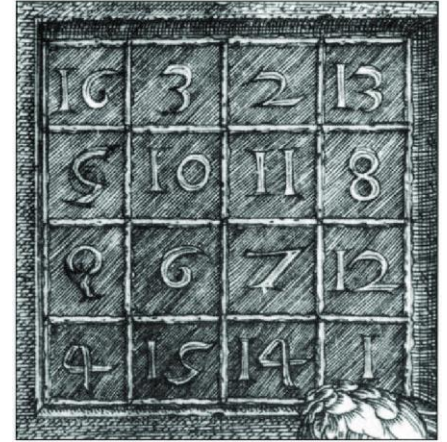
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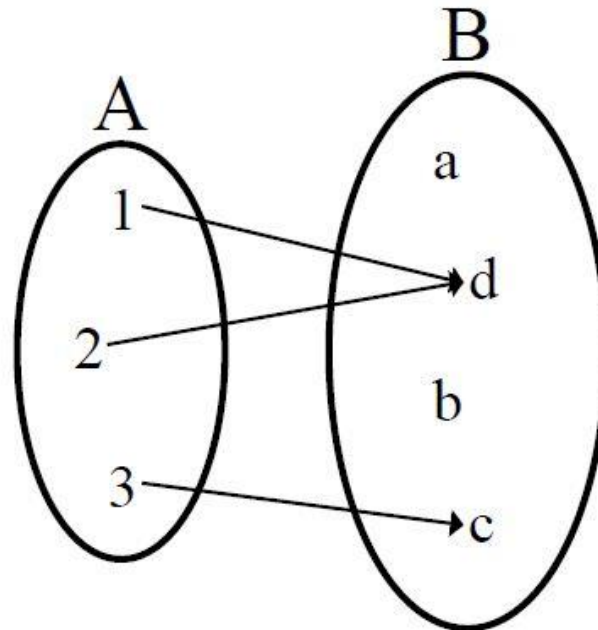
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# FUNCTIONS

A function from a set  $A$  into a set  $B$  is a relation from  $A$  into  $B$  such that each element of  $A$  is related to exactly one element of the set  $B$ .



# A function has 3 components

1. *the domain of definition*

2. *value domain ( codomain )*

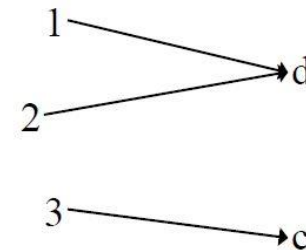
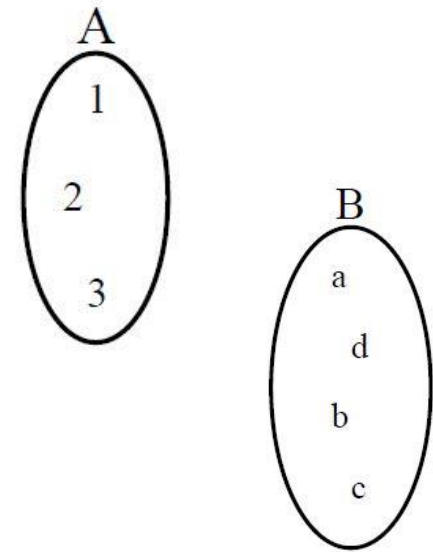
3. *the actual association*

( law, rule of association, correspondence)

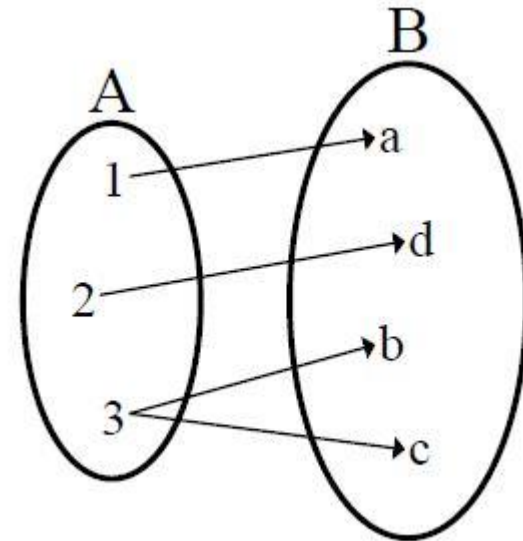
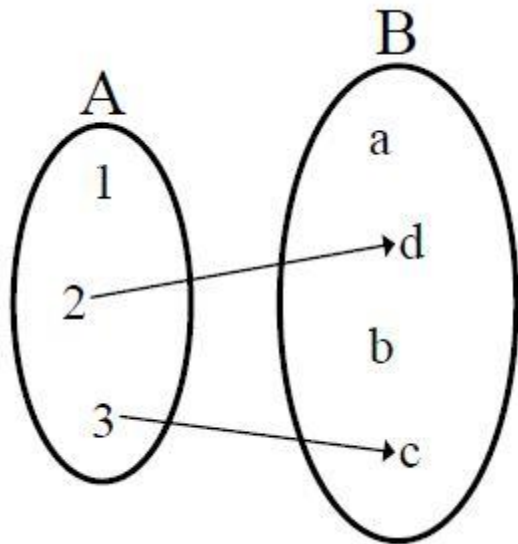
$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = x + 1$  and

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x + 1$

they are distinct functions !



# Examples that are not functions



associates multiple values to an element

It don't associate a value for each elements from A

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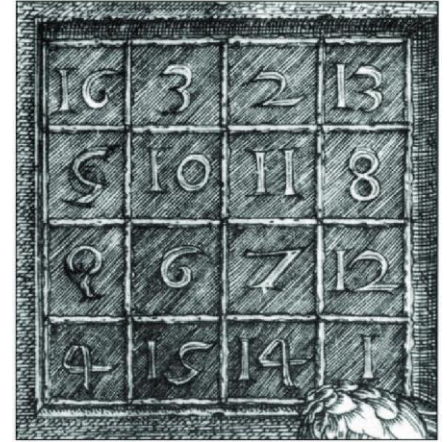
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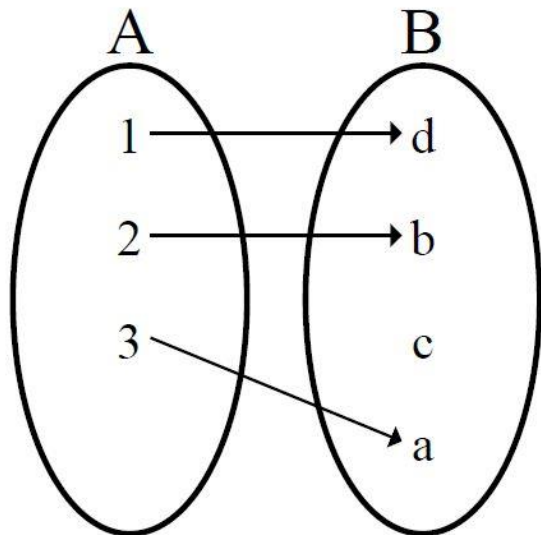


# Injective functions

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is *injective* if for any  $x_1, x_2 \in A, x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

( associate *different values to different arguments* )

injective function



non-injective function

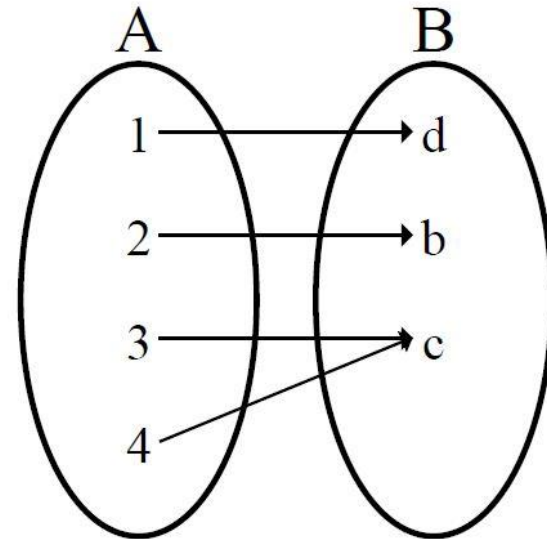


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# Injective functions

Instead of the condition

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

we can write equivalently :

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

( if the values are equal, then the arguments are equal)

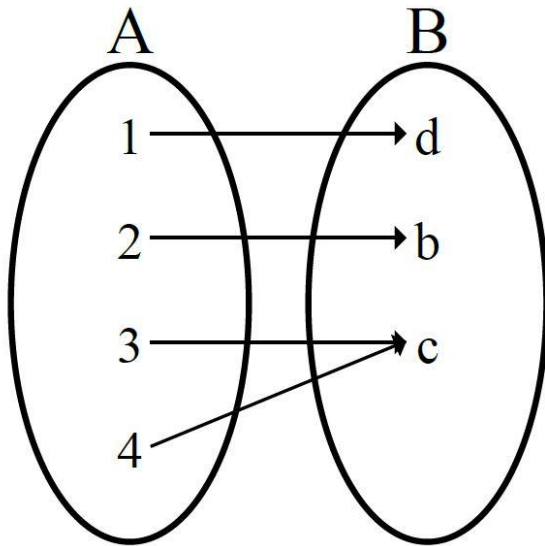
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Property of injective functions:

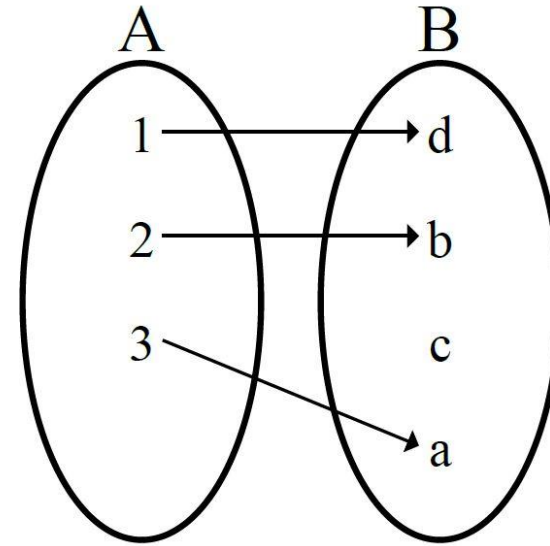
If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $f$  is injective, then  $|A| \leq |B|$ .

# Surjective functions

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is *surjective* if for each  $y \in B$  exists an  $x \in A$  with  $f(x) = y$ .



surjective function



nonsurjective



# Surjective functions

Property of surjective functions:

If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $f$  is **surjective** , then  $|A| \geq |B|$  .

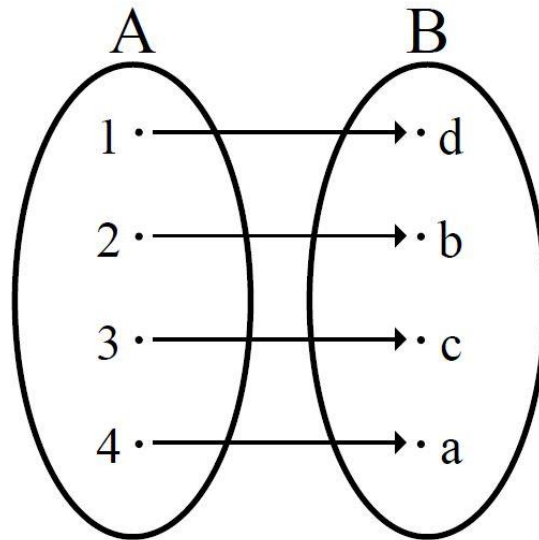
We can transform a non-surjective function into a surjective one by **restricting** value range:

- $f_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_1(x) = x^2$  is not surjective ,
- but  $f_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty), f_2(x) = x^2$  ( restricted to non-negative values) is surjective .

# Bijjective functions

A function that **is injective and surjective** is called *a bijective* .

A bijective function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  matches one *to one* the elements of  $A$  with the elements of  $B$  .

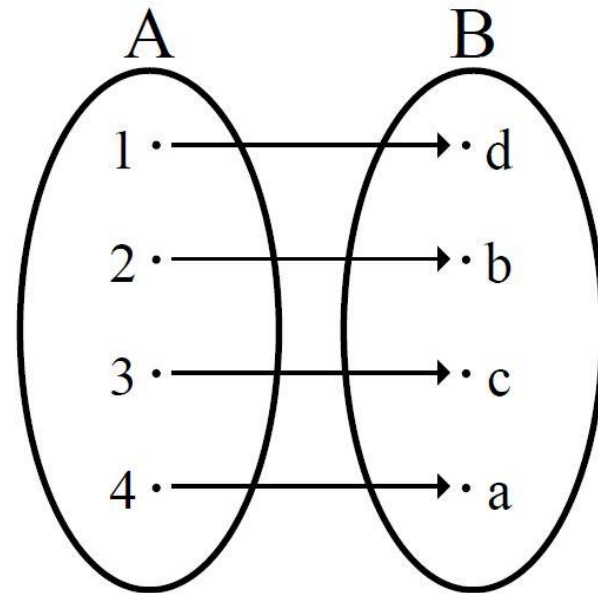


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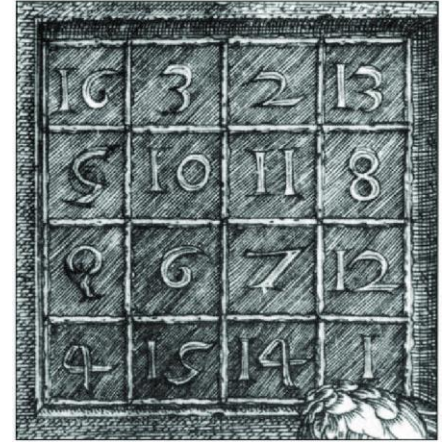
For *any* function, from the definition, to each  $x \in A$  there corresponds a *unique*  $y \in B$  with  $f(x) = y$ .

For a *bijjective* function, and vice versa: to each  $y \in B$  there corresponds a *unique*  $x \in A$  with  $f(x) = y$ .

If there exists  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $f$  is bijective, then  $|A| = |B|$ .

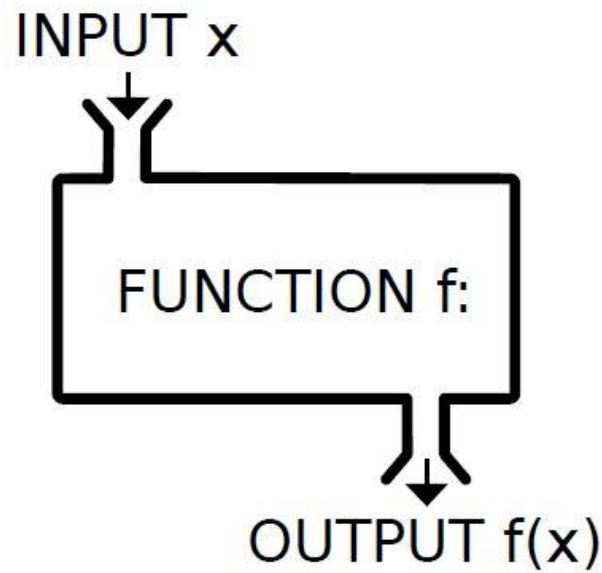


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# Function in programming

In programming languages, a **function** expresses a **calculation** : it receives a *value* (*the argument*) and produces as a **result** another *value*.



# Functions in Python

**Functions** are defined simply, with a syntax (writing rule) similar to other programming languages. Thus, the function

$f : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z} , f(x) = x + 3$  is written in Python :

```
def f(x):
```

```
    return x + 3
```

The **def** keyword introduces a *definition* , here, for the identifier **f** .

After the name of the function, enter its **parameters** between brackets ( **x** ) , followed by **the sign :** (colon).

# Functions in Python

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def f(x):  
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In Python, *indentation* is very important in writing code.

Unlike other programming languages that use braces { }, in Python indentation is used for blocks of code.

Indentation is always preceded by the sign : (colon).

# Calling Functions in Python

Once the function is defined, it **is called** as follows:

```
>>> f( 1 )
```

```
4
```

When we call a function we can also specify **the name of the parameter** at the call :

```
>>> f(x=5)
```

```
8
```

We can also give the function a **complex expression** as a parameter:

```
>>> f(2*3)
```

```
9
```



# Anonymous functions in Python

Notation `lambda argument : expression` defines in Python an anonymous function (lambda function). This is a function *expression and can be* used in other expressions. We can directly evaluate :

```
>>> ( lambda x : x + 3 )( 2 )  
5
```

without having to give the function a name first.

This simple example illustrates that in Python, a function can be used just as easily as any other value.

# Anonymous functions in Python

Using the notation `def`, it is equivalent to we define :

```
>>> def f(x):  
...     return x + 3
```

to have

```
>>> def f(x):  
...     return ( lambda x : x + 3 )(x)
```

# Functions with multiple arguments in Python

Let the function in mathematics be :

$$\textit{amount} : \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}, \textit{sum}(x, y) = x + y$$

One way to write this function in a Python program is :

```
>>> def sum (x, y):  
...     return x + y
```

# Functions are values in Python

A **function** is also a **value** (like integers , reals , etc.) and can be used just like any value (**such as a parameter, returned** , etc.) :

```
>>> def g ( f, x):  
...     return f( x ) + x
```

# Case-defined functions in Python

$$abs : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, abs(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } (x < 0) \end{cases}$$

The value of the function is not given by a single expression, but by one of **two** different expressions depending on a **condition** ( $x \geq 0$ ).

In Python:

```
def abs(x):  
    if (x > 0):  
        return x  
    else:  
        return -x
```

# Case-defined functions in Python

The general case of the *if statement* is:

*if* ( *expr1* ):

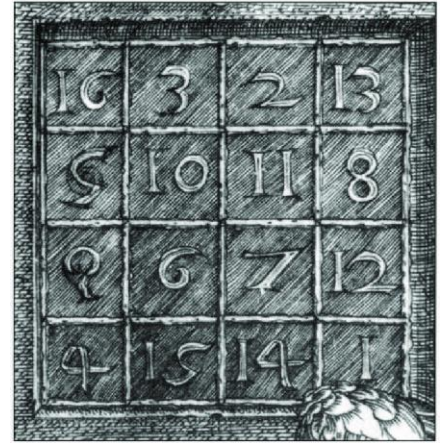
*express2*

*else*:

*express3*

The if statement is evaluated like this:

- If the evaluation to *expr1* gives the value “**true**”, the final value of the expression is the value of *expr2*, otherwise ( if *expr1* is “**false**”) it is the value of *expr3*.



Have a good day!

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