

## RELATIONS & FUNCTIONS

### KEY CONCEPTS& IMPORTANT FORMULAE

- Objectives :**
1. To make the students familiar with higher mathematics
  2. To understand and apply the knowledge of relation and function.

### KEY CONCEPTS

- (i).Domain, Co domain &Range of a relation
- (ii).Types of relations
- (iii).One-one, onto & inverse of a function
- (iv).Composition of function
- (v).Binary Operations

### IMPORTANT DEFINATIONS

1. **RELATION:** A Relation  $R$  from a set  $X$  to set  $Y$  is a subset of  $X \times Y$ .  
A Relation  $R$  from a set  $X$  to set  $X$  is called a relation on  $X$ .
2. **FUNCTION:** A relation  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is called a function if  $f$  relates every element of  $A$  to unique element in  $B$ .

**Remark:** Difference between a relation & a function

Every function is a relation but converse need not to be true.

For example: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . Let  $R$  be the relation From  $A$  to  $B$  defined as :

$R = \{(1,a), (1,c), (3,d), (5,d)\}$ . Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be the relation defined as  $f = \{(1,a), (2,c), (3,d), (5,d), (4,a)\}$ , here  $R$  is a relation but not a function. And  $f$  is a function.

3. **BINARY OPERATION:** If  $A \neq \emptyset$  be any set then a function  $*$ :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is called a binary operation on  $A$ .

### TYPES OF RELATION:

1. **Reflexive:** If  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then a relation  $R: A \rightarrow A$  is called reflexive if  $f$  relates every element of  $A$  to itself.
2. **Symmetric:** If  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then a relation  $R: A \rightarrow A$  is called symmetric if  $(a,b) \in R$  implies  $(b,a) \in R \forall a, b \in A$
3. **Transitive :** If  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then a relation  $R: A \rightarrow A$  is called transitive if  $(a,b) \in R$  and  $(b,c) \in R$  implies  $(a,c) \in R \forall a, b, c \in A$ .

Equivalence Relation: A relation  $R$  on  $A$  is called equivalence relation if  $R$

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is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

## TYPES OF FUNCTIONS:

1. **One-one function (injective):** If  $A, B \neq \emptyset$ , then a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is called one-one function if  $f$  maps (relates) distinct elements of  $A$  to distinct elements of  $B$ .  
If  $f(x)=f(y)$  implies  $x=y$ .
2. **Onto function(surjective):** If  $A, B \neq \emptyset$ , then a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is called onto function if for every element  $y \in B$ , there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .
3. **Bijjective function:** If a function is one-one and onto, then it is a bijective function.  
Note: If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a bijective function then  $f$  is also called invertible function.  
If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a bijective function then  $g: B \rightarrow A$  is called inverse of  $f$  if  $g(y) = x \forall y \in B$

## COMPOSITION OF FUNCTION:

If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  &  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be two functions then  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  is a function defined by  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) \forall x \in A$ .

Note: If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  &  $g: C \rightarrow D$  be two functions then  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow D$  is defined by  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) \forall x \in A$  provided Range  $f$  is a subset of Domain  $g$ .

Note: If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  &  $g: B \rightarrow A$  be two functions such that  $g \circ f(x) = x = f \circ g(x)$   
Then  $f$  is invertible &  $f^{-1} = g$

**Binary Operation:** If  $A \neq \emptyset$  be any set then a function  $*$ :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is called a binary operation on  $A$ .

### Properties of Binary operations:

1. A Binary operation  $*$ :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is called commutative if  $a * b = b * a \forall a, b \in A$
2. A Binary operation  $*$ :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is called associative if  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c) \forall a, b \in A$ .
3. If  $*$ :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is a binary operation then  $e \in A$  is called identity element if  
$$a * e = e * a = a \forall a \in A.$$
4. If  $*$ :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is a binary operation then  $b \in A$  is called inverse of  $a \in A$  if

$$a * b = b * a = e$$

## IMPORTANT BOARD QUESTIONS

### SECTION A

1. If  $f(x) = x + 7$  and  $g(x) = x - 7$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  find  $(f \circ g)(7)$ .

Sol.1. Here  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

$$= f(x - 7)$$

$$= (x - 7) + 7 = x$$

2. Let  $*$  be a binary operation defined by  $a * b = 2a + b - 3$ . Find  $3 * 4$ .

Sol. Given  $a * b = 2a + b - 3$

$$3 * 4 = 6 + 4 - 3 = 7$$

3. If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , write the relation  $aRb$  such that  $a + b = 8$ ,  $a, b \in A$ .

Sol. Here  $R = \{(3, 5), (5, 3), (4, 4)\}$

4. Prove that the  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as  $f(x) = 2x$  is one-one.

Sol. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ ,

$$2x = 2y$$

$x = y$ . Therefore  $f$  is one-one.

## SECTION B

**1. Show that the relation R in the set Z of integers given by**

$$R = \{(a, b) : 2 \text{ divides } a - b\}$$

**Solution:**

**Reflexivity:** Since  $a - a = 0$  is divisible by 2 for every  $a \in Z$

Therefore  $(a, a) \in R$

Hence it is reflexive

**Symmetric:** Let  $(a, b) \in R$ ,  $a - b$  is divisible by 2

Then  $b - a$  is also divisible by 2

i.e,  $(b, a) \in R$

Hence R is symmetric

**Transitive :** Let  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

Therefore,  $a - b = 2m$  and  $b - c = 2n$ , where  $m, n \in Z$

Adding them  $a - b + b - c = 2(m + n)$

We get  $a - c = 2(m + n)$ , where  $m + n \in Z$

Thus  $(a, c) \in R$

Hence R is also transitive.

Thus R is an equivalence relation in Z

**2. Show that the relation R in the set R of real numbers, defined as  $R = \{(a, b) : a \leq b^2\}$  is neither reflexive nor symmetric nor transitive.**

**Sol.** Clearly, for  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $aRa$  is false because,  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{4}$  is not true

Hence R is not reflexive.

Clearly  $(1, 3) \in R$  {because  $1 < 9$ }

but  $(3, 1) \notin R$  {because  $9 \leq 1$ } is not true.

Hence R is not symmetric.

Further,  $(5, 4) \in R$  &  $(4, 2) \in R$

but  $(5, 2) \notin R$  {because  $5 \leq 4$ } is not true. Therefore R is not transitive.

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3.11 The function  $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$ , prove that it is one-one.

Also find the inverse of the function  $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \square$  Range of the  $f$ .

Sol:  $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given as  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$

Let  $f(x) = f(y)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{x+2} = \frac{y}{y+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + 2x = xy + 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore f$  is a one-one function.

It is clear that  $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$  is onto.

$\therefore f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$  is one-one and onto and therefore, the inverse of the function:

$f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$  exists.

Let  $g: \text{Range } f \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  be the inverse of  $f$ .

Let  $y$  be an arbitrary element of range  $f$ .

Since  $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$  is onto, we have:

$$y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{x+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + 2y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow x(1-y) = 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2y}{1-y}, y \neq 1$$

Now, let us define  $g: \text{Range } f \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  as

$$g(y) = \frac{2y}{1-y}, y \neq 1.$$

$$\text{Now, } (g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{x}{x+2}\right) = \frac{2\left(\frac{x}{x+2}\right)}{1 - \frac{x}{x+2}} = \frac{2x}{x+2-x} = \frac{2x}{2} = x$$

$$(f \circ g)(y) = f(g(y)) = f\left(\frac{2y}{1-y}\right) = \frac{\frac{2y}{1-y}}{\frac{2y}{1-y} + 2} = \frac{2y}{2y + 2 - 2y} = \frac{2y}{2} = y$$

$$\therefore f^{-1} = g$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = \frac{2y}{1-y}, y \neq 1$$

**4. Show that the relation R on set A = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} given by R = R = {(a, b): |a-b| is even} is an equivalence relation.**

Sol. R = {(1,1)(1,3)(1,5)(2,2)(2,4)(3,1)(3,3)(3,5)(4,2)(4,4)(5,1)(5,3)}

**Reflexive-**

(a,a) ∈ R as |a - a| = 0 is even number for every a belonging to A

**Symmetric—**

Let (a,b) ∈ R ⇒ |a - b| is even ⇒ |b - a| is even ⇒ (b, a) ∈ R

**Transitive Relation—**

If (a,b) ∈ R ⇒ |a - b| is even ⇒ a-b = ± 2n

If (b,c) ∈ R ⇒ |b - c| is even ⇒ b-c = ± 2m

$$a-c = a-b + (b-c) = \pm 2(m+n)$$

|a - c| is even number ⇒ (a,c) ∈ R

Hence R is an equivalence relation

**5. Consider  $f : R_+ \rightarrow [4, \infty)$  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  $R_+$  is the set of all non-negative real numbers.**

Sol.  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$

$$\therefore y = x^2 + 4$$

$$\therefore x = \sqrt{y - 4}$$

Let us define a function  $g: [4, \infty) \rightarrow R_+$  such that,

$$\therefore g(y) = \sqrt{y - 4},$$

Now  $g \circ f(x) = g[f(x)]$

$$= g(x^2 + 4)$$

$$= \sqrt{y-4}$$

$$= x$$

Similarly we can show  $f \circ g(y) = y$

Hence  $f$  is invertible with  $f^{-1} = g$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y-4}$$

### SECTION C

**1. Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined as  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$  show that  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  where  $\mathbb{S}$  is the range of  $f$  is Invertible. Find the inverse of  $f$  and hence find  $f^{-1}(43)$  and  $f^{-1}(163)$**

Sol.  $\therefore f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$

$$\therefore y = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{y+6}}{3}$$

Let us define a function  $g: \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that,

$$\therefore g(y) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{y+6}}{3},$$

Now  $g \circ f(x) = g[f(x)]$

$$= g(9x^2 + 6x - 5)$$

$$= \frac{-1 + \sqrt{9x^2 + 6x - 5 + 6}}{3}$$

$$= \frac{-1 + 3x + 1}{3}$$

$$= x$$

Similarly we can show  $f \circ g(y) = y$

Hence  $f$  is invertible with  $f^{-1} = g$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{x+6}}{3}$$

Now  $f^{-1}(43) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{43+6}}{3} = 2$

And  $f^{-1}(163) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{163+6}}{3} = 4$

2. Let  $A = Q \times Q$ . Let  $*$  be a binary operation on  $A$  defined by  $(a,b)*(c,d) = (ac, ad+b)$ . Show that  $*$  is commutative & Associative.

Find: (i) the identity element of  $A$  (ii) the invertible element of  $A$ .

**Sol.**  $A = Q \times Q$

And  $(a,b) * (c,d) = (ac, b+ad) \forall (a,b), (c,d) \in S$

$$(a,b)*(c,d) = (ac, b+ad)$$

**(I) commutative:**

$$(a,b)*(c,d) = (ac, b+ad)$$

$$(c,d)*(a,b) = (ca, d+cb)$$

E.g.  $(1,2)*(3,4) = (3,6)$

$$(3,4)*(1,2) = (3,10)$$

$*$  is not commutative.

**Associative:**

$$\{[(a,b)*(c,d)]*(e,f)\} = (ac, b+ad)*(e,f)$$

$$= (ace, b+ad+acf)$$

$$\{(a,b)*[(c,d)*(e,f)]\} = (a,b)*(ce, d+cf)$$

$$= (ace, b+ad+acf)$$

$*$  is associative.

**(ii) if  $(e, e')$  is identity**

$$(a,b)*(e, e') = (a,b) = (e, e')*(a,b)$$

$$(ae, b+ae') = (a,b) = (ea, e'+eb)$$

$$(ae, b+ae') = (a,b)$$

$$ae = a \text{ \& } b+ae' = b$$

$$e = 1 \text{ \& } e' = 0, \text{ if } a \text{ is not equal to } 0.$$

Now,  $(a,b) = (ea, e'+eb)$

$$a = ea, \quad b = e'+eb$$

$$e = 0, \quad e' = b$$

Identity doesn't exist.



**HOTS**

**Q1** Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -1 \leq x \leq 1\} = B$ . Show that  $f: A \rightarrow B$  given by  $f(x) = x|x|$  is bijection .

Sol : We have  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

a)  $f$  is one one

1) Let  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  be such that

$$f(x) = f(y)$$

$$x^2 = y^2$$

$$(x - y)(x + y) = 0$$

$$x = y \text{ or } x = -y \text{ (rejected)}$$

2) Let  $x, y \in (-\infty, 0)$  be such that

$$f(x) = f(y)$$

$$-x^2 = -y^2$$

$$(x - y)(x + y) = 0$$

$$x = y \text{ or } x = -y \text{ (rejected)} .$$

Therefore  $f$  is one one .

b)  $f$  is onto :

For every  $y \in [0, 1]$  , there exists  $x \in [0, 1]$  s.t  $f(x) = y$  ie  $x^2 = y$  .

Also for every  $y \in (-\infty, 0)$  , there exists  $x \in (-\infty, 0)$  s.t  $f(x) = y$  ie  $x^2 = -y$  .

Therefore  $f$  is onto . Hence  $f$  is a bijective function.

**Q 2** If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}, x \geq 0$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$  are two real functions , then find fog and gof .

Sol: Here  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}, x \geq 0$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$  .

$$\text{Domain } f = [0, \infty) \text{ and Range } f = [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{Domain } g = \mathbb{R} \text{ and Range } g = [-1, \infty)$$

Computation of gof :

Therefore  $\text{gof}$  exists and  $\text{gof} : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{gof}(x) = g(f(x)) = g(\sqrt{x}) = (\sqrt{x})^2 - 1$$

Computation of  $\text{gof}$  : We observe that  $\text{Range } g = [-1, \infty)$  is not subset of  $\text{Domain } f$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore Domain fog} &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } g(x) \in [0, \infty)\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 - 1 \in [0, \infty)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 - 1 \geq 0\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \leq -1, x \geq 1\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Domain fog} = (-\infty, -1) \cup [1, \infty) \text{ and } \text{fog}(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x^2 - 1) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}.$$

**Q3** Let  $g(x) = 1 + x - [x]$  and  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & x < 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$ , then for all  $x$ , find  $\text{fog}(x)$ .

$$\text{Sol : } \text{fog}(x) = f(g(x)) = f(1 + x - [x]) = f(1 + \{x\}) = 1$$

Because  $\{x\} = x - [x]$ .

$$\text{Also } 0 \leq x - [x] < 1 \text{ ie } 0 \leq \{x\} < 1$$

$$1 \leq 1 + \{x\} < 2$$

$$\text{Fog}(x) = f(1 + \{x\}) = 1 \quad [ \{x\} \text{ denotes partial part or decimal part } ]$$

**Q4** Two functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are defined as  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$

and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$ . Find  $\text{gof}(e) + \text{fog}(\pi)$ .

$$\text{Sol : Here } \text{gof}(e) + \text{fog}(\pi) = g(f(e)) + f(g(\pi))$$

$$= g(1) + f(0)$$

$$= -1 + 0$$

$$= -1$$

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$A * B = A \cup B$  for all  $A, B \in P(X)$ . Prove that  $*$  is commutative and associative.

Find the identity element. Also show that  $\emptyset \in P(X)$  is the only invertible element.

Sol : We know that  $A \cup B = A \cup C$  and  $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$

Therefore for any  $A, B, C \in P(X)$ , we have

$$A \cup B = A \cup C \text{ and } (A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$$

ie  $A * B = B * A$  and  $(A * B) * C = A * (B * C)$ .

Thus  $*$  is both commutative and associative.

Now  $A \cup \emptyset = A = \emptyset \cup A$  for all  $A \in P(X)$

ie  $A * \emptyset = \emptyset * A$  for all  $A \in P(X)$

So  $\emptyset$  is the identity element.

Let  $A \in P(X)$  be the invertible element. Then there exists  $S \in P(X)$  s.t

$$A * S = \emptyset = S * A \text{ ie } A \cup S = \emptyset = S \cup A$$

$$S = \emptyset = A.$$

Hence  $\emptyset$  is the only invertible element.