



## RELATIONS AND FUNCTIONS-II

We have learnt about the basic concept of Relations and Functions. We know about the ordered pair, the cartesian product of sets, relation, functions, their domain, Co-domain and range. Now we will extend our knowledge to types of relations and functions, composition of functions, invertible functions and binary operations.



### OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, you will be able to :

- verify the equivalence relation in a set
- verify that the given function is one-one, many one, onto/ into or one one onto
- find the inverse of a given function
- determine whether a given operation is binary or not.
- check the commutativity and associativity of a binary operation.
- find the inverse of an element and identity element in a set with respect to a binary operation.

### EXPECTED BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Before studying this lesson, you should know :

- Concept of set, types of sets, operations on sets
- Concept of ordered pair and cartesian product of set.
- Domain, co-domain and range of a relation and a function

### 23.1 RELATION

#### 23.1.1 Relation :

Let A and B be two sets. Then a relation R from Set A into Set B is a subset of  $A \times B$ .

Thus, R is a relation from A to B  $\Leftrightarrow R \subseteq A \times B$

- If  $(a, b) \in R$  then we write  $aRb$  which is read as 'a' is related to b by the relation R, if  $(a, b) \notin R$ , then we write  $a \not R b$  and we say that a is not related to b by the relation R.
- If  $n(A) = m$  and  $n(B) = n$ , then  $A \times B$  has mn ordered pairs, therefore, total number of relations form A to B is  $2^{mn}$ .

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**23.1.2 Types of Relations**

**(i) Reflexive Relation :**

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is said to be reflexive if every element of  $A$  is related to itself.

Thus,  $R$  is reflexive  $\Leftrightarrow (a, a) \in R$  for all  $a \in A$

A relation  $R$  is not reflexive if there exists an element  $a \in A$  such that  $(a, a) \notin R$ .

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  be a set. Then

$R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 3), (2, 1)\}$  is a reflexive relation on  $A$ .

but  $R_1 = \{(1, 1), (3, 3), (2, 1), (3, 2)\}$  is not a reflexive relation on  $A$ , because  $2 \in A$  but  $(2, 2) \notin R$ .

**(ii) Symmetric Relation**

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is said to be symmetric relation if

$(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$  for all  $(a, b) \in A$

i.e.  $aRb \Rightarrow bRa$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be relations on  $A$  given by

$R_1 = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (3, 1), (2, 2), (4, 1)\}$

and  $R_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 3)\}$

- $R_1$  is symmetric relation on  $A$  because  $(a, b) \in R_1 \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R_1$   
or  $aR_1b \Rightarrow bR_1a$  for all  $a, b \in A$   
but  $R_2$  is not symmetric because  $(1, 3) \in R_2$  but  $(3, 1) \notin R_2$ .

A reflexive relation on a set  $A$  is not necessarily symmetric. For example, the relation  $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 3)\}$  is a reflexive relation on set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  but it is not symmetric.

**(iii) Transitive Relation:**

Let  $A$  be any set. A relation  $R$  on  $A$  is said to be transitive relation if

$(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$

i.e.  $aRb$  and  $bRc \Rightarrow aRc$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$

For example :

On the set  $N$  of natural numbers, the relation  $R$  defined by  $xRy$

$\Rightarrow$  'x is less than y', is transitive, because for any  $x, y, z \in N$

$x < y$  and  $y < z \Rightarrow x < z$

i.e.  $xRy$  and  $yRz \Rightarrow xRz$

Take another example

Let  $A$  be the set of all straight lines in a plane. Then the relation 'is parallel to' on  $A$  is a transitive relation, because for any  $l_1, l_2, l_3 \in A$

$l_1 \parallel l_2$  and  $l_2 \parallel l_3 \Rightarrow l_1 \parallel l_3$



**Example 23.1** Check the relation R for reflexivity, symmetry and transitivity, where R is defined as  $l_1 R l_2$  iff  $l_1 \perp l_2$  for all  $l_1, l_2 \in A$

**Solution :** Let A be the set of all lines in a plane. Given that  $l_1 R l_2 \Leftrightarrow l_1 \perp l_2$  for all  $l_1, l_2 \in A$

**Reflexivity :** R is not reflexive because a line cannot be perpendicular to itself i.e.  $l \perp l$  is not true.

**Symmetry :** Let  $l_1, l_2 \in A$  such that  $l_1 R l_2$

Then  $l_1 R l_2 \Rightarrow l_1 \perp l_2 \Rightarrow l_2 \perp l_1 \Rightarrow l_2 R l_1$

So, R is symmetric on A

**Transitive**

R is not transitive, because  $l_1 \perp l_2$  and  $l_2 \perp l_3$  does not imply that  $l_1 \perp l_3$

### 23.2 EQUIVALENCE RELATION

A relation R on a set A is said to be an equivalence relation on A iff

- (i) it is reflexive i.e.  $(a, a) \in R$  for all  $a \in A$
- (ii) it is symmetric i.e.  $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$  for all  $a, b \in A$
- (iii) it is transitive i.e.  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$

For example the relation ‘is congruent to’ is an equivalence relation because

- (i) it is reflexive as  $\Delta \cong \Delta \Rightarrow (\Delta, \Delta) \in R$  for all  $\Delta \in S$  where S is a set of triangles.
- (ii) it is symmetric as  $\Delta_1 R \Delta_2 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \cong \Delta_2 \Rightarrow \Delta_2 \cong \Delta_1$   
 $\Rightarrow \Delta_2 R \Delta_1$
- (iii) it is transitive as  $\Delta_1 \cong \Delta_2$  and  $\Delta_2 \cong \Delta_3 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \cong \Delta_3$   
 it means  $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) \in R$  and  $(\Delta_2, \Delta_3) \in R \Rightarrow (\Delta_1, \Delta_3) \in R$

**Example 23.2** Show that the relation R defined on the set A of all triangles in a plane as  $R = \{(T_1, T_2) : T_1 \text{ is similar to } T_2\}$  is an equivalence relation.

**Solution :** We observe the following properties of relation R;

**Reflexivity** we know that every triangle is similar to itself. Therefore,  $(T, T) \in R$  for all  $T \in A \Rightarrow R$  is reflexive.

**Symmetry** Let  $(T_1, T_2) \in R$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (T_1, T_2) \in R &\Rightarrow T_1 \text{ is similar to } T_2 \\ &\Rightarrow T_2 \text{ is similar to } T_1 \\ &\Rightarrow (T_2, T_1) \in R, \text{ So, R is symmetric.} \end{aligned}$$

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**Transitivity :** Let  $T_1, T_2, T_3 \in A$  such that  $(T_1, T_2) \in R$  and  $(T_2, T_3) \in R$ .

Then  $(T_1, T_2) \in R$  and  $(T_2, T_3) \in R$

$\Rightarrow T_1$  is similar to  $T_2$  and  $T_2$  is similar to  $T_3$

$\Rightarrow T_1$  is similar to  $T_3$

$\Rightarrow (T_1, T_3) \in R$

Hence,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.



CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 23.1

- Let  $R$  be a relation on the set of all lines in a plane defined by  $(l_1, l_2) \in R \Rightarrow$  line  $l_1$  is parallel to  $l_2$ . Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.
- Show that the relation  $R$  on the set  $A$  of points in a plane, given by  $R = \{(P, Q) : \text{Distance of the point } P \text{ from the origin is same as the distance of the point } Q \text{ from the origin}\}$  is an equivalence relation.
- Show that each of the relation  $R$  in the set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$ , given by
  - $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is multiple of } 4\}$
  - $R = \{(a, b) : a = b\}$  is an equivalence relation
- Prove that the relation 'is a factor of' from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is reflexive and transitive but not symmetric.
- If  $R$  and  $S$  are two equivalence relations on a set  $A$  then  $R \cap S$  is also an equivalence relation.
- Prove that the relation  $R$  on set  $N \times N$  defined by  $(a, b) R (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a + d = b + c$  for all  $(a, b), (c, d) \in N \times N$  is an equivalence relation.

23.3 CLASSIFICATION OF FUNCTIONS

Let  $f$  be a function from  $A$  to  $B$ . If every element of the set  $B$  is the image of at least one element of the set  $A$  i.e. if there is no unpaired element in the set  $B$  then we say that the **function  $f$  maps the set  $A$  onto the set  $B$** . Otherwise we say that the **function maps the set  $A$  into the set  $B$** .

Functions for which each element of the set  $A$  is mapped to a different element of the set  $B$  are said to be **one-to-one**.

One-to-one function

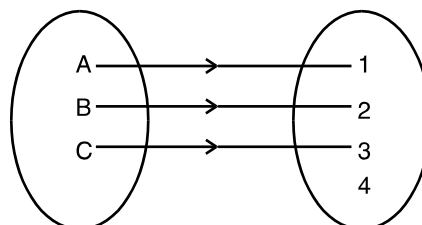


Fig.23.27



The domain is  $\{A, B, C\}$

The co-domain is  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

The range is  $\{1, 2, 3\}$

A function can map more than one element of the set A to the same element of the set B. Such a type of function is said to be *many-to-one*.

**Many-to-one function**

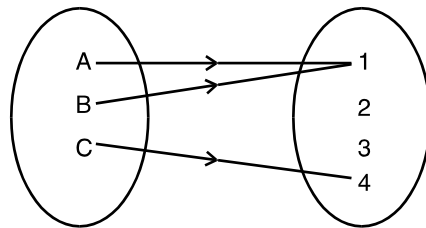


Fig. 23.2

The domain is  $\{A, B, C\}$

The co-domain is  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

The range is  $\{1, 4\}$

A function which is both one-to-one and onto is said to be a bijective function.

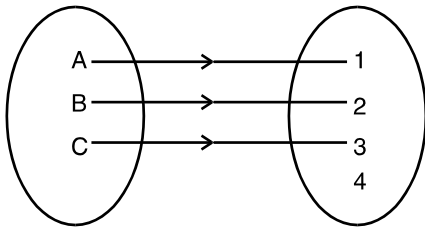


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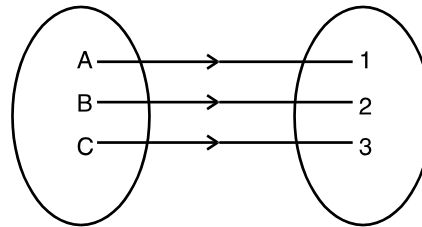


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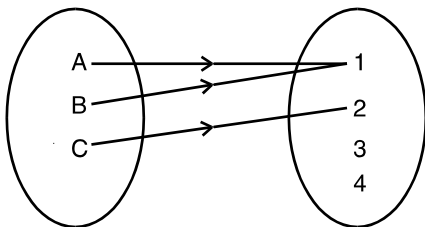


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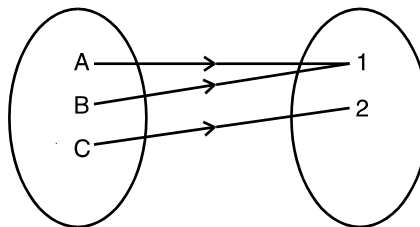


Fig. 23.6

Fig. 23.3 shows a one-to-one function mapping  $\{A, B, C\}$  into  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

Fig. 23.4 shows a one-to-one function mapping  $\{A, B, C\}$  onto  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ .

Fig. 23.5 shows a many-to-one function mapping  $\{A, B, C\}$  into  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

Fig. 23.6 shows a many-to-one function mapping  $\{A, B, C\}$  onto  $\{1, 2\}$ .

Function shown in Fig. 23.4 is also a bijective Function.

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**Note :** Relations which are one-to-many can occur, but they are not functions. The following figure illustrates this fact.

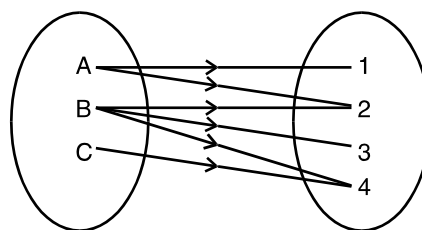


Fig. 23.7

**Example 23.3** Without using graph prove that the function

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ defined by } f(x) = 4 + 3x \text{ is } \textit{one-to-one}.$$

**Solution :** For a function to be one-one function

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad \forall \quad x_1, x_2 \in \text{domain}$$

$\therefore$  Now  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  gives

$$4 + 3x_1 = 4 + 3x_2 \quad \text{or } x_1 = x_2$$

$\therefore$   $f$  is a *one-one function*.

**Example 23.4** Prove that

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ defined by } f(x) = 4x^3 - 5 \text{ is a bijection}$$

**Solution :** Now  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \quad \forall \quad x_1, x_2 \in \text{Domain}$

$$\therefore \quad 4x_1^3 - 5 = 4x_2^3 - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x_1^3 = x_2^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x_1^3 - x_2^3 = 0 \Rightarrow \quad (x_2 - x_1)(x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x_1 = x_2 \text{ or}$$

$$x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 = 0 \text{ (rejected). It has no real value of } x_1 \text{ and } x_2.$$

$\therefore$   $f$  is a *one-one function*.

Again let  $y = f(x)$  where  $y \in \text{codomain}$ ,  $x \in \text{domain}$ .

$$\text{We have } y = 4x^3 - 5 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \left( \frac{y + 5}{4} \right)^{1/3}$$

$\therefore$  For each  $y \in \text{codomain} \exists x \in \text{domain}$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

Thus  $f$  is *onto function*.

$\therefore$   $f$  is a bijection.



**Example 23.5** Prove that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + 3$  is neither *one-one* nor *onto function*.

**Solution :** We have  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \forall x_1, x_2 \in \text{domain}$  giving

$$x_1^2 + 3 = x_2^2 + 3 \Rightarrow x_1^2 = x_2^2$$

or  $x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$  or  $x_1 = -x_2$

or  $f$  is not *one-one function*.

Again let  $y = f(x)$  where  $y \in \text{codomain}$

$$x \in \text{domain.}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x^2 + 3 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{y-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall y < 3 \exists \text{ no real value of } x \text{ in the domain.}$$

$\therefore f$  is not an *onto function*.

### 23.4 GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF FUNCTIONS

Since any function can be represented by ordered pairs, therefore, a graphical representation of the function is always possible. For example, consider  $y = x^2$ .

$$y = x^2$$

x	0	1	-1	2	-2	3	-3	4	-4
y	0	1	1	4	4	9	9	16	16

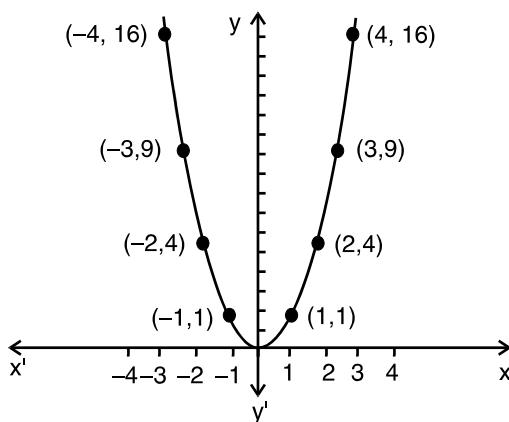


Fig. 23.8

Does this represent a function?

Yes, this represent a function because corresponding to each value of  $x \exists$  a unique value of  $y$ .

Now consider the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

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x	0	0	3	3	4	4	5	-5	-3	-3	-4	-4
y	5	-5	4	-4	3	-3	0	0	4	-4	3	-3

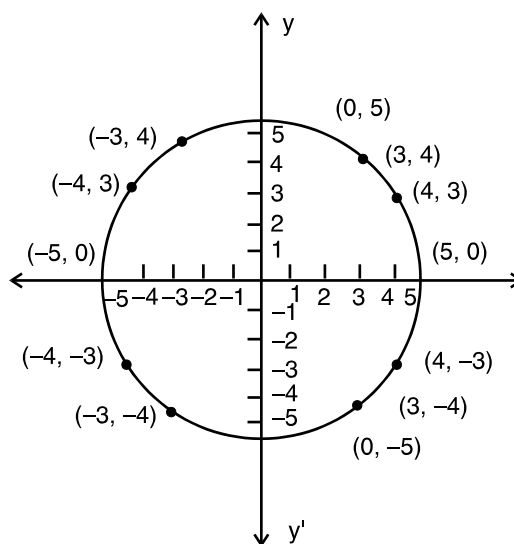


Fig. 23.9

This graph represents a circle.

Does it represent a function ?

No, this does not represent a function because corresponding to the same value of  $x$ , there does not exist a unique value of  $y$ .



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1. (i) Does the graph represent a function?

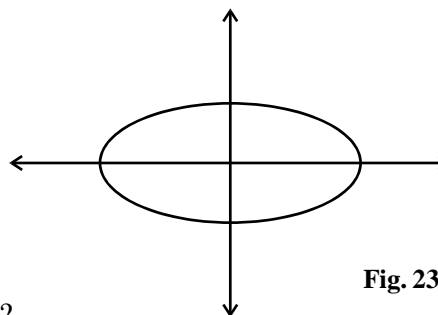


Fig. 23.10

- (ii) Does the graph represent a function ?

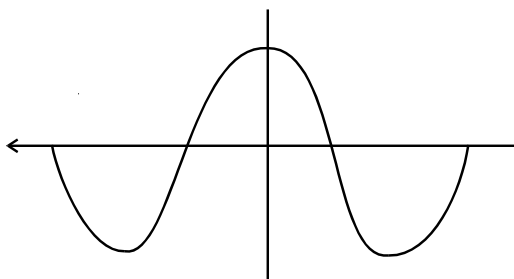


Fig. 23.11





2. Which of the following functions are into function ?

(a)

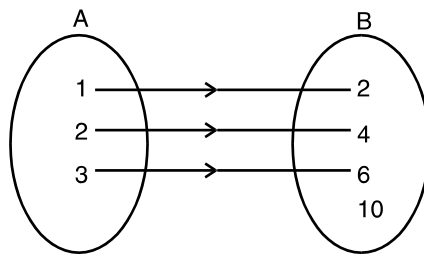


Fig.23.12

(b)  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , defined as  $f(x) = x^2$

Here  $\mathbb{N}$  represents the set of natural numbers.

(c)  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , defined as  $f(x) = x$

3. Which of the following functions are onto function if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(a)  $f(x) = 115x + 49$

(b)  $f(x) = |x|$

4. Which of the following functions are one-to-one functions ?

(a)  $f : \{20, 21, 22\} \rightarrow \{40, 42, 44\}$  defined as  $f(x) = 2x$

(b)  $f : \{7, 8, 9\} \rightarrow \{10\}$  defined as  $f(x) = 10$

(c)  $f : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as  $f(x) = x^3$

(d)  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as  $f(x) = 2 + x^4$

(d)  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined as  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$

5. Which of the following functions are many-to-one functions ?

(a)  $f : \{-2, -1, 1, 2\} \rightarrow \{2, 5\}$  defined as  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

(b)  $f : \{0, 1, 2\} \rightarrow \{1\}$  defined as  $f(x) = 1$

(c)

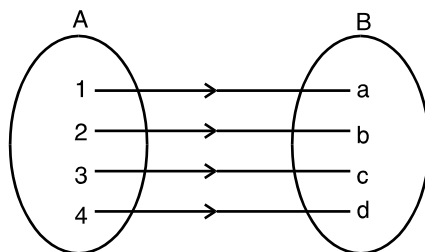


Fig.23.13

(d)  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined as  $f(x) = 5x + 7$

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**23.5 COMPOSITION OF FUNCTIONS**

Consider the two functions given below:

$$y = 2x + 1, \quad x \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$z = y + 1, \quad y \in \{3, 5, 7\}$$

Then  $z$  is the composition of two functions  $x$  and  $y$  because  $z$  is defined in terms of  $y$  and  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

Graphically one can represent this as given below :

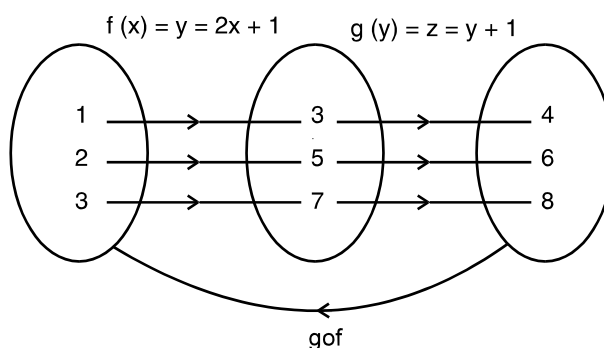


Fig. 23.18

The composition, say,  $g \circ f$  of function  $g$  and  $f$  is defined as function  $g$  of function  $f$ .

If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$

then  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$

Let  $f(x) = 3x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } fog(x) &= f(g(x)) = f(x^2 + 2) \\ &= 3(x^2 + 2) + 1 = 3x^2 + 7 \end{aligned} \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } (gof)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g(3x + 1) \\ &= (3x + 1)^2 + 2 = 9x^2 + 6x + 3 \end{aligned} \quad \text{(ii)}$$

Check from (i) and (ii), if

$$fog = gof$$

Evidently,  $fog \neq gof$

Similarly,  $(fof)(x) = f(f(x)) = f(3x + 1)$  [Read as function of function  $f$ ].

$$= 3(3x + 1) + 1 = 9x + 3 + 1 = 9x + 4$$

$(gog)(x) = g(g(x)) = g(x^2 + 2)$  [Read as function of function  $g$ ]

$$= (x^2 + 2)^2 + 2 = x^4 + 4x^2 + 4 + 2 = x^4 + 4x^2 + 6$$



**Example 23.6** If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 2$ , calculate  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ .

**Solution :**

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(x^2 + 2) = \sqrt{x^2 + 2 + 1} = \sqrt{x^2 + 3} \\ (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(\sqrt{x+1}) = (\sqrt{x+1})^2 + 2 = x + 1 + 2 = x + 3. \end{aligned}$$

Here again, we see that  $(f \circ g) \neq g \circ f$

**Example 23.7** If  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g : \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

Find  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ .

**Solution :**

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

Here we see that  $f \circ g = g \circ f$



**CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 23.3**

1. Find  $f \circ g$ ,  $g \circ f$ ,  $f \circ f$  and  $g \circ g$  for the following functions :

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2, \quad g(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad x \neq 1.$$

2. For each of the following functions write  $f \circ g$ ,  $g \circ f$ ,  $f \circ f$  and  $g \circ g$ .

(a)  $f(x) = x^2 - 4, \quad g(x) = 2x + 5$

(b)  $f(x) = x^2, \quad g(x) = 3$

(c)  $f(x) = 3x - 7, \quad g(x) = \frac{2}{x}, \quad x \neq 0$

3. Let  $f(x) = |x|$ ,  $g(x) = [x]$ . Verify that  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$ .

4. Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 3, \quad g(x) = x - 2$

Prove that  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$  and  $f\left(f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\right) = g\left(f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\right)$

5. If  $f(x) = x^2, \quad g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ . Show that  $f \circ g = g \circ f$ .

6. Let  $f(x) = |x|, \quad g(x) = (x)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad h(x) = \frac{1}{x}; \quad x \neq 0.$

Find (a)  $f \circ g$  (b)  $g \circ h$  (c)  $f \circ h$  (d)  $h \circ g$  (e)  $f \circ g \circ h$

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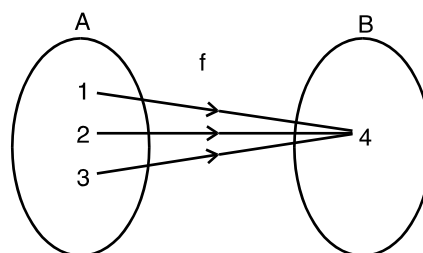
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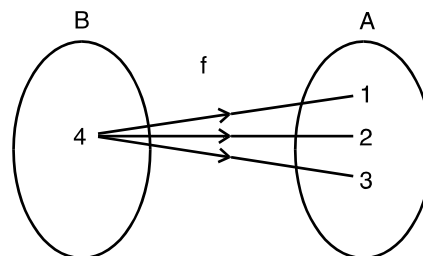
**23.6 INVERSE OF A FUNCTION**

(A) Consider the relation



**Fig. 23.19**

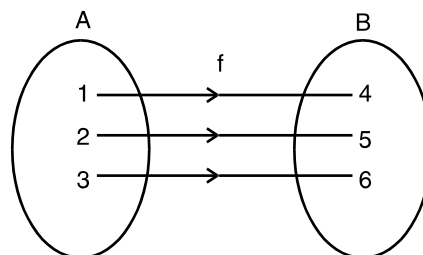
This is a many-to-one function. Now let us find the inverse of this relation. Pictorially, it can be represented as



**Fig 23.20**

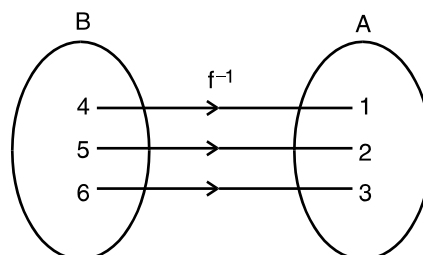
Clearly this relation does not represent a function. (Why ?)

(B) Now take another relation



**Fig.23.21**

It represents one-to-one onto function. Now let us find the inverse of this relation, which is represented pictorially as



**Fig. 23.22**



This represents a function. (C) Consider the relation

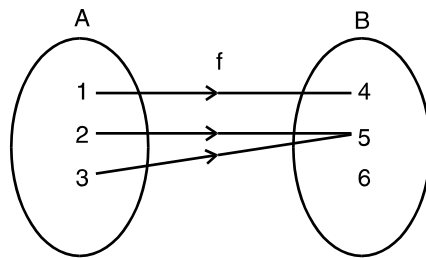


Fig. 23.23

It represents many-to-one function. Now find the inverse of the relation.

Pictorially it is represented as

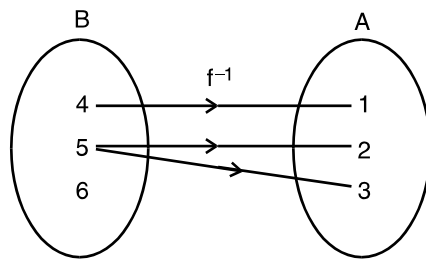


Fig. 23.24

This does not represent a function, because element 6 of set B is not associated with any element of A. Also note that the elements of B does not have a unique image.

(D) Let us take the following relation

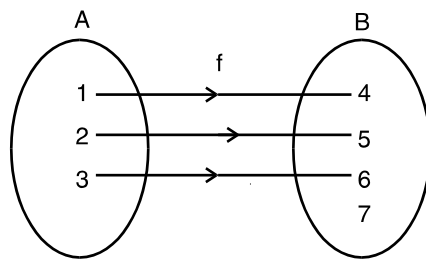


Fig. 23.25

It represent one-to-one into function. Find the inverse of the relation.

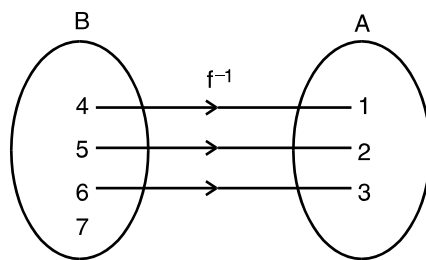


Fig. 23.26

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It does not represent a function because the element 7 of  $B$  is not associated with any element of  $A$ . From the above relations we see that we may or may not get a relation as a function when we find the inverse of a relation (function).

We see that the inverse of a function exists only if the function is one-to-one onto function i.e. only if it is a bijective function.



**CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 23.4**

1 (i) Show that the inverse of the function

$$y = 4x - 7 \text{ exists.}$$

(ii) Let  $f$  be a one-to-one and onto function with domain  $A$  and range  $B$ . Write the domain and range of its inverse function.

2. Find the inverse of each of the following functions (if it exists) :

(a)  $f(x) = x + 3 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

(b)  $f(x) = 1 - 3x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

(c)  $f(x) = x^2 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

(d)  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x}, \quad x \neq 0 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$

**23.7 BINARY OPERATIONS :**

Let  $A, B$  be two non-empty sets, then a function from  $A \times A$  to  $A$  is called a binary operation on  $A$ .

If a binary operation on  $A$  is denoted by  $*$ , the unique element of  $A$  associated with the ordered pair  $(a, b)$  of  $A \times A$  is denoted by  $a * b$ .

The order of the elements is taken into consideration, i.e. the elements associated with the pairs  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, a)$  may be different i.e.  $a * b$  may not be equal to  $b * a$ .

Let  $A$  be a non-empty set and  $*$  be an operation on  $A$ , then

1.  $A$  is said to be closed under the operation  $*$  iff for all  $a, b \in A$  implies  $a * b \in A$ .
2. The operation is said to be commutative iff  $a * b = b * a$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .
3. The operation is said to be associative iff  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .
4. An element  $e \in A$  is said to be an identity element iff  $e * a = a = a * e$
5. An element  $a \in A$  is called invertible iff there exists some  $b \in A$  such that  $a * b = e = b * a$ ,  $b$  is called inverse of  $a$ .



Note : If a non empty set A is closed under the operation \*, then operation \* is called a binary operation on A.

For example, let A be the set of all positive real numbers and ‘\*’ be an operation on A defined by  $a * b = \frac{ab}{3}$  for all  $a, b \in A$

For all  $a, b, c \in A$ , we have

(i)  $a * b = \frac{ab}{3}$  is a positive real number  $\Rightarrow$  A is closed under the given operation.

$\therefore$  \* is a binary operation on A.

(ii)  $a * b = \frac{ab}{3} = \frac{ba}{3} = b * a \Rightarrow$  the operation \* is commutative.

(iii)  $(a * b) * c = \frac{ab}{3} * c = \frac{\frac{ab}{3} \cdot c}{3} = \frac{abc}{9}$  and  $a * (b * c) = a * \frac{bc}{3} = \frac{a \cdot \frac{bc}{3}}{3} = \frac{abc}{9}$

$\Rightarrow (a * b) * c = a * (b * c) \Rightarrow$  the operation \* is associative.

(iv) There exists  $3 \in A$  such that  $3 * a = 3 \cdot \frac{a}{3} = a = \frac{a}{3} \cdot 3 = a * 3$

$\Rightarrow 3$  is an identity element.

(v) For every  $a \in A$ , there exists  $\frac{9}{a} \in A$  such that  $a * \frac{9}{a} = \frac{a \cdot \frac{9}{a}}{3} = 3$  and

$$\frac{9}{a} * a = \frac{\frac{9}{a} \cdot a}{3} = 3$$

$\Rightarrow a * \frac{9}{a} = 3 = \frac{9}{a} * a \Rightarrow$  every element of A is invertible, and inverse of a is  $\frac{9}{a}$



**CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 23.5**

1. Determine whether or not each of operation \* defined below is a binary operation.

(i)  $a * b = \frac{a + b}{2}, \forall a, b \in Z$

(ii)  $a * b = a^b, \forall a, b \in Z$

(iii)  $a * b = a^2 + 3b^2, \forall a, b \in R$

2. If  $A = \{1, 2\}$  find total number of binary operations on A.

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3. Let a binary operation ‘\*’ on  $\mathbb{Q}$  (set of all rational numbers) be defined as  $a * b = a + 2b$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Prove that

- (i) The given operation is not commutative.
- (ii) The given operation is not associative.

4. Let \* be the binary operation defined on  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  by  $a * b = \frac{ab}{3}$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+$  then find the inverse of  $4 * 6$ .

5. Let  $A = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and \* be the binary operation on A defined by  $(a, b) * (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$ . Show that \* is commutative and associative. Find the identity element of on A if any

6. A binary operation \* on  $\mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$  is defined by  $a * b = a + b + ab$ ; for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$ . Find identity element on  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Also find the inverse of an element in  $\mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$ .


**LET US SUM UP**

- Reflexive relation R in X is a relation with  $(a, a) \in R \forall a \in X$ .
- Symmetric relation R in X is a relation satisfying  $(a, b) \in R$  implies  $(b, a) \in R$ .
- Transitive relation R in X is a relation satisfying  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$  implies that  $(a, c) \in R$ .
- Equivalence relation R in X is a relation which is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
- If range is a subset of co-domain that function is called on into function.
- If  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , and  $f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow x = y$  that function is called one-one function.
- Any function is invertible if it is one-one-onto or bijective.
- If more than one element of A has only one image in to than function is called many one function.
- A binary operation \* on a set A is a function \* from  $A \times A$  to A.
- If  $a * b = b * a$  for all  $a, b \in A$ , then the operation is said to be commutative.
- If  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$ , then the operation is said to be associative.
- If  $e * a = a = a * e$  for all  $a \in A$ , then element  $e \in A$  is said to be an identity element.
- If  $a * b = e = b * a$  then a and b are inverse of each other
- A pair of elements grouped together in a particular order is called an a ordered pair.
- If  $n(A) = p$ ,  $n(B) = q$  then  $n(A \times B) = pq$
- $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(x, y, z) : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$





• In a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B$  is the codomain of  $f$ .

•  $f, g: X \rightarrow R$  and  $X \subset R$ , then

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x), (f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$

$$(f \cdot g)x = f(x) \cdot g(x), \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

• A real function has the set of real number or one of its subsets both as its domain and as its range.



**SUPPORTIVE WEBSITES**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/asguru/maths/13pure/02functions/06composite/index.shtml>

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/Composition.html>

<http://www.cut-the-knot.org/Curriculum/Algebra/BinaryColorDevice.shtml>

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/BinaryOperation.html>



**TERMINAL EXERCISE**

1. Write for each of the following functions fog, gof, fof, gog.

(a)  $f(x) = x^3$                        $g(x) = 4x - 1$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}, x \neq 0$                $g(x) = x^2 - 2x + 3$

(c)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 4}, x \geq 4$        $g(x) = x - 4$

(d)  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$                    $g(x) = x^2 + 1$

2. (a) Let  $f(x) = |x|$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}, x \neq 0$ ,  $h(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . Find fogoh

(b)  $f(x) = x^2 + 3$ ,  $g(x) = 2x^2 + 1$

Find fog(3) and gof(3).

3. Which of the following equations describe a function whose inverse exists :

(a)  $f(x) = |x|$                       (b)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}, x \geq 0$

(c)  $f(x) = x^2 - 1, x \geq 0$       (d)  $f(x) = \frac{3x - 5}{4}$       (e)  $f(x) = \frac{3x + 1}{x - 1}, x \neq 1$ .

4. If  $gof(x) = |\sin x|$  and  $gof(x) = (\sin \sqrt{x})^2$  then find  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$

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5. Let  $*$  be a binary operation on  $Q$  defined by  $a * b = \frac{a+b}{3}$  for all  $a, b \in Q$ , prove that  $*$  is commutative on  $Q$ .
6. Let  $*$  be a binary operation on on the set  $Q$  of rational numbers define by  $a * b = \frac{ab}{5}$  for all  $a, b \in Q$ , show that  $*$  is associative on  $Q$ .
7. Show that the relation  $R$  in the set of real numbers, defined as  $R = \{(a, b) : a \leq b^2\}$  is neither reflexive, nor symmetric nor transitive.
8. Check whether the relation  $R$  defined in the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  as  $R = \{(a, b) : b = a + 1\}$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
9. Show that the relation  $R$  in the set  $A$  defined as  $R = \{(a, b) \forall : a = b\}$   $a, b \in A$ , is equivalence relation.
10. Let  $A = N \times N$ ,  $N$  being the set of natural numbers. Let  $*$  :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  be defined as  $(a, b) * (c, d) = \{ad + bc, bd\}$  for all  $(a, b), (c, d) \in A$ . Show that
  - (i)  $*$  is commutative
  - (ii)  $*$  is associative
  - (iii) identity element w.r.t  $*$  does not exist.
11. Let  $*$  be a binary operation on the set  $N$  of natural numbers defined by the rule  $a * b = ab$  for all  $a, b \in N$ 
  - (i) Is  $*$  commutative? (ii) Is  $*$  associative?



**ANSWERS**

**CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 23.2**

1. (i) No (ii) Yes
2. (a), (b)
3. (a),
4. (a), (c), (e)
5. (a), (b)

**CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 23.3**

1.  $f \circ g = \frac{x^2}{(1-x)^2} + 2$ ,  $g \circ f = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 1}$   
 $f \circ f = x^4 + 4x^2 + 6$ ,  $g \circ g = x$
2. (a)  $f \circ g = 4x^2 + 20x + 21$ ,  $g \circ f = 2x^2 - 3$   
 $f \circ f = x^4 - 8x^2 + 12$ ,  $g \circ g = 4x + 15$   
 (b)  $f \circ g = 9$ ,  $g \circ f = 3$ ,  $f \circ f = x^4$ ,  $g \circ g = 3$   
 (c)  $f \circ g = \frac{6-7x}{x}$ ,  $g \circ f = \frac{2}{3x-7}$ ,  $f \circ f = 9x - 28$ ,  $g \circ g = x$
6. (a)  $f \circ g = \left| x^{\frac{1}{3}} \right|$  (b)  $g \circ h = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$  (c)  $f \circ h = \left| \frac{1}{x} \right|$   
 (d)  $h \circ g = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$  (e)  $f \circ g \circ h(1) = 1$

**CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 23.4**

1. (ii) Domain is B. Range is A.
2. (a)  $f^{-1}(x) = x - 3$  (b)  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1-x}{3}$   
 (c) Inverse does not exist. (d)  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$

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## CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 23.5

1. (i) No (ii) Yes (iii) Yes
2. 16
4.  $\frac{9}{8}$
5. (0,0)
6. identity = 0,  $a^{-1} = \frac{-a}{a+1}$

## TERMINAL EXERCISE

1. (a)  $fog = (4x-1)^3$ ,  $gof = 4x^3 - 1$ ,  $fog = x^9$ ,  $gog = 16x - 5$
- (b)  $fog = \frac{1}{(x^2 - 2x + 3)^2}$ ,  $gof = \frac{3x^4 - 2x^2 + 1}{x^4}$ ,  $fof = x^4$ ,  $gog = x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2$
- (c)  $fog = \sqrt{x-8}$ ,  $gof = \sqrt{x-4} - 4$ ,  $fof = \sqrt{\sqrt{x-4}-4} gog = x - 8$
- (d)  $fog = x^4 + 2x^2$ ,  $gof = x^4 - 2x^2 + 2$ ,  $fof = x^4 - 2x^2$ ,  $gog = x^4 + 2x^2 + 2$ ,
2. (a)  $\left| \frac{1}{x^{1/3}} \right|$ , (b)  $(fog)(3) = 364$ ,  $(gof)(3) = 289$
3. (c), (d), (e),
4.  $f(x) = \sin^2 x$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$
8. Neither reflexive, nor symmetric, nor transitive
9. Yes, R is an equivalence relation
11. (i) Not commutative