

# DEFINITIONS OF ONE-TO-ONE AND ONTO

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The first question on the algebra section of the 1978 Mathematics IA Exam at La Trobe University, asked for the definitions of *one-to-one* and *onto*, for a map  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , using only symbols from the following list:

$$f, \quad x, \quad y, \quad A, \quad B, \quad ), \quad (, \quad \in, \quad \forall, \quad \exists, \quad =, \quad \neq, \quad \Rightarrow.$$

Below is a collection of students' answers. Exactly two of the "definitions" of one-to-one are correct, and exactly one of the "definitions" of onto is correct. Which are they?

ONE-TO-ONE	ONTO
1. $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) x = y \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$	$(\forall y \in A)(\exists x \in A) f(x) = y$
2. $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in A) f(x) \neq f(y) \Rightarrow x \neq y$	$(\exists y \in B)(\forall x \in A) f(x) = y$
3. $(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) f(x) = y$	$(\forall x \in A) f(x) \in B$
4. $\{(x \in a)(y \in B); x \Rightarrow y; y \Rightarrow x\}$	$f \Rightarrow B$
5. $(\exists x \in A)(\exists y \in B) x = y$	$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) x \Rightarrow y$
6. $(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in A) f(x) = f(y)$	$(\forall y \in B) \wedge (\forall x \in A) f(x) = y$
7. $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) f(x) \neq f(y) \text{ and } x \neq y$	$f(x) \neq y$
8. $x \in A, y \in B \quad i \neq j \Rightarrow y_i \neq y_j$	$x \in A, y \in B \quad \forall y \exists x \text{ such that } x \rightarrow y$
9. $(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) \Rightarrow f(x_1) = y \neq f(x_2)$	$(\exists x \in A)(\forall y \in B) \Rightarrow f(x) = y$
10. $(f(x) = y, x \in A, y \in B) (\forall x \Rightarrow y) (\forall y \Rightarrow \exists x)$	$(f(x)=y, x \in A, y \in B) (\forall x \Rightarrow \exists y) (\forall y \neq \exists x)$
11. $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) x = y \Rightarrow y = x$	$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) x \neq y \Rightarrow y \neq x$
12. $(\exists x \in A)(\exists y \in B), f(x, y)$	$(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B), f(x, y)$
13. $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) x = y \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$	$(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) f(y) = x$
14. $(\forall x \in A)(\forall x' \in A) f(x) \neq f(x')$	$(\forall y \in B)(\exists x \in A) f(x) = y$
15. $\forall x \in A f(x) \Rightarrow y \in B$	$\forall x \in A f(x) \Rightarrow y \in B : A = B$
16. $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$	$f(x) = y$
17. $(\forall y)(\forall x) f(x) = f(y) \quad x = y$	$(\forall y)(\exists x) f(x) = y$
18. $f(x) \neq f(y), x \neq y$	$(\exists y \in B)(\forall x \in A) f(y) = x$
19. $(\forall x, y \in A) = (\forall x, y \in B)$	$(\forall x, y \in A)(\exists x, y \in B)$
20. $(\forall y \in B)(\forall x \in A) x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$	$(\forall y \in A)(\exists x \in B) f(x) = y$
21. $f : (\exists x \in A)(\exists y \in B) \quad x \Rightarrow y$	$f : (\exists x \in A)(\forall y \in B) \quad x \Rightarrow y$
22. $x \Rightarrow A f(x) \quad x \Rightarrow B f(x) \quad A \neq B$	$(\exists x)(\forall y) x \Rightarrow y$
23. $\exists(x)(x \in A) \text{ and } \exists(y)(y \in B) x \Rightarrow y$	$\forall(x)(x \in A) \text{ and } \forall(y)(y \in B) x \Rightarrow y$
24. $(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) f(A) \neq f(B) \Rightarrow A \neq B$	$(\forall y \in A)(\exists x \in B) f(x) = y$
25. $(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) \quad y = f(x)$	$y = f(x) \quad (\forall y \in B)(\exists x \in A)$

26.	$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in A) x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$	$(\forall x \in B)(\exists y \in B) f(x) = y$
27.	$(\forall y \in A)(\forall x \in A) x \neq y \& f(x) \neq f(y)$	$f : A \rightarrow B, f = B$
28.	$\exists x \Rightarrow \exists y$	$\exists x \Rightarrow \forall y$
29.	$\forall x \in A, \forall y \in B, f(x) = f(y) \forall x \neq \exists y$	$x \in A \ y \in B \ \forall y \Rightarrow \exists x$
30.	$(\forall x \in A) (\forall y \in B) x \Rightarrow y$	$(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) x \Rightarrow y$
31.	$x \neq y \& A \neq B$	$(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B)$
32.	$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in A) f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$	$\forall x, y \in A \ f(x), f(y) \in B$
33.	$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) x = y \neq 2x + y$	$(\forall y \in B)(\exists x \in A) x = y \neq x + y$
34.	$\{f : x \neq y, f(x) \neq f(y)\}$	$\{f : (\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) : A \rightarrow B\}$
35.	$f : A \rightarrow B$	$f : A \Rightarrow B$
36.	$(\forall y)(\forall x) y = f(x) y \neq x$	$(\forall y)(\exists x) y = f(x)$
37.	$(\forall y \in B)(\exists x \in A) y = x$	$(\exists x \in A)(y \in B)$
38.	$(\forall A \in f)(\exists B \in f) x = y$	$(\forall A \in f)(\forall B \in f) x \Rightarrow y$
39.	$\exists x \in A, \exists y \in B \Rightarrow f(x) = y$	$\forall x \in A, \forall y \in B \Rightarrow f(x) = y$
40.	$(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) x \Rightarrow y$	$(\exists x \in A)(\forall y \in B) y \Rightarrow x$
41.	$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in A) x = y \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$	$(\forall y \in A)(\exists x \in A) f(x) = y$
42.	$(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) f : x = y$	$(\exists x \in A)(\forall y \in B) f : x = y$
43.	$(\exists x \in A)(\exists y \in B) f(x) = y$	$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B) f(x) = y$
44.	$[(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in B)f(x) = f(y)] \Rightarrow [x = y]$	$(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) x = y$
45.	$(\forall x, y \in A) f(x) = y$	$(\exists x \in A)(\forall x \in A) f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$
46.	$\exists x \in A \ \exists y \in B x \Rightarrow f(x) = y$	$\exists x \in A \ \forall y \in B x \Rightarrow f(x) = y$