

# Math Camp

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Hans Lueders, [hlueders@stanford.edu](mailto:hlueders@stanford.edu)
- We will hold twice weekly labs, that will occur in this room from 130-300pm (or so)
- Piazza Sign-up Link: [piazza.com/stanford/fall2016/350a](https://piazza.com/stanford/fall2016/350a)  
For efficiently asking/answering questions about course material and logistics.

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Lab Assignment: Twice weekly assignments, help you develop computational and mathematical skills.

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- 2) Bertsekas, Dimitri P. and Tsitsiklis, John (BT) Introduction to Probability Theory (second edition)

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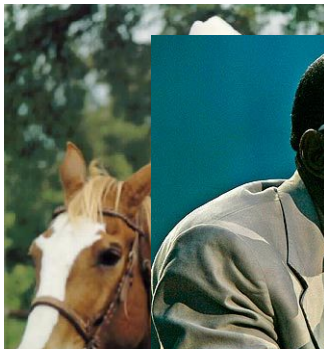


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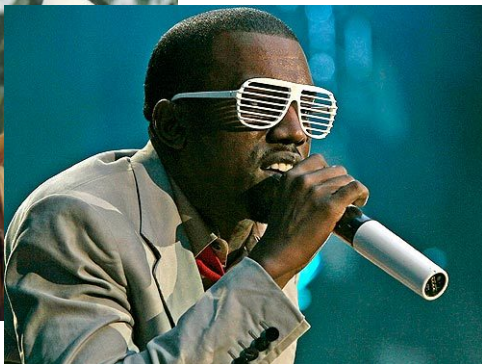


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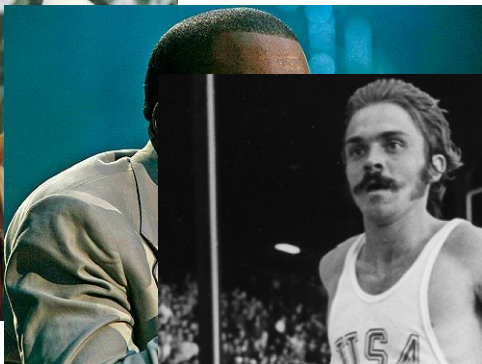
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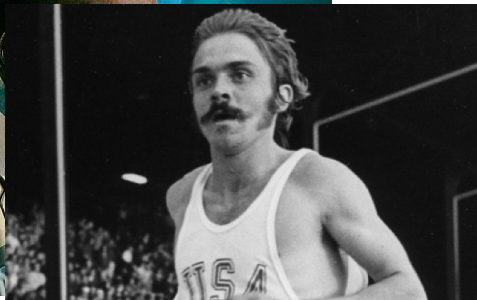
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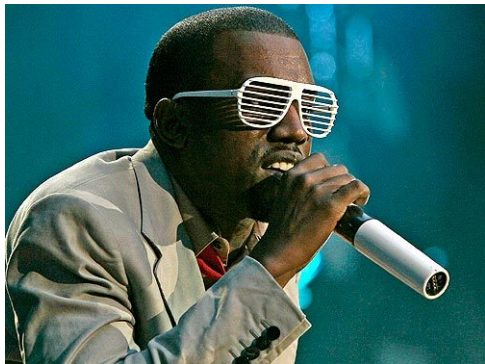
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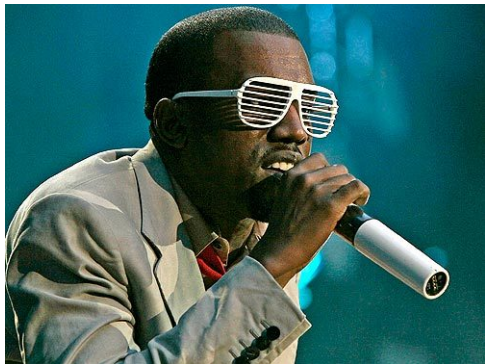
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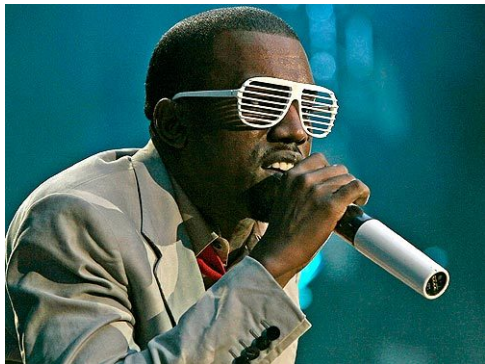


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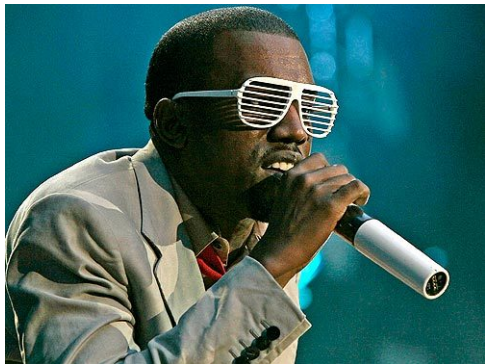


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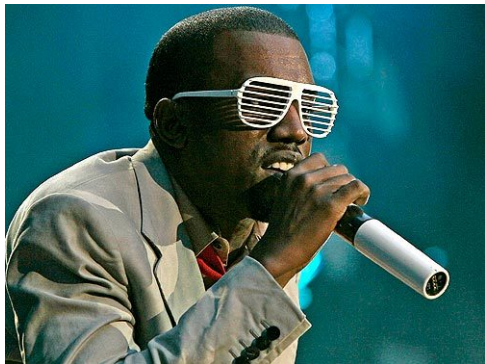
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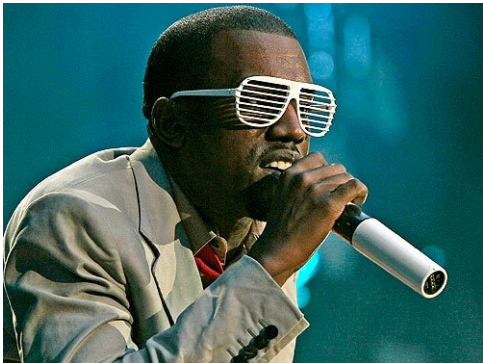
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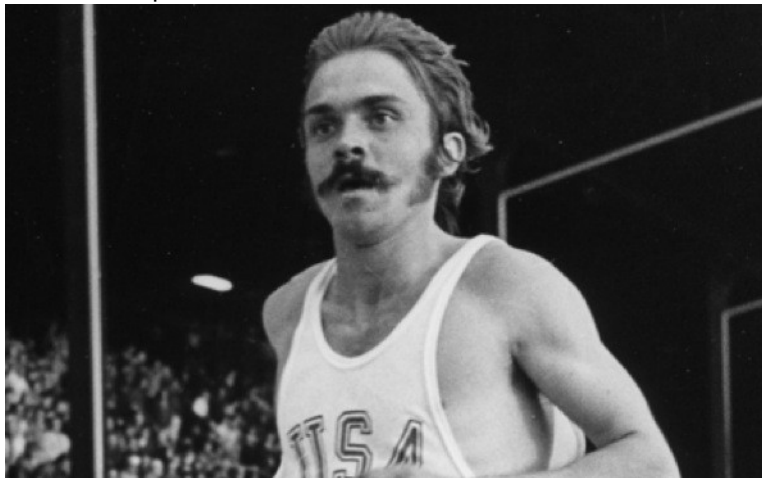
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This fact (theorem) says that the **set**  $A \cap B$  is equal to the set  $B \cap A$ . We can use the definition of equal sets to test this. Suppose  $x \in A \cap B$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . By definition, then,  $x \in B \cap A$ . Now, suppose  $y \in B \cap A$ . Then  $y \in B$  and  $y \in A$ . So, by definition of intersection  $y \in A \cap B$ . This implies  $A \cap B = B \cap A$  □



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Break into groups, derive for the remaining facts

# Ordered Pair

You've seen an **ordered pair** before,

$$(a, b)$$

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Suppose we have two sets,  $A$  and  $B$ . Define the **Cartesian product** of  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \times B$  as the set of all ordered pairs  $(a, b)$ , where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . In other words,

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

Example:

$A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{3, 4\}$ , then,

$$A \times B = \{(1, 3); (1, 4); (2, 3); (2, 4)\}$$

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- We're going to use R throughout the course

- R as calculator :

```
> 1 + 1
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
> 'Hello World'
```

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- `object<- 2` ## assign numbers to objects

- R has functions defined, we can define them to objects as well

```
first.func<- function(x) {
```

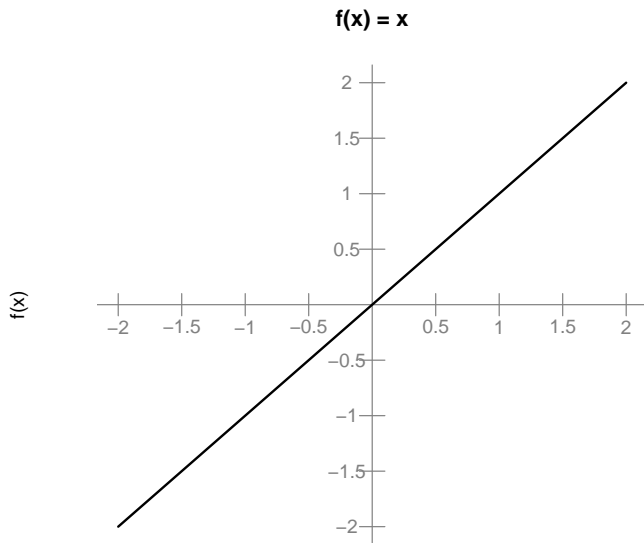
```
  out<- 2*x
```

```
  return(out) }
```

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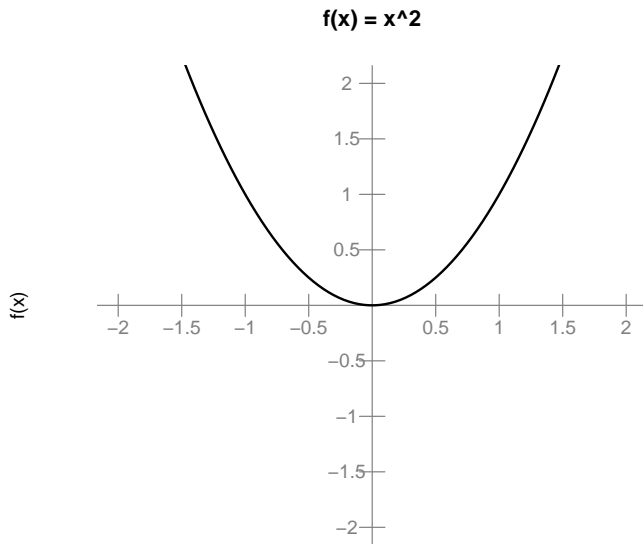
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plot(x~x) ##  
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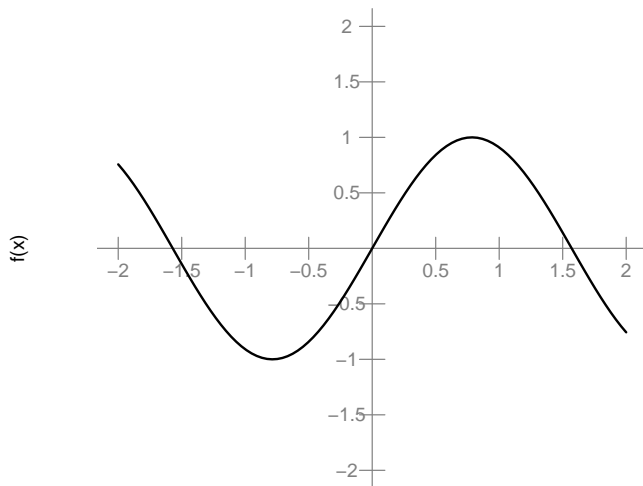
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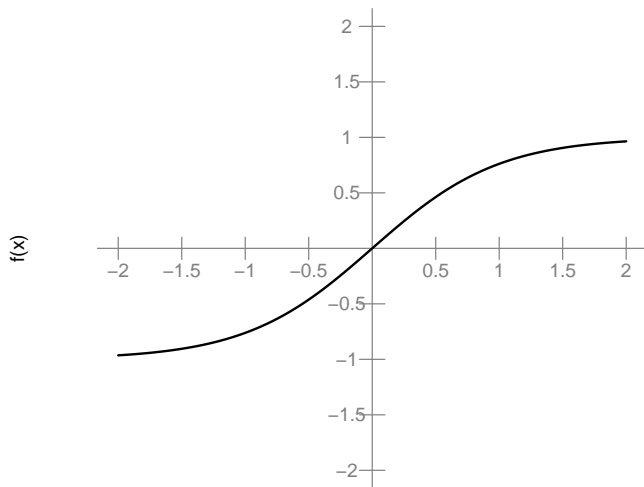
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Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ . Then, define,

$$g \circ f = g(f(x))$$

- $f(x) = x$ ,  $g(x) = x^2$ . Then  $g \circ f = x^2$ .
- $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $g(x) = e^x$ . Then  $g \circ f = e^{\sqrt{x}}$ .
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Suppose a function  $f$  is 1-1. Then we'll define  $f^{-1}$  as its *inverse* if,

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

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Two conditions to show:

i.  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1$  and  $\frac{1(1+1)}{2} = 1$

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ii. Suppose true  $N$ . Then, for  $N + 1$  we have,

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Conditions of induction met. Therefore, proof complete

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