

## RELATIONS ON SETS

### Notes

- Given an ordered pair  $(x, y)$  in  $A \times B$ , we say that **x is related to y by R**, written:

$$x R y \text{ if, and only if, } (x, y) \in R.$$

- Inverse of a Relation

Let  $R$  be a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ . Define the inverse relation  $R^{-1}$  from  $B$  to  $A$  as follows:

$$\text{For all } x \in A \text{ and } y \in B, (y, x) \in R^{-1} \leftrightarrow (x, y) \in R.$$

### Test Yourself

1.  $x$  is related to  $y$  by  $R$
2.  $x$  is not related to  $y$  by  $R$
3.  $(x, y) \in R$
4.  $A$  to  $A$
5.  $x R y$