

Math 3450

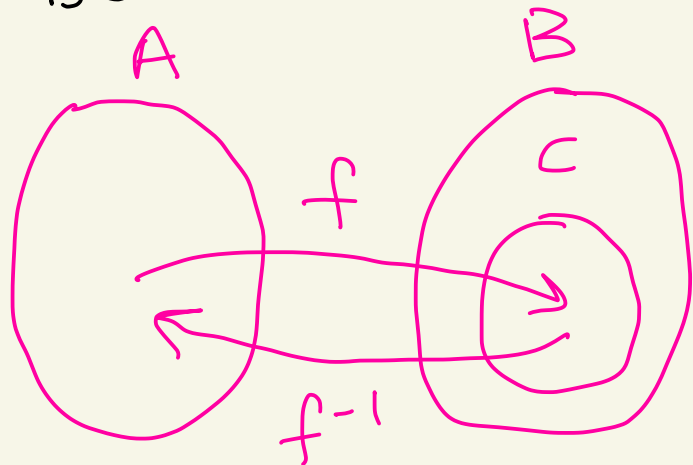
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Theorem: Let A, B be sets.

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a one-to-one function. Let $C = \text{range}(f)$.

Let $f^{-1}: C \rightarrow A$ be the inverse of f . Then:



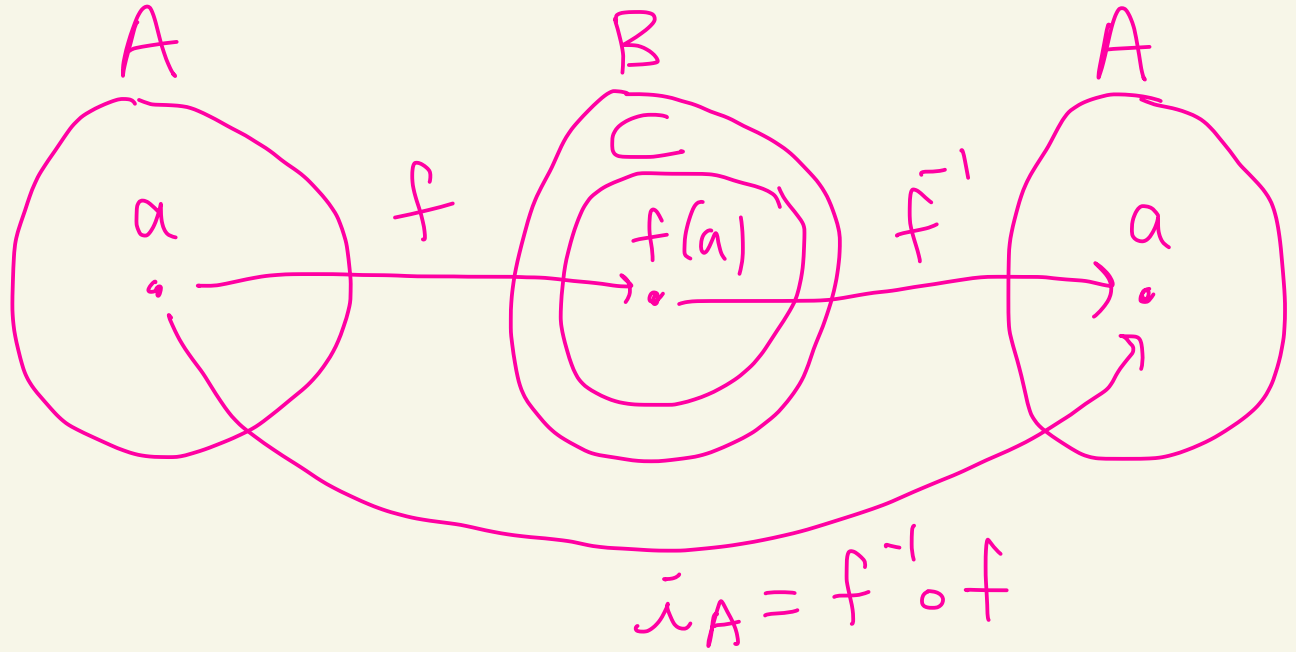
① $\text{domain}(f^{-1}) = \text{range}(f) = C$

② $\text{range}(f^{-1}) = \text{domain}(f) = A$
In particular, f^{-1} is onto A .

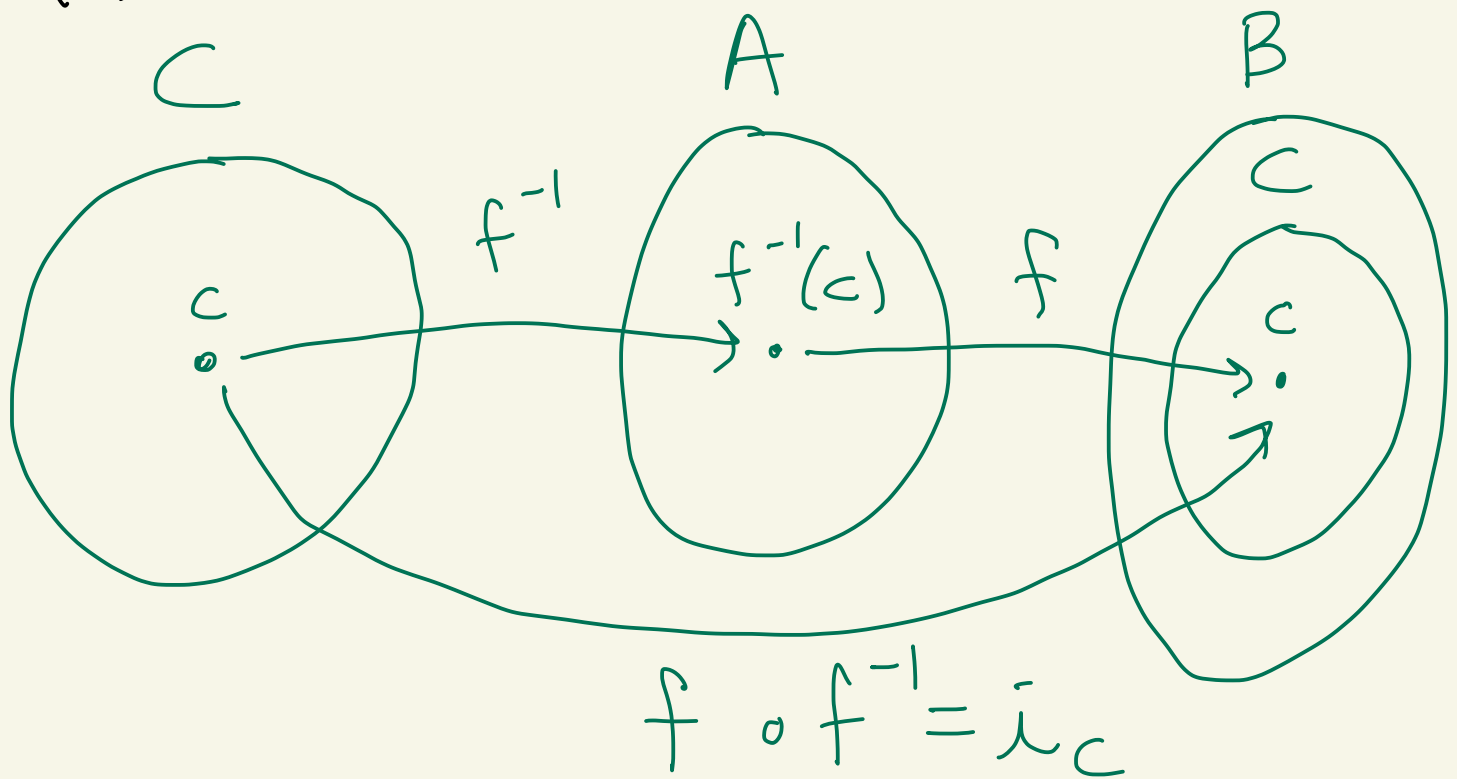
③ f^{-1} is one-to-one

④ $(f^{-1} \circ f)(a) = a$ for all $a \in A$.

So, $f^{-1} \circ f = i_A$



⑤ $(f \circ f^{-1})(c) = c$ for all $c \in C$.



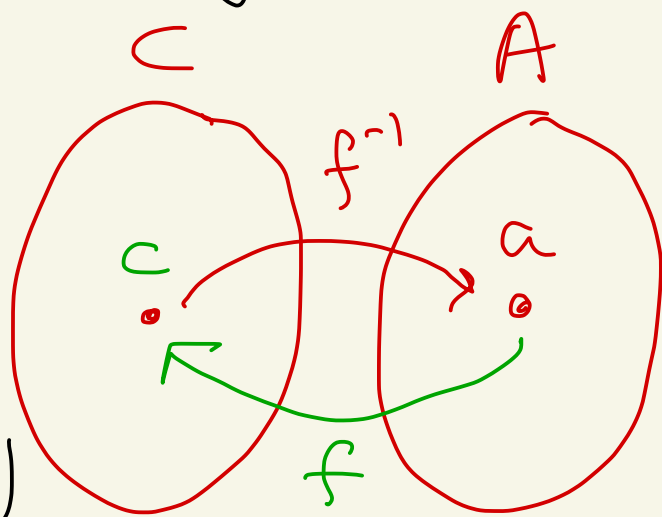
⑥ If $g: C \rightarrow A$ and $g \circ f = i_A$,
 then $g = f^{-1}$. [⑥ Is a way to check that $g = f^{-1}$]

proof:

① By def of f^{-1} we have
 $\text{domain}(f^{-1}) = C = \text{range}(f)$.

② Let's show that $\text{range}(f^{-1}) = A$.

By def of f^{-1}
we know
 $\text{range}(f^{-1}) \subseteq A$.



Why is $A \subseteq \text{range}(f^{-1})$.

Let $a \in A$.

Let $c = f(a)$

And, $f^{-1}(c) = a$ by def of f^{-1} .

So, $a \in \text{range}(f^{-1})$.

Thus, $A \subseteq \text{range}(f^{-1})$

Therefore, $A = \text{range}(f^{-1})$.

③ Let's show that f^{-1} is one-to-one.

Suppose $f^{-1}(c_1) = f^{-1}(c_2)$

where $c_1, c_2 \in C$.

We need to show that $c_1 = c_2$.

Let $a = f^{-1}(c_1) = f^{-1}(c_2)$.

Since $a = f^{-1}(c_1)$ we know

that $f(a) = c_1$.

Since $a = f^{-1}(c_2)$ we know

that $f(a) = c_2$.

So, $c_1 = f(a) = c_2$.

Thus, f^{-1} is one-to-one.

④ Let's show that $f^{-1} \circ f = \bar{i}_A$.

Let $a \in A$.

Set $c = f(a)$.

So, $f^{-1}(c) = a$ by def of f^{-1} .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}(f^{-1} \circ f)(a) &= f^{-1}(f(a)) \\ &= f^{-1}(c) \\ &= a \\ &= \bar{i}_A(a)\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(f^{-1} \circ f)(a) = \bar{i}_A(a)$

for all $a \in A$.

So, $f^{-1} \circ f = \bar{i}_A$

⑤ Let's show that $(f \circ f^{-1})(c) = c$ for all $c \in C$.

Let $c \in C$.

Then, $f^{-1}(c) = a$ where $a \in A$
and $f(a) = c$.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ f^{-1})(c) &= f(f^{-1}(c)) \\ &= f(a) \\ &= c \\ &= \bar{\lambda}_C(c)\end{aligned}$$

⑥ Let $g: C \rightarrow A$ where $g \circ f = \bar{i}_A$

We want to show that $g = f^{-1}$.

So we must show that
 $g(c) = f^{-1}(c)$ for all $c \in C$.

Let $c \in C$.

Then, $f^{-1}(c) = a$ where
 $a \in A$ and $f(a) = c$.

Then,

$$g(c) = g(f(a)) = (g \circ f)(a)$$

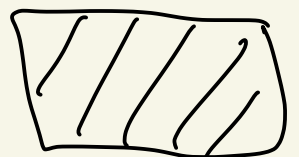
assumption $g \circ f = \bar{i}_A$ \Downarrow

$$= \bar{i}_A(a)$$

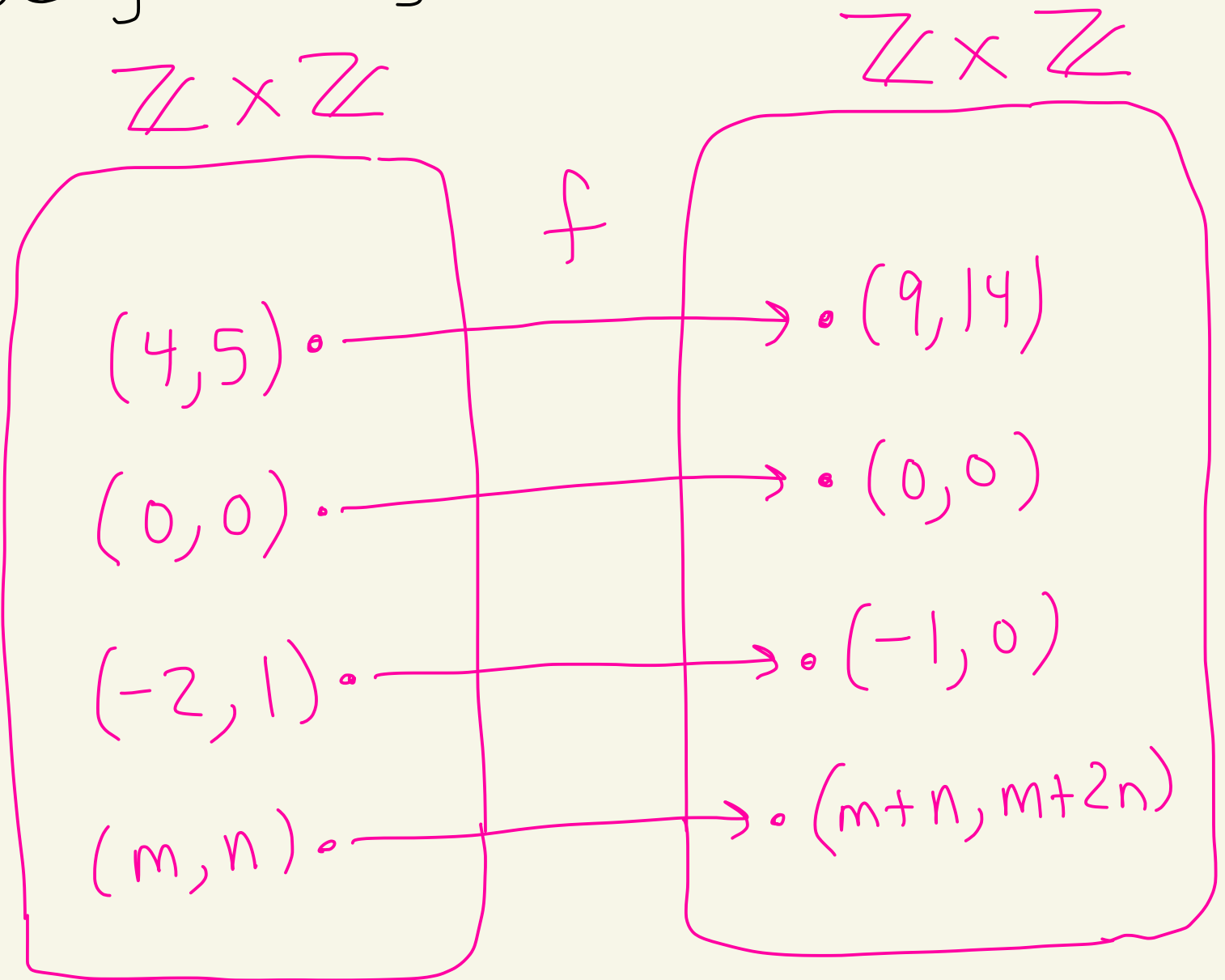
$$= a$$

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

Thus, $g = f^{-1}$.



Ex: Let $f: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$
be given by $f(m, n) = (m+n, m+2n)$



$$f(4, 5) = (4+5, 4+2 \cdot 5) = (9, 14)$$

$$f(-2, 1) = (-2+1, -2+2 \cdot 1) = (-1, 0)$$

Claim: f is one-to-one

proof:

Suppose $f(m_1, n_1) = f(m_2, n_2)$

where $(m_1, n_1), (m_2, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$.

We need to show that $(m_1, n_1) = (m_2, n_2)$.

Since $f(m_1, n_1) = f(m_2, n_2)$ we know

that $(m_1 + n_1, m_1 + 2n_1) = (m_2 + n_2, m_2 + 2n_2)$.

Thus,

$$m_1 + n_1 = m_2 + n_2 \quad (1)$$

$$m_1 + 2n_1 = m_2 + 2n_2 \quad (2)$$

Calculating $(2) - (1)$ we get
that $n_1 = n_2$.

Thus we get

$$m_1 + n_2 = m_1 + n_1 = m_2 + n_2$$

$$n_2 = n_1$$

$$\text{eqn (1)}$$

Subtract n_2 from both
sides to get $m_1 = m_2$.

Thus, $(m_1, n_1) = (m_2, n_2)$.

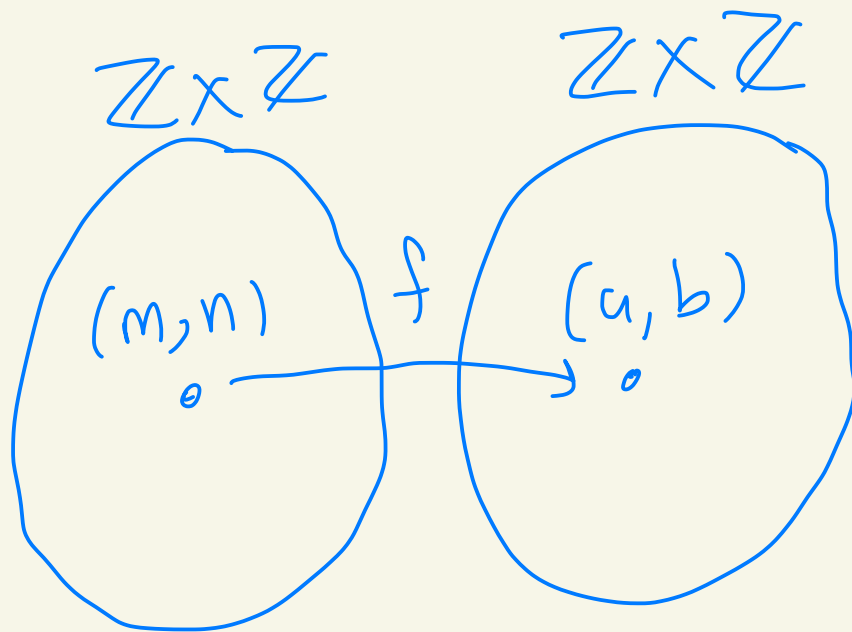
Thus, f is one-to-one.

Claim 1 -

Claim 2: f is onto

Let $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$.

We must find $(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$
where $f(m, n) = (a, b)$



That is, we need to solve

$$\underbrace{(m+n, m+2n)}_{f(m, n)} = (a, b).$$

So we need to solve

$$\begin{cases} m+n = a & \textcircled{1} \\ m+2n = b & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

for m and n .

Calculating $\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1}$ you get
that $n = b - a$.

Then,

$$m = a - n = a - (b - a) = 2a - b.$$

$$\boxed{\text{eqn } \textcircled{1}}$$

$$\boxed{n = b - a}$$

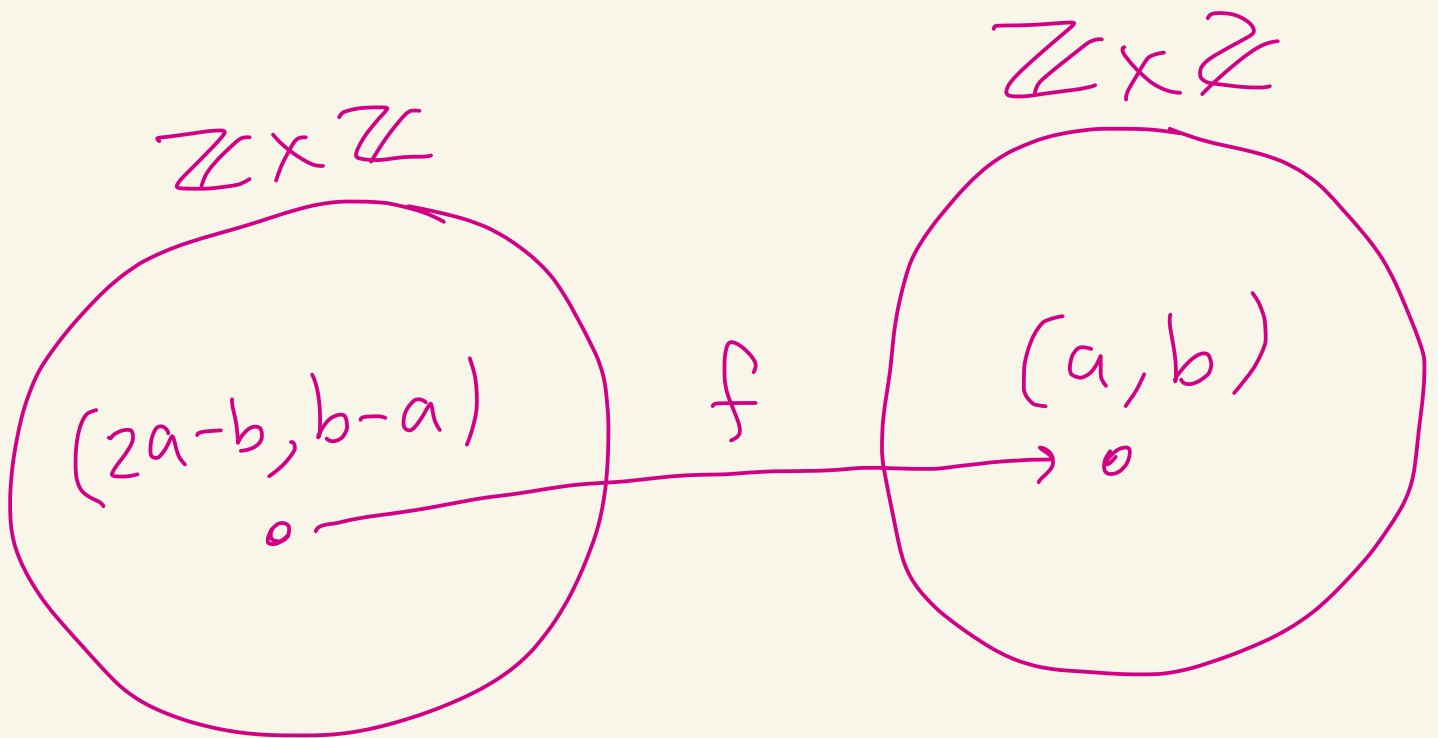
So, set $(m, n) = \underbrace{(2a - b, b - a)}_{\text{this is in } \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \text{ because } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}}.$

And we have that

$$f(m, n) = f(2a - b, b - a)$$

$$= (2a - b + b - a, 2a - b + 2(b - a))$$
$$= (a, b)$$

Thus, f is onto.



Claim 2