

Numbers and Functions

Real Numbers

All the numbers available on the real number line are called as **real** numbers.

- i. positive and negative whole numbers.
- ii. positive and negative proper fractions
- iii. positive and negative improper fractions
- iv. positive and negative finite decimal
- v. positive and negative infinite decimal
- vi. positive and negative recurring decimal
- vii. zero

The set containing all real numbers is called as set of real numbers. (\mathbb{R}).

$\mathbb{R}^+ \equiv$ set of positive real numbers

$\mathbb{R}_0^+ \equiv$ set of positive real including zero

$\mathbb{R}^- \equiv$ set of negative real numbers.

$\mathbb{R}_0^- \equiv$ set of negative real numbers including zero.

Natural numbers

Positive whole numbers are called as natural numbers. Set of natural numbers is denoted by \mathbb{N} .

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

Integers

All positive and negative whole numbers with zero are called as integers. Set of integers is denoted by \mathbb{Z}

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

$\mathbb{Z}^+ =$ set of all positive intergers .

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

$\mathbb{Z}^- =$ set of all negative integers .

$$\mathbb{Z}^- = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1\}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_0^+ =$ set of all positive integers with zero.

$$\mathbb{Z}_0^+ = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_0^- =$ set of all nagative integers with zero.

$$\mathbb{Z}_0^- = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0\}$$

Rational numbers

Let x be a rational number. Then $x = \frac{p}{q}$, $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q \in \mathbb{N}$, $(p, q) = 1$ $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Highest common factor} \\ \text{of } p \text{ and } q \text{ is } 1 \end{array} \right)$

Any simplest fraction is a rational number

$$\frac{1}{2}, 4, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$$

A rational number can be a

- i. Integer (4) ii. Finite decimal $\left(0.25 = \frac{1}{4}\right)$ iii. Recurring decimal $\left(\frac{1}{3} = 0.333\ldots\right)$

Set of rational numbers is denoted by \mathbb{Q}

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ x / x = \frac{p}{q}, p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{N}, (p, q) = 1 \right\}$$

Irrational numbers.

The numbers which cannot be written in the form $\frac{p}{q}$, $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q \in \mathbb{N}$ are called as Irrational numbers.

$\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{13}, \pi, \dots$ These numbers cannot be expressed as fractions.

Decimal representation of an irrational number is an infinite decimal. (No pattern of decimal representation).

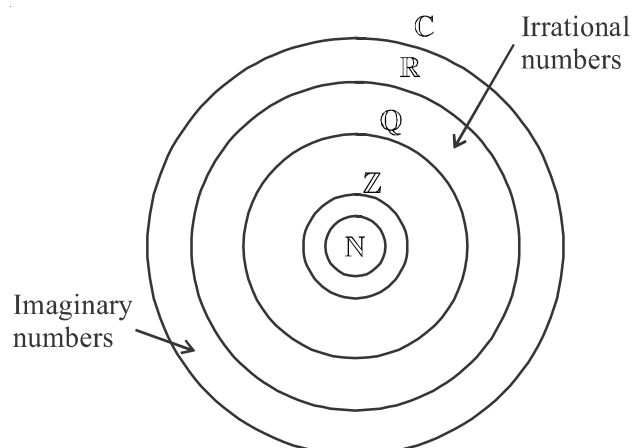
Complex numbers

$z = x + iy$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $i = \sqrt{-1} \equiv$ imaginary unit.

$2 + 3i$, $1 - 5i$, $-3 + 4i$, 5 , $10i$

* All real numbers are complex numbers.

* iy is called imaginary number $2i, -3i, \dots$



FUNCTIONS

RELATIONS

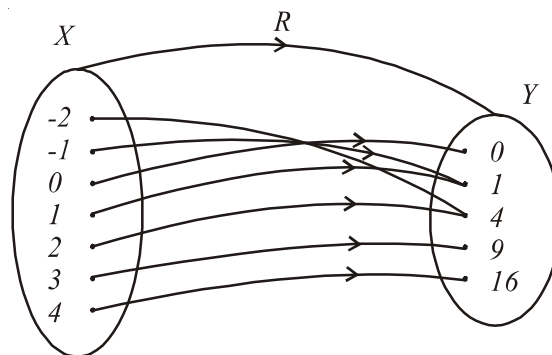
If there exists a correspondence between the elements of two given sets, then it is said that there is a relation between the given sets.

For instance

consider the sets $X = \{-1, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$Y = \{0, 1, 4, 9, 16\}$

The elements in the set X can be jointed to the elements in the set Y under the rule “squaring” as follows



$R = \text{Squaring}$

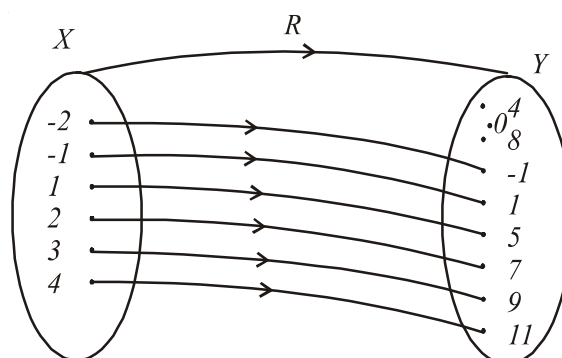
Therefore a relation means, it is a statement or a rule which joins elements in two sets.

The method of expressing the relation “ R ” existing between the two sets X and Y is written as

$$R : X \rightarrow Y$$

Domain, Co-domain, Image, Pre-image and range of a relation

Consider the following relation from the set X to Y .



$R \equiv \text{multiply by 2 and add 3}$

Domain

- * The set from which the relation starts is defined as the “Domain” of the relation. Thus the domain of the above relation R is X , where $X = \{-2, -1, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Co-domain

- * The set at which the relation terminates is defined as the “Co-domain” of the relation. Thus the co-domain of the above relation R is Y , where $Y = \{4, 0, 8, -1, 1, 5, 7, 9, 11\}$.

Image

* The elements in the co-domain to which arrows are coming from the domain are defined as images.

Pre-image

The elements in the domain from which arrows are going to co-domain are defined as pre-images of the images.

Range

* The set containing all images is defined as the range of the relation.

the range of the above relation is $\{-1, 1, 5, 7, 9, 11\}$

* The range is always a subset of the co-domain

* A relation is known as a mapping.

* The above arrow diagram is known as a mapping diagram.

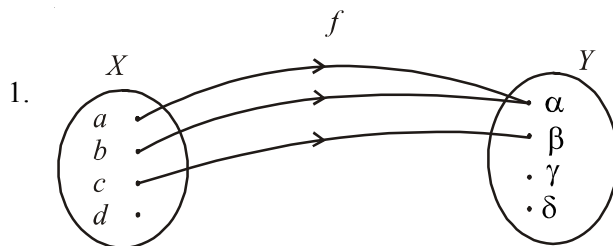
Functions

A relation is defined as function if the relation satisfies the properties mentioned below.

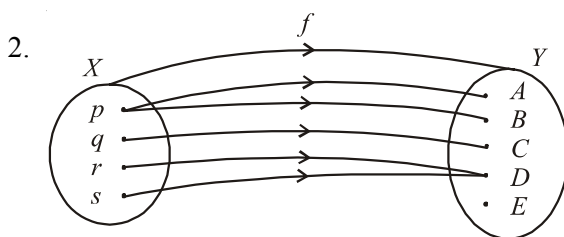
1. Every element in the domain has an image in the co-domain.
2. The image of any element in the domain must be unique.

(there should be only one image for any element in the domain)

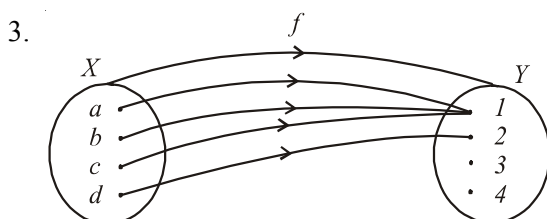
Eg :-



f is not a function, because the element d in X (domain) doesnot have an image

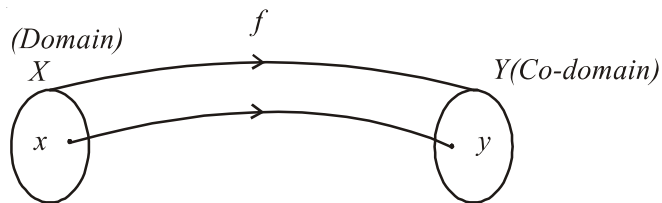


f is not a function, because the element p in the domain X has two images.



f is a function

Note : Suppose there is a function " f " from set X to Y .



i. This function is written as $f : X \rightarrow Y$

ii. y is the image of x under f . It is written as $y = f(x)$

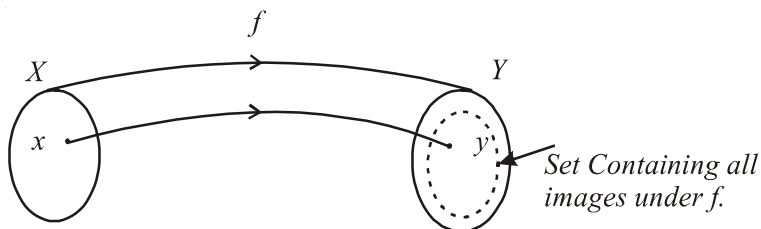
iii. $f(x)$ is the image of x under f and $f(x)$ is therefore in the co-domain.

iv. $f(x)$ means that after applying the rule given by " f " on the element x , the output result.

Here, x is called as independent variable.

y is called as dependent variable.

Note :



$X \equiv \text{Domain}$

$Y \equiv \text{Co-domain}$

* $f : X \rightarrow Y$

$y = f(x)$

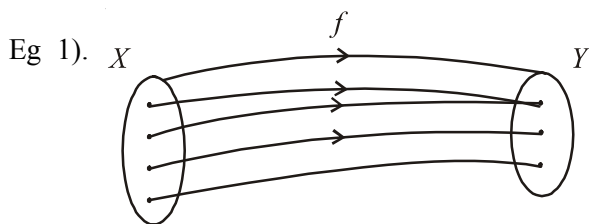
Real Functions (Real valued functions)

If the domain and co-domain of a function " f " are subsets of set of real numbers, then the function " f " is called a real function.

Types of Functions

01. Many - one function

A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be many - one if there exist at least two distinct elements in X (domain) whose images are same.



Eg 1).

Eg2). $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

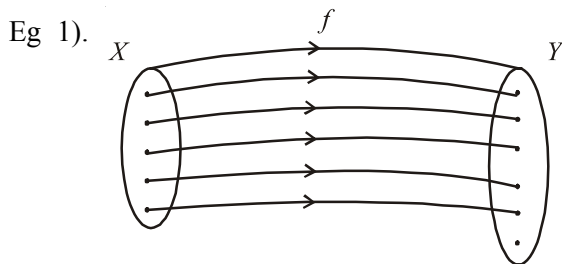
f is many - one function.

Eg 3). $f : \{-1, 1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1, 4, 9\}$

$$f(x) = x^2 \text{ is many - one function.}$$

02. One-one function (injective function)

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be one-one or injective, if every image in Y (co-domain) has only one pre-image in X (domain)



Eg 2). $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $f(x) = 2x$
 f is one - one function

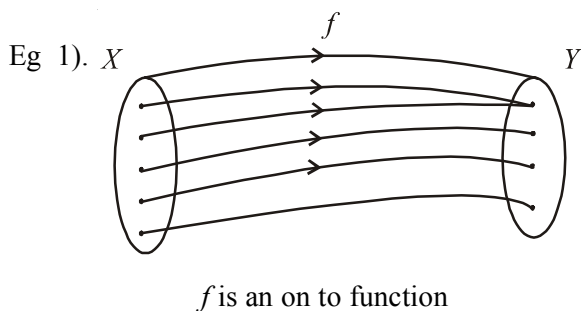
Eg 3). $f: \{1,2,3\} \rightarrow \{3,5,7,10\}$
 $f(x) = 2x + 1$
 f is one - one function

Note :

1. If f is one-one function, its number of images and number of pre-images are same.
2. In order to show a function f is one-one take any two images $f(x_1)$ and $f(x_2)$ from co-domain, and assuming that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ and hence show that $x_1 = x_2$.

03. Onto Function (Surjective Function)

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be onto or surjective function, if every element in co-domain is an image.



Eg 2). $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $f(x) = 2x + 6$
 f is an on to function

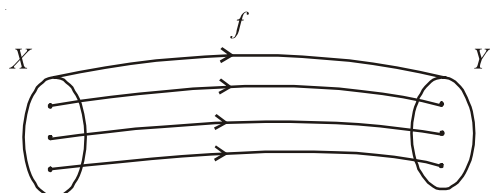
Eg 3). $f: \{-2,2,4,6\} \rightarrow \{4,16,36\}$
 $f(x) = x^2$
 f is an on to function

Note :

In order to show a function is an onto function, we have to show for every element in co-domain, there exists a pre-image in domain.

04. Bijective Function

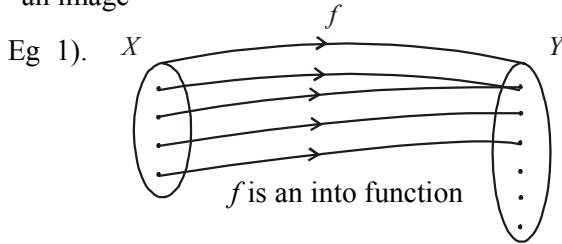
A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be bijective if f is both one - one and onto.



Eg 1). $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $f(x) = x + 1$
 f is a bijective function.

05. Into Function

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be an into function if there is at least one element in co-domain such that it is not an image'



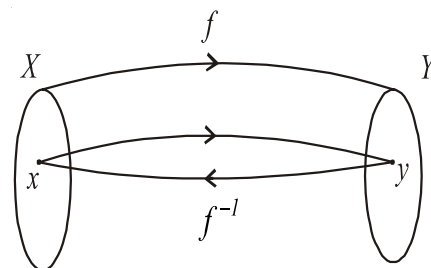
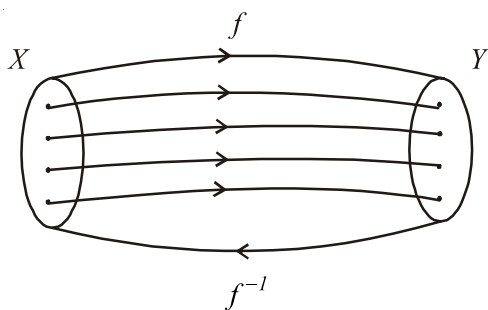
Eg 2) $f: \mathbb{R}_0^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \text{ (positive square root)}$$

f is an into function

06. Inverse Function

If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a bijective function (one-one and onto) then it is possible to find a rule (function) from Y to X . This function is defined as the inverse function of f and is denoted by f^{-1} .



$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

$$f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$$

$$f(x) = y$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = x$$

Graph of a function

Consider the function

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

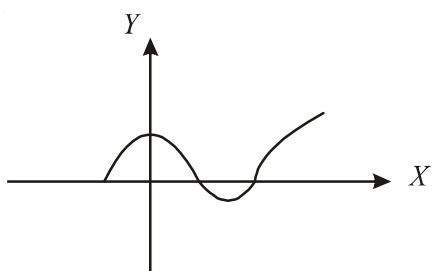
$$y = f(x)$$

We can form a set G such that $G = \{(x, f(x)) / x \in X(\text{domain}), f(x) \in Y(\text{co-domain})\}$
the set G is defined as the graph of the function f .

Geometric Presentaion of Graph of a Function

The elements of the form $(x, f(x))$ of the set G are represented by points on the plane of the axes X and Y . Then the set G can be shown by collection of some points.

This collection of points on OXY plane looks like as a curve.



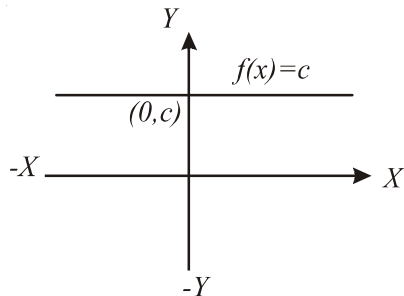
Some Important Functions

01. Constant Function

A function $f : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ defined by $f(x)=c$, for all $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ where c is a constant is called a constant function.

Its domain is \mathfrak{R} and range is the set $\{c\}$

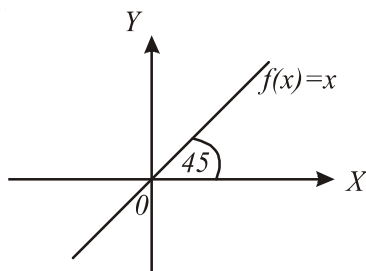
The graph of a constant function is a straight line parallel to x -axis when x is the independent variable.



02. Identity Function (Unit Function)

The function $f : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ defined by $f(x)=x$ for all $x \in \mathfrak{R}$, is called the identity function. Its domain is \mathfrak{R} and range is also \mathfrak{R} .

The graph of the identity function is a straight line passing through origin and inclined at an angle of 45° with positive x -axis.



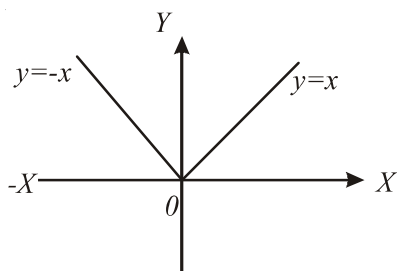
03. Modulus Function (Absolute Value Function)

The function $f : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ defined by

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

is called the absolute value function. Its domain is \mathfrak{R} and its range is $[0, \infty)$.

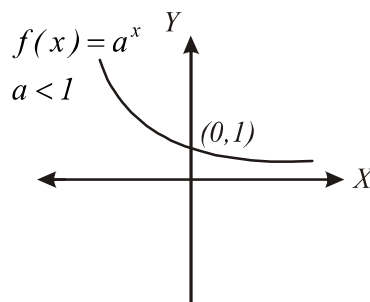
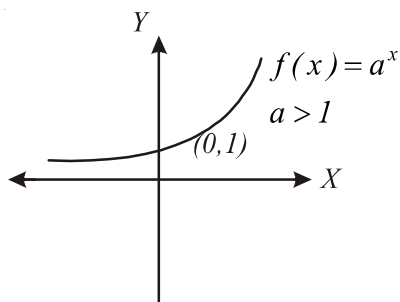
The graph of the modulus function is as shown below.



04. Exponential Function

Let $a (\neq 1)$ be a positive real number.

Then the function $f : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$, defined by $f(x) = a^x$ is called the exponential function. Its domain is \mathfrak{R} and range $(0, \infty)$. The graph of the exponential function is as shown below



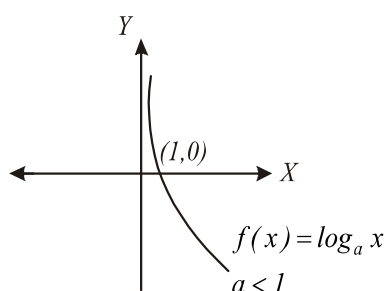
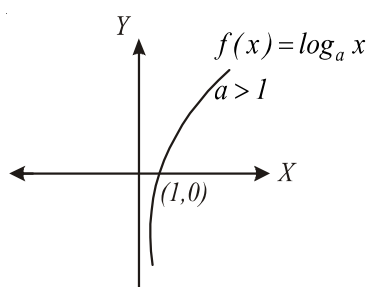
05. Logarithmic Function

Let $a (\neq 1)$ be a positive real number.

Then the function $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \log_a x \text{ is called the logarithmic function.}$$

Its domain is $(0, \infty)$ and range is \mathbb{R} . The graph of logarithmic function is as shown below.



06. Polynomial Function

A function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$ where n is a positive integer and $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are real numbers is called a polynomial function.

If $a_n \neq 0$ then n is called the degree of the polynomial. The domain of the polynomial function is \mathbb{R} .

07. Rational Function

A function of the form $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are polynomials over the set of real numbers and $q(x) \neq 0$ is called a rational function. Its domain is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{x / q(x) \neq 0\}$.

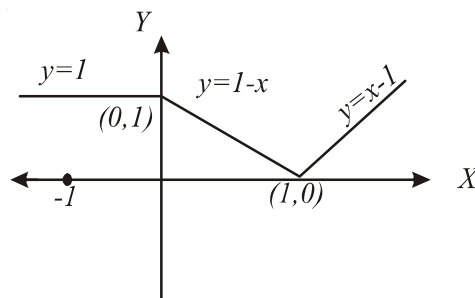
08. Piecewise function

Definition

If a function $y = f(x), x \in [a, b]$ assumes different forms in different subsets of $[a, b]$ we say that it is piecewise defined

$$\text{For instance } y = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1; & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 1-x; & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ x-1; & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

The graph is



09. Explicit and Implicit Functions

Explicit Function

A function y is said to be an explicit function of x , if the dependent variable y can be expressed totally in terms of the independent variable x .

Illustration

1. $y = x + \log x$ 2. $y = \tan x + x$ 3. $y = x^2 + 2x - 1$

Implicit Function

When the variable x and y occur together in an equation, in which y cannot be expressed explicitly in terms of x , then y is said to be an implicit function of x .

1. $x^2 y = (1 - x)(y + 1)$ 2. $e^{xy} + xy - 2 = 0$

Odd and even functions

Odd function

A function $f(x)$ is said to be odd if $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all x .

$y = f(x) = \sin x$, $f(x) = x^3$ are odd functions.

Even functions

A function $f(x)$ is said to be even if $f(-x) = f(x)$ for all x .

$y = f(x) = x^2$ is an even function.

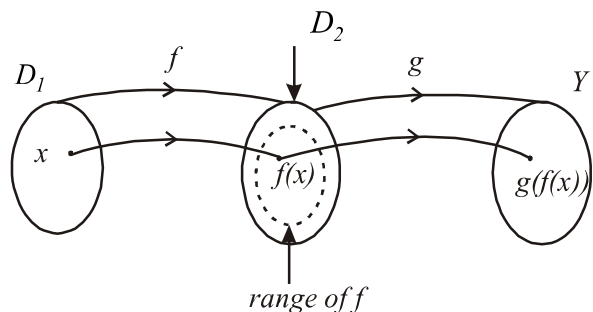
Composition of Functions

Let f and g be real functions with domain D_1 and D_2 respectively.

If range of f is a subset of domain of g .

Then $g \circ f$ (composition of f and g) is defined as

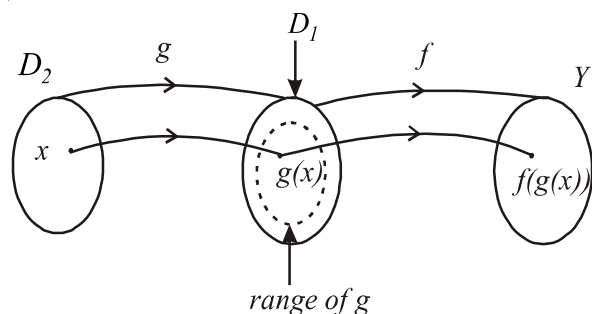
$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) \text{ for all } x \in D_1$$



Similarly if range of g is a subset of domain of f .

Then $f \circ g$ (composition of g and f) is defined as,

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) \text{ for all } x \in D_2$$



Operations on Functions

Let f and g be real functions with domain D_1 and D_2 respectively.

Then

i. The sum function $(f+g)$ is defined by

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \text{ for all } x \in D_1 \cap D_2 \text{ The domain of } f+g \text{ is } D_1 \cap D_2$$

ii. The difference function $(f-g)$ is defined by

$$(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x), \text{ for all } x \in D_1 \cap D_2 \text{ domain of } f-g \text{ is } D_1 \cap D_2.$$

iii. The product function fg is defined by

$$(fg)(x) = f(x).g(x), \text{ for all } x \in D_1 \cap D_2 \text{ domain of } fg \text{ is } D_1 \cap D_2$$

iv. The quotient function $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)$ is defined by

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, \text{ for all } x \in D_1 \cap D_2 \setminus \{x : g(x) = 0\}. \text{ The domain of } \frac{f}{g} \text{ is } D_1 \cap D_2 \setminus \{x : g(x) = 0\}$$

v. The scalar multiple function cf is defined by

$$(cf)x = c.f(x), \text{ for all } x \in D_f. \text{ The domain of } Cf \text{ is } D_f.$$

Exercise

1a. Find the domain and range of the following functions.

i. $f(x) = \sqrt{x^3 + 1}$

ii. $f(x) = \sqrt{(x-2)(x+3)}$

b. Two functions f and g are defined as follows.

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x-1 & ; x < 1 \\ 1 & ; 1 \leq x < 3 \\ 1-x & ; x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & ; x < 2 \\ x+1 & ; x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Express the function $f(x) + g(x)$ as in the above form.

c. when $x \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ let $f(x) = x^2$. Find the function $f^{-1}(x)$. Sketch the graph of $f(x) = x^2$ and hence sketch the graph of $f^{-1}(x)$.

2. Find the implied domain and range of the following real valued functions.

i. $f(x) = \sqrt{4x^2 - 100}$

ii. $f(x) = 3 + x - \frac{x^2}{x-1}$

3. Sketch the graph of the function $f(x)$ given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & ; x < 0 \\ -3 & ; 0 \leq x < 3 \\ 2x + 1 & ; x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

4. Find the domain and range of the following functions.

i. $f(x) = x - 2$

ii. $g(x) = -2x$

iii. $f(x) = x^2 - 4$

iv. $g(x) = -x^2 + 4$

v. $f(x) = x^2 - 2$

vi. $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x$

vii. $f(x) = x^3$

viii. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

ix. $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$

x. $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$

xi. $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2} + 1$

xii. $f(x) = \sin x$

xiii. $f(x) = -2\sin x$

xiv. $f(x) = \cos x$

xv. $f(x) = \cos^2 x$

$$\text{xvi. } f(x) = e^x \quad \text{xvii. } f(x) = e^x - 2 \quad \text{xviii. } f(x) = e^{-x} \quad \text{xix. } f(x) = e^{-x} + 2 \quad \text{xx. } f(x) = 2e^x$$

$$\text{xxi. } f(x) = \frac{1}{e^x + 1} \quad \text{xxii. } f(x) = |x| \quad \text{xxiii. } f(x) = |x - 2| \quad \text{xxiv. } f(x) = |x| - 2 \quad \text{xxv. } f(x) = |x - 3| - 1$$

5.i. Let $x = \frac{1-y^2}{1+y^2}$. Using this, form a function as $y = f(x)$, indicating domain and range.

ii. A function f is defined as

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{2x+1}$$

Find the implied (natural) domain and range of this function.

Show also that the function f is a bijective function. Find f^{-1} .

6. Find the domain and range of the function defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^2 + x - 6}$$

7. Let $f(x) = 5 - 3x^2$, and $g(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$

Then find fog.

8. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x}}$

Find the domain of the function f .

9. For each of the following functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ find

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1. $f(x) = 2x + 3$ $g(x) = 3x$

ii. $f(x) = 3x + 1$ $g(x) = x^2$

iii. $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = x^2 + 4$

iv. $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$, $g(x) = -\frac{4}{x}$

v. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$, $g(x) = 2x + 3$

vi. $f(x) = x^2 + 1$, $g(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$

vii. $f(x) = \frac{x-5}{x+1}$, $g(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-3}$

viii. $f(x) = -x$, $g(x) = 2x - 4$

ix. $f(x) = x + 1$, $g(x) = x^2 + 4$

x. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}$, $g(x) = -\frac{2}{x}$

xi. $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-4}$

10. Let $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = x - 1$

Find

a. $(f+g)(x)$ b. $(f-g)(x)$ c. $(fg)(x)$ d. $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ e. $(kf)(x)$, where k is a constant.