

Concept of Relations and Functions

1 Mark Questions

less than 5.

\therefore a can take values 2 and 3.

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

Hence, the range of R is $\{8, 27\}$. **(1)**

2. 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 $g \circ f$.

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

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

\therefore $g \circ f(1) = g(f(1)) = g(2) = 3$
[$\because f(1) = 2$ and $g(2) = 3$]

$g \circ f(3) = g(f(3)) = g(5) = 1$
[$\because f(3) = 5$ and $g(5) = 1$]

$g \circ f(4) = g(f(4)) = g(1) = 3$
[$\because f(4) = 1$ and $g(1) = 3$]

\therefore $g \circ f = \{(1, 3), (3, 1), (4, 3)\}$ **(1)**

3. Let R is the equivalence relation in the set $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ given by $R = \{(a, b): 2 \text{ divides } (a - b)\}$. Write the equivalence class $[0]$.

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Given, $R = \{(a, b): 2 \text{ divides } (a - b)\}$

Here, all even integers are related to zero, i.e. $(0, 2)(0, 4)$.

Hence, equivalence class of $[0] = \{2, 4\}$ **(1)**

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

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

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

To find the range of R , $x + 2y = 8$ can be rewritten as $y = \frac{8 - x}{2}$.

On putting $x = 2$, we get $y = \frac{8 - 2}{2} = 3$

On putting $x = 4$, we get $y = \frac{8 - 4}{2} = 2$

On putting $x = 6$, we get $y = \frac{8 - 6}{2} = 1$

As, $x, y \in N$, then $R = \{(2, 3) (4, 2) (6, 1)\}$

Hence, range of relation is $\{3, 2, 1\}$. (1)

5. 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.

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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. (1)

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

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

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

7. Write $f \circ g$, if $f : R \rightarrow R$ and $g : R \rightarrow R$ are given by $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = |5x - 2|$. Foreign 2011

Given, $f(x) = |x|$, $g(x) = |5x - 2|$

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

8. Write $f \circ g$, if $f : R \rightarrow R$ and $g : R \rightarrow R$ are given by $f(x) = 8x^3$ and $g(x) = x^{1/3}$. Foreign 2011

Given, $f(x) = 8x^3$ and $g(x) = x^{1/3}$

Now, $f \circ g(x) = f[g(x)] = f(x^{1/3}) = 8(x^{1/3})^3 = 8x(1)$

9. State the reason for the relation R in the set $\{1, 2, 3\}$ given by $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ not to be transitive. Delhi 2011

We know that, for a relation to be transitive
 $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$

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

Here, $(1, 2) \in R$ and $(2, 1) \in R$ but $(1, 1) \notin R$.
Hence, R is not transitive. (1)

10. What is the range of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{|x-1|}{x-1}, x \neq 1?$$

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Given, function is $f(x) = \frac{|x-1|}{x-1}, x \neq 1$

The above function may be written as

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

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

\therefore Range of $f(x)$ is the set $\{-1, 1\}$.

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

Given, function is $f: R \rightarrow R$ such that $f(x) = (3 - x^3)^{1/3}$.

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

12. If f is an invertible function, defined as

$$f(x) = \frac{3x - 4}{5}, \text{ then write } f^{-1}(x). \quad \text{Foreign 2010}$$

Given, $f(x) = \frac{3x - 4}{5}$ and is invertible.

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{3x - 4}{5} \Rightarrow 5y = 3x - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 5y + 4 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5y + 4}{3}$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(y) = \frac{5y + 4}{3} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{5x + 4}{3}$$

13. If $f : R \rightarrow R$ and $g : R \rightarrow R$ are given by

$$f(x) = \sin x \text{ and } g(x) = 5x^2, \text{ then find } g \circ f(x).$$

Foreign 2010

Given, $f(x) = \sin x$ and $g(x) = 5x^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore g \circ f(x) &= g[f(x)] = g(\sin x) \\ &= 5(\sin x)^2 = 5 \sin^2 x \end{aligned}$$

14. If $f(x) = 27x^3$ and $g(x) = x^{1/3}$, then find $g \circ f(x)$.

Foreign 2010

Given, $f(x) = 27x^3$ and $g(x) = x^{1/3}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \quad g \circ f(x) &= g[f(x)] = g(27x^3) \\ &= (27x^3)^{1/3} = (27)^{1/3} \cdot (x^3)^{1/3} \\ &= (3^3)^{1/3} \cdot (x^3)^{1/3} = 3x\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \quad g \circ f(x) = 3x$$

15. If the function $f : R \rightarrow R$, defined by

$$f(x) = 3x - 4 \text{ is invertible, then find } f^{-1}.$$

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Given, function is $f(x) = 3x - 4$ and is invertible.

$$\text{Let} \quad y = 3x - 4 \Rightarrow 3x = y + 4$$

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

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

16. If $f : R \rightarrow R$ defined by $f(x) = \frac{3x + 5}{2}$ is an invertible function, then find $f^{-1}(x)$

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Do same as Que 12.

$$\left[\text{Ans. } \frac{2x - 5}{3} \right]$$

17. State whether the function $f : N \rightarrow N$ given by $f(x) = 5x$ is injective, surjective or both.

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For injective function, it should be one-one and for surjective function, it should be onto.

Given function is $f(x) = 5x$.

$$\text{As, } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow 5x_1 = 5x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in N$$

So, $f(x)$ is an injective function. (1/2)

Also, range of $f(n) = 5n, n \in N$.

But codomain = N

\therefore Range \neq Codomain

$\therefore f(x)$ is not surjective.

Hence, the given function is injective.

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

Delhi 2008C

Do same as Que. 12.

$$\left[\text{Ans. } \frac{4x+7}{2} \right]$$

4 Marks Questions

19. If $f: W \rightarrow W$, is defined as $f(x) = x - 1$, if x is odd and $f(x) = x + 1$, if x is even. Show that f is invertible. Find the inverse of f , where W is the set of all whole numbers. Foreign 2014



$f: W \rightarrow W$ is defined as

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

First, we need to show that f is one-one.

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

Case I When x_1 and x_2 are odd.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } f(x_1) = f(x_2) &\Rightarrow x_1 - 1 = x_2 - 1 \\ \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in W &\quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Case II When x_1 and x_2 are even.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \\ \Rightarrow x_1 + 1 = x_2 + 1 \\ \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in W \end{aligned}$$

So, from case I and II, we observe that

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \in W$$

Hence, $f(x)$ is a one-one function. (1)

Now, we need to show that f is onto.

Any odd number $2y + 1$, in the codomain W , is the image of $2y$ in the domain W .

Also, any even number $2y$ in the codomain W , is the image of $2y - 1$ in the domain W .

Thus, every element in W (codomain) has its image in W (domain).

So, f is onto. Therefore, f is bijection. So, it is invertible. (1)

Let $x, y \in W$, such that

$$f(x) = y$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 = y, \text{ if } x \text{ is odd}$$

$$x + 1 = y, \text{ if } x \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{cases} y + 1, & \text{if } y \text{ is even} \\ y - 1, & \text{if } y \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Clearly, } f = f^{-1} \quad (1)$$

20. If $f, g : R \rightarrow R$ are two functions defined as

$$f(x) = |x| + x \text{ and } g(x) = |x| - x, \forall x \in R, \text{ Then, find } fog \text{ and } gof. \quad \text{All India 2014C}$$

Given, $f(x) = |x| + x$ and $g(x) = |x| - x$ for all $x \in R$.

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases} \text{ and } g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > 0 \\ -2x, & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Thus, for } x > 0, gof(x) = g(2x) = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow gof(x) = 0, \forall x \in R \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

$$\text{and for } x > 0, fog(x) = f(0) = 0$$

$$\text{for } x < 0, fog(x) = f(-2x) = -2x$$

$$\Rightarrow fog(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > 0 \\ -4x, & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

21. If R is a relation defined on the set of natural numbers N as follows:

$R = \{(x, y), x \in N, Y \in N \text{ and } 2x + y = 24\}$, then find the domain and range of the relation R . Also, find if R is an equivalence relation or not. Delhi 2014C

Given $R = \{(x, y), x \in N, y \in N \text{ and } 2x + y = 24\}$

When, $x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 22$; $x = 2 \Rightarrow y = 20$

$x = 3 \Rightarrow y = 18$; $x = 4 \Rightarrow y = 16$

$x = 5 \Rightarrow y = 14$; $x = 6 \Rightarrow y = 12$

$x = 7 \Rightarrow y = 10$; $x = 8 \Rightarrow y = 8$

$x = 9 \Rightarrow y = 6$; $x = 10 \Rightarrow y = 4$

$x = 11 \Rightarrow y = 2$

So, domain of $R = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 11\}$.

and range of $R = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22\}$

and $R = \{(1, 22)(2, 20)(3, 18)(4, 16)(5, 14)(6, 12)$
 $(7, 10)(8, 8)(9, 6)(10, 4)(11, 2)\}$ (1)

Reflexive

Since, for $a \in$ domain of R , $(a, a) \notin R$.

Hence, R is not reflexive. (1)

Symmetric

Since, $(1, 22) \in R$ but $(22, 1) \notin R$.

Hence, R is not symmetric (1)

Transitive

There are no elements such that that $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$. Hence, R is not transitive and so, it is not an equivalence relation. (1)

22. If $A = R - \{3\}$ and $B = R - \{1\}$. 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 $f^{-1}(x)$.

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Given, function is $f : A \rightarrow B$, where $A = R - \{3\}$
 and $B = R - \{1\}$, such that $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$.

One-one Let $f(x_1) = f(x_2), \forall x_1, x_2 \in A$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x_1x_2 - 3x_1 - 2x_2 + 6 = x_1x_2 - 3x_2 - 2x_1 + 6$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$\therefore f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in A$. So, $f(x)$ is
 a one-one function. (1½)

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

Now, let $y = \frac{x-2}{x-3} \Rightarrow xy - 3y = x - 2$

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

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

Since, $x \in R - \{3\}, \forall y \in R - \{1\}$, so range of
 $f(x) = R - \{1\}$.

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

\therefore Range = Codomain

Hence, $f(x)$ is an onto function. (1½)

Therefore, $f(x)$ is an bijective function.

From Eq. (i), we get

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

which is the inverse function of $f(x)$. (1)

23. 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

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, $(1, 2) \in A \times A \Rightarrow 1, 2 \in A$

$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 = 2 + 1$ [\because addition is commutative]

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

Thus, $(1, 2) R (1, 2), \forall (1, 2) \in A \times A$

So, R is reflexive on $A \times A$. (1)

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

$$\text{Then, } 1 + 4 = 2 + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 2 = 4 + 1 \quad [:\because \text{ addition is commutative}]$$

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

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

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

So, R is symmetric on $A \times A$. (1)

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,

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 4 = 2 + 3$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 6 = 4 + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + 4) + 3 + 6 = (2 + 3) + (4 + 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 6 = 2 + 5 \Rightarrow (1, 2) R (5, 6)$$

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

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

So, R is transitive on $A \times A$. (1)

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

Equivalence class containing element x of A is given by $[x]_R = \{y : (x, y) \in R\}$

Hence, equivalence class

$$[(2, 5)] = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6), (4, 7), (5, 8), (6, 9)\}$$

24. If the function $f : R \rightarrow R$ is given by

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2 \text{ and } g : R \rightarrow R \text{ is given by}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}; x \neq 1, \text{ then find } fog \text{ and } gof \text{ and}$$

hence, find $fog(2)$ and $gof(-3)$. All India 2014

We have $f(x) = x^2 + 2$ and $g(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$; $x \neq 1$

Since, range f = domain g

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$\therefore fog$ and gof exist.

For any $x \in R$, we have $(fog)(x) = f[g(x)]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= f\left[\frac{x}{x-1}\right] = \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)^2 + 2 \\ &= \frac{x^2 + 2(x-1)^2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{x^2 + 2(x^2 + 1 - 2x)}{(x-1)^2} \\ &= \frac{3x^2 + 2 - 4x}{(x-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore fog : R \rightarrow R$ is defined by

$$(fog)(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 4x + 2}{(x-1)^2}, \forall x \in R \quad \dots(i) \quad (1)$$

For any $x \in R$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (gof)(x) &= g[f(x)] \\ &= g[x^2 + 2] = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 2 - 1} = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 1} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore gof : R \rightarrow R$ is defined by

$$(gof)(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 1}, \forall x \in R \quad \dots(ii)$$

On putting $x = 2$ in Eq. (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} fog(2) &= \frac{3 \times (2)^2 - 4(2) + 2}{(2-1)^2} = \frac{3 \times 4 - 8 + 2}{(1)^2} \\ &= 12 - 6 = 6 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

On putting $x = -3$ in Eq. (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (gof)(-3) &= \frac{(-3)^2 + 2}{(-3)^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{9 + 2}{9 + 1} = \frac{11}{10} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- 25.** If $A = R - \{2\}$ and $B = R - \{1\}$. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function defined by $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-2}$, then show that f is one-one and onto. Hence, find f^{-1} .

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Given, $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-2}$ and $f: A \rightarrow B$, where

$A = R - \{2\}$ and $B = R - \{1\}$.

One-one Let $f(x_1) = f(x_2), \forall x_1, x_2 \in A$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1 - 1}{x_1 - 2} = \frac{x_2 - 1}{x_2 - 2} \quad (1/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 2) = (x_2 - 1)(x_1 - 2)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow -x_1 = -x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\therefore f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in A \quad (1)$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is one-one.

Onto Let $y = \frac{x-1}{x-2} \Rightarrow xy - 2y = x - 1$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2y - 1}{y - 1} \quad \dots(i)$$

Since, $x \in R - \{2\}, \forall y \in R - \{1\}$

So, range of $f(x) = R - \{1\}$

\therefore Range = Codomain

Therefore, $f(x)$ is onto. (1)

Also, from Eq. (i), we get

$$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{2y - 1}{y - 1} \quad [:\because x = f^{-1}(y)]$$

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

26. Show that the function f in

$A = R - \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \right\}$ defined as $f(x) = \frac{4x + 3}{6x - 4}$ is

one-one and onto. Hence, find f^{-1} . Delhi 2013

Given, $f(x) = \frac{4x + 3}{6x - 4}$

Let $x_1, x_2 \in A = R - \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \right\}; x_1 \neq x_2$

One-one Consider, $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

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

$$\Rightarrow (4x_1 + 3)(6x_2 - 4) = (4x_2 + 3)(6x_1 - 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 24x_1x_2 - 16x_1 + 18x_2 - 12$$

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

$$\Rightarrow -34x_1 = -34x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

So, f is one-one. (1½)

Onto Let $y = \frac{4x + 3}{6x - 4} \Rightarrow 6xy - 4y = 4x + 3$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3 + 4y}{6y - 4} \text{ and } y \neq \frac{4}{6}, \text{ i.e. } y \neq \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore y \in R - \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \right\}$$

Thus, f is onto. (1½)

Since, f is one-one and onto.

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

- 27.** Consider $f: R_+ \rightarrow [4, \infty)$ given by $f(x) = x^2 + 4$. Show that f is invertible with the inverse f^{-1} of f given by $f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y - 4}$, where R_+ is the set of all non-negative real numbers.

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To show that $f(x)$ is an invertible function, we will show that f is both one-one and onto

28. Show that $f : N \rightarrow N$, given by

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

is bijective (both one-one and onto).

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Given function is $f : N \rightarrow N$ such that

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

One-one From the given function, we observe that

Case I When x is odd.

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

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + 1 = x_2 + 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\because f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in N.$$

So, $f(x)$ is one-one. (1)

Case II When x is even.

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

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - 1 = x_2 - 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\because f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in N.$$

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

Hence, from case I and case II, we observe that, $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in N$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is a one-one. (1)

Onto To show $f(x)$ is onto, we show that its

range and codomain are same.

From the definition of given function, we observe that

$$f(1) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$f(2) = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$f(3) = 3 + 1 = 4$$

$$f(4) = 4 - 1 = 3 \text{ and so on.} \quad (1)$$

So, we get set of natural numbers as the set of values of $f(x)$.

\Rightarrow Range of $f(x) = N$

Also, given that codomain = N

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} \because f : & N & \rightarrow & N \\ & \text{domain} & & \text{codomain} \end{array} \right]$$

Thus, range = codomain

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

Hence, the function $f(x)$ is bijective. (1)

29. If $f: R \rightarrow R$ is defined as $f(x) = 10x + 7$. Find the function $g: R \rightarrow R$, such that $gof = fog = I_R$.

All India 2011

Given, $f(x) = 10x + 7$

Let $y = 10x + 7 \Rightarrow 10x = y - 7$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y - 7}{10} \quad (1)$$

Now, let $g(x) = \frac{x-7}{10}$

Then, $g \circ f(x)$ may be written as

$$\begin{aligned}g \circ f(x) &= g[f(x)] = g(10x + 7) \\ &= \frac{10x + 7 - 7}{10} = x\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

Also, $f \circ g(x)$ may be written as

$$f \circ g(x) = f[g(x)] = f\left(\frac{x-7}{10}\right) = 10\left(\frac{x-7}{10}\right) + 7 \quad (1)$$

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

Hence, required function $g: R \rightarrow R$ is given by

$$g(x) = \frac{x-7}{10} \quad (1)$$

30. Show that the function $f: W \rightarrow W$ defined by

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

is a bijective function. All India 2011C

Do same as Que19.

31. If $f: R \rightarrow R$ is the function defined by

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 7, \text{ then show that } f \text{ is a bijection.}$$

Delhi 2011C

The given function is $f : R \rightarrow R$ such that

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 7$$

One-one

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

$$\Rightarrow 4x_1^3 + 7 = 4x_2^3 + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x_1^3 = 4x_2^3 \Rightarrow x_1^3 - x_2^3 = 0$$

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

$$[\because a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)]$$

Either $x_1 - x_2 = 0$... (i)

or $x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 = 0$... (ii)

But Eq. (ii) is not possible as $x_1, x_2 \in R$. **(1/2)**

$$\therefore x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in R$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is a one-one function. **(1)**

Onto To show that $f(x)$ is an onto function, we show that

Range of $f(x) = \text{Codomain of } f(x)$

Given, codomain of $f(x) = R$

$$\text{Now, let } y = 4x^3 + 7 \Rightarrow 4x^3 = y - 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = \frac{y - 7}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{y - 7}{4} \right)^{1/3} \quad \dots \text{(iii) (1/2)}$$

From Eq. (iii), it is clear that for every $y \in R$, we get $x \in R$.

\therefore Range of $f(x) = R$

Thus, range of $f(x) =$ codomain of $f(x)$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is an onto function. **(1)**

Since, $f(x)$ is both one-one and onto, so it is a bijective. **(1)**

32. 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

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.

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

$$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in R, \forall x \in Z$$

Therefore, R is reflexive. **(1)**

(ii) **Symmetric** As $(x, y) \in R$, where $(x, y) \in Z$

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

[by definition of R]

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

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

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

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

Therefore, R is symmetric. **(1)**

(iii) **Transitive** As $(x, y) \in R$, where $x, y \in Z$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (y - z) \text{ is divisible by } 5.$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, R is transitive. (1½)

Thus, R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. Hence, it is an equivalence relation. (1/2)

NOTE If atleast one of the relation is not satisfied, we do not say it is an equivalence relation.

- 33.** Show that the relation S in the set R of real numbers defined as, $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in R \text{ and } a \leq b^3\}$ is neither reflexive nor symmetric nor transitive. Delhi 2010; HOTS

Given relation is

$$S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in R \text{ and } a \leq b^3\}$$

(i) **Reflexive** As $\frac{1}{3} \leq \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3$, where $\frac{1}{3} \in R$ is not true.

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) \notin S$$

Therefore, S is not reflexive. **(1)**

(ii) **Symmetric** ,As $-2 \leq (3)^3$, where $-2, 3 \in R$ is true but $3 \leq (-2)^3$ is not true.

i.e. $(-2, 3) \in S$ but $(3, -2) \notin S$

Therefore, S is not symmetric. **(1)**

(iii) **Transitive** As $3 \leq \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3$ and $\frac{3}{2} \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3$,

where $3, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3} \in R$ are true but $3 \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3$ is not true.

$$\Rightarrow \left(3, \frac{3}{2}\right) \in S \text{ and } \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3}\right) \in S$$

$$\text{but } \left(3, \frac{4}{3}\right) \notin S \quad \mathbf{(1\frac{1}{2})}$$

Therefore, S is not transitive.

Hence, S is none of these, i.e. not reflexive, not symmetric and not transitive. **(1/2)**

NOTE There are certain ordered pairs like $(1, 1)$ for which the relation is reflexive, so it is important to pick example suitably.

- 34.** Show that the relation S in set $A = \{x \in Z : 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$ given by $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in Z, |a - b| \text{ is divisible by } 4\}$ is an equivalence relation. Find the set of all elements related to A . All India 2010

The given relation is $S = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is divisible by } 4, \text{ where } a, b \in Z\}$

and $A = \{x : x \in Z \text{ and } 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$

Now, A can be written as

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 12\} \quad (1/2)$$

- (i) **Reflexive** As for any $x \in A$, we get $|x - x| = 0$, which is divisible by 4.

$$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in S, \forall x \in A$$

Therefore, S is reflexive. (1)

- (ii) **Symmetric** As for any $(x, y) \in S$, we get $|x - y|$ is divisible by 4.

[by using definition of given relation]

$$\Rightarrow |x - y| = 4\lambda, \text{ for some } \lambda \in Z$$

$$\Rightarrow |y - x| = 4\lambda, \text{ for some } \lambda \in Z$$

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

Thus, $(x, y) \in S \Rightarrow (y, x) \in S, \forall x, y \in Z$

Therefore, S is symmetric. (1)

(iii) **Transitive** For any $(x, y) \in S$ and $(y, z) \in S$, we get $|x - y|$ is divisible by 4 and $|y - z|$ is divisible by 4.

[by using definition of given relation]

$$\Rightarrow |x - y| = 4\lambda \text{ and } |y - z| = 4\mu,$$

for some $\lambda, \mu \in Z$

$$\text{Now, } x - z = (x - y) + (y - z)$$

$$= \pm 4\lambda \pm 4\mu = \pm 4(\lambda + \mu)$$

$\Rightarrow |x - z|$ is divisible by 4.

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in S$$

Thus, $(x, y) \in S$ and $(y, z) \in S$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in S, \forall x, y, z \in Z$$

Therefore, S is transitive. (1)

Since, S is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, so it is an equivalence relation.

Now, set of all elements related to

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\} \quad (1/2)$$

35. Show that the relation S defined on set $N \times N$ by $(a, b) S (c, d) \Rightarrow a + d = b + c$ is an equivalence relation. All India 2010

Do same as Que 23.

36. Consider $f : R_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$ given by

$$f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5, \text{ show that } f \text{ is invertible}$$

$$\text{with } f^{-1}(y) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{y+6} - 1}{3} \right). \quad \text{Foreign 2010}$$

Given function is $f : R_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$, such that

$$f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$$

We shall show that it is both one-one and onto.

One-one

Let $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$, $x_1, x_2 \in R_+$

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

$$\Rightarrow 9x_1^2 - 9x_2^2 + 6x_1 - 6x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(x_1^2 - x_2^2) + 6(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

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

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

Now, either $x_1 - x_2 = 0$

or $9x_1 + 9x_2 + 6 = 0$

But $9x_1 + 9x_2 + 6 = 0$ is not possible because $x_1, x_2 \in R_+$.

$$\therefore x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is a one-one function. (1)

Onto

Let $y = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$

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

$$\Rightarrow 9 \left(x^2 + \frac{6x}{9} \right) = y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \left(x^2 + \frac{2x}{3} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{9} \right) = y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \left(x + \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 - 1 = y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \left(x + \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 = y + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{y + 6}{9} \Rightarrow x + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{y + 6}}{3}$$

[taking positive sign as $x \in R_+$]

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

From above equation, we get that for every $y \in [-5, \infty)$, we have $x \in R_+$.

\therefore Range of $f(x) = [-5, \infty)$

Given, codomain of $f(x) = [-5, \infty)$

Thus, range of $f(x) =$ Codomain of $f(x)$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is an onto function. (1)

Since, $f(x)$ is both one-one and onto, so it is an invertible function with

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

37. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function. Define a relation R on X given by $R = \{(a, b) : f(a) = f(b)\}$. Show that R is an equivalence relation on X .

All India 2010C

The given relation is

$$R = \{(a, b) : f(a) = f(b)\}, f : X \rightarrow Y$$

(i) **Reflexive** Since, for every $x \in X$, we have

$$f(x) = f(x)$$

[by using definition of R , i.e. $f(a) = f(b)$,
 $\forall a, b \in X$]

$$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in R, \forall x \in X$$

Therefore, R is reflexive. (1)

(ii) **Symmetric** Let $(x, y) \in R, \forall x, y \in X$

$$\text{Then, } f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow f(y) = f(x)$$

$$\therefore (x, y) \in R, \forall x, y \in R$$

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

Therefore, R is symmetric. (1)

(iii) **Transitive** Let $x, y, z \in X$

$$\text{Then } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = f(y), \forall x, y \in X \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } f(y) = f(z), \forall y, z \in X \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$f(x) = f(z), \forall x, z \in X$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R, \forall x, z \in X$$

$$\text{Thus, } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R, \forall x, y, z \in X$$

Therefore, R is transitive. (1½)

Since, R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. So, it is an equivalence relation.

(1/2)

38. Show that a function $f : R \rightarrow R$ given by

$$f(x) = ax + b, a, b \in R, a \neq 0 \text{ is a bijective.}$$

Delhi 2010C

The given function is

$$f(x) = ax + b; f : R \rightarrow R, a, b \in R, a \neq 0$$

To show that $f(x)$ is a bijective, we show that $f(x)$ is both one-one and onto.

(i) **One-one** Let $f(x_1) = f(x_2), \forall x_1, x_2 \in R$

$$\Rightarrow ax_1 + b = ax_2 + b$$

$$\Rightarrow ax_1 = ax_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x_1) = f(x_2), \forall x_1, x_2 \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

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

(ii) **Onto** Let $y = ax + b$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y - b}{a} \quad \dots(i)$$

From Eq. (i), it is observed that for every $y \in R, x \in R$.

$$\therefore \text{Range of } f(x) = R$$

Also, given codomain = R

Thus, range of $f(x) = \text{Codomain of } f(x)$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is an onto function. $(1\frac{1}{2})$

As $f(x)$ is both one-one and onto, so it is a bijective function. (1)

- 39.** Prove that the relation R in set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ given by $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is even}\}$ is an equivalence relation. **Delhi 2009**

The given relation is $R = \{(a, b) : |a - b| \text{ is even}\}$ defined on set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

(i) **Reflexive** As $|x - x| = 0$ is even, $\forall x \in A$.

$$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in R, \forall x \in A$$

Therefore, R is reflexive. (1)

(ii) **Symmetric** As $(x, y) \in R \Rightarrow |x - y|$ is even

[by the definition of given relation]

$$\Rightarrow |y - x| \text{ is also even}$$

$$[\because |a| = |-a|, \forall a \in \mathbb{R}]$$

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

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

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

Therefore, R is symmetric. (1)

(iii) **Transitive** As $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow |x - y| \text{ is even and } |y - z| \text{ is even.}$$

[by using definition of given relation]

Now, $|x - y|$ is even
 $\Rightarrow x$ and y both are even or odd
and $|y - x|$ is even
 $\Rightarrow y$ and x both are even or odd.

Then two cases arises:

Case I When y is even.

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

$\Rightarrow |x - y|$ is even and $|y - z|$ is even

$\Rightarrow x$ is even and z is even

$\Rightarrow |x - z|$ is even

[\because difference of two even numbers is also even]

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$ (1/2)

Case II When y is odd.

Now, $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$

$\Rightarrow |x - y|$ is even and $|y - z|$ is even

$\Rightarrow x$ is odd and z is odd

$\Rightarrow |x - z|$ is even

[\because difference of two odd numbers is even]

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$ (1/2)

Thus, $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R, \forall x, y, z \in A$

Therefore, R is transitive. (1/2)

Since, R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. So, it is an equivalence relation.

(1/2)

40. If $f : N \rightarrow N$ is defined by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } n \in N.$$

Find whether the function f is bijective.

All India 2009

The given function is $f : N \rightarrow N$ such that

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

(i) **One-one**

Let

$$f(1) = \frac{1+1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad \left[\text{put } n = 1 \text{ in } f(n) = \frac{n+1}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{and } f(2) = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad \left[\text{put } n = 2 \text{ in } f(n) = \frac{n}{2} \right]$$

$f(n)$ is not a one-one function because at two distinct values of domain (N), $f(n)$ has same image. **(1½)**

(ii) **Onto** If n is an odd natural number, then $2n - 1$ is also an odd natural number.

$$\text{Now, } f(2n - 1) = \frac{2n - 1 + 1}{2} = n \quad \dots(i)$$

Again, if n is an even natural number, then $2n$ is also an even natural number. Then,

$$f(2n) = \frac{2n}{2} = n \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we observe that for each n (whether even or odd) there exists its pre-image in N .

i.e. Range = Codomain

Therefore, f is onto. (1½)

Hence, $f(x)$ is not one-one but it is onto.

So, it is not a bijective function. (1)

- 41.** Show that relation R in the set of real numbers, defined as $R = \{(a, b) : a \leq b^2\}$ is neither reflexive, nor symmetric nor transitive. Foreign 2009

Do same as Que 33.

- 42.** If the function $f : R \rightarrow R$ is given by $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$ and $g : R \rightarrow R$ is given by $g(x) = 2x - 3$, then find (i) $f \circ g$ and (ii) $g \circ f$. All India 2009, 2008C

Given, $f : R \rightarrow R$ such that $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$ and
 $g : R \rightarrow R$ such that $g(x) = 2x - 3$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } (f \circ g)(x) &= f[g(x)] = f(2x - 3) \\ &= (2x - 3)^2 + 3(2x - 3) + 1 \\ & \quad [\because f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1, \text{ so replace } x \\ & \quad \text{by } 2x - 3 \text{ in } f(x)] \\ &= 4x^2 + 9 - 12x + 6x - 9 + 1 \\ &= 4x^2 - 6x + 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } (g \circ f)(x) &= g[f(x)] = g(x^2 + 3x + 1) \\ &= [2(x^2 + 3x + 1)] - 3 \\ & \quad [\because g(x) = 2x - 3, \text{ so replace } x \text{ by } \\ & \quad x^2 + 3x + 1 \text{ in } g(x)] \\ &= 2x^2 + 6x + 2 - 3 \\ &= 2x^2 + 6x - 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

43. If the function $f : R \rightarrow R$ is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{x+3}{3} \text{ and } g : R \rightarrow R \text{ is given by}$$

$$g(x) = 2x - 3, \text{ then find}$$

(i) $f \circ g$ and (ii) $g \circ f$. Is $f^{-1} = g$?

Delhi 2009C; HOTS

Given $f : R \rightarrow R$ such that $f(x) = \frac{x+3}{3}$ and

$g : R \rightarrow R$ such that $g(x) = 2x - 3$.

$$(i) (f \circ g)(x) = f[g(x)] = f(2x - 3) = \frac{(2x - 3) + 3}{3}$$

$$[\because f(x) = \frac{x+3}{3}, \text{ so replace } x$$

by $2x - 3$ in $f(x)$]

$$\Rightarrow (f \circ g)(x) = \frac{2x}{3} \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

$$(ii) (g \circ f)(x) = g[f(x)]$$

$$= g\left(\frac{x+3}{3}\right) = \left[2\left(\frac{x+3}{3}\right)\right] - 3$$

$$[\because g(x) = 2x - 3, \text{ so replace } x \text{ by } \frac{x+3}{3} \text{ in } g(x)]$$

$$= \frac{2x+6}{3} - 3 = \frac{2x+6-9}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3} \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

Now, we find f^{-1} . For that, let $y = \frac{x+3}{3}$.

$$\Rightarrow 3y = x + 3 \Rightarrow x = 3y - 3$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(y) = 3y - 3 \quad [\because x = f^{-1}(y)]$$

$$\text{or } f^{-1}(x) = 3x - 3$$

But $g(x) = 2x - 3$.

$$\therefore f^{-1} \neq g \quad (1)$$

NOTE $f^{-1} = g$ exists, only if $g \circ f = I_R$ and $f \circ g = I_R$.