

## Access answers to RD Sharma Solutions for Class 11 Maths Chapter 3 – Functions

EXERCISE 3.1 PAGE NO: 3.7

### 1. Define a function as a set of ordered pairs.

**Solution:**

Let A and B be two non-empty sets. A relation from A to B, i.e., a subset of  $A \times B$ , is called a function (or a mapping) from A to B, if

- (i) for each  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in f$
- (ii)  $(a, b) \in f$  and  $(a, c) \in f \Rightarrow b = c$

### 2. Define a function as a correspondence between two sets.

**Solution:**

Let A and B be two non-empty sets. Then a function 'f' from set A to B is a rule or method or correspondence which associates elements of set A to elements 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.

### 3. What is the fundamental difference between a relation and a function? Is every relation a function?

**Solution:**

Let 'f' be a function and R be a relation defined from set X to set Y.

The domain of the relation R might be a subset of the set X, but the domain of the function f must be equal to X. This is because each element of the domain of a function must have an element associated with it, whereas this is not necessary for a relation.

In relation, one element of X might be associated with one or more elements of Y, while it must be associated with only one element of Y in a function.

Thus, not every relation is a function. However, every function is necessarily a relation.

### 4. Let $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ and $f: A \rightarrow Z$ be a function defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$ . Find:

(i) range of f i.e.  $f(A)$

(ii) pre-images of 6, -3 and 5

**Solution:**

Given:

$$A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$$

$$f: A \rightarrow Z \text{ such that } f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$$

(i) Range of f i.e.  $f(A)$

A is the domain of the function f. Hence, range is the set of elements  $f(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ .

Substituting  $x = -2$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

$$f(-2) = (-2)^2 - 2(-2) - 3$$

$$= 4 + 4 - 3$$

$$= 5$$

Substituting  $x = -1$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

$$f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 3$$

$$= 1 + 2 - 3$$

$$= 0$$

Substituting  $x = 0$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

$$f(0) = (0)^2 - 2(0) - 3$$

$$= 0 - 0 - 3$$

$$= -3$$

Substituting  $x = 1$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

$$f(1) = 1^2 - 2(1) - 3$$

$$= 1 - 2 - 3$$

$$= -4$$

Substituting  $x = 2$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

$$f(2) = 2^2 - 2(2) - 3$$

$$= 4 - 4 - 3$$

$$= -3$$

Thus, the range of  $f$  is  $\{-4, -3, 0, 5\}$ .

**(ii)** pre-images of 6, -3 and 5

Let  $x$  be the pre-image of 6  $\Rightarrow f(x) = 6$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 6$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 9 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{((-2)^2 - 4(1)(-9))}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{[2 \pm \sqrt{4+36}]}{2}$$

$$= \frac{[2 \pm \sqrt{40}]}{2}$$

$$= 1 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

However,  $1 \pm \sqrt{10} \notin A$

Thus, there exists no pre-image of 6.

Now, let  $x$  be the pre-image of -3  $\Rightarrow f(x) = -3$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = -3$$

$$x^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$x(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } 2$$

Clearly, both 0 and 2 are elements of  $A$ .

Thus, 0 and 2 are the pre-images of -3.

Now, let  $x$  be the pre-image of 5  $\Rightarrow f(x) = 5$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 5$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$x(x - 4) + 2(x - 4) = 0$$

$$(x + 2)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = -2 \text{ or } 4$$

However,  $4 \notin A$  but  $-2 \in A$

Thus, -2 is the pre-images of 5.

$\therefore \emptyset, \{0, 2\}, -2$  are the pre-images of 6, -3, 5

5. If a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 2, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ 4x + 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Find:  $f(1)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(0)$ ,  $f(2)$ .

**Solution:**

Given:

Let us find  $f(1)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(0)$  and  $f(2)$ .

When  $x > 0$ ,  $f(x) = 4x + 1$

Substituting  $x = 1$  in the above equation, we get

$$f(1) = 4(1) + 1$$

$$= 4 + 1$$

$$= 5$$

When  $x < 0$ ,  $f(x) = 3x - 2$

Substituting  $x = -1$  in the above equation, we get

$$f(-1) = 3(-1) - 2$$

$$= -3 - 2$$

$$= -5$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 1$

Substituting  $x = 0$  in the above equation, we get

$$f(0) = 1$$

When  $x > 0$ ,  $f(x) = 4x + 1$

Substituting  $x = 2$  in the above equation, we get

$$f(2) = 4(2) + 1$$

$$= 8 + 1$$

$$= 9$$

$\therefore f(1) = 5$ ,  $f(-1) = -5$ ,  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f(2) = 9$ .

6. A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^2$ . Determine

(i) range of  $f$

(ii)  $\{x: f(x) = 4\}$

(iii)  $\{y: f(y) = -1\}$

**Solution:**

Given:

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = x^2$ .

(i) range of  $f$

Domain of  $f = \mathbb{R}$  (set of real numbers)

We know that the square of a real number is always positive or equal to zero.

$\therefore$  range of  $f = \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$

(ii)  $\{x: f(x) = 4\}$

Given:

$$f(x) = 4$$

we know,  $x^2 = 4$

$$x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 2$$

$$\therefore \{x: f(x) = 4\} = \{-2, 2\}$$

$$(iii) \{y: f(y) = -1\}$$

Given:

$$f(y) = -1$$

$$y^2 = -1$$

However, the domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ , and for every real number  $y$ , the value of  $y^2$  is non-negative.

Hence, there exists no real  $y$  for which  $y^2 = -1$ .

$$\therefore \{y: f(y) = -1\} = \emptyset$$

**7. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is the set of all positive real numbers, be such that  $f(x) = \log_e x$ . Determine**

**(i) the image set of the domain of  $f$**

**(ii)  $\{x: f(x) = -2\}$**

**(iii) whether  $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$  holds.**

**Solution:**

Given  $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = \log_e x$ .

**(i) the image set of the domain of  $f$**

Domain of  $f = \mathbb{R}^+$  (set of positive real numbers)

We know the value of logarithm to the base  $e$  (natural logarithm) can take all possible real values.

$\therefore$  The image set of  $f = \mathbb{R}$

**(ii)  $\{x: f(x) = -2\}$**

Given  $f(x) = -2$

$$\log_e x = -2$$

$$\therefore x = e^{-2} \text{ [since, } \log_e a = c \Rightarrow a = e^c]$$

$$\therefore \{x: f(x) = -2\} = \{e^{-2}\}$$

**(iii) Whether  $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$  holds.**

We have  $f(x) = \log_e x \Rightarrow f(y) = \log_e y$

Now, let us consider  $f(xy)$

$$f(xy) = \log_e(xy)$$

$$f(xy) = \log_e(x \times y) \text{ [since, } \log_e(abc) = \log_e a + \log_e b + \log_e c]$$

$$f(xy) = \log_e x + \log_e y$$

$$f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$$

$\therefore$  the equation  $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$  holds.

**8. Write the following relations as sets of ordered pairs and find which of them are functions:**

**(i)  $\{(x, y): y = 3x, x \in \{1, 2, 3\}, y \in \{3, 6, 9, 12\}\}$**

**(ii)  $\{(x, y): y > x + 1, x = 1, 2 \text{ and } y = 2, 4, 6\}$**

**(iii)  $\{(x, y): x + y = 3, x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\}$**

**Solution:**

**(i)  $\{(x, y): y = 3x, x \in \{1, 2, 3\}, y \in \{3, 6, 9, 12\}\}$**

When  $x = 1, y = 3(1) = 3$

When  $x = 2, y = 3(2) = 6$

When  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 3(3) = 9$

$$\therefore R = \{(1, 3), (2, 6), (3, 9)\}$$

Hence, the given relation  $R$  is a function.

(ii)  $\{(x, y): y > x + 1, x = 1, 2 \text{ and } y = 2, 4, 6\}$

When  $x = 1$ ,  $y > 1 + 1$  or  $y > 2 \Rightarrow y = \{4, 6\}$

When  $x = 2$ ,  $y > 2 + 1$  or  $y > 3 \Rightarrow y = \{4, 6\}$

$$\therefore R = \{(1, 4), (1, 6), (2, 4), (2, 6)\}$$

Hence, the given relation  $R$  is not a function.

(iii)  $\{(x, y): x + y = 3, x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\}$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $0 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 3$

When  $x = 1$ ,  $1 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 2$

When  $x = 2$ ,  $2 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 1$

When  $x = 3$ ,  $3 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 0$

$$\therefore R = \{(0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)\}$$

Hence, the given relation  $R$  is a function.

**9. Let  $f: R \rightarrow R$  and  $g: C \rightarrow C$  be two functions defined as  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ . Are they equal functions?**

**Solution:**

Given:

$f: R \rightarrow R \in f(x) = x^2$  and  $g: R \rightarrow R \in g(x) = x^2$

$f$  is defined from  $R$  to  $R$ , the domain of  $f = R$ .

$g$  is defined from  $C$  to  $C$ , the domain of  $g = C$ .

Two functions are equal only when the domain and codomain of both the functions are equal.

In this case, the domain of  $f \neq$  domain of  $g$ .

$\therefore f$  and  $g$  are not equal functions.

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EXERCISE 3.2 PAGE NO: 3.11

**1. If  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$ , then find the values of  $x$  satisfying the equation  $f(x) = f(2x + 1)$ .**

**Solution:**

Given:

$$f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4.$$

Let us find  $x$  satisfying  $f(x) = f(2x + 1)$ .

We have,

$$f(2x + 1) = (2x + 1)^2 - 3(2x + 1) + 4$$

$$= (2x)^2 + 2(2x)(1) + 1^2 - 6x - 3 + 4$$

$$= 4x^2 + 4x + 1 - 6x + 1$$

$$= 4x^2 - 2x + 2$$

Now,  $f(x) = f(2x + 1)$

$$x^2 - 3x + 4 = 4x^2 - 2x + 2$$

$$4x^2 - 2x + 2 - x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$$

$$3x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 3x - 2x - 2 = 0$$

$$3x(x + 1) - 2(x + 1) = 0$$

$$(x + 1)(3x - 2) = 0$$

$$x + 1 = 0 \text{ or } 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } 3x = 2$$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } 2/3$$

$\therefore$  The values of  $x$  are  $-1$  and  $2/3$ .

**2. If  $f(x) = (x - a)^2(x - b)^2$ , find  $f(a + b)$ .**

**Solution:**

Given:

$$F(x) = (x - a)^2(x - b)^2$$

Let us find  $f(a + b)$ .

We have,

$$f(a + b) = (a + b - a)^2(a + b - b)^2$$

$$f(a + b) = (b)^2(a)^2$$

$$\therefore f(a + b) = a^2b^2$$

**3. If  $y = f(x) = (ax - b) / (bx - a)$ , show that  $x = f(y)$ .**

**Solution:**

Given:

$$y = f(x) = (ax - b) / (bx - a) \Rightarrow f(y) = (ay - b) / (by - a)$$

Let us prove that  $x = f(y)$ .

We have,

$$y = (ax - b) / (bx - a)$$

By cross-multiplying,

$$y(bx - a) = ax - b$$

$$bxy - ay = ax - b$$

$$bxy - ax = ay - b$$

$$x(by - a) = ay - b$$

$$x = (ay - b) / (by - a) = f(y)$$

$$\therefore x = f(y)$$

Hence proved.

**4. If  $f(x) = 1 / (1 - x)$ , show that  $f[f\{f(x)\}] = x$ .**

**Solution:**

Given:

$$f(x) = 1 / (1 - x)$$

Let us prove that  $f[f\{f(x)\}] = x$ .

Firstly, let us solve for  $f\{f(x)\}$ .

$$f\{f(x)\} = f\{1/(1 - x)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1 / 1 - (1/(1 - x)) \\
&= 1 / [(1 - x - 1)/(1 - x)] \\
&= 1 / (-x/(1 - x)) \\
&= (1 - x) / -x \\
&= (x - 1) / x \\
\therefore f\{f(x)\} &= (x - 1) / x
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we shall solve for  $f[f\{f(x)\}]$

$$\begin{aligned}
f[f\{f(x)\}] &= f[(x-1)/x] \\
&= 1 / [1 - (x-1)/x] \\
&= 1 / [(x - (x-1))/x] \\
&= 1 / [(x - x + 1)/x] \\
&= 1 / (1/x) \\
\therefore f[f\{f(x)\}] &= x
\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

**5. If  $f(x) = (x + 1) / (x - 1)$ , show that  $f[f(x)] = x$ .**

**Solution:**

Given:

$$f(x) = (x + 1) / (x - 1)$$

Let us prove that  $f[f(x)] = x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
f[f(x)] &= f[(x+1)/(x-1)] \\
&= [(x+1)/(x-1) + 1] / [(x+1)/(x-1) - 1] \\
&= [[(x+1) + (x-1)]/(x-1)] / [[(x+1) - (x-1)]/(x-1)] \\
&= [(x+1) + (x-1)] / [(x+1) - (x-1)] \\
&= (x+1+x-1)/(x+1-x+1) \\
&= 2x/2 \\
&= x \\
\therefore f[f(x)] &= x
\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

**6. If**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x, & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x}, & \text{when } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

**Find:**

(i)  $f(1/2)$

(ii)  $f(-2)$

(iii)  $f(1)$

(iv)  $f(\sqrt{3})$

(v)  $f(\sqrt{-3})$

**Solution:**

**(i)**  $f(1/2)$

When,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $f(x) = x$

$$\therefore f(1/2) = 1/2$$

**(ii)**  $f(-2)$

When,  $x < 0$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^2$$

$$= 4$$

$$\therefore f(-2) = 4$$

**(iii)**  $f(1)$

When,  $x \geq 1$ ,  $f(x) = 1/x$

$$f(1) = 1/1$$

$$\therefore f(1) = 1$$

**(iv)**  $f(\sqrt{3})$

We have  $\sqrt{3} = 1.732 > 1$

When,  $x \geq 1$ ,  $f(x) = 1/x$

$$\therefore f(\sqrt{3}) = 1/\sqrt{3}$$

**(v)**  $f(\sqrt{-3})$

We know  $\sqrt{-3}$  is not a real number and the function  $f(x)$  is defined only when  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$\therefore f(\sqrt{-3})$  does not exist.

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#### EXERCISE 3.3 PAGE NO: 3.18

**1. Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:**

**(i)**  $f(x) = 1/x$

**(ii)**  $f(x) = 1/(x-7)$

**(iii)**  $f(x) = (3x-2)/(x+1)$

**(iv)**  $f(x) = (2x+1)/(x^2-9)$

**(v)**  $f(x) = (x^2+2x+1)/(x^2-8x+12)$

**Solution:**

**(i)**  $f(x) = 1/x$

We know,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x = 0$ .

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

**(ii)**  $f(x) = 1/(x-7)$

We know,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x - 7 = 0$  or  $x = 7$ .

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f = \mathbb{R} - \{7\}$$

**(iii)**  $f(x) = (3x-2)/(x+1)$

We know,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x + 1 = 0$  or  $x = -1$ .

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f = \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$$

**(iv)**  $f(x) = (2x+1)/(x^2-9)$

We know,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x^2 - 9 = 0$ .

$$x^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3^2 = 0$$



$$(x + 3)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x + 3 = 0 \text{ or } x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = \pm 3$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f = \mathbb{R} - \{-3, 3\}$$

$$(v) f(x) = (x^2 + 2x + 1)/(x^2 - 8x + 12)$$

We know,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$ .

$$x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 6x + 12 = 0$$

$$x(x - 2) - 6(x - 2) = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x - 6) = 0$$

$$x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } x - 6 = 0$$

$$x = 2 \text{ or } 6$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f = \mathbb{R} - \{2, 6\}$$

**2. Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:**

$$(i) f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$$

$$(ii) f(x) = 1/(\sqrt{x^2-1})$$

$$(iii) f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$(iv) f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}/(3-x)$$

**Solution:**

$$(i) f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

$f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x - 2 \geq 0$

$$x \geq 2$$

$$\therefore x \in [2, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain}(f) = [2, \infty)$$

$$(ii) f(x) = 1/(\sqrt{x^2-1})$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

$f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x^2 - 1 \geq 0$

$$x^2 - 1^2 \geq 0$$

$$(x + 1)(x - 1) \geq 0$$

$$x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq 1$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

In addition,  $f(x)$  is also undefined when  $x^2 - 1 = 0$  because denominator will be zero and the result will be indeterminate.

$$x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$\text{So, } x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) - \{-1, 1\}$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain}(f) = (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

$$(iii) f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

$f(x)$  takes real values only when  $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$9 \geq x^2$$

$$x^2 \leq 9$$

$$x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

$$(x + 3)(x - 3) \leq 0$$

$$x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

$$x \in [-3, 3]$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain (f)} = [-3, 3]$$

$$\text{(iv) } f(x) = \sqrt{(x-2)/(3-x)}$$

We know the square root of a real number is never negative.

$f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x - 2$  and  $3 - x$  are both positive and negative.

**(a)** Both  $x - 2$  and  $3 - x$  are positive

$$x - 2 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 2$$

$$3 - x \geq 0$$

$$x \leq 3$$

Hence,  $x \geq 2$  and  $x \leq 3$

$$\therefore x \in [2, 3]$$

**(b)** Both  $x - 2$  and  $3 - x$  are negative

$$x - 2 \leq 0$$

$$x \leq 2$$

$$3 - x \leq 0$$

$$x \geq 3$$

Hence,  $x \leq 2$  and  $x \geq 3$

However, the intersection of these sets is null set. Thus, this case is not possible.

Hence,  $x \in [2, 3] - \{3\}$

$$x \in [2, 3]$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain (f)} = [2, 3]$$

**3. Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:**

$$\text{(i) } f(x) = (ax+b)/(bx-a)$$

$$\text{(ii) } f(x) = (ax-b)/(cx-d)$$

$$\text{(iii) } f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$$

$$\text{(iv) } f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$$

$$\text{(v) } f(x) = (x-2)/(2-x)$$

$$\text{(vi) } f(x) = |x-1|$$

$$\text{(vii) } f(x) = -|x|$$

$$\text{(viii) } f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{(i) } f(x) = (ax+b)/(bx-a)$$

$f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $bx - a = 0$  or  $x = a/b$ .

$$\text{Domain (f)} = \mathbb{R} - (a/b)$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = y$$

$$(ax+b)/(bx-a) = y$$

$$ax + b = y(bx - a)$$

$$ax + b = bxy - ay$$

$$ax - bxy = -ay - b$$

$$x(a - by) = -(ay + b)$$

$$\therefore x = -(ay+b)/(a-by)$$

When  $a - by = 0$  or  $y = a/b$

Hence,  $f(x)$  cannot take the value  $a/b$ .

$$\therefore \text{Range } (f) = \mathbb{R} - (a/b)$$

$$\text{(ii) } f(x) = (ax-b)/(cx-d)$$

$f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $cx - d = 0$  or  $x = d/c$ . Domain  $(f) = \mathbb{R} - (d/c)$

Let  $f(x) = y$

$$(ax-b)/(cx-d) = y$$

$$ax - b = y(cx - d)$$

$$ax - b = cxy - dy$$

$$ax - cxy = b - dy$$

$$x(a - cy) = b - dy$$

$$\therefore x = (b-dy)/(a-cy)$$

When  $a - cy = 0$  or  $y = a/c$ ,

Hence,  $f(x)$  cannot take the value  $a/c$ .

$$\therefore \text{Range } (f) = \mathbb{R} - (a/c)$$

$$\text{(iii) } f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

$f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x - 1 \geq 0$

$$x \geq 1$$

$$\therefore x \in [1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain  $(f) = [1, \infty)$

When  $x \geq 1$ , we have  $x - 1 \geq 0$

Hence,  $\sqrt{x-1} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$

$$f(x) \in [0, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Range } (f) = [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{(iv) } f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

$f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x - 3 \geq 0$

$$x \geq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [3, \infty)$$

Domain  $(f) = [3, \infty)$

When  $x \geq 3$ , we have  $x - 3 \geq 0$

Hence,  $\sqrt{x-3} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$

$$f(x) \in [0, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Range } (f) = [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{(v) } f(x) = (x-2)/(2-x)$$

$f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $2 - x = 0$  or  $x = 2$ .

Domain  $(f) = \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$

We have,  $f(x) = (x-2)/(2-x)$

$$f(x) = -(2-x)/(2-x)$$

$$= -1$$

When  $x \neq 2$ ,  $f(x) = -1$

$\therefore$  Range  $(f) = \{-1\}$

**(vi)**  $f(x) = |x-1|$

$$\text{we know } |x| = \begin{cases} -x, & x < 0 \\ x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Now we have,

$$|x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), & x-1 < 0 \\ x-1, & x-1 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = |x-1| = \begin{cases} 1-x, & x < 1 \\ x-1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

Domain  $(f) = \mathbb{R}$

When,  $x < 1$ , we have  $x-1 < 0$  or  $1-x > 0$ .

$$|x-1| > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) > 0$$

When,  $x \geq 1$ , we have  $x-1 \geq 0$ .

$$|x-1| \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$$

$\therefore f(x) \geq 0$  or  $f(x) \in [0, \infty)$

Range  $(f) = [0, \infty)$

**(vii)**  $f(x) = -|x|$

$$\text{we know } |x| = \begin{cases} -x, & x < 0 \\ x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Now we have,

$$-|x| = \begin{cases} -(-x), & x < 0 \\ -x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = -|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x < 0 \\ -x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

Domain  $(f) = \mathbb{R}$

When,  $x < 0$ , we have  $-|x| < 0$

$$f(x) < 0$$

When,  $x \geq 0$ , we have  $-x \leq 0$ .

$$-|x| \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \leq 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \leq 0 \text{ or } f(x) \in (-\infty, 0]$$

$$\text{Range}(f) = (-\infty, 0]$$

$$\text{(viii)} f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

$f(x)$  takes real values only when  $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$9 \geq x^2$$

$$x^2 \leq 9$$

$$x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

$$(x+3)(x-3) \leq 0$$

$$x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [-3, 3]$$

$$\text{Domain}(f) = [-3, 3]$$

When,  $x \in [-3, 3]$ , we have  $0 \leq 9 - x^2 \leq 9$

$$0 \leq \sqrt{9-x^2} \leq 3 \Rightarrow 0 \leq f(x) \leq 3$$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, 3]$$

$$\text{Range}(f) = [0, 3]$$

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**1. Find  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $cf$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ ),  $fg$ ,  $1/f$  and  $f/g$  in each of the following:**

**(i)  $f(x) = x^3 + 1$  and  $g(x) = x + 1$**

**(ii)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$**

**Solution:**

**(i)  $f(x) = x^3 + 1$  and  $g(x) = x + 1$**

We have  $f(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

**(a)  $f + g$**

We know,  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$(f + g)(x) = x^3 + 1 + x + 1$$

$$= x^3 + x + 2$$

So,  $(f + g)(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore f + g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f + g)(x) = x^3 + x + 2$

**(b)  $f - g$**

We know,  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$(f - g)(x) = x^3 + 1 - (x + 1)$$

$$= x^3 + 1 - x - 1$$

$$= x^3 - x$$

So,  $(f - g)(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore f - g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f - g)(x) = x^3 - x$

**(c)  $cf$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ )**

We know,  $(cf)(x) = c \times f(x)$

$$(cf)(x) = c(x^3 + 1)$$

$$= cx^3 + c$$

So,  $(cf)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore cf: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(cf)(x) = cx^3 + c$

(d)  $fg$

We know,  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$(fg)(x) = (x^3 + 1)(x + 1)$$

$$= (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)(x + 1)$$

$$= (x + 1)^2(x^2 - x + 1)$$

So,  $(fg)(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore fg: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(fg)(x) = (x + 1)^2(x^2 - x + 1)$

(e)  $1/f$

We know,  $(1/f)(x) = 1/f(x)$

$$1/f(x) = 1 / (x^3 + 1)$$

Observe that  $1/f(x)$  is undefined when  $f(x) = 0$  or when  $x = -1$ .

So,  $1/f: \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $1/f(x) = 1 / (x^3 + 1)$

(f)  $f/g$

We know,  $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$

$$(f/g)(x) = (x^3 + 1) / (x + 1)$$

Observe that  $(x^3 + 1) / (x + 1)$  is undefined when  $g(x) = 0$  or when  $x = -1$ .

Using  $x^3 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$ , we have

$$(f/g)(x) = [(x+1)(x^2 - x + 1)/(x+1)]$$

$$= x^2 - x + 1$$

$\therefore f/g: \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f/g)(x) = x^2 - x + 1$

**(ii)**  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$

We have  $f(x): [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $g(x): [-1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as real square root is defined only for non-negative numbers.

(a)  $f + g$

We know,  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$(f+g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of  $(f + g) = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\text{Domain of } (f + g) = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\text{Domain of } (f + g) = [1, \infty)$$

$\therefore f + g: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f+g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+1}$

(b)  $f - g$

We know,  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$(f-g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of  $(f - g) = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\text{Domain of } (f - g) = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

Domain of  $(f - g) = [1, \infty)$

$\therefore f - g: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} - \sqrt{x+1}$

(c)  $cf$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}, c \neq 0$ )

We know,  $(cf)(x) = c \times f(x)$

$$(cf)(x) = c\sqrt{x-1}$$

Domain of  $(cf) = \text{Domain of } f$

Domain of  $(cf) = [1, \infty)$

$\therefore cf: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(cf)(x) = c\sqrt{x-1}$

(d)  $fg$

We know,  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$(fg)(x) = \sqrt{x-1}\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

Domain of  $(fg) = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

Domain of  $(fg) = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$

Domain of  $(fg) = [1, \infty)$

$\therefore fg: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(fg)(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$

(e)  $1/f$

We know,  $(1/f)(x) = 1/f(x)$

$$(1/f)(x) = 1/\sqrt{x-1}$$

Domain of  $(1/f) = \text{Domain of } f$

Domain of  $(1/f) = [1, \infty)$

Observe that  $1/\sqrt{x-1}$  is also undefined when  $x - 1 = 0$  or  $x = 1$ .

$\therefore 1/f: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(1/f)(x) = 1/\sqrt{x-1}$

(f)  $f/g$

We know,  $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$

$$(f/g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1}/\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$(f/g)(x) = \sqrt{[(x-1)/(x+1)]}$$

Domain of  $(f/g) = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

Domain of  $(f/g) = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$

Domain of  $(f/g) = [1, \infty)$

$\therefore f/g: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f/g)(x) = \sqrt{[(x-1)/(x+1)]}$

**2. Let  $f(x) = 2x + 5$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + x$ . Describe**

**(i)  $f + g$**

**(ii)  $f - g$**

**(iii)  $fg$**

**(iv)  $f/g$**

**Find the domain in each case.**

**Solution:**

Given:

$$f(x) = 2x + 5 \text{ and } g(x) = x^2 + x$$

Both  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are defined for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

So, domain of  $f$  = domain of  $g$  =  $\mathbb{R}$

**(i)  $f + g$**

We know,  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$(f + g)(x) = 2x + 5 + x^2 + x$$

$$= x^2 + 3x + 5$$

$(f + g)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  The domain of  $(f + g)$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

**(ii)  $f - g$**

We know,  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$(f - g)(x) = 2x + 5 - (x^2 + x)$$

$$= 2x + 5 - x^2 - x$$

$$= 5 + x - x^2$$

$(f - g)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  The domain of  $(f - g)$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

**(iii)  $fg$**

We know,  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$(fg)(x) = (2x + 5)(x^2 + x)$$

$$= 2x(x^2 + x) + 5(x^2 + x)$$

$$= 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x^2 + 5x$$

$$= 2x^3 + 7x^2 + 5x$$

$(fg)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  The domain of  $fg$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

**(iv)  $f/g$**

We know,  $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$

$$(f/g)(x) = (2x+5)/(x^2+x)$$

$(f/g)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x^2 + x = 0$ .

$$x^2 + x = 0$$

$$x(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } -1$$

When  $x = 0$  or  $-1$ ,  $(f/g)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$\therefore$  The domain of  $f/g$  =  $\mathbb{R} - \{-1, 0\}$

**3. If  $f(x)$  be defined on  $[-2, 2]$  and is given by**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x - 1, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases} \text{ and } g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)|. \text{ Find } g(x).$$

**Solution:**

Given:



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1, 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

$$g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)|$$

Now we have,

$$f(|x|) = \begin{cases} -1, -2 \leq |x| \leq 0 \\ |x|-1, 0 < |x| \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

However,  $|x| \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(|x|) = |x| - 1$  when  $0 < |x| \leq 2$

We also have,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &= \begin{cases} |-1|, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ |x-1|, 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ |x-1|, 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We also know,

$$\begin{aligned} |x-1| &= \begin{cases} -(x-1), x-1 < 0 \\ x-1, x-1 \geq 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} -(x-1), x < 1 \\ x-1, x \geq 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Here, we shall only the range between  $[0, 2]$ .

$$|x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Substituting this value of  $|x-1|$  in  $|f(x)|$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &= \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ -(x-1), 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we need to find  $g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= f(|x|) + |f(x)| \\ &= |x| - 1 \text{ when } 0 < |x| \leq 2 + \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= \begin{cases} -x-1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1, & 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} + \begin{cases} 1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} -x-1+1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1+1-x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1+x-1, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} -x, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 2(x-1), & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \underline{g(x)} &= f(|x|) + |f(x)| \\
 &= \begin{cases} -x, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 2(x-1), & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Let  $f, g$  be two real functions defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$ . Then, describe each of the following functions.

- (i)  $f + g$
- (ii)  $g - f$
- (iii)  $fg$
- (iv)  $f/g$
- (v)  $g/f$
- (vi)  $2f - \sqrt{5}g$
- (vii)  $f^2 + 7f$
- (viii)  $5/g$

**Solution:**

Given:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+1} \text{ and } g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

So,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x + 1 \geq 0$

$$x \geq -1, x \in [-1, \infty)$$

$$\text{Domain of } f = [-1, \infty)$$

Similarly,  $g(x)$  takes real values only when  $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$9 \geq x^2$$

$$x^2 \leq 9$$

$$x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

$$(x+3)(x-3) \leq 0$$

$$x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [-3, 3]$$

$$\text{Domain of } g = [-3, 3]$$

**(i)  $f + g$**

$$\text{We know, } (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

Domain of  $f + g$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

$$\therefore f + g: [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

**(ii)  $g - f$**

We know,  $(g - f)(x) = g(x) - f(x)$

$$(g - f)(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of  $g - f$  = Domain of  $g \cap$  Domain of  $f$

$$= [-3, 3] \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

$$\therefore g - f: [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (g - f)(x) = g(x) - f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

**(iii)  $fg$**

We know,  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$(fg)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{[(x+1)(9-x^2)]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[x(9-x^2) + (9-x^2)]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[9x-x^3+9-x^2]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[9+9x-x^2-x^3]}$$

Domain of  $fg$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

$$\therefore fg: [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (fg)(x) = f(x)g(x) = \sqrt{x+1} \sqrt{9-x^2} = \sqrt{9+9x-x^2-x^3}$$

**(iv)  $f/g$**

We know,  $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$

$$(f/g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} / \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{[(x+1) / (9-x^2)]}$$

Domain of  $f/g$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

However,  $(f/g)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in [-1, 3]$ , except for the case when  $9 - x^2 = 0$  or  $x = \pm 3$

When  $x = \pm 3$ ,  $(f/g)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\text{Domain of } f/g = [-1, 3] - \{-3, 3\}$$

$$\text{Domain of } f/g = [-1, 3)$$

$$\therefore f/g: [-1, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x) = \sqrt{x+1} / \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

**(v)  $g/f$**

We know,  $(g/f)(x) = g(x)/f(x)$

$$(g/f)(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2} / \sqrt{x+1}$$

$$= \sqrt{[(9-x^2) / (x+1)]}$$

Domain of  $g/f$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

However,  $(g/f)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in [-1, 3]$ , except for the case when  $x + 1 = 0$  or  $x = -1$

When  $x = -1$ ,  $(g/f)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\text{Domain of } g/f = [-1, 3] - \{-1\}$$

$$\text{Domain of } g/f = (-1, 3]$$

$$\therefore g/f: (-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (g/f)(x) = g(x)/f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2} / \sqrt{x+1}$$

**(vi)  $2f - \sqrt{5}g$**

$$\text{We know, } (2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2f(x) - \sqrt{5}g(x)$$

$$(2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2f(x) - \sqrt{5}g(x)$$

$$= 2\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{5}\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{45-5x^2}$$

$$\text{Domain of } 2f - \sqrt{5}g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

$$\therefore 2f - \sqrt{5}g: [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2f(x) - \sqrt{5}g(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{45-5x^2}$$

**(vii)  $f^2 + 7f$**

$$\text{We know, } (f^2 + 7f)(x) = f^2(x) + (7f)(x)$$

$$(f^2 + 7f)(x) = f(x)f(x) + 7f(x)$$

$$= \sqrt{x+1}\sqrt{x+1} + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$= x + 1 + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of  $f^2 + 7f$  is same as domain of  $f$ .

$$\text{Domain of } f^2 + 7f = [-1, \infty)$$

$$\therefore f^2 + 7f: [-1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (f^2 + 7f)(x) = f(x)f(x) + 7f(x) = x + 1 + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

**(viii)  $5/g$**

$$\text{We know, } (5/g)(x) = 5/g(x)$$

$$(5/g)(x) = 5/\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$\text{Domain of } 5/g = \text{Domain of } g = [-3, 3]$$

However,  $(5/g)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in [-3, 3]$ , except for the case when  $9 - x^2 = 0$  or  $x = \pm 3$

When  $x = \pm 3$ ,  $(5/g)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\text{Domain of } 5/g = [-3, 3] - \{-3, 3\}$$

$$= (-3, 3)$$

$$\therefore 5/g: (-3, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (5/g)(x) = 5/g(x) = 5/\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

**5. If  $f(x) = \log_e(1-x)$  and  $g(x) = [x]$ , then determine each of the following functions:**

**(i)  $f + g$**

**(ii)  $fg$**

**(iii)  $f/g$**

**(iv)  $g/f$**

**Also, find  $(f + g)(-1)$ ,  $(fg)(0)$ ,  $(f/g)(1/2)$  and  $(g/f)(1/2)$ .**

**Solution:**

Given:

$$f(x) = \log_e(1 - x) \text{ and } g(x) = [x]$$

We know,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $1 - x > 0$

$$1 > x$$

$$x < 1, \therefore x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

$$\text{Domain of } f = (-\infty, 1)$$

Similarly,  $g(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$$\text{Domain of } g = [x], x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \mathbb{R}$$

**(i)  $f + g$**

$$\text{We know, } (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(f + g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) + [x]$$

$$\text{Domain of } f + g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$$

$$\text{Domain of } f + g = (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$= (-\infty, 1)$$

$$\therefore f + g: (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (f + g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) + [x]$$

**(ii)  $fg$**

$$\text{We know, } (fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

$$(fg)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) \times [x]$$

$$= [x] \log_e(1 - x)$$

$$\text{Domain of } fg = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$$

$$= (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$= (-\infty, 1)$$

$$\therefore fg: (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (fg)(x) = [x] \log_e(1 - x)$$

**(iii)  $f/g$**

$$\text{We know, } (f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$$

$$(f/g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) / [x]$$

$$\text{Domain of } f/g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$$

$$= (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$= (-\infty, 1)$$

However,  $(f/g)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in (-\infty, 1)$ , except for the case when  $[x] = 0$ .

We have,  $[x] = 0$  when  $0 \leq x < 1$  or  $x \in [0, 1)$

When  $0 \leq x < 1$ ,  $(f/g)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\text{Domain of } f/g = (-\infty, 1) - [0, 1)$$

$$= (-\infty, 0)$$

$$\therefore f/g: (-\infty, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (f/g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) / [x]$$

**(iv)  $g/f$**

$$\text{We know, } (g/f)(x) = g(x)/f(x)$$

$$(g/f)(x) = [x] / \log_e(1 - x)$$

However,  $(g/f)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in (-\infty, 1)$ , except for the case when  $\log_e(1-x) = 0$ .

$$\log_e(1-x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1-x = 1 \text{ or } x = 0$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $(g/f)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\text{Domain of } g/f = (-\infty, 1) - \{0\}$$

$$= (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1)$$

$$\therefore g/f: (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (g/f)(x) = [x] / \log_e(1-x)$$

(a) We need to find  $(f+g)(-1)$ .

$$\text{We have, } (f+g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) + [x], x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

Substituting  $x = -1$  in the above equation, we get

$$(f+g)(-1) = \log_e(1-(-1)) + [-1]$$

$$= \log_e(1+1) + (-1)$$

$$= \log_e 2 - 1$$

$$\therefore (f+g)(-1) = \log_e 2 - 1$$

(b) We need to find  $(fg)(0)$ .

$$\text{We have, } (fg)(x) = [x] \log_e(1-x), x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

Substituting  $x = 0$  in the above equation, we get

$$(fg)(0) = [0] \log_e(1-0)$$

$$= 0 \times \log_e 1$$

$$\therefore (fg)(0) = 0$$

(c) We need to find  $(f/g)(1/2)$

$$\text{We have, } (f/g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) / [x], x \in (-\infty, 0)$$

However,  $1/2$  is not in the domain of  $f/g$ .

$$\therefore (f/g)(1/2) \text{ does not exist.}$$

(d) We need to find  $(g/f)(1/2)$

$$\text{We have, } (g/f)(x) = [x] / \log_e(1-x), x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$$

Substituting  $x=1/2$  in the above equation, we get

$$(g/f)(1/2) = [x] / \log_e(1-x)$$

$$= (1/2) / \log_e(1-1/2)$$

$$= 0.5 / \log_e(1/2)$$

$$= 0 / \log_e(1/2)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore (g/f)(1/2) = 0$$