

**Given:**

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  in which  $A$  and  $B$  are two sets. The function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is **one to one function** as it never maps two different elements of same set with one element of another set.

The function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is **onto function** as each and every element of the set  $B$  is hit by the element of set  $A$ .

As the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is one to one and onto at the same time then it means the set  $A$  and  $B$  has the same cardinality. If the cardinality of these two sets is same so these sets are of **same size or equinumerous**.

If the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is one to one and onto at the same time it means the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is **correspondence function** also. **Correspondence function** is also known as **bijective function**.

If the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is one to one and onto or bijective function, then sets  $A$  and  $B$  are of **same size**.

**Proof:**

**Equivalence relation:** A relation is known as equivalence in nature if it is reflexive, transitive and symmetric.

**Same size** relation is equivalence relation if and only if it is symmetric, reflexive and transitive.

• **For reflexivity:** If the user checks the identity function on the set  $A$  then this identity function is a bijection from  $A$  to  $A$ .

Hence the **same size** relation is reflexive relation.

• **For symmetry:** if the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a bijective function then it means the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  is also bijective function from the set  $B$  to set  $A$ .

Hence if  $A \sim B$  then  $B \sim A$ , so **the same size** relation is symmetric relation also.

• **For transitivity:** Assume that  $A \sim B$  and  $B \sim C$ . Then the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is bijective function from  $A$  to  $B$  and the function  $g: B \rightarrow C$  from  $B$  to  $C$ .

Therefore the composition of two bijective functions  $f$  and  $g$  is also a bijective function from  $A$  to  $C$ .

Hence the **same size** relation is transitive relation as  $A \sim C$ .

**Conclusion:**

Hence the **same size** relation is reflexive, symmetric and transitive in nature so the **same size** relation is equivalence relation.