

Important Questions Class 12 Maths Chapter 1 Relations & Functions

Very Short Answer Questions [1 Mark Question]

Ques. If $R = \{ (a, a^3) : a \text{ is a prime number less than } 5 \}$ be a relation. Find the range of R. [Foreign 2014]

Ans. Given, $R = \{ (a, a^3) : a \text{ is a prime number less than } 5 \}$.

We know that 2 and 3 are the prime numbers less than 5.

Therefore, a can take values of 2 and 3.

$$R = \{ (2, 2^3), (3, 3^3) \} = \{ (2, 8), (3, 27) \}$$

Hence, the range of R is $\{8, 27\}$.

Ques. If $f: \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$ and $g: \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$ given by $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$ and $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$. Write down gof . [All India 2014]

Ans. The functions $f: \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$ and $g: \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$ are defined as,

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

$$\text{and, } g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$$

$$\text{gof}(1) = g(f(1)) = g(2) = 3 \text{ [since, } f(1) = 2 \text{ and } g(2) = 3]$$

$$\text{gof}(3) = g(f(3)) = g(5) = 1 \text{ [since, } f(3) = 5 \text{ and } g(5) = 1]$$

$$\text{gof}(4) = g(f(4)) = g(1) = 3 \text{ [since, } f(4) = 1 \text{ and } g(1) = 3]$$

Therefore, $\text{gof} = \{(1, 3), (3, 1), (4, 3)\}$.

Ques. Let R be the equivalence relation in the set $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ given by

$$R = \{ (a, b) : 2 \text{ divides } (a - b) \}. \text{ Write the equivalence class } [0]. \text{ [Delhi 2014]}$$

Ans. Given, $R = \{ (a, b) : 2 \text{ divides } (a - b) \}$. Here, all even integers are related to zero, i.e. $(0, 2)$,

$(0, 4)$.

Hence, the equivalence class of $[0] = \{2,4\}$.

Ques. If $A = \{1,2,3\}$, $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$ and $f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$ is a function from A to B. State whether f is one-one or not. [All India 2011]

Ans. Given, $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$

Now, $f: A \rightarrow B$ is defined as $f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$

Therefore, $f(1) = 4$, $f(2) = 5$ and $f(3) = 6$.

It is seen that the images of distinct elements of A under f are distinct. So, f is one-one.

Ques. If: $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = 3x + 2$, then define $f[f(x)]$. [Foreign 2011; Delhi 2010]

Ans. Given, $f(x) = 3x + 2$

Now, $f[f(x)] = f(3x + 2) = 3(3x + 2) + 2 = 9x + 6 + 2 = 9x + 8$.

Ques. Write fog, if $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are given by $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = |5x-2|$. [Foreign 2011].

Ans. Given, $f(x) = |x|$, $g(x) = 5x - 2$ Now, $f \circ g(x) = f[g(x)] = f\{|5x - 2|\}$

Short Answer Questions [2 Marks Questions]

Ques. If $R = \{(x, y) : x + 2y = 8\}$ is a relation on \mathbb{N} , then write the range of R. [All India 2014]

Ans. Given, the relation R is defined on the set of natural numbers, i.e.,

\mathbb{N} as $R = \{(x, y) : x + 2y = 8\}$

To find the range of R, $x + 2y = 8$ can be rewritten as $y = 8 - x/2$

On putting $x = 2$, we get $y = 8 - 2/2 = 3$

On putting $x = 4$, we get $y = 2$

On putting $x = 6$, we get $y = 1$

As, $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$, then $R = \{(2, 3) (4, 2) (6, 1)\}$. Hence, the range of relation is $\{3, 2, 1\}$.

Ques. If f is an invertible function, defined as $f(x) = 3x - 4 / 5$ then write $f^{-1}(x)$. [Foreign 2010]

Ans. We are given $f(x)=3x-4/5$ which is invertible.

Let,

$$y= 3x - 4/ 5$$

$$5y = 3x - 4$$

$$X= 5y + 4/ 3$$

$$f^{-1} (y) = 5y + 3/ 3 \text{ and } f(x)= 5x +4/ 3$$

Ques.Show that the Signum Function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by

$f(x)=\{ 1 \text{ for } x \text{ greater than } 0$

$0 \text{ for } x=0 \text{ is neither one-one nor onto}$

$-1 \text{ for } x \text{ less than } 0$

Ans. In the given function $f(x)=\{ 1 \text{ for } x \text{ greater than } 0$

$0 \text{ for } x=0 \text{ is neither one-one nor onto}$

$-1 \text{ for } x \text{ less than } 0$

the value of $f(x)$ is defined only for when $x= -1, 0, 1$.

For any other real number, say $y=2$, there is no corresponding element x . Therefore, the function is not an **onto function**.

Also, for any value of x , say f_1 or f_2 , the value will be the same image, that is, 1, 0, or -1. Therefore, it is not a one to one function.

Hence, the given function is neither a one-one function nor an onto function.

Ques. State whether the function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ given by $f(x) = 5x$ is injective, surjective or both. [All India 2008C, HOTS]

Ans. $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is given by $f(x) = 5x$

Let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\therefore 5x_1 = 5x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$\therefore f$ is a one-one, or, an injective function.

Now, let $y=f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow y=5x$$

For $y=1$, x does not belong to N .

Therefore, the function is not an onto or surjective function.

Ques. If $f: R \rightarrow R$ is defined by $f(x) = (3-x^3)^{1/3}$, then find $f \circ f(x)$. [All India 2010]

Ans. Given, function is $f: R \rightarrow R$ such that,

$$f(x) = (3-x^3)^{1/3}$$

$$\text{Now, } f \circ f(x) = f[f(x)] = f[(3-x^3)^{1/3}]$$

$$= [3-\{(3-x^3)^{1/3}\}^3]^{1/3}$$

$$= [3-(3-x^3)]^{1/3} = (x^3)^{1/3}$$

$$= x$$

Long Answer Questions [3 Marks Questions]

Ques. If $f: R \rightarrow R$ is defined by $f(x)=x^2-3x+2$, find $f(f(x))$. [NCERT, MISC]

Ans. Given, $f(x)=x^2-3x+2$.

$$\Rightarrow f(f(x)) = f(x)^2-3f(x) + 2.$$

$$=(x^2-3x+2)^2-3(x^2-3x+2)+2$$

Using $(a-b+c)^2=a^2 + b^2+c^2-2ab + 2ac-2ab$

$$= (x^2)^2 + (3x)^2 + 2^2- 2x2(3x) + 2x^2(2) - 2x^2(3x) - 3(x^2-3x+2) + 2$$

$$=x^4 + 9x^2 + 4- 6x^3 - 12x + 4x^2 - 3x^2 +9x -6 + 2$$

$$=x^4 - 6x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x^2 - 3x^2 - 12x + 9x - 6 + 2 + 4$$

$$=x^4 - 6x^3 + 10x^2 - 3x.$$

Ques. Given a non empty set X , consider $P(X)$ which is the set of all subsets of X .

Define the relation R in $P(X)$ as follows: For subsets A, B in $P(X)$, $A R B$ if and only if $A \subset B$. Is R an equivalence relation on $P(X)$? Justify you answer.

Ans. $A R B$ means $A \subset B$

Here, relation is

$R = \{(A, B) : A \text{ \& B are sets, } A \subset B\}$

Reflexive

Since every set is a subset of itself,

This implies, $A \subset A$

$\Rightarrow (A, A) \in R.$

Therefore, R is reflexive.

Symmetric

To check whether symmetric or not,

If $(A, B) \in R$, then $(B, A) \in R$

If $(A, B) \in R$,

Then, $A \subset B.$

But, $B \subset A$ is not true

As all elements of A are in B , therefore, $A \subset B.$

But all elements of B are not in $A.$

So $B \subset A$ is not true.

Therefore, R is not symmetric.

Transitive

Since $(A, B) \in R$ & $(B, C) \in R$

If, $A \subset B$ and $B \subset C$, then $A \subset C.$

$\Rightarrow (A, C) \in R$

So, If $(A, B) \in R$ & $(B, C) \in R$, then $(A, C) \in R$

Therefore, R is transitive.

Hence, R is reflexive and transitive but not symmetric.

Therefore, R is not an equivalence relation since it is not symmetric.

Ques. Show that the relation R in the set {1, 2, 3} given by $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 3)\}$ is reflexive but neither symmetric nor transitive.

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

Reflexive

If the relation is reflexive, then $(a, a) \in R$ for every $a \in \{1, 2, 3\}$.

Since $(1, 1) \in R$, $(2, 2) \in R$ & $(3, 3) \in R$.

Therefore, R is reflexive

Symmetric

To check whether symmetric or not, If $(a, b) \in R$, then $(b, a) \in R$.

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

Therefore, R is not symmetric.

Transitive

To check whether transitive or not,

If $(a, b) \in R$ & $(b, c) \in R$, then $(a, c) \in R$.

Here, $(1, 2) \in R$ and $(2, 3) \in R$ but $(1, 3) \notin R$.

Therefore, R is not transitive.

Hence, R is reflexive but neither symmetric nor transitive.

Very Long Answer Questions [5 Marks Questions]

Ques. If $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are two functions defined as $f(x) = |x| + x$ and $g(x) = |x| - x$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, then, find fog and gof. [India 2014]

Ans. Here,

$$f(x) = |x| + x \text{ and } g(x) = |x| - x$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$-x+x, \text{ if } x < 0$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$0, \text{ if } x < 0$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x-x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x-x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$-x-x, \text{ if } x < 0$$

or

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -2x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$-2x, \text{ if } x < 0$$

$$\text{Thus for } x \geq 0, (g \circ f)(x) = g(2x) = 0$$

$$\text{and for } x < 0, (g \circ f)(x) = g(0) = 0$$

or

$$(g \circ f)(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Thus for } x \geq 0, (f \circ g)(x) = f(0) = 2(0) = 0$$

$$\text{and for } x < 0,$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(-2x) = -4x$$

or

$$(f \circ g)(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -4x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$-4x, \text{ if } x < 0$$

Ques. If $A = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$ and $B = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$. Consider the function $f: A \rightarrow B$ defined by $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$ for

all $x \in A$. Then show that f is bijective. Find $f^{-1}(x)$. [Delhi 2012, 2014]

Ans. Given, function is $f: A \rightarrow B$, where $A = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$

and $B = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$, such that $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$.

For One-one

Let $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$, for all $x_1, x_2 \in A$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_2 - 2}{x_1 - 3} = \frac{x_2 - 2}{x_2 - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - 2)(x_2 - 3) = (x_1 - 2)(x_2 - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 x_2 - 3x_1 - 2x_2 + 6 = x_1 x_2 - 3x_1 - 2x_2 + 6$$

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

$$-3(x_1 - x_2) + 2(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$-(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

This implies, $x_1 = x_2$.

Since, $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in A.$$

So, $f(x)$ is a one-one function.

Onto

To show $f(x)$ is onto, we show that range of $f(x)$ and its codomain are same.

Now,

$$\text{let. } y = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$$

$$\text{or, } xy - 3y = x - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow xy - x = 3y - 2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3y-2}{y-1} \dots\dots \text{Eqn (1)}$$

Since, $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$, for all $y \in \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$, the range of $f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$.

Also, the given codomain of $f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$

Therefore, Range = Codomain.

Hence, $f(x)$ is an onto function.

Therefore, $f(x)$ is a **bijective function**.

From Eq. (i), we get,

$$f^{-1}(y) = 3y - 2 / y - 1$$

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

which is the inverse function of $f(x)$.

Ques. If $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$ and R be the relation in $A \times A$ defined by $(a, b) R (c, d)$. If $a + d = b + c$ for $(a, b), (c, d)$ in $A \times A$. Prove that R is an equivalence relation, Also, obtain the equivalence class $[(2, 5)]$. [Delhi 2014]

Ans. Given, relation R defined by $(a, b) R (c, d)$, if $a + d = b + c$ for $(a, b), (c, d)$ in $A \times A$.

Here, $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$

We observe the following properties on R :

Reflexive

Let $(1, 2)$ be an element of $A \times A$.

Then, $(1, 2)$ belongs to $A \times A$

This implies, $(1, 2)$ belongs to A

Or, $1 + 2 = 2 + 1$ [since, addition is commutative]

Or, $(1, 2) R (1, 2)$

Thus, $(1, 2) R (1, 2)$, for all $(1, 2)$ belonging to

$A \times A$.

So, R is reflexive on $A \times A$.

Symmetric

Let $(1, 2), (3, 4) \in A \times A$ such that $(1, 2) R (3, 4)$.

Then, $1 + 4 = 2 + 3$

$\Rightarrow 3 + 2 = 4 + 1$ [since, addition is commutative]

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

Thus, $(1, 2) R (3, 4)$

$\Rightarrow (3, 4) R (1, 2)$, for all $(1, 2), (3, 4)$ belonging to $A \times A$

So, R is symmetric on $A \times A$.

Transitive

Let $(1, 2), (3, 4), (5, 6) \in A \times A$ such that

$(1, 2) R (3, 4)$ and $(3, 4) R (5, 6)$.

Then,

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

Or, $1+4=2+3$

Or, $(3, 4) R (5, 6)$

Or, $3+6=4+5$

This implies, $(1+4) + 3+ 6 = (2+3)+(4+5)$

or, $1+6=2+5 = (1, 2) R (5, 6)$

Thus, $(1, 2) R (3, 4)$ and $(3, 4) R (5, 6)$

$\Rightarrow (1, 2) R (5, 6), (1, 2), (3, 4), (5, 6) \in A \times A$

So, R is transitive on $A \times A$.

Hence, it is an equivalence relation on $A \times A$.

Ques. If Z is the set of all integers and R is the relation on Z defined as $R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in Z \text{ and } a - b \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$. Prove that R is an equivalence relation. [Delhi 2010, HOTS]

Ans. The given relation is $R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in Z \text{ and } a - b \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$. We shall prove that R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

(i) Reflexive

As for any $x \in Z$, we have $x - x = 0$ and 0 is divisible by 5.

$\Rightarrow (x-x)$ is divisible by 5.

$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in R$ for all $x \in Z$.

Therefore, R is reflexive.

(ii) Symmetric

As $(x, y) \in R$, where $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$\Rightarrow (x - y)$ is divisible by 5. [by definition of R]

$\Rightarrow x - y = 5A$ for some $A \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow y - x = 5(-A)$

$\Rightarrow (y - x)$ is also divisible by 5

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

Therefore, R is symmetric.

iii) Transitive

As $(x, y) \in R$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow (x - y)$ is divisible by 5.

$\Rightarrow x - y = 5A$ for some $A \in \mathbb{Z}$

Again, for $(y, z) \in R$, where $y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow (y - z)$ is divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow y - z = 5B$ for some $B \in \mathbb{Z}$

$(y - z)$ is divisible by 5

Now, $(x - y) + (y - z) = 5A + 5B$.

$\Rightarrow x - z = 5(A + B)$

$\Rightarrow (x - z)$ is divisible by 5 for some $A + B \in \mathbb{Z}$

Therefore, R is transitive.

Thus, R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. Hence, it is an equivalence relation.

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