

## Miscellaneous Exercise

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1. 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  $g \circ f = f \circ g = I_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

**Solution:**

Firstly, Find the inverse of  $f$ .

Let say,  $g$  is inverse of  $f$  and

$$y = f(x) = 10x + 7$$

$$y = 10x + 7$$

$$\text{or } x = (y-7)/10$$

$$\text{or } g(y) = (y-7)/10; \text{ where } g : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Now, } g \circ f = g(f(x)) = g(10x + 7)$$

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

$$= x$$

$$= I_{\mathbb{R}}$$

$$\text{Again, } f \circ g = f(g(x)) = f((y-7)/10)$$

$$= 10((y-7)/10) + 7$$

$$= y - 7 + 7 = y$$

$$= I_{\mathbb{R}}$$

Since  $g \circ f = f \circ g = I_{\mathbb{R}}$ .  $f$  is invertible, and

Inverse of  $f$  is  $x = g(y) = (y-7)/10$

2. Let  $f : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$  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,  $\mathbb{W}$  is the set of all whole numbers.

## Solution:

$f : W \rightarrow W$  be defined as  $f(n) = n - 1$ , if  $n$  is odd and  $f(n) = n + 1$ , if  $n$  is even.

Function can be defined as:

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

**$f$  is invertible, if  $f$  is one-one and onto.**

**For one-one:**

**There are 3 cases:**

for any  $n$  and  $m$  two real numbers:

**Case 1:**  $n$  and  $m$  : both are odd

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= n + 1 \\ f(m) &= m + 1 \\ \text{If } f(n) &= f(m) \\ \Rightarrow n + 1 &= m + 1 \\ \Rightarrow n &= m \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:**  $n$  and  $m$  : both are even

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= n - 1 \\ f(m) &= m - 1 \\ \text{If } f(n) &= f(m) \\ \Rightarrow n - 1 &= m - 1 \\ \Rightarrow n &= m \end{aligned}$$

**Case 3:**  $n$  is odd and  $m$  is even

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= n + 1 \\ f(m) &= m - 1 \\ \text{If } f(n) &= f(m) \\ \Rightarrow n + 1 &= m - 1 \\ \Rightarrow m - n &= 2 \text{ (not true, because Even - Odd } \neq \text{ Even )} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f$  is one-one

**Check for onto:**

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

Say  $f(n) = y$ , and  $y \in W$

**Case 1: if  $n = \text{odd}$**

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

$$n = y + 1$$

Which show, if  $n$  is odd,  $y$  is even number.

**Case 2: If  $n$  is even**

$$f(n) = n + 1$$

$$y = n + 1$$

$$\text{or } n = y - 1$$

If  $n$  is even, then  $y$  is odd.

In any of the cases  $y$  and  $n$  are whole numbers.

This shows,  $f$  is onto.

Again, For inverse of  $f$

$$f^{-1} : y = n - 1$$

$$\text{or } n = y + 1 \text{ and } y = n + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n = y - 1$$

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

Therefore,  $f^{-1}(y) = y$ . This show inverse of  $f$  is  $f$  itself.

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

**Solution:**

Given:  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$

$$f(f(x)) = f(x^2 - 3x + 2)$$

$$= (x^2 - 3x + 2)^2 - 3(x^2 - 3x + 2) + 2$$

$$= x^4 - 6x^3 + 10x^2 - 3x$$

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

**Solution:**

The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -1 < x < 1\}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

**For one-one:**

Say  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

As per definition of  $|x|$ ;

$$|x| = \begin{cases} -x, & x < 0 \\ x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{1-x}, & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{1+x}, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

For  $x \geq 0$

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

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

If  $f(x) = f(y)$ , then

$$x/(1+x) = y/(1+y)$$

$$x(1+y) = y(1+x) \\ \Rightarrow x = y$$

For  $x < 0$

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

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

If  $f(x) = f(y)$ , then

$$x/(1-x) = y/(1-y)$$

$$x(1-y) = y(1-x)$$
$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

In both the conditions,  $x = y$ .

Therefore,  $f$  is one-one.

**Again for onto:**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{1-x}, & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{1+x}, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

For  $x < 0$

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

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

$$\text{or } x(1+y) = y$$

$$\text{or } x = y/(1+y) \dots(1)$$

**For  $x \geq 0$**

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

$$y(1+x) = x$$

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

Now we have two different values of  $x$  from both the case.

Since  $y \in \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -1 < x < 1\}$   
The value of  $y$  lies between  $-1$  to  $1$ .

If  $y = 1$

$x = y/(1-y)$  (not defined)

If  $y = -1$

$x = y/(1+y)$  (not defined)

So  $x$  is defined for all the values of  $y$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

This shows that,  $f$  is onto.

**Answer:  $f$  is one-one and onto.**

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

**Solution:**

The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^3$   
Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = f(y)$

This implies,  $x^3 = y^3$

$x = y$

$f$  is one-one. So  $f$  is injective.

**6. 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  $g(x) = |x|$ )

**Solution:**

Given: two functions are  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  and  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

Let us say,  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = |x|$

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

Here  $g \circ f$  is injective but  $g$  is not.

Let us take an example to show that  $g$  is not injective: Since  $g(x) = |x|$

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

But  $-1 \neq 1$

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

**Solution:**

Given: Two functions  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  and  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

Say  $f(x) = x + 1$

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

**Check if  $f$  is onto:**

$f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be  $f(x) = x + 1$

say  $y = x + 1$

or  $x = y - 1$

for  $y = 1$ ,  $x = 0$ , does not belong to  $\mathbb{N}$

Therefore,  $f$  is not onto.

**Find  $g \circ f$**

For  $x = 1$ ;  $g \circ f = g(x + 1) = 1$  (since  $g(x) = 1$ )

For  $x > 1$ ;  $g \circ f = g(x + 1) = (x + 1) - 1 = x$  (since  $g(x) = x - 1$ )

So we have two values for  $g \circ f$ .

As  $g \circ f$  is a natural number, as  $y = x$ ,  $x$  is also a natural number. Hence  $g \circ f$  is onto.

8. 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  $P(X)$ ,  $A R B$  if and only if  $A \subset B$ . Is  $R$  an equivalence relation on  $P(X)$ ? Justify your answer.

**Solution:**

$A \subset A \therefore R$  is reflexive.

$A \subset B \neq B \subset A \therefore R$  is not commutative.

If  $A \subset B, B \subset C$ , then  $A \subset C \therefore R$  is transitive

Therefore,  $R$  is not equivalent relation

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

**Solution:**

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

$$A \cup B \subset T$$

So,  $A \cup B \in P(T)$

Therefore,  $\cup$  is an binary operation on  $P(T)$ .

Similarly, if  $A, B \in P(T)$  and  $A - B \in P(T)$ , then the intersection of sets and difference of sets are also binary operation on  $P(T)$  and  $A \cap T = A = T \cap A$  for every subset  $A$  of sets

$$A \cap T = A = T \cap A \text{ for all } A \in P(T)$$

$T$  is the identity element for intersection on  $P(T)$ .

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

**Solution:**

Step 1: Compute the total number of one-one functions in the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$

As  $f$  is onto, every element of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  will have a unique pre-image

Element	Number of possible pairings
1	3
2	2
3	1



Total number of one-one function  
 $= 3 \times 2 \times 1$   
 $= 6$

Step 2 - Compute the total number of onto functions in the given set  
As  $f$  is onto, every element of  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  will have a unique pre-image

Element	Number of possible pairings
1	$n$
2	$n - 1$
3	$n - 2$
.	.
.	.
$n - 1$	2
$n$	1

Total number of one-one function  
 $= n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$   
 $= n!$

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

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

**Solution:**

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

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

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

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

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

Since element  $b$  and  $c$  have the same image  $1$  i.e.  $(b, 1), (c, 1)$ .

Therefore,  $F$  is not one-one function.

**12. Consider the binary operations  $*$  :  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\circ$  :  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as  $a * b = |a - b|$  and  $a \circ b = a, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $*$  is commutative but not associative,  $\circ$  is associative but not commutative. Further, show that  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a * (b \circ c) = (a * b) \circ (a * c)$ . [If it is so, we say that the operation  $*$  distributes over the operation  $\circ$ ]. Does  $\circ$  distribute over  $*$ ? Justify your answer.**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Check for commutative and associative for operation  $*$ .**

$$a * b = |a - b| \text{ and } b * a = |b - a| = |a - b|$$

Operation  $*$  is commutative.

$$a*(b*c) = a*|b-c| = |a-(b-c)| = |a-b+c| \text{ and}$$

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

$$\text{Therefore, } a*(b*c) \neq (a*b)*c$$

Operation  $*$  is associative.

**Step 2: Check for commutative and associative for operation  $\circ$ .**

$$a \circ b = a \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } b \circ a = b$$

This implies  $a \circ b \neq b \circ a$

Operation  $\circ$  is not commutative.

Again,  $a \circ (b \circ c) = a \circ b = a$  and  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ c = a$   
 Here  $a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$

Operation  $\circ$  is associative.

### Step 3: Check for the distributive properties

If  $*$  is distributive over  $\circ$  then,  $a^*(b \circ c) = a^*b \circ a^*c$

RHS:

$$(a^*b) \circ (a^*c) = (a-b) \circ (a-c) = |a-b|$$

= LHS

$$\text{And, } a \circ (b^*c) = (a \circ b)^*(a \circ c)$$

LHS

$$a \circ (b^*c) = a \circ (|b-c|) = a$$

$$(a \circ b)^*(a \circ c) = a^*a = |a-a| = 0$$

LHS  $\neq$  RHS

Hence, operation  $\circ$  does not distribute over  $*$ .

**13. Given a non-empty set  $X$ , let  $*$  :  $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  be defined as  $A * B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$ ,  $\forall A, B \in P(X)$ . Show that the empty set  $\phi$  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  $(A - A) \cup (A - A) = A * A = \phi$ ).**

**Solution:**  $x \in P(x)$

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

And

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

$\phi$  is the identity element for the operation  $*$  on  $P(x)$ .

$$\text{Also } A * A = (A - A) \cup (A - A)$$

$$= \phi \cup \phi = \phi$$

Every element  $A$  of  $P(X)$  is invertible with  $A^{-1} = A$ .

14. Define a 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  $a$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $x = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and operation  $*$  is defined as

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

Let us say,  $e \in X$  is the identity for the operation  $*$ , if  $a * e = a = e * a \forall a \in X$

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

That is  $a = -b$  or  $b = 6 - a$ , which shows  $a \neq -b$

Since  $x = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $a, b \in X$

Inverse of an element  $a \in x$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , and  $a^{-1} = 6 - a$ .

15. Let  $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{-4, -2, 0, 2\}$  and  $f, g : A \rightarrow B$  be functions defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - x$ ,  $x \in A$  and  $g(x) = 2|x - \frac{1}{2}| - 1$ ,  $x \in A$ . 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  $f(a) = g(a) \forall a \in A$ , are called equal functions).

**Solution:**

Given functions are:  $f(x) = x^2 - x$  and  $g(x) = 2|x - \frac{1}{2}| - 1$

At  $x = -1$

$$f(-1) = 1^2 + 1 = 2 \text{ and } g(-1) = 2|-1 - \frac{1}{2}| - 1 = 2$$

At  $x = 0$

$$F(0) = 0 \text{ and } g(0) = 0$$

At  $x = 1$

$$F(1) = 0 \text{ and } g(1) = 0$$

At  $x = 2$   
 $F(2) = 2$  and  $g(2) = 2$

So we can see that, for each  $a \in A$ ,  $f(a) = g(a)$

This implies  $f$  and  $g$  are equal functions.

**16. 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

**Solution:**

Option (A) is correct.

As 1 is reflexive and symmetric but not transitive.

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

- (A) 1            (B) 2            (C) 3            (D) 4

**Solution:**

Option (B) is correct.

**18. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Signum Function defined as**

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

and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Greatest Integer 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  $(0, 1]$ ?

**Solution:**

Given:

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Signum Function defined as

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

and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Greatest Integer Function given by  $g(x) = [x]$ , where  $[x]$  is

greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .

Now, let say  $x \in (0, 1]$ , then

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

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

Therefore:

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

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

$$= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$$

$$G \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(1) = [1] = 1$$

For  $x > 0$

When  $x \in (0, 1)$ , then  $f \circ g = 0$  and  $g \circ f = 1$

But  $f \circ g(1) \neq g \circ f(1)$

This shows that,  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  do not coincide in  $(0, 1]$ .

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

- (A) 10      (B) 16      (C) 20      (D) 8

**Solution:**

Option (B) is correct.

$$A = \{a, b\} \text{ and}$$

$$A \times A = \{(a,a), (a,b), (b,b), (b,a)\}$$

Number of elements = 4

So, number of subsets =  $2^4 = 16$ .