

UNIT 1

SETS

Set

A collection of well defined objects.

Eg: A bouquet

Sets are denoted by capital alphabets A,B,...

Elements

The objects of a set.

Eg: Flowers in the bouquet

Elements are denoted by small alphabets a,b,.....

Notations

If a is an element of a set S then we write $a \in S$.

The symbol \in means 'belongs to'.

If a is not an element of S then we write $a \notin S$

The symbol \notin means 'does not belong to'.

Examples of sets

- The set S of Stars in Universe. Here $\text{Sun} \in S$ and $\text{Earth} \notin S$.
- The set W of all days in a week. Here $\text{Monday} \in W$ and $\text{April} \notin W$.

Representation of sets

There are two methods of representing a set.

1. Tabulation method

In this method individual elements are listed, separated by comma and enclosed in braces.

Eg: The set of all days in a week can be represented as

$$W = \{\text{Sunday}, \text{Monday}, \text{Tuesday}, \text{Wednesday}, \text{Thursday}, \text{Friday}, \text{Saturday}\}$$

2. Set builder method

In this method instead of listing the elements a rule that the elements obey is given in the braces. Eg: The set $R = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ is represented as

$$R = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N}, x < 10\} \text{ or } R = \{x | x \in \mathbb{N}, x < 10\}$$

Types of sets

- *Singleton set*

A set that contains only one element.

Eg: $A = \{5\}$

- *Null set or Empty set*

A set with no element.

It is denoted by $\{\}$ or ϕ .

Eg: The set of even prime greater than 5.

Note: The set $\{0\}$ is not a null set but is a singleton set.

- *Universal set*

A set containing all the elements of a problem under consideration.

It is denoted by U . $U = \mathbb{N}$ is the universal set for the set $R = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

Disjoint sets

Two sets A and B are said to be disjoint if they have no elements in common.

Eg: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 6, 9\}$ are disjoint sets

Subsets

A set B is called a subset of another set A if every element of B is in A.

Eg: $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ is a subset of $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15\}$

Note:

- A Set is a subset of itself.
- Null set is subset of all sets.

Notation

If A is a subset of B then we write $A \subset B$.

The symbol \subset means 'subset of'.

If A is not a subset of B then we write $A \not\subset B$

The symbol $\not\subset$ means 'not a subset of'.

Number of Subsets of a Set

Consider $A = \{x, y\}$. Then the sub sets of A are $\{x\}$, $\{y\}$, $\{x, y\}$, $\{\}$

Number of subsets = 4

Similarly, consider the set $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

The subsets are $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \phi$

Number of subset = 8

If a set contains n elements, there are 2^n subsets.

Consider the set $Q = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$.

The number of elements in $Q = 4$

The number of subsets of $Q = 2^4 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 16$

Power set

The set of all subsets of a given set A. It is denoted by $\wp(A)$

If $A = \{x, y\}$, then power set, $\wp(A) = \{\{x\}, \{y\}, \{x, y\}, \emptyset\}$

Equal sets

Two sets A And B are said to be equal if every element of A is in B and every element of B is in A.

It is denoted as $A = B$.

The sets A and B are equal if $A \subset B$ and $B \subset A$.

Eg: $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$ and $B = \text{Even numbers less than } 7$

Equivalent sets

Two sets are said to be equivalent if they have same number of elements.

Equal sets are equivalent but not vice-versa.

Eg: $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $B = \{1, 3, 5, 8\}$ are equivalent sets as they both have 4 elements but they are not equal.

Set Operations

Given two sets A and B we define operations

1. Union of sets

The union of sets A and B is the set of all elements which are either in A or in B or in both. The union of sets A and B are denoted by $A \cup B$.

$$A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

Eg:

* Consider $A = \{1, 2, 5, 6, 7\}$ and $B = \{2, 4, 8, 9, 10\}$,
then $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

* Consider $A = \{2, 4, 7, 11, 15\}$ and $B = \{2, 7, 11\}$,
the $A \cup B = \{2, 4, 7, 11, 15\}$

Note: If $B \subset A$ then $A \cup B = A$.

2. Intersection of sets

The intersection of sets A and B is the set of all elements which are in both A and B. The intersection of sets A and B is denoted by $A \cap B$.

$$A \cap B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

Eg:

- * Consider $A = \{1, 2, 5, 6, 7\}$ and $B = \{2, 4, 8, 9, 10\}$,
then $A \cap B = \{2\}$
- * Consider $A = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$ and $B = \{1, 4, 7, 8\}$,
then $A \cap B = \emptyset$

Note: If A and B are disjoint then $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

3. Difference of sets

The difference of sets A and B is defined to be the set which contains all those elements in A which are not in B. The difference of sets A and B is denoted by $A - B$.

$$A - B = \{x : x \in A, x \notin B\}$$

$$B - A = \{x : x \in B, x \notin A\}$$

Eg: Consider $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $B = \{3, 5, 7, 9, 10\}$,
then $A - B = \{1, 2, 4\}$ and $B - A = \{7, 9, 10\}$

Note: $A - B \neq B - A$.

Complement of a set

The complement of a set A is defined to be the set of all elements which are in U and not in A. The complement of A is denoted by A^c , \overline{A} or A' .

$$A' = \{x : x \in U, x \notin A\}$$

Eg: Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

* If $A = \{1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$, then $A' = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$

* If $B = \{1, 4, 6, 8\}$ then $B' = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10\}$

Excercise

1. Write down the following sets in tabulation method:

- (i) The set A of all odd natural numbers less than 10.
- (ii) The set B of all square numbers less than 100.
- (iii) The set of all prime numbers between 10 and 20.

2. Write down the following sets in set builder method:

- (i) $C = \{3, 6, 9, \dots\}$
- (ii) $D = \{1, 3, 5, \dots\}$
- (iii) $P = \{5, 10, 15, \dots\}$

3. Write down all the subsets of $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$.

Answers

1.(i) $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$

(ii) $B = \{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81\}$

(iii) $P = \{11, 13, , 17, 19\}$

2.(i) $C = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N}, x \text{ is a multiple of } 3\}$

(ii) $D = \{y : y \in \mathbb{N}, y \text{ is odd}\}$

(iii) $P = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N}, x \text{ is a multiple of } 5\}$

3. The subsets of $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ are

$\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{e\},$

$\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, e\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{b, e\}, \{c, d\}, \{c, e\}, \{d, e\},$

$\{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, e\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, c, e\}, \{a, d, e\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{b, c, e\}, \{b, d, e\}, \{c, d, e\},$

$\{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, e\}, \{a, c, d, e\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, \{a, b, d, e\}, \{a, b, c, d, e\}, \{\}.$

Excercise

1. If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$ and $C = \{2, 3, 4, 6\}$, the find

(i) $A \cup B$

(ii) $A \cap B$

(iii) $A - B$

(iv) $A \cup (B \cap C)$

(v) $A - (B \cap C)$

2. Given $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$, $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$, $C = \{2, 5, 6\}$, find

(i) $A \cup B$

(ii) $B \cap A$

(iii) $C - B$

(iv) $C' \cap A$

3. Given that $A = \{0, 1, 3, 5\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 4, 7\}$, $C = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 8\}$, prove that

(i) $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

- (ii) $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$
- (iii) $(A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)$
- (iv) $(A \cap C) \cup B = (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup B)$

Answers

1.(i) $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$

(ii) $A \cap B = \{1, 3\}$

(iii) $A - B = \{2\}$

(iv) $B \cap C = \{3\}$, $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $A \cup (B \cap C) = \{1, 2, 3\}$

(v) $B \cap C = \{3\}$, $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $A - (B \cap C) = \{1, 2\}$

2.(i) $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

(ii) $B \cap A = \{1, 3, 5\}$

(iii) $C - B = \{2, 6\}$

(iv) $C' = \{1, 3, 4\}$, $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
 $C' \cap A = \{1, 3, 4\}$

3.(i) LHS

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \{1\}, \\ (A \cap B) \cap C &= \{1\} \end{aligned}$$

RHS

$$\begin{aligned} B \cap C &= \{1\}, \\ A \cap (B \cap C) &= \{1\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore LHS = RHS$$

(ii) LHS

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}, \\ (A \cup B) \cup C &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8\} \end{aligned}$$

RHS $B \cup C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup (B \cup C) &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8\} \\ \therefore LHS &= RHS \end{aligned}$$

(iii) LHS

$$A \cup B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}.$$

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$$

RHS

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap C &= \{1, 3, 5\}, \\ B \cap C &= \{1, 2\}, \\ (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C) &= \{1, 2, 3, 5\} \\ \therefore LHS &= RHS \end{aligned}$$

(iv) LHS

$$A \cap C = \{1, 3, 5\},$$

$$(A \cap C) \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$$

$$\underline{\text{RHS}} A \cup B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\},$$

$$C \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8\},$$

$$(A \cup B) \cap (C \cup B) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$$

$$\therefore LHS = RHS$$

Venn Diagram

Venn Diagram is a method of representing the relationship between sets.

In this method, a rectangle is drawn to represent the Universal set, U and circles are drawn to represent the sets.

Eg:

* Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ and $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, then the Venn diagram representing the set is,

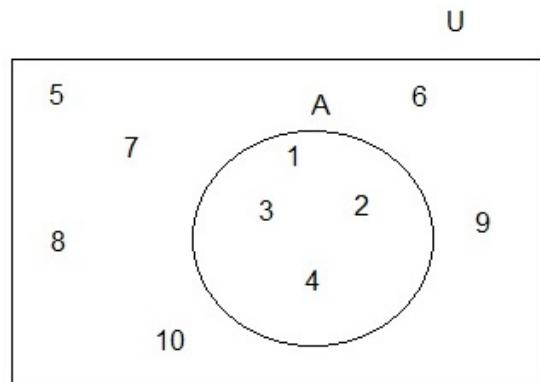


Figure 1: A

* Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$, $A = \{1, 3, 4, 6\}$ and $B = \{2, 3, 8\}$,

then the Venn diagram representing the sets is,

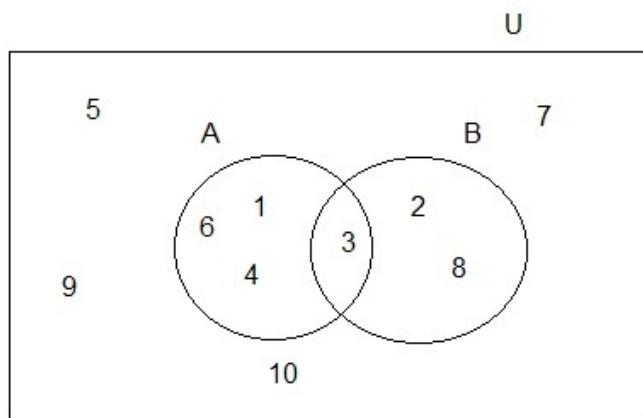


Figure 2: A and B

The Venn diagram for union, intersection, difference and complement of sets are given below.

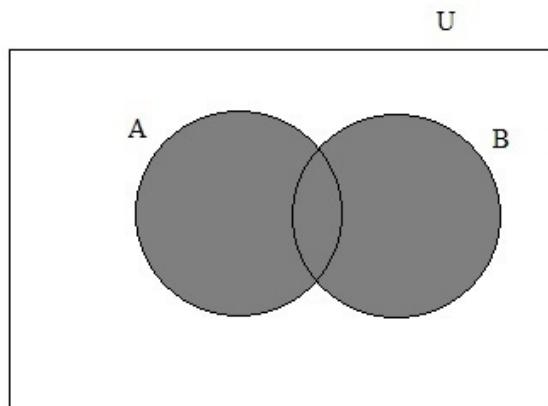


Figure 3: Union $A \cup B$

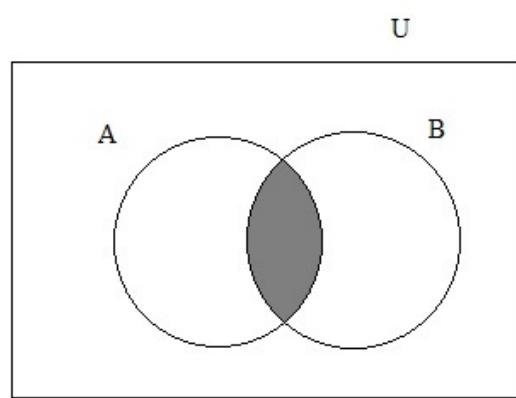


Figure 4: Intersection $A \cap B$

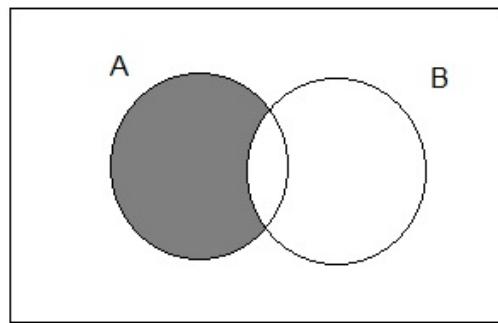


Figure 5: Difference $A - B$

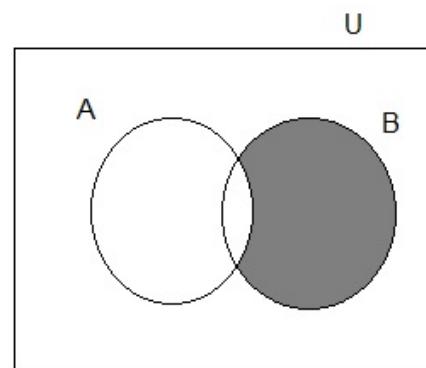


Figure 6: Difference $B - A$

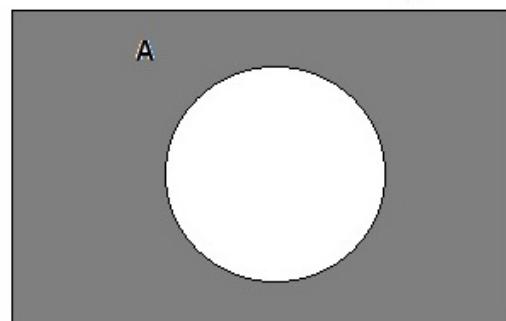


Figure 7: Complement A'

Laws of Sets

1. Commutative Laws

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= B \cup A \\ A \cap B &= B \cap A \\ A - B &\neq B - A \end{aligned}$$

2. Associative Laws

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup (B \cup C) &= (A \cup B) \cup C \\ A \cap (B \cap C) &= (A \cap B) \cap C \end{aligned}$$

3. Distributive Laws

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup (B \cap C) &= (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \\ A \cap (B \cup C) &= (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

4. De Morgan's Laws

$$\begin{aligned} (A \cup B)' &= A' \cap B' \\ (A \cap B)' &= A' \cup B' \end{aligned}$$

Some important properties

◊ If $A \subset B$,

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= B \\ A \cap B &= A \\ A - B &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

◊ If U is the universal set, then

$$\begin{aligned} U' &= \emptyset \\ \emptyset' &= U \end{aligned}$$

◊ For any set A ,

$$(A')' = A$$

◊ For any set A,

$$\begin{aligned}A \cup \phi &= A \\A \cap \phi &= \phi \\A \cup U &= U \\A \cap U &= A\end{aligned}$$

◊ If $A \subset B$, then $B' \subset A'$

Examples

◊ Given $A = \{2, 3, 4, 6\} \subset B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}A \cup B &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} = B \\A \cap B &= \{2, 3, 4, 6\} = A \\A - B &= \emptyset\end{aligned}$$

◊ Given $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ and $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}A' &= \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\} \\(A')' &= \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}' = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\} = A\end{aligned}$$

◊ Given $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$, $A = \{2, 3, 4, 7\} \subset B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}A' &= \{1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10\} \\B' &= \{5, 8, 9, 10\}\end{aligned}$$

Thus $B' \subset A'$

Number of elements in a set

If $n(A)$ denotes the number of elements in the set A, $n(B)$ denotes the number of elements in the set B, then

$$\begin{aligned}n(A \cup B) &= n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B) \\n(A \cup B \cup C) &= n(A) + n(B) + n(C) - n(A \cap B) - n(B \cap C) - n(A \cap C) + n(A \cap B \cap C)\end{aligned}$$

If A and B are disjoint sets, $A \cap B = \emptyset$,

$$\therefore n(A \cap B) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B)$$

Ordered pair

Two elements a and b, listed in a specific order, form an ordered pair, denoted by (a, b) .

Eg: $(9, 0), (e, k), (0, 0)$

* The ordered pair (a, b) is different from the ordered pair (b, a) .

* Two ordered pair (a, b) and (c, d) are equal if and only if $a = c$ and $b = d$.

Cartesian Product

The Cartesian product of two sets A and B is defined to be the set of all ordered pair with first element in A and the second element in B. It is denoted as $A \times B$.

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

$$B \times A = \{(b, a) : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

Note: $A \times B \neq B \times A$

Eg: Let $A = \{a, b, c\}$ and $B = \{1, 2\}$, then

$$A \times B = \{(a, 1), (a, 2), (b, 1), (b, 2), (c, 1), (c, 2)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{(1, a), (1, b), (1, c), (2, a), (2, b), (2, c)\}$$

Notes:

- $A \times B \neq B \times A$
- If $A = \phi$ and $B = \phi$ then $A \times B = \phi$
- $n(A \times B) = n(B \times A)$

Properties

$$1. A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

$$2. A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

Examples

Let $A = \{1, 3\}$, $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$ and $C = \{3, 4\}$.

1.

$$B \cup C = \{1, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$A \times (B \cup C) = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5)\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (1, 5), (3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 5)\}$$

$$A \times C = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$$

$$(A \times B) \cup (A \times C) = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5)\}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}B \cap C &= \{3\} \\A \times (B \cap C) &= \{(1, 3), (3, 3)\} \\A \times B &= \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (1, 5), (3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 5)\} \\A \times C &= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4)\} \\(A \times B) \cap (A \times C) &= \{(1, 3), (3, 3)\}\end{aligned}$$

Excercise

1. If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$, find $A \times B$ and $B \times A$
2. If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$, $S = \{1, 3, 4\}$ and $T = \{2, 4, 5\}$, verify that $(A \times B) \cap (S \times T) = (A \cap S) \times (B \cap T)$

Solutions

$$\begin{aligned}1. \quad A \times B &= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5)\} \\&B \times A = \{(3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (5, 1), (5, 2), (5, 3)\}\end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{LHS} \quad A \times B &= \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)\} \\S \times T &= \{(1, 2)(1, 4), (1, 5), (3, 2), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 2), (4, 4), (4, 5)\} \\(A \times B) \cap (S \times T) &= \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (3, 2), (3, 4)\} \\&\underline{RHS} \\A \cap S &= \{1, 3\} \\B \cap T &= \{2, 4\} \\(A \cap S) \times (B \cap T) &= \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (3, 2), (3, 4)\}\end{aligned}$$

$LHS = RHS$, verified.

bfRelations

A relation from a set A to a set B is a subset of the Cartesian product $A \times B$. Hence, a relation R consists of ordered pairs (a, b) , where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

Notation

If $(a, b) \in R$, we say that a is related to b , and we write $a R b$.
If $(a, b) \notin R$, we say that a is not related to b , and we write $a \not R b$.

Eg: Let $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$ and $B = \{4, 6, 8, 10\}$, then a few examples of relations from A to B are:

- * $R = \{(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B, y = x + 6\} = \{(2, 8), (4, 10)\}$
- * $R = \{(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B, y \geq x^2\} = \{(2, 4), (2, 6), (2, 8), (2, 10), (3, 10)\}$

Types of relations

1. *Empty relation* - If no element of set A is related to any element of A, then the relation is known as empty relation. Hence $R = \emptyset$ which is a subset of $A \times A$.

Eg: The relation R on the set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ defined by $R = \{(a, b) : a + b = 10\}$. But $a + b \neq 10$ for any two elements of set A. Therefore, $(a, b) \in R$ for any $a, b \in A$.

2. *Reflexive relation* - A relation R in a set A is said to be Reflexive if and only if $a R a$, for all $a \in A$. It means, every element of A is related to itself.

Eg: Let $A = \{3, 4, 5\}$ and $R = \{(a, a) : a \in A\}$. Hence, $R = \{(3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5)\}$ is a reflexive relation.

3. *Symmetric relation* - A relation R in a set A is said to be Symmetric if and only if $a R b \Rightarrow b R a$ or $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$ for all $a, b \in A$.

Eg:

4. *Transitive relation* - A relation in a set A is called Transitive if and only if, $a R b$ and $b R c \Rightarrow a R c$ or $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$ for all $a, b, c \in A$.

Eg:

5. *Equivalence relation* - A relation R in a set A is called an Equivalence relation if and only if

- it is Reflexive that is, $(a, a) \in R$ for all $a \in A$.
- it is Symmetric that is, $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$ for all $a, b \in A$.
- it is Transitive that is, $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$ for all $a, b, c \in A$.

Eg: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ then

$R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 3), (4, 4)\}$ is not an equivalence relation since the pairs $(4, 1)$ and $(4, 2)$ are not in R.

Let $A = \{3, 4, 5\}$ then $R = \{(3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5), (5, 3), (5, 4), (5, 5)\}$ is an equivalence relation.

6. *Identity relation* - Let A be any set, the relation $R = \{(a, a) : a \in A\}$ is called the identity element.

Every identity relation is a reflexive relation but the reverse need not be true. Also every identity relation is an equivalence relation. It is denoted as I_A .

Eg: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ then $I_A = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

7. *Inverse relation*- An inverse relation is the set of ordered pairs obtained by interchanging the first and second elements of each pair in the original relation.

$$R^{-1} = \{(b, a) : (a, b) \in R\}$$

Eg: Let $A = \{a, b, c\}$ and $R = \{(a, b), (a, c), (b, c)\}$, then
 $R^{-1} = \{(b, a), (c, a), (c, b)\}$

Excercise

1. Let L be the set of all lines in X-Y plane and R be the relation in L defined as $R = \{(L_1, L_2) : L_1 \parallel L_2\}$. Show that R is an equivalence relation.
2. Let $W = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Consider the following relations in W .

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= \{(1, 1), (4, 3), (2, 2), (2, 1), (3, 1)\} \\ R_2 &= \{(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2)\} \\ R_3 &= \{(1, 3)\} \end{aligned}$$

Determine whether each relation is

- (i) symmetric
- (ii) transitive

Solutions

1. Every line is parallel to itself. $\Rightarrow L_1 R L_1, \forall L_1 \in L$.

$\Rightarrow R$ is reflexive.

Let $L_1 \parallel L_2$
 $\Rightarrow (L_1, L_2) \in R$,
then $L_2 \parallel L_1$,

$\Rightarrow (L_2, L_1) \in R$

$\Rightarrow R$ is symmetric.

Let $L_1 \parallel L_2$ and $L_2 \parallel L_3$

$\Rightarrow (L_1, L_2), (L_2, L_3) \in R$

then $L_1 \parallel L_3$,

$\Rightarrow (L_1, L_3) \in R$

$\Rightarrow R$ is transitive.

Since the relation R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, it is an equivalence relation.

2. (i) A relation is not symmetric if there exist an ordered pair $(a, b) \in R$ such that $(b, a) \notin R$.

R_1 is not symmetric since $(4, 3) \in R_1$ but $(3, 4) \notin R_1$.

R_2 is symmetric as both $(2, 3)$ and $(3, 2) \in R_2$.

R_3 is not symmetric as $(1, 3) \in R$ but $(3, 1) \notin R$.

- (ii) A relation is not transitive if there exist elements a, b and c , such that $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$ but $(a, c) \notin R$.

R_1 is not transitive since $(4, 3) \in R_1$ and $(3, 1) \in R_1$ but $(4, 1) \notin R_1$.

R_2 is not transitive since $(3, 2) \in R_2$ and $(2, 3) \in R_2$ but $(3, 3) \notin R$.

R_3 is transitive as all sets with single element are transitive. **Functions**

A function f (or mapping) is a rule of correspondence between two sets A and B such that each element of the set A (x) is assigned to only one element of the set B ($f(x)$) and we write as $f : A \rightarrow B$.

Note:

- ◊ Every element of A is assigned to an element of B and no element of A is left without an assignment in B .
- ◊ No element of A can be assigned to more than one element of B .

We can use arrow diagram to represent a function.

Eg:

It is a function.

Domain and Range of a function

Let $f : A \rightarrow B$, then A is called the domain of f , and B is called the co-domain of f .

The set $f(A) = \{f(x) : x \in A\}$ is called the range of f .

Eg: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $B = \{1, 4, 9, 16, 25\}$. Also let f be a function defined by $f(x) = x^2$.

Here domain of f is $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ range of f is $\{1, 4, 9, 16\}$ and co-domain of f is $\{1, 4, 9, 16, 25\}$.

Types of Function

- (a) *One-one function* - Let $f : A \rightarrow B$. If distinct elements in A have distinct images in B, then f is said to be a one-one or an injective function or mapping.

Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and let $x_1, x_2 \in A$. If f is one to one then

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2.$$

Eg: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{2, 4, 6\}$ and $f : A \rightarrow B$ is defined as $f(x) = 2x$. Then $f(1) = 2, f(2) = 4, f(3) = 6$.

f is a function from A to B such that different elements in A have different images in B. Hence f is one-one.

Or

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x \\ \text{if } f(x_1) &= f(x_2) \\ \text{then } 2x_1 &= 2x_2 \\ \Rightarrow x_1 &= x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$, f is one-one function.

- (b) *Onto function* - Let $f : A \rightarrow B$. If every element in B has at least one pre-image in A, then f is said to be an onto or a surjective function.

f is onto if and only if its range is equal to the co-domain.

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$, then f is said to be surjective if

$$\forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X, f(x) = y$$

Eg: Consider $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = 2x + 1$.

$y = 2x + 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{y-1}{2}$. i.e. for any real number y we will get a real number x .

Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ given by $f(x) = 2x$ is not onto.

$y = 2x \Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{2}$. If $y = 1$, $x = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$, which is not possible because $0.5 \notin \mathbb{N}$.

- (c) *Bijective function* - Let $f : A \rightarrow B$. f is said to be bijective or bijection, if it satisfies both the injective (one-one function) and surjective (onto function) properties.

Eg: Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = 3x - 5$.

Suppose

$$\begin{aligned}f(x_1) &= f(x_2) \\3x_1 - 5 &= 3x_2 - 5 \\3x_1 &= 3x_2 \\\Rightarrow x_1 &= x_2\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f$ is one-one.

$y = 3x - 5 \Rightarrow x = \frac{y+5}{3}$. Since this is a real number, f is onto.
Thus

- (d) *Many to one function* - A function f from A to B is called many to one if more than one element of A is mapped into the same element in B.
Eg: Consider $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$. When $x = 2$,
 $y = (2)^2 = 4$
and when $x = -2$,
 $y = (-2)^2 = 4$.
i.e., the elements 2 and -2 in A is mapped to the element 4 in B.
- (e) *Constant function* - A function f from A to B is called a constant function, if every element of A has the same image in B.
Eg: Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be given by $f(x) = 5$, then for any natural value of x , $f(x) = 5$.
- (f) *Identity function* - The function f is called the identity function if each element of set A has an image on itself i.e. $f(x) = x$, $\forall x \in A$. It is denoted by I.

Excercise

(a) If $X = \{x : 1 < x < 5, x \text{ is a prime number}\}$, find the domain, co-domain and range of the function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$.

(b) Is $f = \{(2, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3)\}$ is a function from A to A where $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$?

(c) What type of functions are represented by the sets:

(i) $f_1 = \{(-2, -4), (-1, 0), (0, -1), (1, 0)\}$

(ii) $f_2 = \{(-2, -1), (-1, -1), (0, -1), (1, -1)\}$

(iii) $f_3 = \{(-2, -2), (-1, -1), (0, 0), (1, 1)\}$

(iv) $f_4 = \{(-2, 1), (-1, 1), (0, -2), (1, 4)\}$

Given the domain $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1\}$ and co-domain $B = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 4\}$.

(d) If $A = \{4, 6, 8, 12\}$, $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ and $f : A \rightarrow B$ is defined as $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x+2)$, what type of function is f ?

(e) If $A = \{3, 6, 9, 12\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $f : A \rightarrow B$ is defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x + 1$. Express f as a set of ordered pairs and an arrow diagram.

Solutions

1. $X = \{2, 3\}$ and $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$

$$f(2) = \frac{2-1}{2+1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$f(3) = \frac{3-1}{3+1} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Domain of $f = X = \{2, 3\}$

Co-domain of $f = \mathbb{R}$

Range of $f = \left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \right\}$

2. f is not a function since the element 3 in A is not mapped to any element and 2 is mapped to both 1 and 3.
3. (i) f_1 is a many-one function since -1 and 1 in A are mapped to 0 in B.

- (ii) f_2 is a constant function as all the elements in A are mapped to -1 in B.
- (iii) f_3 is an one-one function as every element in A has distinct images in B.
- (iv) f_4 is a many-one function as -2 and -1 in A are mapped to 1 in B.

4. The given function is $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x + 2)$, then,

$$\begin{aligned}f(4) &= \frac{1}{2}(4 + 2) = \frac{1}{2}(6) = 3 \\f(6) &= \frac{1}{2}(6 + 2) = \frac{1}{2}(8) = 4 \\f(8) &= \frac{1}{2}(8 + 2) = \frac{1}{2}(10) = 5 \\f(12) &= \frac{1}{2}(12 + 2) = \frac{1}{2}(14) = 7\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f = \{(4, 3), (6, 4), (8, 5), (12, 7)\}.$$

f is a one-one function as all elements in A are mapped to distinct elements in B.

5. The given function is $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x + 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}f(3) &= \frac{1}{3}(3) + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2 \\f(6) &= \frac{1}{3}(6) + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3 \\f(9) &= \frac{1}{3}(9) + 1 = 3 + 1 = 4 \\f(12) &= \frac{1}{3}(12) + 1 = 4 + 1 = 5\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f = \{(3, 2), (6, 3), (9, 4), (12, 5)\}$$

Arrow diagram of f

Composition of functions

Consider $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$.

Let $a \in A$. Then its image $f(a)$ is in B and B is the domain of g . Then the

image of $f(a)$ under the function g is $g[f(a)]$.

The function from $A \rightarrow C$ which assigns to each element of A , the element $g[f(a)]$ in C is called the composition of f and g and is denoted as $g \circ f$.
 $\therefore (g \circ f)a = g[f(a)]$

Note: Composition of functions is not commutative. But it is associative.

Eg: Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = x^2$, $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $g(x) = x + 5$ and $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $h(x) = 3x - 1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)x &= g[f(x)] = g(x^2) = x^2 + 5 \\ (f \circ g)x &= f[g(x)] = f(x + 5) = (x + 5)^2 \\ g \circ f &\neq f \circ g\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ h)x &= g[h(x)] = g(3x - 1) = 3x - 1 + 5 = 3x + 4 \\ f \circ (g \circ h)x &= f[(g \circ h)x] = f(3x + 4) = (3x + 4)^2 \\ (f \circ g)x &= f[g(x)] = f(x + 5) = (x + 5)^2 \\ [(f \circ g) \circ h]x &= (f \circ g)[h(x)] = (f \circ g)(3x - 1) = (3x - 1 + 5)^2 = (3x + 4)^2 \\ f \circ (g \circ h) &= (f \circ g) \circ h\end{aligned}$$