

# RELATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

## 1.1 Overview

### 1.1.1 Relation

A relation  $R$  from a non-empty set  $A$  to a non empty set  $B$  is a subset of the Cartesian product  $A \times B$ . The set of all first elements of the ordered pairs in a relation  $R$  from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  is called the domain of the relation  $R$ . The set of all second elements in a relation  $R$  from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  is called the range of the relation  $R$ . The whole set  $B$  is called the codomain of the relation  $R$ . Note that range is always a subset of codomain.

### 1.1.2 Types of Relations

A relation  $R$  in a set  $A$  is subset of  $A \times A$ . Thus empty set  $\phi$  and  $A \times A$  are two extreme relations.

- (i) A relation  $R$  in a set  $A$  is called empty relation, if no element of  $A$  is related to any element of  $A$ , i.e.,  $R = \phi \subset A \times A$ .
- (ii) A relation  $R$  in a set  $A$  is called universal relation, if each element of  $A$  is related to every element of  $A$ , i.e.,  $R = A \times A$ .
- (iii) A relation  $R$  in  $A$  is said to be reflexive if  $aRa$  for all  $a \in A$ ,  $R$  is symmetric if  $aRb \Rightarrow bRa$ ,  $\forall a, b \in A$  and it is said to be transitive if  $aRb$  and  $bRc \Rightarrow aRc$   $\forall a, b, c \in A$ . Any relation which is reflexive, symmetric and transitive is called an equivalence relation.

**Note:** An important property of an equivalence relation is that it divides the set into pairwise disjoint subsets called equivalent classes whose collection is called a partition of the set. Note that the union of all equivalence classes gives the whole set.

### 1.1.3 Types of Functions

- (i) A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is defined to be one-one (or injective), if the images of distinct elements of  $X$  under  $f$  are distinct, i.e.,  
$$x_1, x_2 \in X, f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2.$$
- (ii) A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be onto (or surjective), if every element of  $Y$  is the image of some element of  $X$  under  $f$ , i.e., for every  $y \in Y$  there exists an element  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

- (iii) A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be one-one and onto (or bijective), if  $f$  is both one-one and onto.

#### 1.1.4 Composition of Functions

- (i) Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be two functions. Then, the composition of  $f$  and  $g$ , denoted by  $g \circ f$ , is defined as the function  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  given by

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

- (ii) If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  are one-one, then  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  is also one-one  
 (iii) If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  are onto, then  $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  is also onto.  
 However, converse of above stated results (ii) and (iii) need not be true. Moreover, we have the following results in this direction.  
 (iv) Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be the given functions such that  $g \circ f$  is one-one. Then  $f$  is one-one.  
 (v) Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be the given functions such that  $g \circ f$  is onto. Then  $g$  is onto.

#### 1.1.5 Invertible Function

- (i) A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is defined to be invertible, if there exists a function  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $g \circ f = I_x$  and  $f \circ g = I_y$ . The function  $g$  is called the inverse of  $f$  and is denoted by  $f^{-1}$ .  
 (ii) A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is invertible if and only if  $f$  is a bijective function.  
 (iii) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  and  $h: Z \rightarrow S$  are functions, then  $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$ .  
 (iv) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be two invertible functions. Then  $g \circ f$  is also invertible with  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$ .

#### 1.1.6 Binary Operations

- (i) A binary operation  $*$  on a set  $A$  is a function  $*$  :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ . We denote  $*$  ( $a, b$ ) by  $a * b$ .  
 (ii) A binary operation  $*$  on the set  $X$  is called commutative, if  $a * b = b * a$  for every  $a, b \in X$ .  
 (iii) A binary operation  $*$  :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is said to be associative if  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ , for every  $a, b, c \in A$ .  
 (iv) Given a binary operation  $*$  :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ , an element  $e \in A$ , if it exists, is called identity for the operation  $*$ , if  $a * e = a = e * a$ ,  $\forall a \in A$ .

- (v) Given a binary operation  $*$  :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ , with the identity element  $e$  in  $A$ , an element  $a \in A$ , is said to be invertible with respect to the operation  $*$ , if there exists an element  $b$  in  $A$  such that  $a * b = e = b * a$  and  $b$  is called the inverse of  $a$  and is denoted by  $a^{-1}$ .

## 1.2 Solved Examples

### Short Answer (S.A.)

**Example 1** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$R = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 3), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 0), (3, 3)\}.$$

Is  $R$  reflexive? symmetric? transitive?

**Solution**  $R$  is reflexive and symmetric, but not transitive since for  $(1, 0) \in R$  and  $(0, 3) \in R$  whereas  $(1, 3) \notin R$ .

**Example 2** For the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , define a relation  $R$  in the set  $A$  as follows:

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

Write the ordered pairs to be added to  $R$  to make it the smallest equivalence relation.

**Solution**  $(3, 1)$  is the single ordered pair which needs to be added to  $R$  to make it the smallest equivalence relation.

**Example 3** Let  $R$  be the equivalence relation in the set  $\mathbf{Z}$  of integers given by  $R = \{(a, b) : 2 \text{ divides } a - b\}$ . Write the equivalence class  $[0]$ .

**Solution**  $[0] = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots\}$

**Example 4** Let the function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 4x - 1$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then, show that  $f$  is one-one.

**Solution** For any two elements  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 - 1 &= 4x_2 - 1 \\ \Rightarrow 4x_1 &= 4x_2, \text{ i.e., } x_1 = x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is one-one.

**Example 5** If  $f = \{(5, 2), (6, 3)\}$ ,  $g = \{(2, 5), (3, 6)\}$ , write  $f \circ g$ .

**Solution**  $f \circ g = \{(2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

**Example 6** Let  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = 4x - 3$   $\forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then write  $f^{-1}$ .

**Solution** Given that  $f(x) = 4x - 3 = y$  (say), then

$$4x = y + 3$$

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

$$\text{Hence } f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y+3}{4} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+3}{4}$$

**Example 7** Is the binary operation  $*$  defined on  $\mathbf{Z}$  (set of integer) by  $m * n = m - n + mn \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbf{Z}$  commutative?

**Solution** No. Since for  $1, 2 \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $1 * 2 = 1 - 2 + 1 \cdot 2 = 1$  while  $2 * 1 = 2 - 1 + 2 \cdot 1 = 3$  so that  $1 * 2 \neq 2 * 1$ .

**Example 8** If  $f = \{(5, 2), (6, 3)\}$  and  $g = \{(2, 5), (3, 6)\}$ , write the range of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Solution** The range of  $f = \{2, 3\}$  and the range of  $g = \{5, 6\}$ .

**Example 9** If  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $f, g$  are relations corresponding to the subset of  $A \times A$  indicated against them, which of  $f, g$  is a function? Why?

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

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

**Solution**  $f$  is a function since each element of  $A$  in the first place in the ordered pairs is related to only one element of  $A$  in the second place while  $g$  is not a function because 1 is related to more than one element of  $A$ , namely, 2 and 3.

**Example 10** If  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $f = \{(a, b), (b, d), (c, a), (d, c)\}$ , show that  $f$  is one-one from  $A$  onto  $A$ . Find  $f^{-1}$ .

**Solution**  $f$  is one-one since each element of  $A$  is assigned to distinct element of the set  $A$ . Also,  $f$  is onto since  $f(A) = A$ . Moreover,  $f^{-1} = \{(b, a), (d, b), (a, c), (c, d)\}$ .

**Example 11** In the set  $\mathbf{N}$  of natural numbers, define the binary operation  $*$  by  $m * n = g.c.d(m, n)$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Is the operation  $*$  commutative and associative?

**Solution** The operation is clearly commutative since

$$m * n = g.c.d(m, n) = g.c.d(n, m) = n * m \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbf{N}.$$

It is also associative because for  $l, m, n \in \mathbf{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} l * (m * n) &= g.c.d(l, g.c.d(m, n)) \\ &= g.c.d.(g.c.d(l, m), n) \\ &= (l * m) * n. \end{aligned}$$

**Long Answer (L.A.)**

**Example 12** In the set of natural numbers  $\mathbf{N}$ , define a relation  $R$  as follows:  $\forall n, m \in \mathbf{N}, nRm$  if on division by 5 each of the integers  $n$  and  $m$  leaves the remainder less than 5, i.e. one of the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Show that  $R$  is equivalence relation. Also, obtain the pairwise disjoint subsets determined by  $R$ .

**Solution**  $R$  is reflexive since for each  $a \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $aRa$ .  $R$  is symmetric since if  $aRb$ , then  $bRa$  for  $a, b \in \mathbf{N}$ . Also,  $R$  is transitive since for  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{N}$ , if  $aRb$  and  $bRc$ , then  $aRc$ . Hence  $R$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathbf{N}$  which will partition the set  $\mathbf{N}$  into the pairwise disjoint subsets. The equivalent classes are as mentioned below:

$$A_0 = \{5, 10, 15, 20, \dots\}$$

$$A_1 = \{1, 6, 11, 16, 21, \dots\}$$

$$A_2 = \{2, 7, 12, 17, 22, \dots\}$$

$$A_3 = \{3, 8, 13, 18, 23, \dots\}$$

$$A_4 = \{4, 9, 14, 19, 24, \dots\}$$

It is evident that the above five sets are pairwise disjoint and

$$A_0 \cup A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup A_4 = \bigcup_{i=0}^4 A_i = \mathbf{N}.$$

**Example 13** Show that the function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1}, \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ , is neither one-one nor onto.

**Solution** For  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ , consider

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \text{ or } x_1 x_2 = 1$$

We note that there are point,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$  and  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , for instance, if we take  $x_1 = 2$  and  $x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ , then we have  $f(x_1) = \frac{2}{5}$  and  $f(x_2) = \frac{2}{5}$  but  $2 \neq \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence  $f$  is not one-one. Also,  $f$  is not onto for if so then for  $1 \in \mathbf{R} \exists x \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $f(x) = 1$

which gives  $\frac{x}{x^2+1}=1$ . But there is no such  $x$  in the domain  $\mathbf{R}$ , since the equation  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$  does not give any real value of  $x$ .

**Example 14** Let  $f, g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be two functions defined as  $f(x) = |x| + x$  and  $g(x) = |x| - x \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then, find  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ .

**Solution** Here  $f(x) = |x| + x$  which can be redefined as

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

Similarly, the function  $g$  defined by  $g(x) = |x| - x$  may be redefined as

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

Therefore,  $g \circ f$  gets defined as :

For  $x \geq 0$ ,  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(2x) = 0$

and for  $x < 0$ ,  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(0) = 0$ .

Consequently, we have  $(g \circ f)(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ .

Similarly,  $f \circ g$  gets defined as:

For  $x \geq 0$ ,  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(0) = 0$ ,

and for  $x < 0$ ,  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(-2x) = -4x$ .

$$\text{i.e. } (f \circ g)(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > 0 \\ -4x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

**Example 15** Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the set of real numbers and  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = 4x + 5$ . Show that  $f$  is invertible and find  $f^{-1}$ .

**Solution** Here the function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined as  $f(x) = 4x + 5 = y$  (say). Then

$$4x = y - 5 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{y-5}{4}.$$

This leads to a function  $g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined as

$$g(y) = \frac{y-5}{4}.$$

Therefore,  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(4x+5)$

$$= \frac{4x+5-5}{4} = x$$

or  $g \circ f = I_{\mathbf{R}}$

Similarly  $(f \circ g)(y) = f(g(y))$

$$\begin{aligned} &= f\left(\frac{y-5}{4}\right) \\ &= 4\left(\frac{y-5}{4}\right) + 5 = y \end{aligned}$$

or  $f \circ g = I_{\mathbf{R}}$ .

Hence  $f$  is invertible and  $f^{-1} = g$  which is given by

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

**Example 16** Let  $*$  be a binary operation defined on  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Find which of the following binary operations are associative

- (i)  $a * b = a - b$  for  $a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$ .
- (ii)  $a * b = \frac{ab}{4}$  for  $a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$ .
- (iii)  $a * b = a - b + ab$  for  $a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$ .
- (iv)  $a * b = ab^2$  for  $a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$ .

**Solution**

(i)  $*$  is not associative for if we take  $a = 1, b = 2$  and  $c = 3$ , then

$$(a * b) * c = (1 * 2) * 3 = (1 - 2) * 3 = -1 - 3 = -4 \text{ and}$$

$$a * (b * c) = 1 * (2 * 3) = 1 * (2 - 3) = 1 - (-1) = 2.$$

Thus  $(a * b) * c \neq a * (b * c)$  and hence  $*$  is not associative.

(ii)  $*$  is associative since  $\mathbf{Q}$  is associative with respect to multiplication.

(iii)  $*$  is not associative for if we take  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$  and  $c = 4$ , then

$$(a * b) * c = (2 * 3) * 4 = (2 - 3 + 6) * 4 = 5 * 4 = 5 - 4 + 20 = 21, \text{ and}$$

$$a * (b * c) = 2 * (3 * 4) = 2 * (3 - 4 + 12) = 2 * 11 = 2 - 11 + 22 = 13$$

Thus  $(a * b) * c \neq a * (b * c)$  and hence  $*$  is not associative.

(iv)  $*$  is not associative for if we take  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $(a * b) * c = (1 * 2) * 3 = 4 * 3 = 4 \times 9 = 36$  and  $a * (b * c) = 1 * (2 * 3) = 1 * 18 = 1 \times 18^2 = 324$ .

Thus  $(a * b) * c \neq a * (b * c)$  and hence  $*$  is not associative.

### Objective Type Questions

Choose the correct answer from the given four options in each of the Examples 17 to 25.

**Example 17** Let  $R$  be a relation on the set  $\mathbf{N}$  of natural numbers defined by  $nRm$  if  $n$  divides  $m$ . Then  $R$  is

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| (A) Reflexive and symmetric | (B) Transitive and symmetric                |
| (C) Equivalence             | (D) Reflexive, transitive but not symmetric |

**Solution** The correct choice is (D).

Since  $n$  divides  $n$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $R$  is reflexive.  $R$  is not symmetric since for  $3, 6 \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $3R6 \neq 6R3$ .  $R$  is transitive since for  $n, m, r$  whenever  $n/m$  and  $m/r \Rightarrow n/r$ , i.e.,  $n$  divides  $m$  and  $m$  divides  $r$ , then  $n$  will divide  $r$ .

**Example 18** Let  $L$  denote the set of all straight lines in a plane. Let a relation  $R$  be defined by  $lRm$  if and only if  $l$  is perpendicular to  $m \forall l, m \in L$ . Then  $R$  is

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| (A) reflexive  | (B) symmetric     |
| (C) transitive | (D) none of these |

**Solution** The correct choice is (B).

**Example 19** Let  $\mathbf{N}$  be the set of natural numbers and the function  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  be defined by  $f(n) = 2n + 3 \forall n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Then  $f$  is

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| (A) surjective | (B) injective     |
| (C) bijective  | (D) none of these |

**Solution** (B) is the correct option.

**Example 20** Set  $A$  has 3 elements and the set  $B$  has 4 elements. Then the number of



injective mappings that can be defined from A to B is

- (A) 144 (B) 12  
(C) 24 (D) 64

**Solution** The correct choice is (C). The total number of injective mappings from the set containing 3 elements into the set containing 4 elements is  ${}^4P_3 = 4! = 24$ .

**Example 21** Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \sin x$  and  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $g(x) = x^2$ , then  $f \circ g$  is

- (A)  $x^2 \sin x$  (B)  $(\sin x)^2$   
(C)  $\sin x^2$  (D)  $\frac{\sin x}{x^2}$

**Solution** (C) is the correct choice.

**Example 22** Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 3x - 4$ . Then  $f^{-1}(x)$  is given by

- (A)  $\frac{x+4}{3}$  (B)  $\frac{x}{3} - 4$   
(C)  $3x + 4$  (D) None of these

**Solution** (A) is the correct choice.

**Example 23** Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ . Then, pre-images of 17 and  $-3$ , respectively, are

- (A)  $\phi, \{4, -4\}$  (B)  $\{3, -3\}, \phi$   
(C)  $\{4, -4\}, \phi$  (D)  $\{4, -4, \{2, -2\}\}$

**Solution** (C) is the correct choice since for  $f^{-1}(17) = x \Rightarrow f(x) = 17$  or  $x^2 + 1 = 17 \Rightarrow x = \pm 4$  or  $f^{-1}(17) = \{4, -4\}$  and for  $f^{-1}(-3) = x \Rightarrow f(x) = -3 \Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = -3 \Rightarrow x^2 = -4$  and hence  $f^{-1}(-3) = \phi$ .

**Example 24** For real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , define  $xRy$  if and only if  $x - y + \sqrt{2}$  is an irrational number. Then the relation R is

- (A) reflexive (B) symmetric  
(C) transitive (D) none of these

**Solution** (A) is the correct choice.

Fill in the blanks in each of the Examples 25 to 30.

**Example 25** Consider the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and R be the smallest equivalence relation on A, then  $R =$  \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Example 26** The domain of the function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 2}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution** Here  $x^2 - 3x + 2 \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x - 1)(x - 2) \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x \leq 1$  or  $x \geq 2$

Hence the domain of  $f = (-\infty, 1] \cup [2, \infty)$

**Example 27** Consider the set  $A$  containing  $n$  elements. Then, the total number of injective functions from  $A$  onto itself is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution**  $n!$

**Example 28** Let  $\mathbf{Z}$  be the set of integers and  $R$  be the relation defined in  $\mathbf{Z}$  such that  $aRb$  if  $a - b$  is divisible by 3. Then  $R$  partitions the set  $\mathbf{Z}$  into \_\_\_\_\_ pairwise disjoint subsets.

**Solution** Three.

**Example 29** Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the set of real numbers and  $*$  be the binary operation defined on  $\mathbf{R}$  as  $a * b = a + b - ab \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then, the identity element with respect to the binary operation  $*$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution** 0 is the identity element with respect to the binary operation  $*$ .

State **True** or **False** for the statements in each of the Examples 30 to 34.

**Example 30** Consider the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and the relation  $R = \{(1, 2), (1, 3)\}$ .  $R$  is a transitive relation.

**Solution** True.

**Example 31** Let  $A$  be a finite set. Then, each injective function from  $A$  into itself is not surjective.

**Solution** False.

**Example 32** For sets  $A, B$  and  $C$ , let  $f: A \rightarrow B, g: B \rightarrow C$  be functions such that  $g \circ f$  is injective. Then both  $f$  and  $g$  are injective functions.

**Solution** False.

**Example 33** For sets  $A, B$  and  $C$ , let  $f: A \rightarrow B, g: B \rightarrow C$  be functions such that  $g \circ f$  is surjective. Then  $g$  is surjective

**Solution** True.

**Example 34** Let  $\mathbf{N}$  be the set of natural numbers. Then, the binary operation  $*$  in  $\mathbf{N}$  defined as  $a * b = a + b$ ,  $\forall a, b \in \mathbf{N}$  has identity element.

**Solution** False.

### 1.3 EXERCISE

#### Short Answer (S.A.)

1. Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  and the relation  $R$  be defined on  $A$  as follows:

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

Then, write minimum number of ordered pairs to be added in  $R$  to make  $R$  reflexive and transitive.

2. Let  $D$  be the domain of the real valued function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{25-x^2}$ . Then, write  $D$ .
3. Let  $f, g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ , respectively. Then, find  $g \circ f$ .
4. Let  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = 2x - 3$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . write  $f^{-1}$ .
5. If  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and the function  $f = \{(a, b), (b, d), (c, a), (d, c)\}$ , write  $f^{-1}$ .
6. If  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ , write  $f(f(x))$ .
7. Is  $g = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 5), (4, 7)\}$  a function? If  $g$  is described by  $g(x) = \alpha x + \beta$ , then what value should be assigned to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .
8. Are the following set of ordered pairs functions? If so, examine whether the mapping is injective or surjective.  
 (i)  $\{(x, y) : x \text{ is a person, } y \text{ is the mother of } x\}$ .  
 (ii)  $\{(a, b) : a \text{ is a person, } b \text{ is an ancestor of } a\}$ .
9. If the mappings  $f$  and  $g$  are given by  $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(2, 3), (5, 1), (1, 3)\}$ , write  $f \circ g$ .
10. Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be the set of complex numbers. Prove that the mapping  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by  $f(z) = |z|$ ,  $\forall z \in \mathbf{C}$ , is neither one-one nor onto.
11. Let the function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \cos x$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is neither one-one nor onto.
12. Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{4, 5\}$ . Find whether the following subsets of  $X \times Y$  are functions from  $X$  to  $Y$  or not.  
 (i)  $f = \{(1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 4), (3, 5)\}$  (ii)  $g = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$   
 (iii)  $h = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 5)\}$  (iv)  $k = \{(1, 4), (2, 5)\}$ .
13. If functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  satisfy  $g \circ f = I_A$ , then show that  $f$  is one-one and  $g$  is onto.

14. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2 - \cos x} \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then, find the range of  $f$ .
15. Let  $n$  be a fixed positive integer. Define a relation  $R$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$  as follows:  $\forall a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $aRb$  if and only if  $a - b$  is divisible by  $n$ . Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

### Long Answer (L.A.)

16. If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , define relations on  $A$  which have properties of being:
- reflexive, transitive but not symmetric
  - symmetric but neither reflexive nor transitive
  - reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
17. Let  $R$  be relation defined on the set of natural number  $\mathbf{N}$  as follows:  
 $R = \{(x, y): x \in \mathbf{N}, y \in \mathbf{N}, 2x + y = 41\}$ . Find the domain and range of the relation  $R$ . Also verify whether  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
18. Given  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Construct an example of each of the following:
- an injective mapping from  $A$  to  $B$
  - a mapping from  $A$  to  $B$  which is not injective
  - a mapping from  $B$  to  $A$ .
19. Give an example of a map
- which is one-one but not onto
  - which is not one-one but onto
  - which is neither one-one nor onto.
20. Let  $A = \mathbf{R} - \{3\}$ ,  $B = \mathbf{R} - \{1\}$ . Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$   
 $\forall x \in A$ . Then show that  $f$  is bijective.
21. Let  $A = [-1, 1]$ . Then, discuss whether the following functions defined on  $A$  are one-one, onto or bijective:
- $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$
  - $g(x) = |x|$
  - $h(x) = x|x|$
  - $k(x) = x^2$
22. Each of the following defines a relation on  $\mathbf{N}$ :
- $x$  is greater than  $y$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbf{N}$
  - $x + y = 10$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbf{N}$

(iii)  $x y$  is square of an integer  $x, y \in \mathbf{N}$

(iv)  $x + 4y = 10$   $x, y \in \mathbf{N}$ .

Determine which of the above relations are reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

23. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$  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 and also obtain the equivalent class  $[(2, 5)]$ .
24. Using the definition, prove that the function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is invertible if and only if  $f$  is both one-one and onto.
25. Functions  $f, g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are defined, respectively, by  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$ ,  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ , find
- (i)  $f \circ g$                       (ii)  $g \circ f$                       (iii)  $f \circ f$                       (iv)  $g \circ g$
26. Let  $*$  be the binary operation defined on  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Find which of the following binary operations are commutative
- (i)  $a * b = a - b \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$                       (ii)  $a * b = a^2 + b^2 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$
- (iii)  $a * b = a + ab \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$                       (iv)  $a * b = (a - b)^2 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$
27. Let  $*$  be binary operation defined on  $\mathbf{R}$  by  $a * b = 1 + ab, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then the operation  $*$  is
- (i) commutative but not associative
- (ii) associative but not commutative
- (iii) neither commutative nor associative
- (iv) both commutative and associative

### Objective Type Questions

Choose the correct answer out of the given four options in each of the Exercises from 28 to 47 (M.C.Q.).

28. Let  $T$  be the set of all triangles in the Euclidean plane, and let a relation  $R$  on  $T$  be defined as  $aRb$  if  $a$  is congruent to  $b \quad \forall a, b \in T$ . Then  $R$  is
- (A) reflexive but not transitive                      (B) transitive but not symmetric
- (C) equivalence                      (D) none of these
29. Consider the non-empty set consisting of children in a family and a relation  $R$  defined as  $aRb$  if  $a$  is brother of  $b$ . Then  $R$  is
- (A) symmetric but not transitive                      (B) transitive but not symmetric
- (C) neither symmetric nor transitive                      (D) both symmetric and transitive

30. The maximum number of equivalence relations on the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  are  
(A) 1 (B) 2  
(C) 3 (D) 5
31. If a relation  $R$  on the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  be defined by  $R = \{(1, 2)\}$ , then  $R$  is  
(A) reflexive (B) transitive  
(C) symmetric (D) none of these
32. Let us define a relation  $R$  in  $\mathbf{R}$  as  $aRb$  if  $a \geq b$ . Then  $R$  is  
(A) an equivalence relation (B) reflexive, transitive but not symmetric  
(C) symmetric, transitive but not reflexive (D) neither transitive nor reflexive but symmetric.
33. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and consider the relation  
 $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 3), (1, 3)\}$ .  
Then  $R$  is  
(A) reflexive but not symmetric (B) reflexive but not transitive  
(C) symmetric and transitive (D) neither symmetric, nor transitive
34. The identity element for the binary operation  $*$  defined on  $Q \sim \{0\}$  as  
 $a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \quad \forall a, b \in Q \sim \{0\}$  is  
(A) 1 (B) 0  
(C) 2 (D) none of these
35. If the set  $A$  contains 5 elements and the set  $B$  contains 6 elements, then the number of one-one and onto mappings from  $A$  to  $B$  is  
(A) 720 (B) 120  
(C) 0 (D) none of these
36. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and  $B = \{a, b\}$ . Then the number of surjections from  $A$  into  $B$  is  
(A)  ${}^n P_2$  (B)  $2^n - 2$   
(C)  $2^n - 1$  (D) None of these

37. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $f$  is
- (A) one-one (B) onto  
(C) bijective (D)  $f$  is not defined
38. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 5$  and  $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by  $g(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$ .  
Then  $g \circ f$  is
- (A)  $\frac{3x^2 - 5}{9x^4 - 30x^2 + 26}$  (B)  $\frac{3x^2 - 5}{9x^4 - 6x^2 + 26}$   
(C)  $\frac{3x^2}{x^4 + 2x^2 - 4}$  (D)  $\frac{3x^2}{9x^4 + 30x^2 - 2}$
39. Which of the following functions from  $\mathbf{Z}$  into  $\mathbf{Z}$  are bijections?
- (A)  $f(x) = x^3$  (B)  $f(x) = x + 2$   
(C)  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  (D)  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$
40. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the functions defined by  $f(x) = x^3 + 5$ . Then  $f^{-1}(x)$  is
- (A)  $(x+5)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (B)  $(x-5)^{\frac{1}{3}}$   
(C)  $(5-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (D)  $5 - x$
41. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be the bijective functions. Then  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$  is
- (A)  $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$  (B)  $f \circ g$   
(C)  $g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$  (D)  $g \circ f$
42. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} - \left\{ \frac{3}{5} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{3x+2}{5x-3}$ . Then
- (A)  $f^{-1}(x) = f(x)$  (B)  $f^{-1}(x) = -f(x)$   
(C)  $(f \circ f)x = -x$  (D)  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{19}f(x)$
43. Let  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 1-x, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$

Then  $(f \circ f) x$  is

- (A) constant (B)  $1 + x$   
 (C)  $x$  (D) none of these

44. Let  $f: [2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$ , then the range of  $f$  is

- (A)  $\mathbf{R}$  (B)  $[1, \infty)$   
 (C)  $[4, \infty)$  (D)  $[5, \infty)$

45. Let  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = \frac{2x-1}{2}$  and  $g: \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be

another function defined by  $g(x) = x + 2$ . Then  $(g \circ f) \frac{3}{2}$  is

- (A) 1 (B) 1  
 (C)  $\frac{7}{2}$  (D) none of these

46. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x: x > 3 \\ x^2: 1 < x \leq 3 \\ 3x: x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Then  $f(-1) + f(2) + f(4)$  is

- (A) 9 (B) 14  
 (C) 5 (D) none of these

47. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = \tan x$ . Then  $f^{-1}(1)$  is

- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (B)  $\{n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} : n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$   
 (C) does not exist (D) none of these

Fill in the blanks in each of the Exercises 48 to 52.

48. Let the relation  $R$  be defined in  $\mathbf{N}$  by  $aRb$  if  $2a + 3b = 30$ . Then  $R = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

49. Let the relation  $R$  be defined on the set

$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  by  $R = \{(a, b) : |a^2 - b^2| < 8\}$ . Then  $R$  is given by  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

50. Let  $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$  and  $g = \{(2, 3), (5, 1), (1, 3)\}$ . Then  $g \circ f = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  and  $f \circ g = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .



51. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ . Then  $(f \circ f \circ f)(x) = \text{_____}$
52. If  $f(x) = (4 - (x-7)^3)$ , then  $f^{-1}(x) = \text{_____}$ .

State **True** or **False** for the statements in each of the Exercises 53 to 63.

53. Let  $R = \{(3, 1), (1, 3), (3, 3)\}$  be a relation defined on the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Then  $R$  is symmetric, transitive but not reflexive.
54. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = \sin(3x+2) \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $f$  is invertible.
55. Every relation which is symmetric and transitive is also reflexive.
56. An integer  $m$  is said to be related to another integer  $n$  if  $m$  is an integral multiple of  $n$ . This relation in  $\mathbf{Z}$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
57. Let  $A = \{0, 1\}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$  be the set of natural numbers. Then the mapping  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow A$  defined by  $f(2n-1) = 0, f(2n) = 1, \forall n \in \mathbf{N}$ , is onto.
58. The relation  $R$  on the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  defined as  $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 3)\}$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
59. The composition of functions is commutative.
60. The composition of functions is associative.
61. Every function is invertible.
62. A binary operation on a set has always the identity element.



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