

## Chapter 1

### Relations & Functions

Consider the sets  $A = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$  and  $B = \{3,4,5,6,7\}$ . The Cartesian product of A and B is  $A \times B = \{(1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6), (1,7), (2,3), (2,4), (2,5), (2,6), (2,7), (3,3), (3,4), (3,5), (3,6), (3,7), (4,3), (4,4), (4,5), (4,6), (4,7), (5,3), (5,4), (5,5), (5,6), (5,7)\}$ .

A subset of  $A \times B$  by introducing a relation R between the first element 'x' and the second element 'y' of each ordered pair (x, y) as

$R = \{(x,y) : x \text{ is greater than } y, x \in A, y \in B\}$ . Then  $R = \{(4,3), (5,3), (5,4)\}$ .

Note1: Relation R from a non-empty set A to a non-empty set B is a subset of the Cartesian product  $A \times B$ . The subset is derived by describing a relationship between the first element and the second element of the ordered pairs in  $A \times B$ . The second element is called the image of the first element.

Note2: The set of all first elements of the ordered pairs in a relation R from a set A to a set B is called the domain of the relation R.

Note3: The set of all second elements in a relation R from a set A to a set B is called the range of the relation R. The whole set B is called the co-domain of the relation R. Note that range  $\subseteq$  co-domain.

#### Tips

1. A relation may be represented algebraically either by Roster method or by Set-builder method.
2. An arrow diagram is a visual representation of a relation.
3. The total number of relations that can be defined from a set A to a set B is the number of possible subsets of  $A \times B$ . If  $n(A) = p$  and  $n(B) = q$ , then  $n(A \times B) = pq$  and the total number of relations is  $2^{pq}$ .
4. A relation R from A to A is also stated as a relation on A.

Inverse relation: If  $D = \{(a,b) : a \in A, b \in B, (a,b) \in R\}$  is a relation from set A to a set B, then inverse of  $R = R^{-1} = \{(b,a) : (a,b) \in R\}$ .

Note:  $\text{Domain}(R) = \text{Range}(R^{-1})$  and  $\text{Range}(R) = \text{Domain}(R^{-1})$ .

#### Types of relations

A relation R in a set A to itself is called:

1. Universal relation: If each element of A is related to every element of A. i.e.,  $R = A \times A$
2. An identity relation if  $R = \{(a,a) : a \in A\}$
3. An empty or void relation if no element of A is related to any element of A. i.e.,  $R = \emptyset$

Note: Empty relation and the universal relation are sometimes called trivial relations.  $R = \emptyset$  or  $R = A \times A$

4. A relation R in a set A is said to be

a) Reflexive, if every element of A is related to itself. i.e.,  $\forall a \in A, (a,a) \in R$

b) Symmetric, if then  $\forall a, b \in A, aRb \Rightarrow bRa$  i.e.,  $aRb = bRa \forall a, b \in A$ .

c) Transitive, if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R \forall a, b, c \in A$  i.e., a RID and  $[DRc \Rightarrow aRc]$

5. Equivalence Relation: A relation  $R$  in a set  $A$  is called an equivalent if

i)  $R$  is reflexive, ii)  $R$  is symmetric and iii)  $R$  is transitive.

Note: 1. If  $R$  and  $S$  are two relations on a set  $A$ , then  $R \cap S$  is also an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

2. The union of two equivalence relations on a set is not necessarily an equivalence relation on the set.

3. The inverse of an equivalence relation is an equivalence relation.

Functions: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-empty sets. A function  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is a correspondence which associates elements of set  $A$  to element of set  $B$  such that

i. all elements of set  $A$  are associated to elements in set  $B$ .

ii. an element of set  $A$  is associated to a unique element in set  $B$ .

If  $f$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$  and  $(a, b) \in f$ ; then  $f(a) = b$ , where ' $b$ ' is called the image of ' $a$ ' under  $f$  and ' $a$ ' is called the pre-image of ' $b$ ' under  $f$ .

The function  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is denoted by  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

Types of Functions

One-one function (Injective): A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be an one-one function if different elements of  $A$  have different images in  $B$ .

No. of one-one functions from  $A$  to  $B$

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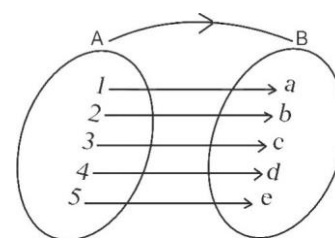
$1^n$  Pm, if  $n \geq 1$

1 if  $n = 0$

To check the injectivity of a function

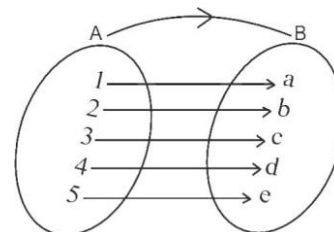
i. Take two arbitrary elements  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in the domain of  $f$ . ii. Check whether  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  iii.

If  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , which implies that  $x_1 = x_2$  only then the function is a one-one function or injective function otherwise not.



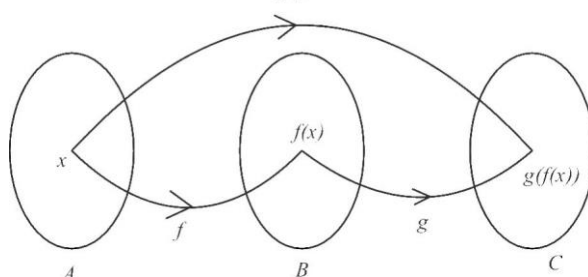
Onto function (surjective): A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be an onto function, if every element of  $B$  is the image of some element of  $A$  under  $f$  i.e., for every element  $y \in B$ , there exists an element  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

One-one onto function (bijective): A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be an one-one and onto, if it is both one-one and onto.



Composition of function

Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be any two functions, the composition of  $f$  and  $g$ , denoted by  $g \circ f$  is defined as the function  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  given by  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) \quad \forall x \in A$



Invertible function

Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow A$  be any two functions, the composition of  $f$  and  $g$ , denoted by  $g \circ f$  is defined as the function  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow A$  given by  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) \quad \forall x \in A$ . For example, Let  $f$  be given by  $f(x) = 4x + 3$ . Show that

$f(x)$  is invertible. Also find the inverse off.

$$f(x) = 4x + 3$$

$$f(x_1) = 4x_1 + 3$$

$$f(x_2) = 4x_2 + 3$$

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 4x_1 + 3 = 4x_2 + 3 \Rightarrow 4x_1 = 4x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$\therefore f$  is one-one.

Again, let  $y = 4x + 3$

$$y - 3 = 4x \Rightarrow x = \frac{y - 3}{4}$$

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{y - 3}{4}\right) = 4 \times \frac{y - 3}{4} + 3 = y - 3 + 3 = y \quad \text{is onto.}$$

Hence,  $f$  is one-one, onto and therefore, invertible.

$$\text{NOW, } Y = f(X) = y = 4x + 3 \quad X = \frac{y - 3}{4} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y - 3}{4}$$

Binary operation

An operation  $*$  on a non-empty set  $A$ , satisfying the closure property is known as a binary operation. For example, let  $*$  be the binary operation on  $N$  given by a LCM of  $a$  and  $b$ . Find

$$1. \quad 3 * 4 = \text{LCM of } 3 \text{ and } 4 = 12$$

$$11. \quad 16 * 24 = \text{LCM of } 16 \text{ and } 24 = 48$$

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Properties of binary operation:

1. Commutative Property: A binary operation  $*$  on set  $A$  is said to be commutative, if  $a * b = b * a$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ .
2. Associative Property: A binary operation  $*$  on set  $A$  is said to be associative, if  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ , for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .
3. Identity property: A binary operation  $*$  on set  $A$  is said to be identity, if an element  $e \in A$ , if  $a * e = a = e * a, \forall a \in A$ .

For example, find the identity element in  $Z$  for  $*$  on  $Z$ , defined by  $a * b = a + b + 1$ . Let  $e$  be the identity element in  $Z$ .

$$a * e = a$$

$$\therefore a * b = a * e = a + e + 1$$

- $-1 \in Z$  is the identity element for  $*$ .

Write the operation table of \* on the set {1,2,3,4,5} defined by  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$ .

*	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	2	2	2
3	1	2	3	3	3
4	1	2	3	4	4
5	1	2	3	4	5

Tips

1.  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$
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4.  $(g \circ g)(x) = g(g(x))$
5.  $(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$ , etc..