

Q. Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$, $m > 3$. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be subsets of S each of size

3. Define a function f from S to the set of natural numbers as, $f(i)$ is the number of sets X_j that contains the element i . That is $f(i) = |\{j \mid i \in X_j\}|$.

Then $\sum_{i=1}^m f(i)$ is

(2006 : 2 Marks)

$n = 10$ ✓

a) $3m$

b) $3n$ ✓

c) $2m + 1$

d) $2n + 1$

$m > 3$

$m = 5$

$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

${}^5C_3 = 10$

$X_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ✓

$X_2 = \{1, 2, 4\}$ ✓

$X_3 = \{1, 2, 5\}$ ✓

$X_4 = \{1, 3, 4\}$

$X_5 = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$X_6 = \{2, 3, 4\}$ ✓

$X_7 = \{2, 3, 5\}$ ✓

$X_8 = \{2, 4, 5\}$ ✓

$X_9 = \{3, 4, 5\}$

$X_{10} = \{1, 4, 5\}$

$f: S \rightarrow N$
 $f(i) = |\{j : i \in X_j\}|$

$f(1) = 6$

$f(2) = 6$

$f(3) = 6$

$f(4) = 6$

$f(5) = 6$

$m > 3$
 $m = 4$

${}^4C_3 = 4$
 $= n$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^m f(i) &= f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + f(4) + f(5) \\ &= 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 \\ &= 30 \\ &= 3 \times 10 \\ &= 3n\end{aligned}$$



Q. The number of onto functions (surjective functions) from set $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ to set $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ is _____. (2015 (Set-2) : 2 Marks)

$$n^m - nC_1 (n-1)^m + nC_2 (n-2)^m - \dots$$

$$m = 4, \quad n = 3$$

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Q. A function $f : \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$, defined on the set of positive integers \mathbb{N}^+ , satisfies the following properties:

$$\underline{f(n) = f(n/2)} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is even} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{f(n) = f(n + 5)} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \quad \checkmark$$

Let $R = \{i \mid \exists j : f(j) = i\}$ be the set of distinct values that f takes. The maximum possible size of R is 2. (2016 (Set-1) : 2 Marks)

$$R = \{i \mid \exists j : f(j) = i\}$$

$$f(j) = i$$

$$R = \{i\}$$

$$f(n) = f\left(\frac{n}{2}\right); n \text{ is even}$$

$$f(n) = f(n+5); n \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(1) = f(6) \checkmark$$

$$f(2) = f(1) \checkmark$$

$$-f(3) = f(8)$$

$$f(4) = f(2) \checkmark$$

$$\boxed{f(5) = f(10)}$$

$$-f(6) = f(3) \checkmark$$

$$\underline{\underline{f(7) = f(12) \checkmark}}$$

$$f(8) = f(4) \checkmark$$

$$f(9) = f(14) \checkmark$$

$$\boxed{f(10) = f(5)}$$

$$f(11) = f(16)$$

$$\underline{\underline{f(12) = f(6) \checkmark}}$$

$$f(13) = f(18)$$

$$f(14) = f(7) \checkmark$$

$$\boxed{f(15) = f(20)}$$

$$f(16) = f(8)$$

$$f(17) = f(22)$$

$$f(18) = f(9)$$

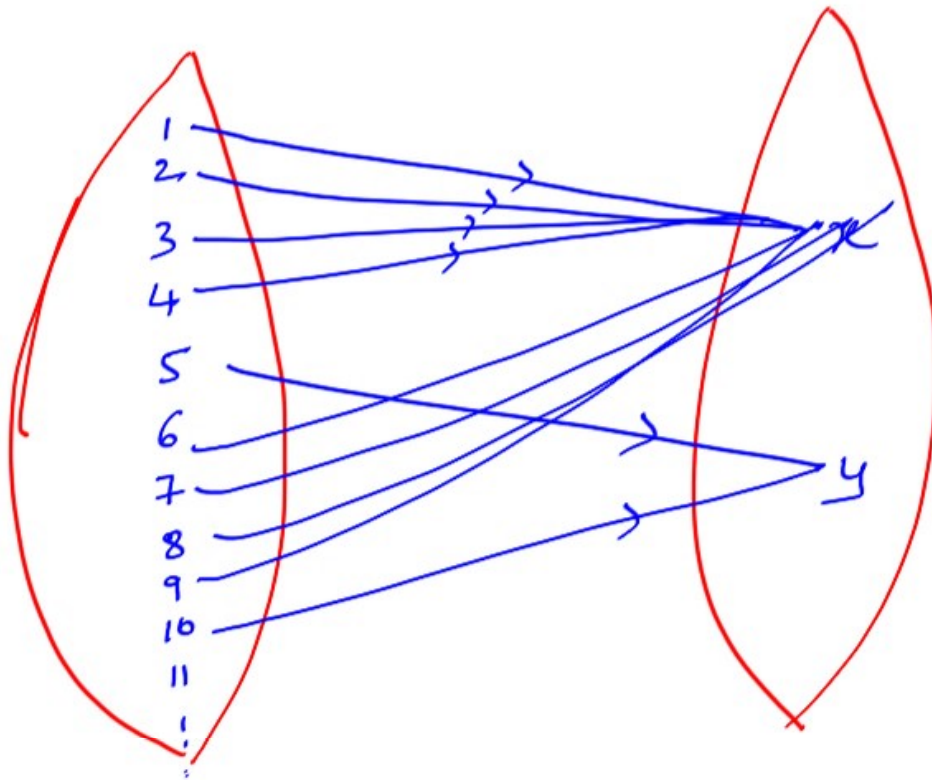
$$f(19) = f(24)$$

$$\boxed{f(20) = f(10)}$$



$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= f(2) = f(3) = f(4) = f(6) = f(7) \\ &= f(8) = f(9) = f(11) = f(12) = f(13) = f(14) \\ &= f(16) = f(17) = f(18) = f(19) = f(21) \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$f(5) = f(10) = f(15) = f(20) = \dots$$



Max possible size $R = 2$

Q. How many onto (or ^{γ} surjective) functions are there from an n -element ($n \geq 2$) set to a 2-element set? (GATE-12)

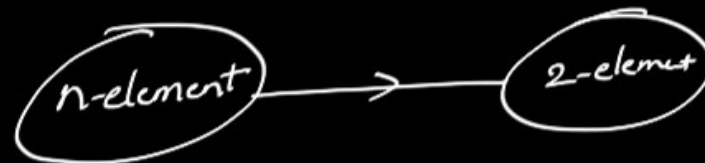


a) 2^n

b) $2^n - 1$

c) $2^n - 2$ ✓

d) $2(2^n - 2)$



A handwritten calculation showing the subtraction of non-onto functions from the total possible functions. It starts with $2^n - 2$. An arrow points from 2^n down to the text 'possible functions'. Another arrow points from -2 down to the text '(Not onto) [constant]'.

Q. Let R denote the set of real numbers. Let $f: \overset{A \rightarrow A}{(R \times R)} \rightarrow R \times R$ be a bijective function defined by $f(x, y) = (x + y, x - y)$. The inverse function of f is given by **(GATE-96)**

a) $f^{-1}(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{x+y}, \frac{1}{x-y} \right)$

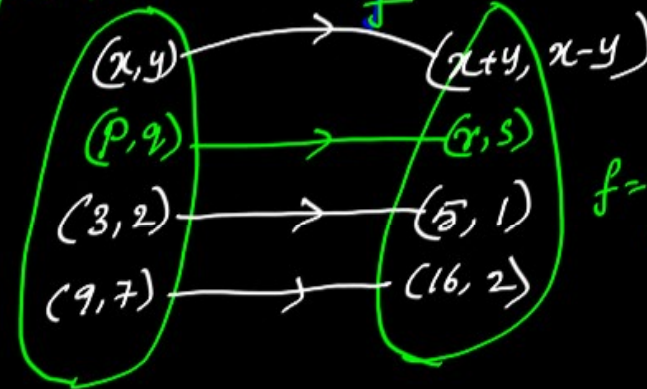
b) $f^{-1}(x, y) = (x - y, x + y)$

✓ c) $f^{-1}(x, y) = \left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{x-y}{2} \right)$

d) $f^{-1}(x, y) = (2(x - y), 2(x + y))$

$f: R \rightarrow R$

$f: R \times R \rightarrow R \times R$



$f = \{ (p, q), (r, s) \}$

$$a) f^{-1}(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{x+y}, \frac{1}{x-y} \right)$$

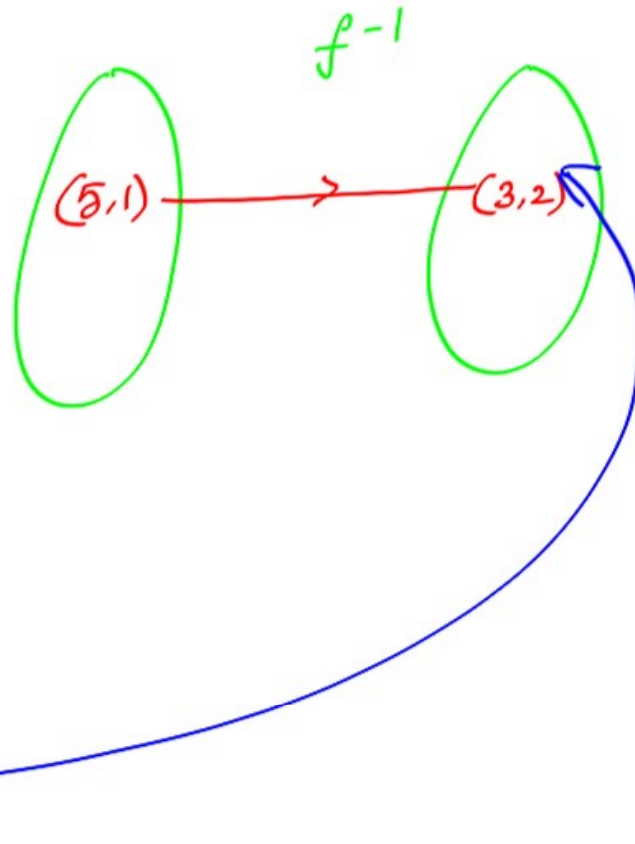
$$f^{-1}(5, 2) = \left(\frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{3} \right) \quad \times$$

$$b) f^{-1}(x, y) = (x-y, x+y)$$

$$f^{-1}(5, 1) = (4, 6)$$

$$c) f^{-1}(x, y) = \left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{x-y}{2} \right)$$

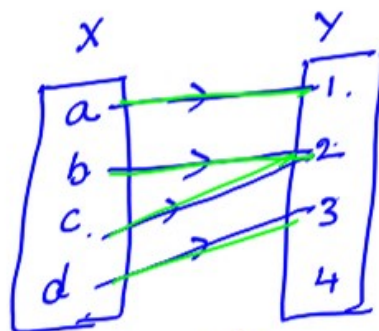
$$f^{-1}(5, 1) = \left(\frac{5+1}{2}, \frac{5-1}{2} \right) \\ = (3, 2)$$



Q. Let X and Y be finite sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Which one of the following statements is **TRUE**? **(GATE-14-Set3)**

- a) For any subsets A and B of X , $|f(A \cup B)| = |f(A)| + |f(B)|$
- b) For any subsets A and B of X , $|f(A \cap B)| = |f(A) \cap f(B)|$
- c) For any subsets A and B of X , $|f(A \cap B)| = \min\{|f(A)|, |f(B)|\}$
- d) For any subsets S and T of Y , $f^{-1}(S \cap T)$ = $f^{-1}(S) \cap f^{-1}(T)$

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$



$$X = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

$$A = \{a, b\} \quad B = \{c, d\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

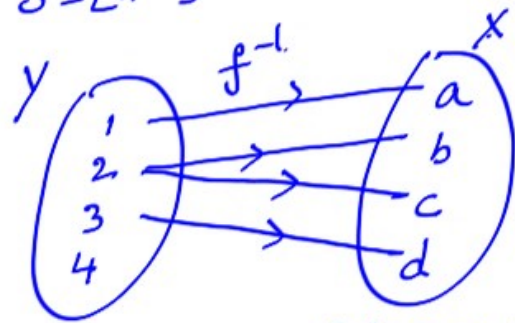
$$\begin{aligned} |f(A \cup B)| &\neq |f(A)| + |f(B)| \\ |\{1, 2, 3\}| &\neq |\{1, 2\}| + |\{2, 3\}| \\ 3 &\neq 2 + 2 \\ 3 &\neq 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(A \cap B) &\neq f(A) \cap f(B) \\ f(\emptyset) &\neq \{1, 2\} \cap \{2, 3\} \\ \emptyset &\neq \{2\} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} |f(A \cap B)| &\neq \min\{|f(A)|, |f(B)|\} \\ |\{1, 2, 3\}| &\neq \min\{2, 2\} \\ 3 &\neq 2 \\ 0 &\neq 2 \end{aligned}$$

(d) $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
 $S = \{1, 2\}$ $T = \{3, 4\}$



$$f^{-1}(S \cap T) = f^{-1}(S) \cap f^{-1}(T) \quad \checkmark$$

$$f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \{a, b\} \cap \{d\}$$

$$\emptyset = \emptyset$$





Q. The number of functions from an m element set to an n element set is

(GATE-98)

a) $m + n$

b) m^n

c) n^m ✓

d) $m * n$

Q. Consider the binary relation:

$$S = \{(x, y) \mid y = x+1 \text{ and } x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}\}$$

The reflexive transitive closure of S is

(GATE-04)

- a) $\{(x, y) \mid y > x \text{ and } x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}\}$
- b) $\{(x, y) \mid y \geq x \text{ and } x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}\}$
- c) $\{(x, y) \mid y < x \text{ and } x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}\}$
- d) $\{(x, y) \mid y \leq x \text{ and } x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}\}$

Q. The inclusion of which of the following sets into

(GATE-04)

$S = \{\{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}, \{1,3,5\}, \{1,2,4\}, \{1,2,3,4,5\}\}$ is necessary and sufficient to make S a complete lattice under the partial order defined by set containment?

- a) $\{1\}$
- b) $\{1\}, \{2,3\}$
- c) $\{1\}, \{1,3\}$
- d) $\{1\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,2,3,4\}, \{1,2,3,5\}$

Q. Consider the following sets, where $n \geq 2$:

S_1 : Set of all $n \times n$ matrices with entries from the set (a, b, c)

S_2 : Set of all functions from the set $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n^2-1\}$ to the set $\{0, 1, 2\}$

Which of the following choice(s) is/are correct? **(GATE-21-Set2)**

- a) There exists a surjection from S_1 to S_2 . $\frac{1}{2}$
- b) There does not exist an injection from S_1 to S_2
- c) There does not exist a bijection from S_1 to S_2
- d) There exists a bijection from S_1 to S_2 ✓

S_1 : Set of all $n \times n$ matrices with entries from $\{a, b, c\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{a_1} & & \\ a & & \\ b & & \\ c & & \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \\ 3 \times \\ 3 \times \end{matrix}$$

$n \times n$

n^2 elements

$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times \dots (n^2 \text{ times})$

$$= 3^{n^2}$$

$$a_1 = \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{matrix}$$

$$n=2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

S_2 : set all functions

$$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ n^2-1 \end{matrix}$$

$$m = n^2$$

$$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$n=3$$

$$= n^m$$

$$= 3^{n^2}$$

$$|S_1| = |S_2|$$



Algebraic Structure

Algebraic Structure: A non-empty set which is equipped with some operations and some properties is known as algebraic structure.

$$(S, *)$$

- Groupoid ✓
- Semi-group ✓
- Monoid ✓
- Group ✓
- Abelian Group ✓

Some Properties:

I. Closure: Let 'S' be the given algebraic structure, '*' is the binary operation and a, b are any two elements in S,

If $a * b \in S$ then we can say (S, *) follows closure property.

$$\forall a, b \in S, a * b \in S$$

II. Associative:

$$\forall a, b, c \in S,$$

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$$

III. Identity:

$$\forall a \in S, \exists e \in S,$$

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

For every $a \in S$, There exists some $e \in S$ such that

$$a * e = a$$

$$2 + 0 = 2$$

$$3 + 0 = 3$$

$$4 + 0 = 4$$

$$e = 0$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = S = \{ \dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots \}$$

Binary operation "+"

$$2 + 3 = 5 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$-2 + 5 = 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$0 + (-7) = -7 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

"+" closed

$$2 + (3 + 4) = (2 + 3) + 4$$

$$2 + (7) = (5) + 4$$

$$9 = 9$$

IV. Inverse:

$$\forall a \in S, \exists b \in S, \text{ s.t.}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= e \\ -2 + (2) &= 0 \\ -5 + (5) &= 0 \\ 9 + (-9) &= 0 \\ 0 + 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{-1} = e$$

V. Commutative:

$$\forall a, b \in S$$

$$a * b = b * a$$

$$2 + 3 = 3 + 2$$

$$(H, *) \subseteq (Q, *)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{Z}, +) &\subseteq (\mathbb{R}, +) \\ \mathbb{Z} &\subseteq \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

Classification of Algebraic Structure

Groupoid ✓ (1)	Semi-group ✓ (2)	Monoid (3)	Group * (4)	Sub-Group (5)	Abelian (5)
1) Closure ✓	1) Closure ✓ 2) Associative ✓	1) Closure ✓ 2) Associative ✓ 3) Identity ✓	1) Closure ✓ 2) Associative ✓ 3) Identity ✓ 4) Inverse ✓	1) Closure 2) Associative 3) Identity 4) Inverse	1) Closure ✓ 2) Associative ✓ 3) Identity ✓ 4) Inverse ✓ 5) Commutative ✓ <i>commutative</i>

Sub-Group:

Let $(G, *)$ be a group, H is a subset of 'G' and $(H, *)$ is also group then we can say $(H, *)$ is a subgroup of $(G, *)$

$$(H, *) \subseteq (G, *)$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}, +) \subseteq (\mathbb{R}, +)$$

Q. Check the properties of commutative and associative on binary operation '*' is defined by $a * b = a^b, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

Given binary operation * defined by

$$a * b = a^b$$

Commutative:

Take x, y (or) $2, 3$

$$\text{consider } 2 * 3 = 2^3 = 8$$

$$3 * 2 = 3^2 = 9$$

$$2 * 3 \neq 3 * 2$$

'*' is NOT commutative

Associative:

Take $2, 3, 4$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 * (3 * 4) &= 2 * (3^4) \\ &= 2 * (81) = 2^{81} \end{aligned}$$

$$(2 * 3) * 4 = (2^3) * 4$$

$$= 8 * 4$$

$$= 8^4 = 2^{12}$$

$$= \therefore 2 * (3 * 4) \neq (2 * 3) * 4$$

NOT associative

Q. Show that the set of all rational number $Q - \{0\}$ forms an abelian group under composition '*' defined by $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$

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Given set = $Q - \{0\} = S$ (say)

Binary operation

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{x\left(\frac{yz}{2}\right)}{2} = \frac{xyz}{4}$$

$$(x * y) * z = \left(\frac{xy}{2}\right) * z$$

$$= \frac{xyz}{4}$$

$\therefore (S, *)$ is associative

I. Closure:

x, y

$$x * y = \frac{xy}{2} \in S$$

$(S, *)$ is closed

II. Associative: x, y, z

$$x * (y * z) = x * \left(\frac{yz}{2}\right)$$

III. Identity: Let $e \in S$ such that

$$a * e = a$$

$$\frac{ae}{2} = a$$

$$\boxed{e = 2} \quad \checkmark$$

IV Inverse: Let us suppose there is some $b \in S$ such that

$$a * b = e$$

$$\frac{ab}{2} = 2$$

$$\boxed{b = \frac{4}{a}}$$

Inverse of 'a' = $\frac{4}{a}$.

V Commutative:

$$\text{Take } x * y = \frac{xy}{2}$$

$$= \frac{yx}{2}$$

$$= y * x$$

$(S, *)$ is commutative

$(S, *)$ is an abelian group



S.T. set of rational numbers and some conditions
with binary operation \times defined by
 $a \times b = a + b - ab$ is an abelian group



Closure:

Associative:

Identity: $e \in S$

$$a \times e = a$$

$$a + e - ae = a$$

$$e(1-a) = 0$$

$$\boxed{e = 0}$$

Inverse:

$$a \times b = e$$

$$a + b - ab = 0$$

$$a + b(1-a) = 0$$

$$b = \frac{-a}{1-a} = \frac{a}{a-1}$$

commutative: $a \times b = a + b - ab$
 $= b + a - ba$
 $= b \times a$

Q. Show that $[G, +_6]$ is a group where $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

