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## Definition:-

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-empty sets. Then a function (or mapping)  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  such that for each  $a$  in  $A$  there is a unique  $b$  in  $B$  such that  $(a, b) \in f$ .

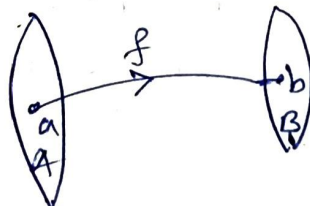
⇒ we write  $b = f(a)$

' $b$ ' is called 'image' of ' $a$ '

and ' $a$ ' is called 'pre-image' of  $b$  under  $f$ .

⇒ ' $a$ ' is called argument of the function  $f$   
 $b = f(a)$  is then called the value of the fun<sup>c</sup>  $f$

## Pictorial representation:-



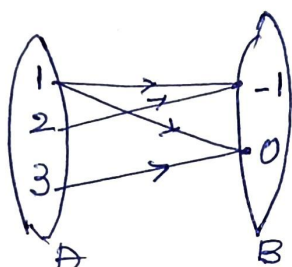
\* Every function is a relation, but a relation need not be a function.

→  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $A$  is called domain of  $f$  and  $B$  is called codomain & range of  $f$ .

1. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{-1, 0\}$  and  $R$  be a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  defined by

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

Is  $R$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$



we observe that, under  $R$ , the element 1 of  $A$  is related to two different elements,  $-1$  &  $0$  of  $B$   
 $\therefore R$  is not a function.

\* Every  $a$  in  $A$  belongs to some pair  $(a, b) \in f$ , and if  $(a, b_1) \in f$  and  $(a, b_2) \in f$ , then  $b_1 = b_2$ .

This means that every element of  $A$  has an image in  $B$  under  $f$  if an  $a \in A$  has two images in  $B$ , then the two images can not be different.

\* An element  $b \in B$  need not have a preimage in  $A$  under  $f$ .

\* If an element  $b \in B$  has a preimage  $a \in A$  under  $f$  i.e. two different elements of  $A$  can have the same images in  $B$  under  $f$ .

① Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 5 & \text{for } x > 0 \\ -3x + 1 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

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determine  $f(0)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(5/3)$ ,  $f(-5/3)$

$$f(0) = (-3 \times 0) + 1 = 1 = (-3x + 1)$$

$$f(5/3) = 3x - 5 = 3(5/3) - 5 = 0$$

$$f(-5/3) = -3x + 1 = -3(-5/3) + 1 = 6$$

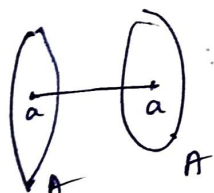
$$f(-1) = -3x + 1 = -3(-1) + 1 = 4.$$

### Types of Functions:-

1. Identity function:

A function  $f: A \rightarrow A$  such that  $f(a) = a$  for every  $a \in A$  is called the Identity function (or identity mapping)

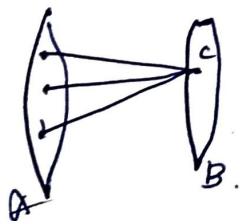
It is denoted as  $I_A$  or  $1_A$  (Every element is image of itself)



2. Constant function:

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  such that  $f(a) = c$  for every  $a \in A$  where  $c$  is a fixed element of  $B$ , is called a Constant function

In other words, a function  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is constant fun<sup>c</sup> if all elements of  $A$  have the same image (say  $c$ ) in  $B$ . i.e.  $f(A) = c$





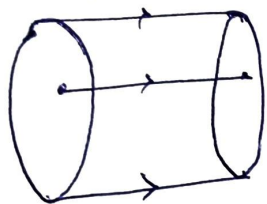
## Onto function:

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A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be an onto function if for every element  $b$  of  $B$  there is an element  $a$  of  $A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ .

In other words,  $f$  is an onto function from  $A$  to  $B$  if every element of  $B$  has a preimage in  $A$ .

This amounts to saying that  $f$  is an onto function of the range of  $f$  is equal to  $B$ . [Surjective fun<sup>c</sup>]



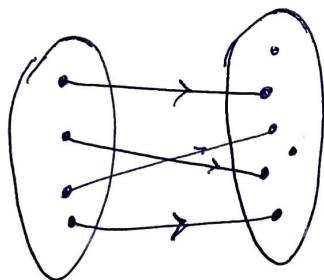
## 4) One-to-one function:-

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be a one-to-one fun<sup>c</sup> (1-1) if different elements of  $A$  have different images in  $B$  under  $f$ :

i.e.  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  with  $a_1 \neq a_2$  then  $f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$

whenever  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$  for  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  then  $a_1 = a_2$

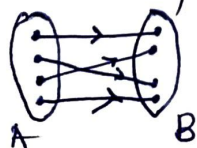
[Injective fun<sup>c</sup>]



## 5) One-to-one correspondence:

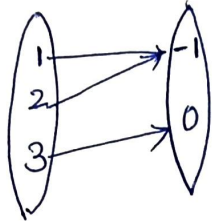
A function which is both one-to-one and onto is called a one-to-one correspondence or Bijjective fun<sup>c</sup>.

\* If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is such a fun<sup>c</sup> then every element of  $A$  has a unique image in  $B$  and every element in  $B$  has a unique preimage in  $A$ .



## Properties of functions:-

- (2)  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$   $B = \{-1, 0\}$   $S$  be a <sup>relation</sup> ~~fun~~ from  $A$  to  $B$   
 $S = \{(1, -1) (2, -1) (3, 0)\}$ . Is  $S$  a function?



Yes  $S$  is a function. (5)

- (3) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Determine whether or not the following relation on  $A$  are functions.

- (i)  $f = \{(2, 3) (1, 4) (2, 1) (3, 2) (4, 4)\} \rightarrow$  not a func  
(ii)  $g = \{(3, 1) (4, 2) (1, 1)\} \rightarrow$  not a func  
(iii)  $h = \{(2, 1) (3, 4) (1, 4) (2, 1) (4, 4)\} \rightarrow$  yes func.

- (4) Let  $A = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, 3\}$  consider the function  
 $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (Where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of all real no.)  
defined by  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x + 1$  for all  $x \in A$ .

Find the range of  $f$ .

$$f(0) = 1, \quad f(1) = 3, \quad f(-1) = -5, \quad f(2) = 7, \quad f(-2) = -21, \quad f(3) = 19.$$

$$f(A) = B = \{1, 3, -5, 7, -21, 19\}$$

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

If a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is defined by

$$f: \{(1, 7) (2, 7) (3, 8) (4, 6) (5, 9) (6, 9)\}$$

determine  $f^{-1}(6)$  &  $f^{-1}(9)$ .

$$f^{-1}(6) = \{x \in A \mid f(x) = 6\} = \{4\}$$

$$f^{-1}(9) = \{x \in A \mid f(x) = 9\} = \{5, 6\}$$

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If  $B_1 = \{7, 8\}$  ·  $B_2 = \{8, 9, 10\}$ . find  $f^{-1}(B_1)$  &  $f^{-1}(B_2)$

for  $B_1 = \{7, 8\}$ ,  $f(x) \in B_1$  when  $f(x) = 7$  and  $f(x) = 8$

from definition  $f$ ,  $f(x) = 7$  when  $x = 1$  &  $x = 2$   
 $f(x) = 8$  when  $x = 3$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(B_1) = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

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114.  $f^{-1}(B_2) = \{x \in A \mid f(x) \in B_2\} = \{3, 5, 6\}$

## Properties of functions:-

Theorem:- Let  $X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $A$  and  $B$  be arbitrary non-empty of  $X$ . Then

(i) If  $A \subseteq B$  then  $f(A) \subseteq f(B)$

(ii)  $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$

(iii)  $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$  the equality holds if  $f$  is one-to-one

Theorem 2:- Let  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets and  $f$  be a function from  $A$  to  $B$ . Then the following are true.

1. If  $f$  is 1-1 then  $|A| \leq |B|$

2. If  $f$  is onto then  $|B| \leq |A|$

3. If  $f$  is one-to-one corres then  $|A| = |B|$

4. If  $|A| > |B|$ , then at least two different elements of  $A$  have the same image under  $f$ .

Theorem:- Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets having the same number of elements, and  $f$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$ . Then  $f$  is one-to-one if and if  $f$  is onto.



Find the nature of the function defined on  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$f: \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3)\}$  Identity

$g: \{(1,2), (2,2), (3,2)\}$  constant

$h = \{(1,2), (2,2), (3,1)\}$  neither Identity nor constant  
not onto not one-to-one

$p = \{(1,2), (2,3), (3,1)\}$  one-to-one correspondence

(1) The function  $f: (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is defined by  
 $f(x, y) = 2x + 3y$ . Verify that  $f$  is onto but not one-to-one

Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be defined by  $f(a) = a + 1$  for  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
Find whether  $f$  is one-to-one & onto (& both & neither)

$\Rightarrow$  Take any  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a_1 \neq a_2$ . then  $f(a_1) = a_1 + 1$   
+  $f(a_2) = a_2 + 1$ .

Since  $a_1 \neq a_2$ , it is evident that  $f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$ .  
Thus, different elements of  $\mathbb{Z}$  have different images under  $f$ . Therefore  $f$  is one-to-one.

Take any  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . we check that  $b$  has  $b-1$  as its image under  $f$ ;  
because  $f(b-1) = (b-1) + 1 = b$ . Thus every element of  $\mathbb{Z}$  has a preimage under  $f$ .

$\therefore f$  is onto.

$f$  is Bijective.



1. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be finite sets with  $|A|=m$ ,  $|B|=n$ .
- ① Find how many one-to-one fun<sup>c</sup> are possible from  $A$  to  $B$
  - ② If there are 60 1-1 fun<sup>c</sup> from  $A \rightarrow B$  &  $|A|=3$  what is  $|B|$ ?

Sol<sup>n</sup>: If  $m > n$  there exists no 1-1 fun<sup>c</sup> from  $A$  to  $B$

let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$   $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$  where  $m \leq n$ .

Then a 1-1 function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is of the form.

$$f = \{(a_1, x), (a_2, x), \dots, (a_m, x)\}$$

Where  $x$  stands for  $b_j$  for some  $j$ . Since there are  $n$  number of  $b_j$ 's, there are  $n$  choices for  $x$  in the pair  $(a_1, x)$ . Since  $f$  is 1-1, the same  $x$  can not appear in  $(a_1, x)$  &  $(a_2, x)$ :

as such there are  $(n-1)$  choices for  $x$  in  $(a_2, x)$ .

For a similar reason, there are  $(n-2)$  choices for  $x$  in  $(a_3, x)$ . Proceeding like this, we find there are  $n-(m-1)$  choices for  $x$  in  $(a_m, x)$ .

Therefore, the total no. of possible choices for  $x$

$$n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-(m-1)) = \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$$

Thus if  $m \leq n$ , there are  $\frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$  number of

1-1 fun<sup>c</sup>  $A \rightarrow B$ . This number denoted by  $P(n, m)$

② Here  $m=3$ .  $\frac{n!}{(n-m)!} = 60$ . Thus  $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)!}{(n-3)!} = 60$

$n=5$   $5 \times 4 \times 3 = 60$

$|B|=5$