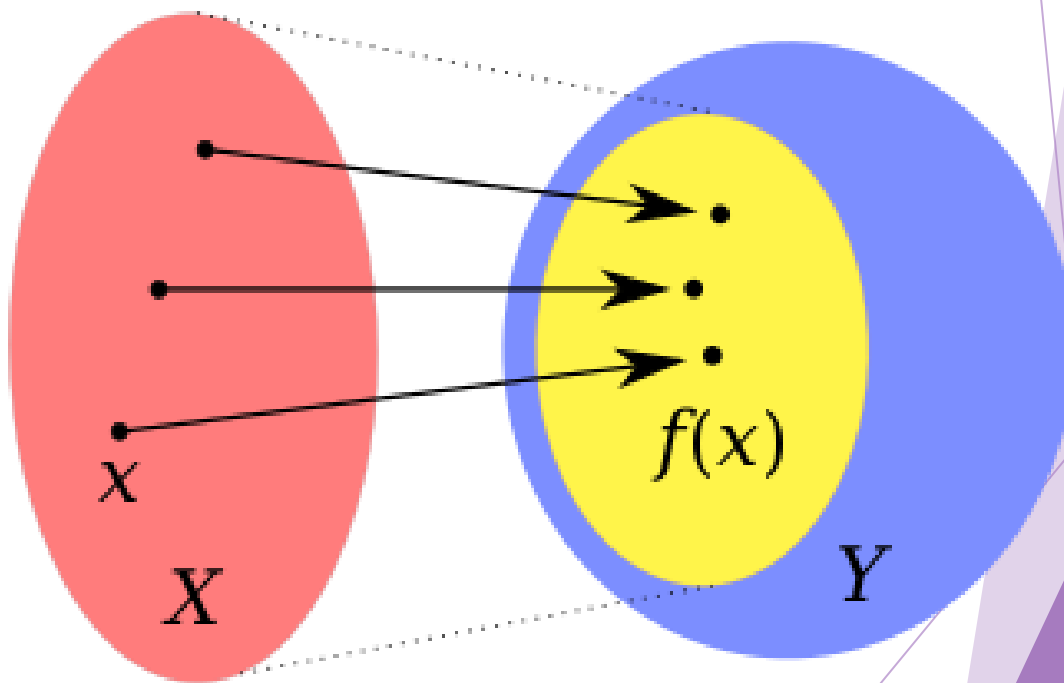


# R.B Maths Academy

Question-Answer series

## Relation & Function

65 solved problems + 10 practice problems



$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$

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Dear students, I hope you will find the solved problems helpful while preparing for the **Relation & Functions** chapter. Please let me know if you find any error in the material. Suggestions are always welcome.

## Relations

1. (a) Show that the relation  $S$  in the set  $A = \{x \in \mathbf{Z} : 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$  given by  $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in A, |a - b| \text{ is divisible by } 4\}$  is an equivalent relation. Find the set of elements related to 1.
- (b) Show that the relation  $R$  in the set  $A = \{x \in \mathbf{W} : 0 \leq x \leq 17\}$  given by :
  - i.  $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is multiple of } 5\}$
  - ii.  $R = \{(a, b) : a = b\}$
 are equivalence relations. Find the set of all elements related to 2 in each case.
- (c) If  $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$  and the relation  $R$  on  $A$  is defined by  $R = \{(x, y) : x, y \in A, y = 2x + 1\}$ , then determine whether the relation  $R$  is:
  - (a) reflexive    (b) symmetric    (c) transitive
- (d) Is the relation  $R$  on the set  $\mathbf{R}$  of real numbers defined by  $R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbf{R}, 1 + ab \geq 0\}$  transitive? Justify your answer.
- (e) Is the relation  $R$  on the set  $\mathbf{Q}$  of rational numbers defined by  $R = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbf{Q}, x < y^2\}$  symmetric? Justify your answer.

### Answers

- (a)  $A = \{x \in \mathbf{Z} : 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$   
 $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in A, |a - b| \text{ is divisible by } 4\}$   
 $|a - b|$  is divisible by 4  
 $\Rightarrow (a - b) = \pm 4k$  for some  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ .
  - i.  $a - a = 0$   
 Hence,  $(a, a) \in S$  and  $S$  is reflexive.
  - ii. Let  $(a, b) \in S$   
 $\Rightarrow (a - b) = \pm 4k$   
 $\Rightarrow (b - a) = \mp 4k$   
 $\Rightarrow (b, a) \in S$   
 Hence,  $S$  is symmetric.
  - iii. Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in S$   
 $\Rightarrow |a - b| = 4k_1$  and  $|b - c| = 4k_2$  for some  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$   
 Now,  $a - c = a - b + b - c$   
 $\Rightarrow a - c = (a - b) + (b - c)$   
 $\Rightarrow a - c = \pm 4k_1 \pm 4k_2 = \pm 4(k_1 + k_2)$   
 $\Rightarrow |a - c| = 4(k_1 + k_2) \Rightarrow |a - c|$  is divisible by 4,  
 $\Rightarrow (a, c) \in S$ . Hence,  $S$  is transitive.

$\therefore S$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. Hence,  $S$  is an equivalence relation.  
 Set of elements related to 1 i.e.,  
 $\{(1, b) : b \in A \text{ and } |b - 1| \text{ is divisible by } 4\}$   
 i.e.  $b - 1 = 4k$   
 $\Rightarrow b = 4k + 1$  where  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $0 \leq b \leq 12$   
 $\therefore \{5, 9\}$  is the set of elements related to 1.

(b)  $A = \{x \in \mathbf{W}, 0 \leq x \leq 17\}$

i.  $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is a multiple of } 5\}$

A.  $(a, a) = |a - a| = 0 \in R$

So  $R$  is reflexive.

B. Let  $(a, b) \in R$ ,

then,  $|a - b|$  is a multiple of 5

$\Rightarrow |b - a|$  is a multiple of 5, since  $|a - b| = |b - a|$

$\therefore R$  is symmetric.

C. Let  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

then,  $|a - b| = 5k_1$ ,  $|b - c| = 5k_2$

$\Rightarrow |a - c| = 5k_1 + 5k_2 = 5(k_1 + k_2)$

Hence  $(a, c) \in R$ .

This implies  $R$  is transitive.

So,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

Set of all elements related to 2

i.e.  $\{(2, b) : b \in A, |2 - b| \text{ is a multiple of } 5\}$

i.e.  $2 - b = 5k \Rightarrow b = 2 - 5k$ , where  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $0 \leq b \leq 17$

$\{7, 12, 17\}$  set of elements related to 2.

ii.  $R = \{(a, b) : a = b\}$

A.  $(a, a) \in R$  since  $a = a$

$\therefore R$  is reflexive.

B. Let  $(a, b) \in R$

$\Rightarrow a = b$

$\Rightarrow b = a \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$

Hence  $R$  is symmetric.

C. Let  $(a, b) \& (b, c) \in R$

$\Rightarrow a = b$  and  $b = c$

$\Rightarrow a = b = c$

$\Rightarrow a = c$

Hence  $(a, c) \in R$ .

Thus  $R$  is transitive.

$\therefore R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Hence,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

Also,  $(2, 2) \in R$  as  $2 = 2$ .

Hence,  $\{2\}$  is the set of element related to 2.

(c)  $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$

$R = \{(x, y) : x, y \in A, y = 2x + 1\}$

i. If  $(x, x) \in R$ ,

then,  $x = 2x + 1$

$\Rightarrow -x = 1 \Rightarrow x = -1$

but  $-1 \notin A$  So  $R$  is not reflexive.

ii. Let  $(a, b) \in R$ ,

$\Rightarrow b = 2a + 1$

$\Rightarrow b - 1 = 2a$

$\Rightarrow \frac{b - 1}{2} = a$

So,  $(b, a) \notin R [\because (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow a = 2b + 1]$

Hence  $R$  is not symmetric.

iii. Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow b = 2a + 1 \text{ and } c = 2b + 1$$

To show  $(a, c) \in R$ , we have to show that  $c = 2a + 1$ .

$$\text{Now, } c = 2b + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 2(2a + 1) + 1 = 4a + 3 \neq 2a + 1$$

Hence  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$  does not imply  $(a, c) \in R$

Hence  $R$  is not transitive.

(d)  $R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbf{R}, 1 + ab \geq 0\}$

Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + ab \geq 0 \text{ and } 1 + bc \geq 0$$

$R$  will be transitive if  $(a, c) \in R$

$$\text{i.e. } 1 + ac \geq 0$$

Let us consider the counter example,

$$(3, 1) \in R \text{ since } 1 + (3 \times 1) = 4 \geq 0$$

$$\text{and } \left(1, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \in R \text{ since } 1 + 1 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \geq 0$$

$$\text{But, } \left(3, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \notin R \text{ since, } 1 + 3 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 - \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \not\geq 0$$

Hence,  $R$  is not transitive.

(e)  $R = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbf{Q}, x < y^2\}$

To show  $R$  is symmetric we have to show that if  $(a, b) \in R$  then  $(b, a) \in R$

Let us consider the counter example,

$$(1, 2) \in R \text{ since, } 1 < 2^2$$

$$\text{But } (2, 1) \notin R \text{ since, } 2 \not< 1^2$$

Hence,  $R$  is not symmetric.

2. (a) Show that the relation  $R$  in set of real numbers defined as  $R = \{(a, b) : a^2 + b^2 = 1\}$  is symmetric but neither reflexive nor transitive.
- (b) Show that the relation  $R$  in set of real numbers defined as  $R = \{(a, b) : a \leq b\}$  is reflexive, transitive but not symmetric.
- (c) Show that the relation  $R$  in set of real numbers defined as  $R = \{(a, b) : a \leq b^3\}$  is not an equivalence relation.
- (d) Let  $R$  be the relation defined on the set  $\mathbf{I}$  of all integers by  $(x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow (x - y)$  is divisible by number  $n$ . Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbf{I}$ .
- (e) If a relation  $R$  on  $\mathbf{Z}$  is defined by  $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \leq 3\}$  then show that  $R$  is reflexive and symmetric but not transitive.

### Answers

(a)  $R = \{(a, b) : a^2 + b^2 = 1\}$

i. Let  $(x, x) \in R \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\text{then, } x^2 + x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

i.e. Reflexive is possible only when  $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and not for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$

Hence,  $R$  is not reflexive.

ii.  $R$  is symmetric if for  $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$ .

Let  $(a, b) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 + a^2 = 1$$

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

Hence,  $R$  is symmetric.

iii. Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$$\text{then } a^2 + b^2 = 1 \dots\dots(i) \quad \text{and} \quad b^2 + c^2 = 1 \dots\dots(ii)$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i):

$$a^2 - c^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = \pm c$$

$$\text{i.e. } a^2 + c^2 = a^2 + a^2 = 2a^2 \neq 1 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbf{R}$$

Hence,  $(a, c) \notin R$

So,  $R$  is symmetric but neither reflexive nor transitive.

(b)  $R = \{(a, b) : a \leq b\}$

i.  $x \leq x \forall x \in R$

Hence,  $(x, x) \in R \forall x \in R$ .

So,  $R$  is reflexive.

ii. Let  $(x, y) \in R$  then,

$$x \leq y \not\Rightarrow y \leq x \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbf{R}$$

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

So,  $R$  is not symmetric.

iii. Let  $(x, y), (y, z) \in R \forall x, y, z \in \mathbf{R}$ .

then,  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq y \leq z$$

$$\text{i.e., } x \leq z$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R \text{ and hence, } R \text{ is transitive.}$$

So,  $R$  is reflexive, transitive but not symmetric.

(c)  $R = \{(a, b) : a \leq b^3\}$

i.  $(a, a) \notin R$  since,  $a \not\leq a^3$  for all  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ .

For example if  $a = -2 \in \mathbf{R}$ , then  $a > a^3$ .

Hence,  $R$  is not reflexive.

ii. Let  $(a, b) \in R$

$$\text{then } a \leq b^3 \not\Rightarrow b \leq a^3 \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbf{R}$$

For example,  $(1, 2) \in R$ , as  $1 \leq 2^3$ , but  $(2, 1) \notin R$ , as  $2 > 1^3$ .

Hence,  $R$  is not symmetric.

iii. Let  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$

$$\text{then } a \leq b^3, \text{ and } b \leq c^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a \leq (c^3)^3 = c^9 \not\Rightarrow a \leq c^3 \text{ for all } a, b, c \in \mathbf{R}$$

For example,  $\left(3, \frac{3}{2}\right), \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3}\right) \in R$ , as  $3 \leq \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3$  and  $\frac{3}{2} \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3$ . But,

$$\left(3, \frac{4}{3}\right) \notin R, \text{ as } 3 > \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3. \text{ Hence, } R \text{ is not transitive.}$$

Thus,  $R$  is not an equivalence relation.

(d)  $R \Rightarrow$  relation defined on the set  $\mathbf{I}$  of all integers by  $(x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow (x, y)$  is divisible by number  $n$ .

i.  $x - x = 0$  is divisible by 5.

$\Rightarrow R$  is reflexive.

ii.  $(x, y) \in R$

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

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

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

Hence,  $R$  is symmetric.

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

$\Rightarrow (x - y)$  is divisible by  $n$  and  $(y - z)$  is divisible by  $n$ .

Now,  $(x - y) + (y - z) = x - z$

So,  $(x - z)$  is also divisible by  $n$ .

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

Hence  $R$  is transitive.

Thus,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

(e)  $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \leq 3\}$

i.  $|a - a| = 0 \leq 3$

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

So,  $R$  is reflexive.

ii. Let  $(a, b) \in R$

$\Rightarrow |a - b| \leq 3$

$\Rightarrow |b - a| \leq 3$

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

So,  $R$  is symmetric.

iii. Let  $(a, b) \& (b, c) \in R$

$\Rightarrow |a - b| \leq 3$  and  $|b - c| \leq 3$

Now,  $|a - c| = |(a - b) + (b - c)| \leq |a - b| + |b - c| \leq 3 + 3 = 6$

So,  $(a, c) \notin R$

Hence,  $R$  is not transitive.

## Domain and Range

<u>Function of the form</u>	<u>Defined when</u>
$\frac{1}{\text{cube}}$	$\text{cube} \neq 0$
$\sqrt{\text{cube}}$	$\text{cube} \geq 0$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{cube}}}$	$\text{cube} > 0$
$\sqrt{\frac{\text{cube}}{\text{sphere}}}$	$\frac{\text{cube}}{\text{sphere}} > 0$ and $\text{sphere} \neq 0$
$\log(\text{cube})$	$\text{cube} > 0$
$\log \log(\text{cube})$	$\text{cube} > 1$



1. Find the domain and range of the following functions:

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$$

$$(b) f(x) = \frac{x + 1}{2x + 1}$$

$$(c) f(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$$

$$(d) f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}$$

$$(e) f(x) = |x - 3|$$

$$(f) f(x) = 3 - |x - 2|$$

### Answers

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$$

Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R} - \{3\}$

$$\text{Let } y = f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \Rightarrow y = x + 3 \quad [\because x \neq 3]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y - 3 \in \mathbf{R} - \{3\} \text{ only if } y \neq 6.$$

$$\therefore \text{Range of } f = \mathbf{R} - \{6\}.$$

$$(b) f(x) = \frac{x + 1}{2x + 1}$$

$$\text{Now, } 2x + 1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence, Domain of } f = \mathbf{R} - \left\{-\frac{1}{2}\right\} = \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$$

$$\text{Let } y = f(x) = \frac{x + 1}{2x + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy + y = x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy - x = 1 - y$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1 - y}{2y - 1} \quad \text{Now, } 2y - 1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow y \neq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence, } y \in \mathbf{R} - \left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Range of } f = \mathbf{R} - \left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\} = \left(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$$

$$(c) f(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$$

$f$  is defined when  $16 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow (4 - x)(4 + x) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-4, 4]$$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f = [-4, 4]$

$$\text{Let } y = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$$

Squaring both sides

$$y^2 = 16 - x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 16 - y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{16 - y^2} \text{ which exists when } y \in [-4, 4]$$

Since,  $y = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$  so we must have  $y \geq 0$

$\therefore$  Range of  $f = [0, 4]$

$$(d) f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}$$

$f$  is defined when  $4 - x^2 > 0$

$$\implies (4 - x)(4 + x) > 0$$

$$\implies x \in (-2, 2)$$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f = (-2, 2)$

$$\text{Let } y = f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}$$

Squaring both sides,

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{4 - x^2}$$

$$\implies 4y^2 - x^2y^2 = 1$$

$$\implies x^2y^2 = 4y^2 - 1$$

$$\implies x^2 = \frac{4y^2 - 1}{y^2}$$

$$\implies x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{4y^2 - 1}}{y} \text{ which is defined when } y \neq 0 \text{ and } 4y^2 - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } y \neq 0 \text{ and } \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(y + \frac{1}{2}\right) \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } y \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right] \cup \left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$$

$$\text{But, } y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}} \implies y > 0.$$

$$\therefore \text{Range of } f = \left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$$

$$(e) f(x) = |x - 3|$$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$

$$\text{Let } y = |x - 3|$$

then  $y \geq 0 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$

Hence, Range of  $f = [0, \infty)$

$$(f) f(x) = 3 - |x - 2|$$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$

$$y = 3 - |x - 2| = \begin{cases} 3 - (x - 2) = 5 - x, & x > 2 \\ 3 - 0 = 3, & x = 2 \\ 3 + (x - 2) = 1 + x, & x < 2 \end{cases}$$

We know,  $|x - 2| \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R} \implies -|x - 2| \leq 0$

$$\implies 3 - |x - 2| \leq 3$$

$\therefore$  Range of  $f = (-\infty, 3]$

2. (a) If a real function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{|x| - x}{2x}$ , then find its domain and range.

(b) Find the domain and range of the function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{|x - 4|}{x - 4}$ .

(c) Find the domain of  $f(x) = \log(4x - 3)$ .

(d) Find the domain of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\log(9 - x^2)}$ .

**Answers**

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{|x| - x}{2x}$

The function is defined when,  $2x \neq 0 \implies x \neq 0$

So, Domain of  $f = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty) = \mathbf{R} - \{0\}$

Now,

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x > 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(excluding the case of  $x = 0$  since it does not exist in the domain of  $f$ ).

$$\implies |x| - x = \begin{cases} x - x = 0 & , x > 0 \\ -x - x = -2x & , x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Hence, } f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  Range of  $f = \{0, -1\}$ .

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{|x - 4|}{x - 4}$

$f$  is defined when  $x - 4 \neq 0$

$$\implies x \neq 4$$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R} - \{4\} = (\infty, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$

$$\text{Now, } |x - 4| = \begin{cases} (x - 4), & x > 4 \\ -(x - 4), & x < 4 \end{cases}$$

(excluding the case of  $x = 4$  since it does not exist in the domain of  $f$ ).

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{|x - 4|}{x - 4} = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 4 \\ -1, & x < 4 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  Range of  $f = \{1, -1\}$

(c)  $f(x) = \log(4x - 3)$

$f$  is defined when  $4x - 3 > 0$

$$\implies 4x > 3$$

$$\implies x > \frac{3}{4}$$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f = \left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$

Let,  $y = f(x) = \log(4x - 3)$

$$\implies 4x - 3 = e^y \implies x = \frac{e^y + 3}{4} \text{ which is defined for all } y \in \mathbf{R}$$

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

(d)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\log(9 - x^2)}$

$f$  to be defined when,  $\log(9 - x^2) \neq 0$  and  $9 - x^2 > 0$

$$\implies 9 - x^2 \neq 1 \text{ and } (3 - x)(3 + x) > 0$$

$$\implies x \neq \pm 2\sqrt{2} \text{ and } x \in (-3, 3)$$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f = (-3, -2\sqrt{2}) \cup (-2\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2}) \cup (2\sqrt{2}, 3)$

$$\text{Let, } y = f(x) = \frac{1}{\log(9 - x^2)} \implies \log(9 - x^2) = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\implies 9 - x^2 = e^{\frac{1}{y}}$$

$$\implies x^2 = 9 - e^{\frac{1}{y}} \text{ which is defined for all } y \in \mathbf{R} - \{0\}$$

$\therefore$  Range of  $f = \mathbf{R} - \{0\}$ .

3. (a) Find Domain of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3 - 2 \sin x}$   
 (b) Find Domain of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \cos x}}$   
 (c) Find Range of  $f(x) = 2 - 3 \cos x$   
 (d) Find Range of  $f(x) = 2 + 5 \sin 3x$

**Answers**

- (a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3 - 2 \sin x}$   
 $f$  is defined when,  $3 - 2 \sin x \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 \sin x \neq 3$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin x \neq \frac{3}{2}$   
 We know,  $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .  
 So,  $\sin x \neq \frac{3}{2}$  is always true irrespective of any value of  $x$ .  
 $\therefore$  Domain of  $f = (-\infty, \infty)$ .
- (b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \cos x}}$   
 $f$  is defined when,  $1 - \cos x > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos x < 1$   
 We know,  $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ .  
 Thus, for  $\cos x \neq 1$  we must have,  $x \neq 2\pi n$  for  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ .  
 $\therefore$  Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R} - \{2\pi n : n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ .
- (c)  $f(x) = 2 - 3 \cos x$   
 $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow -3 \leq 3 \cos x \leq 3 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow 3 \geq -3 \cos x \geq -3 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 - 3 \leq 2 - 3 \cos x \leq 2 + 3 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow -1 \leq 2 - 3 \cos x \leq 5 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 Hence,  $(2 - 3 \cos x) \in [-1, 5]$ .  
 $\therefore$  Range of  $f = [-1, 5]$ .
- (d)  $f(x) = 2 + 5 \sin 3x$   
 $-1 \leq \sin 3x \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 - 5 \leq 2 + 5 \sin 3x \leq 2 + 5 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow -3 \leq 2 + 5 \sin 3x \leq 7 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 Hence,  $(2 + 5 \sin 3x) \in [-3, 7] \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .  
 $\therefore$  Range of  $f = [-3, 7]$ .

4. (a) Find the Domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{5 - 3 \sin x}$ .  
 (b) Find the Range of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2 - \cos x}$ .

**Answers**

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{5 - 3 \sin x}$   
 $f$  is defined when,  $5 - 3 \sin x \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin x \neq \frac{5}{3}$   
 We know,  $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 So, Domain of  $f = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2 - \cos x}$   
 $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 \geq -\cos x \geq -1 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 - 1 \leq 2 - \cos x \leq 2 + 1 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 \leq 2 - \cos x \leq 3 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$   
 Hence,  $(2 - \cos x) \in [1, 3]$ .  
 $\therefore$  Range of  $f$  is  $[1, 3]$ .

5. (a) Find the Domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{6-x}$ .

(b) Find the Domain of definition of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x|} - x}$ .

**Answers**

(a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{6-x}$   
 $f(x)$  is defined when,  $x-1 \geq 0$  and  $6-x \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x \geq 1$  and  $x \leq 6$  i.e.,  $1 \leq x \leq 6$   
 $\therefore$  Domain of  $f = [1, 6]$ .

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x|} - x}$   
 $f(x)$  is defined when,  $|x| - x > 0$ .  
 $\Rightarrow |x| > x$ , which is possible only when  $x \in (-\infty, 0)$ .  
 Hence, Domain of  $f(x)$  is  $(-\infty, 0)$ .

## Types of Functions

1. Show that the function

- (a)  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  defined by  $f(n) = \begin{cases} n+1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ n-1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  is both one-one and onto.
- (b)  $f : \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$  defined by  $f(x) = 3x - 2$  is one-one.
- (c)  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  defined by  $f(x) = 2x - 1$  is not onto.
- (d)  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  defined by  $f(m) = m^2 + m + 2$  one-one? Justify your answer.
- (e)  $f : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + x$  is neither one-one nor onto.

### Answers

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

Case-1: Let  $x_1 = 2n_1$  (even),  $x_2 = 2n_2 + 1$  (odd) for some  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{N}$ .

Then  $x_1 \neq x_2$

$f(x_1) = 2n_1 - 1$  (odd) and  $f(x_2) = 2n_2 + 1 + 1 = 2n_2 + 2 = 2(n_2 + 1)$  (even).

Hence,  $x_1 \neq x_2 \implies f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

Case-2: Let  $x_1 = 2n_1$  (even) and  $x_2 = 2n_2$  (even) for some  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{N}$ .

Then  $x_1 \neq x_2$

$f(x_1) = 2n_1 - 1$  (odd) and  $f(x_2) = 2n_2 - 1$  (odd).

Hence,  $x_1 \neq x_2 \implies f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

Case-3: Let  $x_1 = 2n_1 + 1$  (odd) and  $x_2 = 2n_2 + 1$  (odd) for some  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{N}$ .

Then  $x_1 \neq x_2$

$f(x_1) = 2n_1 + 2$  (even) and  $f(x_2) = 2n_2 + 2$  (even).

Hence,  $x_1 \neq x_2 \implies f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

Thus,  $f$  is one-one.

Let  $y = f(n) = \begin{cases} n+1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ n-1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  so,  $y \in \mathbf{N}$

Let  $x_1$  be even natural no.

$$y = f(x_1) = x_1 - 1$$

$$\implies x_1 = y + 1$$

$\implies y$  must be odd natural no.

and  $x_2$  be odd natural no.

$$\text{and } y = f(x_2) = x_2 + 1$$

$$\implies x_2 = y - 1$$

$\implies y$  must be even natural no.

So,  $f$  is onto.

(b)  $f : \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$ ,  $f(x) = 3x - 2$

Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  for  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{Q}$

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

$$\implies 3x_1 = 3x_2$$

$$\implies x_1 = x_2$$

So,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$

Hence,  $f$  is one-one.

(c)  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}, f(x) = 2x - 1$

Now, let  $y = 2x - 1$

$$\implies y + 1 = 2x \implies x = \frac{y + 1}{2}$$

Now,  $y \in \mathbf{N}$  and if  $y$  is odd then  $x \in \mathbf{N}$

but if  $y$  is even then  $y + 1$  is odd

$$\text{and } \frac{y + 1}{2} \notin \mathbf{N} \text{ i.e. } x \notin \mathbf{N}$$

Hence,  $f$  is not onto.

(d)  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}, f(m) = m^2 + m + 2$

Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  for  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{N}$

$$\implies x_1^2 + x_1 + 2 = x_2^2 + x_2 + 2$$

$$\implies x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$\implies (x_1 - x_2)(x_1 + x_2 + 1) = 0$$

Now,  $x_1 + x_2 + 1 \neq 0$  since  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{N}$

$$\therefore (x_1 - x_2) = 0 \implies x_1 = x_2$$

$$\text{So, } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$$

Hence,  $f$  is one-one.

(e)  $f : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}, f(x) = x^2 + x$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\implies x_1^2 + x_1 = x_2^2 + x_2$$

$$\implies x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$\implies (x_1 - x_2)(x_1 + x_2 + 1) = 0$$

Either,  $x_1 = x_2$  or,  $x_1 + x_2 + 1 = 0$

Let us consider the example,  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = -1$

$$\therefore f(x_1) = 0 \text{ and } f(x_2) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

So, for  $x_1 \neq x_2$  we are getting  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

Hence,  $f$  is not one-one.

Again let us consider the counter example  $y = -1 \in \mathbf{Z}$  (co-domain of  $f$ )

$$\text{Now, } y = f(x) \implies x^2 + x = -1$$

As,  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$  has no solution in  $\mathbf{Z}$ , so there does not exist any  $x \in \mathbf{Z}$  (domain of  $f$ ) such that  $f(x) = -1$ .

Hence,  $f$  is not onto.

Thus,  $f$  is neither one-one nor onto.

2. (a) Find whether the following function is surjective, injective or bijective:

$$f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \text{ defined by } f(x) = x^3 - 2, x \in \mathbf{R}$$

- (b) Show that the function  $f : \mathbf{R} - \{3\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} - \{1\}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x + 4}{x - 3}$  is a bijective function.

- (c) Consider the function  $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}, x \in \mathbf{R}, x \neq 0$  is  $f$  one-one?

### Answers

(a)  $f(x) = x^3 - 2, x \in \mathbf{R}$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\implies x_1^3 - 2 = x_2^3 - 2 \implies x_1^3 - x_2^3 = 0$$

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

$$\implies \text{Either, } x_1 - x_2 = 0 \text{ or, } x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 = 0 \dots\dots\dots(i)$$



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 &= x_1^2 + 2x_1\left(\frac{x_2}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{x_2}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3x_2^2}{4} \\ \implies x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 &= \left(x_1 + \frac{x_2}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3x_2^2}{4} \neq 0 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  From (i) we must have,  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Hence,  $f$  is one-one (injective)

Now, let  $y = f(x) = x^3 - 2, y \in \mathbf{R}$

$$y = x^3 - 2$$

$$\implies y + 2 = x^3$$

$$\implies x = \sqrt[3]{y+2} \implies x \in \mathbf{R} \text{ for all } y \in \mathbf{R}.$$

So,  $f$  is onto.

$\therefore f$  is both one-one (injective) and onto (surjective).

Hence,  $f$  is bijective.

$$(b) f : \mathbf{R} - \{3\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} - \{1\}, f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x-3}$$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R} - \{3\}$  such that

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

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

$$\implies x_1x_2 + 4x_2 - 3x_1 - 12 = x_1x_2 - 3x_2 + 4x_1 - 12$$

$$\implies 7x_2 = 7x_1$$

$$\implies x_2 = x_1$$

So,  $f$  is one-one.

$$\text{Let } y = f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x-3} \text{ where } x \in \mathbf{R} - \{3\}$$

$$\implies xy - 3y = x + 4$$

$$\implies xy - x = 4 + 3y$$

$$\implies x(y-1) = 3y+4$$

$$\implies x = \frac{3y+4}{y-1} \text{ as, } y \neq 1 \text{ hence } x \text{ is well defined}$$

$$\text{Also, } x = 3 \text{ is not possible as, } 3 = \frac{3y+4}{y-1} \implies 3y-3 = 3y+4 \text{ (not possible).}$$

$$\text{So, } x = \frac{3y+4}{y-1} \in \mathbf{R} - \{3\}$$

Hence,  $f$  is onto.

$$(c) \text{ Let } x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R} \text{ and } f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\implies x_1 + \frac{1}{x_1} = x_2 + \frac{1}{x_2} \implies \frac{x_1^2+1}{x_1} = \frac{x_2^2+1}{x_2}$$

$$\implies x_1^2x_2 + x_2 = x_2^2x_1 + x_1$$

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

$$\implies x_1x_2(x_1 - x_2) + (x_2 - x_1) = 0$$

$$\implies (x_1 - x_2)(x_1x_2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\implies \text{Either, } x_1 - x_2 = 0 \quad \text{or, } x_1x_2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\implies x_1 = x_2 \quad \text{or, } x_2 = \frac{1}{x_1}$$

Let us consider the counter example,  $x_1 = 2, x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\text{Then } f(x_1) = 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2} \text{ and } f(x_2) = \frac{1}{2} + 2 = \frac{5}{2}.$$

Hence,  $f$  is not one-one.



## Composition of Functions

1. Find  $gof$  and  $fog$  when  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are defined by:

- (a)  $f(x) = 2x - 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 3 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$
- (b)  $f(x) = x + 1$  and  $g(x) = |x| \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$
- (c)  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  and  $g(x) = 5x^2 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$
- (d)  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ , find  $f \circ f$

### Answers

- (a)  $f(x) = 2x - 1, g(x) = x^2 + 3 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$   
 $gof(x) = g(f(x))$   
 $= g(2x - 1) \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$   
 $= (2x - 1)^2 + 3$   
 $= 4x^2 - 4x + 1 + 3$   
 $= 4x^2 - 4x + 4 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$   
and  $fog(x) = f(g(x))$   
 $= f(x^2 + 3)$   
 $= 2(x^2 + 3) - 1$   
 $= 2x^2 + 6 - 1 = 2x^2 + 5 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$
- (b)  $f(x) = x + 1, g(x) = |x| \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$   
 $gof(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x + 1) = |x + 1| \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$   
 $fog(x) = f(g(x)) = f(|x|) = |x| + 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$
- (c)  $f(x) = \sin(x), g(x) = 5x^2 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$   
 $gof(x) = g(f(x))$   
 $= g(\sin x)$   
 $= 5(\sin x)^2 = 5 \sin^2 x \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$   
 $fog(x) = f(g(x)) = f(5x^2) = \sin(5x^2) \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$
- (d)  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$   
 $f \circ f(x) = f(f(x))$   
 $= f(x^2 - 3x + 2)$   
 $= (x^2 - 3x + 2)^2 - 3(x^2 - 3x + 2) + 2$   
 $= x^4 + 9x^2 + 4 - 6x^3 - 12x + 4x^2 - 3x^2 + 9x - 6 + 2$   
 $= x^4 - 6x^3 + 10x^2 - 3x$

2. (a)  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are defined by  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = x + 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Show that  $gof \neq fog$ .
- (b)  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is given by  $f(x) = (5 - x^5)^{\frac{1}{5}}$ , then find  $f \circ f$ .
- (c) If  $f(x) = |x|$  and  $g(x) = [x] \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ , find  $fog\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)$ .
- (d)  $f(x) = x + 7$  and  $g(x) = x - 7$ , find  $fog(7)$ .

**Answers**

(a)  $f(x) = x^2, g(x) = x + 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$

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

$$= g(x^2) = x^2 + 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

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

$$= f(x + 1) = (x + 1)^2 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$= x^2 + 2x + 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\text{We have, } x^2 + 1 \neq x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } f \circ g \neq g \circ f$$

(b)  $f(x) = (5 - x^5)^{\frac{1}{5}} \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$

$$f \circ f(x) = f\left((5 - x^5)^{\frac{1}{5}}\right)$$

$$= \left(5 - \left[(5 - x^5)^{\frac{1}{5}}\right]^5\right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= [5 - (5 - x^5)]^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= (x^5)^{\frac{1}{5}} = x \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

(c)  $f(x) = |x|, g(x) = [x] \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f([x]) = |[x]| \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$f \circ g\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right) = \left|\left[-\frac{5}{3}\right]\right| = |-2| = 2$$

(d)  $f(x) = x + 7$  and  $g(x) = x - 7$

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x - 7)$$

$$= x - 7 + 7 = x \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\therefore f \circ g(7) = 7$$

3. (a)  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are defined by  $f(x) = x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x - 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Show that  $g \circ f = f \circ g = \mathbf{I}_R$ .

- (b) Let  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 7x + 3$ . Find function  $g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $g \circ f = f \circ g = \mathbf{I}_R$ .

**Answers**

(a)  $f(x) = x + 1, g(x) = x - 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x + 1) = (x + 1) - 1 = x \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\therefore g \circ f = \mathbf{I}_R$$

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x - 1) = x - 1 + 1 = x \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\therefore f \circ g = \mathbf{I}_R$$

(b)  $f(x) = 7x + 3$

$$g \circ f = \mathbf{I}_R \implies g \circ f(x) = x \implies g(7x + 3) = x$$

$$\text{Let, } 7x + 3 = y \implies x = \frac{y - 3}{7}$$

$$\therefore g(y) = \frac{y - 3}{7}. \text{ Hence, } g(x) = \frac{x - 3}{7}$$

$$\text{Also, } f \circ g(x) = f\left(\frac{x - 3}{7}\right) = 7 \cdot \left(\frac{x - 3}{7}\right) + 3 = x - 3 + 3 = x$$

$$\therefore f \circ g = \mathbf{I}_R$$

$$\text{Hence, } g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \text{ is defined by } g(x) = \frac{x - 3}{7} \forall x \in \mathbf{R} \text{ such that } g \circ f = f \circ g = \mathbf{I}_R$$

## Invertible Functions

1. (a) Show that the function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 4x + 5$  is invertible. Also find inverse of  $f$ .
- (b) If  $A = \mathbf{R} - \{-3\}$  and  $B = \mathbf{R} - \{2\}$  and a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be given by  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x+3}$ , then show the function is one-one and onto. Hence find  $f^{-1}$ .
- (c) Let  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow S$  be a function defined by  $f(x) = 9x^3 + 6x - 5$ , where  $S$  is the range of  $f$ . Show that  $f$  is invertible. Find the inverse of  $f$  and hence find  $f^{-1}(43)$  and  $f^{-1}(163)$ .
- (d) If function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = 5x - 3$ , then find function  $g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $gof = I_R = fog$ .

### Answers

(a)  $f(x) = 4x + 5$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in R$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\implies 4x_1 + 5 = 4x_2 + 5 \implies 4x_1 = 4x_2 \implies x_1 = x_2$$

$\implies f$  is one-one.

Now, let  $y = f(x)$

$$\implies y = 4x + 5$$

$$\implies y - 5 = 4x$$

$$\implies x = \frac{y-5}{4} \in \mathbf{R}$$

So,  $f$  is onto.

Hence,  $f$  is invertible.

Now,  $y = f(x)$

$$\implies f^{-1}(y) = x$$

$$\implies f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y-5}{4} \quad \left[ \because x = \frac{y-5}{4} \right]$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-5}{4}.$$

(b)  $A = \mathbf{R} - \{-3\}$  and  $B = \mathbf{R} - \{2\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is given by  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x+3}$ .

Now, let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  for  $x_1, x_2 \in A$

$$\implies \frac{2x_1+1}{x_1+3} = \frac{2x_2+1}{x_2+3}$$

$$\implies \frac{x_1+3}{2x_1x_2+x_2+6x_1+3} = \frac{x_2+3}{2x_1x_2+x_1+6x_2+3}$$

$$\implies 2x_1x_2+x_2+6x_1+3 = 2x_1x_2+x_1+6x_2+3$$

$$\implies x_2+6x_1 = x_1+6x_2$$

$$\implies 5x_1 = 5x_2$$

$$\implies x_1 = x_2$$

Hence,  $f$  is one-one.

Now, let  $y = f(x)$

$$\implies y = \frac{2x+1}{x+3}$$

$$\implies yx + 3y = 2x + 1$$

$$\implies yx - 2x = 1 - 3y$$

$$\implies x(y-2) = 1-3y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1-3y}{y-2} \text{ which is defined for } y-2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow y \neq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{range of } f = \mathbf{R} - \{2\} = B$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{range of } f = \text{codomain of } f.$$

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ is onto.}$$

Thus the function is one-one and onto.

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ is invertible.}$$

Now,  $f(x) = y$  and  $f$  is invertible

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

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

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

(c)  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow S$ ,  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$  where  $S$  is the range of  $f$ .

Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  for,  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{N}$

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

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

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

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

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

but,  $9(x_1 + x_2) + 6 \neq 0$  since  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{N}$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

So,  $f$  is one-one.

Again, let  $y = f(x)$

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

$$\Rightarrow y = (3x)^2 + 2 \times 3x \times 1 + 1 - 1 - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 6 = (3x + 1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 1 = \sqrt{y + 6} \text{ (negative sign is omitted as } x \in \mathbf{N} \Rightarrow x > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = \sqrt{y + 6} - 1$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{\sqrt{y + 6} - 1}{3} \in \mathbf{N} \quad \forall y \in S.$$

Hence,  $f$  is onto.  $\therefore f$  is invertible.

Now,  $y = f(x)$

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

$$\therefore f^{-1}(43) = \frac{\sqrt{43 + 6} - 1}{3} = \frac{7 - 1}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$\text{and } f^{-1}(163) = \frac{\sqrt{163 + 6} - 1}{3} = \frac{13 - 1}{3} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$$

(d)  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $f(x) = 5x - 3$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}$  such that

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

$$\Rightarrow 5x_1 - 3 = 5x_2 - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x_1 = 5x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

So,  $f$  is one-one.

$$\text{Let } y = f(x) \Rightarrow y = 5x - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y + 3}{5} \in \mathbf{R} \quad \forall y \in \mathbf{R}$$

So,  $f$  is onto.

Hence,  $f$  is invertible.

Let  $y = f(x)$  then,

$$f^{-1}(y) = x$$

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

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

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ f^{-1}(x) &= f\left(\frac{x+3}{5}\right) \\ &= 5\left(\frac{x+3}{5}\right) - 3 \\ &= x + 3 - 3 = x \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1} \circ f(x) &= f^{-1}(5x - 3) \\ &= \frac{(5x - 3) + 3}{5} = x \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f \circ f^{-1} = \mathbf{I}_R = f^{-1} \circ f$$

$$\therefore g = f^{-1} \text{ such that } g \circ f = \mathbf{I}_R = f \circ g$$

$$\text{Hence, } g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, \quad g(x) = \frac{x+3}{5}.$$

2. (a) If  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , defined by  $f(x) = \frac{2x-7}{4}$  is invertible, find  $f^{-1}$ .

(b) If  $f : \mathbf{R} - \left\{-\frac{4}{3}\right\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} - \left\{\frac{4}{3}\right\}$  is a function defined by  $f(x) = \frac{4x}{3x+4}$ , then find  $f^{-1}$ .

### Answers

(a)  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, f(x) = \frac{2x-7}{4}$  is invertible.

$$\text{Let } y = f(x) = \frac{2x-7}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4y+7}{2} = x$$

Again, let  $y = f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = x = \frac{4y+7}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence, } f^{-1}(x) = \frac{4x+7}{2}$$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{4x}{3x+4}$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R} - \left\{-\frac{4}{3}\right\}$  and  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4x_1}{3x_1+4} = \frac{4x_2}{3x_2+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x_1x_2 + 16x_1 = 12x_1x_2 + 16x_2$$



$$\implies 16x_1 = 16x_2 \implies x_1 = x_2$$

So,  $f$  is one-one.

Again, let  $y = f(x)$

$$\implies y = \frac{4x}{3x+4}$$

$$\implies 3xy + 4y = 4x$$

$$\implies 3xy - 4x = -4y$$

$$\implies x(3y - 4) = -4y$$

$$\implies x = \frac{-4y}{3y-4} = \frac{4y}{4-3y} \text{ which is defined for } y \neq \left\{\frac{4}{3}\right\}$$

$$\implies \text{range of } f = \mathbf{R} - \left\{\frac{4}{3}\right\} = \text{co-domain of } f.$$

Hence,  $f$  is onto.

$\therefore f$  is invertible.

$$\text{Now, } y = f(x) \implies f^{-1}(y) = x = \frac{4y}{4-3y}$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{4x}{4-3x}.$$

3. (a) If  $A = \mathbf{R} - \left\{\frac{2}{3}\right\}$  and a function  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4}$ . Show that  $f$  is one-one and onto. Hence find  $f^{-1}$ .

- (b) Consider  $f : \mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow [-9, \infty)$  given by  $f(x) = 5x^2 + 6x - 9$  where  $\mathbf{R}_+$  is the set of all non-negative real numbers. Prove that  $f$  is invertible with  $f^{-1}(y) = \frac{\sqrt{54-5y}-3}{5}$ .

### Answers

- (a) Let  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  be such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

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

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

$$\implies 18x_2 - 16x_1 = 18x_1 - 16x_2$$

$$\implies 34x_2 = 34x_1 \implies x_1 = x_2 \implies f \text{ is one-one.}$$

$$\text{Let } y = f(x) \implies y = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4}$$

$$\implies 6xy - 4y = 4x + 3$$

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

$$\implies x = \frac{4y+3}{6y-4} \text{ which is defined for } y \neq \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\implies \text{range of } f = \mathbf{R} - \left\{\frac{2}{3}\right\} = A$$

$$\implies \text{range of } f = \text{co-domain of } f \implies f \text{ is onto.}$$

Thus, the function  $f$  is one-one and onto.

$\implies f$  is invertible.

Now,  $y = f(x)$

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

$$\text{Hence, } f^{-1}(x) = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4}.$$

(b) Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}_+$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$   
 $\Rightarrow 5x_1^2 + 6x_1 - 9 = 5x_2^2 + 6x_2 - 9$   
 $\Rightarrow 5(x_1^2 - x_2^2) + 6(x_1 - x_2) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x_1 - x_2)[5(x_1 + x_2) + 6] = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = 0 \quad [\because x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}_+ \Rightarrow 5(x_1 + x_2) + 6 \neq 0]$   
 $\Rightarrow f$  is one-one.  
 As  $x \in \mathbf{R}_+, x \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 5x^2 + 6x \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 5x^2 + 6x - 9 \geq -9$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{range of } f = [-9, \infty)$   
 $\therefore \text{Range of } f = [-9, \infty) = \text{codomain of } f \Rightarrow f \text{ is onto.}$   
 Hence, the given function  $f$  is bijective.

$\therefore f$  is invertible.

Again,  $f(x) = y$   
 $\Rightarrow 5x^2 + 6x - 9 = y$   
 $\Rightarrow 25x^2 + 30x - 45 = 5y$   
 $\Rightarrow (5x + 3)^2 - 9 - 45 = 5y$   
 $\Rightarrow (5x + 3)^2 = 54 + 5y$   
 $\Rightarrow 5x + 3 = \sqrt{5y + 54}$  (omitting the negative sign as,  $x \geq 0$ )  
 $\Rightarrow 5x = \sqrt{5y + 54} - 3$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{5y + 54} - 3}{5}$   
 Now,  $f(x) = y$  and  $f$  is invertible.  
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = x = \frac{\sqrt{5y + 54} - 3}{5}$   
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = \frac{\sqrt{5y + 54} - 3}{5}.$

## Binary Operations

1. For each binary operation ' $*$ ' defined below, determine whether ' $*$ ' is binary, commutative and associative.

- (a) On  $\mathbf{Q}$ , defined by  $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$ .  
 (b) On  $\mathbf{Q}$ , defined by  $a * b = a - b + ab$ .  
 (c) On  $\mathbf{R} - \{-1\}$ , defined by  $a * b = \frac{a}{b+1}$ .

### Answers

(a)  $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$

Let  $a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$  then  $\frac{ab}{2} \in \mathbf{Q}$

Hence ' $*$ ' is binary.

Now,  $a * b = \frac{ab}{2} = \frac{ba}{2} = b * a$

so, ' $*$ ' is commutative.

Now,  $a * (b * c) = a * \left(\frac{bc}{2}\right) = \frac{abc}{2 \times 2} = \frac{abc}{4}$

and,  $(a * b) * c = \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) * c = \frac{abc}{2 \times 2} = \frac{abc}{4}$

Hence  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$

So, ' $*$ ' is associative.

(b)  $a * b = a - b + ab, a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$

$a, b \in \mathbf{Q} \implies a - b + ab \in \mathbf{Q}$

Hence ' $*$ ' is binary.

Now,  $a * b = a - b + ab \neq b - a + ab = b * a$

Hence, ' $*$ ' is not commutative.

Now,  $a * (b * c)$

$= a * (b - c + bc)$

$= a - (b - c + bc) + a(b - c + bc)$

$= a - b + c - bc + ab - ac + abc$

And  $(a * b) * c$

$= (a - b + ab) * c$

$= a - b + ab - c + (a - b + ab)c$

$= a - b - c + ab + ac - bc + abc$

$\therefore a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Hence ' $*$ ' is not associative.

(c)  $a * b = \frac{a}{b+1}$

Taking  $a = 1, b = -2$ ,  $\frac{a}{b+1} = -1 \notin \mathbf{R} - \{-1\}$

Hence, ' $*$ ' is not binary.

Again,  $a * b = \frac{a}{b+1}$  and  $b * a = \frac{b}{a+1}$

But,  $\frac{a}{b+1} \neq \frac{b}{a+1}$



$$\implies a * b \neq b * a$$

Hence '\*' is not commutative.

$$\text{Now, } (a * b) * c = \left( \frac{a}{b+1} \right) * c$$

$$= \frac{\frac{a}{b+1}}{c+1} = \frac{a}{(b+1)(c+1)}$$

$$\text{and, } a * (b * c) = a * \left( \frac{b}{c+1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a}{\frac{b}{c+1} + 1} = \frac{a}{\frac{b+c+1}{c+1}} = \frac{a(c+1)}{b+c+1}$$

$$\therefore (a * b) * c \neq a * (b * c)$$

Hence \* is not associative.

2. Let  $S$  be the set of all rational numbers except 1 and '\*' be defined on  $S$  by  $a * b = a + b - ab \forall a, b \in S$ . Prove that:

- '\*' is a binary operation on  $S$
- The operation is commutative as well as associative.

Find the identity element. Also find the inverse of an element  $a \in A$ .

**Answer**

$$(a) \ a, b \in \mathbf{Q} - \{1\}$$

$$\implies a + b - ab \in \mathbf{Q} - \{1\}$$

$\therefore$  If  $a + b - ab = 1 \implies a(1-b) - (1-b) = 0 \implies (a-1)(1-b) = 0$  which is not possible as  $a, b \in \mathbf{Q} - \{1\}$ .

Hence, '\*' is binary.

$$(b) \ a * b = a + b - ab$$

$$= b + a - ba = b * a$$

Hence '\*' is commutative.

$$a * (b * c)$$

$$= a * (b + c - bc)$$

$$= a + b + c - bc + a(b + c - bc)$$

$$= a + b + c - bc - ab - ac + abc$$

$$(a * b) * c$$

$$= (a + b - ab) * c$$

$$= a + b - ab + c - (a + b - ab)c$$

$$= a + b + c - ab - bc - ac + abc$$

$$\therefore a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$$

So, '\*' is associative.

Let if possible  $e \in S$  be such that  $e * a = a \forall a \in S$ .

$$\implies a + e - ae = a$$



$$\implies e(1 - a) = 0$$

$$\implies e = 0 \in S \quad [\because a \neq 1]$$

Hence, the identity element  $e = 0$  exists.

Let  $a^{-1}$  be the inverse of element  $a$ , then we must have,  $a * a^{-1} = e$  (identity)

$$\implies a + a^{-1} - a.a^{-1} = 0$$

$$\implies a^{-1}(1 - a) = -a$$

$$\implies a^{-1} = \frac{-a}{1 - a} = \frac{a}{a - 1} \in S \quad \forall a \in S$$

Hence, inverse of each element exists in  $S$ .

3. If  $A = \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$  and  $'*'$  on  $A$  is defined by  $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ad + bc, bd) \quad \forall (a, b), (c, d) \in A$ , then show that:

- $'*'$  is a binary operation on  $A$
- $'*'$  is commutative on  $A$
- $'*'$  is associative on  $A$
- $A$  has no identity element with respect to the given operation.

### Answer

- Consider any  $(a, b), (c, d) \in A \implies a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{N}$   
 $\implies ad + bc, bd \in \mathbf{N} \implies (ad + bc, bd) \in A$   
 $\implies (a, b) * (c, d) \in A$   
 $\implies '*'$  is a binary operation.
- For all  $(a, b), (c, d) \in A$  we have,  
 $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ad + bc, bd)$ , and  
 $(c, d) * (a, b) = (cb + da, db)$   
 $\because$  addition and multiplication are commutative on  $\mathbf{N}$ ,  $ad + bc = cb + da$  &  $bd = db$ .  
 $\implies (ad + bc, bd) = (cb + da, db)$   
 $\therefore (a, b) * (c, d) = (c, d) * (a, b)$   
 $\implies$  The binary operation  $'*'$  on  $A$  is commutative.
- For all  $(a, b), (c, d), (e, f) \in A$ , we have  
 $\{(a, b) * (c, d)\} * (e, f)$   
 $= (ad + bc, bd) * (e, f)$   
 $= ((ad + bc)f + (bd)e, (bd)f)$   
 $= (adf + bcf + bde, bdf)$   
 Again,  $(a, b) * \{(c, d) * (e, f)\}$   
 $= (a, b) * (cf + de, df)$   
 $= (a(df) + b(cf + de), b(df))$   
 $= (adf + bcf + bde, bde)$   
 $\implies \{(a, b) * (c, d)\} * (e, f) = (a, b) * \{(c, d) * (e, f)\}$   
 $\implies$  the binary operation  $'*'$  on  $A$  is associative.
- Let if possible,  $(e_1, e_2) \in A$  be the identity element in  $A$ , then we must have  
 $(e_1, e_2) * (a, b) = (a, b) \quad \forall (a, b) \in A$   
 $\implies (e_1b + e_2a, e_2b) = (a, b) \quad \forall (a, b) \in A$   
 $be_1 + e_2a = a$  and  $be_2 = b \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{N}$   
 $\implies e_1 = 0$  and  $e_2 = 1$   
 But  $0 \notin \mathbf{N}$  and therefore  $(0, 1) \notin A$   
 Hence,  $A$  has no identity element with respect to the given binary operation.

4. Let  $A = \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Q}$ , where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is the set of rational numbers, and  $*$  be a binary operation on  $A$  defined by  $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, b + ad) \forall (a, b), (c, d) \in A$  then find:

- (a) the identity element of ' $*$ ' in  $A$ ,  
 (b) the invertible elements of  $A$ , and hence write the inverse of elements  $(5, 3)$  and  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 4\right)$ .

**Answer**

(a) Let if possible,  $(e_1, e_2) \in A$  be the identity element, then we must have,

$$(a, b) * (e_1, e_2) = (a, b) \forall (a, b) \in A$$

$$\implies (ae_1, b + ae_2) = (a, b) \implies ae_1 = a \text{ and } b + ae_2 = b$$

$$\implies e_1 = 1 \text{ and } e_2 = 0, \text{ (provided } a \neq 0)$$

$$\therefore (e_1, e_2) = (1, 0)$$

$$\text{If } a = 0, \text{ then } (0, b) * (1, 0) = (0 \times 1, b + (0 \times 0)) = (0, b)$$

$$\text{Also, } (1, 0) * (0, b) = (1 \times 0, 0 + (1 \times b)) = (0, b)$$

Thus,  $(1, 0)$  is such that:

$$(1, 0) * (a, b) = (a, b) = (a, b) * (1, 0) \forall (a, b) \in A$$

$$\implies (1, 0) \text{ is the identity element of given binary operation } '*' \text{ on } A.$$

(b) Consider any element  $(a, b) \in A$ . If  $(c, d) \in A$  be its inverse then we must have,

$$(a, b) * (c, d) = (1, 0)$$

$$\implies (ac, b + ad) = (1, 0)$$

$$\implies ac = 1 \text{ and } b + ad = 0$$

$$\implies c = \frac{1}{a} \text{ and } d = \frac{-b}{a}, \text{ (provided } a \neq 0)$$

Thus,  $(a, b)$  is invertible, provided  $a \neq 0$

and the inverse of  $(a, b)$  is  $\left(\frac{1}{a}, \frac{-b}{a}\right)$ .

Hence, all elements  $(a, b) \in A$  are invertible provided  $a \neq 0$

$\therefore$  The inverse of  $(5, 3)$  is  $\left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{-3}{5}\right)$ .

$\therefore$  The inverse of  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 4\right)$  is  $\left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{-4}{\frac{1}{2}}\right) = (2, -8)$ .

## Practise Problems

1. Show that the relation  $R$  in the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  given by  $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is even} \}$  is an equivalence relation.
2. Show that the function  $f : \mathbf{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^*$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is one-one and onto, where  $\mathbf{R}^*$  is the set of all non-zero real numbers.
3. Show that the function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by  $f(x) = |x|$ , is neither one-one nor onto.
4. Show that the signum function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & , \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1 & , \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$  is neither one-one nor onto.
5. Find  $gof$  and  $fog$ , if  $f(x) = 8x^3$  and  $g(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . Ans:  $2x, 8x$
6. Consider  $f : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow [4, \infty)$  given by  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$ . Show that  $f$  is invertible and find the inverse, where  $\mathbf{R}^+$  is the set of all non-negative real numbers. Ans:  $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x - 4}$
7. If  $*$  is binary on  $\mathbf{Q}$ , defined by  $a * b = \frac{3ab}{5}$ . Show that  $*$  is commutative as well as associative. Also, find its identity element if it exists. Ans:  $e = \frac{5}{3}$
8. Is  $*$  a binary operation on the set  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that  $a * b = (2a - b)^2$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$ ?
9. If  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ , find  $f(f(x))$ . Ans:  $x^4 - 6x^3 + 10x^2 - 3x$
10. Let  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}$  be a function defined as  $f(x) = 4x + 3$ , where,  $Y = \{y \in \mathbf{N} : y = 4x + 3 \text{ for some } x \in \mathbf{N}\}$ . Show that  $f$  is invertible. Find the inverse. Ans:  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x - 3}{4}$

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