

# RELATION AND FUNCTIONS

## RELATION

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-empty sets, then every subset of  $A \times B$  defines a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  and every relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ .

Let  $R \subseteq A \times B$  and  $(a, b) \in R$ . Then we say that  $a$  is related to  $b$  by the relation  $R$  and write it as  $aRb$ . If  $(a, b) \in R$ , we write it as  $aRb$ .

**Example:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 5, 8, 9\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 3\}$  we set a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  as:  $a R b$  iff  $a \leq b$ ;  $a \in A, b \in B$ . Then  $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 3)\} \subset A \times B$

(a) **Total number of relations:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-empty finite sets consisting of  $m$  and  $n$  elements respectively. Then  $A \times B$  consists of  $mn$  ordered pairs. So, total number of subset of  $A \times B$  is  $2^{mn}$ . Since each subset of  $A \times B$  defines relation from  $A$  to  $B$ , so total number of relations from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $2^{mn}$ .

(b) **Domain of a relation:** Let  $R$  be a relation from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$ . Then the set of all first components or coordinates of the ordered pairs belonging to  $R$  is called the domain of  $R$ .

Thus, Domain ( $R$ ) =  $\{a : (a, b) \in R\}$

(c) **Range of a relation:** Let  $R$  be a relation from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$ . Then the set of all second components or coordinates of the ordered pairs in  $R$  is called the range of  $R$ .

Thus, Range ( $R$ ) =  $\{b : (a, b) \in R\}$ .

The domain of a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is a subset of  $A$  and its range is a subset of  $B$ .

(d) **Codomain of a relation:** If ' $R$ ' be a relation defined from set  $A$  to set  $B$ , then ' $B$ ' is called co-domain of relation ' $R$ '.

(e) **Relation on a set:** Let  $A$  be a non-void set. Then, a relation from  $A$  to itself i.e. a subset of  $A \times A$  is called a relation on set  $A$ .

### SOLVED EXAMPLE

1. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . The total number of distinct relations that can be defined over  $A$  is  
(a)  $2^9$       (b) 6      (c) 8      (d) None of these

**Sol.** (a)  $n(A \times A) = n(A).n(A) = 3^2 = 9$

So, the total number of subsets of  $A \times A$  is a relation over the set  $A$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Total number of distinct relations =  $2^9$ .

2.  $A = \{2, 4, 6, 9\}$  and  $B = \{4, 6, 18, 27, 54\}$ . Find a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$ , such that for any  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , ' $a$ ' is factor of ' $b$ ' and  $a < b$ .

**Sol.** Since  $A = \{2, 4, 6, 9\}$  and  $B = \{4, 6, 18, 27, 54\}$ ,

we have to find the set of ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  such that  $a$  is factor of  $b$  and  $a < b$ .

Let  $2 \in A, 4 \in B$ , as 2 is a factor of 4 and  $2 < 4$ . So  $(2, 4)$  is one such ordered pair.

Likewise,  $(2, 6), (2, 18), (2, 54), \dots$  are other such ordered pairs.

Thus, the required relation is

$R = \{(2, 4), (2, 6), (2, 18), (2, 54), (6, 18), (6, 54), (9, 18), (9, 27), (9, 54)\}$ .

Domain of  $R = \{2, 6, 9\}$  ; Range of  $R = \{4, 6, 18, 27, 54\}$



## 1.2 TYPES OF RELATIONS DEFINED ON A SET

### A. IDENTITY RELATION: Let A be a set.

Then the relation  $I_A = \{(a, a) : a \in A\}$  on A is called the identity relation on A.

In other words, a relation  $I_A$  on A is called the identity relation if every element of A is related to itself only.

**Example:** On the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$  is the identity relation on A.

$R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), \}$  is not Identity relation on set A because  $3 \in A$  but  $(3, 3) \notin A$ .

### B. REFLEXIVE RELATION: A relation R on a set A is said to be reflexive if every element of A is related to itself.

Thus, R is reflexive  $\Leftrightarrow (a, a) \in R$  for all  $a \in A$ .

A relation R on a set A is not reflexive if there exists an element  $a \in A$  such that  $(a, a) \notin R$ .

**Note:** It is interesting to note that every identity relation is reflexive but every reflexive relation need not be an identity relation.

**Example:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}$

Then R is not reflexive since but  $(3, 3) \notin R$ .

However  $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$  and  $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 3)\}$  are reflexive relation on set A.

### C. SYMMETRIC RELATION: A relation R on a set A is said to be a symmetric relation iff

$(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$  for all  $a, b \in A$  i.e.  $aRb \Rightarrow bRa$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

it should be noted that R is symmetric iff  $R^{-1} = R$

### D. TRANSITIVE RELATION: Let A be any set. A relation R on set A is said to be a transitive relation iff

$(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$  i.e.,  $aRb$  &  $bRc \Rightarrow aRc$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .  
In other words, if a is related to b, b is related to c, then a is related to c.

Transitivity fails only when there exists a, b, c such that  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$  but  $(a, c) \notin R$ .

**Example:** Consider the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and the relations

$R_1 = \{(1, 2), (1, 3)\}$ ;  $R_2 = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (1, 3)\}$ ;  $R_3 = \{(1, 1)\}$ ;  $R_4 = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 1)\}$

Then  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  are transitive while  $R_4$  is not transitive since  $R_4, (2, 1) \in R_4; (1, 2) \in R_4$  in but  $(2, 2) \notin R_4$ .

The relation 'is congruent to' on the set T of all triangles in a plane is a transitive relation.

### E. EQUIVALENCE RELATION: A relation R on a set A is said to be an equivalence relation on A iff

(i) It is reflexive i.e.  $(a, a) \in R$  for all  $a \in A$

(ii) It is symmetric i.e.  $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$ , for all  $a, b \in A$

(iii) It is transitive i.e.  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .

**Note:** Every identity relation will be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

## IMPORTANT TIPS

- ☞ If R and S are two equivalence relations on a set A, then  $R \cap S$  is also an equivalence relation on A.
- ☞ The union of two equivalence relations on a set is not necessarily an equivalence relation on the set.
- ☞ If R is an equivalence relation on a set A, then  $R^{-1}$  is also an equivalence relation on A.

### F. EQUIVALENCE CLASSES OF AN EQUIVALENCE RELATION: Let R be equivalence relation in

$A (\neq \emptyset)$ . Let  $a \in A$  then the equivalence class of a, denoted by  $[a]$  or is defined as the set of all those points of A which are related to a under the relation R.

Thus  $[a] = \{x \in A : x R a\}$ .

## PRACTICE WORKSHEET

1. A relation R in a set A is called empty relation, if
  - a. no element of A is related to any element of A
  - b. every element of A is related to every element of A
  - c. some elements of A are related to some elements of A
  - d. None of the above
2. A relation R in a set A is called universal relation, if
  - a. each element of A is not related to every element of A
  - b. no element of A is related to any element of A
  - c. each element of A is related to every element of A
  - d. None of the above
3. The trivial relation(s) is/are
  - a. empty relation only
  - b. universal relation only
  - c. empty relation and universal relation
  - d. None of the above
4. If R is a relation in a set A such that  $(a, a) \in R$  for every  $a \in A$ , then the relation R is called
  - a. symmetric
  - b. reflexive
  - c. transitive
  - d. symmetric or transitive
5. A relation R in a set A is called symmetric, if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ .
  - a.  $(a_1, a_2) \in R \Rightarrow (a_2, a_1) \in R$
  - b.  $(a_1, a_2) \in R \Rightarrow (a_1, a_1) \in R$
  - c.  $(a_1, a_2) \in R \Rightarrow (a_2, a_2) \in R$
  - d. None of these
6. A relation R in a set A is called transitive, if for all  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A$ ,  $(a_1, a_2) \in R$  and  $(a_2, a_3) \in R$  implies
  - a.  $(a_2, a_1) \in R$
  - b.  $(a_1, a_3) \in R$
  - c.  $(a_3, a_1) \in R$
  - d.  $(a_3, a_2) \in R$
7. If  $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ and } y \text{ work at the same place}\}$ , then R is
  - a. reflexive
  - b. symmetric
  - c. transitive
  - d. an equivalence relation
8. If  $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ and } y \text{ live in the same locality}\}$ , then R is
  - a. not reflexive
  - b. not transitive
  - c. not symmetric
  - d. an equivalence relation
9. If  $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ is exactly 7cm taller than } y\}$ , then R is
  - a. not symmetric
  - b. reflexive
  - c. symmetric but not transitive
  - d. an equivalence relation
10. If  $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ is wife of } y\}$ , then R is
  - a. reflexive
  - b. symmetric
  - c. transitive
  - d. an equivalence relation
11. If  $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ father of } y\}$ , then R is
  - a. reflexive but not symmetric
  - b. symmetric and transitive
  - c. neither reflexive nor symmetric nor transitive
  - d. symmetric but not reflexive
12. The relation R defined in the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  by  $R = \{(a, b) : \text{both } a \text{ and } b \text{ are either odd or even}\}$ . Then, R is
  - a. symmetric
  - b. transitive
  - c. an equivalence relation
  - d. reflexive
13. Let R be the relation defined in the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  by  $R = \{(a, b) : \text{both } a \text{ and } b \text{ are either odd or even}\}$ . Now, consider the following statements
  - I. All the elements of the subset  $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  are related to each other.
  - II. All the elements of the subset  $\{2, 4, 6\}$  are related to each other.
  - III. Some elements of the subset  $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  are related to some elements of the subset  $\{2, 4, 6\}$ .
 Then
  - a. I and II are true
  - b. I and III are true
  - c. II and III are true
  - d. All are true

14. If  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$  and  $R$  is the relation in  $A$  given by  $R = \{(a, b) : a = b\}$ . Then, the set of all elements related to 1 is:  
 a.  $\{2, 3\}$                       b.  $\{2, 3\}$                       c.  $\{1\}$                       d.  $\{2\}$
15. If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are equivalence relation in a set  $A$ , then  $R_1 \cap R_2$  is  
 a. symmetric                      b. reflexive                      c. transitive                      d. an equivalence relation
16. Let  $W$  denote the words in the English dictionary. Define the relation  $R$  as follows :  
 $R = \{(x, y) \in W \times W : \text{the words } x \text{ and } y \text{ have atleast one letter in common}\}$ .  
 Then,  $R$  is  
 a. not reflexive, symmetric and transitive                      b. reflexive, symmetric and not transitive  
 c. reflexive, not symmetric and transitive                      d. reflexive, symmetric and transitive
17. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Then, the number of equivalence relations containing  $(1, 2)$  is  
 a. 1                      b. 2                      c. 3                      d. 4
18. Given a non-empty set  $X$ , consider  $P(X)$  which is the set of all subsets of  $X$ .  
 Define the relation  $R$  in  $P(X)$  as follows :  
 For subsets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $P(X)$ ,  $ARB$ , if and only if  $A \subset B$ . Then,  $R$  is  
 a. reflexive                      b. transitive                      c. not symmetric                      d. all of these

ANSWERS

1. a                      2. c                      3. c                      4. b                      5. a                      6. b                      7. d                      8. d                      9. a  
 10. c                      11. c                      12. c                      13. b                      14. c                      15. d                      16. b                      17. b                      18. d

## ASSIGNMENT

1. Give examples of a relation such that  $R$  is defined on  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , which is
  - i. Symmetric and transitive but not reflexive
  - ii. Transitive but neither reflexive nor symmetric
  - iii. Reflexive and symmetric but not transitive
  - iv. Reflexive and transitive but not symmetric
  - v. Symmetric but neither reflexive nor transitive
2. Comment on reflexive, symmetric and transitive nature of  $R$ , if  $R$  is a relation on  $A$ .
  - i.  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ , If  $R = \{(a,b), (b,a), (a,c), (c,a)\}$
  - ii.  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  &  $R = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (1,2), (2,3)\}$
  - iii.  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ , If  $R = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, b), (b, c), (c, a), (c, b), (c, c)\}$
  - iv.  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  given by  $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 2), (1,1), (4, 4), (1, 3), (3, 3), (3, 2)\}$
3. Given relation  $R = \{(1, 2), (1, 1), (2, 3)\}$  on the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , minimum number of order pairs may be added to  $R$  so that it becomes a transitive relation on  $A$ .
4. Given relation  $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 3)\}$  on the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , minimum number of order pairs may be added to  $R$  so that it becomes an equivalence relation on  $A$ .
5. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Find number of relations containing  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 3)$  which are reflexive and transitive but not symmetric.
6. Find that the number of equivalence relation on the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  containing  $(1, 2)$  &  $(2,1)$ .
7. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Find number of relations containing  $(1, 2)$  and  $(1, 3)$  which are reflexive and symmetric but not transitive.
8. Comment on reflexive, symmetric and transitive nature of  $R$ , if  $R$  is on  $A$ .
  - i. Let  $A$  be the set of all straight lines drawn in a plane and  $R$  be the relation 'is perpendicular to' on  $A$ ,
  - ii.  $A = \{1,2,3, 4, 5, 6\}$  as  $R = \{(x, y) : y = x + 1\}$
  - iii.  $A = \{1,2,3, \dots, 14\}$  as  $R = \{(x, y) : 3x - y = 0\}$
  - iv.  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  as  $R = \{(x, y) : y \text{ is divisible by } x\}$



## PREVIOUS YEARS BOARD QUESTIONS

- Let  $R$  is the equivalence relation in the set  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  given by  $R = \{(a, b) : 2 \text{ divides } (a - b)\}$ . Write the equivalence class  $[0]$ . **[Delhi 2014C]**
- State the reason for the relation  $R$  in the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  given by  $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$  not to be transitive. **[Delhi 2011]**
- If  $R$  is a relation defined on the set of natural numbers  $N$  as follows :  
 $R = \{(x, y), x \in N, y \in N \text{ and } 2x + y = 24\}$ , then find the domain and range of the relation  $R$ . Also, find if  $R$  is an equivalence relation or not. **[Delhi 2014]**
- If  $Z$  is the set of all integers and  $R$  is the relation on  $Z$  defined as  $R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in Z \text{ and } a - b \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$ . Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. **[Delhi 2010]**
- Show that the relation  $S$  in the set  $R$  of real numbers defined as,  $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in R \text{ and } a \leq b^3\}$  is neither reflexive nor symmetric nor transitive. **[Delhi 2010]**
- Show that the relation  $S$  in set  $A = \{x \in Z : 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$  given by  $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in Z, |a - b| \text{ is divisible by } 4\}$  is an equivalence relation. Find the set of all elements related to  $A$ . **[AI 2010]**
- Show that the relation  $S$  defined on set  $N \times N$  be  $(a, b) S (c, d) \Rightarrow a + d = b + c$  is an equivalence relation. **[AI 2010]**
- Prove that the relation  $R$  in set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  given by  $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is even}\}$  is an equivalence relation. **[Delhi 2009]**

### ANSWERS

- $\{0, 2, 4\}$
- Domain of  $R = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 11\}$  Range of  $R = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22\}$

## EXEMPLAR PROBLEMS

### SHORT ANSWER

- Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  and the relation  $R$  be defined on  $A$  as follows:  $R = \{(a, a), (b, c), (a, b)\}$ . Then, write minimum number of ordered pairs to be added in  $R$  to make  $R$  reflexive and transitive.
- Let  $n$  be a fixed positive integer. Define a relation  $R$  in  $Z$  as follows:  $a, b \in Z, aRb$  if and only if  $a - b$  is divisible by  $n$ . Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

### LONG ANSWER

- If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , define relations on  $A$  which have properties of being:  
(a) reflexive, transitive but not symmetric      (b) symmetric but neither reflexive nor transitive  
(c) reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
- Let  $R$  be relation defined on the set of natural number  $N$  as follows:  $R = \{(x, y) : x \in N, y \in N, 2x + y = 41\}$ . Find the domain and range of the relation  $R$ . Also verify whether  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
- Each of the following defines a relation on  $N$ :  
(i)  $x$  is greater than  $y, x, y \in N$       (ii)  $x + y = 10, x, y \in N$   
(iii)  $xy$  is square of an integer  $x, y \in N$       (iv)  $x + 4y = 10, x, y \in N$   
Determine which of the above relations are reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
- Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$  and  $R$  be the relation in  $A \times A$  defined by  $(a, b) R (c, d)$  if  $a + d = b + c$  for  $(a, b), (c, d)$  in  $A \times A$ . Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation and also obtain the equivalent class  $[(2, 5)]$ .





# FUNCTION

## 1. FUNCTION

Let A and B be two non-empty sets and f is a rule which associates each element of A with a unique element of B is called a mapping or function from A to B. If f is a function from A to B, then we write  $f : A \rightarrow B$  which is read as f is a mapping from A to B.

### 1.1 DEFINITION (GRAPHICALLY)

If any line parallel to y-axis cuts the graph of the function at most one point, then it denotes a function and if it cuts at more than one point then it is called a relation.

### 1.2 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAPPING AND RELATION

Let A and B be two sets  $f : A \rightarrow B$  or  $R : A \rightarrow B$

Every element belonging to A must have an image in B in the case of Mapping.

Now if R is a relation of being "Husband of" i.e. every man belonging to A is husband of some woman belonging to B.

Above is not the necessary condition. A bachelor or widower in A cannot be husband of some woman in B. All these types of persons in set A will not have any image in B. This is basic difference between a relation and a mapping or function.

### 1.3 DOMAIN, CO-DOMAIN AND RANGE OF A FUNCTION

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a function from A to B, then the set A is called the domain of the function f (denoted by  $D_f$ ) and the set B is called the Co-domain of the function f (denoted by  $C_f$ ). The set of all those elements of B which are the images of the elements of set A is called the range of the function f (denoted by  $R_f$ ).

Domain of  $f = D_f = \{a : a \in A, (a, f(a)) \in f\}$

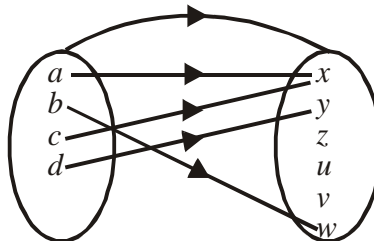
Range of  $f = R_f = \{f(a) : a \in A, f(a) \in B\}$

It should be noted that the range of f is always a subset of Co-domain B. i.e.,  $R_f \subseteq C_f$

**HOW TO FIND RANGE:** First put  $y = f(x)$  find x in terms of y. Then find all such y for which x is defined i.e., in the domain. Set of these values of y is the range of f (x).

## SOLVED EXAMPLE

1. Find the domain, co-domain and range of the function f which is noted by the figure below.



**Sol.** It is clear from the figure

Domain of  $f(D_f) = \{a, b, c, d\}$ .

Co-domain of  $f(C_f) = \{x, y, z, u, v, w\}$ .

Range of  $f(R_f) = \{x, y, w\}$

Also  $\{x, y, w\} \subseteq \{x, y, z, u, v, w\}$

i.e., Range  $\subseteq$  co-domain.

2. FORMULAS FOR THE DOMAIN OF A FUNCTION

- i. Domain of  $(f(x) \pm g(x)) = \text{Domain of } f(x) \cap \text{Domain of } g(x)$
- ii. Domain of  $(f(x) \dots g(x)) = \text{Domain of } f(x) \cap \text{Domain of } g(x)$
- iii. Domain of  $\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \text{Domain of } f(x) \cap \text{Domain of } g(x) \cap \{x : g(x) \neq 0\}$
- iv. Domain of  $\sqrt{f(x)} = \text{Domain of } f(x) \cap \{x : f(x) \geq 0\}$
- v. Domain of  $\log_a f(x) = \text{Domain of } f(x) \cap \{x : f(x) > 0\}$

3. VARIOUS TYPES OF FUNCTIONS :

(i) **Polynomial Function**

If a function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + a_2 x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} x + a_n$  where  $n$  is a **non negative integer** and  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are real numbers and  $a_0 \neq 0$ , then  $f$  is called a polynomial function of degree  $n$ .

**Note:** There are only two polynomial functions, satisfying the relation;

$f(x) \cdot f(1/x) = f(x) + f(1/x)$ , which are  $f(x) = 1 \pm x^n$

Proof : Let  $f(x) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$ , then  $f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{a_0}{x^n} + \frac{a_1}{x^{n-1}} + \dots + a_n$ .

Since the relation holds for many values of  $x$ ,

$\therefore$  Comparing the coefficients of  $x^n$ , we get  $a_0 a_n = a_0 \Rightarrow a_n = 1$

Similarly comparing the coefficients of  $x^{n-1}$ , we get  $a_0 a_{n-1} + a_1 a_n = a_1$

$\Rightarrow a_{n-1} = 0$ , like wise  $a_{n-2}, \dots, a_1$  are all zero.

Comparing the constant terms, we get  $a_0^2 + a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2 = 2 a_n^2 \Rightarrow a_0 = \pm 1$

(ii) **Algebraic Function**

$y$  is an algebraic function of  $x$ , if it is a function that satisfies an algebraic equation of the form,  $P_0(x) y^n + P_1(x) y^{n-1} + \dots + P_{n-1}(x) y + P_n(x) = 0$  where  $n$  is a positive integer and  $P_0(x), P_1(x), \dots$  are polynomials in  $x$ . e.g.  $y = \sqrt{x}$  is an algebraic function, since it satisfies the equation  $y^2 - x = 0$ .

**Note:** All polynomial functions are algebraic but not the converse.

A function that is not algebraic is called **Transcendental Function**.

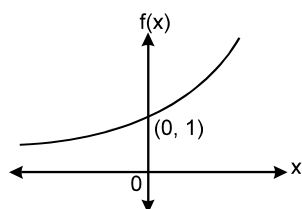
(iii) **Rational Function**

A rational function is a function of the form,  $y = f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$ , where  $g(x)$  &  $h(x)$  are polynomials.

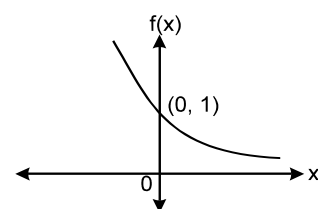
(iv) **Exponential Function**

A function  $f(x) = a^x = e^{x \ln a}$  ( $a > 0, a \neq 1, x \in \mathbb{R}$ ) is called an exponential function. Graph of exponential function can be as follows :

**Case - I**  
For  $a > 1$

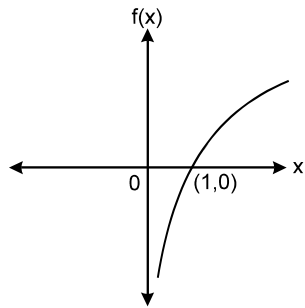


**Case - II**  
For  $0 < a < 1$

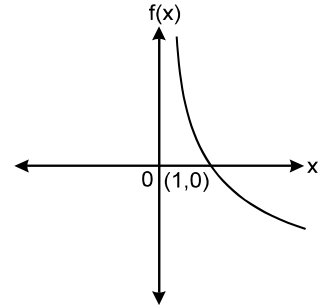


(v) **Logarithmic Function** :  $f(x) = \log_a x$  is called logarithmic function where  $a > 0$  and  $a \neq 1$  and  $x > 0$ . Its graph can be as follows

**Case- I**  
For  $a > 1$

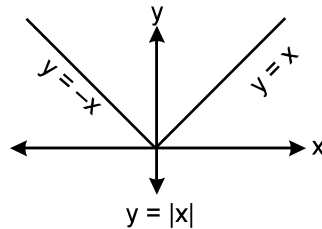


**Case- II**  
For  $0 < a < 1$



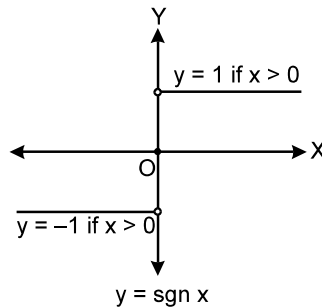
(vi) **Absolute Value Function / Modulus Function** :

The symbol of modulus function is  $f(x) = |x|$  and is defined as:  $y = |x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$ .



(vii) **Signum Function** : (Also known as  $\text{sgn}(x)$ )

A function  $f(x) = \text{sgn}(x)$  is defined as follows :  $f(x) = \text{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \\ -1 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$



It is also written as  $\text{sgn } x = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}; & x \neq 0 \\ 0; & x = 0 \end{cases}$

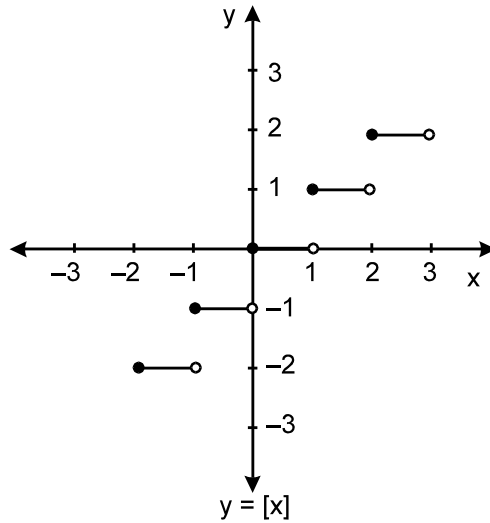
**Note:**  $\text{sgn } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|f(x)|}{f(x)}; & f(x) \neq 0 \\ 0; & f(x) = 0 \end{cases}$

(viii) **Greatest Integer Function or Step Function** :

The function  $y = f(x) = [x]$  is called the greatest integer function where  $[x]$  equals to the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . For example :

for  $-1 \leq x < 0$  ;  $[x] = -1$  ; for  $0 \leq x < 1$  ;  $[x] = 0$

for  $1 \leq x < 2$  ;  $[x] = 1$  ; for  $2 \leq x < 3$  ;  $[x] = 2$  and so on.



**Properties of greatest integer function :**

- (a)  $x - 1 < [x] \leq x$                       (b) If  $m$  is an integer, then  $[x \pm m] = [x] \pm m$ .
- (c)  $[-x] = -[x] - 1$                       (d)  $[x] + [-x] = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } x \text{ is an integer} \\ -1 & , \text{ if } x \text{ is not an integer} \end{cases}$
- (e)  $[x] + [y] \leq [x + y] \leq [x] + [y] + 1$       (f)  $[x] \geq k \Rightarrow x \geq k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- (g)  $[x] \leq k \Rightarrow x < k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$       (h)  $[x] > k \Rightarrow x \geq k + 1$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- (i)  $[x] < k \Rightarrow x < k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$       (j)  $[x + y] = [x] + [y + x - [x]]$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
- (k)  $[x] + \left[ x + \frac{1}{n} \right] + \left[ x + \frac{2}{n} \right] + \dots + \left[ x + \frac{n-1}{n} \right] = [nx]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

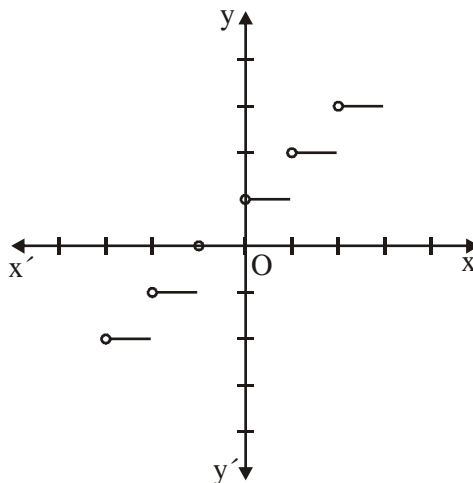
**(ix) SMALLEST INTEGER FUNCTION (CEILING FUNCTION):** For any real number  $x$ , we use the symbol  $\lceil x \rceil$  to denote the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ .

**For example:**  $\lceil 4.7 \rceil = 5, \lceil -7.2 \rceil = -7, \lceil 5 \rceil = 5, \lceil 0.75 \rceil = 1$  etc.

The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \lceil x \rceil$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is called the *smallest integer function* or the *ceiling function*. It is also a step function.

We observe that the domain of the smallest integer function is the set  $\mathbb{R}$  of all real numbers and its range is the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of all integers.

The graph of the smallest integer function is as shown in Fig.



(x) **PROPERTIES OF SMALLEST INTEGER FUNCTION:** Following are some properties of smallest integer function:

(i)  $\lceil -n \rceil = -\lfloor n \rfloor$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

(ii)  $\lceil -x \rceil = -\lfloor x \rfloor + 1$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$

(iii)  $\lceil x + n \rceil = \lceil x \rceil + n$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (iv)  $\lceil x \rceil + \lceil -x \rceil = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Z} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$

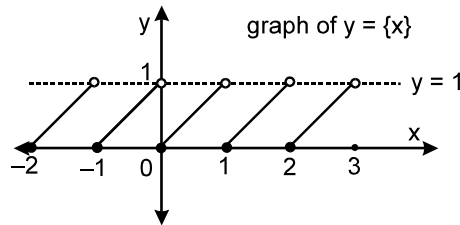
(v)  $\lceil x \rceil + \lceil -x \rceil = \begin{cases} 2\lceil x \rceil - 1, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 2\lceil x \rceil, & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$

(xi) **Fractional Part Function**

It is defined as,  $y = \{x\} = x - [x]$ .

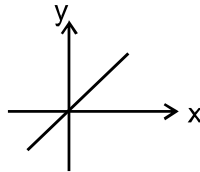
e.g. the fractional part of the number 2.1 is  $2.1 - 2 = 0.1$  and  $\{-3.7\} = 0.3$ .

The period of this function is 1 and graph of this function is as shown.



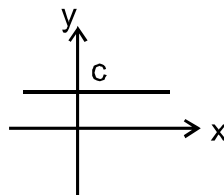
(xii) **Identity function**

The function  $f : A \rightarrow A$  defined by,  $f(x) = x \forall x \in A$  is called the identity function on A and is denoted by  $I_A$ . It is easy to observe that identity function is a bijection.



(xii) **Constant function**

A function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is said to be a constant function, if every element of A has the same f image in B. Thus  $f : A \rightarrow B; f(x) = c, \forall x \in A, c \in B$  is a constant function.

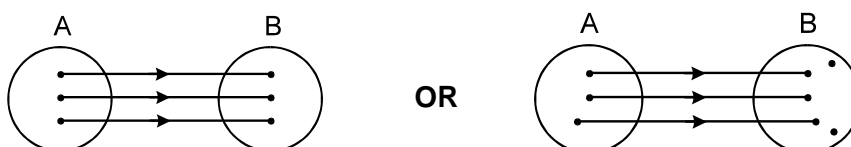


4. DIFFERENT TYPES OF MAPPINGS

4.1 ONE-ONE MAPPING (INJECTIVE)

The mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is called one-one mapping or function if different elements in A have different f-images in B. Such a mapping is known as injective mapping also.

**One-One Function:** Diagrammatically an injective mapping can be shown as



#### 4.2 METHODS TO TEST ONE-ONE:

- Analytically:** If  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  then  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$  or Equivalently  $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$
- Graphically:** If any line parallel to x-axis cuts the graph of the function at most at one point, then the function is one-one.

### SOLVED EXAMPLE

1 Prove that the map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  given by  $f(x) = 2x + 5$  is one-one.

#### Sol. I Method (Analytically)

$$\text{Let } x_1, x_2 \in A \text{ then } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 2x_1 + 5 = 2x_2 + 5 \Rightarrow 2x_1 = 2x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

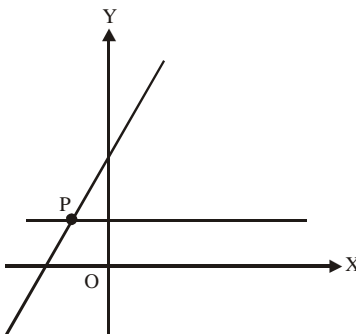
or If  $x_1 \neq x_2$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 \neq 2x_2 \Rightarrow 2x_1 + 5 \neq 2x_2 + 5 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$$

Hence  $f(x)$  is one-one.

#### II Method (Graphically)

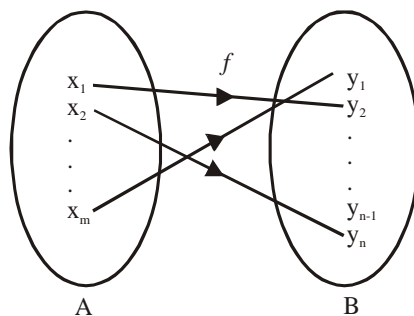
First draw the graph of  $y = 2x + 5$



Since any line parallel to x-axis cuts the graph at one point P hence  $f(x)$  is one-one.

#### 4.3 NUMBER OF ONE-ONE MAPPING

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a map such that  $A$  &  $B$  are finite sets having  $m$  and  $n$  elements respectively, (where  $n > m$ ).



Let  $A = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m\}$  and  $B = \{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n\}$

It is clear for one-one mapping No. of possible images for  $x_1 = n$

After  $x_1$  No. of possible images for  $x_2 = (n - 1)$

After  $x_2$  No. of possible images for  $x_3 = (n - 2)$

After  $x_{m-1}$  No. of images for  $x_m = (n - m + 1)$ .

$$\text{Hence no. of mappings} = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-m+1) = \begin{cases} {}^n P_m, & n \geq m \\ 0, & n < m \end{cases}$$

## SOLVED EXAMPLE

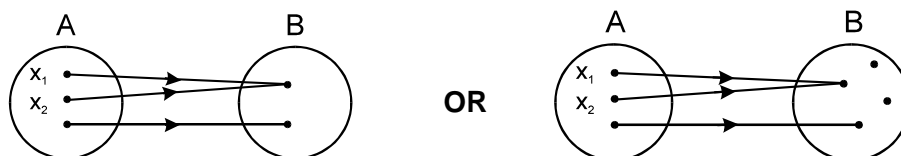
1. A mapping is selected at random from the set of all mappings of the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  into itself. Then find the number of one-one mappings.

**Sol.** The number of one-one mappings =  ${}^n P_n = n!$

### 4.4 MANY ONE MAPPING:

The mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is called many-one mapping or function if there exist at least two or more elements of  $A$  having the same  $f$  image in  $B$ .

Diagrammatically a many one mapping can be shown as



**Note:** If a function is one-one, it cannot be many-one and vice versa.

### 4.5 METHODS TO TEST MANY-ONE

- Analytically :** If  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  &  $f(x_1), f(x_2) \in B$ , equate  $f(x_1)$  and  $f(x_2)$  and if it implies that  $x_1 = x_2$ , then and only then function is ONE-ONE otherwise MANY-ONE or If  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  Then,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 \neq x_2$  uniquely then also function is MANY-ONE.
- Graphically :** If there exists a straight line parallel to x-axis, which cuts the graph of the function atleast at two points, then the function is MANY-ONE, otherwise ONE-ONE.

## SOLVED EXAMPLE

1. Prove that the map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  given by  $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  is many-one.

**Sol. I Method (Analytically)**

$$\text{Let } x_1, x_2 \in A \text{ Then } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_1 + 1 = x_2^2 + x_2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow (x_1 - x_2)(x_1 + x_2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \text{ or } x_1 + x_2 = -1 \therefore x_1 \neq x_2 \text{ uniquely.}$$

Hence  $f(x)$  is many-one.

**II Method (Graphically)**

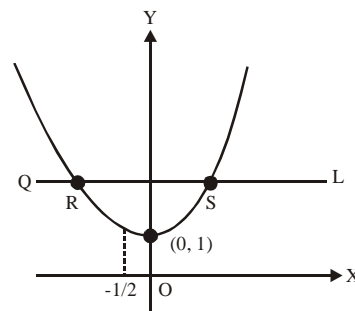
$$\text{Let } y = f(x) = x^2 + x + 1 \Rightarrow y = \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \left(y - \frac{3}{4}\right)$$

which is a parabola whose vertex is at  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right)$

Cuts the y-axis at  $(0, 1)$  and neither cuts nor touch the x-axis.

Graph of  $y = x^2 + x + 1$  is

Since any line  $QL$  parallel to x-axis cuts the graph at two points  $R$  and  $S$ . Hence  $f(x)$  is many-one.



**Alternatively:**  $f(1) = 3$  and  $f(-1) = 3$  so the function is not one as different elements in  $A$  does not have different images in  $B$  so function is

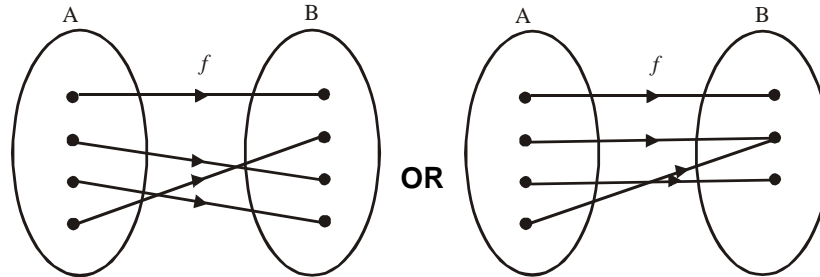
#### 4.6 ONTO (SURJECTIVE) MAPPING

##### Onto function:

If the function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is such that each element in  $B$  (co-domain) must have atleast one pre-image in  $A$ , then we say that  $f$  is a function of  $A$  'onto'  $B$ . Thus  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is surjective iff  $\forall b \in B$ , there exists some  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$  i.e., Range = Co-domain

Diagrammatically surjective mapping can be shown as

##### Surjective mapping can be shown as



**Note:** Every polynomial function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of degree odd is ONTO.

##### a. Number of Onto (Surjective) Mappings from $A$ to $B$

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a map such that  $A$  &  $B$  are finite sets having  $m$  and  $n$  elements respectively such that  $1 \leq n \leq m$ , then number of onto (surjective) mappings from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $r^n - {}^rC_1 (r-1)^n + {}^rC_2 (r-2)^n - \dots + (-1)^{r-1} {}^rC_{r-1}$

### SOLVED EXAMPLE

1. Find the number of surjections from  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ ,  $n \geq 2$  to  $B = \{a, b, c\}$

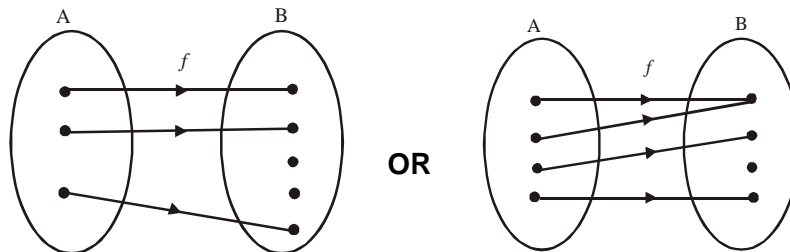
**Sol.** Hence number of surjections from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $\sum_{r=1}^3 (-1)^{3-r} {}^3C_r r^n$

$$= (-1)^2 \cdot {}^3C_1 \cdot (1)^n + (-1)^1 \cdot {}^3C_2 \cdot (2)^n + (-1)^0 \cdot {}^3C_3 \cdot (3)^n = 3 - 3(2^n) + (3)^n = 3^n - 3(2^n - 1)$$

#### 4.7 INTO MAPPING

If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is such that there exists at least one element in co-domain which is not the image of any element in domain, then  $f(x)$  is called into mapping.

Into mapping can be shown as in figure.



#### 4.8 METHOD TO TEST ONTO OR INTO MAPPING

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping. Let  $y$  be an arbitrary element in  $B$  and then  $y = f(x)$  where  $x \in A$ . Then express  $x$  in terms of  $y$ . Now in  $x \in A \forall y \in B$  then  $f$  is onto and if  $x \notin A \forall y \in B$  then  $f$  is into.

OR

Find the range of the function. If Range = Codomain then function is onto otherwise it is into.

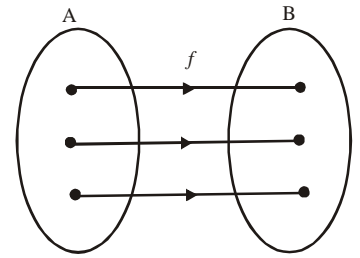
**Note:** For into mapping : Find an element of  $B$  which is not  $f$ -image of any element of  $A$ .



4.9 ONE-ONE ONTO (INJECTIVE AND SURJECTIVE) OR BIJECTIVE MAPPING

A map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is said to be one-one onto or bijective if and only if

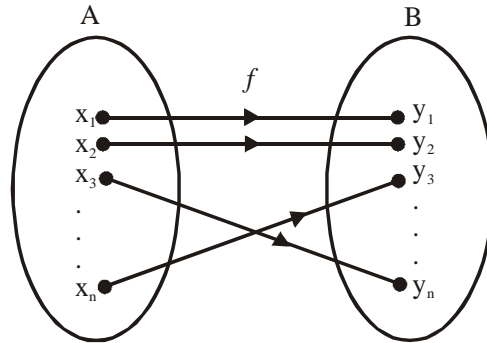
- i. It is one-one i.e.,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in A$
- ii. It is onto i.e.,  $\forall y \in B$ , there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .



**One-one onto mapping can be shown as**

**Number of one-one onto mappings or bijections:**

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a map such that A and B are finite sets having the same number of elements. If A has n elements then B has also n elements.



Let  $A = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $B = \{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n\}$  It is clear for bijective mapping

No. of possible images for  $x_1 = n$

After  $x_1$  No. of possible images for  $x_2 = (n - 1)$

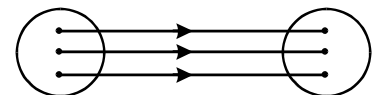
After  $x_2$  No. of possible images for  $x_3 = (n - 2)$

After  $x_{n-1}$  No. of possible images for  $x_n = 1$

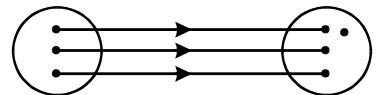
Hence total number of bijective mappings =  $n(n - 1)(n - 2)(n - 1) \dots 2 \cdot 1 = n!$

4.10 A FUNCTION CAN BE ONE OF THESE FOUR TYPES

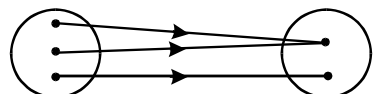
(a) one-one onto (injective & surjective)



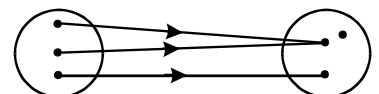
(b) one-one into (injective but not surjective)



(c) many-one onto (surjective but not injective)



(d) many-one into (neither surjective nor injective)



**Note:**

- (i) If  $f$  is both injective & surjective, then it is called a **bijective** mapping. The bijective functions are also named as invertible, non singular or biuniform functions.
- (ii) If a set A contains 'n' distinct elements then the number of different functions defined from  $A \rightarrow A$  is  $n^n$  and out of which  $n!$  are one one.

## OBJECTIVE TYPE EXERCISE

- $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is onto, if and only if
  - Range of  $f = Y$
  - Range of  $f \neq Y$
  - Range of  $f < Y$
  - Range of  $f \geq Y$
- A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be bijective, if  $f$  is
  - one-one only
  - onto only
  - both one-one & onto
  - either one-one or onto
- Consider the following statements  
**Statement I** : An onto function  $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  is always one-one.  
**Statement II** : A one-one function  $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  must be onto.  
Choose the correct option
  - Only I is true
  - Only II is true
  - Both I and II are true
  - Neither I nor II is true
- Consider the following statements :  
**Statement I** : The function  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ , defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is one-one and onto, where  $\mathbb{R}_+$  is the set of all non-zero real numbers.  
**Statement II** : The function  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ , defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is one-one and onto.  
**Choose the correct option.**
  - Only I is true
  - Only II is true
  - Both I and II are true
  - Neither I nor II is true
- Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$  and let  $f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$  be a function from  $A$  to  $B$ . Then,  $f$  is
  - one-one
  - onto
  - many-one
  - bijective
- The greatest integer function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , given by  $f(x) = [x]$  is
  - one-one
  - onto
  - both one-one and onto
  - neither one-one nor onto
- Which of the following function is one-one?
  - $f(x) = \sin x, x \in [-\pi, \pi]$
  - $f(x) = \sin x, x \in \left[-\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right]$
  - $f(x) = \cos x, x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$
  - $f(x) = \cos x, x \in \left[\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$
- Let  $n(A) = 4$  and  $n(B) = 6$ . Then, the number of one-one functions from  $A$  to  $B$  is
  - 20
  - 60
  - 120
  - 360
- The value of parameter  $\alpha$ , for which the function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = 1 + \alpha x, \alpha \neq 0$  is the inverse of itself,  $f$  is
  - 2
  - 1
  - 1
  - 2
- Let the set  $A$  has 3 elements and  $B$  has 4 elements. Then, the number of injections that can be defined from  $A$  to  $B$ , is
  - 144
  - 12
  - 24
  - 64

### ANSWERS

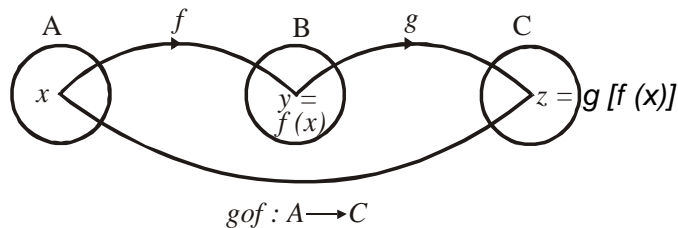
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## PREVIOUS YEARS BOARD QUESTIONS

- If  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$  and  $f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$ . State whether  $f$  is one-one or not. **[A.I 2011]**
- State whether the function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by  $f(x) = 5x$  is injective, surjective or both. **[A.I 2009C]**
- Show that  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ x-1, & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  is bijective (both one-one and onto). **[A.I 2012]**
- If  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is defined by  $f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Find whether the function  $f$  is bijective. **[A.I 2009]**

### ANSWERS

- It is one-one
  - Injective but not surjective
  - Many one onto.
5. COMPOSITION OF FUNCTIONS
- Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be three non-empty sets. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be two functions then  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ . This function is called the product or composite of  $f$  and  $g$ , given by  $(g \circ f)(x) = g[f(x)]$



Thus the image of every  $x \in A$  under the function  $g \circ f$  is the  $g$ -image of the  $f$ -image of  $x$ .

#### Notes:

- The  $g \circ f$  is defined only if  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $f(x)$  is an element of the domain of  $g$  so that we can take its  $g$ -image.
- The range of  $f$  must be a subset of the domain of  $g$  in  $g \circ f$ .
- i.  $(f \circ g) x = f [g (x)]$       ii.  $(f \circ f) x = f [f(x)]$       iii.  $(g \circ g) x = g [g (x)]$       iv.  $(fg) x = f (x) \cdot g (x)$
- v.  $(f \pm g) x = f (x) \pm g (x)$       vi.  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right) x = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} ; g(x) \neq 0$

#### 5.1 PROPERTIES OF COMPOSITION OF FUNCTIONS

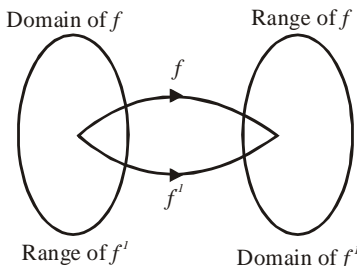
- The composition of functions is not commutative i.e.,  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$
- The composition of functions is associative.  
i.e., if  $h : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow C$  and  $f : C \rightarrow D$  be three functions, then  $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$
- Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow C$  be two functions, then
  - $f$  and  $g$  are injective  $\Rightarrow g \circ f$  is injective.
  - $f$  and  $g$  are surjective  $\Rightarrow g \circ f$  is surjective
  - $f$  and  $g$  are bijective  $\Rightarrow g \circ f$  is bijective
- An injective mapping from a finite set to itself is bijective.
- The composition of any function with the identity function is the function itself.  
i.e.,  $f : A \rightarrow B$  then  $f \circ I_A = I_B \circ f = f$  Where  $I_A$  and  $I_B$  are the Identity functions of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

## 5.2 INVERSE OF A FUNCTION

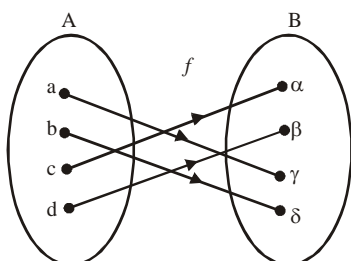
Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function defined by  $y = f(x)$  such that  $f$  is both one-one (injective) and onto (surjective) (i.e., bijective), then there exists a unique function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f(x) = y \Leftrightarrow g(y) = x \forall x \in A$  and  $y \in B$  then  $g$  is said to be inverse of  $f$ .

Thus  $g = f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A = \{(f(x), x) : (x, f(x)) \in f\}$

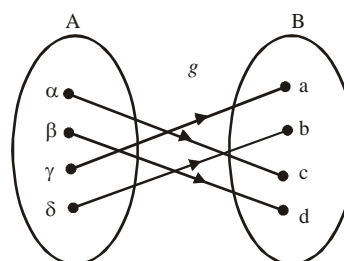
If  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse to each other then  $(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f)(x) = x$  i.e.,  $f\{g(x)\} = g\{f(x)\} = x$



**Consider:**  $f = \{(a, \gamma), (b, \delta), (c, \alpha), (d, \beta)\}$



$g = \{(\alpha, c), (\beta, d), (\gamma, a), (\delta, b)\}$

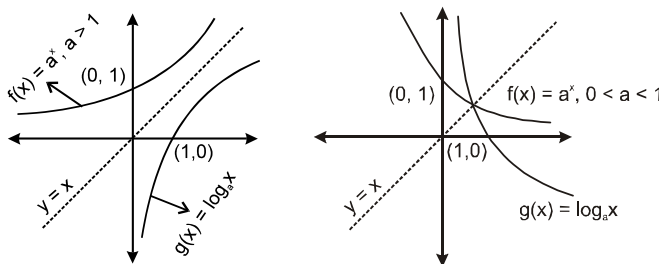


Here  $g$  is called the inverse of  $f$  i.e.,  $g = f^{-1}$

## 5.3 PROPERTIES OF INVERSE FUNCTION

(a) The graphs of  $f$  &  $g$  are the mirror images of each other in the line  $y = x$ .

For example  $f(x) = a^x$  and  $g(x) = \log_a x$  are inverse of each other, and their graphs are mirror images of each other on the line  $y = x$  as shown below.



(b) Normally points of intersection of  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  lie on the straight line  $y = x$ . However it must be noted that  $f(x)$  and  $f^{-1}(x)$  may intersect otherwise also. e.g  $f(x) = 1/x$

(c) In general  $f \circ g(x)$  and  $g \circ f(x)$  are not equal. But if  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse of each other, then  $g \circ f = f \circ g$ .  $f \circ g(x)$  and  $g \circ f(x)$  can be equal even if  $f$  and  $g$  are not inverses of each other. e.g.  $f(x) = x + 1$ ,  $g(x) = x + 2$ . However if  $f \circ g(x) = g \circ f(x) = x$ , then  $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$

(d) If  $f$  &  $g$  are two bijections  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow C$  then the inverse of  $g \circ f$  exists and  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$ .

### How to find $f^{-1}$

First let  $y = f(x) \Rightarrow x = f^{-1}(y)$  ... (1)

and solve the equation  $y = f(x)$

For  $x$  in terms of  $y \Rightarrow x = \phi(y)$  (say) ... (2)

From (1) and (2), we get,  $f^{-1}(y) = \phi(y)$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$ , we get,  $f^{-1}(x) = \phi(x)$  which is the required inverse of  $f(x)$ .

## SOLVED EXAMPLE

1. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $f(x) = 10x + 7$ . Find the function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g \circ f = f \circ g = I_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

**Sol.**  $g \circ f = f \circ g = I_{\mathbb{R}} \Rightarrow g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ .

Now let  $f(x) = y \Rightarrow x = f^{-1}(y) \dots\dots (1)$

$$\Rightarrow y = 10x + 7 \text{ or } x = \frac{y-7}{10} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y-7}{10} \quad [\text{using ..1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-7}{10} \Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{x-7}{10}$$

## OBJECTIVE TYPE EXERCISE

1. Consider the following statements

I. If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are one-one, then  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  is also one-one.

II. If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are onto, then  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$  is not onto.

Choose the correct option.

a. Only I is the      b. Only II is true      c. Both I and II are true      d. Neither I nor II is true

2. If the function  $g \circ f$  is defined and is one-one, then

a. neither  $f$  nor  $g$  is one-one      b.  $f$  and  $g$  both are necessarily one-one  
c.  $g$  must be one-one      d. None of the above

3. If the function  $g \circ f$  is defined and onto, then

a. neither  $f$  nor  $g$  is onto      b.  $f$  and  $g$  both are necessarily onto  
c.  $f$  must be onto      d. None of the above

4. Which of the following options is correct?

a.  $g \circ f$  is one  $\Rightarrow g$  is one-one      b.  $g \circ f$  is one-one  $\Rightarrow f$  is one-one  
c.  $g \circ f$  is onto  $\Rightarrow g$  is not onto      d.  $g \circ f$  is onto  $\Rightarrow f$  is onto

5. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function such that there exists a function  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $g \circ f = I_X$  and  $f \circ g = I_Y$ , then  $f$  must be

a. one-one      b. onto      c. one-one and onto      d. None of these

6. Let  $f : \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$  and  $g : \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$  be given by  $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$ . Then,  $g \circ f$  is

a.  $\{(1, 3), (3, 1), (4, 3)\}$       b.  $\{(1, 3), (4, 3)\}$   
c.  $\{(3, 1), (4, 3)\}$       d.  $\{(3, 1), (1, 3)\}$

7. If  $f(x) = |x|$  and  $g(x) = |5x - 2|$ , then

a.  $g \circ f(x) = |5x - 2|$       b.  $g \circ f = |5|x| - 2|$       c.  $f \circ g(x) = |5|x| - 2|$       d.  $f \circ g = |5x + 2|$

8. If  $f(x) = 8x^3$  and  $g(x) = x^{1/3}$ , then

a.  $f \circ g(x) = 2x$       b.  $f \circ g = 8x$       c.  $g \circ f(x) = 2x^{1/3}$       d.  $g \circ f(x) = x^{1/3}$

9. If  $f(x) = \frac{\alpha x}{x+1}$ ,  $x \neq -1$ , then for what value of  $\alpha$ ,  $f\{f(x)\} = x$ ?

a.  $\sqrt{2}$       b.  $-\sqrt{2}$       c.  $-1$       d.  $2$

### ANSWERS

1. a      2. d      3. d      4. b      5. c      6. a      7. b      8. b      9. c

# ASSIGNMENT

1. Which of the following represents function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ? **a.**  $y = x^2$  **b.**  $y^2 = x$
2. Check the injectivity and surjectivity of the following functions:
  - i.**  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2$
  - ii.**  $f: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2$
  - iii.**  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2$
  - iv.**  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^3$
  - v.**  $f: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^3$
  - vi.**  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^3$
3. Let A be the set of all 50 students of class XII in a central school.  
Let  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  be a function defined by  $f(x) =$  Roll number of student x. Show that  $f$  is one-one but not onto.
4. Let  $f: \mathbf{N} - \{1\} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  be defined by  $f(n) =$  the highest prime factor of n. Show that  $f$  is neither one-one nor onto.
5. Show that the function  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ , given by  $f(x) = 2x$ , is one-one but not onto.
6. Show that the function  $f: \mathbf{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0$ , define as  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , is one-one onto, where  $\mathbf{R}_0$  is the set of all non-zero real numbers. Is the result true, if the domain  $\mathbf{R}_0$  is replaced by  $\mathbf{N}$  with co-domain being same as  $\mathbf{R}_0$ ?
7. Prove that function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2$  is many-one into.
8. Show that the function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 5$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  is a bijection.
9. Show that the function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^3 + x$  is a bijection.
10. Let  $A = \mathbf{R} - \{2\}$  and  $B = \mathbf{R} - \{1\}$ . If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a mapping defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-2}$ , show that  $f$  is bijective.
11. **i.** Let  $\mathbf{Z}$  be the set of all integers. Show that the function  $f: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  defined by  $f(x) = |x|$  is neither one-one nor onto.  
**ii.** What would be the answer if  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ . **iii.** What would be the answer if  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ .
12. Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : -1 \leq x \leq 1\} = B$ . Show that  $f: A \rightarrow B$  given by  $f(x) = x |x|$  is a bijection.
13. Show that the greatest integer function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = [x]$  is neither one-one nor onto. What would be the answer if  $f: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ .
14. Find whether  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  defined by  $f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  is many one onto function.
15. Show that the function  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  given by  $f(n) = n - (-1)^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  is a bijection.
16. Show that the function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \{x \in \mathbf{R} : -1 < x < 1\}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  is one one & onto function.
17. Let A and B be two sets. Show that  $f: A \times B \rightarrow B \times A$  defined by  $f(a,b) = (b, a)$  is a bijection.
18. Consider a function  $f: \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by  $f(x) = \sin x$  and a function  $g: \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by  $g(x) = \cos x$ . Show that both  $f$  and  $g$  are one-one but  $f+g$  is not one-one.
19. Find  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ :
  - i.** If  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}; f(x) = x^2$  and  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}; g(x) = 2x + 1$ .
  - ii.** Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}; f(x) = \sin x$  and  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}; g(x) = x^2$
  - iii.** If  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, f(x) = x^2 + 2$  and  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, g(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$ .
  - iv.** If  $f, g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} f(x) = |x|$  &  $g(x) = |5x - 2|$

20. If  $f(x) = e^x$  and  $g(x) = \log_e x$  ( $x > 0$ ), find  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ . Is  $f \circ g = g \circ f$ .
21.  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = (3 - x^3)^{1/3}$ , then find  $f \circ f(x)$  and  $g \circ g(x)$ .
22. i. Let  $f: \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$  and  $g: \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$  be given by  $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$ . Write down  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$  if exist.
- ii. If  $f, g$  are the functions, given by  $f = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 7), (4, 6)\}$ ,  $g = \{(0, 4), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$  find  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$  if exist.
- iii. Let  $f: \{2, 3, 4, 5\} \rightarrow \{3, 4, 5, 9\}$  and  $g: \{3, 4, 5, 9\} \rightarrow \{7, 11, 15\}$  be functions defined as  $f(2) = 3, f(3) = 4, f(4) = f(5) = 5$  &  $g(3) = g(4) = 7$  and  $g(5) = g(9) = 11$ . Find  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$  if exist.
23. If  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = \sin^2 x + \sin^2(x + \pi/3) + \cos x \cdot \cos(x + \pi/3)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $g(5/4) = 1$ , then prove that  $g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a constant function.
24. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x-3, & x > 2 \\ 1+x, & x \leq 2 \end{cases}$  and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \leq 3 \\ 4-x, & x > 3 \end{cases}$  be functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Find  $(f \circ g)(2)$ .
25. Let  $f(x) = [x]$  and  $g(x) = |x|$ . Find i.  $(g \circ f)\left(\frac{-5}{3}\right) - (f \circ g)\left(\frac{-5}{3}\right)$  ii.  $(g \circ f)\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) - (f \circ g)\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$
26. If  $f: \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{7}{5}\right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{3}{5}\right\}$  be defined as  $f(x) = \frac{3x+4}{5x-7}$  and  $g: \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{3}{5}\right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{7}{5}\right\}$  be defined as  $g(x) = \frac{7x+4}{5x-3}$ . Show that  $g \circ f = I_A$  and  $f \circ g = I_B$ , where  $B = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{3}{5}\right\}$  and  $A = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{7}{5}\right\}$ .
27. Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be defined by  $f(n) = 3n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be defined by  $g(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{3}, & \text{if } n \text{ is a multiple of } 3 \\ 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is not a multiple of } 3 \end{cases}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Show that  $g \circ f = I_{\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $f \circ g \neq I_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .
28. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function given by  $f(x) = ax + b$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find the constant  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $f \circ f = I_{\mathbb{R}}$ .
29. Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x + 2$ . If  $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $g \circ f = I_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , find  $g(x)$ .
30. Let  $f, g$  &  $h$  be functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show: a.  $(f + g) \circ h = f \circ h + g \circ h$  b.  $(f \cdot g) \circ h = (f \circ h) \cdot (g \circ h)$
31. Consider  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and  $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined as  $f(x) = 2x$ ,  $g(y) = 3y + 4$  and  $h(z) = \sin z$ ,  $\forall x, y$  and  $z$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$ .
32. State with reason whether following functions have inverse
- i.  $f: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{10\}$  with  $f = \{(1, 10), (2, 10), (3, 10), (4, 10)\}$
- ii.  $g: \{5, 6, 7, 8\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with  $g = \{(5, 4), (6, 3), (7, 4), (8, 2)\}$
- iii.  $h: \{2, 3, 4, 5\} \rightarrow \{7, 9, 11, 13\}$  with  $h = \{(2, 7), (3, 9), (4, 11), (5, 13)\}$
- iv. Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . and  $f: S \rightarrow S$   $f = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 1)\}$
33. Consider  $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$  given by  $f(1) = a, f(2) = b$  &  $f(3) = c$ . Find  $f^{-1}$  and show that  $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$ .
34. If  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 7$ . Prove that  $f$  is a bijection and find the inverse of  $f$ .
35. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ . If  $f$  is invertible then find : i.  $f^{-1}(-5)$  ii.  $f^{-1}(26)$  iii.  $f^{-1}\{10, 37\}$ .
36. If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$  and  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is given by  $f(x) = 2x$ , such that  $f$  is invertible, then write  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  as a set of ordered pairs.
37. Show that  $f: \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  given by  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x}$  is invertible and it is inverse of itself.
38. Show that  $f: \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$  given by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$  is invertible. Also, find  $f^{-1}$

39. Show that  $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , given by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$  is one-one. Find the inverse of the function  $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow$  Range  $f$ .
40. Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined a  $f(x) = 4x^2 + 12x + 15$ . Show  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow$  Range  $(f)$  is invertible. Find inverse of ' $f$ '.
41. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$  be a function defined as  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$ . Show that  $f$  is invertible. Find the inverse of  $f$ .
42. If the function  $f: [1, \infty) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  defined by  $f(x) = 2^{x(x-1)}$  is invertible, find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .
43. Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  be defined by  $f(n) = \begin{cases} n+1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ n-1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$  Show that  $f$  is invertible and  $f = f^{-1}$ .
44. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ;  $B = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$ ;  $C = \{7, 23, 47, 79\}$  &  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be defined as  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$ . Express  $(gof)^{-1}$  and  $f^{-1}og^{-1}$  as the sets of ordered pairs and prove:  $(gof)^{-1} = f^{-1}og^{-1}$ .
45. Consider  $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $g: \{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \{\text{apple, ball, cat}\}$  defined as  $f(1) = a$ ,  $f(2) = b$ ,  $f(3) = c$ ,  $g(a) = \text{apple}$ ,  $g(b) = \text{ball}$  and  $g(c) = \text{cat}$ . Show that  $f$ ,  $g$ ,  $gof$  are invertible. Also find  $f^{-1}$ ,  $g^{-1}$  and  $(gof)^{-1}$  and show that  $(gof)^{-1} = f^{-1}og^{-1}$ .
46. Find the value of parameter  $a$  for which the function  $f(x) = 1 + ax$ ,  $a \neq 0$  is the inverse of itself.
47. Let  $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{-4, -2, 0, 2\}$  and  $f, g: A \rightarrow B$  be functions defined by

$$f(x) = x^2 - x, \text{ and } g(x) = 2 \left| x - \frac{1}{2} \right| - 1. \text{ Prove that } f = g.$$

#### ANSWERS

1. i. yes ii. no 2. i. Injective. ii. Neither. iii. Neither. iv. Injective. v. Injective vi. Both
6. No 11. i. one – one and onto ii. one – one and onto iii. one – one and onto
13. one – one and onto 14. Yes
19. i.  $fog(x) = 4x^2 + 4x + 1$ ,  $gof(x) = 2x^2 + 1$  ii.  $fog(x) = \sin x^2$ ,  $gof(x) = \sin^2 x$
- iii.  $fog(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 4x + 2}{(x-1)^2}$ ,  $gof(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 1}$  iv.  $fog(x) = |5x - 2|$ ,  $gof(x) = |5|x| - 2|$
20.  $fog(x) = gof(x) = x$ , No 21.  $x$
22. i.  $gof(x) = \{(1, 3), (3, 1), (4, 3)\}$  ii.  $fog(x) = \{(0, 6), (1, 3), (2, 2)\}$  iii.  $gof = \{(2, 7), (3, 7), (4, 11), (5, 11)\}$
24. 5 25. i. 1 ii. 0 28.  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 0$  or  $a = -1$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$
29.  $g(x) = x - 2$
32. i. No,  $f$  is many one ii. No,  $g$  is many one iii. Yes,  $h$  is bijective iv. No,  $l$  is many one
34.  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-7}{2}$  35. i.  $\phi$  ii.  $\{-5, 5\}$  iii.  $\{3, -3, 6, -6\}$  36.  $\{(2, 1), (4, 2), (6, 3), (8, 4)\}$
38.  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$  39.  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{2x}{1-x}$  40.  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{x-6}}{2}$ .
41.  $f^{-1}(x) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{x+6}-1}{3} \right)$  42.  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1+4 \log_2 x}}{2}$  46.  $\alpha = -1$



## PREVIOUS YEARS BOARD QUESTIONS

- If  $f : \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$  and  $g : \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$  given by  $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$ . Write down  $\text{gof}$ . [A.I 2014 C]
- If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = 3x + 2$ , then define  $f[f(x)]$ . [Delhi 2010]
- If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = (3 - x^3)^{1/3}$ , then find  $\text{fof}(x)$ . [A.I 2010]
- If  $f$  is an invertible function, defined as  $f(x) = \frac{3x-4}{5}$ , then write  $f^{-1}(x)$ . [Foreign 2010]
- If  $f : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$ , is defined as  $f(x) = x - 1$ , if  $x$  is odd and  $f(x) = x + 1$ , if  $x$  is even. Show that  $f$  is invertible. Find the inverse of  $f$ , where  $\mathbb{W}$  is the set of all whole numbers. [Foreign 2014]
- If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are two functions defined as  $f(x) = |x| + x$  and  $g(x) = |x| - x$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , Then, find  $\text{fog}$  &  $\text{gof}$ . [A.I 14C]
- If  $A = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$  and  $B = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ . Consider the function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$  for  $f^{-1}(x)$ . [Delhi 2014C]
- If  $A = \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$  and  $B = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ . If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a function defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-2}$ , then show that  $f$  is one-one and onto. Hence, find  $f^{-1}$ . [Delhi 2013C]
- Consider  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [4, \infty]$  given by  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$ . Show that  $f$  is invertible with the inverse  $f^{-1}$  of  $f$  given by  $f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y-4}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_+$  is the set of all non-negative real numbers. [A.I 2013]
- If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as  $f(x) = 10x + 7$ . Find the function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $\text{gof} = \text{fog} = I_{\mathbb{R}}$ . [A.I 2011]
- Consider  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty]$  given by  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$ , show that  $f$  is invertible with  $f^{-1}(y) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{y+6}-1}{3}\right)$ . [Foreign 2010]
- If the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $f(x) = \frac{x+3}{3}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ , then find  
(i)  $\text{fog}$  and (ii)  $\text{gof}$ . Is  $f^{-1} = g$ ? [Delhi 2009]

### ANSWERS

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|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| 1. $\{(1, 3), (3, 1), (4, 3)\}$ | 2. $9x + 8$   | 3. $x$  | 4. $\frac{5x+4}{3}$ |
| 5. $f^{-1} = f$                 | 6. $\text{fog}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > 0 \\ -4x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$ and $\text{gof}(x) = 0$ | 7. $\frac{3x-2}{x-1}$                             |                     |
| 8. $\frac{2x-1}{x-1}$           | 10. $g(x) = \frac{x-7}{10}$   | 12. (i) $\frac{2x}{3}$ (ii) $\frac{2x-3}{3}$ ; No |                     |

## EXEMPLAR PROBLEMS

### SHORT ANSWER

- Let  $D$  be the domain of the real valued function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$ . Then, write  $D$ .
- Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , respectively. Then, find  $\text{gof}$ .

3. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = 2x - 3 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . write  $f^{-1}$ .
4. If  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and the function  $f = \{(a, b), (b, d), (c, a), (d, c)\}$ , write  $f^{-1}$ .
5. If  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ , write  $f\{f(x)\}$ .
6. Is  $g = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 5), (4, 7)\}$  a function? If  $g$  is described by  $g(x) = \alpha x + \beta$ , then what value should be assigned to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .
7. Are the following set of ordered pairs functions? If so, examine whether the mapping is injective or surjective.
  - (i)  $\{(x, y): x \text{ is a person, } y \text{ is the mother of } x\}$ .
  - (ii)  $\{(a, b): a \text{ is a person, } b \text{ is an ancestor of } a\}$ .
8. If the mappings  $f$  and  $g$  are given by  $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  &  $g = \{(2, 3), (5, 1), (1, 3)\}$ , write  $f \circ g$ .
9. Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be the set of complex numbers. Prove that the mapping  $f: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by  $f(z) = |z|, \forall z \in \mathbf{C}$ , is neither one-one nor onto.
10. Let the function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \cos x, \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is neither one-one nor onto.
11. Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{4, 5\}$ . Find whether the following subsets of  $X, Y$  are functions from  $X$  to  $Y$  or not.
  - (i)  $f = \{(1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 4), (3, 5)\}$
  - (ii)  $g = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$
  - (iii)  $h = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 5)\}$
  - (iv)  $k = \{(1, 4), (2, 5)\}$ .
12. If functions  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow A$  satisfy  $g \circ f = I_A$ , then show that  $f$  is one one and  $g$  is onto.
13. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2 - \cos x} \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then, find the range of  $f$ .

#### LONG ANSWER

14. Given  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}, B = \{2, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Construct an example of each of the following:
  - (a) an injective mapping from  $A$  to  $B$
  - (b) a mapping from  $A$  to  $B$  which is not injective
  - (c) a mapping from  $B$  to  $A$ .
15. Give an example of a map
  - (i) which is one-one but not onto
  - (ii) which is not one-one but onto
  - (iii) which is neither one-one nor onto.
16. Let  $A = \mathbf{R} - \{3\}, B = \mathbf{R} - \{1\}$ . Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}, \forall x \in A$ . Then show that  $f$  is bijective.

17. Let  $A = [-1, 1]$ . Then, discuss whether the following functions defined on  $A$  are one-one, onto or bijective:

(i)  $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$       (ii)  $g(x) = |x|$       (iii)  $h(x) = x|x|$       (iv)  $k(x) = x_2$ .

18. Using the definition, prove that the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is invertible if and only if  $f$  is both one-one and onto.
19. Functions  $f, g: \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$  are defined, respectively, by  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1, g(x) = 2x - 3$ , find
  - (i)  $f \circ g$
  - (ii)  $g \circ f$
  - (iii)  $f \circ f$
  - (iv)  $g \circ g$

#### OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

Choose the correct answer out of the given four options.

20. The function  $f(x) = {}^{7-x}P_{x-3}$  is
  - (A) one-one
  - (B) many one
  - (C) onto
  - (D) one-one and onto both
21. If the set  $A$  contains 5 elements and the set  $B$  contains 6 elements, then the number of one-one and onto mappings from  $A$  to  $B$  is
  - (A) 720
  - (B) 120
  - (C) 0
  - (D) none of these

22. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and  $B = \{a, b\}$ . Then the number of surjections from  $A$  into  $B$  is  
 (A)  ${}^n P_2$  (B)  $2^n - 2$  (C)  $2^n - 1$  (D) None of these
23. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $f$  is  
 (A) one-one (B) onto (C) bijective (D)  $f$  is not defined
24. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 5$  and  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by  $g(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$ . Then  $gof$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{3x^2 - 5}{9x^4 - 30x^2 + 26}$  (B)  $\frac{3x^2 - 5}{9x^4 - 6x^2 + 26}$  (C)  $\frac{3x^2}{x^4 + 2x^2 - 4}$  (D)  $\frac{3x^2}{9x^4 + 30x^2 - 2}$
25. Which of the following functions from  $\mathbf{Z}$  into  $\mathbf{Z}$  are bijections?  
 (A)  $f(x) = x^3$  (B)  $f(x) = x + 2$  (C)  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  (D)  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$
26. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the functions defined by  $f(x) = x^3 + 5$ . Then  $f^{-1}(x)$  is  
 (A)  $(x+5)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (B)  $(x-5)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (C)  $(5-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (D)  $5 - x$
27. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be the bijective functions. Then  $(gof)^{-1}$  is  
 (A)  $f^{-1}og^{-1}$  (B)  $fog$  (C)  $g^{-1}of^{-1}$  (D)  $gof$
28. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \left\{ \frac{3}{5} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{3x+2}{5x-3}$ . Then  
 (A)  $f^{-1}(x) = f(x)$  (B)  $f^{-1}(x) = -f(x)$  (C)  $(fof)x = -x$  (D)  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{19} f(x)$
29. Let  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 1-x & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$ . Then  $(fof)x$  is  
 (A) constant (B)  $1 + x$  (C)  $x$  (D) none of these
30. Let  $f: [2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$ , then the range of  $f$  is  
 (A)  $\mathbf{R}$  (B)  $[1, \infty)$  (C)  $[4, \infty)$  (D)  $[5, \infty)$
31. Let  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = \frac{2x-1}{2}$  and  $g: \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be another function defined by  $g(x) = x + 2$ . Then  $(gof) \frac{3}{2}$  is  
 (A) 1 (B) 1 (C)  $\frac{7}{2}$  (D) none of these
32. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x: x > 3 \\ x^2: 1 < x \leq 3 \\ 3x: x \leq 1 \end{cases}$ . Then  $f(-1) + f(2) + f(4)$  is  
 (A) 9 (B) 14 (C) 5 (D) none of these

33. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = \tan x$ . Then  $f^{-1}(1)$  is

- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$       (B)  $\left\{n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} : n \in \mathbf{Z}\right\}$       (C) Does not exist      (D) None of these

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34. Let  $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(2, 3), (5, 1), (1, 3)\}$ . Then  $g \circ f =$  \_\_\_\_\_ and  $f \circ g =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

35. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ . Then  $(f \circ f \circ f)(x) =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

36. If  $f(x) = [4 - (x - 7)^3]$ , then  $f^{-1}(x) =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

TRUE OR FALSE

37. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = \sin(3x + 2) \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $f$  is invertible.  
 38. Let  $A = \{0, 1\}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$  be the set of natural numbers. Then the mapping  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow A$  defined by  $f(2n - 1) = 0, f(2n) = 1, \forall n \in \mathbf{N}$ , is onto.  
 39. The composition of functions is commutative.  
 40. The composition of functions is associative.  
 41. Every function is invertible.

ANSWERS

1.  $D = [-5, 5]$       2.  $4x^2 + 4x - 1$       3.  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+3}{2}$   
 4.  $f^{-1} = \{(b, a), (d, b), (a, c), (c, d)\}$       5.  $f\{f(x)\} = x^4 - 6x^3 + 10x^2 - 3x$       6.  $\alpha = 2, \beta = -1$   
 7. (i) represents function which is surjective but not injective. (ii) does not represent function.  
 8.  $f \circ g = \{(2, 5), (5, 2), (1, 5)\}$   
 11. (i)  $f$  is not function (ii)  $g$  is function (iii)  $h$  is function (iv)  $k$  is not function  
 14.  $\frac{1}{3}, 1$   
 17. (i)  $f$  is one-one but not onto, (ii)  $g$  is neither one-one nor onto (iii)  $h$  is bijective, (iv)  $k$  is neither one-one nor onto.  
 19. (i)  $4x^2 - 6x + 1$  (ii)  $2x^2 + 6x - 1$  (iii)  $x^4 + 6x^3 + 14x^2 + 15x + 5$  (iv)  $4x - 9$       20. A  
 21. C      22. B      23. D      24. A      25. B      26. B      27. A      28. A  
 29. C      30. B      31. D      32. A      33. B  
 34.  $\text{gof} = \{(1, 3), (3, 1), (4, 3)\}$  and  $\text{fog} = \{(2, 5), (5, 2), (1, 5)\}$       35.  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{3x^2+1}}$   
 36.  $f^{-1}(x) = 7 + (4 - x)^{1/3}$       37. False      38. True      39. False      40. True      41. False