

Ch – 1 Relations and Functions

Types of relations: reflexive, symmetric, transitive and equivalence relations.
One to one and onto functions.

Relation

A Relation R from a non-empty set A to a non-empty set B is a subset of the Cartesian product set $A \times B$. i.e. $R \subset A \times B$. A relation in a set A is the subset of Cartesian product $A \times A$. If a and b are elements of set A and a is related to b then we write as $(a, b) \in R$ or aRb . The set of all first elements in the ordered pair (a, b) in a relation R , is called the domain of the relation R and the set of all second elements called images, is called the range of R .

Types of relations

Empty relation: 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., $R = \emptyset \subset A \times A$.

Universal relation: 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. $R = A \times A$.

Equivalence relation. A relation R in a set A is said to be an *equivalence relation* if R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive

A relation R in a set A is called

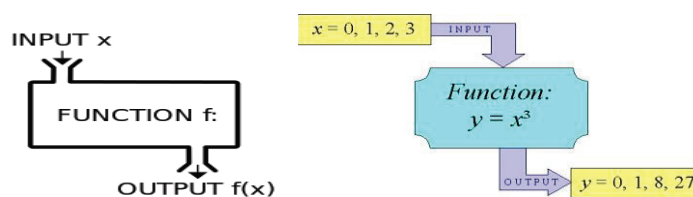
- (i) **Reflexive**, if $(a, a) \in R$, for every $a \in A$,
- (ii) **Symmetric**, if $(a, b) \in R$ implies that $(b, a) \in R$, for all $a, b \in A$.
- (iii) **Transitive**, if $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$ implies that $(a, c) \in R$ $a, b, c \in A$.

Function

A relation f from a set A to a set B is said to be function if every element of set A has one and only one image in set B . The notation $f: X \rightarrow Y$ means that f is a function from X to Y . X is called the domain of f and Y is called the co-domain of f .

Given an element $x \in X$, there is a unique element y in Y that is related to x . The unique element y to which f relates x is denoted by $f(x)$ and is called f of x , or the value of f at x , or the image of x under f . The set of all values of $f(x)$ taken together is called the range of f or image of X under f .

Symbolically, Range of $f = \{y \in Y \mid y = f(x), \text{ for some } x \text{ in } X\}$.

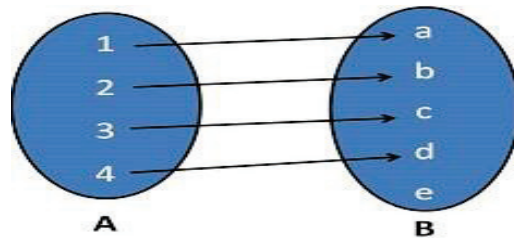


Types of functions:

One-one (or injective):

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., for every a, b in X , $f(a) = f(b)$ implies $a = b$. Otherwise, f is called *many one*.

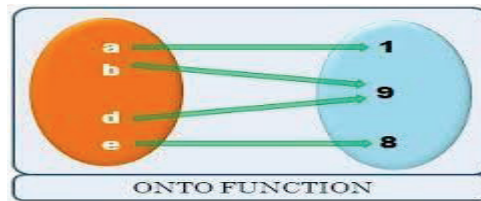
To disprove the result, we need to use its contrapositive statement: $a \neq b \Rightarrow f(a) \neq f(b)$.



Onto (or surjective):

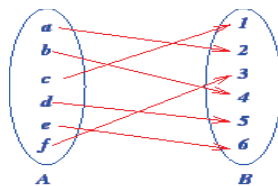
A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be *onto* (or *surjective*), if every element of Y is the image of some element of X under f , i.e., for every y in Y , there exists an element x in X such that $f(x) = y$.

OR $\text{Co-domain} = \text{Range}$

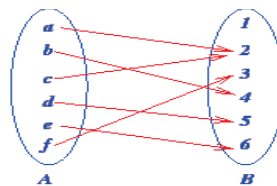


Bijjective function:

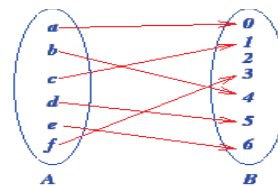
A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be *bijjective* if f is both one-one and onto.



(p) a bijection



(q) not a bijection



(r) not a bijection

Important points on Relation & Functions:

1. The total number of relations from a set A having ' m ' elements to a set B having ' n ' elements is 2^{mn} .
2. The total number of relations in a set A having ' n ' elements is 2^{n^2} .
3. The number of reflexive relations in a set having n elements is 2^{n^2-n} .
4. The number of symmetric relations in a set having n elements is $2^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}}$.
5. The total number of equivalence relations in a set A having ' n ' elements:

By Bell numbers

n	B_n			
1	1	2		
2	2	3	5	
3	5	7	10	15

4	15 20 27 37 52
	and so on

6. The number of injective/one to one function(s) from a set A having 'm' to another set B having 'n' elements with $n \geq m$ is $\frac{m!}{(m-n)!}$.
7. The number of injective/one to one function(s) from a set A having 'm' to another set B having 'n' elements is n^m .
8. The number of onto functions from a set A having 'm' elements to a set B having 'n' elements $m \geq n$ is $2^m - 2$.
9. The number of bijective functions in a set A having 'n' elements is $n!$.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (1 MARK EACH)

1. If $A = \{5,6,7\}$ and let $R = \{(5,5), (6,6), (7,7), (5,6), (6,5), (6,7), (7,6)\}$. Then R is
A) Reflexive, symmetric but not Transitive B) Symmetric, transitive but not reflexive
C) Reflexive, Transitive but not symmetric D) an equivalence relation
2. Let R be a relation defined on Z as follows:
 $(a, b) \in R$ If $a^2 + b^2 = 25$. Then Domain of R is
A) $\{3,4,5\}$ B) $\{0,3,4,5\}$
C) $\{0, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 5\}$ D) None of these
3. The maximum number of equivalence relations on the set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ is
A) 1 B) 2
C) 3 D) 5
4. The number of elements in set A is 3. The number of possible relations that can be defined on A is
A) 8 B) 4
C) 64 D) 512
5. The number of elements in Set A is 3. The number of possible reflexive relations that can be defined in A is
A) 64 B) 8
C) 512 D) 4