

Exercise 1.2

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1. Show that the function $f : \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ defined by $f(x) = 1/x$ is one-one and onto, where \mathbb{R}^* is the set of all non-zero real numbers. Is the result true, if the domain \mathbb{R}^* is replaced by \mathbb{N} with co-domain being same as \mathbb{R}^* ?

Solution:

Given: $f : \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ defined by $f(x) = 1/x$

Check for One-One

$$f(x_1) = \frac{1}{x_1} \text{ and } f(x_2) = \frac{1}{x_2}$$

$$\text{If } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \text{ then } \frac{1}{x_1} = \frac{1}{x_2}$$

This implies $x_1 = x_2$

Therefore, f is one-one function.

Check for onto

$$f(x) = 1/x$$

$$\text{or } y = 1/x$$

$$\text{or } x = 1/y$$

$$f(1/y) = y$$

Therefore, f is onto function.

Again, If $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

Say, $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\frac{1}{n_1} = \frac{1}{n_2}$$

So $n_1 = n_2$

Therefore, f is one-one

Every real number belonging to co-domain may not have a pre-image in \mathbb{N} . for example, $1/3$ and $3/2$ are not belongs \mathbb{N} . So \mathbb{N} is not onto.

2. Check the injectivity and surjectivity of the following functions:

(i) $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$

(ii) $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$

(iii) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$

(iv) $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ given by $f(x) = x^3$

(v) $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ given by $f(x) = x^3$

Solution:

(i) $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$

For $x, y \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$ which implies $x^2 = y^2$
 $\Rightarrow x = y$

Therefore f is injective.

There are such numbers of co-domain which have no image in domain \mathbb{N} .

Say, $3 \in \mathbb{N}$, but there is no pre-image in domain of f such that $f(x) = x^2 = 3$.

f is not surjective.

Therefore, f is injective but not surjective.

(ii) Given, $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$

Here, $\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \dots\}$

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

But -1 not equal to 1 .

f is not injective.

There are many numbers of co-domain which have no image in domain \mathbb{Z} .

For example, $-3 \in$ co-domain \mathbb{Z} , but $-3 \notin$ domain \mathbb{Z}

f is not surjective.

Therefore, f is neither injective nor surjective.

(iii) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$

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

But -1 not equal to 1.

f is not injective.

There are many numbers of co-domain which have no image in domain \mathbb{R} .

For example, $-3 \in$ co-domain \mathbb{R} , but there does not exist any x in domain \mathbb{R} where $x^2 = -3$
f is not surjective.

Therefore, f is neither injective nor surjective.

(iv) $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ given by $f(x) = x^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } x, y \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y) \text{ which implies } x^3 = y^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow x = y \end{aligned}$$

Therefore f is injective.

There are many numbers of co-domain which have no image in domain \mathbb{N} .

For example, $4 \in$ co-domain \mathbb{N} , but there does not exist any x in domain \mathbb{N} where $x^3 = 4$.
f is not surjective.

Therefore, f is injective but not surjective.

(v) $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ given by $f(x) = x^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y) \text{ which implies } x^3 = y^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow x = y \end{aligned}$$

Therefore f is injective.

There are many numbers of co-domain which have no image in domain \mathbb{Z} .

For example, $4 \in$ co-domain \mathbb{N} , but there does not exist any x in domain \mathbb{Z} where $x^3 = 4$.
f is not surjective.

Therefore, f is injective but not surjective.

3. Prove that the Greatest Integer Function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by $f(x) = [x]$, is neither one-one nor onto, where $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x .

Solution:

Function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by $f(x) = [x]$
 $f(x) = 1$, because $1 \leq x \leq 2$

$$f(1.2) = [1.2] = 1$$

$$f(1.9) = [1.9] = 1$$

But $1.2 \neq 1.9$

f is not one-one.

There is no fraction proper or improper belonging to co-domain of f has any pre-image in its domain.

For example, $f(x) = [x]$ is always an integer

for 0.7 belongs to \mathbb{R} there does not exist any x in domain \mathbb{R} where $f(x) = 0.7$
 f is not onto.

Hence proved, the Greatest Integer Function is neither one-one nor onto.

4. Show that the Modulus Function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by $f(x) = |x|$, is neither one-one nor onto, where $|x|$ is x , if x is positive or 0 and $|x|$ is $-x$, if x is negative.

Solution:

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by $f(x) = |x|$, defined as

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

f contains values like $(-1, 1), (1, 1), (-2, 2), (2, 2)$

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

f is not one-one.

\mathbb{R} contains some negative numbers which are not images of any real number since $f(x) = |x|$ is always non-negative. So f is not onto.

Hence, Modulus Function is neither one-one nor onto.

5. Show that the Signum Function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

is neither one-one nor onto.

Solution: Signum Function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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

This implies, for $n > 0$, $f(x_1) = f(x_2) = 1$

$$x_1 \neq x_2$$

f is not one-one.

$f(x)$ has only 3 values, $(-1, 0, 1)$. Other than these 3 values of co-domain \mathbb{R} has no any pre-image its domain.

f is not onto.

Hence, Signum Function is neither one-one nor onto.

6. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$ and let $f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$ be a function from A to B . Show that f is one-one.

Solution:

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\} \text{ and}$$

$$f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$$

$$f(1) = 4, f(2) = 5 \text{ and } f(3) = 6$$

Here, also distinct elements of A have distinct images in B .

Therefore, f is one-one.

7. In each of the following cases, state whether the function is one-one, onto or bijective. Justify your answer.

(i) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = 3 - 4x$

(ii) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = 1 + x^2$

Solution:

(i) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = 3 - 4x$

If $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$f(x_1) = 3 - 4x_1 \text{ and}$$

$$f(x_2) = 3 - 4x_2$$

If $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ then $x_1 = x_2$

Therefore, f is one-one.

Again,

$$f(x) = 3 - 4x$$

$$\text{or } y = 3 - 4x$$

$$\text{or } x = (3-y)/4 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}$$

$$f((3-y)/4) = 3 - 4((3-y)/4) = y$$

f is onto.

Hence f is onto or bijective.

(ii) $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = 1 + x^2$

If $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$f(x_1) = 1 + x_1^2 \text{ and}$$

$$f(x_2) = 1 + x_2^2$$

If $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ then $x_1^2 = x_2^2$

This implies $x_1 \neq x_2$

Therefore, f is not one-one

Again, if every element of co-domain is image of some element of Domain under f , such that

$$f(x) = y$$

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

$$y = f(x) = 1 + x^2$$

$$\text{or } x = \pm\sqrt{1-y}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f(\sqrt{1-y}) = 2 - y \neq y$$

Therefore, f is not onto or bijective.

8. Let A and B be sets. Show that $f : A \times B \rightarrow B \times A$ such that $f(a, b) = (b, a)$ is bijective function.

Solution:

Step 1: Check for Injectivity:

Let (a_1, b_1) and $(a_2, b_2) \in A \times B$ such that

$$f(a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2)$$

This implies, (b_1, a_1) and (b_2, a_2)

$$b_1 = b_2 \text{ and } a_1 = a_2$$

$$(a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2) \text{ for all } (a_1, b_1) \text{ and } (a_2, b_2) \in A \times B$$

Therefore, f is injective.

Step 2: Check for Surjectivity:

Let (b, a) be any element of $B \times A$. Then $a \in A$ and $b \in B$

This implies $(a, b) \in A \times B$

For all $(b, a) \in B \times A$, there exists $(a, b) \in A \times B$

Therefore, $f: A \times B \rightarrow B \times A$ is bijective function.

9. Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be defined by

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

State whether the function f is bijective. Justify your answer

Solution:

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

For $n = 1, 2$

$$f(1) = (n+1)/2 = (1+1)/2 = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$f(2) = (n)/2 = (2)/2 = 1$$

$$f(1) = f(2), \text{ but } 1 \neq 2$$

f is not one-one.

For a natural number, "a" in co-domain \mathbb{N}

If n is odd

$n = 2k + 1$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $4k + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$f(4k+1) = (4k+1+1)/2 = 2k + 1$$

If n is even

$n = 2k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$f(4k) = 4k/2 = 2k$$

f is onto

Therefore, f is onto but not bijective function.

10. Let $A = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$ and $B = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$. Consider the function $f : A \rightarrow B$ defined by $f(x) = (x-2)/(x-3)$

Is f one-one and onto? Justify your answer.

Solution: $A = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$ and $B = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$

$f : A \rightarrow B$ defined by $f(x) = (x-2)/(x-3)$

Let $(x, y) \in A$ then

$$f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3} \text{ and } f(y) = \frac{y-2}{y-3}$$

For $f(x) = f(y)$

$$\frac{x-2}{x-3} = \frac{y-2}{y-3}$$

$$(x-2)(y-3) = (y-2)(x-3)$$

$$xy - 3x - 2y + 6 = xy - 3y - 2x + 6$$

$$-3x - 2y = -3y - 2x$$

$$-3x + 2x = -3y + 2y$$

$$-x = -y$$

$$x = y$$

Again, $f(x) = (x-2)/(x-3)$

or $y = f(x) = (x-2)/(x-3)$

$$y = (x-2)/(x-3)$$

$$y(x-3) = x-2$$

$$xy - 3y = x - 2$$

$$x(y-1) = 3y - 2$$

$$\text{or } x = (3y-2)/(y-1)$$

$$\text{Now, } f((3y-2)/(y-1)) = \frac{\frac{3y-2}{y-1} - 2}{\frac{3y-2}{y-1} - 3} = y$$

$$f(x) = y$$

Therefore, f is onto function.

11. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = x^4$. Choose the correct answer.

- (A) f is one-one onto (B) f is many-one onto
(C) f is one-one but not onto (D) f is neither one-one nor onto.

Solution:

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = x^4$

let x and y belongs to \mathbb{R} such that, $f(x) = f(y)$

$$x^4 = y^4 \text{ or } x = \pm y$$

f is not one-one function.

$$\text{Now, } y = f(x) = x^4 \text{ Or } x = \pm y^{1/4}$$

$$f(y^{1/4}) = y \text{ and } f(-y^{1/4}) = -y$$

Therefore, f is not onto function.

Option D is correct.

12. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = 3x$. Choose the correct answer.

- (A) f is one-one onto (B) f is many-one onto
(C) f is one-one but not onto (D) f is neither one-one nor onto.

Solution: $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = 3x$

let x and y belongs to \mathbb{R} such that $f(x) = f(y)$

$$3x = 3y \text{ or } x = y$$

f is one-one function.

$$\text{Now, } y = f(x) = 3x$$

$$\text{Or } x = y/3$$

$$f(x) = f(y/3) = y$$

Therefore, f is onto function.

Option (A) is correct.