

Section 5.1 Functions

A function (or mapping) from A to B is a relation f from A to B such that

- (i) the domain of f is A , and
- (ii) if $(x, y) \in f$ and $(x, z) \in f$, then $y = z$.

We write $f : A \rightarrow B$ and this is read “ f is a function from A to B ,” or “ f maps A to B .” The set B is called the codomain of f . In the case where $B = A$, we say f is a function on A .

Let $f : A \rightarrow B$. We write $y = f(x)$ when $(x, y) \in f$. We say that y is the value of f at x (or the image of f at x) and that x is a pre-image of y under f .