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* Fundamental Theorem on equivalence relation:

Statement: If A is any non-empty set, then.

- i) Any equivalence relation R on A induces partition of A .
- ii) Any partition of A gives rise to an equivalence relation R on A .

Proof:

- i) Given that R is an equivalence relation,
 $\Rightarrow R$ is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Let us consider a set P of all distinct equivalence classes.

$$\text{ie } P = \{[a] : a \in A\}.$$

$$\text{where } [a] = \{x : xRa\}.$$

We need to prove that, P is a partition of A , it means that P has to satisfy two condition of definition of partition.

- 1) Since R is reflexive relation

$$\Rightarrow aRa \quad \forall a \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in [a] \quad \forall a \in A.$$

\Rightarrow Union of all equivalence class gives A .

$$\Rightarrow A = \bigcup_{a \in A} [a].$$

2) We know that,

"Any two equivalence classes of A are either identical or disjoint".

Since P has distinct equivalence class, Intersection of 2 distinct equivalence classes is empty.

$\therefore P$ is partition of set A .

ii) Suppose $P = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n\}$ is a partition of A . Define a relation R on set A , such that aRb if and only if, $(a, b) \in$ same block of P .

We need to prove that R is equivalence relation.

1) Reflexive relation:

Let us take element $a \in A$.

$\Rightarrow a \in A_i$, for only one $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

$\Rightarrow aRa$, as 'a' belongs to same block.

$\Rightarrow aRa \wedge aRa$.

$\therefore R$ is reflexive relation.

2) Symmetric relation:

If $aRb \Rightarrow a, b \in$ same block.

$\Rightarrow b, a \in$ same block.

$\Rightarrow bRa$

$\therefore R$ is symmetric relation

3) Transitive Relation:

If aRb and bRc

$\Rightarrow a, b \in$ same block & $b, c \in$ same block.

$\Rightarrow a, b, c \in$ same block

$\Rightarrow a, c \in$ same block

$\Rightarrow aRc$.

$\therefore R$ is transitive relation.

$\therefore R$ is an equivalence relation.

★ Examples:

① For the equivalence relation $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4)\}$ defined on set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Determine the partition induced by R .

Sol: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Equivalence relation on R is:

$$\{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4)\}.$$

Equivalence class of set A is as,

$$[1] = \{x : xR1\} = \{x : (x,1) \in R\}.$$

$$[2] = \{x : (x,2) \in R\} = \{1, 2\}$$

$$[3] = \{x : (x,3) \in R\} = \{3, 4\}$$

$$[4] = \{x : (x,4) \in R\} = \{3, 4\}.$$

Partition induced by R is

$$P = \{[1], [3]\} = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}\}.$$

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② For a set $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ consider the relation R on A defined as aRb if and only if $a-b$ is divisible by 5. Find the partition of A induced by R .

Sol: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

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

$$R = \{(a,b) : 5|(a-b)\}.$$

i) Reflexive Relation:

aka as $5|(a-a)$, $\forall a \in A$.

$$(a,a) \in R$$

$\therefore R$ is reflexive relation.

ii) Symmetric Relation:

$$aRb \Rightarrow 5|a-b$$

$$\Rightarrow 5|-(b-a)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5|(b-a)$$

$$\Rightarrow bRa.$$

$\therefore R$ is symmetric Relation

iii) Transitive relation.

$$\text{If } aRb \text{ and } bRc$$

$$\Rightarrow 5|(a-b) \text{ and } 5|(b-c).$$

$$\Rightarrow 5|(a-b)+(b-c)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5|(a-b+b-c)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5|(a-c)$$

$$\therefore aRc$$

$\therefore R$ is transitive Relation

$\therefore R$ is an equivalence Relation.

Now, equivalence classes of set A are,

$$[a] = \{x : xRa\} = \{x : (x,a) \in R\}$$

$$[a] = \{x : 5|(a-x)\}$$

$$[a] = \{x : (x-a) = 5n\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } x \in A.$$

$$[a] = \{x : x = 5n+a\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } x \in A.$$

$$[a] = \{5n+a\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } 5n+a \in A.$$

$$[a] = \{5n+1\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } (5n+1) \in A.$$

$$[1] = \{1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, \dots\} \quad (\because +n=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$[2] = \{5n+2\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } (5n+2) \in A.$$

$$[2] = \{2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, \dots\}$$

$$[3] = \{5n+3\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } (5n+3) \in A.$$

$$[3] = \{3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28, \dots\}$$

$$[4] = \{5n+4\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } (5n+4) \in A$$

$$[4] = \{4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, \dots\}$$

$$[5] = \{5n+5\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } (5n+5) \in A.$$

$$[5] = \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, \dots\}$$

$\therefore [1], [2], [3], [4], [5]$ are the only distinct equivalence classes of set A induced by the relation R.

\therefore Partition of set A induced by relation R is,
 $R = \{[1], [2], [3], [4], [5]\}$.

(3) On the set of all integers \mathbb{Z} , the relation R is defined by aRb if and only if $a^2 - b^2$ is an even integer.

i) Show that R is an equivalence relation.

ii) Find the partition of A induced by R .

Sol: Let $\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$.

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

$R = \{(a, b) : (a^2 - b^2)$ is an even integer.

$R = \{(a, b) : (a^2 - b^2)$ is divisible by 2

$R = \{(a, b) : 2|(a^2 - b^2)\}$.

i) Reflexive Relation:

aRa as $2|(a^2 - a^2)$ $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

R is reflexive relation.

ii) Symmetric Relation

If $aRb \Rightarrow 2|(a^2 - b^2)$

$$\Rightarrow 2|(-b^2 + a^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2|(b^2 - a^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow bRa$$

$\therefore R$ is symmetric relation.

iii) Transitive relation

If aRb and bRc

$\Rightarrow 2|(a^2 - b^2)$ and $2|(b^2 - c^2)$

$$\Rightarrow 2|(a^2 - b^2) + (b^2 - c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2|(a^2 - b^2 + b^2 - c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2|(a^2 - c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow aRc$$

$\therefore R$ is transitive relation

$\therefore R$ is equivalence relation.

Now, equivalence class of set \mathbb{Z} are,

$$[a] = \{x : xRa\} = \{x : (x, a) \in R\}.$$

$$[a] = \{x : 3k + a \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}, 2 \mid (x^2 - a^2)\}.$$

$$[a] = \{x : (x^2 - a^2) = 2n\}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$[a] = \{x : x^2 = 2n + a^2\}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$[a] = \{x : x = \pm \sqrt{2n + a^2}\}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$[a] = \{-\sqrt{2n + a^2}, \sqrt{2n + a^2}\}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } \sqrt{2n + a^2} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$[1] = \{-\sqrt{2n+1}, \sqrt{2n+1}\}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } \sqrt{2n+a^2} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$[1] = \{-1, 1, -3, 3, -5, 5, -7, 7, \dots\}.$$

$$[1] = \{\dots, -7, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$$

$$[2] = \{-\sqrt{2n+4}, \sqrt{2n+4}\}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ provided } \sqrt{2n+4} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$[2] = \{0, -2, 2, -4, 4, -6, 6, \dots\}$$

$$[2] = \{\dots, -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\}$$

distinct

$\therefore [1], [2]$ are the only 2 equivalence classes of set \mathbb{Z} induced by the relation R .

\therefore Partition of set \mathbb{Z} induced by relation R is.

$$R = \{[1], [2]\}.$$

06/07/22 (4) If $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and R is the equivalence relation on A that induces the partition $A = \{1, 2\} \cup \{3, 4\} \cup \{5\}$, then find R .

Sol: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

Partition of A is

$$P = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{5\}\}.$$

\therefore Equivalence relation R on A by the above partition P is,

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

$\because aRb$ if & only if $(a, b) \in$ same block).

* Partial Ordering Relation:

A relation R , on set A is said to be partial ordering relation, if it satisfies reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive relation.

* Partial ordered Set (or) Poset:

A set A , with partial ordering relation R , defined on it is called Partial ordered set or Poset, and is denoted by (A, R) .

* Hasse Diagram:

The Hasse diagram of a finite partial ordered set A (poset A) is a diagram whose vertices represent elements of A . If $(a, b) \in A$ and b is immediate successor of a ($a < b$), then an edge (line) is drawn directed from a to b by placing element b at a higher level than element a .

To draw Hasse Diagram of Poset (A, R) , a digraph of the given partial ordering relation R is drawn and remove the following:

- 1) All the loops
- 2) All the edges implied by transitive relation.

* Examples:

① Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30\}$ and R be the relation on A defined by $x R y$ if and only if x divides y . Verify R is partial ordering relation and draw its Hasse diagram.

Sol: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30\}$.

$$R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ divides } y\}.$$

$$R = \{x/y : x | y\}.$$

i) Reflexive Relation

$x R x$ as x/x , $\forall x \in A$

R is reflexive.

ii) Anti-Symmetric:

whenever xRy and yRx , then yRx .

$\therefore R$ is anti-symmetric relation.

iii) Transitive relation:

If xRy and yRz .

$\Rightarrow x/y$ and y/z .

$\Rightarrow x/z$.

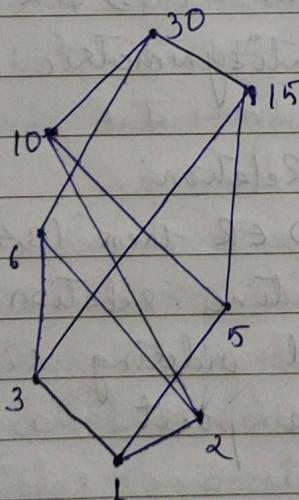
$\Rightarrow xRz$.

$\therefore R$ is transitive relation.

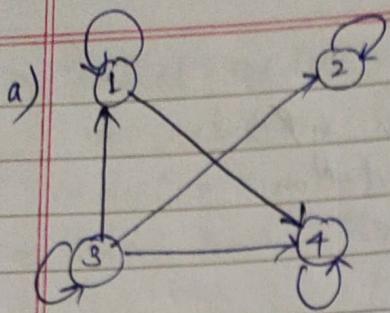
$\therefore R$ is partial ordering relation

$\therefore (A, R)$ is poset.

Hasse diagram of (A, R) is



- ② The diagram of a relation defined on set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is shown below, verify that (A, R) is a poset and draw corresponding Hasse diagram.



Sol: Relation R on set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ defined by above diagram is,

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

i) Reflexive relation:

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

$\therefore R$ is reflexive.

ii) Antisymmetric relation:

Since $(1,4) \in R$ but $(4,1) \notin R$

$(3,1) \in R$ but $(1,3) \notin R$

$(3,2) \in R$ but $(2,3) \notin R$

$(3,4) \in R$ but $(4,3) \notin R$.

$\therefore R$ is an antisymmetric relation

iii) ~~Re~~ Transitive Relation:

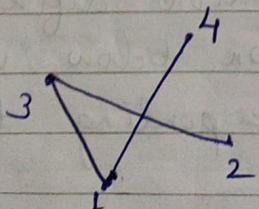
$(3,1) \in R$ & $(1,4) \in R$ then $(3,4) \in R$.

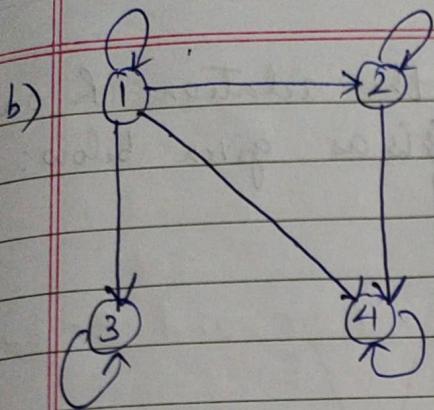
$\therefore R$ is transitive relation.

$\therefore R$ is partial ordering relation.

(A, R) is a poset

Hence diagram is;





Sol: Relation R on set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ defined by above diagram is,

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

i) Reflexive Relation: $(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4) \in R$

$\therefore R$ is reflexive.

ii) Antisymmetric Relation:

$(1,2) \in R$ but $(2,1) \notin R$

$(1,3) \in R$ but $(3,1) \notin R$

$(1,4) \in R$ but $(4,1) \notin R$

$(2,4) \in R$ but $(4,2) \notin R$

$\therefore R$ is an anti-symmetric relation.

iii) Transitive Relation:

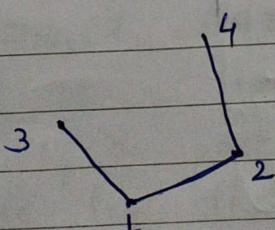
$(1,2) \in R$ & $(2,4) \in R$ then $(1,4) \in R$

$\therefore R$ is transitive relation.

$\therefore R$ is partial ordered relation

(A, R) is a poset

Hasse Diagram is,



- ③ Draw the Hasse diagram of the relations R on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, whose matrix $M(R)$ is as given below:

$$M(R) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol:

Relation R on set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, defined by above matrix is;

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

i) Reflexive Relation:

$$(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (5,5) \in R$$

$\therefore R$ is reflexive relation.

ii) Anti-symmetric Relation:

Since,

$$(1,2) \in R \text{ but } (2,1) \notin R$$

$$(1,3) \in R \text{ but } (3,1) \notin R$$

$$(1,4) \in R \text{ but } (4,1) \notin R$$

$$(1,5) \in R \text{ but } (5,1) \notin R$$

$\therefore R$ is an antisymmetric Relation.

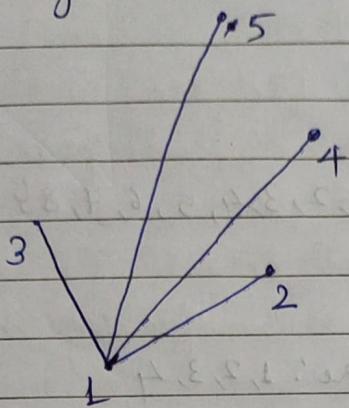
iii) Transitive Relation:

$$(a,a) \in R \quad \& \quad (a,b) \in R \text{ then } (a,b) \in R.$$

$\therefore R$ is transitive relation.

$\therefore R$ is partial ordering relation.
 (A, R) is a poset

Hasse diagram is,



* Lower Bound:

Let A be the poset and B is a subset of A . Then an element $a \in A$ is called lower bound of B if $a \leq b$, $\forall b \in B$.

* Upper Bound:

Let A be the poset and B is a subset of A . Then an element $a \in A$ is called upper bound of B if $a \geq b$, $\forall b \in B$.

* Greatest Lower Bound (GLB):

An element ' a ' is called greatest lower bound of subset B of a poset A . If ' a ' is a lower bound that is less than any other lower bounds of B .

* Least Upper Bound (LUB):

An element ' a ' is called least upper bound of subset B of a poset A . If ' a ' is an upper bound that is less than any other upper

bounds of B.

* Example:

- (1) Consider a set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ and $B = \{4, 5, 6\}$
is the subset of A.

Sol: lower Bound of B are: 1, 2, 3, 4
Upper Bound of B are: 6, 7, 8.

Greatest lower Bound of B: 4
least Upper Bound of B: 6.

* Lattice:

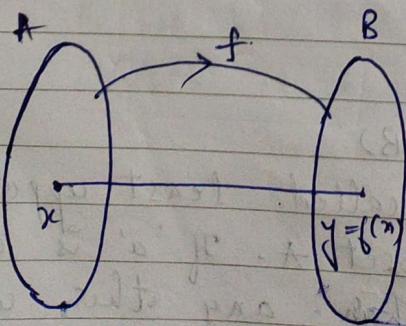
A partial ordering set (A, R) in which every pair of elements has both least upper bound and greatest lower bound. is called lattice.

* Functions:

A relation R from non empty set A to non empty set B is said to be a function (mapping) if from A to B, if each element of A has unique image (relation) in B.

And function is denoted by:

$$f: A \rightarrow B$$



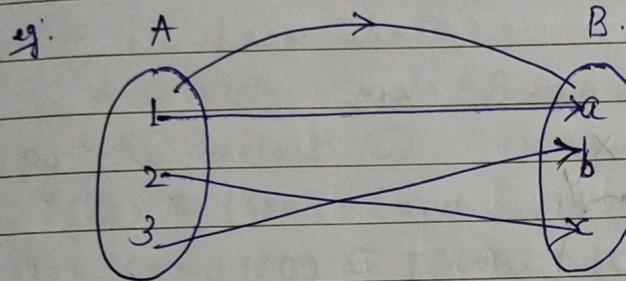
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★ Types of Functions:

- 1) One-one function / One-to-one function / Injective
 A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is said to be one-one if distinct elements of A should have distinct range images in B .

i.e. if $x_1 \neq x_2 \in A$, then $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$.

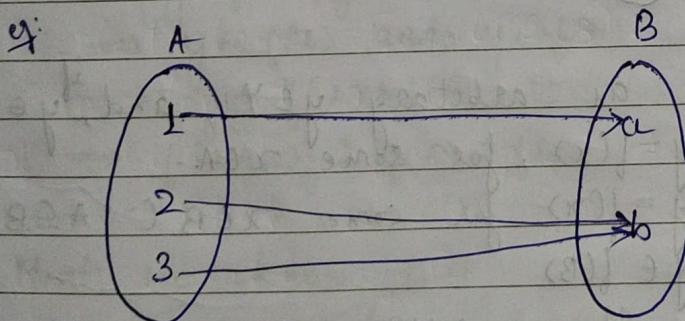
Def: if $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$, then $x_1 = x_2$.



2) Onto function / Surjective:

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is said to be onto if every element $y \in B$ should be the image of at least one element $x \in A$.

Note: If a function f is onto, then co-domain and range are equal.



3) Bijective Function:

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is said to be bijective if f is both one-one and onto.

* Properties of Function:

Theorem - I:

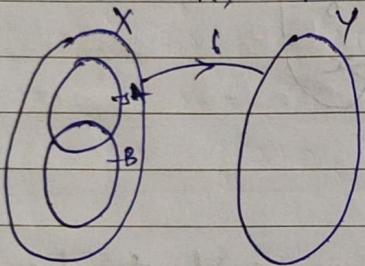
Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and A and B are non-empty subsets of X . Then prove that,

- $A \subseteq B$, then $f(A) \subseteq f(B)$.
- $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$.
- $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$, and equality holds if f is one-one function.

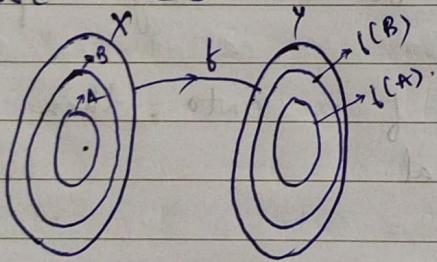
Proof:

Let $A, f: X \rightarrow Y$

Given that $A, B \subseteq X$



- Suppose $A \subseteq B$.



Let us consider an arbitrary $y \in Y$, and if $y \in f(A)$,

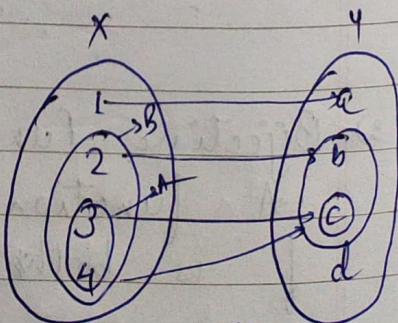
$$y \in f(A) \Rightarrow y = f(x), \text{ for some } x \in A.$$

$$\Rightarrow y = f(x), \text{ for some } x \in B \quad (\because A \subseteq B)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in f(B)$$

\therefore if $y \in f(A)$, then $y \in f(B)$.

$$\boxed{f(A) \subseteq f(B)}$$



$c \in f(A) \Rightarrow c \in f(B), \text{ for some } x \in A$

ii) If $y \in f(A \cup B) \Rightarrow y = f(x)$ for some $x \in A \cup B$.
 $\Rightarrow y = f(x)$ for some $x \in A$ or $x \in B$.
 $\Rightarrow (y = f(x), \text{ for some } x \in A) \text{ or } (y = f(x), \text{ for some } x \in B)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in f(A) \text{ or } y \in f(B)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in f(A) \cup f(B)$
 $\Rightarrow f(A \cup B) \subseteq f(A) \cup f(B) \quad \text{--- (1)}$

Next, we know that.

$$A \subseteq A \cup B \text{ and } B \subseteq A \cup B$$

By the result (i)

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &\subseteq f(A \cup B) \text{ and } f(B) \subseteq f(A \cup B) \\ \therefore f(A) \cup f(B) &\subseteq f(A \cup B) \cup f(A \cup B) \\ f(A) \cup f(B) &\subseteq f(A \cup B) \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

from (1) and (2), we get

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

iii) If $y \in (A \cap B) \Rightarrow y = f(x)$ for some $x \in A \cap B$
 $\Rightarrow y \in f(x)$ for some $x \in A$ and $x \in B$.
 $\Rightarrow (y = f(x), \text{ for some } x \in A) \text{ and } (y = f(x), \text{ for some } x \in B)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in f(A) \text{ and } y \in f(B)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in f(A) \cap f(B)$
 $\Rightarrow f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B) \quad \text{--- (3)}$

Next, we know that,

$$A \subseteq A \cap B \text{ and } B \subseteq A \cap B$$

By result (1)

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$$\therefore \text{By } (3) \quad f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$$

Given that, f is one-one function.

$$\text{If } y \in f(A) \cap f(B) \Rightarrow y \in f(A) \text{ and } y \in f(B)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y = f(x_1), \text{ for some } x_1 \in A) \text{ and } (y = f(x_2), \text{ for some } x_2 \in B)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = f(x_1) = f(x_2), \text{ for some } x_1 \in A \text{ & } x_2 \in B.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \text{ as } f \text{ is one-one function.}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = f(x_1), \text{ for } x_1 \in A \text{ and } x_1 \in B.$$

$$\Rightarrow y = f(x_1), \text{ for } x_1 \in A \cap B.$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in f(A \cap B).$$

$$\therefore f(A) \cap f(B) \subseteq f(A \cap B) \quad (4)$$

from (3) and (4), we get

$$f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$$

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Theorem-2:

Let A and B be the finite sets, let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function. Then prove that:

i) If f is one-one, then $n(A) \leq n(B)$.

ii) If f is onto, then $n(B) \leq n(A)$.

iii) If f is bijective, then $n(A) = n(B)$.

iv) If $n(A) > n(B)$ then atleast two different elements of A have the same image under f .

Proof:

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$.

Let us consider $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$.

and $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_m\}$

$$\therefore n(A) = n \quad n(B) = m.$$

i) Suppose f is one-one.

\Rightarrow Each distinct elements of A must have distinct images in B .

$\Rightarrow B$ must have atleast n elements.

$\Rightarrow a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$ must have images $f(a_1), f(a_2), \dots, f(a_n) \in B$.

$$\Rightarrow n(B) \geq n.$$

$$\Rightarrow n(B) \geq n(A) (\because n(A) = n)$$

$$\Rightarrow [n(A) \leq n(B)] - \textcircled{a}$$

ii) Suppose f is onto.

\Rightarrow Each element of B is the image of atleast one element of A .

$\Rightarrow B$ $\neq A$ must have atleast m elements.

$$\Rightarrow n(A) \geq m.$$

$$\Rightarrow n(A) \geq n(B) (\because n(B) = m).$$

$$\Rightarrow [n(A) \geq n(B)] - \textcircled{b}$$

iii) Suppose f is bijective.

From the result (i) & (ii), we get

$$\boxed{n(A) = n(B)}$$

iv) Suppose $n(A) > n(B)$.

By the contrapositive of the result (i) we get

If $n(A) > n(B)$, then f is not one-one.

\Rightarrow There are atleast 2 elements $x_1, x_2 \in A$, have the same image y in B .

$\Rightarrow y = f(x_1) \& y = f(x_2)$ for $x_1 \neq x_2 \in A$.

It means that atleast two elements of A have the same image under f .

Theorem-3:

Suppose A and B are finite sets having same number of elements and $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a function. Then f is one-one if and only if f is onto.

Proof:

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$

Given that, number of elements in A and B are same
 $\therefore n(A) = n(B) = n$.

Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ & $n(A) = n$.

Suppose f is one-one;

\Rightarrow Each element $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$ must have distinct images $f(a_1), f(a_2), \dots, f(a_n)$.

\Rightarrow The set of these images constitute a range of f and it is denoted by $f(A)$.

$\Rightarrow f(A) = \{f(a_1), f(a_2), f(a_3), \dots, f(a_n)\}$.

$\Rightarrow n(f(A)) = n$.

$\Rightarrow \boxed{n(f(A)) = n(B)}$ ($\because n(B) = n$)

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Conversely,

Suppose f is onto,

\Rightarrow co-domain (B) and range set ($f(A)$) have same number of elements.

$\Rightarrow B = f(A) = \{f(a_1), f(a_2), \dots, f(a_n)\}$. & $n(B) = n$.

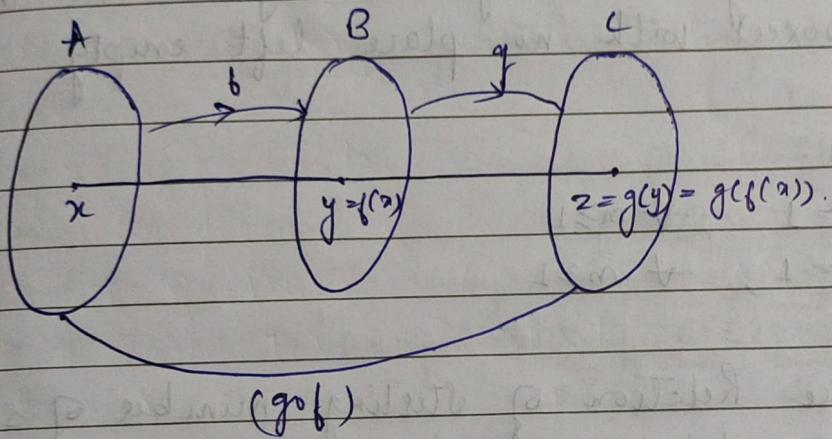
$\Rightarrow f(a_1), f(a_2), \dots, f(a_n)$ are distinct elements.

$\therefore f$ is one-one

* Composition of Functions:

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ be two functions. Then the composition of two functions f and g is denoted by gof . is defined by the function $gof: A \rightarrow C$ such that, gof

$$gof(x) = g(f(x)), \quad \forall x \in A.$$



* Invertible Function:

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is said to be invertible if there exists a function $g: B \rightarrow A$ such that $(gof)(x) = x$ & $(fog)(y) = y$. Then the function g is called inverse of function f and it is denoted by f^{-1} .