

Functions, Pt. 1

	To <i>prove</i> that this is true...
$\forall x. A$	Have the reader pick an arbitrary x . We then prove A is true for that choice of x .
$\exists x. A$	Find an x where A is true. Then prove that A is true for that specific choice of x .
$A \rightarrow B$	Assume A is true, then prove B is true.
$A \wedge B$	Prove A . Then prove B .
$A \vee B$	Either prove $\neg A \rightarrow B$ or prove $\neg B \rightarrow A$. <i>(Why does this work?)</i>
$A \leftrightarrow B$	Prove $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$.
$\neg A$	Simplify the negation, then consult this table on the result.

Review from Week 1:

Proof techniques summary table.

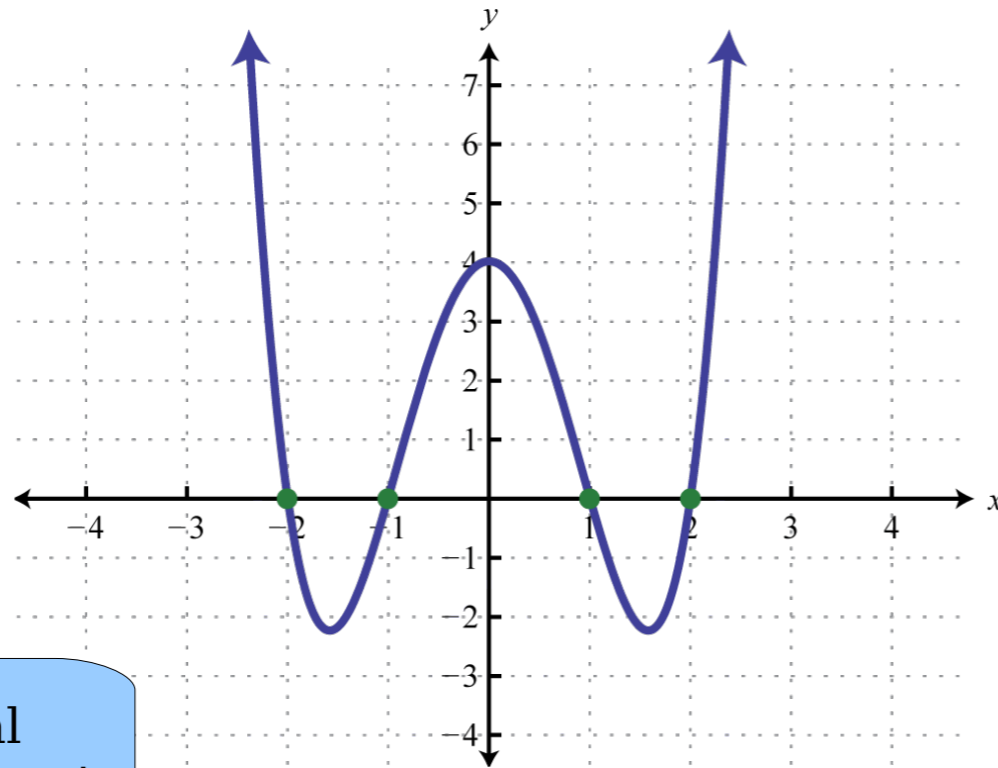
We'll refer to this several times today to help us write proofs. You'll find that although you've never written proofs about **Functions** before, it's just the same bag of tricks that we're used to!

Outline for Today

- ***What is a Function?***
 - It's more nuanced than you might expect.
- ***Domains and Codomains***
 - Where functions start, and where functions end.
- ***Defining a Function***
 - Expressing transformations compactly.
- ***Special Classes of Functions***
 - Useful types of functions you'll encounter IRL.
- ***Proofs on First-Order Definitions***
 - A key skill.

What is a function?

In high school math:



Take a real
number as input

$$f(x) = x^4 - 5x^2 + 4$$

Give a real
number as output

In C++ coding:

```
int flipUntil(int n) {
```

```
    int numHeads = 0;
```

```
    int numTries = 0;
```

Take input(s) of
different type(s)

```
    while (numHeads < n) {
```

```
        if (randomBoolean()) {
```

```
            numHeads++;
```

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        }
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        numTries++;
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    }
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    return numTries;
```

Return an output
of some type

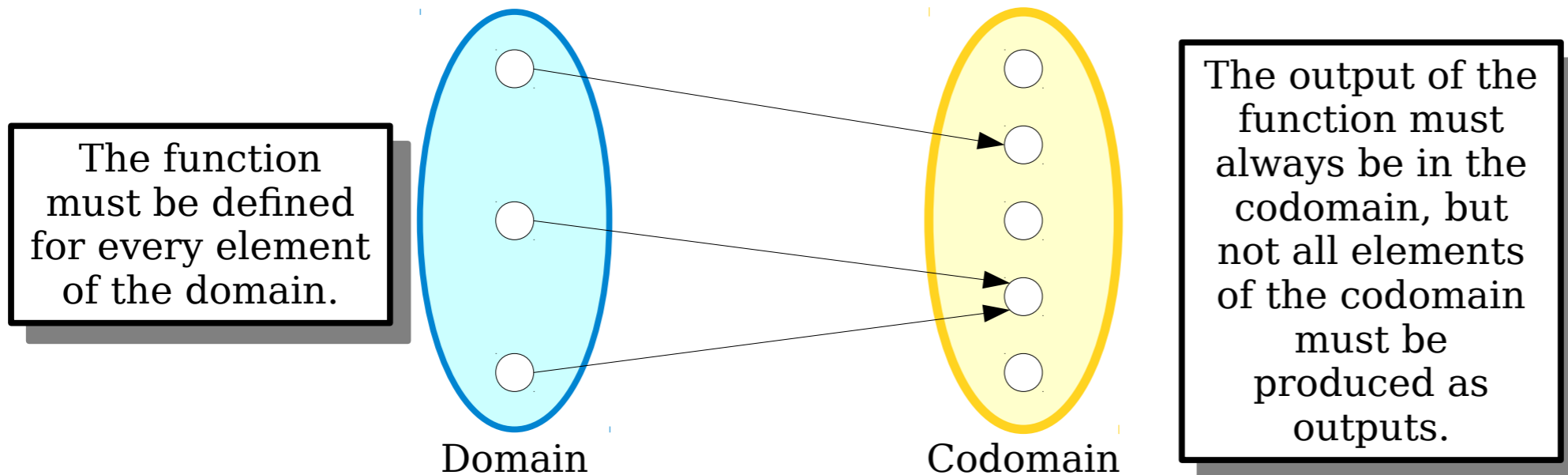
In logic, functions are ***deterministic***.

That is, given the same input, a function must always produce the same output.

In C++ code, we can use random numbers, but that would not be a valid function under our definition.

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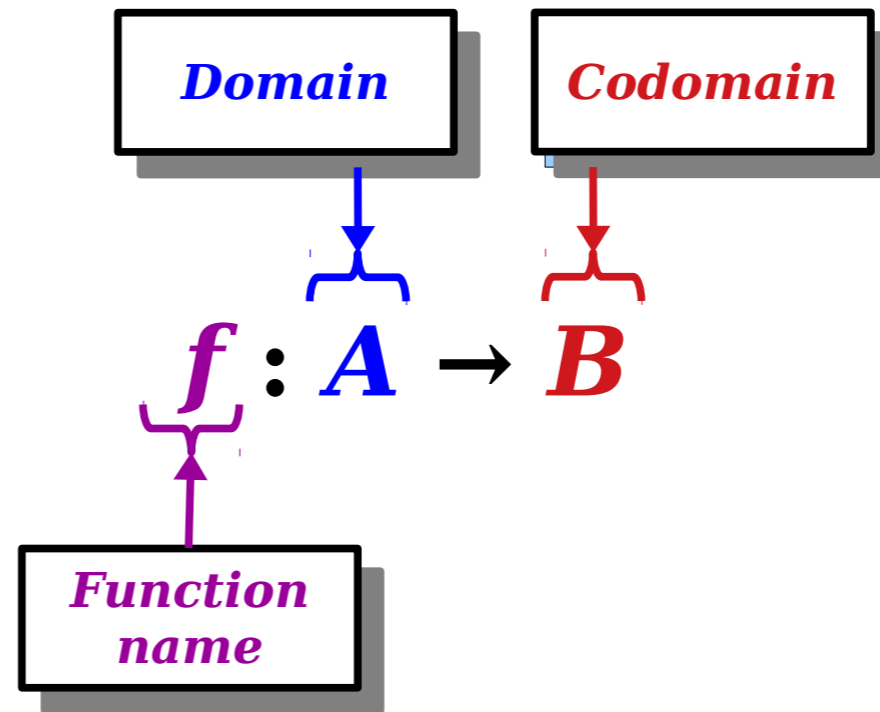
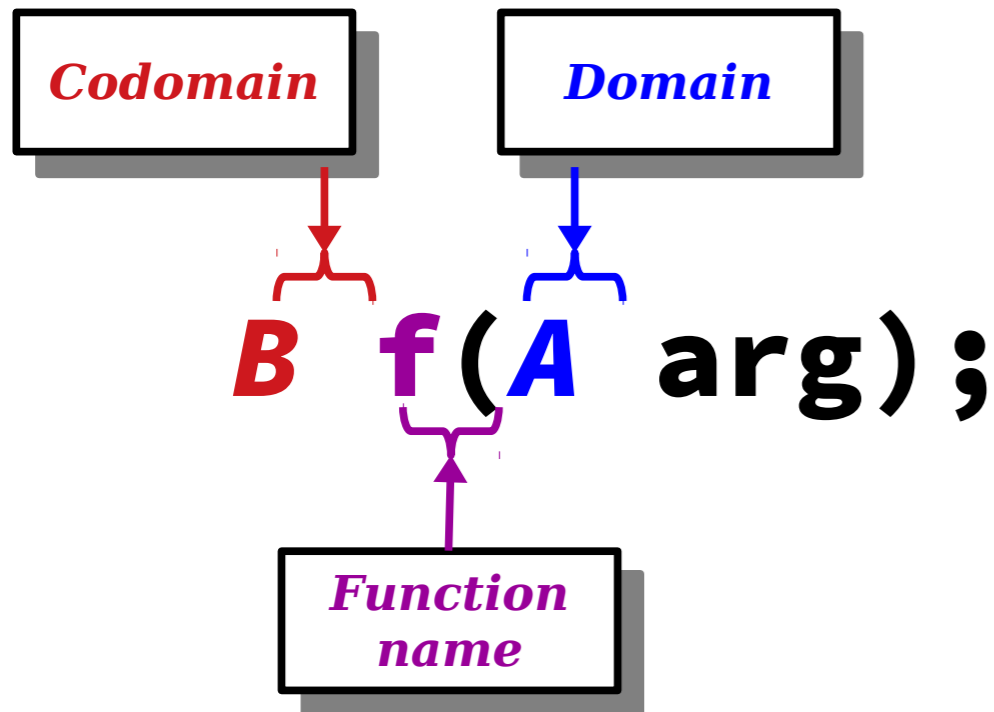
The **domain** of this function is \mathbb{R} . Any real number can be provided as input.

The **codomain** of this function is \mathbb{R} . Everything produced is a real number, but not all real numbers can be produced.

```
double absoluteValueOf(double x) {  
    if (x >= 0) {  
        return x;  
    } else {  
        return -x;  
    }  
}
```

Domains and Codomains

- If f is a function whose domain is A and whose codomain is B , we write $f : A \rightarrow B$.
- Think of this like a “function prototype” in C++.



The Official Rules for Functions

- Formally speaking, we say that $f : A \rightarrow B$ if the following two rules hold.
- First, f must obey its domain/codomain rules:

$$\forall a \in A. \exists b \in B. f(a) = b$$

(“Every input in A maps to some output in B .”)

- Second, f must be deterministic:

$$\forall a_1 \in A. \forall a_2 \in A. (a_1 = a_2 \rightarrow f(a_1) = f(a_2))$$

(“Equal inputs produce equal outputs.”)

If you're ever curious about whether something is a valid function, look back at these rules and check! For example:

- Can a function have an empty domain?
- Can a function have an empty codomain?

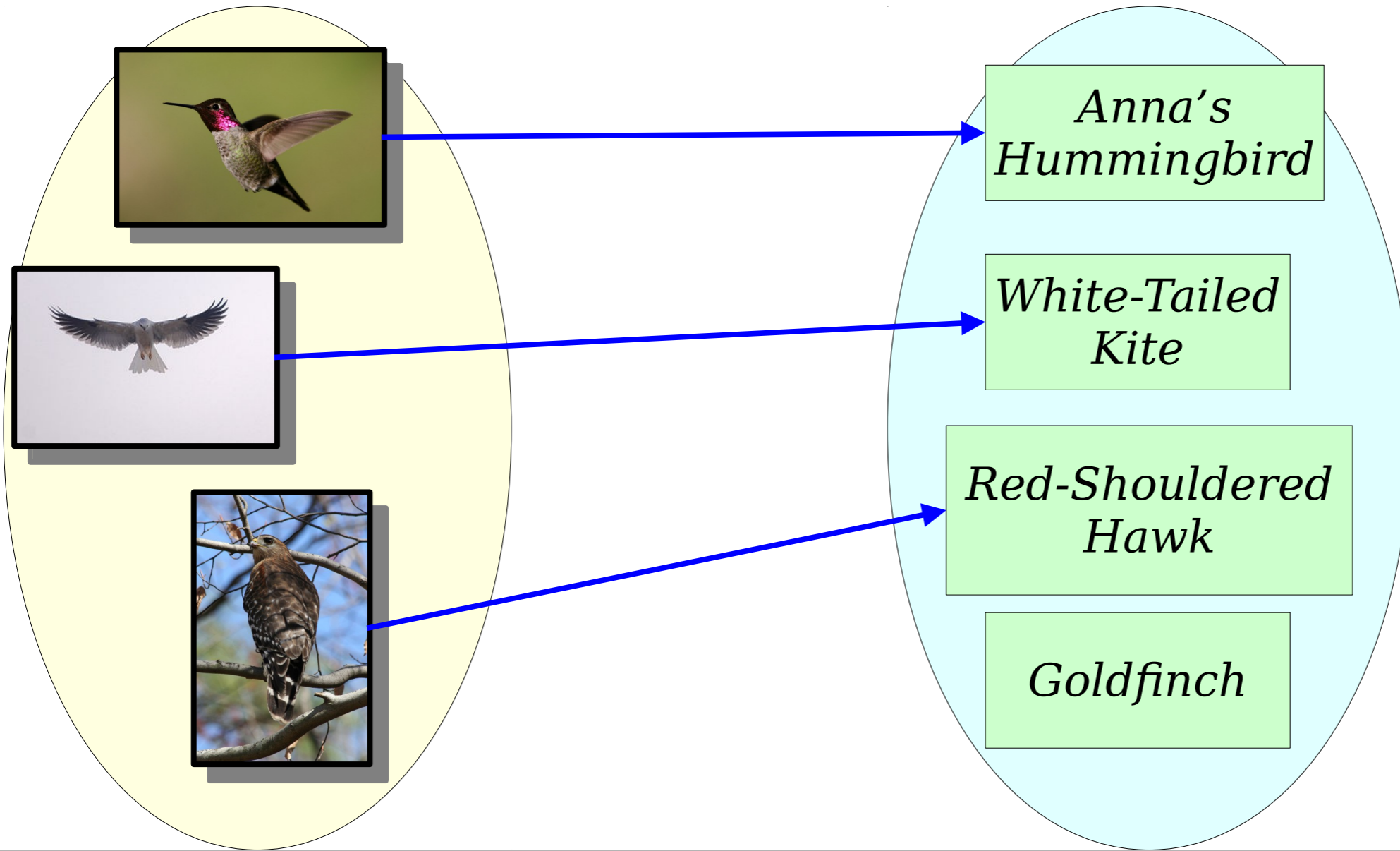
The formal definition holds the answers!

Defining Functions

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- To define a function, you need to
 - specify the domain,
 - specify the codomain, and
 - give a *rule* used to evaluate the function.
- All three pieces are necessary.
- There are a few ways to do this. Let's go over a few examples.

Functions can be defined as a *picture*.



Draw sets (ovals) to give the domain and codomain.
Draw a mapping (arrows) to define the function's action.

Functions can be defined as a *rule*.

$$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \text{ where}$$
$$f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 15$$

Use the $:$ notation to name the domain and codomain.
Use the $f(x) =$ notation to define the function's action.

Some rules are given *piecewise*.

$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, where

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ -n & \text{if } n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Again, both parts of the rule ($:$ and $f(x)$) are necessary. Make sure at least one condition applies to each element of the domain, and that if more than one condition applies to the same element, they give the same answer!)

Some Nuances

$$f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x+1}$$

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Yep, it's a function! Every natural number maps to some real number.

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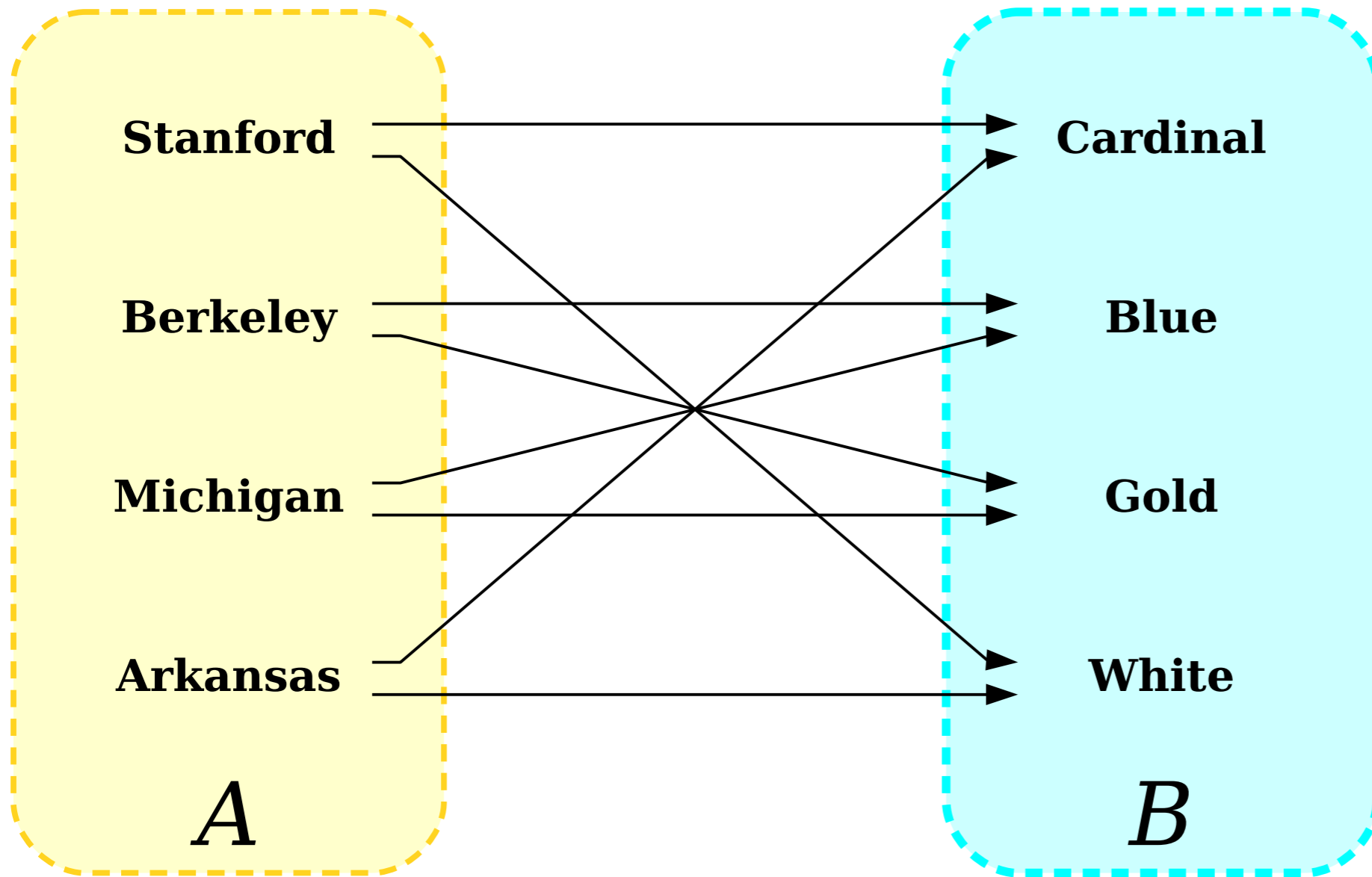
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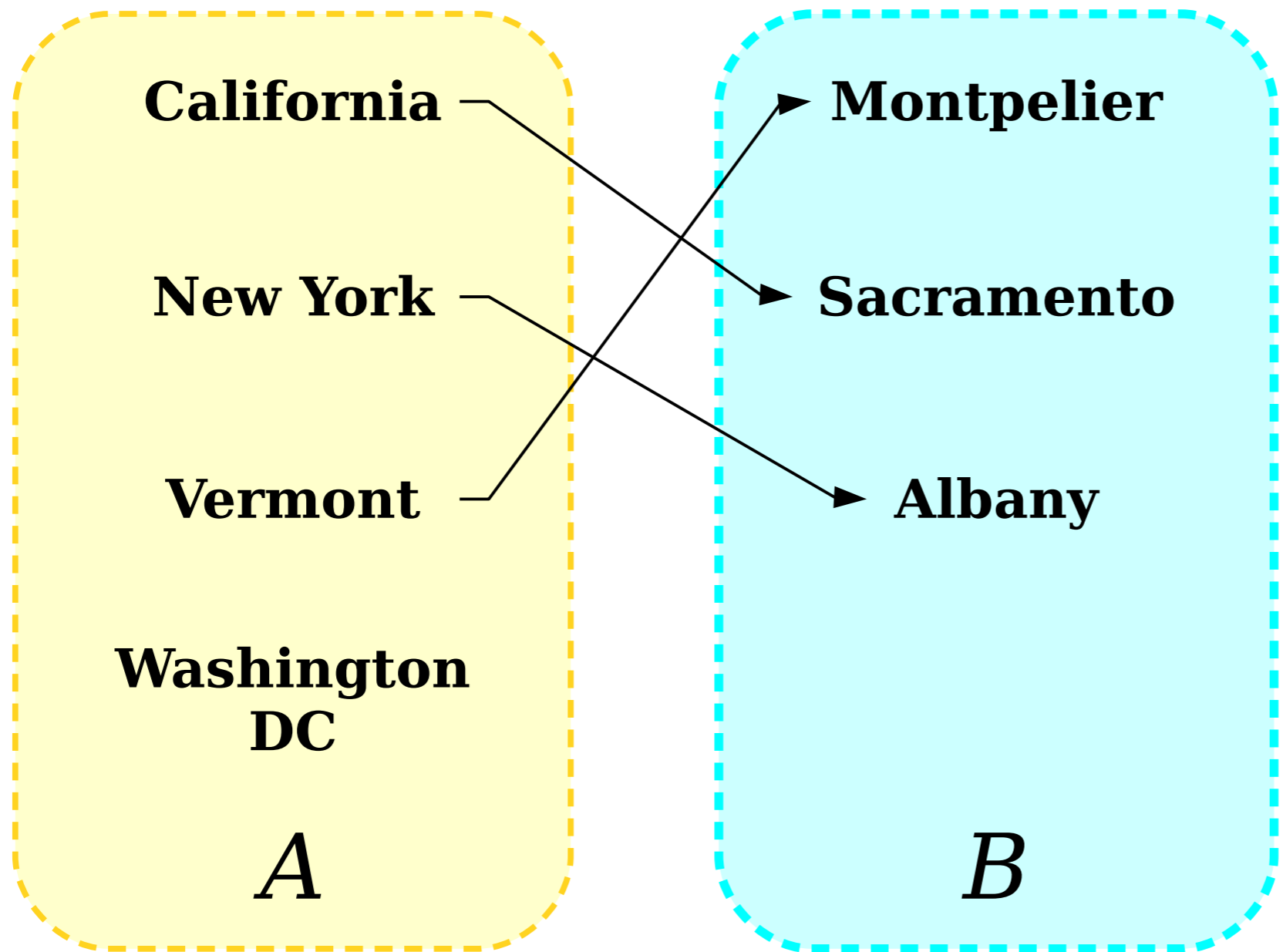
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This expression isn't defined when $x = -1$, so f isn't defined over its full domain. We therefore don't consider it to be a function.

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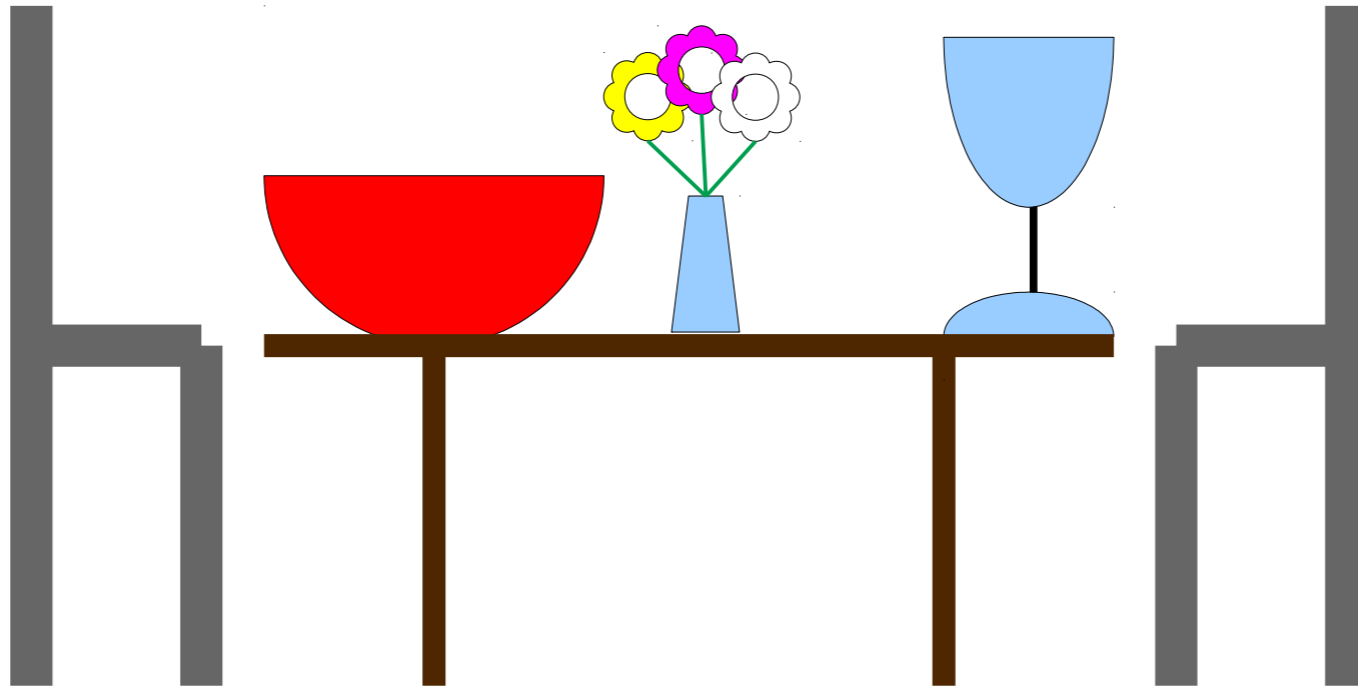
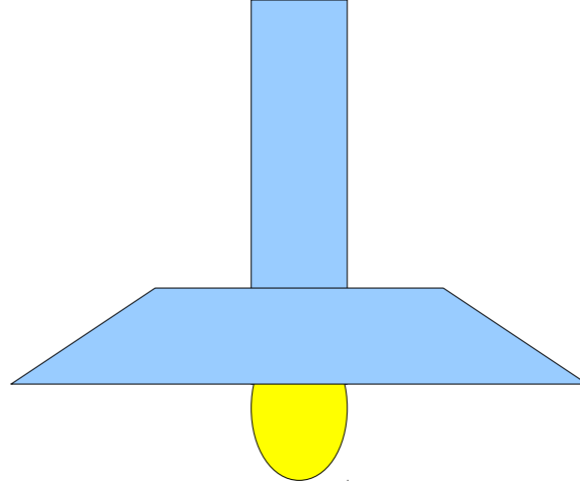
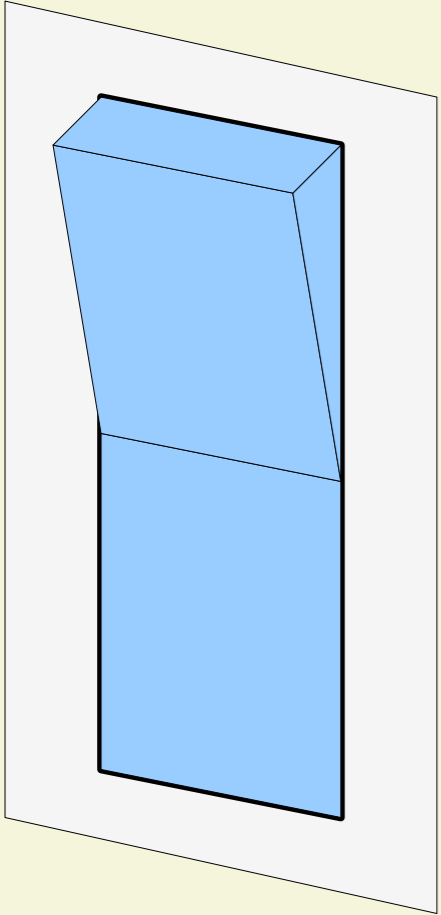


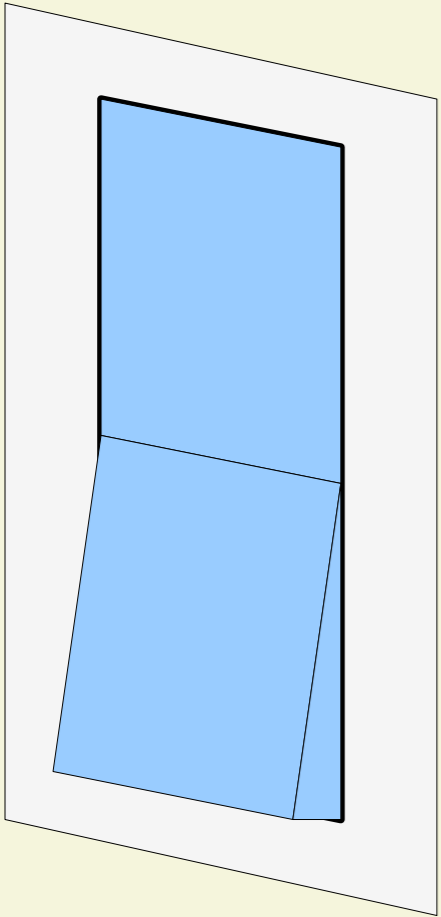
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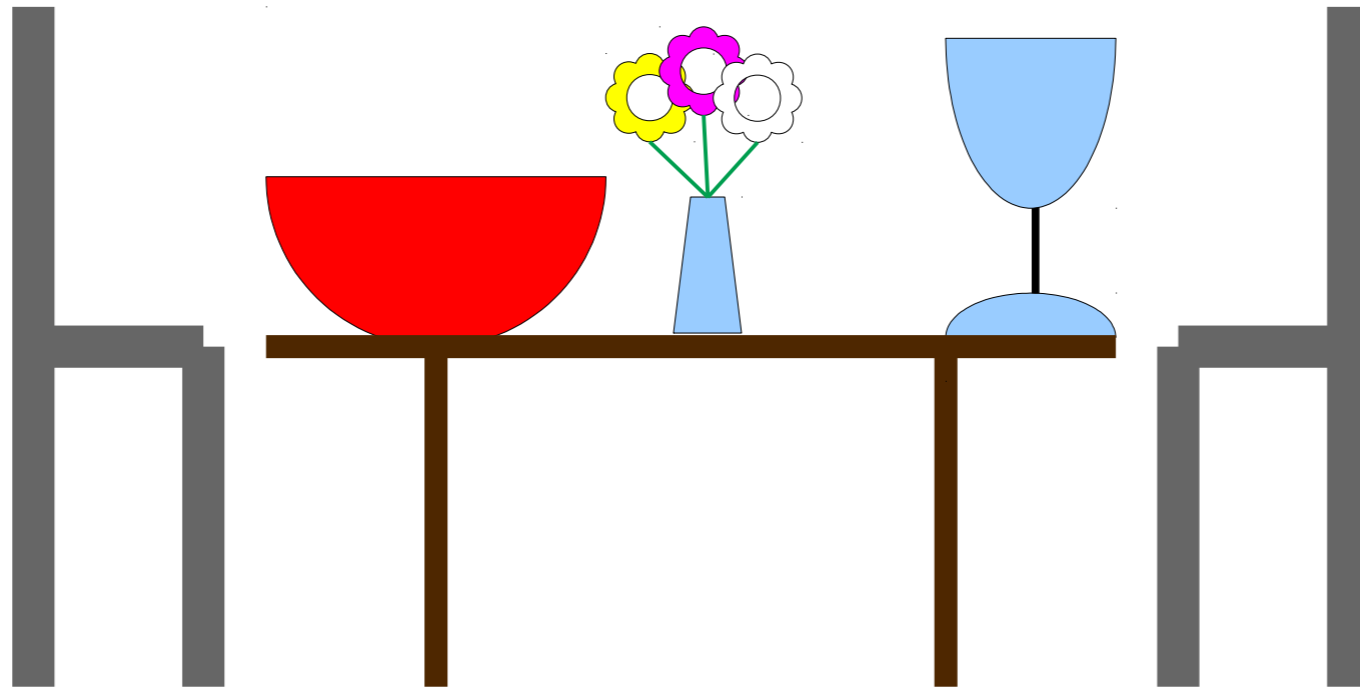
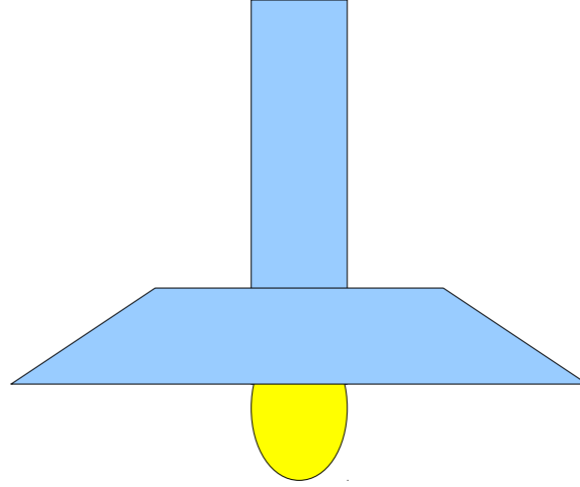
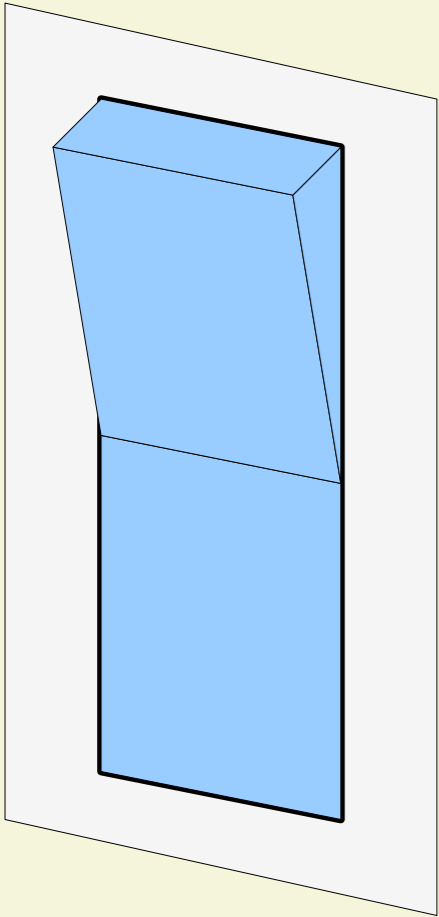


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Special Types of Functions







Undoing by Doing Again

- Some operations invert themselves. For example:
 - Flipping a switch twice is the same as not flipping it at all.
 - In first-order logic, $\neg\neg A$ is equivalent to A .
 - In algebra, $-(-x) = x$.
 - In set theory, $(A \Delta B) \Delta B = A$. (*Yes, really!*)
- Operations with these properties are surprisingly useful in CS theory and come up in a bunch of contexts.
 - Storing compressed approximations of sets (XOR filters).
 - Theoretically unbreakable encryption (one-time pads).
 - Transmitting a large file to multiple receivers (fountain codes).

Involutions

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$$\forall x \in A. f(f(x)) = x.$$

(“Applying f twice is equivalent to not applying f at all.”)

- Involutions have lots of interesting properties. Let's explore them and see what we can find.

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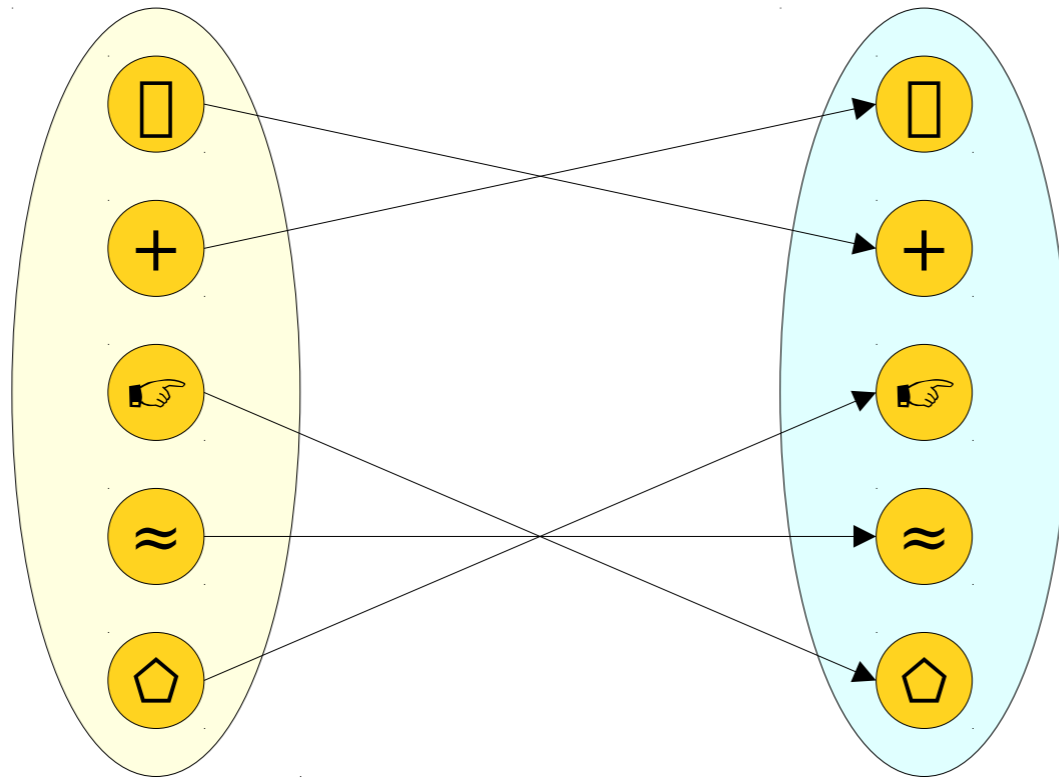
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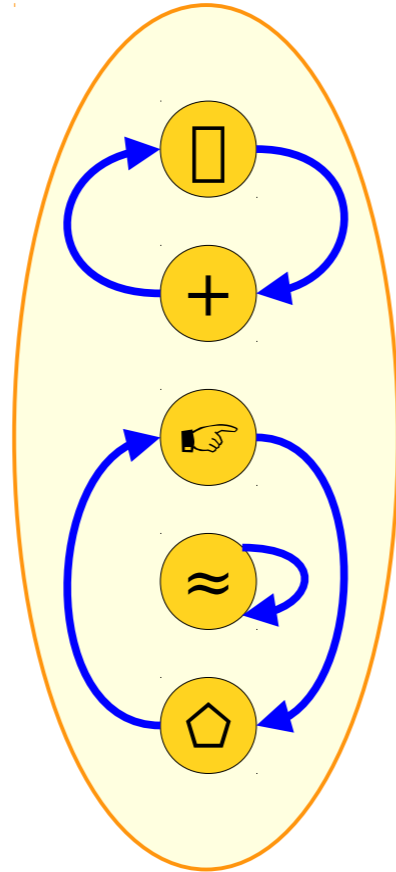
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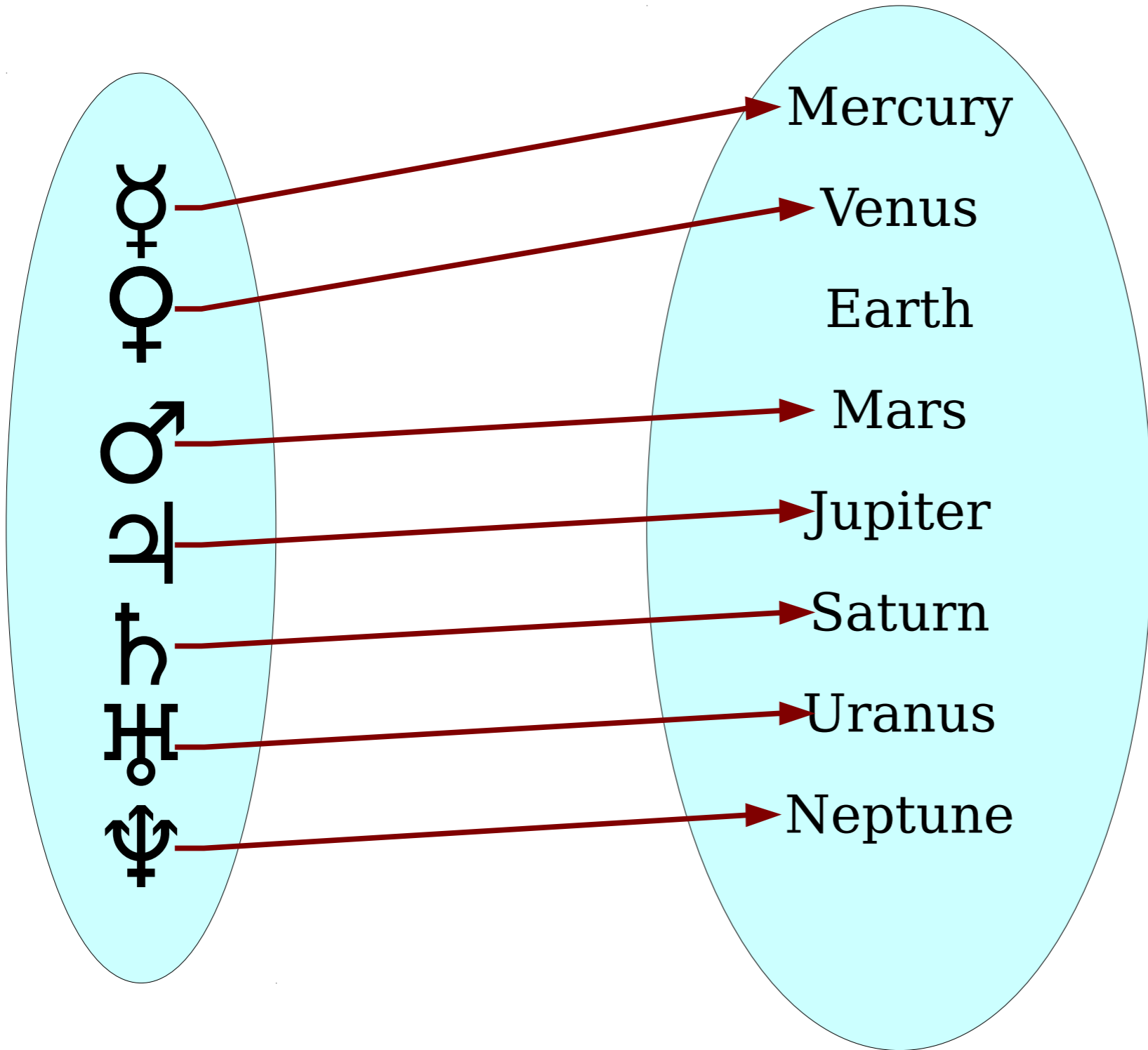
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!! Important style rule !!
This proof contains no first-order logic syntax (quantifiers, connectives, etc.).
It's written in plain English, just as usual.

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$A \wedge B$	Prove A . Then prove B .
$A \vee B$	Either prove $\neg A \rightarrow B$ or prove $\neg B \rightarrow A$. <i>(Why does this work?)</i>
$A \leftrightarrow B$	Prove $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$.
$\neg A$	Simplify the negation, then consult this table on the result.

Pop Quiz!
Which row of this proof techniques table did we use for that proof?

Recap from Today

- A ***function*** takes in an element of a ***domain*** and maps it to an element of a ***codomain***. Functions must be deterministic.
- Definitions are often given in first-order logic, and the structure of a first-order logic statement dictates the structure of a proof.
- ***Involutions*** and ***injections*** are specific classes of functions that have nice properties.

Next Time

- ***Surjections, Bijections***
 - Two new function types.
- ***Connecting Function Types***
 - Involutions, injections, surjections and bijections are related to one another. How?
- ***Function Composition***
 - Sequencing functions together.