

FUNCTIONS - Problems

Ex1 - Find the domain of $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 5}{x^2 - 5x + 4}$ $\neq 0$

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Sol:

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-4)(x-1) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-4 \neq 0 \text{ \& \& } (x-1) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \neq 4, \quad x \neq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin \{1, 4\}$$

$$\text{Domain} = \mathbb{R} - \{1, 4\}$$

Ex2- Let $f = \{(1,1), (2,3), (0,-1), (-1,-3)\}$

It is linear function from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{Z} . Find $f(x)$.

Sol:

Linear functions are of the form

$$f(x) = mx + c$$

Substituting the values of f for various values of x , we get:

$$(1,1): 1 = m + c. \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

$$(0,-1): -1 = 0 + c. \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

From eq(2), $c + 0 = -1$

$$\Rightarrow c = -1$$

So, substituting the value of c , in eq(1), we get:

$$1 = m - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m - 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1 + 1 = 2$$

So, $f(x) = mx + c$

$$\text{or, } f(x) = 2x - 1$$



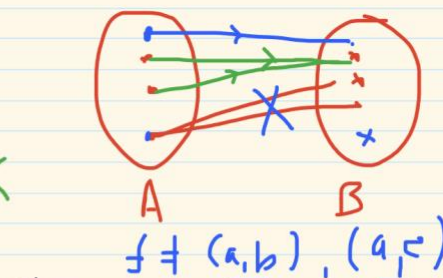
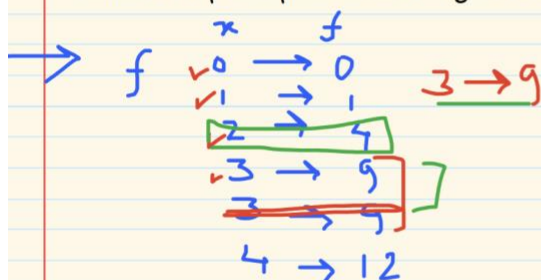
Ex3- The relation f is defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 3x, & 3 < x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

The relation g is defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3x, & 2 < x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

Show that f is a function and g is not a function.



For a relation from set A to B , to be a function, every element in A should have one and only one image in B .

$$f = \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,4), (3,9), (4,12), (5,15), \dots, (10,30)\}$$

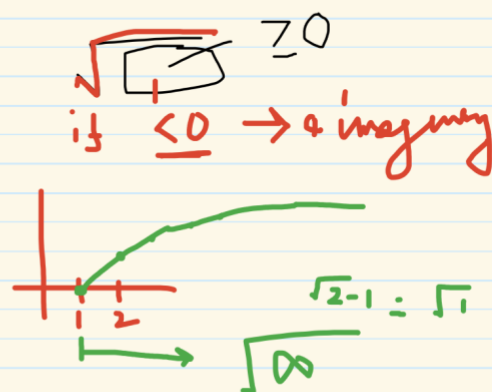
$$g = \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,4), (2,6), (3,9), (4,12), \dots, (10,30)\}$$

In f , the first elements corresponding to all the the ordered pairs are distinct. So, f is a function.

But, in g element 2 appears as first element in 2 ordered pairs namely: $(2,4)$ and $(2,6)$. So, 2 has 2 images defined under relation g . So, g is not a function.

Ex4 - Find the domain and range of the real function defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} D &\Rightarrow x-1 \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x \geq 1 \\ \text{Domain} &= [1, \infty) \\ \text{Range} &= [0, \infty) \end{aligned}$$



Ex5 - f be the subset of $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ defined by:

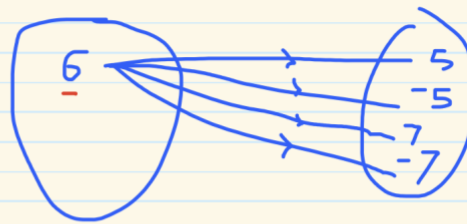
$$f = \{(ab, a+b) : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Is f a function from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{Z} ?

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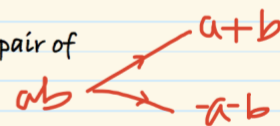
a	b	ab	$a+b$
3	2	6	5
-3	-2	6	-5
6	1	6	7
-6	-1	6	-7
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$$(-x)(-y) \Rightarrow x^2$$



If we take any 2 integers a and $b \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $(ab, a+b)$ forms an ordered pair of relation defined by f .

If we take integers $-a$ and $-b \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $(ab, -a-b)$ forms an ordered pair of relation defined by f .



At least for 2 ordered pairs in f $(ab, a+b)$ and $(ab, -a-b)$, ab is the first element. So, the relation defined by f is not a function.

For example, $(6, 5)$ and $(6, -5)$ are ordered pairs corresponding to integers 3, 2 and -3, -2.

$$\frac{\infty}{\infty+1} \approx 1$$

Ex6 - Let $f = \{(x, x^2/(1+x^2)) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ from $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Find the range of f

Sol:

$$\text{Range} = [0, 1)$$

