

FUNCTIONS

1. FUNCTION AS A RELATION:

“A function is a relation in which no two ordered pairs have the same first components.”

A function is denoted by f .

2. DOMAIN AND RANGE OF A FUNCTION:

The set of first components of the ordered pairs belonging to the function f is called domain of f and the set of second components is called the range of f .

Example:

Consider the relation R given by

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

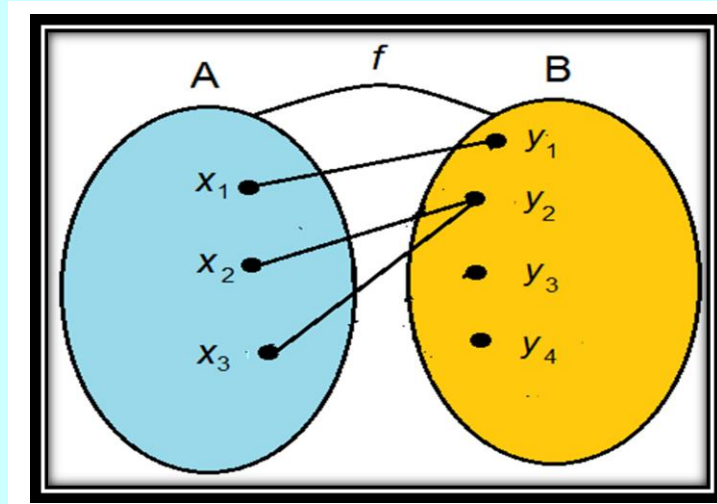
Since, no two ordered pairs have the same first components. So, R is a function.

$$\text{Domain} = \{a: (a, b) \in R\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\text{Range} = \{b: (a, b) \in R\} = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

3. FUNCTION

Let A and B be any two non-empty sets. Then a rule or an association under which every element of A gets associated with a unique element of B , is called a function or mapping from set A to the set B .



Important Remarks:

- (i) Every element of the set A must get associated to a unique (single) element of the set B .
- (ii) Two or more elements of the set A may be associated with the same element of the set B .
- (iii) There may be some elements in the set B , which are not assigned to any element of the set A .
- (iv) A function may sometimes be represented by a formula.

4. DOMAIN AND CODOMAIN OF A FUNCTION

A function f defined from a set A to the set B is denoted by $f: A \rightarrow B$.

Here, the set A is called the domain and the set B is called Codomain.