

4. Let g be a function from \mathbb{Z}^+ (the set of positive integers) to \mathbb{Q} (the set of rational numbers) defined by

$$(x, y) \in g \text{ iff } y = 4x - 3/7 (g \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Q})$$

and let f be a function on \mathbb{Z}^+ defined by

$$(x, y) \in f \text{ iff } y = 5x^2 + 2x - 3 (f \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+)$$

Consider the function f on \mathbb{Z}^+ . For which values of x is it the case that $5x^2 + 2x - 3 > 0$?

$$\begin{aligned} 5x^2 + 2x - 3 &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow (5x - 3)(x + 1) &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

For the equation to be positive, either both terms are negative, or both terms are positive.

(i) Both terms are negative.

$$\begin{aligned} 5x - 3 &< 0 & \text{AND} & & x + 1 &< 0 \\ \Rightarrow 5x &< 3 & \text{AND} & & x &< -1 \\ \Rightarrow x &< \frac{3}{5} & \text{AND} & & x &< -1 \end{aligned}$$

As both conditions need to be true, take the one that includes both terms. For example, the number 0 satisfies the first term, but not the second. But every number that satisfies the second term also satisfies the first.

$$x < -1$$

However, x is only defined on \mathbb{Z}^+ , so $x \not< 0$.

Therefore, there are no x values where both terms can be negative.

(ii) Both terms are positive.

$$\begin{aligned} 5x - 3 &> 0 & \text{AND} & & x + 1 &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow 5x &> 3 & \text{AND} & & x &> -1 \\ \Rightarrow x &> \frac{3}{5} & \text{AND} & & x &> -1 \end{aligned}$$

As both conditions need to be true, take the one that includes both terms. For example, the number 0 satisfies the second term, but not the first. But every number that satisfies the first term also satisfies the second.

$$x > \frac{3}{5}$$

But we know that x is only defined on \mathbb{Z}^+ . So x has to be equal to, or bigger than the nearest positive integer that is greater than $3/5$, which would be 1. So,

$$x \geq 1 \text{ where } x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$