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Lecture 07: **Functions**

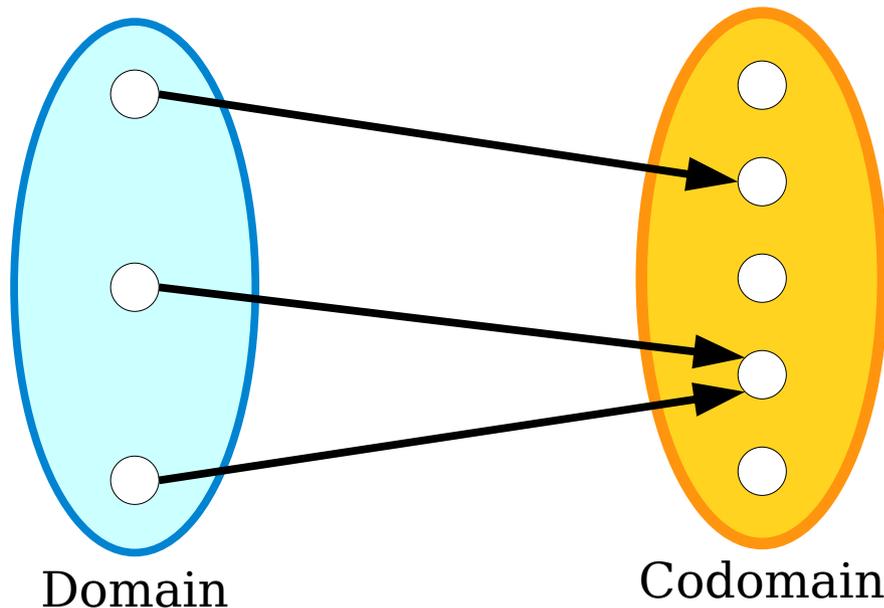
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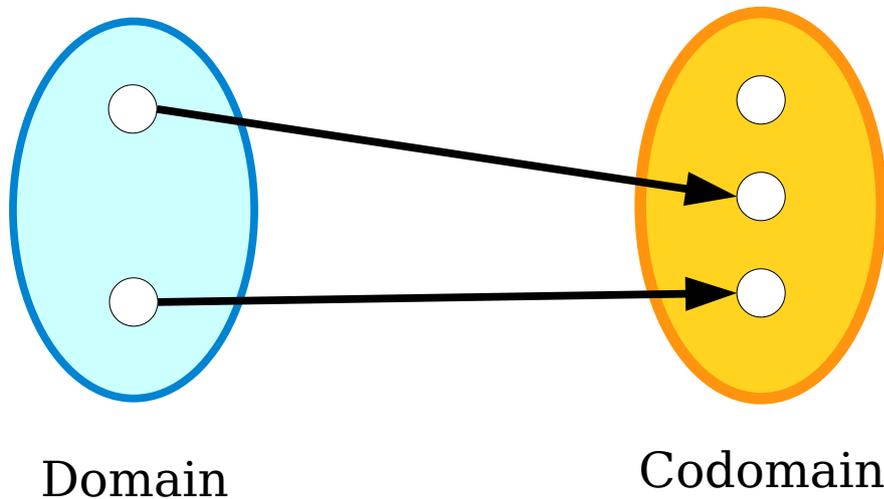


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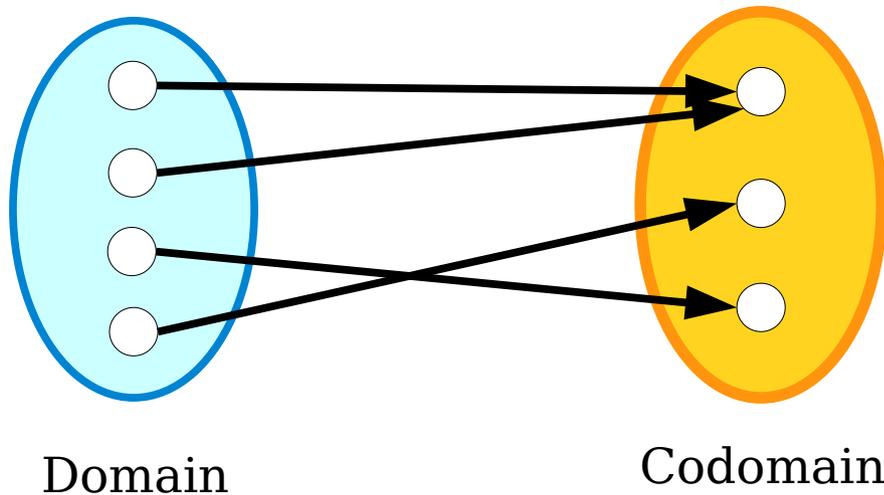


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If the inputs are different, the outputs are different

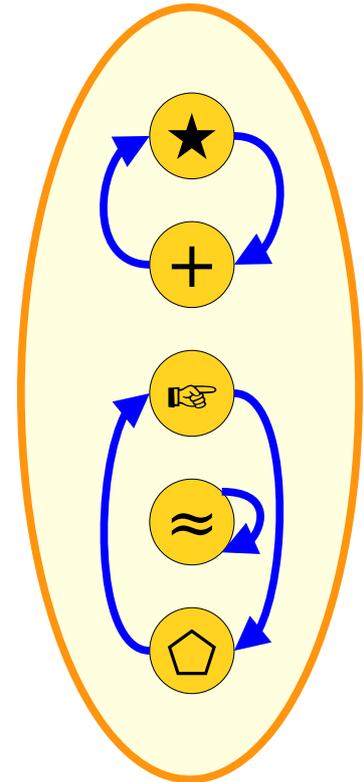
- Can also define with the contrapositive!

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

“For every possible output, there's an input that produces it.”

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

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



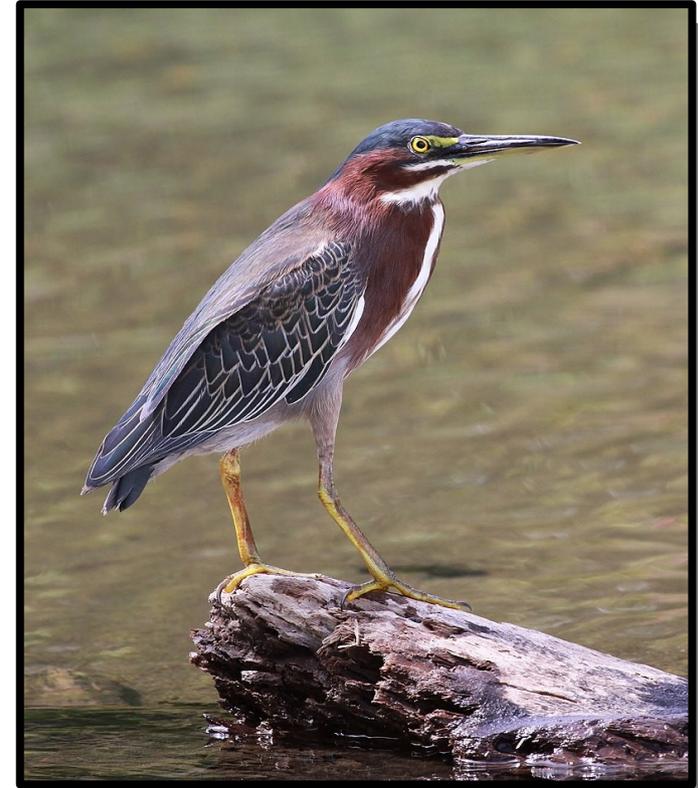
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Given the predicates

$Bird(b)$, which says b is a bird;

$Heron(h)$, which says h is a heron; and

$Feathers(x)$, which says x has feathers,

translate the theorem into first-order logic.

$(\forall b. (Bird(b) \rightarrow Feathers(b))) \rightarrow (\forall h. (Heron(h) \rightarrow Feathers(h)))$

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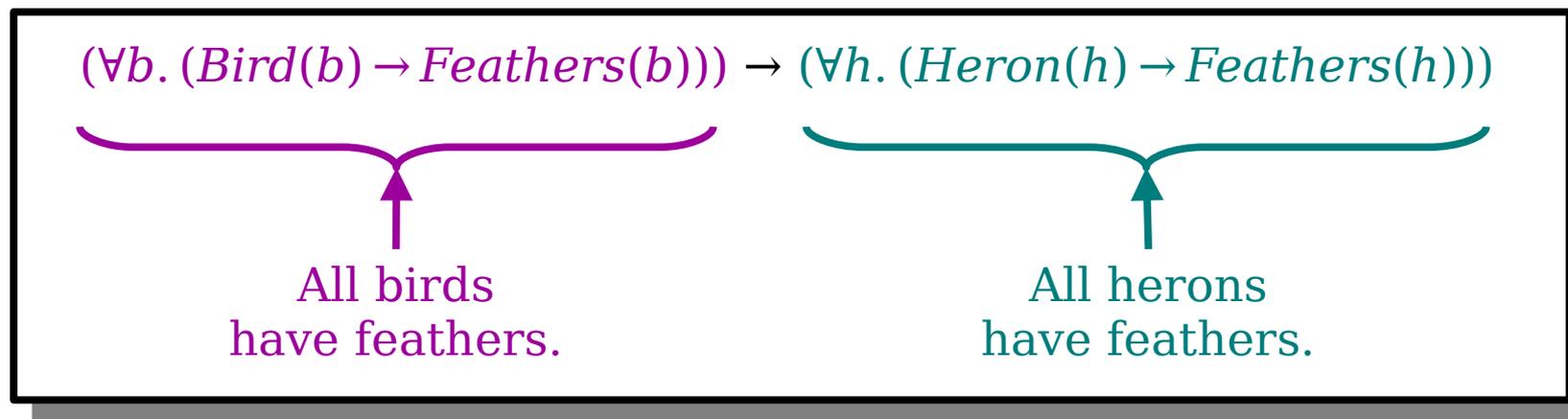
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Theorem: If all birds have feathers, then all herons have feathers.

Proof: Assume that all birds have feathers. We will show that all herons have feathers.

Consider an arbitrary bird b . Since b is a bird, b has feathers. *[And now we're stuck! We are interested in herons, but b might not be one. It could be a hummingbird, for example!]*

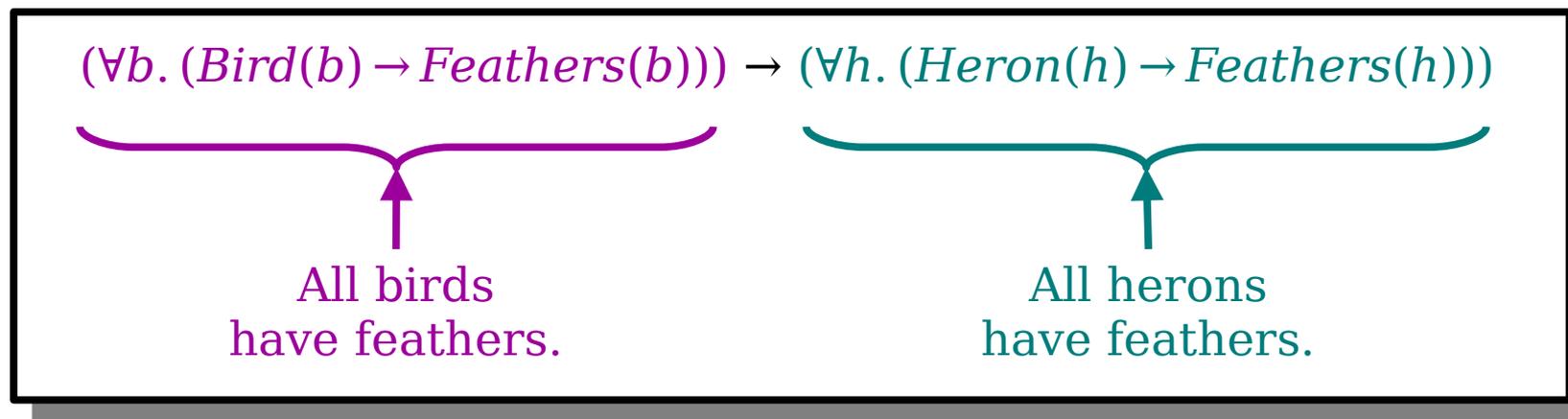


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Consider an arbitrary heron h . We will show that h has feathers. To do so, note that since h is a heron we know h is a bird. Therefore, by our earlier assumption, h has feathers. ■



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Proving vs. Assuming

- In the context of a proof, you will need to assume some statements and prove others.
 - Here, we **assumed** all birds have feathers.
 - Here, we **proved** all herons have feathers.
- Statements behave differently based on whether you're assuming or proving them.

$(\forall b. (Bird(b) \rightarrow Feathers(b))) \rightarrow (\forall h. (Heron(h) \rightarrow Feathers(h)))$



We never introduce a variable b .



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Proving vs. Assuming

- To **prove** the universally-quantified statement

$$\forall x. P(x)$$

we introduce a new variable x representing some arbitrarily-chosen value.

- Then, we prove that $P(x)$ is true for that variable x .
- That's why we introduced a variable h in this proof representing a heron.

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Proving vs. Assuming

- If we **assume** the statement

$$\forall x. P(x)$$

we **do not** introduce a variable x .

- Rather, if we find a relevant value z somewhere else in the proof, we can conclude that $P(z)$ is true.
- That's why we didn't introduce a variable b in our proof, and why we concluded that h , our heron, have feathers.

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Types of Functions

- We now have three special types of functions:
 - ***involutions***, functions that undo themselves;
 - ***injections***, functions where different inputs go to different outputs; and
 - ***surjections***, functions that cover their whole codomain.
- ***Question:*** How do these three classes of functions relate to one another?

Theorem: For any function $f : A \rightarrow A$, if f is an involution, then f is surjective.

$$\underbrace{(\forall x \in A. f(f(x)) = x)}_{\substack{f \text{ is an} \\ \text{involution.}}} \rightarrow \underbrace{(\forall b \in A. \exists a \in A. f(a) = b)}_{\substack{f \text{ is} \\ \text{surjective.}}}$$

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Prove this.

Since we're assuming this, we aren't going to pick a specific choice of x right now. Instead, we're going to keep an eye out for something to apply this fact to.

Proof Outline

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There's a universal quantifier up front. Since we're proving this, we'll pick an arbitrary $b \in A$.

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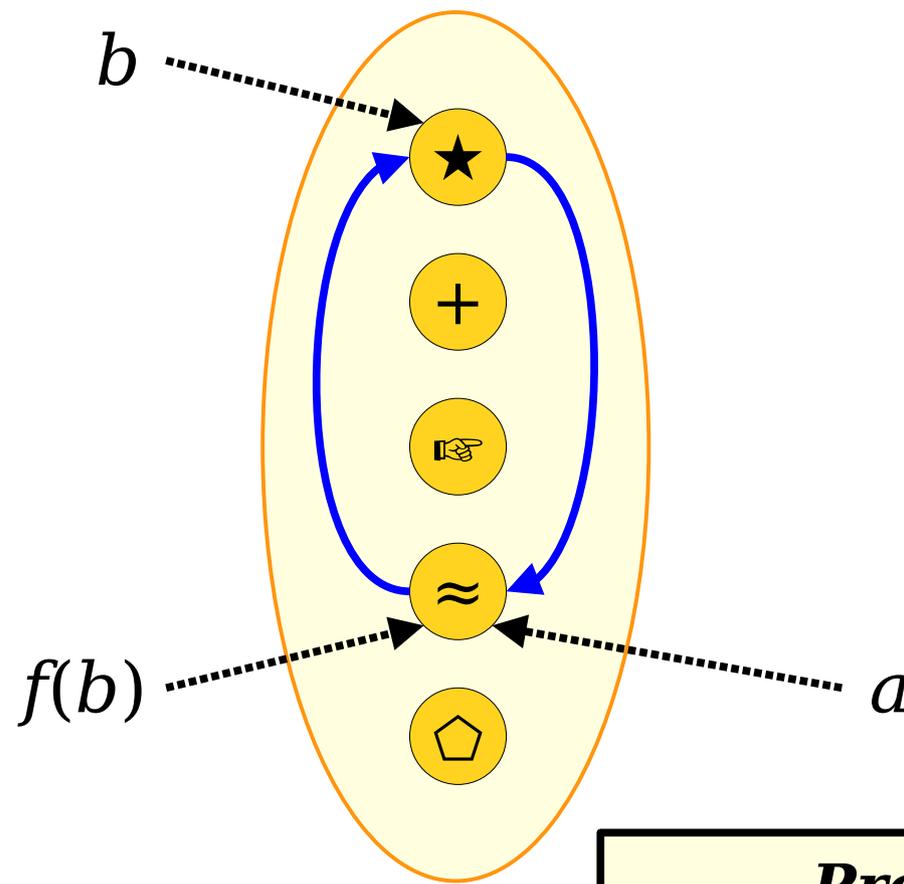
Now, we hit an existential quantifier. Since we're proving this, we need to find a choice of $a \in A$ where this is true.

Prove this.

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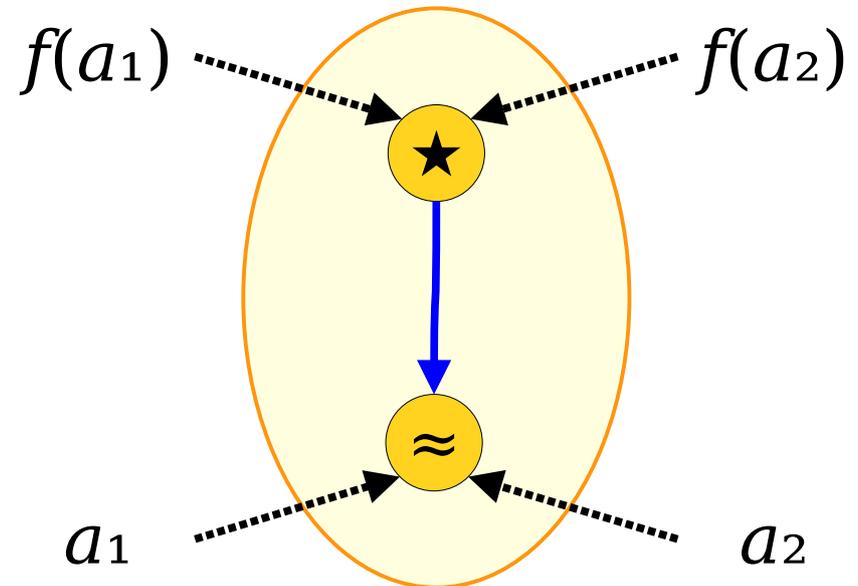
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Proof: Choose any $a_1, a_2 \in A$ where $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$. We need to show that $a_1 = a_2$.

Since $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$, we know that $f(f(a_1)) = f(f(a_2))$. Because f is an involution, we see $a_1 = f(f(a_1))$ and that $f(f(a_2)) = a_2$. Putting this together, we see that

$$a_1 = f(f(a_1)) = f(f(a_2)) = a_2,$$

so $a_1 = a_2$, as needed. ■

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Announcements

- ***Problem Set Three***
 - posted today, due next Friday at 1:00 PM
 - some parts require Monday's lecture; clearly labeled
- ***Problem Set Two***
 - can use a late day to submit by Saturday at 1:00 PM
- ***Left-handed desk form***
 - due Monday of next week
- ***Attendance opt-out form***
 - available sometime next Monday, due next Friday

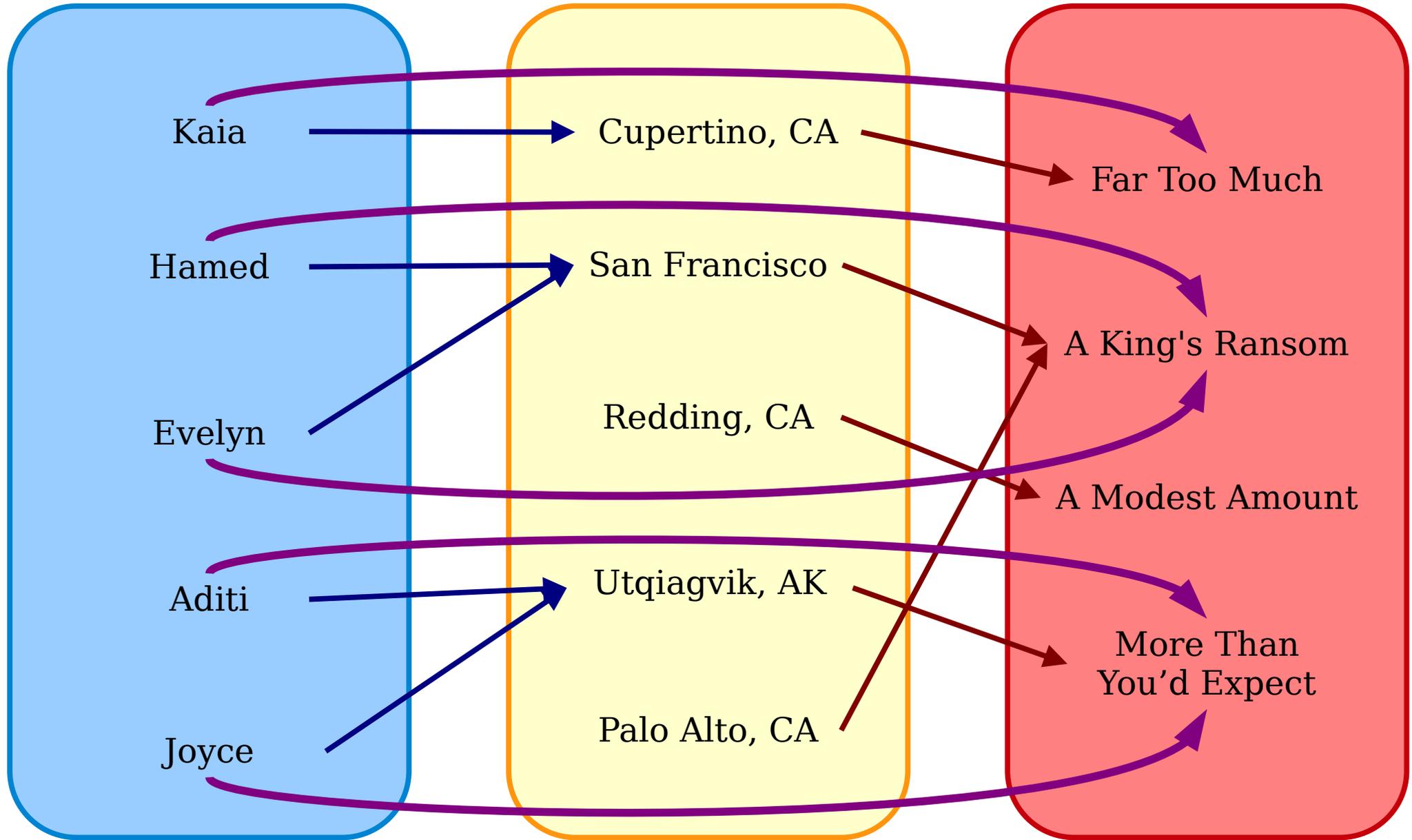
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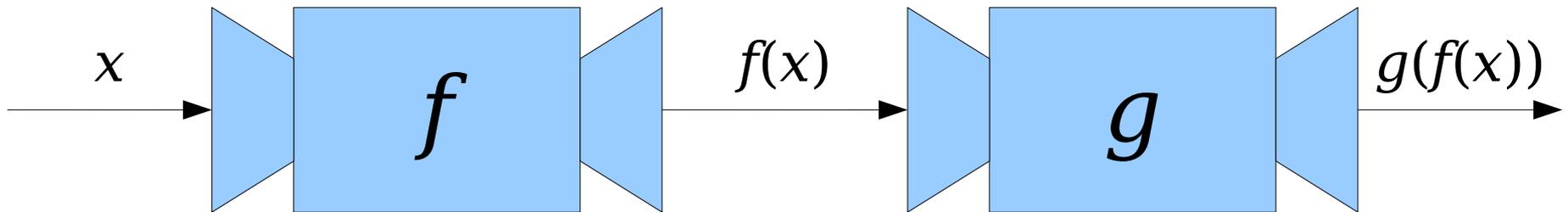
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h : People → Prices

$h(x) = g(f(x))$

Function Composition

- Suppose that we have two functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$.
- Notice that the codomain of f is the domain of g . This means that we can use outputs from f as inputs to g .



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- Suppose that we have two functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$.
- The **composition of f and g** , denoted $g \circ f$, is a function where
 - $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$, and
 - $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$.
- A few things to notice:
 - The domain of $g \circ f$ is the domain of f . Its codomain is g 's codomain.
 - Even though composition is written $g \circ f$, when evaluating $(g \circ f)(x)$, the function f is evaluated first.
- Composition is **associative**: $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$. (Prove this!)
- Composition is not necessarily commutative: $f \circ g$ is not necessarily the same as $g \circ f$. (Prove this!)

The name of the function is $g \circ f$.
When we apply it to an input x , we write $(g \circ f)(x)$. I don't know why, but that's what we do.

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Now we're looking at an implication. Let's *assume* the antecedent and *prove* the consequent.

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Let's write this out separately and simplify things a bit.

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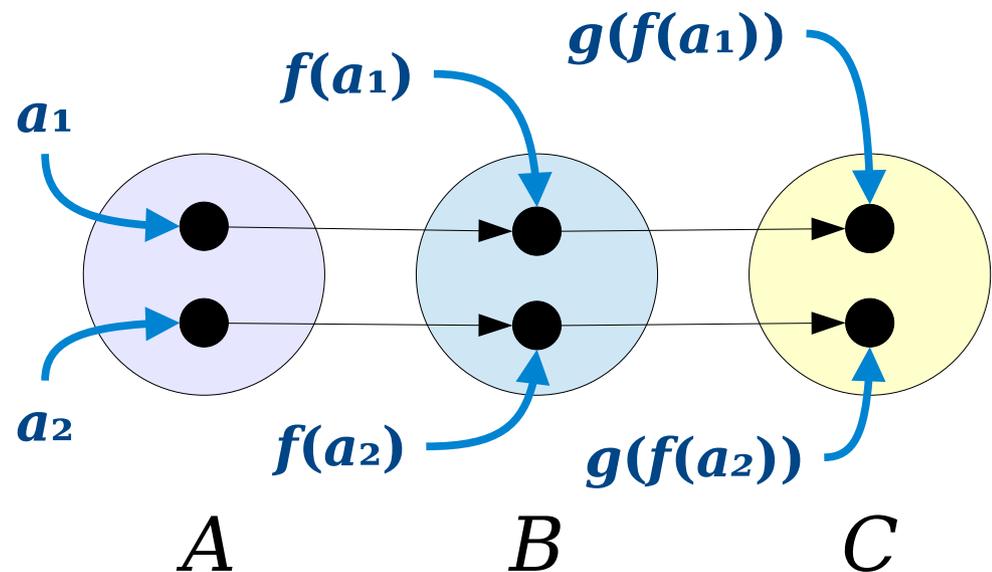
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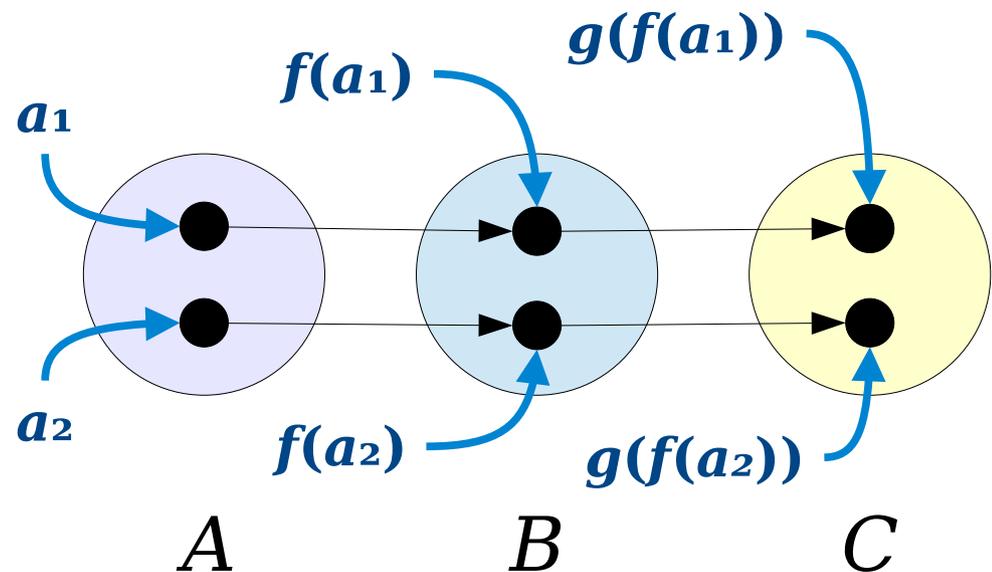


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Proof: Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be arbitrary injections. We will prove that the function $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is also injective. To do so, consider any $a_1, a_2 \in A$ where $a_1 \neq a_2$. We will prove that $(g \circ f)(a_1) \neq (g \circ f)(a_2)$. Equivalently, we need to show that $g(f(a_1)) \neq g(f(a_2))$.

Since f is injective and $a_1 \neq a_2$, we see that $f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$. Then, since g is injective and $f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$, we see that $g(f(a_1)) \neq g(f(a_2))$, as required. ■

Great exercise: Repeat this proof using the other definition of injectivity.

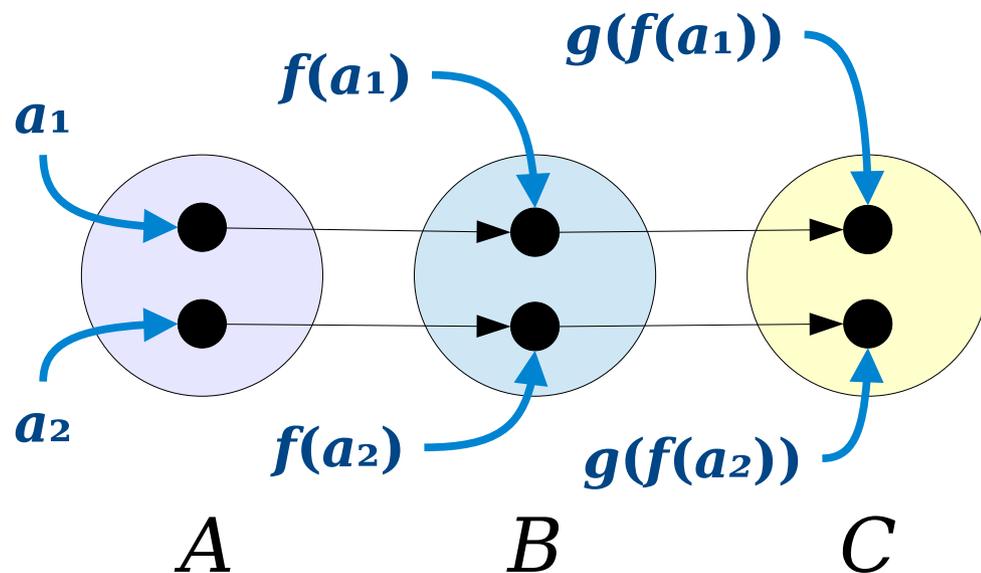


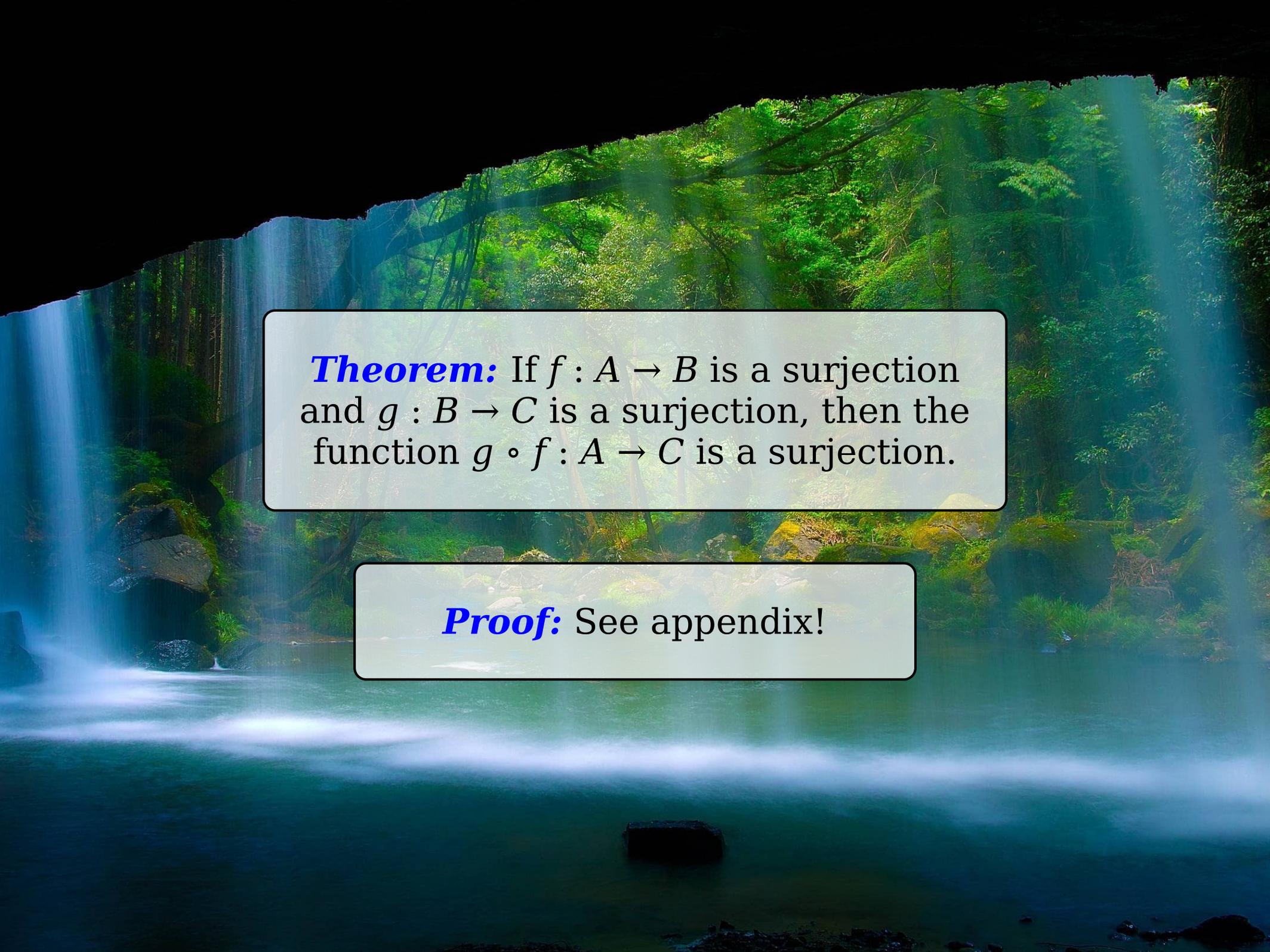
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This proof contains no first-order logic syntax (quantifiers, connectives, etc.). It's written in plain English, just as usual.





Theorem: If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a surjection and $g : B \rightarrow C$ is a surjection, then the function $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is a surjection.

Proof: See appendix!

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Major Ideas From Today

- Proofs involving first-order definitions are heavily based on the structure of those definitions, yet FOL notation itself does *not* appear in the proof.
- Statements behave differently based on whether you're ***assuming*** or ***proving*** them.
- When you ***assume*** a universally-quantified statement, initially, do nothing. Instead, keep an eye out for a place to apply the statement more specifically.
- When you ***prove*** a universally-quantified statement, pick an arbitrary value and try to prove it has the needed property.

The Assume-Prove Table

	If you <i>assume</i> this is true...	To <i>prove</i> that this is true...
$\forall x. A$	Initially, <i>do nothing</i> . Once you find a z through other means, you can state it has property A .	Have the reader pick an arbitrary x . We then prove A is true for that choice of x .
$\exists x. A$	Introduce a variable x into your proof that has property A .	Find an x where A is true. Then prove A is true for that specific choice of x .
$A \rightarrow B$	Initially, <i>do nothing</i> . Once you know A is true, you can conclude B is also true.	Assume A is true, then prove B is true.
$A \wedge B$	Assume A . Also assume B .	Prove A . Also prove B .
$A \vee B$	Consider two cases. Case 1: A is true. Case 2: B is true.	Either prove $\neg A \rightarrow B$ or prove $\neg B \rightarrow A$. <i>(Why does this work?)</i>
$A \leftrightarrow B$	Assume $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$.	Prove $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$.
$\neg A$	Simplify the negation, then consult this table on the result.	Simplify the negation, then consult this table on the result.

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What's Next?

- ***Set Theory Revisited***
 - Formalizing our definitions.
- ***Proofs on Sets***
 - How to rigorously establish set-theoretic results.



Appendix:
Additional Function Proofs

Proof: Composing surjections
yields a surjection.

Theorem: If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is surjective and $g : B \rightarrow C$ is surjective, then $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is also surjective.

Proof: Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be arbitrary surjections. We will prove that the function $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is also surjective. To do so, we will prove that for any $c \in C$, there is some $a \in A$ such that $(g \circ f)(a) = c$. Equivalently, we will prove that for any $c \in C$, there is some $a \in A$ such that $g(f(a)) = c$.

Consider any $c \in C$. Since $g : B \rightarrow C$ is surjective, there is some $b \in B$ such that $g(b) = c$. Similarly, since $f : A \rightarrow B$ is surjective, there is some $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$. Then we see that

$$g(f(a)) = g(b) = c,$$

which is what we needed to show. ■

