

## Concept of Relations and Functions

### 1 Mark Questions

1. If  $R = \{(a, a^3) : a \text{ is a prime number less than } 5\}$  be a relation. Find the range of  $R$ .

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Given,  $R = \{(a, a^3) : a \text{ is a prime number less than } 5\}$

We know that, 2 and 3 are the prime numbers less than 5.

$\therefore a$  can take values 2 and 3.

Then,  $R = \{(2, 2^3), (3, 3^3)\} = \{(2, 8), (3, 27)\}$

Hence, the range of  $R$  is  $\{8, 27\}$ . (1)

2. If  $f: \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$  and  $g: \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$  given by  $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$ . Write down  $g \circ f$ .

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The functions  $f: \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$  and

$g: \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$  are defined as

$f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$

$\therefore g \circ f(1) = g(f(1)) = g(2) = 3$   
[ $\because f(1) = 2$  and  $g(2) = 3$ ]

$g \circ f(3) = g(f(3)) = g(5) = 1$   
[ $\because f(3) = 5$  and  $g(5) = 1$ ]

$g \circ f(4) = g(f(4)) = g(1) = 3$   
[ $\because f(4) = 1$  and  $g(1) = 3$ ]

$\therefore g \circ f = \{(1, 3), (3, 1), (4, 3)\}$  (1)

3. Let  $R$  is the equivalence relation in the set  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  given by  $R = \{(a, b) : 2 \text{ divides } (a - b)\}$ . Write the equivalence class  $[0]$ .

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Given,  $R = \{(a, b) : 2 \text{ divides } (a - b)\}$

Here, all even integers are related to zero, i.e.  $(0, 2)(0, 4)$ .

Hence, equivalence class of  $[0] = \{2, 4\}$  (1)

4. If  $R = \{(x, y) : x + 2y = 8\}$  is a relation on  $N$ ,  
then write the range of  $R$ . All India 2014

Given, the relation  $R$  is defined on the set of natural numbers, i.e.  $N$  as

$$R = \{(x, y) : x + 2y = 8\}$$

To find the range of  $R$ ,  $x + 2y = 8$  can be rewritten as  $y = \frac{8 - x}{2}$ .

On putting  $x = 2$ , we get  $y = \frac{8 - 2}{2} = 3$

On putting  $x = 4$ , we get  $y = \frac{8 - 4}{2} = 2$

On putting  $x = 6$ , we get  $y = \frac{8 - 6}{2} = 1$

As,  $x, y \in N$ , then  $R = \{(2, 3) (4, 2) (6, 1)\}$

Hence, range of relation is  $\{3, 2, 1\}$ . (1)

5. If  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$  and  
 $f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$  is a function from  $A$  to  
 $B$ . State whether  $f$  is one-one or not.

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Given,  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$

Now,  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is defined as

$$f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$$

Therefore,  $f(1) = 4$ ,  $f(2) = 5$  and  $f(3) = 6$ .

It is seen that the images of distinct elements of  $A$  under  $f$  are distinct. So,  $f$  is one-one. (1)

6. If  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is defined by  $f(x) = 3x + 2$ , then define  $f[f(x)]$ . Foreign 2011; Delhi 2010

Given,  $f(x) = 3x + 2$

Now,  $f[f(x)] = f(3x + 2) = 3(3x + 2) + 2$   
 $= 9x + 6 + 2 = 9x + 8$

7. Write  $f \circ g$ , if  $f : R \rightarrow R$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  are given by  $f(x) = |x|$  and  $g(x) = |5x - 2|$ . Foreign 2011

Given,  $f(x) = |x|$ ,  $g(x) = |5x - 2|$

Now,  $f \circ g(x) = f[g(x)] = f\{|5x - 2|\}$   
 $= ||5x - 2|| = |5x - 2|$

8. Write  $f \circ g$ , if  $f : R \rightarrow R$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  are given by  $f(x) = 8x^3$  and  $g(x) = x^{1/3}$ . Foreign 2011

Given,  $f(x) = 8x^3$  and  $g(x) = x^{1/3}$

Now,  $f \circ g(x) = f[g(x)] = f(x^{1/3}) = 8(x^{1/3})^3 = 8x(1)$

9. State the reason for the relation  $R$  in the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  given by  $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$  not to be transitive. Delhi 2011

We know that, for a relation to be transitive  
 $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in R$

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

Here,  $(1, 2) \in R$  and  $(2, 1) \in R$  but  $(1, 1) \notin R$ .  
Hence,  $R$  is not transitive. (1)

**10.** What is the range of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{|x-1|}{x-1}, x \neq 1?$$

Delhi 2010; HOTS

Given, function is  $f(x) = \frac{|x-1|}{x-1}, x \neq 1$

The above function may be written as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-1}{x-1}, & \text{if } x > 1 \\ -\frac{(x-1)}{x-1}, & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 1 \\ -1, & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  Range of  $f(x)$  is the set  $\{-1, 1\}$ .

**11.** If  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is defined by  $f(x) = (3 - x^3)^{1/3}$ , then find  $f \circ f(x)$ .  
All India 2010

Given, function is  $f : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $f(x) = (3 - x^3)^{1/3}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } f \circ f(x) &= f[f(x)] = f[(3 - x^3)^{1/3}] \\ &= [3 - \{(3 - x^3)^{1/3}\}^3]^{1/3} \\ &= [3 - (3 - x^3)]^{1/3} = (x^3)^{1/3} \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

(1)

**12.** If  $f$  is an invertible function, defined as

$$f(x) = \frac{3x - 4}{5}, \text{ then write } f^{-1}(x). \quad \text{Foreign 2010}$$

Given,  $f(x) = \frac{3x - 4}{5}$  and is invertible.

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{3x - 4}{5} \Rightarrow 5y = 3x - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 5y + 4 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5y + 4}{3}$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(y) = \frac{5y + 4}{3} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{5x + 4}{3}$$

**13.** If  $f : R \rightarrow R$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  are given by

$$f(x) = \sin x \text{ and } g(x) = 5x^2, \text{ then find } g \circ f(x).$$

Foreign 2010

Given,  $f(x) = \sin x$  and  $g(x) = 5x^2$ .

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

**14.** If  $f(x) = 27x^3$  and  $g(x) = x^{1/3}$ , then find  $g \circ f(x)$ .

Foreign 2010

Given,  $f(x) = 27x^3$  and  $g(x) = x^{1/3}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \quad g \circ f(x) &= g[f(x)] = g(27x^3) \\ &= (27x^3)^{1/3} = (27)^{1/3} \cdot (x^3)^{1/3} \\ &= (3^3)^{1/3} \cdot (x^3)^{1/3} = 3x \\ \therefore \quad g \circ f(x) &= 3x\end{aligned}$$

- 15.** If the function  $f: R \rightarrow R$ , defined by  
 $f(x) = 3x - 4$  is invertible, then find  $f^{-1}$ .  
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Given, function is  $f(x) = 3x - 4$  and is invertible.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let} \quad y &= 3x - 4 \Rightarrow 3x = y + 4 \\ \Rightarrow \quad x &= \frac{y + 4}{3} \\ \therefore \quad f^{-1}(y) &= \frac{y + 4}{3} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x + 4}{3} \quad (1)\end{aligned}$$

- 16.** If  $f: R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{3x + 5}{2}$  is an invertible function, then find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .  
All India 2009C

Do same as Que 12.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } \frac{2x - 5}{3} \right]$

- 17.** State whether the function  $f: N \rightarrow N$  given by  
 $f(x) = 5x$  is injective, surjective or both.  
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For injective function, it should be one-one and for surjective function, it should be onto.

Given function is  $f(x) = 5x$ .

$$\text{As, } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 5x_1 = 5x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in N$$

So,  $f(x)$  is an injective function. (1/2)

Also, range of  $f(n) = 5n, n \in N$ .

But codomain  $= N$

$\therefore$  Range  $\neq$  Codomain

$\therefore f(x)$  is not surjective.

Hence, the given function is injective.

**18.** If  $f: R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{2x-7}{4}$  is an invertible function, then find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

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Do same as Que. 12.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } \frac{4x+7}{2} \right]$$

#### 4 Marks Questions

**19.** If  $f: W \rightarrow W$ , is defined as  $f(x) = x - 1$ , if  $x$  is odd and  $f(x) = x + 1$ , if  $x$  is even. Show that  $f$  is invertible. Find the inverse of  $f$ , where  $W$  is the set of all whole numbers. Foreign 2014

$f: W \rightarrow W$  is defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ x + 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

First, we need to show that  $f$  is one-one.

Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

**Case I** When  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are odd.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } f(x_1) = f(x_2) &\Rightarrow x_1 - 1 = x_2 - 1 \\ \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in W &\quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

**Case II** When  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are even.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \\ \Rightarrow x_1 + 1 = x_2 + 1 \\ \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in W \end{aligned}$$

So, from case I and II, we observe that

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \in W$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is a one-one function. (1)

Now, we need to show that  $f$  is onto.

Any odd number  $2y + 1$ , in the codomain  $W$ , is the image of  $2y$  in the domain  $W$ .

Also, any even number  $2y$  in the codomain  $W$ , is the image of  $2y - 1$  in the domain  $W$ .

Thus, every element in  $W$  (codomain) has its image in  $W$  (domain).

So,  $f$  is onto. Therefore,  $f$  is bijection. So, it is invertible. (1)



Let  $x, y \in W$ , such that

$$f(x) = y$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 = y, \text{ if } x \text{ is odd}$$

$$x + 1 = y, \text{ if } x \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{cases} y + 1, & \text{if } y \text{ is even} \\ y - 1, & \text{if } y \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Clearly, } f = f^{-1} \quad (1)$$

**20.** If  $f, g : R \rightarrow R$  are two functions defined as

$$f(x) = |x| + x \text{ and } g(x) = |x| - x, \forall x \in R, \text{ Then, find}$$

$fog$  and  $gof$ .

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Given,  $f(x) = |x| + x$  and  $g(x) = |x| - x$  for all  $x \in R$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases} \text{ and } g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > 0 \\ -2x, & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Thus, for  $x > 0$ ,  $gof(x) = g(2x) = 0$

and for  $x < 0$ ,  $gof(x) = g(0) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow gof(x) = 0, \forall x \in R \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

and for  $x > 0$ ,  $fog(x) = f(0) = 0$

for  $x < 0$ ,  $fog(x) = f(-2x) = -$

$$\Rightarrow fog(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > 0 \\ -4x, & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

**21.** If  $R$  is a relation defined on the set of natural numbers  $N$  as follows:

$$R = \{(x, y), x \in N, y \in N \text{ and } 2x + y = 24\}, \text{ then}$$

find the domain and range of the relation  $R$ .

Also, find if  $R$  is an equivalence relation or not.

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Given  $R = \{(x, y), x \in N, y \in N \text{ and } 2x + y = 24\}$

When,  $x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 22$ ;  $x = 2 \Rightarrow y = 20$

$x = 3 \Rightarrow y = 18$ ;  $x = 4 \Rightarrow y = 16$

$x = 5 \Rightarrow y = 14$ ;  $x = 6 \Rightarrow y = 12$

$x = 7 \Rightarrow y = 10$ ;  $x = 8 \Rightarrow y = 8$

$x = 9 \Rightarrow y = 6$ ;  $x = 10 \Rightarrow y = 4$

$x = 11 \Rightarrow y = 2$

So, domain of  $R = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 11\}$ .

and range of  $R = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22\}$

and  $R = \{(1, 22)(2, 20)(3, 18)(4, 16)(5, 14)(6, 12)$   
 $(7, 10)(8, 8)(9, 6)(10, 4)(11, 2)\}$  (1)

### Reflexive

Since, for  $a \in \text{domain of } R, (a, a) \notin R$ .

Hence,  $R$  is not reflexive. (1)

### Symmetric

Since,  $(1, 22) \in R$  but  $(22, 1) \notin R$ .

Hence,  $R$  is not symmetric (1)

### Transitive

There are no elements such that that  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$ . Hence,  $R$  is not transitive and so, it is not an equivalence relation. (1)

**22.** If  $A = R - \{3\}$  and  $B = R - \{1\}$ . Consider the

function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$  for

all  $x \in A$ . Then show that  $f$  is bijective. Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

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Given, function is  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , where  $A = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$   
and  $B = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ , such that  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$ .

**One-one** Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ ,  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in A$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1 - 2}{x_1 - 3} = \frac{x_2 - 2}{x_2 - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - 2)(x_2 - 3) = (x_2 - 2)(x_1 - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1x_2 - 3x_1 - 2x_2 + 6 = x_1x_2 - 3x_2 - 2x_1 + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow -3x_1 - 2x_2 = -3x_2 - 2x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow -3(x_1 - x_2) + 2(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$\therefore f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ ,  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in A$ . So,  $f(x)$  is  
a one-one function. (1½)

**Onto** To show  $f(x)$  is onto, we show that  
range of  $f(x)$  and its codomain are same.

Now, let  $y = \frac{x-2}{x-3} \Rightarrow xy - 3y = x - 2$

$$\Rightarrow xy - x = 3y - 2 \Rightarrow x(y - 1) = 3y - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3y - 2}{y - 1} \quad \dots(i)$$

Since,  $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$ ,  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ , so range of  
 $f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ .

Also, given codomain of  $f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$

$\therefore$  Range = Codomain

Hence,  $f(x)$  is an onto function. (1½)

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is an bijective function.

From Eq. (i), we get

$$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{3y - 2}{y - 1} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3x - 2}{x - 1}$$

which is the inverse function of  $f(x)$ . (1)

**23.** If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$  and  $R$  be the relation in  $A \times A$  defined by  $(a, b) R (c, d)$ . If  $a + d = b + c$  for  $(a, b), (c, d)$  in  $A \times A$ . Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation, Also, obtain the equivalence class  $[(2, 5)]$ . Delhi 2014

Given, relation  $R$  defined by  $(a, b) R (c, d)$ , if  $a + d = b + c$  for  $(a, b), (c, d)$  in  $A \times A$ .

Here,  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$

We observe the following properties on  $R$ :

**Reflexive** Let  $(1, 2)$  be an element of  $A \times A$ .

Then,  $(1, 2) \in A \times A \Rightarrow 1, 2 \in A$

$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 = 2 + 1$  [ $\because$  addition is commutative]

$\Rightarrow (1, 2) R (1, 2)$

Thus,  $(1, 2) R (1, 2), \forall (1, 2) \in A \times A$

So,  $R$  is reflexive on  $A \times A$ . (1)

**Symmetric** Let  $(1, 2), (3, 4) \in A \times A$  such that  $(1, 2) R (3, 4)$

Then,  $1 + 4 = 2 + 3$

$\Rightarrow 3 + 2 = 4 + 1$  [ $\because$  addition is commutative]

$\Rightarrow (3, 4) R (1, 2)$

Thus,  $(1, 2) R (3, 4)$

$\Rightarrow (3, 4) R (1, 2), \forall (1, 2), (3, 4) \in A \times A$

So,  $R$  is symmetric on  $A \times A$ . (1)

**Transitive** Let  $(1, 2), (3, 4), (5, 6) \in A \times A$  such that  $(1, 2) R (3, 4)$  and  $(3, 4) R (5, 6)$ . Then,

$(1, 2) R (3, 4)$

$\Rightarrow 1 + 4 = 2 + 3$

$(3, 4) R (5, 6)$

$\Rightarrow 3 + 6 = 4 + 5$

$\Rightarrow (1 + 4) + 3 + 6 = (2 + 3) + (4 + 5)$

$\Rightarrow 1 + 6 = 2 + 5 \Rightarrow (1, 2) R (5, 6)$

Thus,  $(1, 2) R (3, 4)$  and  $(3, 4) R (5, 6)$

$\Rightarrow (1, 2) R (5, 6), \forall (1, 2), (3, 4), (5, 6) \in A \times A$

So,  $R$  is transitive on  $A \times A$ . (1)

Hence, it is an equivalence relation on  $A \times A$ .

Equivalence class containing element  $x$  of  $A$  is given by  $[x]_R = \{y : (x, y) \in R\}$

Hence, equivalence class

$[(2, 5)] = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6), (4, 7), (5, 8), (6, 9)\}$

**24.** If the function  $f : R \longrightarrow R$  is given by

$f(x) = x^2 + 2$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  is given by

$g(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}; x \neq 1$ , then find  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  and

hence, find  $f \circ g(2)$  and  $g \circ f(-3)$ . All India 2014

We have  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$ ;  $x \neq 1$

Since, range  $f$  = domain  $g$

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$\therefore fog$  and  $gof$  exist.

For any  $x \in R$ , we have  $(fog)(x) = f[g(x)]$

$$= f\left[\frac{x}{x-1}\right] = \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)^2 + 2$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 2(x-1)^2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{x^2 + 2(x^2 + 1 - 2x)}{(x-1)^2}$$

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

$\therefore fog : R \rightarrow R$  is defined by

$$(fog)(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 4x + 2}{(x-1)^2}, \forall x \in R \quad \dots(i) \quad (1)$$

For any  $x \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (gof)(x) &= g[f(x)] \\ &= g[x^2 + 2] = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 2 - 1} = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 1} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore gof : R \rightarrow R$  is defined by

$$(gof)(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 1}, \forall x \in R \quad \dots(ii)$$

On putting  $x = 2$  in Eq. (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} fog(2) &= \frac{3 \times (2)^2 - 4(2) + 2}{(2-1)^2} = \frac{3 \times 4 - 8 + 2}{(1)^2} \\ &= 12 - 6 = 6 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

On putting  $x = -3$  in Eq. (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (gof)(-3) &= \frac{(-3)^2 + 2}{(-3)^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{9 + 2}{9 + 1} = \frac{11}{10} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- 25.** If  $A = R - \{2\}$  and  $B = R - \{1\}$ . If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a function defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-2}$ , then show that  $f$  is one-one and onto. Hence, find  $f^{-1}$ .

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Given,  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-2}$  and  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , where

$A = R - \{2\}$  and  $B = R - \{1\}$ .

**One-one** Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2), \forall x_1, x_2 \in A$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1-1}{x_1-2} = \frac{x_2-1}{x_2-2} \quad (1/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1-1)(x_2-2) = (x_2-1)(x_1-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1x_2 - 2x_1 - x_2 + 2 = x_1x_2 - 2x_2 - x_1 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -x_1 = -x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\therefore f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in A \quad (1)$$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is one-one.

**Onto** Let  $y = \frac{x-1}{x-2} \Rightarrow xy - 2y = x - 1$

$$\Rightarrow x(y-1) = 2y-1 \quad (1/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2y-1}{y-1} \quad \dots(i)$$

Since,  $x \in R - \{2\}, \forall y \in R - \{1\}$

So, range of  $f(x) = R - \{1\}$

$\therefore$  Range = Codomain

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is onto. (1)

Also, from Eq. (i), we get

$$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{2y-1}{y-1} \quad [ \because x = f^{-1}(y) ]$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x-1} \quad (1)$$

**26.** Show that the function  $f$  in

$$A = R - \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \right\} \text{ defined as } f(x) = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4} \text{ is}$$

one-one and onto. Hence, find  $f^{-1}$ . Delhi 2013



Given,  $f(x) = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4}$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in A = R - \left\{\frac{2}{3}\right\}; x_1 \neq x_2$

**One-one** Consider,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\therefore \frac{4x_1+3}{6x_1-4} = \frac{4x_2+3}{6x_2-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (4x_1+3)(6x_2-4) = (4x_2+3)(6x_1-4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 24x_1x_2 - 16x_1 + 18x_2 - 12$$

$$= 24x_1x_2 - 16x_2 + 18x_1 - 12$$

$$\Rightarrow -34x_1 = -34x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

So,  $f$  is one-one. (1½)

**Onto** Let  $y = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4} \Rightarrow 6xy - 4y = 4x + 3$

$$\Rightarrow (6y-4)x = 3 + 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3+4y}{6y-4} \text{ and } y \neq \frac{4}{6}, \text{ i.e. } y \neq \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore y \in R - \left\{\frac{2}{3}\right\}$$

Thus,  $f$  is onto. (1½)

Since,  $f$  is one-one and onto.


$$\therefore x = f^{-1}(y) = \frac{3+4y}{6y-4} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3+4x}{6x-4} \quad (1)$$

**27.** Consider  $f: R_+ \rightarrow [4, \infty)$  given by  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$ .

Show that  $f$  is invertible with the inverse  $f^{-1}$

of  $f$  given by  $f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y-4}$ , where  $R_+$  is the set of all non-negative real numbers.

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 To show that  $f(x)$  is an invertible function, we

will show that  $f$  is both one-one and onto function.

Here, function  $f: R_+ \rightarrow [4, \infty)$  is given by  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$ .

Let  $x, y \in R_+$ , such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ .

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4 = y^2 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow x = y$$

[ $\because$  we take only positive sign as  $x, y \in R_+$ ]

Therefore,  $f$  is a one-one function. (1)

For  $y \in [4, \infty)$ ,

$$\text{let } y = x^2 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y - 4 \geq 0 \quad [\because y \geq 4]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{y - 4} \geq 0$$

[we take positive sign, as  $x \in R_+$ ]

Therefore, for any  $y \in R_+$ , there exists

$x = \sqrt{y - 4} \in R_+$ , such that

$$f(x) = f(\sqrt{y - 4}) = (\sqrt{y - 4})^2 + 4$$

$$= y - 4 + 4 = y$$

Therefore,  $f$  is onto. Thus,  $f$  is one-one and onto and therefore,  $f^{-1}$  exists. (1)

Let us define  $g: [4, \infty) \rightarrow R_+$ , by  $g(y) = \sqrt{y - 4}$ .

Now,  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x^2 + 4)$

$$= \sqrt{(x^2 + 4) - 4} = \sqrt{x^2} = x$$

and  $f \circ g(y) = f[g(y)] = f(\sqrt{y - 4})$

$$= (\sqrt{y - 4})^2 + 4$$

$$= (y - 4) + 4 = y \quad (1)$$

Therefore,  $g \circ f = I_{R_+}$  and  $f \circ g = I_{[4, \infty)}$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = g(y) = \sqrt{y - 4} \quad (1)$$

one-one and onto, specially when the actual inverse of  $f$  is not to be determined.

**28.** Show that  $f : N \rightarrow N$ , given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ x - 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

is bijective (both one-one and onto).

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Given function is  $f : N \rightarrow N$  such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ x - 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**One-one** From the given function, we observe that

**Case I** When  $x$  is odd.

$$\text{Let } f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + 1 = x_2 + 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\because f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in N.$$

So,  $f(x)$  is one-one. (1)

**Case II** When  $x$  is even.

$$\text{Let } f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - 1 = x_2 - 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\because f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in N.$$

So,  $f(x)$  is one-one.

Hence, from case I and case II, we observe that,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in N$$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is a one-one. (1)

**Onto** To show  $f(x)$  is onto, we show that its

range and codomain are same.

From the definition of given function, we observe that

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

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

$$f(3) = 3 + 1 = 4$$

$$f(4) = 4 - 1 = 3 \text{ and so on.} \quad (1)$$

So, we get set of natural numbers as the set of values of  $f(x)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Range of } f(x) = N$$

Also, given that codomain =  $N$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \because f : & N & \rightarrow N \\ & \text{domain} & \text{codomain} \end{array} \right]$$

Thus, range = codomain

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is an onto function.

Hence, the function  $f(x)$  is bijective. (1)

**29.** If  $f: R \rightarrow R$  is defined as  $f(x) = 10x + 7$ . Find

the function  $g: R \rightarrow R$ , such that

$$gof = fog = I_R.$$

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Given,  $f(x) = 10x + 7$

$$\text{Let } y = 10x + 7 \Rightarrow 10x = y - 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y - 7}{10} \quad (1)$$

Now, let  $g(x) = \frac{x-7}{10}$

Then,  $g \circ f(x)$  may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f(x) &= g[f(x)] = g(10x + 7) \\ &= \frac{10x + 7 - 7}{10} = x \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Also,  $f \circ g(x)$  may be written as

$$f \circ g(x) = f[g(x)] = f\left(\frac{x-7}{10}\right) = 10\left(\frac{x-7}{10}\right) + 7 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g(x) = x$$

Hence, required function  $g: R \rightarrow R$  is given by

$$g(x) = \frac{x-7}{10} \quad (1)$$

**30.** Show that the function  $f: W \rightarrow W$  defined by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n+1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ n-1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

is a bijective function.

All India 2011C

Do same as Que19.

**31.** If  $f: R \rightarrow R$  is the function defined by

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 7, \text{ then show that } f \text{ is a bijection.}$$

Delhi 2011C

The given function is  $f : R \rightarrow R$  such that

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 7$$

### One-one

$$\text{Let } f(x_1) = f(x_2), \forall x_1, x_2 \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x_1^3 + 7 = 4x_2^3 + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x_1^3 = 4x_2^3 \Rightarrow x_1^3 - x_2^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - x_2)(x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2) = 0$$

$$[\because a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)]$$

$$\text{Either } x_1 - x_2 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{or } x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

But Eq. (ii) is not possible as  $x_1, x_2 \in R$ . **(1/2)**

$$\therefore x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in R$$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is a one-one function. **(1)**

**Onto** To show that  $f(x)$  is an onto function, we show that

Range of  $f(x)$  = Codomain of  $f(x)$

Given, codomain of  $f(x) = R$

$$\text{Now, let } y = 4x^3 + 7 \Rightarrow 4x^3 = y - 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = \frac{y - 7}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \left( \frac{y - 7}{4} \right)^{1/3} \quad \dots(iii) \text{ (1/2)}$$

From Eq. (iii), it is clear that for every  $y \in R$ , we get  $x \in R$ .

$\therefore$  Range of  $f(x) = R$

Thus, range of  $f(x) = \text{codomain of } f(x)$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  is an onto function. (1)

Since,  $f(x)$  is both one-one and onto, so it is a bijective. (1)

**32.** If  $Z$  is the set of all integers and  $R$  is the relation on  $Z$  defined as

$R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in Z \text{ and } a - b \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$ .

Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

Delhi 2010; HOTS

The given relation is  $R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in Z \text{ and } a - b \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$ . We shall prove that  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

(i) **Reflexive** As for any  $x \in Z$ , we have  $x - x = 0$  and 0 is divisible by 5.

$\Rightarrow (x - x)$  is divisible by 5.

$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in R, \forall x \in Z$

Therefore,  $R$  is reflexive. (1)

(ii) **Symmetric** As  $(x, y) \in R$ , where  $(x, y) \in Z$

$\Rightarrow (x - y)$  is divisible by 5.

[by definition of  $R$ ]

$\Rightarrow x - y = 5A$  for some  $A \in Z$

$\Rightarrow y - x = 5(-A)$

$\Rightarrow (y - x)$  is also divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow (y, x) \in R$

Therefore,  $R$  is symmetric. (1)

(iii) **Transitive** As  $(x, y) \in R$ , where  $x, y \in Z$

$\Rightarrow (x - y)$  is divisible by 5.

$\Rightarrow x - y = 5A$  for some  $A \in Z$

Again, for  $(y, z) \in R$ , where  $y, z \in Z$

$\Rightarrow (y - z)$  is divisible by 5.

$$\Rightarrow y - z = 5B \text{ for some } B \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Now, } (x - y) + (y - z) = 5A + 5B$$

$$\Rightarrow x - z = 5(A + B)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - z) \text{ is divisible by 5 for some } A + B \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore,  $R$  is transitive. (1½)

Thus,  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. Hence, it is an equivalence relation. (1/2)

**NOTE** If atleast one of the relation is not satisfied, we do not say it is an equivalence relation.

- 33.** Show that the relation  $S$  in the set  $R$  of real numbers defined as,  $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in R \text{ and } a \leq b^3\}$  is neither reflexive nor symmetric nor transitive. Delhi 2010; HOTS

Given relation is

$$S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in R \text{ and } a \leq b^3\}$$



(i) **Reflexive** As  $\frac{1}{3} \leq \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3$ , where  $\frac{1}{3} \in R$  is not true.

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) \notin S$$

Therefore,  $S$  is not reflexive. **(1)**

(ii) **Symmetric** ,As  $-2 \leq (3)^3$ , where  $-2, 3 \in R$  is true but  $3 \leq (-2)^3$  is not true.

i.e.  $(-2, 3) \in S$  but  $(3, -2) \notin S$

Therefore,  $S$  is not symmetric. **(1)**

(iii) **Transitive** As  $3 \leq \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3$  and  $\frac{3}{2} \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3$ ,

where  $3, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3} \in R$  are true but  $3 \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3$  is not true.

$$\Rightarrow \left(3, \frac{3}{2}\right) \in S \text{ and } \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3}\right) \in S$$

$$\text{but } \left(3, \frac{4}{3}\right) \notin S \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{(1\frac{1}{2})}$$

Therefore,  $S$  is not transitive.

Hence,  $S$  is none of these, i.e. not reflexive, not symmetric and not transitive. **(1/2)**

**NOTE** There are certain ordered pairs like  $(1, 1)$  for which the relation is reflexive, so it is important to pick example suitably.

- 34.** Show that the relation  $S$  in set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$  given by  $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, |a - b| \text{ is divisible by } 4\}$  is an equivalence relation. Find the set of all elements related to  $A$ . All India 2010

The given relation is  $S = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is divisible by } 4, \text{ where } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

and  $A = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$

Now,  $A$  can be written as

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 12\} \quad (1/2)$$

- (i) **Reflexive** As for any  $x \in A$ , we get  $|x - x| = 0$ , which is divisible by 4.

$$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in S, \forall x \in A$$

Therefore,  $S$  is reflexive. (1)

- (ii) **Symmetric** As for any  $(x, y) \in S$ , we get  $|x - y|$  is divisible by 4.

[by using definition of given relation]

$$\Rightarrow |x - y| = 4\lambda, \text{ for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow |y - x| = 4\lambda, \text{ for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y, x) \in S$$

$$\text{Thus, } (x, y) \in S \Rightarrow (y, x) \in S, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore,  $S$  is symmetric. (1)

- (iii) **Transitive** For any  $(x, y) \in S$  and  $(y, z) \in S$ , we get  $|x - y|$  is divisible by 4 and  $|y - z|$  is divisible by 4.

[by using definition of given relation]

$$\Rightarrow |x - y| = 4\lambda \text{ and } |y - z| = 4\mu,$$

for some  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Now, } x - z = (x - y) + (y - z)$$

$$= \pm 4\lambda \pm 4\mu = \pm 4(\lambda + \mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow |x - z| \text{ is divisible by 4.}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in S$$

Thus,  $(x, y) \in S$  and  $(y, z) \in S$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in S, \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore,  $S$  is transitive. (1)

Since,  $S$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, so it is an equivalence relation.

Now, set of all elements related to

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\} \quad (1/2)$$

- 35.** Show that the relation  $S$  defined on set  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  by  $(a, b) S (c, d) \Rightarrow a + d = b + c$  is an equivalence relation. All India 2010

Do same as Que 23.

- 36.** Consider  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$  given by

$$f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5, \text{ show that } f \text{ is invertible}$$

$$\text{with } f^{-1}(y) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{y+6} - 1}{3} \right). \quad \text{Foreign 2010}$$

Given function is  $f : R_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$ , such that

$$f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$$

We shall show that it is both one-one and onto.

### One-one

Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in R_+$

$$\Rightarrow 9x_1^2 + 6x_1 - 5 = 9x_2^2 + 6x_2 - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x_1^2 - 9x_2^2 + 6x_1 - 6x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(x_1^2 - x_2^2) + 6(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 + x_2) + 6(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - x_2)[9x_1 + 9x_2 + 6] = 0$$

Now, either  $x_1 - x_2 = 0$

or  $9x_1 + 9x_2 + 6 = 0$

But  $9x_1 + 9x_2 + 6 = 0$  is not possible because  $x_1, x_2 \in R_+$ .

$$\therefore x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is a one-one function. (1)

### Onto

Let  $y = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 6x = y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9\left(x^2 + \frac{6x}{9}\right) = y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \left( x^2 + \frac{2x}{3} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{9} \right) = y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \left( x + \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 - 1 = y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \left( x + \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 = y + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( x + \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{y + 6}{9} \Rightarrow x + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{y + 6}}{3}$$

[taking positive sign as  $x \in R_+$ ]

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{y + 6} - 1}{3} \quad (1)$$

From above equation, we get that for every  $y \in [-5, \infty)$ , we have  $x \in R_+$ .

$\therefore$  Range of  $f(x) = [-5, \infty)$

Given, codomain of  $f(x) = [-5, \infty)$

Thus, range of  $f(x) = \text{Codomain of } f(x)$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is an onto function. (1)

Since,  $f(x)$  is both one-one and onto, so it is an invertible function with

$$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{\sqrt{y + 6} - 1}{3} \quad (1)$$

**37.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function. Define a relation  $R$  on  $X$  given by  $R = \{(a, b) : f(a) = f(b)\}$ . Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ .

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The given relation is

$$R = \{(a, b) : f(a) = f(b)\}, f : X \rightarrow Y$$

(i) **Reflexive** Since, for every  $x \in X$ , we have

$$f(x) = f(x)$$

[by using definition of  $R$ , i.e.  $f(a) = f(b)$ ,  
 $\forall a, b \in X$ ]

$$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in R, \forall x \in X$$

Therefore,  $R$  is reflexive. (1)

(ii) **Symmetric** Let  $(x, y) \in R, \forall x, y \in X$

$$\text{Then, } f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow f(y) = f(x)$$

$$\therefore (x, y) \in R, \forall x, y \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow (y, x) \in R, \forall x, y \in X$$

Therefore,  $R$  is symmetric. (1)

(iii) **Transitive** Let  $x, y, z \in X$

$$\text{Then } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = f(y), \forall x, y \in X \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } f(y) = f(z), \forall y, z \in X \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$f(x) = f(z), \forall x, z \in X$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R, \forall x, z \in X$$

$$\text{Thus, } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R, \forall x, y, z \in X$$

Therefore,  $R$  is transitive. (1½)

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

(1/2)

**38.** Show that a function  $f : R \rightarrow R$  given by

$$f(x) = ax + b, a, b \in R, a \neq 0 \text{ is a bijective.}$$

Delhi 2010C

The given function is

$$f(x) = ax + b; f : R \rightarrow R, a, b \in R, a \neq 0$$

To show that  $f(x)$  is a bijective, we show that  $f(x)$  is both one-one and onto.

(i) **One-one** Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2), \forall x_1, x_2 \in R$

$$\Rightarrow ax_1 + b = ax_2 + b$$

$$\Rightarrow ax_1 = ax_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x_1) = f(x_2), \forall x_1, x_2 \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is a one-one function.

(ii) **Onto** Let  $y = ax + b$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y - b}{a} \quad \dots(i)$$

From Eq. (i), it is observed that for every  $y \in R, x \in R$ .

$$\therefore \text{Range of } f(x) = R$$

Also, given codomain =  $R$

Thus, range of  $f(x)$  = Codomain of  $f(x)$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is an onto function.  $(1\frac{1}{2})$

As  $f(x)$  is both one-one and onto, so it is a bijective function.  $(1)$

**39.** Prove that the relation  $R$  in set

$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  given by  $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is even}\}$  is an equivalence relation. **Delhi 2009**

The given relation is  $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is even}\}$  defined on set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

(i) **Reflexive** As  $|x - x| = 0$  is even,  $\forall x \in A$ .

$$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in R, \forall x \in A$$

Therefore,  $R$  is reflexive. (1)

(ii) **Symmetric** As  $(x, y) \in R \Rightarrow |x - y|$  is even

[by the definition of given relation]

$$\Rightarrow |y - x| \text{ is also even}$$

$$[\because |a| = |-a|, \forall a \in R]$$

$$\Rightarrow (y, x) \in R, \forall x, y \in A$$

Thus,  $(x, y) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow (y, x) \in R, \forall x, y \in A$$

Therefore,  $R$  is symmetric. (1)

(iii) **Transitive** As  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow |x - y| \text{ is even and } |y - z| \text{ is even.}$$

[by using definition of given relation]



Now,  $|x - y|$  is even

$\Rightarrow x$  and  $y$  both are even or odd

and  $|y - x|$  is even

$\Rightarrow y$  and  $x$  both are even or odd.

Then two cases arises:

**Case I** When  $y$  is even.

Now,  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in R$ .

$\Rightarrow |x - y|$  is even and  $|y - z|$  is even

$\Rightarrow x$  is even and  $z$  is even

$\Rightarrow |x - z|$  is even

[ $\because$  difference of two even numbers is also even]

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$  (1/2)

**Case II** When  $y$  is odd.

Now,  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in R$

$\Rightarrow |x - y|$  is even and  $|y - z|$  is even

$\Rightarrow x$  is odd and  $z$  is odd

$\Rightarrow |x - z|$  is even

[ $\because$  difference of two odd numbers is even]

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$  (1/2)

Thus,  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in R$

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R, \forall x, y, z \in A$

Therefore,  $R$  is transitive. (1/2)

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

(1/2)

**40.** If  $f : N \rightarrow N$  is defined by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } n \in N.$$

Find whether the function  $f$  is bijective.

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The given function is  $f : N \rightarrow N$  such that

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

(i) **One-one**

Let

$$f(1) = \frac{1+1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad \left[ \text{put } n = 1 \text{ in } f(n) = \frac{n+1}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{and } f(2) = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad \left[ \text{put } n = 2 \text{ in } f(n) = \frac{n}{2} \right]$$

$f(n)$  is not a one-one function because at two distinct values of domain ( $N$ ),  $f(n)$  has same image. (1½)

(ii) **Onto** If  $n$  is an odd natural number, then  $2n - 1$  is also an odd natural number.

$$\text{Now, } f(2n - 1) = \frac{2n - 1 + 1}{2} = n \quad \dots(i)$$

Again, if  $n$  is an even natural number, then  $2n$  is also an even natural number. Then,

$$f(2n) = \frac{2n}{2} = n \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we observe that for each  $n$  (whether even or odd) there exists its pre-image in  $N$ .

i.e.  $\text{Range} = \text{Codomain}$

Therefore,  $f$  is onto. (1½)

Hence,  $f(x)$  is not one-one but it is onto.

So, it is not a bijective function. (1)

- 41.** Show that relation  $R$  in the set of real numbers, defined as  $R = \{(a, b) : a \leq b^2\}$  is neither reflexive, nor symmetric nor transitive. Foreign 2009

Do same as Que 33.

- 42.** If the function  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is given by  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  is given by  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ , then find (i)  $f \circ g$  and (ii)  $g \circ f$ . All India 2009, 2008C

Given,  $f : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } (f \circ g)(x) &= f[g(x)] = f(2x - 3) \\ &= (2x - 3)^2 + 3(2x - 3) + 1 \\ &[\because f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1, \text{ so replace } x \\ &\quad \text{by } 2x - 3 \text{ in } f(x)] \\ &= 4x^2 + 9 - 12x + 6x - 9 + 1 \\ &= 4x^2 - 6x + 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } (g \circ f)(x) &= g[f(x)] = g(x^2 + 3x + 1) \\ &= [2(x^2 + 3x + 1)] - 3 \\ &[\because g(x) = 2x - 3, \text{ so replace } x \text{ by } \\ &\quad x^2 + 3x + 1 \text{ in } g(x)] \\ &= 2x^2 + 6x + 2 - 3 \\ &= 2x^2 + 6x - 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

**43.** If the function  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{x+3}{3} \text{ and } g : R \rightarrow R \text{ is given by}$$

$$g(x) = 2x - 3, \text{ then find}$$

(i)  $f \circ g$  and (ii)  $g \circ f$ . Is  $f^{-1} = g$ ?

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Given  $f : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $f(x) = \frac{x+3}{3}$  and  
 $g : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ .

$$(i) (f \circ g)(x) = f[g(x)] = f(2x - 3) = \frac{(2x - 3) + 3}{3}$$

$$[\because f(x) = \frac{x+3}{3}, \text{ so replace } x \text{ by } 2x - 3 \text{ in } f(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow (f \circ g)(x) = \frac{2x}{3} \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

$$(ii) (g \circ f)(x) = g[f(x)]$$

$$= g\left(\frac{x+3}{3}\right) = \left[2\left(\frac{x+3}{3}\right)\right] - 3$$

$$[\because g(x) = 2x - 3, \text{ so replace } x \text{ by } \frac{x+3}{3} \text{ in } g(x)]$$

$$= \frac{2x+6}{3} - 3 = \frac{2x+6-9}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3} \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

Now, we find  $f^{-1}$ . For that, let  $y = \frac{x+3}{3}$ .

$$\Rightarrow 3y = x + 3 \Rightarrow x = 3y - 3$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(y) = 3y - 3 \quad [\because x = f^{-1}(y)]$$

$$\text{or } f^{-1}(x) = 3x - 3$$

But  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ .

$$\therefore f^{-1} \neq g \quad (1)$$

**NOTE**  $f^{-1} = g$  exists, only if  $g \circ f = I_R$  and  $f \circ g = I_R$ .