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Q1. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = 10x + 7$. Find the function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $g \circ f = f \circ g = 1_{\mathbb{R}}$.

A.1. It is given that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as $f(x) = 10x + 7$.

One-one:

Let, $f(x) = f(y)$, where, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore f$ is a one-one function.

Onto:

For, $y \in R$, let, $y = 10x + 7$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y-7}{10} \in R$$

Therefore, for any $y \in R$, there exists $x = \frac{y-7}{10} \in R$

Such that

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{y-7}{10}\right) = 10\left(\frac{y-7}{10}\right) + 7 = y - 7 + 7 = y$$

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Therefore, f is one-one and onto.

Thus, f is an invertible function.

Let us define $g : R \rightarrow R$ as $g(y) = \frac{y-7}{10}$

Now, we have

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(10x + 7) = \frac{(10x + 7) - 7}{10} = 10 \frac{x}{10} = x$$

And

$$f \circ g(y) = f(g(y)) = f\left(\frac{y-7}{10}\right) = 10\left(\frac{y-7}{10}\right) + 7 = y - 7 + 7 = y$$

Hence, the required function $g : R \rightarrow R$ is defined as $g(y) = \frac{y-7}{10}$

Q2. Let $f: W \rightarrow W$ be defined as $f(n) = n - 1$, if n is odd and $f(n) = n + 1$, if n is even. Show that f is invertible. Find the inverse of f . Here, W is the set of all whole numbers.

A.2. It is given that:

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

One-one:

$$\text{Let, } f(n) = f(m).$$

It can be observed that if n is odd and m is even, then we will have $n-1=m+1$.

$$\Rightarrow n - m = 2$$

However, the possibility of n being even and m being odd can also be ignored under a similar argument.

$\therefore$ Both n and m must be either odd or even.

Now, if both n and m are odd, then we have:

$$f(n) = f(m) \Rightarrow n-1 = m-1 \Rightarrow n = m$$

Again, if both n and m are even, then we have:

$$f(n) = f(m) \Rightarrow n+1 = m+1 \Rightarrow n = m$$

$\therefore f$ is one-one.

It is clear that any odd number $2r+1$ in co-domain N is the image of $2r$ in domain N and any even $2r$ in co-domain N is the image of $2r+1$ in domain N .

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Hence, f is an invertible function.

Let us define $g : W \rightarrow W$ as:

$$g(m) = \begin{cases} m+1, & \text{if } m, \text{ even} \\ m-1, & \text{if } m, \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Now, when n is odd:

$$g \circ f(n) = g(f(n)) = g(n-1) = n-1+1 = n$$

And, when n is even:

$$g \circ f(n) = g(f(n)) = g(n+1) = n+1-1 = n$$

Similarly, when m is odd:

$$f \circ g(m) = f(g(m)) = f(m-1) = m-1+1 = m$$

When m is even:

$$f \circ g(m) = f(g(m)) = f(m+1) = m+1-1 = m$$

$$\therefore g \circ f = I_W, \text{ and, } f \circ g = I_W$$

Thus, f is invertible and the inverse of f is given by $f^{-1} = g$, which is the same as f .

Hence, the inverse of f is f itself.

Q3. If $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$, find $f(f(x))$.

A.3. It is given that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(f(x)) &= f(x^2 - 3x + 2) \\
 &= (x^2 + 3x + 2)^2 - 3(x^2 - 3x + 2) + 2 \\
 &= x^4 + 9x^2 + 4 - 6x^2 - 12x + 4x^2 - 3x^2 + 9x - 6 + 2 \\
 &= x^4 - 6x^2 + 10x^2 - 3x
 \end{aligned}$$

Q4. Show that function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R}: -1 < x < 1\}$ defined by $f(x) = x/(1+|x|)$ $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is one-one and onto function.

A.4. It is given that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R}: -1 < x < 1\}$ is defined as $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Suppose $f(x) = f(y)$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

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

Since x is positive and y is negative:

$$x > y \Rightarrow x - y > 0$$

But, $2xy$ is negative.

Then, $2xy \neq x - y$.

Thus, the case of x being positive and y being negative can be ruled out.

Under a similar argument, x being negative and y being positive can also be ruled out

$\therefore x$ and y have to be either positive or negative.

When x and y are both positive, we have:

$$f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{y}{1+y} \Rightarrow x + xy = y + xy \Rightarrow x = y$$

When x and y are both negative, we have:

$$f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1-x} = \frac{y}{1-y} \Rightarrow x - xy = y - yx \Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore f$ is one-one.

Now, let $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $-1 < y < 1$.

If x is negative, then there exists $x = \frac{y}{1+y} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{y}{1+y}\right) = \frac{\left(\frac{y}{1+y}\right)}{1 + \frac{y}{1+y}} = \frac{\frac{y}{1+y}}{1 + \frac{-y}{1+y}} = \frac{y}{1+y-y} = y$$

If x is positive, then there exists $x = \frac{y}{1-y} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{y}{1-y}\right) = \frac{\left(\frac{y}{1-y}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{1-y}\right)} = \frac{\frac{y}{1-y}}{1 + \frac{y}{1-y}} = \frac{y}{1-y+y} = y$$

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Hence, f is one-one and onto.

Q5. Show that the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^3$ is injective.

A.5. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given as $f(x) = x^3$.

Suppose $f(x) = f(y)$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = y^3 \dots (1)$$

Now, we need to show that $x = y$.

Suppose $x \neq y$, their cubes will also not be equal.

$$\Rightarrow x^3 \neq y^3$$

However, this will be a contradiction to (1).

$$\therefore x = y$$

Hence, f is injective.

Q6. Give examples of two functions $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ and $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that $g \circ f$ is injective but g is not injective.

(Hint: Consider $f(x) = x$ and $g(x) = |x|$)

A.6. Define $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ as $f(x)$ and $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ as $g(x) = |x|$

We first show that g is not injective.

It can be observed that:

$$g(-1) = |-1| = 1$$

$$g(1) = |1| = 1$$

$$\therefore g(-1) = g(1), \text{ but } -1 \neq 1$$

$\therefore g$ is not injective.

Now, $g \circ f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is defined as

$$g \circ f(x) = y(f(x)) = y(x) = |x|$$

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $g \circ f(x) = g \circ f(y)$

$$\Rightarrow |x| = |y|$$

Since $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$, both are positive.

$$\therefore |x| = |y| \Rightarrow x = y$$

Hence, $g \circ f$ is injective

Q7. Given examples of two functions $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ and $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $g \circ f$ is onto but f is not onto.

(Hint: Consider $f(x) = x + 1$ and $g(x) = \begin{cases} x-1 & \text{if } x > 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$)

A.7. Define $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ by

$$f(x) = x + 1$$

And, $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ by,

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x-1 & \text{if } x > 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$$

We first show that g is not onto.

For this, consider element 1 in co-domain $\mathbb{N}$. It is clear that this element is not an image of any of the elements in domain.

$\therefore f$ is not onto.

Now, $g \circ f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is defined by,

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f(x) &= g(f(x)) = g(x+1) = (x+1)-1 \quad [x \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow (x+1) > 1] \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

Then, it is clear that for $y \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $x = y \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\text{gof}(x) = \text{gof}(y)$

Hence, gof is onto.

Q8. Given a non empty set X , consider $P(X)$ which is the set of all subsets of X .

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

A.8. Since every set is a subset of itself, ARA for all $A \in P(X)$.

$\therefore R$ is reflexive.

Let $ARB \Rightarrow A \subset B$.

This cannot be implied to $B \subset A$.

For instance, if $A = \{1, 2\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, then it cannot be implied that B is related to A .

$\therefore R$ is not symmetric.

Further, if ARB and BRC , then $A \subset B$ and $B \subset C$.

$\Rightarrow A \subset C$

$\Rightarrow ARC$

$\therefore R$ is transitive.

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

Q9. Given a non-empty set X , consider the binary operation $*$: $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ given by $A * B = A \cap B$. For $E \in P(X)$, E is the identity element for this operation and X is the only invertible element in $P(X)$ with respect to the operation $*$.

A.9. Let S be a non-empty set and $P(S)$ be its power set. Let any two subsets A and B of S .

It is given that: $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ is defined as $A.B = A \cap B \forall A, B \in P(X)$

We know that $A \cap X = A = X \cap A \forall A \in P(X)$

$\Rightarrow A.X = A = X.A \forall A \in P(X)$

Thus, X is the identity element for the given binary operation $*$.

Now, an element is $A \in P(X)$ invertible if there exists $B \in P(X)$ such that

$A * B = X = B * A$ (As X is the identity element)

i.e.

$A \cap B = X = B \cap A$

This case is possible only when $A = X = B$.

Thus, X is the only invertible element in $P(X)$ with respect to the given operation*.

Hence, the given result is proved.

Q10. Find the number of all onto functions from the set $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ to itself.

A.10. Onto functions from the set $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ to itself is simply a permutation on n symbols $1, 2, \dots, n$.

Thus, the total number of onto maps from $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ to itself is the same as the total number of permutations on n symbols $1, 2, \dots, n$, which is $n!$.

Q11. Let $S = \{a, b, c\}$ and $T = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Find F^{-1} of the following functions F from S to T , if it exists.

(i) $F = \{(a, 3), (b, 2), (c, 1)\}$ (ii) $F = \{(a, 2), (b, 1), (c, 1)\}$

A.11. $S = \{a, b, c\}$, $T = \{1, 2, 3\}$

(i) $F: S \rightarrow T$ is defined as:

$F = \{(a, 3), (b, 2), (c, 1)\}$

$\Rightarrow F(a) = 3, F(b) = 2, F(c) = 1$

Therefore, $F^{-1}: T \rightarrow S$ is given by

$F^{-1} = \{(3, a), (2, b), (1, c)\}$.

(ii) $F: S \rightarrow T$ is defined as:

$F = \{(a, 2), (b, 1), (c, 1)\}$

Since $F(b) = F(c) = 1$, F is not one-one.

Hence, F is not invertible i.e., F^{-1} does not exist.

Q12. Consider the binary operations $*$: $R \times R \rightarrow R$ and $\circ$: $R \times R \rightarrow R$ defined as $a * b = |a - b|$ and $a \circ b = a$, $\forall a, b \in R$. Show that $*$ is commutative but not associative, $\circ$ is associative but not commutative. Further, show that $*$ distributes over the operation $\circ$. Does $\circ$ distribute over $*$? Justify your answer.

A.12. It is given that $*$: $R \times R \rightarrow R$ and $\circ$: $R \times R \rightarrow R$ is defined as

$a * b = |a - b|$ and $a \circ b = a, \forall a, b \in R$.

For $a, b \in R$, we have:

$$a * b = |a - b|$$

$$b * a = |b - a| = |-(a - b)| = |a - b|$$

$$\therefore a * b = b * a$$

$\therefore$ The operation $*$ is commutative.

It can be observed that,

$$(1.2).3 = (|1 - 2|).3 = 1.3 = |1 - 3| = 2$$

$$1 * (2 * 3) = 1 * (|2 - 3|) = 1 * 1 = |1 - 1| = 0$$

$$\therefore (1 * 2) * 3 = 1 * (2 * 3) \text{ (where, } 1, 2, 3 \in R \text{)}$$

$\therefore$ The operation $*$ is not associative.

Now, consider the operation o :

It can be observed that $1o2 = 1$, and, $2o1 = 2$.

$$\therefore 1o2 \neq 2o1 \text{ (where, } 1, 2 \in R \text{)}$$

$\therefore$ The operation o is not commutative.

Let, $a, b, c \in R$. Then we have:

$$(aob)oc = aoc = a$$

$$ao(boc) = aob = a$$

$$\Rightarrow (aob)oc = ao(boc)$$

$\therefore$ The operation o is associative.

Now, $a, b, c \in R$. Then we have:

$$a * (boc) = a * b = |a - b|$$

$$(a * b)o(a * c) = (|a - b|)o(|a - c|) = |a - b|$$

$$\text{Hence, } a * (boc) = (a * b)o(a * c).$$

Now,

$$1o(2o3) = 1o(|2 - 3|) = 1o1 = 1$$

$$(1o2) * (1o3) = 1 * 1 = |1 - 1| = 0$$

$$\therefore 1o(2o3) \neq (1o2) * (1o3) \text{ (where, } 1, 2, 3 \in R \text{)}$$

$\therefore$ The operation o does not distribute over $*$.

Q13. Given a non-empty set X , let $*$: $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ be defined as $A * B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$, &mn For E ; $A, B \in P(X)$. Show that the empty set Φ is the identity for the operation $*$

and all the elements A of $P(X)$ are invertible with $A^{-1} = A$. (Hint: $(A - \Phi) \cup (\Phi - A) = A$ and $(A - A) \cup (A - A) = A * A = \Phi$).

A.13. : It is given that $*$: $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ be defined as

$$A * B = (A - B) \cup (B - A), A, B \in P(X).$$

Now, let $A \in P(X)$. Then, we get,

$$A * \phi = (A - \phi) \cup (\phi - A) = A \cup \phi = A$$

$$\phi * A = (\phi - A) \cup (A - \phi) = \phi \cup A = A$$

$$A * \phi = A = \phi * A, \quad A \in P(X)$$

Therefore, ϕ is the identity element for the given operation $*$.

Now, an element $A \in P(X)$ will be invertible if there exists $B \in P(X)$ such that

$$A * B = \phi = B * A. \text{ (as } \phi \text{ is an identity element.)}$$

Now, we can see that $A * A = (A - A) \cup (A - A) = \phi \cup \phi = \phi \quad A \in P(X)$.

Therefore, all the element A of $P(X)$ are invertible with $A^{-1} = A$.

Q14. Define binary operation $*$ on the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ as $a * b = \begin{cases} a + b & \text{if } a + b < 6 \\ a + b - 6 & \text{if } a + b \geq 6 \end{cases}$

Show that zero is the identity for this operation and each element $a \neq 0$ of the set is invertible with $6 - a$ being the inverse of a

A.14. Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

The operation $*$ on X is defined as:

$$a * b = \begin{cases} a + b & \text{if } a + b < 6 \\ a + b - 6 & \text{if } a + b \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

An element $e \in X$ is the identity element for the operation $*$, if $a * e = a = e * a \quad \forall a \in X$

For $a \in X$ we observed that

$$a * 0 = a + 0 = a \quad [a \in X \Rightarrow a + 0 < 6]$$

$$0 * a = 0 + a = a \quad [a \in X \Rightarrow 0 + a < 6]$$

$$\therefore a * 0 = 0 * a \quad \forall a \in X$$

Thus, 0 is the identity element for the given operation $*$.

An element $a \in X$ is invertible if there exists $b \in X$ such that $a * b = 0 * a$.

$$\text{ie } \begin{cases} a + b = 0 = b + a & \text{if } a + b < 6 \\ a + b - 6 = 0 = b + a - 6 & \text{if } a + b \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

i.e.,

$$a = -b, \text{ or, } b = 6 - a$$

But, $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $a, b \in X$. Then, $a \neq -b$.

$\therefore b = 6 - a$ is the inverse of a for $a \in X$.

Hence, the inverse of an element $a \in X, a \neq 0$ is $6 - a$ i.e., $a^{-1} = 6 - a$.

*	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

Q15. Let $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$, $B = \{-4, -2, 0, 2\}$ and $f, g: A \rightarrow B$ be the functions defined by $f(x) = x^2 - x, x \in A$ and $g(x) = 2x - 1/2 - 1, x \in A$. Are f and g equal? Justify your answer.

(Hint: One may note that two functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: A \rightarrow B$ such that $f(a) = g(a)$ for $a \in A$, are called equal functions).

A.15.

It is given that $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$, $B = \{-4, -2, 0, 2\}$

Also, it is given that $f, g: A \rightarrow B$ are defined by $f(x) = x^2 - x, x \in A$ and

$$g(x) = 2x - \frac{1}{2} - 1, x \in A.$$

It is observed that:

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

$$g(-1) = 2(-1) - \frac{1}{2} - 1 = 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-1) = g(-1)$$

$$f(0) = (0)^2 - 0 = 0$$

$$g(0) = 2(0) - \frac{1}{2} - 1 = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = g(0)$$

$$f(1) = (1)^2 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$g(1) = 2a - \frac{1}{2} - 1 = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = g(1)$$

$$f(2) = (2)^2 - 2 = 4 - 2 = 2$$

$$g(2) = 2(2) - \frac{1}{2} - 1 = 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2) = g(2)$$

$$\therefore f(a) = g(a) \forall a \in A$$

Hence, the functions f and g are equal.

Q16. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Then number of relations containing $(1, 2)$ and $(1, 3)$ which are reflexive and symmetric but not transitive is:

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 4

A.16. It is clear that 1 is reflexive and symmetric but not transitive.

Therefore, option (A) is correct.

Q17. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Then number of equivalence relations containing $(1, 2)$ is:

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 4

A.17. 2, Therefore, option (B) is correct.

Q18. Let $R \rightarrow R$ be the Signum Function defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$ and $R \rightarrow R$ be

the Greatest Function given by $g(x) = [x]$ where $[x]$ is greatest integer less than or equal to x

Then, does $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ coincide in $(0, 1)$?

A.18. It is given that,

$$f : R \rightarrow R \text{ is defined as } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Also, $g : R \rightarrow R$ is defined as $g(x) = [x]$, where $[x]$ is the greatest integer less than or equal to x .

Now, let $x \in (0, 1)$

Then, we have:

$$[x] = 1 \text{ if } x = 1 \text{ and } [x] = 0 \text{ if } 0 < x < 1$$

$$\therefore f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f([x]) = \begin{cases} f(1) & \text{if } x = 1 \\ f(0) & \text{if } x \in (0, 1) \end{cases} = \{(1, "if, x = 1"), (0, "if, x \in (0, 1)")\}$$

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

$$= g(1)[x > 0]$$

$$= [1] = 1$$

Thus, when $x \in (0, 1)$, we have $f \circ g(x) = 0$ and $g \circ f(x) = 1$.

Hence, $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ do not coincide in $(0, 1)$.

Therefore, option (B) is correct.

Q19. Number of binary operations on the set $\{a, b\}$ are:

(A) 10

(b) 16

(C) 20

(D) 8

A.19.

A binary operation $*$ on $\{a, b\}$ is a function from $\{a, b\} \times \{a, b\} \rightarrow \{a, b\}$

i.e., $*$ is a function from $\{(a, a), (a, b), (b, a), (b, b)\} \rightarrow \{a, b\}$.

Hence, the total number of binary operations on the set $\{a, b\}$ is 2^4 i.e., 16.

The correct answer is B.

