

- Given a set A and an equivalence relation R on A , a *natural mapping* $g : A \rightarrow A/R$ can be determined.
- Natural mappings vary with the equivalence relation:
 - The **identity relation** yields a **bijection**.
 - Others equivalence relations are generally **surjections** only.
- **Example:** Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$,
 - **Equivalence relation :** $R_1 = \{ \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle \} \cup I_A$
Natural mapping : $g_1(1) = g_1(2) = \{1, 2\}, g_1(3) = \{3\}$
 - **Equivalence relation:** I_A
Natural mapping: $g_2(1) = \{1\}, g_2(2) = \{2\}, g_2(3) = \{3\}$

- 5.1.1 Definition of a Function
- 5.1.2 Image and Preimage of a Function

↳ Image and complete preimage of the function

- **Definition 5.7:** Let $f:A \rightarrow B$ be a function, and let $A_1 \subseteq A$, $B_1 \subseteq B$. Then:
 - $f(A_1) = \{f(x) \mid x \in A_1\}$ is called the **image** of A_1 under f .
In particular, $f(A)$ is called the **image** of the function.
 - $f^{-1}(B_1) = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge f(x) \in B_1\}$ is called the **complete preimage** of B_1 under f .
- **Note :**
 - A function value $f(x) \in B$ is a point-to-point result, while an image $f(A_1) \subseteq B$ is a set-to-set transformation.
 - $A_1 \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A_1))$:The preimage of the image of A_1 may contain more elements than A_1 itself.
 - $f(f^{-1}(B_1)) \subseteq B_1$:Taking the image of the preimage of B_1 may not recover the original set B_1 .
 - A **complete preimage** is the source of a set of outputs; a **preimage** refers to the source of a single output. Both follow the same set operation rules.

↳ Image and complete preimage of the function (e.g.)

■ Examples:

(1) Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, and let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2} & \text{if } x \text{ even} \\ x + 1 & \text{if } x \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

$A = \{0, 1\}$, $B = \{2\}$, then

$$f(A) = f(\{0, 1\}) = \{f(0), f(1)\} = \{0, 2\}$$

$$f(B) = \{f(2)\} = \{1\}$$

(2) $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{a, b, c\}$, $f = \{\langle 1, a \rangle, \langle 2, a \rangle, \langle 3, b \rangle\}$, then

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

- $\{1\} \subset \{1, 2\} = f^{-1}(\{a\}) = f^{-1}(f(\{1\}))$ (Non-injective functions expand preimages)

- $f(f^{-1}(\{b, c\})) = f(\{3\}) = \{b\} \subset \{b, c\}$ (Non-surjective ones shrink images)

- 5.1.1 Definition of a Function
- 5.1.2 Image and Preimage of a Function
- 5.1.3 Properties of a Function
 - Surjective, Injective, and Bijective Functions
 - Constructing a bijective function

■ Definitions of Surjective, Injective, and Bijective Functions

■ Note:

- **Surjectivity** means: for $\forall y \in B$, there exists an $x \in A$ such that $f(x)=y$.
 - **Injectivity** means: if : $f(x_1)=f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1=x_2$.
 - A surjection ensures full coverage of the codomain, an injection ensures no duplication in mapping, and a bijection guarantees reversibility.
- #### ■ Examples: Determine whether the following functions are injective, surjective, or bijective, and explain why.

(1) $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, f(x) = -x^2 + 2x - 1$

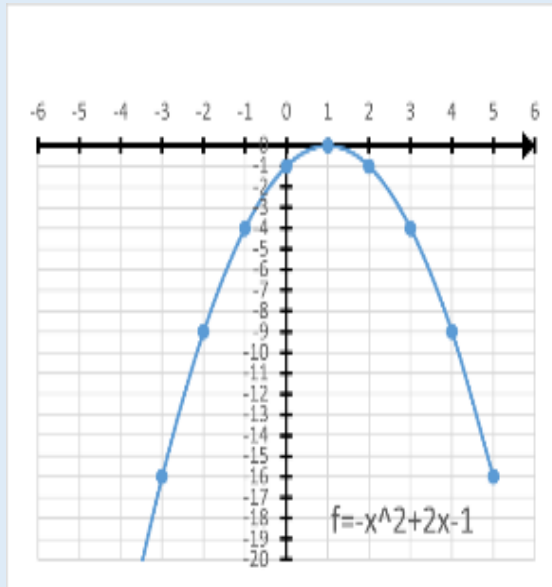
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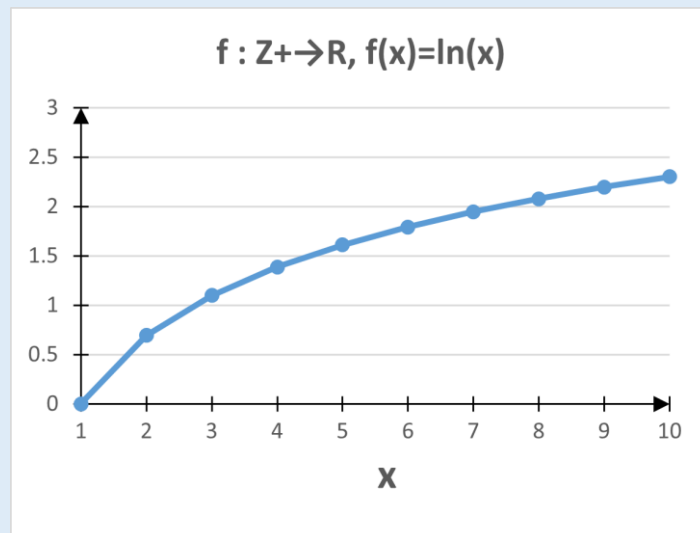


As shown in the figure, the function f cannot map to any positive real number, and thus it is *neither surjective nor bijective*.

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(2) $f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \ln x$, \mathbb{Z}^+ is the set of positive integers.

Solution:



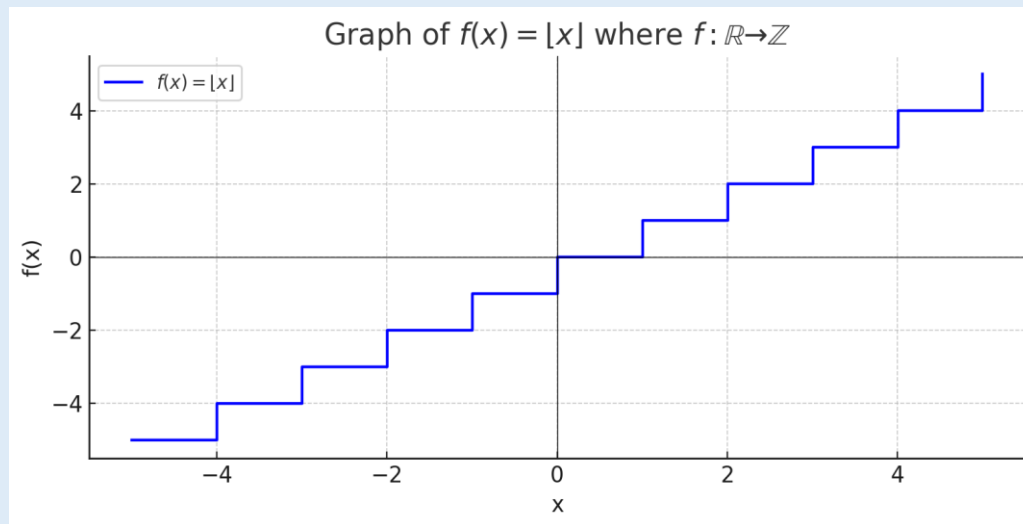
Solution: $f(x)$ is monotonically increasing, so it is *injective*.

Since $\text{ran} f = \{\ln 1, \ln 2, \dots\}$ cannot cover all values in the real number set \mathbb{R} , f is not surjective.

- **Examples:** Determine whether the following functions are injective, surjective, or bijective, and explain why.

(3) $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$

Solution:



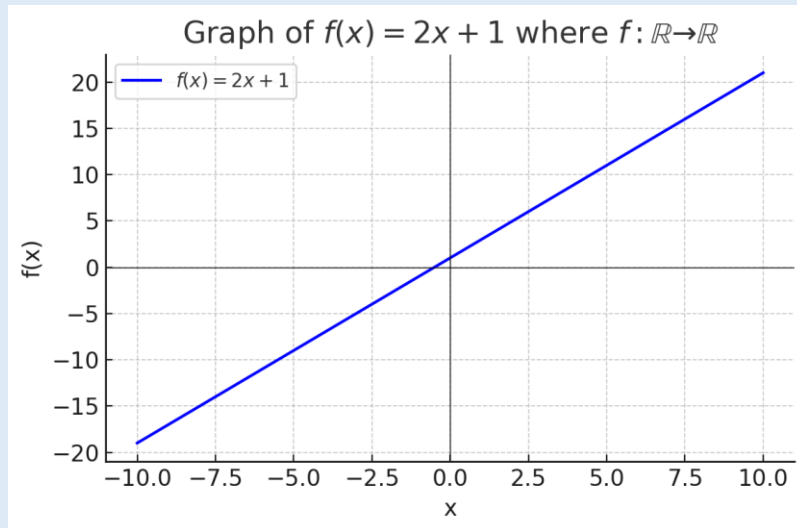
Every integer $f(x)$ has a corresponding real number x , so the function is **surjective**. However, different real numbers may have the same floor value $f(x)$, so the function is **not injective**.

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(4) $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 2x + 1$

Solution:

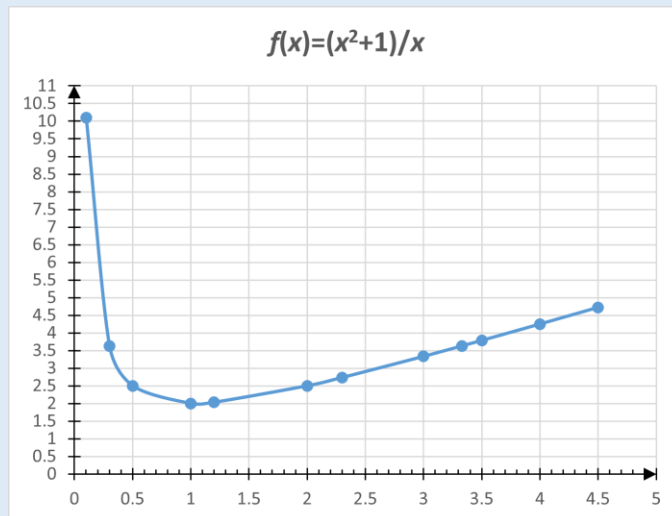


Surjective, injective, bijective, because it is monotonic and the range of $\text{ran}f = \mathbb{R}$

- **Examples:** Determine whether the following functions are injective, surjective, or bijective, and explain why.

(5) $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)/x$, where \mathbb{R}^+ is the set of positive real numbers.

Solution:



The function has a minimum value $f(1)=2$. This function is *neither injective nor surjective*.

- Example: $A=P(\{1,2,3\})$, $B=\{0,1\}^{\{1,2,3\}}$

Solve: $A=\{\emptyset,\{1\},\{2\},\{3\},\{1,2\},\{1,3\},\{2,3\},\{1,2,3\}\}$.

$B=\{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_7\}$.

$$f_0=\{\langle 1,0\rangle,\langle 2,0\rangle,\langle 3,0\rangle\}, \quad f_1=\{\langle 1,0\rangle,\langle 2,0\rangle,\langle 3,1\rangle\},$$

$$f_2=\{\langle 1,0\rangle,\langle 2,1\rangle,\langle 3,0\rangle\}, \quad f_3=\{\langle 1,0\rangle,\langle 2,1\rangle,\langle 3,1\rangle\},$$

$$f_4=\{\langle 1,1\rangle,\langle 2,0\rangle,\langle 3,0\rangle\}, \quad f_5=\{\langle 1,1\rangle,\langle 2,0\rangle,\langle 3,1\rangle\},$$

$$f_6=\{\langle 1,1\rangle,\langle 2,1\rangle,\langle 3,0\rangle\}, \quad f_7=\{\langle 1,1\rangle,\langle 2,1\rangle,\langle 3,1\rangle\}.$$

Let $f:A\rightarrow B$,

$$f(\emptyset)=f_0, \quad f(\{1\})=f_1, \quad f(\{2\})=f_2, \quad f(\{3\})=f_3,$$

$$f(\{1,2\})=f_4, \quad f(\{1,3\})=f_5, \quad f(\{2,3\})=f_6, \quad f(\{1,2,3\})=f_7$$

- Each subset in A is mapped to its characteristic function.

For example, $f(\{2\})=f_2$, since only element 2 is in the subset, its characteristic value is $(0,1,0)$.

↳ Constructing a bijective function (between real intervals)(e.g.)

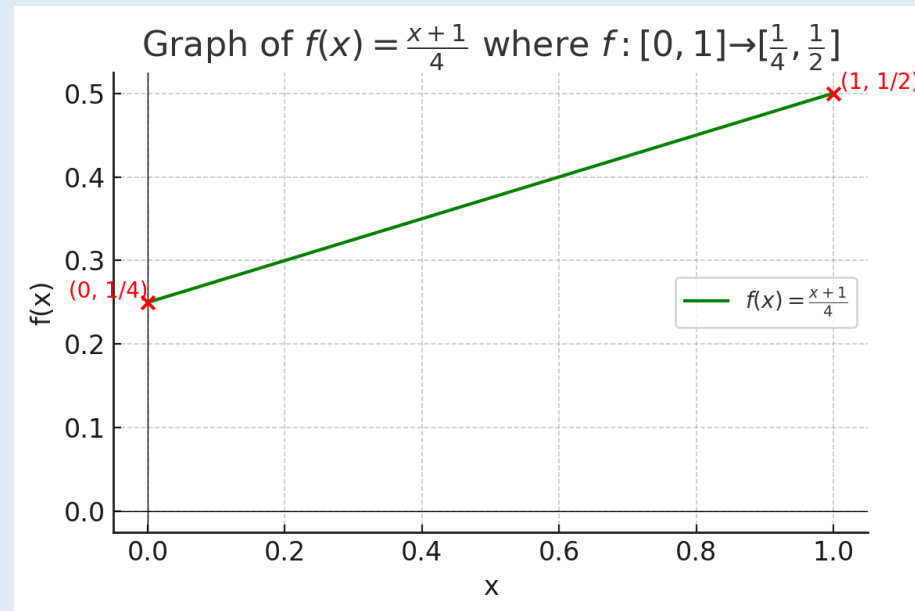
■ Construction Method: Linear Equation

■ Example: $A=[0,1]$, $B=[1/4,1/2]$ Construct a bijection $f : A \rightarrow B$

Solve: To map $A=[0,1]$ onto $B=[1/4,1/2]$, match the endpoints and use a straight-line function to create a bijection.

Let $f : [0,1] \rightarrow [1/4,1/2]$

$$f(x) = (x+1)/4$$



- **Construction Method:** Arrange the elements of set A in a specific order based on a certain criterion. Then, starting from the first element, map them sequentially to the natural numbers.
- **Example:** $A=\mathbf{Z}$, $B=\mathbf{N}$, Construct a bijection $f : A \rightarrow B$

Solve : Arrange the elements of \mathbf{Z} in the following order and correspond them with the elements of \mathbf{N} :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathbf{Z}: & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{-2} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{-3} & \mathbf{3} & \dots \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\
 \mathbf{N}: & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{4} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{6} & \dots
 \end{array}$$

The function represented by this correspondence is:

$$f: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}, f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & x \geq 0 \\ -2x - 1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

5.1 Function Definition and Properties • Brief summary

Objective :

Key Concepts :



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- 5.1 Function Definition and Properties
- 5.2 Composition of Functions and Inverse Functions

■ 5.2.1 Composition of Functions

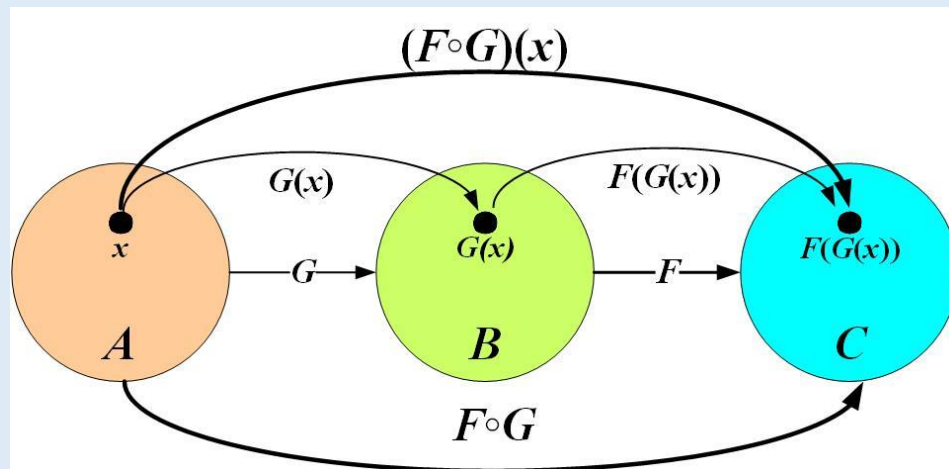
- The fundamental theorem of function composition and its corollaries
- Properties of function composition

■ 5.2.2 Inverse Functions

- Conditions for the existence of an inverse function
- Properties of inverse function

↳ 5.2.1 Composition of Functions

- Theorem 5.1:** Let F, G be functions, then the composition $F \circ G$ is also a function and satisfies the following conditions:
 - $\text{dom}(F \circ G) = \{ x \mid x \in \text{dom}G \wedge G(x) \in \text{dom}F \}$
 (This describes the relationship between the domains and ranges of the functions.)
 - $\forall x \in \text{dom}(F \circ G), F \circ G(x) = F(G(x))$
 (This specifies the order of computation for the composite function.)



Note: The composition of functions is **left composition with right-hand priority**, while the composition of relations is **right composition with left-hand priority**.

↳ Function Composition and Mapping Properties

■ Theorem 5.2: Let $f : B \rightarrow C$, $g : A \rightarrow B$.

(1) If f , g are surjective, then $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$ is also *surjective*.

(2) If both f , g are injective, then the composition $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$ is also *injective*.

(3) If both f , g are bijective, then the composition $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$ is also *bijective*.

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proof : Goal: Prove that for any $c \in C$, there exists at least one element $a \in A$ such that $(f \circ g)(a) = c$.

① Since f is surjective, for any $c \in C$, there exists some $b \in B$ such that $f(b) = c$.

② Since g is also surjective, there exists some $a \in A$ such that $g(a) = b$.

③ Given that $g(a) = b$ and $f(b) = c$, by the definition of function composition, we have: $(f \circ g)(a) = f(g(a)) = f(b) = c$.

Therefore, $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$ is *surjective*.

↳ Function Composition and Mapping Properties

■ Theorem 5.2: Let $f : B \rightarrow C$, $g : A \rightarrow B$.

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proof : Goal: We need to prove that if $x_1, x_2 \in A$, $x_1 \neq x_2$, then $f \circ g(x_1) \neq f \circ g(x_2)$.

① Since g injective, $g(x_1) \neq g(x_2)$, and $g(x_1), g(x_2) \in B = \text{dom} f$.

② Since f injective, we know that $f(g(x_1)) \neq f(g(x_2))$, thus $f \circ g(x_1) \neq f \circ g(x_2)$.

so $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$ is injective.

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↳ Inverse Function Existence Theorem

■ **Theorem 5.4:** Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be bijective, so $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ is also bijective.

Proof:

- ① Since f is a function, so f^{-1} is relation, and we have $\text{dom} f^{-1} = \text{ran} f = B$, $\text{ran} f^{-1} = \text{dom} f = A$.
- ② For any $x \in B$, suppose have $y_1, y_2 \in A$ such that $\langle y_1, x \rangle \in f^{-1} \wedge \langle y_2, x \rangle \in f^{-1}$, then by the definition of inverse $\langle x, y_1 \rangle \in f \wedge \langle x, y_2 \rangle \in f$. Since f is injective, it follows that $y_1 = y_2$, hence **f^{-1} is a well-defined function**.
- ③ Also, for every $x \in B$, there is a unique $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = x$, so $f^{-1}(x) = a$, therefore, **f^{-1} is surjective**.
- ④ Now, suppose exist $x_1, x_2 \in B$ such that $f^{-1}(x_1) = f^{-1}(x_2) = y$, then we have $\langle y, x_1 \rangle \in f^{-1} \wedge \langle y, x_2 \rangle \in f^{-1} \Rightarrow \langle x_1, y \rangle \in f \wedge \langle x_2, y \rangle \in f \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$
(Since f is injective function), then proves that **f^{-1} is injective**.

Conclusion: Since f^{-1} is both injective and surjective, **$f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ is a bijective function**.

- Example: Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \geq 3 \\ -2 & x < 3 \end{cases}$, $g(x) = x + 2$
- Find $f \circ g$, $g \circ f$.
 - If f and g have inverse functions, find their inverses.

Solve :

$$g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \qquad f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g \circ f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2 & x \geq 3 \\ 0 & x < 3 \end{cases} \qquad f \circ g(x) = \begin{cases} (x + 2)^2 & x \geq 1 \\ -2 & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ does not have an inverse function .

$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ inverse function is $g^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g^{-1}(x) = x - 2$.

↳ Identity Composition Theorem of Inverse Functions

- The composition of a bijective function and its inverse is the identity function.
- Theorem 5.5: Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a bijective function, then:

$$f^{-1} \circ f = I_A, \quad f \circ f^{-1} = I_B$$

Proof:

- ① According to Theorem 5.4 $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ is also bijective.
 - ② By the theorem on function composition, $f^{-1} \circ f : A \rightarrow A$, $f \circ f^{-1} : B \rightarrow B$, and both equal the corresponding identity functions.
 - ③ By the above Therefore, we have: $f^{-1} \circ f = I_A$, $f \circ f^{-1} = I_B$.
- The left and right compositions of a bijective function and its inverse are identity functions on their respective sets, and I_A is generally not equal to I_B .

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