

Claim: Let $f: B \rightarrow B$ be a function where B is a finite set.
Then f is 1-1 iff f is onto.

Proof:

Assume f is 1-1, we will show f is onto. Since B is finite we can list its elements: b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n . We can also list what f sends each element to:

$$\begin{array}{l} f(b_1) = b_{k_1} \\ * \quad f(b_2) = b_{k_2} \\ \quad f(b_3) = b_{k_3} \\ \quad \vdots \\ \quad f(b_n) = b_{k_n} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{where } b_{k_i} \in B \text{ (note: there are } n \text{ } b_{k_i}\text{)} \\ \text{and } b_i \neq b_j \end{array}$$

Since f is 1-1 ^{on a finite set with n elements} we know each b_{k_i} is distinct; suppose not, then $b_{k_i} = b_{k_j}$ for some $i \neq j$, hence $f(b_i) = b_{k_i} = b_{k_j} = f(b_j)$ for $i \neq j$ which means $b_i = b_j$ for $i \neq j$ (since f is 1-1), which is a contradiction because each b_i is distinct. Now if each b_{k_i} is distinct f must be onto B because all the n b_{k_i} are listed as output.

Assume f is onto and consider the listing $*$ of what f does to B . Each element b_{k_i} is distinct (from above), is an element of B , and there are n of them. Hence $B = \{b_{k_1}, b_{k_2}, \dots, b_{k_n}\}$, f is onto B .