Functions

1 Function

- Let A and B be two non-empty sets and f be a relation which associates each element of set A with unique element of set B, f is called a function from A to B.
- If any line \parallel to axis of y intersects graph of y = f(x) at more than once then, f is not a function.

1.1 Domain

Let $f:A\to B$ be a function then set A which consits all those elements for which image under f is well-defined, is called *Domain* of f.

1.1.1 Suggestions on finding domain of f

i. If
$$f(x) = \sqrt[2n]{g(x)}$$
 then Dom $f \in g(x) \ge 0$

ii. If
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)}$$
 then Dom $f \in \mathbb{R} - \{x : x = a, g(a) = 0\}$

iii. If
$$f(x) = \log_{h(x)} g(x)$$
 then Dom $f \in \{x: x=a, g(a)>0\} \cap \{x: x=a, h(a)>0 \lor h(a)\neq 1\}$

iv. If
$$f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$$
 then Dom $f \in \text{Dom } g \cap \text{Dom } h$

1.2 Co-domain

Set B is Co-domain of f.

1.3 Range

Range of f is set of images of elements in domain A under f.

2 Periodic Functions

A function f(x) is said to be periodic if there exist a +ve real number λ such that

$$f(x+\lambda) = f(x)$$

The smallest of all such λ is called the fundamental periodic or "periodic" of f.

2.1 Period of some Standard functions

Function
$$\begin{aligned} & & \text{Periodic} \\ & & \sin^n x, \cos^n x, \sec^n x, \csc^n x \end{aligned} & \begin{cases} \pi & n \in even \\ 2\pi & n \in odd \vee fraction \end{cases} \\ & & \tan^n x, \cot^n x \end{cases} \\ & & & \pi n \in even \vee odd \end{cases}$$

$$|\sin x|, |\cos x|, |\tan x|, |\cot x|, |\sec x|, |\csc x|$$

3 Odd and Even Functions

Odd Functions

A function f is odd if,

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

i.e. symmetric about origin.

Even Functions

A function f is even if,

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

i.e. symmetric about axis of y.

Properties

- i. Product of two even or two odd is even.
- ii. Product of odd and even is odd.
- iii. Every function can be expressed as sum of a odd and even function.
- iv. Derivative of odd is even and Derivative of even is odd.
- v. Even function or odd function when squared becomes even.
- vi. Only function which is both even and odd is f(x) = 0