

Bijections

= reversible functions

$A \xrightarrow{f} B$ is a bijection

If $\exists g: B \rightarrow A$ a function

s.t.

$$g \circ f = \text{id}_A \quad (\forall a \in A. g(f(a)) = a)$$

and

$$f \circ g = \text{id}_B \quad (\forall b \in B. f(g(b)) = b)$$

NB: If such a g exists then it is unique depending on f and we typically denote it f^{-1}

Given $f: A \rightarrow B$ suppose $g, h: B \rightarrow A$ s.t. ad. $f \circ g = f \circ h = \text{id}_B$
 $g \circ f = h \circ f = \text{id}_A$

RTP: $g = h$

Idea:

$$f \circ g = f \circ h \Rightarrow h \circ f \circ g = h \circ f \circ h$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ \text{id}_A \circ g & & h \circ \text{id}_B \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ g & & h \end{array}$$



Bijections

Definition 127 A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is said to be bijjective, or a bijection, whenever there exists a (necessarily unique) function $g : B \rightarrow A$ (referred to as the inverse of f) such that

1. g is a retraction (or left inverse) for f :

$$g \circ f = \text{id}_A \quad ,$$

2. g is a section (or right inverse) for f :

$$f \circ g = \text{id}_B \quad .$$

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$$

$$B = \{b_1, b_2\}$$

$A \xrightarrow{f} B$ bijection.

$$a_1 \mapsto b_2$$

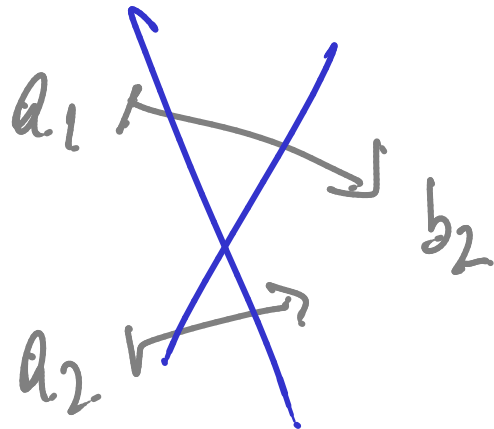
$$a_2 \mapsto b_1$$

$$a_3 \mapsto ?$$

$B \xrightarrow{g} A$

$$b_1 \mapsto a_2$$

$$b_2 \mapsto a_1$$

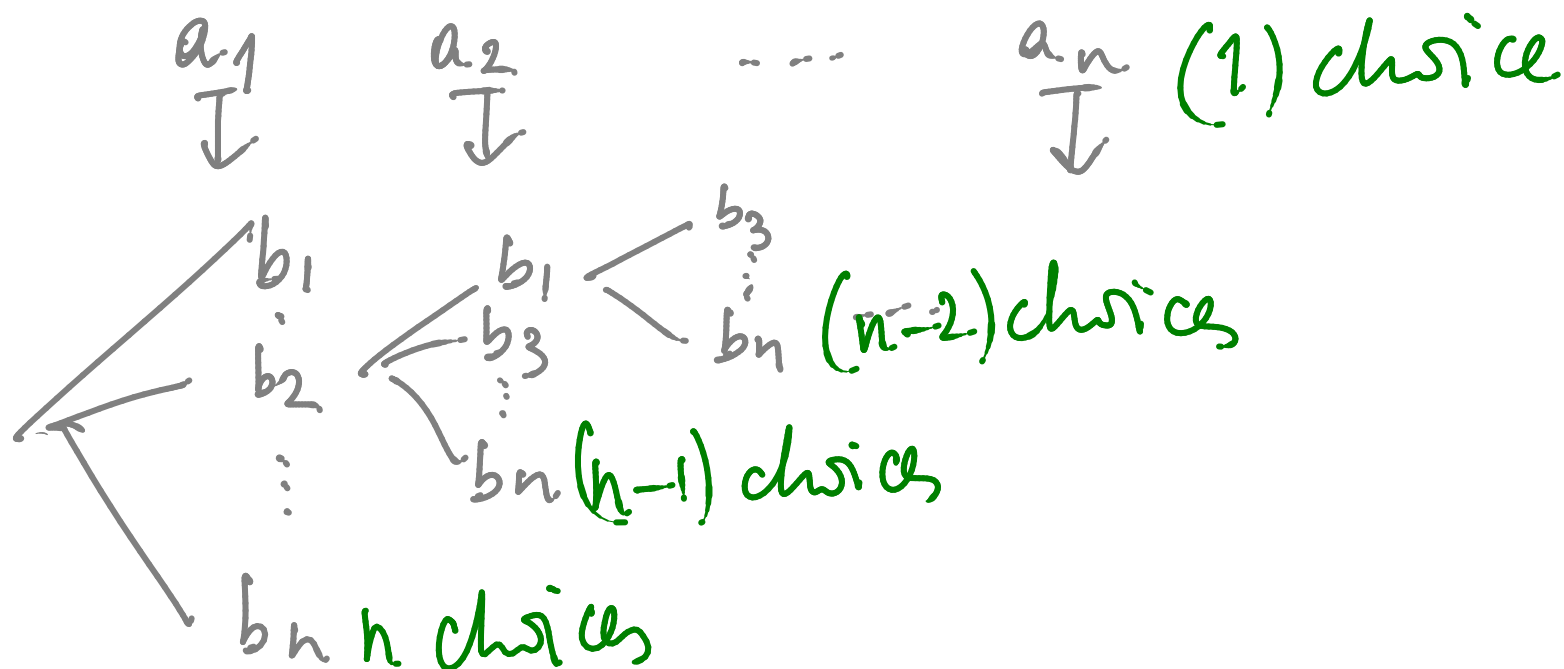


Proposition 129 For all finite sets A and B ,

$$\# \text{Bij}(A, B) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } \#A \neq \#B \\ n! & , \text{ if } \#A = \#B = n \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

PROOF IDEA:

$$A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \quad B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$$



Theorem 130 *The identity function is a bijection, and the composition of bijections yields a bijection.*

$$A \xrightarrow[\text{bij.}]{f} B \xrightarrow[\text{bij.}]{g} C \Rightarrow g \circ f : A \xrightarrow[\text{bij.}]{} C$$

Ex: Check that

$$(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$$

Definition 131 Two sets A and B are said to be isomorphic (and to have the same cardinality) whenever there is a bijection between them; in which case we write

$$A \cong B \quad \text{or} \quad \#A = \#B \quad .$$

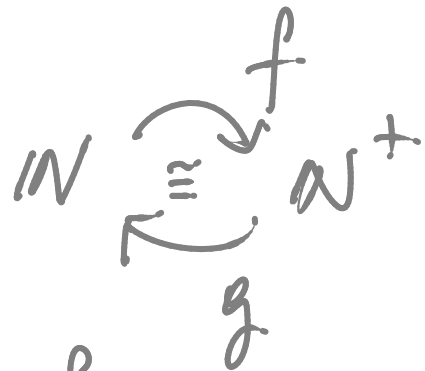
Examples:

1. $\{0, 1\} \cong \{\text{false}, \text{true}\}.$

2. $\mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N}^+ \quad , \quad \mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad , \quad \mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \quad , \quad \mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{Q} .$

Counter-example
 $\mathbb{N} \not\cong \mathbb{R}$

• $\mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N}^+ = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n > 0\}$

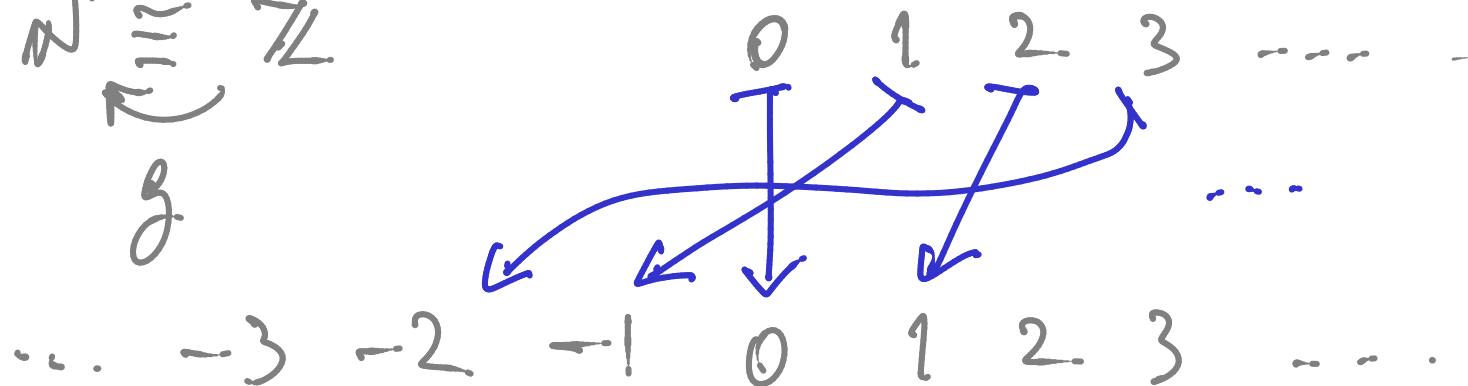
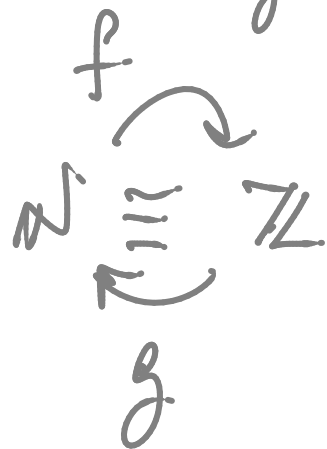


$$f(n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} n+1$$

$$n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$g(m) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m-1$$

$$m \in \mathbb{N}^+$$



$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n/2 & n \text{ even} \\ -(n+1/2) & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

- $\mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$

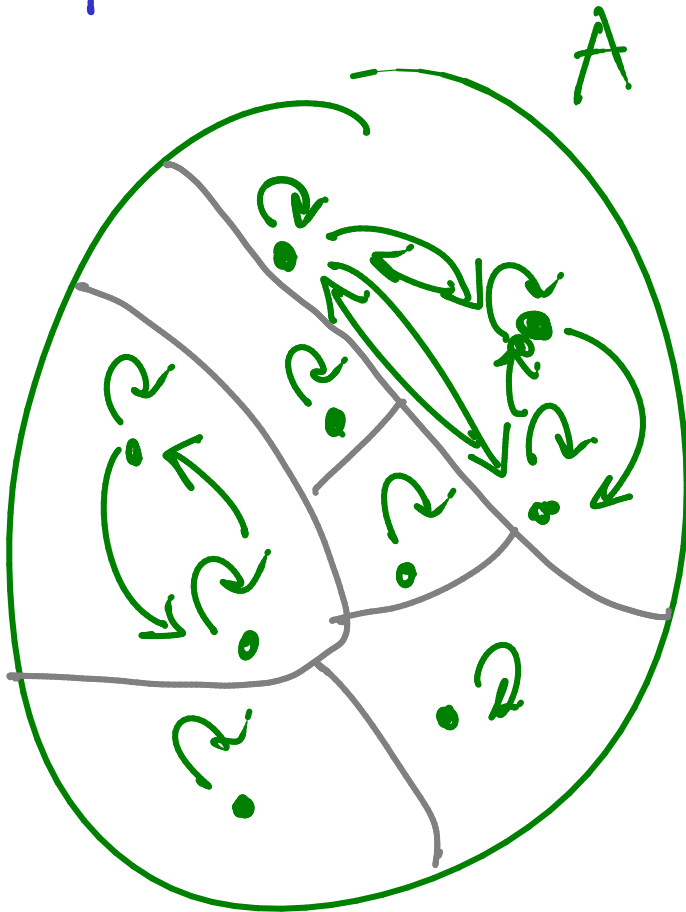
	0	1	2	3	...	$\tilde{i}$	...
0	0	2	3	9	10		
1	1	4	8	11			
2	5	7	12				
$\vdots$	6	13	...				
$\tilde{j}$	14						
$\vdots$							

$(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j})$

Equivalence relations and set partitions

► Equivalence relations.

$$\text{Eq}(A) = \{ R \subseteq A \times A \mid \begin{array}{l} R \text{ is reflexive,} \\ R \text{ is transitive,} \\ R \text{ is symmetric} \end{array} \}$$

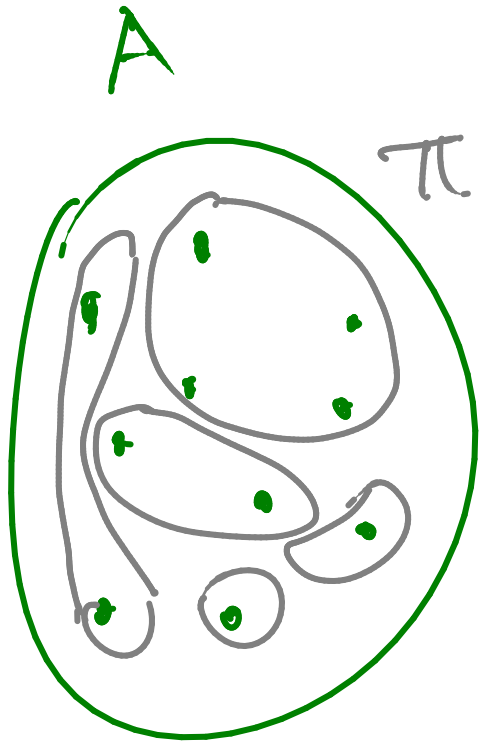


$$\forall (a, a') \in A \times A. a R a' \Rightarrow a' R a$$

► Set partitions.

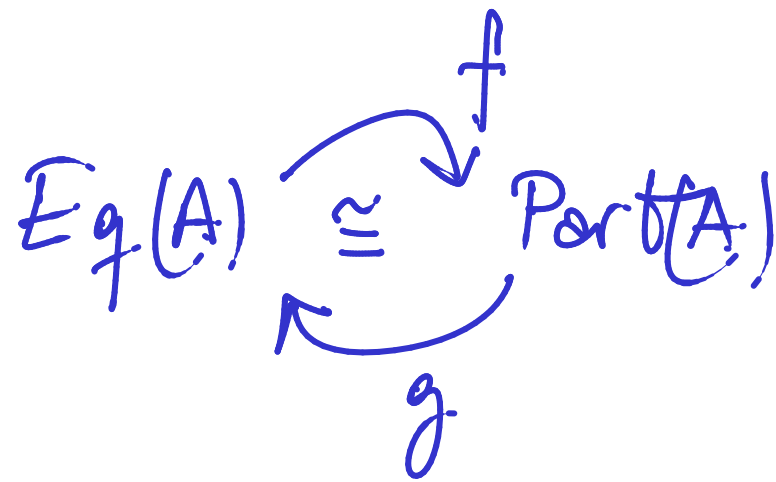
$\text{Part}(A)$ The set of all partitions of A .

$$\equiv \{ \pi \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A) \mid \pi \text{ is a partition} \}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \emptyset \notin \pi \\ & \bigcup \pi = A \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall b_1, b_2 \in \pi. b_1 \neq b_2 \Rightarrow b_1 \cap b_2 = \emptyset$$



- Define f :

Given an arbitrary equiv. rel R on A we define

$\pi(R) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$ and show it is a partition.

Exercise.

$$\pi(R) = \{ [a]_R \subseteq A \mid a \in A \}$$

// def the equivalence class of $a \in A$.

$$\{x \in A \mid x R a\}$$

NB $a \in [a]_R$

- Define g :

Given an arbitrary partition π of A

define $eq(\pi) \subseteq A \times A$ s.t. it is an eq. rel.

$a, a' \in A$

$$(a, a') \in eq(\pi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \exists b \in \pi. a \in b \wedge a' \in b$$

Exercise.

Exercises: $\forall R \in Eq(A) \quad g(f(R)) = R$

$\forall \pi \in \text{Part}(A) \quad f(g(\pi)) = \pi$

Theorem 134 *For every set A ,*

$$\text{EqRel}(A) \cong \text{Part}(A) \quad .$$

PROOF: