

## 1. FUNCTIONS

**Exercise 1.1.** Consider two non empty sets  $A$  and  $B$ .

- (a) Show that one can define a **function  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$**  as a subset of  $A \times B$ , denoted  $G(f)$ , such that for each  $a \in A$  there is *exactly one*  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in G(f) \subset A \times B$ .
- (b) Interpret the definition by using a picture. What would be an appropriate name for  $G(f)$ ?

**Exercise 1.2.** Consider a bijective function  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Using Exercise 1.1 construct the inverse  $f^{-1}$  of  $f$ , and interpret this construction in terms of cartesian products of sets.

**Exercise 1.3.** By definition, the **power set**  $P(X)$  of a set  $X$  is the set consisting of all subsets of  $X$ , including  $\emptyset$ .

- (a) Find  $P(X)$  for  $X = \{1\}$ ,  $X = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ .
- (b) How many different subsets of  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  are there?
- (c) Find a bijection between  $P(X)$  and the set of all functions  $f : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Can you recover the answer from part (b)?