

# Functions

Lecture 10

# Functions

- For each element in a universe (domain), a predicate assigns one of two values, True and False.
- “Co-domain” is {True,False}
- Functions: **more general co-domains**
  - $f : A \rightarrow B$
- A function maps each element in the domain to an element in the co-domain
- To specify a function, should specify domain, co-domain and the “table” itself

$\text{pair} \in A \times W^2$	Likes(pair)
(Alice, Alice)	TRUE
(Alice, Jabberwock)	FALSE
(Alice, Flamingo)	TRUE
(Jabberwock, Alice)	FALSE
(Jabberwock, Jabberwock)	TRUE
(Jabberwock, Flamingo)	FALSE
(Flamingo, Alice)	FALSE
(Flamingo, Jabberwock)	FALSE
(Flamingo, Flamingo)	TRUE

# Function

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- eg: Extent of liking,  $f: AIW^2 \rightarrow \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$

- Note: no empty slot,  
no slot with more than  
one entry

- Not all values from the  
co-domain need be used

- Image: set of values in the  
co-domain that do get used

- For  $f:A \rightarrow B$ ,  $Im(f) \subseteq B$  s.t.

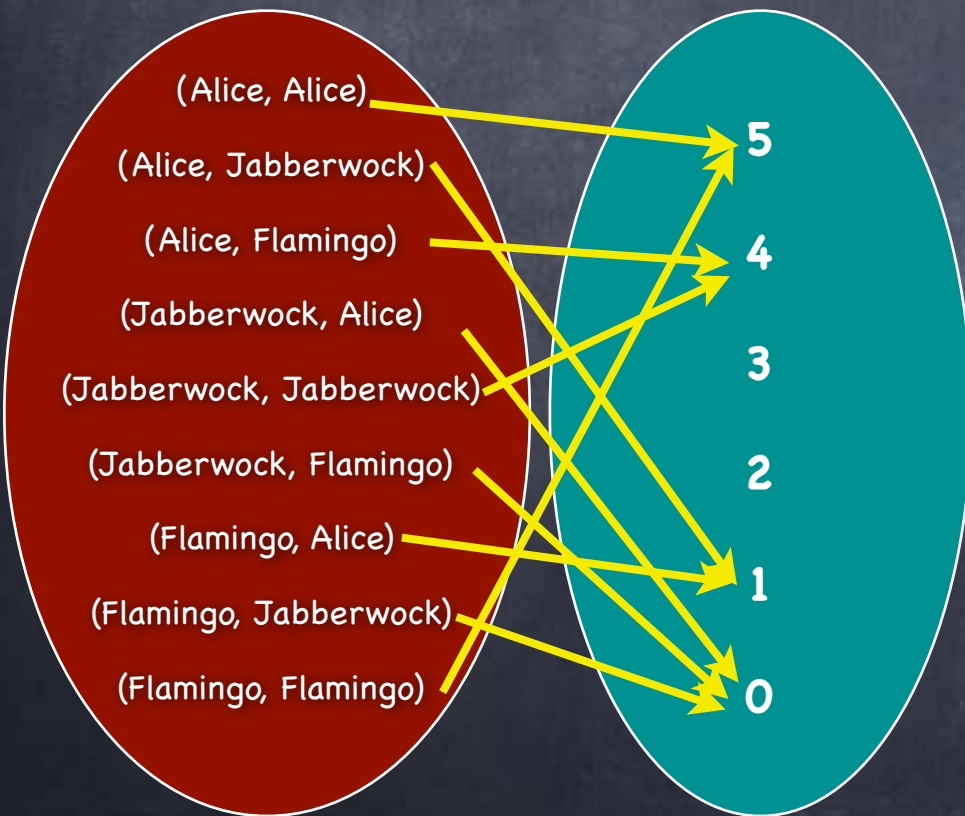
$$Im(f) = \{ y \in B \mid \exists x \in A \quad f(x) = y \}$$

$x \in \text{Domain}$	$f(x) \in \text{Co-Domain}$
(Alice, Alice)	5
(Alice, Jabberwock)	1
(Alice, Flamingo)	4
(Jabberwock, Alice)	0
(Jabberwock, Jabberwock)	4
(Jabberwock, Flamingo)	0
(Flamingo, Alice)	1
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(Flamingo, Flamingo)	5



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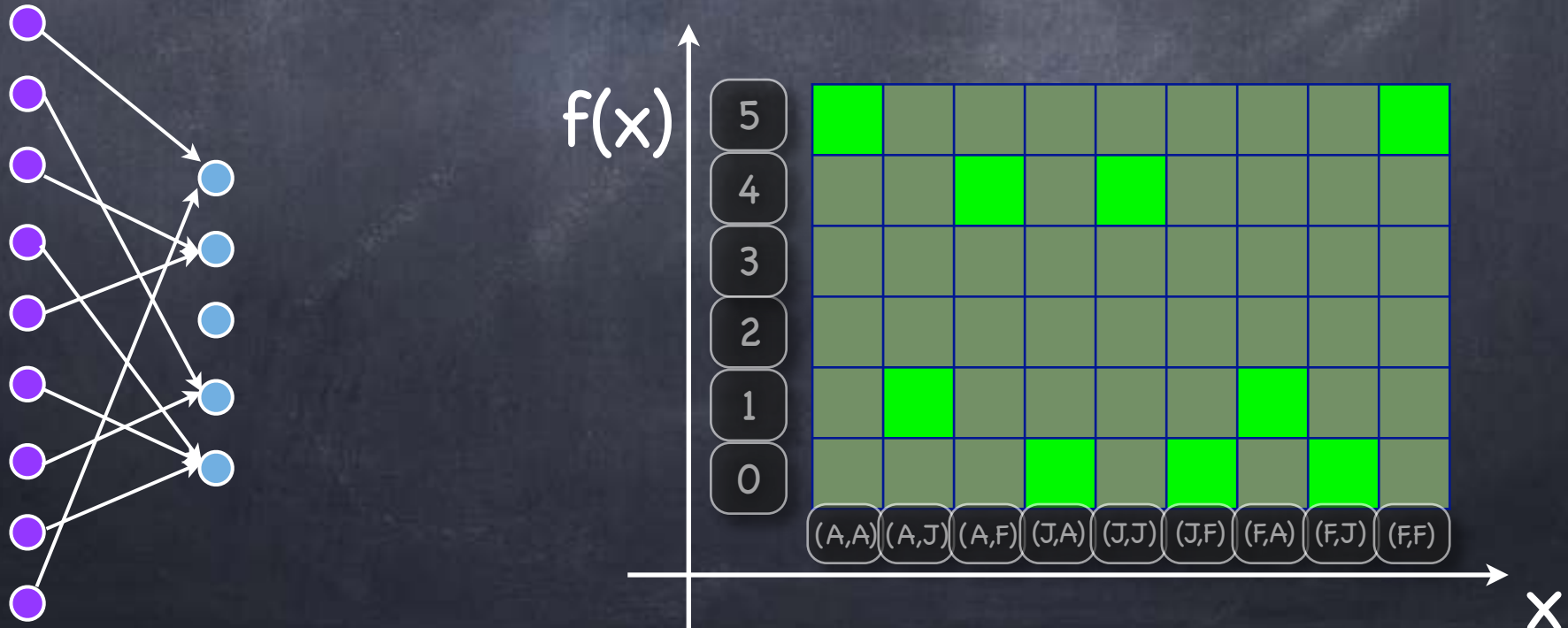
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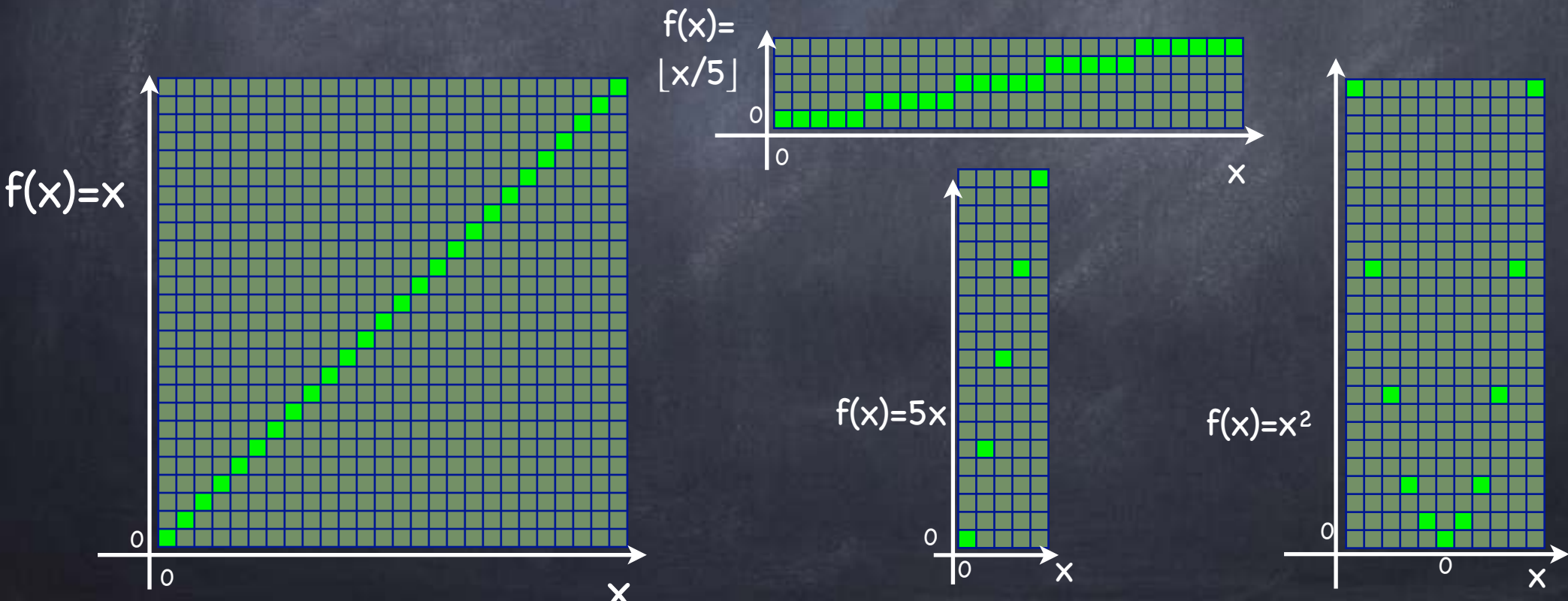
# Function as a Relation

- As a relation between domain & co-domain,  $R_f \in \text{domain} \times \text{co-domain}$   
 $R_f = \{ (x, f(x)) \mid x \in \text{domain} \}$ 
  - Special property of  $R_f$ : every  $x$  has a unique  $y$  s.t.  $(x, y) \in R_f$
- Can be represented using a matrix
  - Convention: domain on the "x-axis", co-domain on the "y-axis"
  - Every column has exactly one cell "switched on"



# Plotting a Function

- When both domain and co-domain are numerical (or otherwise totally ordered), we often “plot” the function
  - Shows only part of domain/codomain when they are infinite (here  $f:\mathbb{Z}\rightarrow\mathbb{Z}$ )



# Types of Functions

• **Function**: every column has exactly one cell "on"

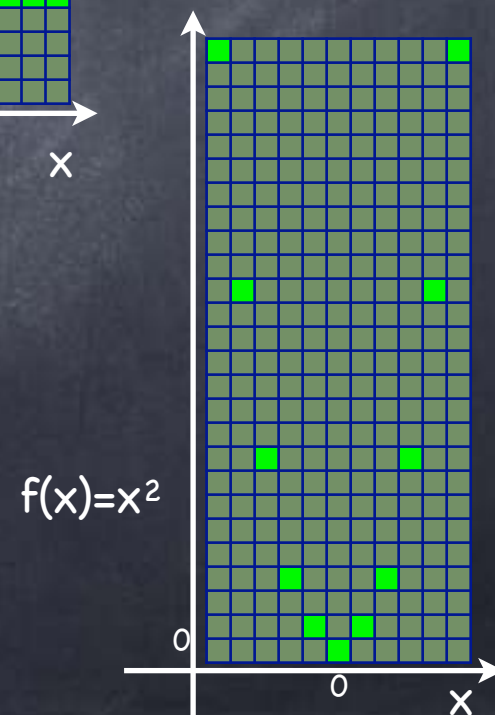
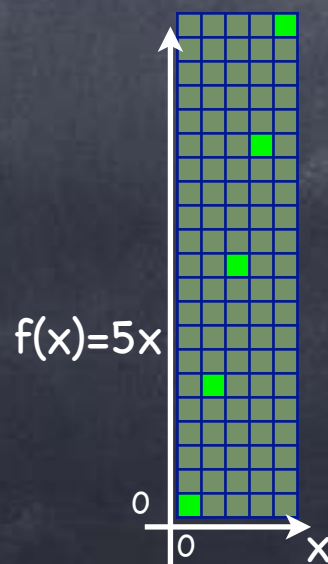
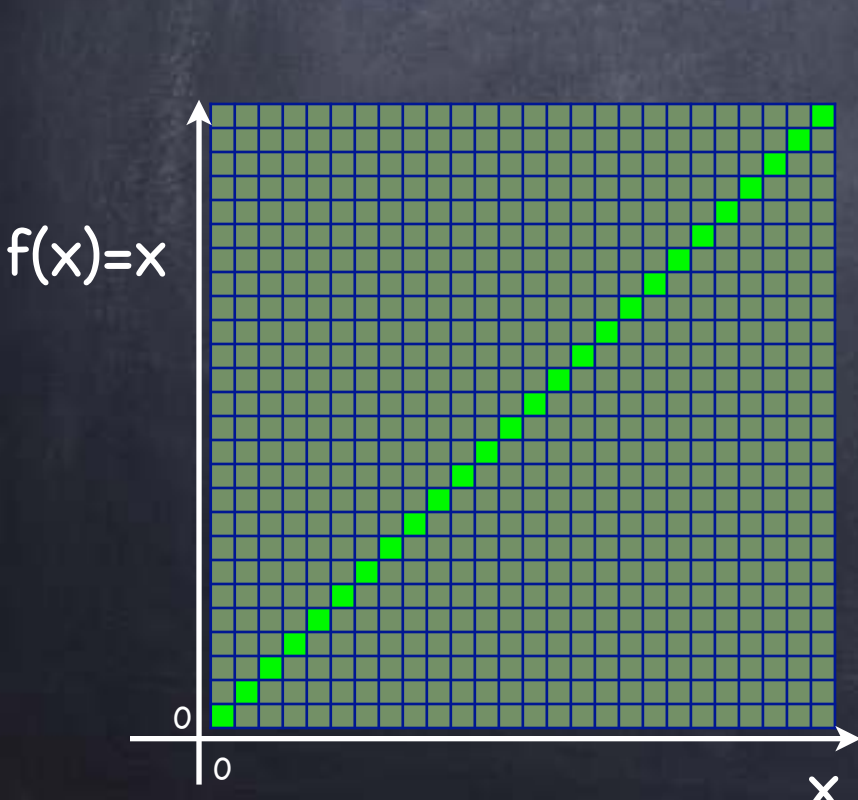
$$\forall y \exists x f(x)=y$$

• **Onto Function** (surjection): Every row has at least one cell "on"

• **One-to-One function** (injection): Every row has at most one cell "on"

• **Bijection**: Every row has exactly one cell "on"

$$\forall y \in \text{Im}(f) \exists ! x \in A \quad f(x)=y$$







# Question



Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  be defined as:  
 $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $g(x) = x^2$ ,  $h(x) = x^2$ . Which ones are onto?

- A.  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$
- B.  $f$  and  $g$
- C. only  $f$
- D. only  $g$
- E. None of the above

$h$  not onto, since (say)  
 $2 \in \text{Codomain}(h) - \text{Im}(h)$

$g$  is onto (every non-negative  
real number has a square-root)

$f$  not onto, since (say)  
 $2 \in \text{Codomain}(f) - \text{Im}(f)$



# Injective Functions

- A function  $f:A \rightarrow B$  is one-to-one if  $\forall x, x' \in A \quad f(x)=f(x') \rightarrow x=x'$

- $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined as  $f(x)=x^2$  is not one-to-one

- $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  defined as  $f(x)=x^2$  is one-to-one

- $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined as  $f(x)=\lfloor x/5 \rfloor$  is not one-to-one



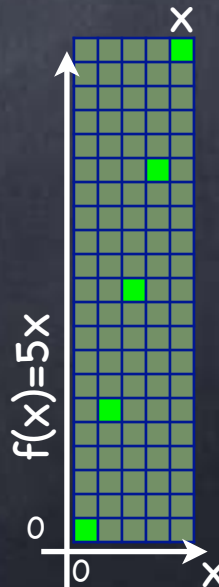
- $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined as  $f(x)=5x$  is one-to-one

- In fact, any strictly increasing function is one-to-one

- And, any strictly decreasing function too is one-to-one

- One-to-one functions don't lose any information

- They are "invertible"

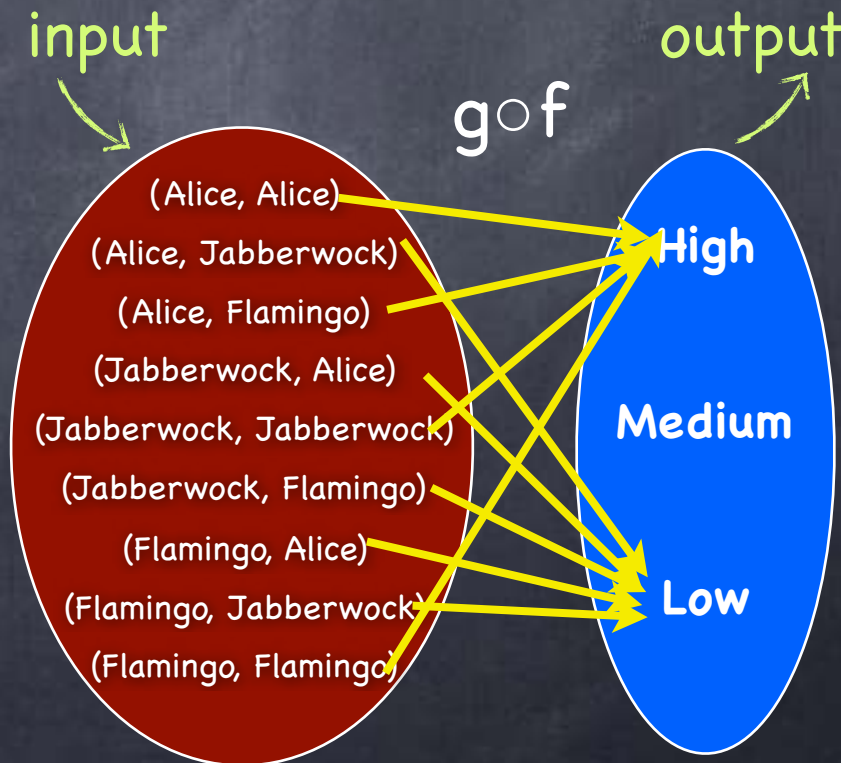
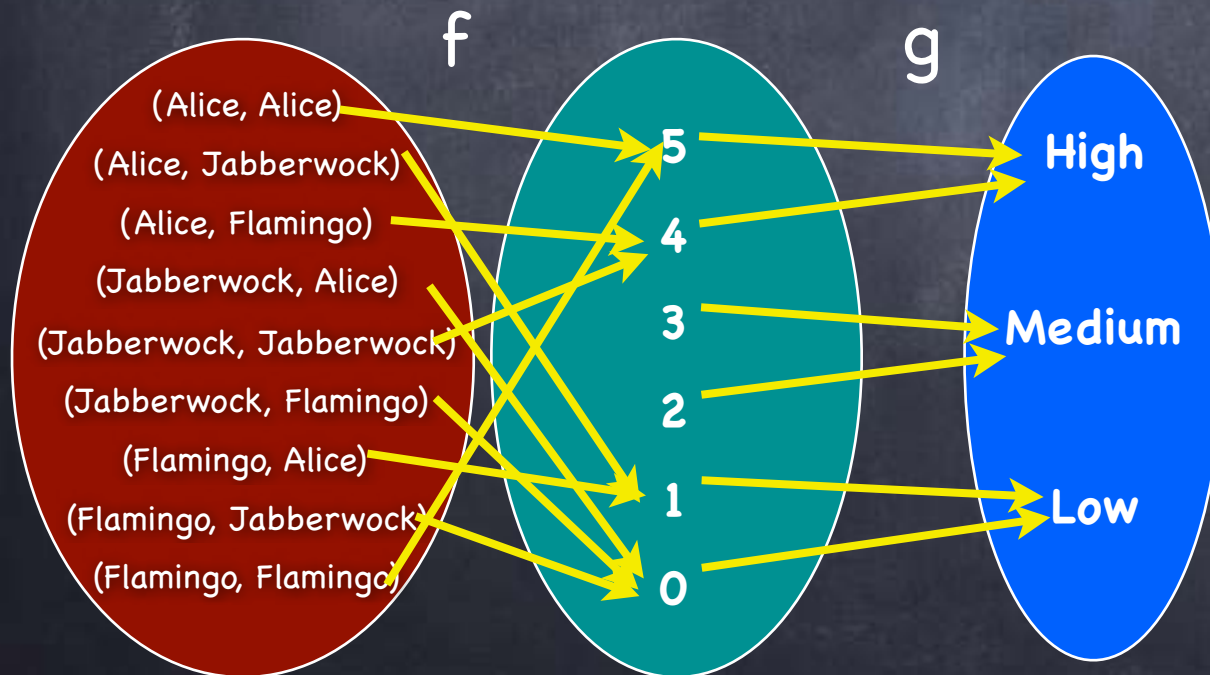


# Composition

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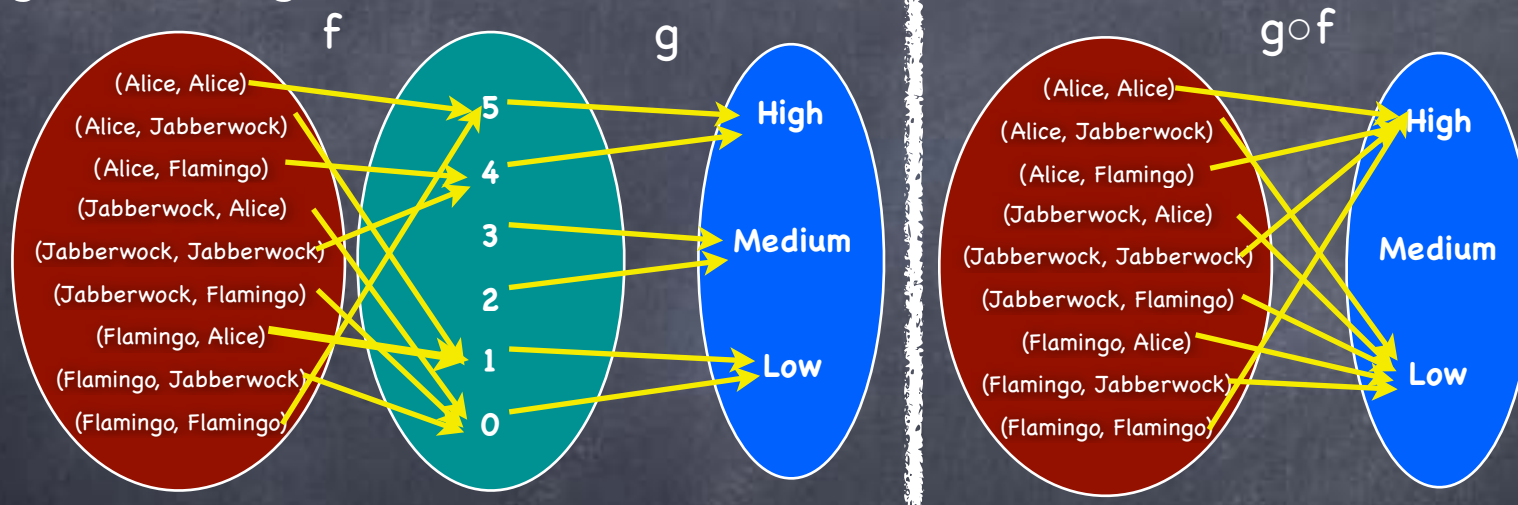
output  
input  
 $g \circ f$



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- Defined only if  $\text{Im}(f) \subseteq \text{Domain}(g)$ 
  - Typically,  $\text{Domain}(g) = \text{Co-domain}(f)$
- $g \circ f : \text{Domain}(f) \rightarrow \text{Co-domain}(g)$
- $\text{Im}(g \circ f) \subseteq \text{Im}(g)$



# Injective $\longleftrightarrow$ Invertible

- $f$  is said to be invertible if  $\exists g$  s.t.  $g \circ f \equiv \text{Id}$

- One-to-one functions are invertible

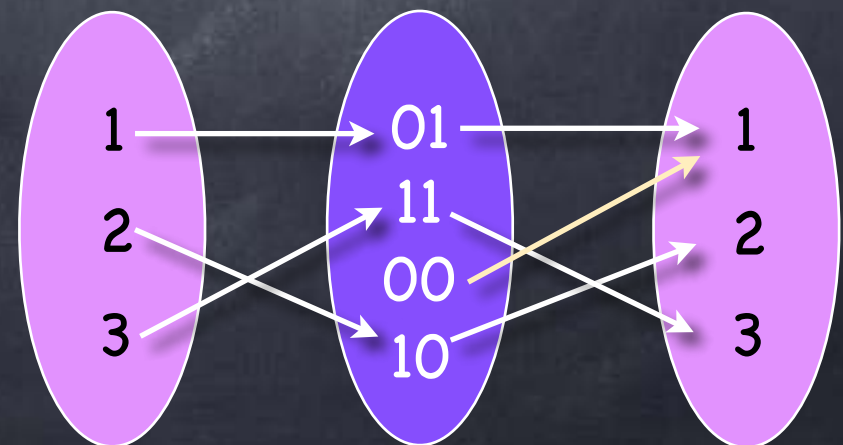
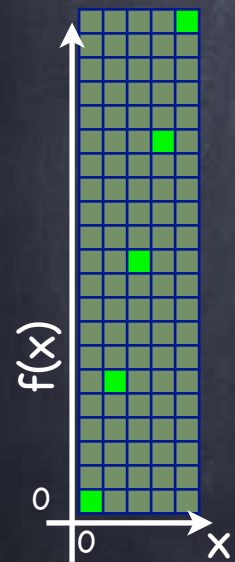
- Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is one-to-one

$$\forall y \in \text{Im}(f) \exists! x \in A \quad f(x) = y$$

- Let  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be defined as follows:  
for  $y \in \text{Im}(f)$ ,  $g(y) = x$  s.t.  $f(x) = y$  (well-defined)  
for  $y \notin \text{Im}(f)$ ,  $g(y) =$  some arbitrary element in  $A$

- Then  $g \circ f \equiv \text{Id}_A$ , where  $\text{Id}_A : A \rightarrow A$  is the identity function over  $A$

- $g$  need not be invertible



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- One-to-one functions are invertible
- And invertible functions are one-to-one
  - Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is invertible
  - Let  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be s.t.  $g \circ f \equiv \text{Id}$
  - Now, for any  $x_1, x_2 \in A$ , if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , then  $g(f(x_1)) = g(f(x_2))$
  - But  $g(f(x)) = \text{Id}(x) = x$
  - Hence,  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in A$ , if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , then  $x_1 = x_2$



# Question



- Suppose  $A, B$  are finite sets such that  $|A| < |B|$ .

Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Then:

- A.  $f$  can be onto, but not one-to-one
- B.  $f$  can be one-to-one, but not onto
- C.  $f$  can neither be onto nor one-to-one
- D.  $f$  may be either onto or one-to-one, or both
- E.  $f$  may be either onto or one-to-one, but not both

Onto  $\rightarrow |B| \leq |A|$





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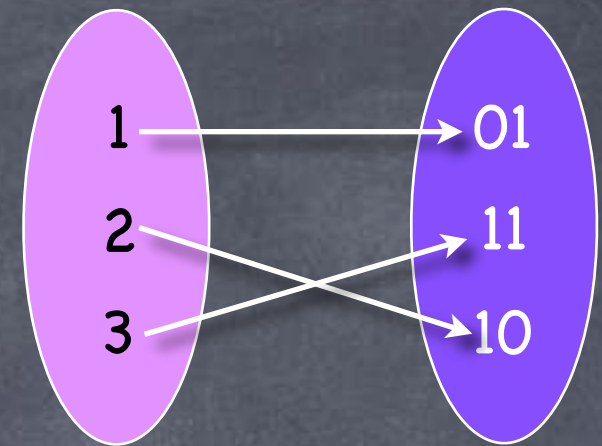
Pigeonhole Principle

$|A| > |B| \rightarrow$

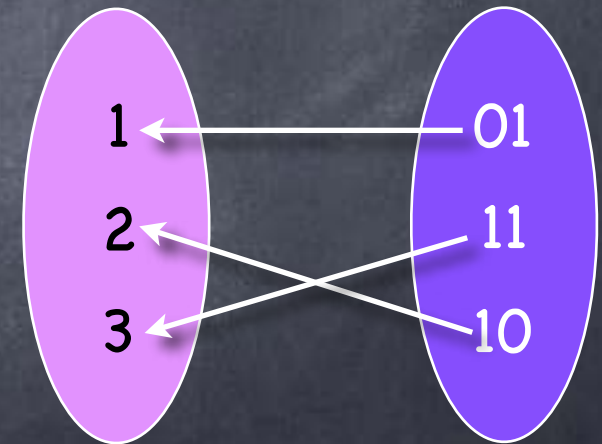
$f$  not one-to-one.

One-to-one  $\rightarrow |A| \leq |B|$

# Bijections



- **Bijection:** both onto and one-to-one
  - Every row and every column has exactly one cell "on"
  - Every element in the co-domain has exactly one "pre-image"
    - If  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f^{-1} \circ f : A \rightarrow A$  and  $f \circ f^{-1} : B \rightarrow B$  are both identity functions
    - Both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are invertible, and the inverses are unique
    - $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$
- If  $A$ ,  $B$  finite sets and there is a bijection  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , then  $|A|=|B|$
- If  $A$ ,  $B$  finite sets and  $|A|=|B|$  and  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , then  $f$  is onto  $\equiv f$  is one-to-one  $\equiv f$  is a bijection



# Composition & Onto/One-to-One

- Composition “**respects onto-ness**”

- If  $f$  and  $g$  are onto,  $g \circ f$  is onto as well
- If  $g \circ f$  is onto, then  $g$  is onto

With the convention  
 $\text{Domain}(g) = \text{Co-Domain}(f)$

- Composition “**respects one-to-one-ness**”

- If  $f$  and  $g$  are one-to-one,  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one as well
- If  $g \circ f$  is one-to-one, then  $f$  is one-to-one

- Hence, composition **respects bijections**

- If  $f$  and  $g$  are bijections then  $g \circ f$  is a bijection as well
- If  $g \circ f$  is a bijection, then  $f$  is one-to-one and  $g$  is onto



# Permutation of a string

- To permute = to rearrange
  - e.g.,  $\pi_{53214}(\text{hello}) = \text{lleoh}$
  - e.g.,  $\pi_{35142}(\text{lleoh}) = \text{ehlol}$
- Permutations are essentially bijections from the set of positions (here  $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$ ) to itself
  - A bijection from any finite set to itself is called a permutation
- Permutations compose to yield permutations (since bijections do so)
  - e.g.,  $\pi_{35142} \circ \pi_{53214} = \pi_{21534}$

