

## 3. Functions

### Exercise 3.1

#### 1. Question

Define a function as a set of ordered pairs.

#### Answer

A function from is defined by a set of ordered pairs such that any two ordered pairs should not have the same first component and the different second component.

This means that each element of a set, say  $X$  is assigned exactly to one element of another set, say  $Y$ .

The set  $X$  containing the first components of a function is called the domain of the function.

The set  $Y$  containing the second components of a function is called the range of the function.

For example,  $f = \{(a, 1), (b, 2), (c, 3)\}$  is a function.

Domain of  $f = \{a, b, c\}$

Range of  $f = \{1, 2, 3\}$

#### 2. Question

Define a function as a correspondence between two sets.

#### Answer

A function from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$  is defined as a correspondence between sets  $X$  and  $Y$  such that for each element of  $X$ , there is only one corresponding element in  $Y$ .

The set  $X$  is called the domain of the function.

The set  $Y$  is called the range of the function.

For example,  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $f$  be a correspondence which assigns the position of a letter in the set of alphabets.

Therefore,  $f(a) = 1$ ,  $f(b) = 2$  and  $f(c) = 3$ .

As there is only one element of  $Y$  for each element of  $X$ ,  $f$  is a function with domain  $X$  and range  $Y$ .

#### 3. Question

What is the fundamental difference between a relation and a function? Is every relation a function?

#### Answer

Let  $f$  be a function and  $R$  be a relation defined from set  $X$  to set  $Y$ .

The domain of the relation  $R$  might be a subset of the set  $X$ , but the domain of the function  $f$  must be equal to  $X$ . This is because each element of the domain of a function must have an element associated with it, whereas this is not necessary for a relation.

In relation, one element of  $X$  might be associated with one or more elements of  $Y$ , while it must be associated with only one element of  $Y$  in a function.

Thus, not every relation is a function. However, every function is necessarily a relation.

#### 4. Question

Let  $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow Z$  be a function defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$ . Find:

i. range of  $f$  i.e.  $f(A)$

ii. pre-images of 6, -3 and 5

#### Answer

Given  $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$

$f : A \rightarrow Z$  such that  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$

i. range of  $f$  i.e.  $f(A)$

$A$  is the domain of the function  $f$ . Hence, range is the set of elements  $f(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ .

Substituting  $x = -2$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

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

$$\Rightarrow f(-2) = 4 + 4 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(-2) = 5$$

Substituting  $x = -1$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

$$f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-1) = 1 + 2 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(-1) = 0$$

Substituting  $x = 0$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

$$f(0) = (0)^2 - 2(0) - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = 0 - 0 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(0) = -3$$

Substituting  $x = 1$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

$$f(1) = 1^2 - 2(1) - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = 1 - 2 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(1) = -4$$

Substituting  $x = 2$  in  $f(x)$ , we get

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

$$\Rightarrow f(2) = 4 - 4 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(2) = -3$$

Thus, the range of  $f$  is  $\{5, 0, -3, -4\}$ .

ii. pre-images of 6, -3 and 5

Let  $x$  be the pre-image of 6  $\Rightarrow f(x) = 6$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-9)}}{2(1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 36}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{40}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{10}}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

However,  $1 \pm \sqrt{10} \notin A$

Thus, there exists no pre-image of 6.

Now, let  $x$  be the pre-image of  $-3 \Rightarrow f(x) = -3$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } 2$$

Clearly, both 0 and 2 are elements of  $A$ .

Thus, 0 and 2 are the pre-images of  $-3$ .

Now, let  $x$  be the pre-image of 5  $\Rightarrow f(x) = 5$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 4) + 2(x - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 2)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -2 \text{ or } 4$$

However,  $4 \notin A$  but  $-2 \in A$

Thus,  $-2$  is the pre-images of 5.

## 5. Question

If a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 2, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ 4x + 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Find:  $f(1)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(0)$ ,  $f(2)$ .

## Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 2, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ 4x + 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

We need to find  $f(1)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(0)$  and  $f(2)$ .

When  $x > 0$ ,  $f(x) = 4x + 1$

Substituting  $x = 1$  in the above equation, we get

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

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = 4 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(1) = 5$$

When  $x < 0$ ,  $f(x) = 3x - 2$

Substituting  $x = -1$  in the above equation, we get

$$f(-1) = 3(-1) - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-1) = -3 - 2$$

$$\therefore f(-1) = -5$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, f(x) = 1$$

$$\therefore f(0) = 1$$

$$\text{When } x > 0, f(x) = 4x + 1$$

Substituting  $x = 2$  in the above equation, we get

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

$$\Rightarrow f(2) = 8 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(2) = 9$$

Thus,  $f(1) = 5$ ,  $f(-1) = -5$ ,  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f(2) = 9$ .

## 6. Question

A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^2$ . Determine

i. range of  $f$

ii.  $\{x: f(x) = 4\}$

iii.  $\{y: f(y) = -1\}$

## Answer

Given  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = x^2$ .

i. range of  $f$

Domain of  $f = \mathbb{R}$  (set of real numbers)

We know that the square of a real number is always positive or equal to zero.

Hence, the range of  $f$  is the set of all non-negative real numbers.

Thus, range of  $f = \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$

ii.  $\{x: f(x) = 4\}$

Given  $f(x) = 4$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 2$$

Thus,  $\{x: f(x) = 4\} = \{-2, 2\}$

iii.  $\{y: f(y) = -1\}$

Given  $f(y) = -1$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = -1$$

However, the domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ , and for every real number  $y$ , the value of  $y^2$  is non-negative.

Hence, there exists no real  $y$  for which  $y^2 = -1$ .

Thus,  $\{y: f(y) = -1\} = \emptyset$

## 7. Question

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is the set of all positive real numbers, be such that  $f(x) = \log_e x$ . Determine

- i. the image set of the domain of  $f$
- ii.  $\{x: f(x) = -2\}$
- iii. whether  $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$  holds.

### Answer

Given  $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = \log_e x$ .

- i. the image set of the domain of  $f$

Domain of  $f = \mathbb{R}^+$  (set of positive real numbers)

We know the value of logarithm to the base  $e$  (natural logarithm) can take all possible real values.

Hence, the image set of  $f$  is the set of real numbers.

Thus, the image set of  $f = \mathbb{R}$

- ii.  $\{x: f(x) = -2\}$

Given  $f(x) = -2$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e x = -2$$

$$\therefore x = e^{-2} [\because \log_b a = c \Rightarrow a = b^c]$$

$$\text{Thus, } \{x: f(x) = -2\} = \{e^{-2}\}$$

- iii. whether  $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$  holds.

$$\text{We have } f(x) = \log_e x \Rightarrow f(y) = \log_e y$$

Now, let us consider  $f(xy)$ .

$$f(xy) = \log_e(xy)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(xy) = \log_e(x \times y) [\because \log_b(a \times c) = \log_b a + \log_b c]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(xy) = \log_e x + \log_e y$$

$$\therefore f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$$

Hence, the equation  $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$  holds.

### 8. Question

Write the following relations as sets of ordered pairs and find which of them are functions:

- i.  $\{(x, y): y = 3x, x \in \{1, 2, 3\}, y \in \{3, 6, 9, 12\}\}$
- ii.  $\{(x, y): y > x + 1, x = 1, 2 \text{ and } y = 2, 4, 6\}$
- iii.  $\{(x, y): x + y = 3, x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\}$

### Answer

- i.  $\{(x, y): y = 3x, x \in \{1, 2, 3\}, y \in \{3, 6, 9, 12\}\}$

$$\text{When } x = 1, \text{ we have } y = 3(1) = 3$$

$$\text{When } x = 2, \text{ we have } y = 3(2) = 6$$

$$\text{When } x = 3, \text{ we have } y = 3(3) = 9$$

$$\text{Thus, } R = \{(1, 3), (2, 6), (3, 9)\}$$

Every element of set  $x$  has an ordered pair in the relation and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $R$  is a function.

ii.  $\{(x, y): y > x + 1, x = 1, 2 \text{ and } y = 2, 4, 6\}$

When  $x = 1$ , we have  $y > 1 + 1$  or  $y > 2 \Rightarrow y = \{4, 6\}$

When  $x = 2$ , we have  $y > 2 + 1$  or  $y > 3 \Rightarrow y = \{4, 6\}$

Thus,  $R = \{(1, 4), (1, 6), (2, 4), (2, 6)\}$

Every element of set  $x$  has an ordered pair in the relation. However, two ordered pairs  $(1, 4)$  and  $(1, 6)$  have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $R$  is not a function.

iii.  $\{(x, y): x + y = 3, x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\}$

When  $x = 0$ , we have  $0 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 3$

When  $x = 1$ , we have  $1 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 2$

When  $x = 2$ , we have  $2 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 1$

When  $x = 3$ , we have  $3 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 0$

Thus,  $R = \{(0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)\}$

Every element of set  $x$  has an ordered pair in the relation and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $R$  is a function.

## 9. Question

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be two functions defined as  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ . Are they equal functions?

### Answer

Given  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \ni f(x) = x^2$  and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \ni g(x) = x^2$

As  $f$  is defined from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , the domain of  $f = \mathbb{R}$ .

As  $g$  is defined from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ , the domain of  $g = \mathbb{C}$ .

Two functions are equal only when the domain and codomain of both the functions are equal.

In this case, the domain of  $f \neq$  domain of  $g$ .

Thus,  $f$  and  $g$  are not equal functions.

## 10. Question

If  $f, g, h$  are three functions defined from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  as follows:

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

ii.  $g(x) = \sin x$

iii.  $h(x) = x^2 + 1$

Find the range of each function.

### Answer

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

Domain of  $f = \mathbb{R}$  (set of real numbers)

We know that the square of a real number is always positive or equal to zero.

Hence, the range of  $f$  is the set of all non-negative real numbers.

Thus, range of  $f = [0, \infty) = \{y: y \geq 0\}$

ii.  $g(x) = \sin x$

Domain of  $g = \mathbb{R}$  (set of real numbers)

We know that the value of sine function always lies between  $-1$  and  $1$ .

Hence, the range of  $g$  is the set of all real numbers lying in the range  $-1$  to  $1$ .

Thus, range of  $g = [-1, 1] = \{y: -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$

iii.  $h(x) = x^2 + 1$

Domain of  $h = \mathbb{R}$  (set of real numbers)

We know that the square of a real number is always positive or equal to zero.

Furthermore, if we add  $1$  to this squared number, the result will always be greater than or equal to  $1$ .

Hence, the range of  $h$  is the set of all real numbers greater than or equal to  $1$ .

Thus, range of  $h = [1, \infty) = \{y: y \geq 1\}$

### 11. Question

Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 5, 9, 11, 15, 16\}$ . Determine which of the following sets are functions from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

i.  $f_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 11), (3, 1), (4, 15)\}$

ii.  $f_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 7), (3, 5)\}$

iii.  $f_3 = \{(1, 5), (2, 9), (3, 1), (4, 5), (2, 11)\}$

### Answer

Given  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 5, 9, 11, 15, 16\}$

i.  $f_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 11), (3, 1), (4, 15)\}$

Every element of set  $X$  has an ordered pair in the relation  $f_1$  and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $f_1$  is a function.

ii.  $f_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 7), (3, 5)\}$

In the relation  $f_2$ , the element  $2$  of set  $X$  does not have any image in set  $Y$ .

However, for a relation to be a function, every element of the domain should have an image.

Hence, the given relation  $f_2$  is not a function.

iii.  $f_3 = \{(1, 5), (2, 9), (3, 1), (4, 5), (2, 11)\}$

Every element of set  $X$  has an ordered pair in the relation  $f_3$ . However, two ordered pairs  $(2, 9)$  and  $(2, 11)$  have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $f_3$  is not a function.

### 12. Question

Let  $A = \{12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17\}$  and  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be a function given by  $f(x) =$  highest prime factor of  $x$ . Find range of  $f$ .

### Answer

Given  $A = \{12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17\}$

$f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(x) =$  highest prime factor of  $x$ .

$A$  is the domain of the function  $f$ . Hence, the range is the set of elements  $f(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ .

We have  $f(12)$  = highest prime factor of 12

The prime factorization of  $12 = 2^2 \times 3$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 12 is 3.

$$\therefore f(12) = 3$$

We have  $f(13)$  = highest prime factor of 13

We know 13 is a prime number.

$$\therefore f(13) = 13$$

We have  $f(14)$  = highest prime factor of 14

The prime factorization of  $14 = 2 \times 7$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 14 is 7.

$$\therefore f(14) = 7$$

We have  $f(15)$  = highest prime factor of 15

The prime factorization of  $15 = 3 \times 5$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 15 is 5.

$$\therefore f(15) = 5$$

We have  $f(16)$  = highest prime factor of 16

The prime factorization of  $16 = 2^4$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 16 is 2.

$$\therefore f(16) = 2$$

We have  $f(17)$  = highest prime factor of 17

We know 17 is a prime number.

$$\therefore f(17) = 17$$

Thus, the range of  $f$  is  $\{3, 13, 7, 5, 2, 17\}$ .

### 13. Question

If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ , then find  $f^{-1}\{17\}$  and  $f^{-1}\{-3\}$ .

### Answer

Given  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ .

We need to find  $f^{-1}\{17\}$  and  $f^{-1}\{-3\}$ .

$$\text{Let } f^{-1}\{17\} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 17$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = 17$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 4)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 4$$

Clearly, both -4 and 4 are elements of the domain  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\text{Thus, } f^{-1}\{17\} = \{-4, 4\}$$



Now, let  $f^{-1}\{-3\} = x$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = -4$$

However, the domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}$  and for every real number  $x$ , the value of  $x^2$  is non-negative.

Hence, there exists no real  $x$  for which  $x^2 = -4$ .

Thus,  $f^{-1}\{-3\} = \emptyset$

#### 14. Question

Let  $A = \{p, q, r, s\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Which of the following relations from  $A$  to  $B$  is not a function?

i.  $R_1 = \{(p, 1), (q, 2), (r, 1), (s, 2)\}$

ii.  $R_2 = \{(p, 1), (q, 1), (r, 1), (s, 1)\}$

iii.  $R_3 = \{(p, 1), (q, 2), (p, 2), (s, 3)\}$

iv.  $R_4 = \{(p, 2), (q, 3), (r, 2), (s, 2)\}$

#### Answer

Given  $A = \{p, q, r, s\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$

i.  $R_1 = \{(p, 1), (q, 2), (r, 1), (s, 2)\}$

Every element of set  $A$  has an ordered pair in the relation  $R_1$  and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $R_1$  is a function.

ii.  $R_2 = \{(p, 1), (q, 1), (r, 1), (s, 1)\}$

Every element of set  $A$  has an ordered pair in the relation  $R_2$ , and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $R_2$  is a function.

iii.  $R_3 = \{(p, 1), (q, 2), (p, 2), (s, 3)\}$

Every element of set  $A$  has an ordered pair in the relation  $R_3$ . However, two ordered pairs  $(p, 1)$  and  $(p, 2)$  have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $R_3$  is not a function.

iv.  $R_4 = \{(p, 2), (q, 3), (r, 2), (s, 2)\}$

Every element of set  $A$  has an ordered pair in the relation  $R_4$ , and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation  $R_4$  is a function.

#### 15. Question

Let  $A = \{9, 10, 11, 12, 13\}$  and let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be a function given by  $f(n) =$  the highest prime factor of  $n$ . Find the range of  $f$ .

#### Answer

Given  $A = \{9, 10, 11, 12, 13\}$

$f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(n) =$  the highest prime factor of  $n$ .

$A$  is the domain of the function  $f$ . Hence, the range is the set of elements  $f(n)$  for all  $n \in A$ .

We have  $f(9)$  = highest prime factor of 9

The prime factorization of  $9 = 3^2$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 9 is 3.

$$\therefore f(9) = 3$$

We have  $f(10)$  = highest prime factor of 10

The prime factorization of  $10 = 2 \times 5$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 10 is 5.

$$\therefore f(10) = 5$$

We have  $f(11)$  = highest prime factor of 11

We know 11 is a prime number.

$$\therefore f(11) = 11$$

We have  $f(12)$  = highest prime factor of 12

The prime factorization of  $12 = 2^2 \times 3$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 12 is 3.

$$\therefore f(12) = 3$$

We have  $f(13)$  = highest prime factor of 13

We know 13 is a prime number.

$$\therefore f(13) = 13$$

Thus, the range of  $f$  is  $\{3, 5, 11, 13\}$ .

### 16. Question

The function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 3x, & 3 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$

The relation  $g$  is defined by  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3x, & 2 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$

Show that  $f$  is a function and  $g$  is not a function.

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 3x, & 3 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$  and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3x, & 2 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$

Let us first show that  $f$  is a function.

When  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$ .

The function  $x^2$  associates all the numbers  $0 \leq x \leq 3$  to unique numbers in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Hence, the images of  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: 0 \leq x \leq 3\}$  exist and are unique.

When  $3 \leq x \leq 10$ ,  $f(x) = 3x$ .

The function  $x^2$  associates all the numbers  $3 \leq x \leq 10$  to unique numbers in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Hence, the images of  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: 3 \leq x \leq 10\}$  exist and are unique.

When  $x = 3$ , using the first definition, we have

$$f(3) = 3^2 = 9$$

When  $x = 3$ , using the second definition, we have

$$f(3) = 3(3) = 9$$

Hence, the image of  $x = 3$  is also distinct.

Thus, as every element of the domain has an image and no element has more than one image,  $f$  is a function.

Now, let us show that  $g$  is not a function.

$$\text{When } 0 \leq x \leq 2, g(x) = x^2.$$

The function  $x^2$  associates all the numbers  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  to unique numbers in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Hence, the images of  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: 0 \leq x \leq 2\}$  exist and are unique.

$$\text{When } 2 \leq x \leq 10, g(x) = 3x.$$

The function  $x^2$  associates all the numbers  $2 \leq x \leq 10$  to unique numbers in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Hence, the images of  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: 2 \leq x \leq 10\}$  exist and are unique.

When  $x = 2$ , using the first definition, we have

$$g(2) = 2^2 = 4$$

When  $x = 2$ , using the second definition, we have

$$g(2) = 3(2) = 6$$

Here, the element 2 of the domain is associated with two elements distinct elements 4 and 6.

Thus,  $g$  is not a function.

### 17. Question

$$\text{If } f(x) = x^2, \text{ find } \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1}$$

### Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = x^2.$$

We need to find the value of  $\frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1}$

$$\frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = \frac{(1.1)^2 - (1)^2}{1.1 - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = \frac{(1.1 + 1)(1.1 - 1)}{0.1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = \frac{(2.1)(0.1)}{0.1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = 2.1$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = 2.1$$

### 18. Question

Express the function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^3 + 1$  as set of ordered pairs, where  $X = \{-1, 0, 3, 9, 7\}$ .

### Answer

$$\text{Given } X = \{-1, 0, 3, 9, 7\}$$

$$f : X \rightarrow R \text{ and } f(x) = x^3 + 1$$

$$\text{When } x = -1, \text{ we have } f(-1) = (-1)^3 + 1$$

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

$$\therefore f(-1) = 0$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, \text{ we have } f(0) = 0^3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = 0 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(0) = 1$$

$$\text{When } x = 3, \text{ we have } f(3) = 3^3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(3) = 27 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(3) = 28$$

$$\text{When } x = 9, \text{ we have } f(9) = 9^3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(9) = 729 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(9) = 730$$

$$\text{When } x = 7, \text{ we have } f(7) = 7^3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(7) = 343 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(7) = 344$$

$$\text{Thus, } f = \{(-1, 0), (0, 1), (3, 28), (9, 730), (7, 344)\}$$

## Exercise 3.2

### 1. Question

If  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$ , then find the values of  $x$  satisfying the equation  $f(x) = f(2x + 1)$ .

### Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4.$$

$$\text{We need to find } x \text{ satisfying } f(x) = f(2x + 1).$$

$$\text{We have } f(2x + 1) = (2x + 1)^2 - 3(2x + 1) + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2x + 1) = (2x)^2 + 2(2x)(1) + 1^2 - 6x - 3 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2x + 1) = 4x^2 + 4x + 1 - 6x + 1$$

$$\therefore f(2x + 1) = 4x^2 - 2x + 2$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = f(2x + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x + 4 = 4x^2 - 2x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 3x - 2x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x(x + 1) - 2(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)(3x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 = 0 \text{ or } 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } 3x = 2$$

$$\therefore x = -1 \text{ or } \frac{2}{3}$$

Thus, the required values of  $x$  are  $-1$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

## 2. Question

If  $f(x) = (x - a)^2(x - b)^2$ , find  $f(a + b)$ .

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = (x - a)^2(x - b)^2$

We need to find  $f(a + b)$ .

We have  $f(a + b) = (a + b - a)^2(a + b - b)^2$

$$\Rightarrow f(a + b) = (b)^2(a)^2$$

$$\therefore f(a + b) = a^2b^2$$

Thus,  $f(a + b) = a^2b^2$

## 3. Question

If  $y = f(x) = \frac{ax - b}{bx - a}$ , show that  $x = f(y)$ .

### Answer

Given  $y = f(x) = \frac{ax - b}{bx - a} \Rightarrow f(y) = \frac{ay - b}{by - a}$

We need to prove that  $x = f(y)$ .

We have  $y = \frac{ax - b}{bx - a}$

$$\Rightarrow y(bx - a) = ax - b$$

$$\Rightarrow bxy - ay = ax - b$$

$$\Rightarrow bxy - ax = ay - b$$

$$\Rightarrow x(by - a) = ay - b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{ay - b}{by - a} = f(y)$$

$$\therefore x = f(y)$$

Thus,  $x = f(y)$ .

## 4. Question

If  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - x}$ , show that  $f[f\{f(x)\}] = x$ .

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - x}$

We need to prove that  $f[f\{f(x)\}] = x$ .

First, we will evaluate  $f\{f(x)\}$ .

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

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore f\{f(x)\} = \frac{x-1}{x}$$

Now, we will evaluate  $f\{f\{f(x)\}\}$

$$f[f\{f(x)\}] = f\left[\frac{x-1}{x}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f\{f(x)\}] = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f\{f(x)\}] = \frac{1}{\frac{x - (x-1)}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f\{f(x)\}] = \frac{1}{\frac{x - x + 1}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f\{f(x)\}] = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\therefore f[f\{f(x)\}] = x$$

Thus,  $f[f\{f(x)\}] = x$

## 5. Question

If  $f\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$ , show that  $f[f(x)] = x$ .

## Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$$

We need to prove that  $f[f(x)] = x$ .

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

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) + 1}{\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \frac{\frac{(x+1) + (x-1)}{x-1}}{\frac{(x+1) - (x-1)}{x-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \frac{(x+1) + (x-1)}{(x+1) - (x-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \frac{x+1+x-1}{x+1-x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \frac{2x}{2}$$

$$\therefore f[f(x)] = x$$

$$\text{Thus, } f[f(x)] = x$$

## 6. Question

$$\text{If } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x, & \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \text{ find:} \\ \frac{1}{x}, & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i. } f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{ii. } f(-2)$$

$$\text{iii. } f(1)$$

$$\text{iv. } f(\sqrt{3})$$

$$\text{v. } f(\sqrt{-3})$$

## Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x, & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x}, & \text{when } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i. } f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{When } 0 \leq x \leq 1, f(x) = x$$

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{ii. } f(-2)$$

$$\text{When } x < 0, f(x) = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-2) = (-2)^2$$

$$\therefore f(-2) = 4$$

$$\text{iii. } f(1)$$

$$\text{When } x \geq 1, f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$\therefore f(1) = 1$$

$$\text{iv. } f(\sqrt{3})$$

$$\text{We have } \sqrt{3} \approx 1.732 > 1$$

$$\text{When } x \geq 1, f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\therefore f(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$v. f(\sqrt{-3})$$

We know  $\sqrt{-3}$  is not a real number and the function  $f(x)$  is defined only when  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Thus,  $f(\sqrt{-3})$  does not exist.

## 7. Question

If  $f(x) = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}$ , show that  $f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$ .

## Answer

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

We need to prove that  $f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$

$$\text{We have, } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1^3}{x^3} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x^3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x^3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x^3} - x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\left(-\frac{1}{x^3} + x^3\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\left(x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)$$

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

$$\therefore f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$$

## 8. Question

If  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$ , show that  $f(\tan\theta) = \sin 2\theta$ .

## Answer

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

We need to prove that  $f(\tan\theta) = \sin 2\theta$ .

$$\text{We have } f(\tan\theta) = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1+\tan^2\theta}$$

$$\text{We know } \tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$$



$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = \frac{2 \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)}{1 + \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = \frac{2 \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = \frac{2 \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)}{\frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}$$

However,  $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = \frac{2 \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)}{\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = 2 \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \times \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore f(\tan \theta) = \sin 2\theta$$

Thus,  $f(\tan \theta) = \sin 2\theta$

## 9. Question

If  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$ , then show that

$$\text{i. } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -f(x)$$

$$\text{ii. } f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

## Answer

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

i. We need to prove that  $f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -f(x)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Thus, } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -f(x)$$

$$\text{ii. We need to prove that } f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

$$\text{We have } f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{-\frac{1}{x}+1}{-\frac{1}{x}-1}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Thus, } f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

## 10. Question

If  $f(x) = (a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ ,  $a > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then prove that  $f[f(x)] = x$  for all  $x$ .

## Answer

Given  $f(x) = (a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ , where  $a > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We need to prove that  $f[f(x)] = x$ .

$$f[f(x)] = f\left[(a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \left[a - \left((a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^n\right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \left[a - (a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n} \times n}\right]^{\frac{1}{n}} [\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = [a - (a - x^n)^1]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = [a - (a - x^n)]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = [a - a + x^n]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = [x^n]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = x^{n \times \frac{1}{n}} [\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = x^1$$

$$\therefore f[f(x)] = x$$

Thus,  $f[f(x)] = x$  for all  $x$ .

### 11. Question

If for non-zero  $x$ ,  $af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - 5$ , where  $a \neq b$ , then find  $f(x)$ .

### Answer

Given  $x \neq 0$  and  $a \neq b$  such that

$$af(x) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - 5 \dots (1)$$

Substituting  $\frac{1}{x}$  in place of  $x$ , we get

$$af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf\left(\frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf(x) = x - 5 \dots (2)$$

On adding equations (1) and (2), we get

$$af(x) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 5 + x - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow af(x) + bf(x) + af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x + \frac{1}{x} - 10$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)f(x) + (a+b)f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x + \frac{1}{x} - 10$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)\left[f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right] = x + \frac{1}{x} - 10$$

$$\therefore f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{a+b}\left(x + \frac{1}{x} - 10\right) \dots (3)$$

On subtracting equations (1) and (2), we get

$$af(x) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \left[af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf(x)\right] = \frac{1}{x} - 5 - (x - 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow af(x) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - bf(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 5 - x + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow af(x) - bf(x) - af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - x$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)f(x) - (a-b)f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - x$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)\left[f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{x} - x$$

$$\therefore f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{a-b}\left(\frac{1}{x} - x\right) \dots (4)$$

On adding equations (3) and (4), we get

$$f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{a+b}\left(x + \frac{1}{x} - 10\right) + \frac{1}{a-b}\left(\frac{1}{x} - x\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{(a-b)\left(x + \frac{1}{x} - 10\right) + (a+b)\left(\frac{1}{x} - x\right)}{(a+b)(a-b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ (a-b)x + \frac{(a-b)}{x} - 10(a-b) + \frac{(a+b)}{x} - (a+b)x \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ (a-b-a-b)x + \frac{a-b+a+b}{x} - 10(a-b) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ -2bx + \frac{2a}{x} - 10(a-b) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{2}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ -bx + \frac{a}{x} - 5(a-b) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ -bx + \frac{a}{x} - 5(a-b) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ -bx + \frac{a}{x} \right] - \frac{5(a-b)}{a^2 - b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ -bx + \frac{a}{x} \right] - \frac{5(a-b)}{(a+b)(a-b)}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ \frac{a}{x} - bx \right] - \frac{5}{a+b}$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[ \frac{a}{x} - bx \right] - \frac{5}{a+b}$$

### Exercise 3.3

#### 1. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

i.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

ii.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-7}$

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

iv.  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2-9}$

v.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x^2-8x+12}$

#### Answer

i.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x = 0$ .

When  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

ii.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-7}$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x - 7 = 0$  or  $x = 7$ .

When  $x = 7$ ,  $f(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \{7\}$

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

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x + 1 = 0$  or  $x = -1$ .

When  $x = -1$ ,  $f(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$

iv.  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2-9}$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x^2 - 9 = 0$ .

$$x^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 3)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 3 = 0 \text{ or } x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 3$$

When  $x = \pm 3$ ,  $f(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \{-3, 3\}$

v.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x^2-8x+12}$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$ .

$$x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 6x + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 2) - 6(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)(x - 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ or } 6$$

When  $x = 2$  or  $6$ ,  $f(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \{2, 6\}$

## 2 A. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

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

### Answer

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

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x - 2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 2$$

$$\therefore x \in [2, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = [2, \infty)$

## 2 B. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

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

**Answer**

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

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x^2 - 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)(x - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq 1$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

In addition,  $f(x)$  is also undefined when  $x^2 - 1 = 0$  because denominator will be zero and the result will be indeterminate.

$$x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) - \{-1, 1\}$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

## 2 C. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \geq x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 3)(x - 3) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [-3, 3]$$

Thus, domain of  $f = [-3, 3]$

## 2 D. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{3-x}}$$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{3-x}}$$

We know the square root of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x - 2$  and  $3 - x$  are both positive or negative.

(a) Both  $x - 2$  and  $3 - x$  are positive

$$x - 2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 2$$

$$3 - x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 3$$

Hence,  $x \geq 2$  and  $x \leq 3$

$$\therefore x \in [2, 3]$$

(b) Both  $x - 2$  and  $3 - x$  are negative

$$x - 2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 2$$

$$3 - x \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 3$$

Hence,  $x \leq 2$  and  $x \geq 3$

However, the intersection of these sets is null set. Thus, this case is not possible.

In addition,  $f(x)$  is also undefined when  $3 - x = 0$  because the denominator will be zero and the result will be indeterminate.

$$3 - x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

Hence,  $x \in [2, 3] - \{3\}$

$$\therefore x \in [2, 3)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = [2, 3)$

### 3 A. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{ax + b}{bx - a}$$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \frac{ax + b}{bx - a}$$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $bx - a = 0$  or  $x = \frac{a}{b}$ .

When  $x = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $f(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{a}{b}\right\}$

Let  $f(x) = y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ax + b}{bx - a} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow ax + b = y(bx - a)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax + b = bxy - ay$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - bxy = -ay - b$$

$$\Rightarrow x(a - by) = -(ay + b)$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{(ay + b)}{a - by}$$

Clearly, when  $a - by = 0$  or  $y = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $x$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Hence,  $f(x)$  cannot take the value  $\frac{a}{b}$ .

Thus, range of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{a}{b}\right\}$

### 3 B. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{ax - b}{cx - d}$$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \frac{ax - b}{cx - d}$$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $cx - d = 0$  or  $x = \frac{d}{c}$ .

When  $x = \frac{d}{c}$ ,  $f(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{d}{c}\right\}$

Let  $f(x) = y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ax - b}{cx - d} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - b = y(cx - d)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - b = cxy - dy$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - cxy = b - dy$$

$$\Rightarrow x(a - cy) = b - dy$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{b - dy}{a - cy}$$

Clearly, when  $a - cy = 0$  or  $y = \frac{a}{c}$ ,  $x$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Hence,  $f(x)$  cannot take the value  $\frac{a}{c}$ .

Thus, range of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{a}{c}\right\}$

### 3 C. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$$



We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x - 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 1$$

$$\therefore x \in [1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = [1, \infty)$

When  $x \geq 1$ , we have  $x - 1 \geq 0$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt{x-1} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, \infty)$$

Thus, range of  $f = [0, \infty)$

### 3 D. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$$

#### Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x - 3 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [3, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = [3, \infty)$

When  $x \geq 3$ , we have  $x - 3 \geq 0$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt{x-3} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, \infty)$$

Thus, range of  $f = [0, \infty)$

### 3 E. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2-x}$$

#### Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2-x}$$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $2 - x = 0$  or  $x = 2$ .

When  $x = 2$ ,  $f(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$

$$\text{We have } f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2-x}$$

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

$$\therefore f(x) = -1$$

Clearly, when  $x \neq 2$ ,  $f(x) = -1$

Thus, range of  $f = \{-1\}$

### 3 F. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

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

#### Answer

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

$$\text{We know } |x| = \begin{cases} -x, x < 0 \\ x, x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now, we have } |x - 1| = \begin{cases} -(x - 1), x - 1 < 0 \\ x - 1, x - 1 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = |x - 1| = \begin{cases} 1 - x, x < 1 \\ x - 1, x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R}$

When  $x < 1$ , we have  $x - 1 < 0$  or  $1 - x > 0$ .

Hence,  $|x - 1| > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) > 0$

When  $x \geq 1$ , we have  $x - 1 \geq 0$ .

Hence,  $|x - 1| \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$

$\therefore f(x) \geq 0$  or  $f(x) \in [0, \infty)$

Thus, range of  $f = [0, \infty)$

### 3 G. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = -|x|$$

#### Answer

$$f(x) = -|x|$$

$$\text{We know } |x| = \begin{cases} -x, x < 0 \\ x, x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now, we have } -|x| = \begin{cases} -(-x), x < 0 \\ -x, x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

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

Hence,  $f(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

Thus, domain of  $f = \mathbb{R}$

When  $x < 0$ , we have  $-|x| < 0$

Hence,  $f(x) < 0$

When  $x \geq 0$ , we have  $-x \leq 0$ .

Hence,  $-|x| \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \leq 0$

$\therefore f(x) \leq 0$  or  $f(x) \in (-\infty, 0]$

Thus, range of  $f = (-\infty, 0]$

### 3 H. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

#### Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \geq x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 3)(x - 3) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [-3, 3]$$

Thus, domain of  $f = [-3, 3]$

When  $x \in [-3, 3]$ , we have  $0 \leq 9 - x^2 \leq 9$

Hence,  $0 \leq \sqrt{9 - x^2} \leq 3 \Rightarrow 0 \leq f(x) \leq 3$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, 3]$$

Thus, range of  $f = [0, 3]$

### 3 I. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2}}$$

#### Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2}}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $16 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 16 \geq x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 16$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 16 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 4)(x - 4) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -4 \text{ and } x \leq 4$$

$$\therefore x \in [-4, 4]$$

In addition,  $f(x)$  is also undefined when  $16 - x^2 = 0$  because denominator will be zero and the result will be indeterminate.

$$16 - x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 4$$

$$\text{Hence, } x \in [-4, 4] - \{-4, 4\}$$

$$\therefore x \in (-4, 4)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = (-4, 4)$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2}} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2}} \right)^2 = y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{16 - x^2} = y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (16 - x^2)y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 16y^2 - x^2y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2y^2 + 1 - 16y^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y^2)x^2 + (0)x + (1 - 16y^2) = 0$$

As  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , the discriminant of this quadratic equation in  $x$  must be non-negative.

$$\Rightarrow 0^2 - 4(y^2)(1 - 16y^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4y^2(1 - 16y^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y^2(1 - 16y^2) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 16y^2 \leq 0 \quad [\because y^2 \geq 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow 16y^2 - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4y)^2 - 1^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4y + 1)(4y - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y \leq -1 \text{ and } 4y \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq -\frac{1}{4} \text{ and } y \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{4}\right] \cup \left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{4}\right] \cup \left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty\right)$$

However,  $y$  is always positive because it is the reciprocal of a non-zero square root.

$$\therefore f(x) \in \left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty\right)$$

$$\text{Thus, range of } f = \left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty\right)$$

### 3 J. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 16}$$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 16}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x^2 - 16 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 4)(x - 4) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq -4 \text{ or } x \geq 4$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)$

When  $x \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)$ , we have  $x^2 - 16 \geq 0$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt{x^2 - 16} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, \infty)$$

Thus, range of  $f = [0, \infty)$

### Exercise 3.4

#### 1 A. Question

Find  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $cf$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ ),  $fg$ ,  $1/f$  and  $f/g$  in each of the following:

$$f(x) = x^3 + 1 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 1$$

**Answer**

$$\text{i. } f(x) = x^3 + 1 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 1$$

We have  $f(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(a)  $f + g$

We know  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f + g)(x) = x^3 + 1 + x + 1$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = x^3 + x + 2$$

Clearly,  $(f + g)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thus,  $f + g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f + g)(x) = x^3 + x + 2$

(b)  $f - g$

We know  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x^3 + 1 - (x + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x^3 + 1 - x - 1$$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = x^3 - x$$

Clearly,  $(f - g)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thus,  $f - g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f - g)(x) = x^3 - x$

(c)  $cf$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ )

We know  $(cf)(x) = c \times f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (cf)(x) = c(x^3 + 1)$$

$$\therefore (cf)(x) = cx^3 + c$$

Clearly,  $(cf)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thus,  $cf : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(cf)(x) = cx^3 + c$

(d)  $fg$

We know  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = (x^3 + 1)(x + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)(x + 1)$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = (x + 1)^2(x^2 - x + 1)$$

Clearly,  $(fg)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thus,  $fg : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(fg)(x) = (x + 1)^2(x^2 - x + 1)$

(e)  $\frac{1}{f}$

We know  $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{f(x)}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 + 1}$$

Observe that  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$  is undefined when  $f(x) = 0$  or when  $x = -1$ .

Thus,  $\frac{1}{f} : \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 + 1}$

(f)  $\frac{f}{g}$

We know  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x^3 + 1}{x + 1}$$

Observe that  $\frac{x^3 + 1}{x + 1}$  is undefined when  $g(x) = 0$  or when  $x = -1$ .

Using  $x^3 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$ , we have

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{(x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)}{x + 1}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = x^2 - x + 1$$

Thus,  $\frac{f}{g} : \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = x^2 - x + 1$

### 1 B. Question

Find  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $cf$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ ),  $fg$ ,  $1/f$  and  $f/g$  in each of the following:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} \text{ and } g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$

### Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} \text{ and } g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$

We have  $f(x) : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $g(x) : [-1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as real square root is defined only for non-negative numbers.

(a)  $f + g$

We know  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of  $f + g$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = [1, \infty)$$

Thus,  $f + g : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+1}$

(b)  $f - g$

We know  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of  $f - g$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f - g = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f - g = [1, \infty)$$

Thus,  $f - g : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} - \sqrt{x+1}$

(c)  $cf$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ )

We know  $(cf)(x) = c \times f(x)$

$$\therefore (cf)(x) = c\sqrt{x-1}$$

Domain of  $cf$  = Domain of  $f$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } cf = [1, \infty)$$

Thus,  $cf : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(cf)(x) = c\sqrt{x-1}$

(d)  $fg$

We know  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x-1}\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x^2-1}$$

Domain of  $fg$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } fg = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } fg = [1, \infty)$$

Thus,  $fg : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(fg)(x) = \sqrt{x^2-1}$

(e)  $\frac{1}{f}$

We know  $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{f(x)}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$$

Domain of  $\frac{1}{f} =$  Domain of  $f$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $\frac{1}{f} = [1, \infty)$

Observe that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$  is also undefined when  $x - 1 = 0$  or  $x = 1$ .

Thus,  $\frac{1}{f} : (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$

(f)  $\frac{f}{g}$

We know  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$$

Domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$\Rightarrow$  Domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = [1, \infty)$

Thus,  $\frac{f}{g} : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$

## 2. Question

Let  $f(x) = 2x + 5$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + x$ . Describe

i.  $f + g$

ii.  $f - g$

iii.  $fg$

iv.  $\frac{f}{g}$

Find the domain in each case.

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = 2x + 5$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + x$

Clearly, both  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are defined for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Hence, domain of  $f = \text{domain of } g = \mathbb{R}$

i.  $f + g$

We know  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f + g)(x) = 2x + 5 + x^2 + x$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = x^2 + 3x + 5$$

Clearly,  $(f + g)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  The domain of  $(f + g)$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

ii.  $f - g$

We know  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$



$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = 2x + 5 - (x^2 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = 2x + 5 - x^2 - x$$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = 5 + x - x^2$$

Clearly,  $(f - g)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  The domain of  $(f - g)$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

iii.  $fg$

We know  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = (2x + 5)(x^2 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = 2x(x^2 + x) + 5(x^2 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x^2 + 5x$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = 2x^3 + 7x^2 + 5x$$

Clearly,  $(fg)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  The domain of  $fg$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

iv.  $\frac{f}{g}$

We know  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{2x + 5}{x^2 + x}$$

Clearly,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x^2 + x = 0$ .

$$x^2 + x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } -1$$

When  $x = 0$  or  $-1$ ,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = \mathbb{R} - \{-1, 0\}$

### 3. Question

If  $f(x)$  be defined on  $[-2, 2]$  and is given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x - 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$  and  $g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)|$ . Find  $g(x)$ .

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x - 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$  and  $g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)|$

Now, we have  $f(|x|) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq |x| \leq 0 \\ |x| - 1, & 0 \leq |x| \leq 2 \end{cases}$

However,  $|x| \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(|x|) = |x| - 1$  when  $0 \leq |x| \leq 2$

We also have  $|f(x)| = \begin{cases} |-1|, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ |x - 1|, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)| = \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ |x-1|, 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{We know } |x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), x-1 < 0 \\ x-1, x-1 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), x < 1 \\ x-1, x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Here, we are interested only in the range  $[0, 2]$ .

$$\Rightarrow |x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), 0 \leq x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Substituting this value of  $|x-1|$  in  $|f(x)|$ , we get

$$|f(x)| = \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ -(x-1), 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore |f(x)| = \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

We need to find  $g(x)$ .

$$g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)|$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \{|x| - 1, 0 \leq |x| \leq 2\} + \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \begin{cases} -x-1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} + \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \begin{cases} -x-1+1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1+1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1+x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore g(x) = \begin{cases} -x, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0, 0 < x < 1 \\ 2(x-1), 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus, } g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)| = \begin{cases} -x, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0, 0 < x < 1 \\ 2(x-1), 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

#### 4. Question

Let  $f, g$  be two real functions defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$ . Then, describe each of the following functions.

i.  $f + g$

ii.  $g - f$

iii.  $fg$

iv.  $\frac{f}{g}$

v.  $\frac{g}{f}$

vi.  $2f - \sqrt{5}g$

vii.  $f^2 + 7f$

viii.  $\frac{5}{g}$

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x + 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -1$$

$$\therefore x \in [-1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = [-1, \infty)$

Similarly,  $g(x)$  takes real values only when  $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \geq x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 3)(x - 3) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [-3, 3]$$

Thus, domain of  $g = [-3, 3]$

i.  $f + g$

We know  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

Domain of  $f + g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = [-1, 3]$$

Thus,  $f + g : [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{9-x^2}$

ii.  $f - g$

We know  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

Domain of  $f - g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f - g = [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f - g = [-1, 3]$$

Thus,  $f - g : [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{9-x^2}$

iii.  $fg$

We know  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x+1}\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{(x+1)(9-x^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x(9-x^2) + (9-x^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{9x - x^3 + 9 - x^2}$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = \sqrt{9 + 9x - x^2 - x^3}$$

As earlier, domain of  $fg = [-1, 3]$

Thus,  $f - g : [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(fg)(x) = \sqrt{9 + 9x - x^2 - x^3}$

iv.  $\frac{f}{g}$

We know  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{9-x^2}}$$

As earlier, domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = [-1, 3]$

However,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in [-1, 3]$ , except for the case when  $9 - x^2 = 0$  or  $x = \pm 3$

When  $x = \pm 3$ ,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$\Rightarrow$  Domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = [-1, 3] - \{-3, 3\}$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = [-1, 3)$

Thus,  $\frac{f}{g} : [-1, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{9-x^2}}$

v.  $\frac{g}{f}$

We know  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{9-x^2}{x+1}}$$

As earlier, domain of  $\frac{g}{f} = [-1, 3]$

However,  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in [-1, 3]$ , except for the case when  $x + 1 = 0$  or  $x = -1$

When  $x = -1$ ,  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$\Rightarrow$  Domain of  $\frac{g}{f} = [-1, 3] - \{-1\}$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $\frac{g}{f} = (-1, 3]$

Thus,  $\frac{f}{g} : (-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{9-x^2}{x+1}}$

vi.  $2f - \sqrt{5}g$

We know  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$  and  $(cf)(x) = cf(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2f(x) - \sqrt{5}g(x)$$

$$\therefore (2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} - 5\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

As earlier, Domain of  $2f - \sqrt{5}g = [-1, 3]$

Thus,  $2f - \sqrt{5}g : [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} - 5\sqrt{9-x^2}$

vii.  $f^2 + 7f$

We know  $(f^2 + 7f)(x) = f^2(x) + (7f)(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f^2 + 7f)(x) = f(x)f(x) + 7f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f^2 + 7f)(x) = \sqrt{x+1}\sqrt{x+1} + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$\therefore (f^2 + 7f)(x) = x + 1 + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of  $f^2 + 7f$  is same as domain of  $f$ .

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f^2 + 7f = [-1, \infty)$

Thus,  $f^2 + 7f : [-1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f^2 + 7f)(x) = x + 1 + 7\sqrt{x+1}$

viii.  $\frac{5}{g}$

We know  $\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)}$  and  $(cg)(x) = cg(x)$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{5}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$$

Domain of  $\frac{5}{g} =$  Domain of  $g = [-3, 3]$

However,  $\left(\frac{5}{g}\right)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in [-3, 3]$ , except for the case when  $9 - x^2 = 0$  or  $x = \pm 3$

When  $x = \pm 3$ ,  $\left(\frac{5}{g}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } \frac{5}{g} = [-3, 3] - \{-3, 3\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } \frac{5}{g} = (-3, 3)$$

Thus,  $\frac{5}{g} : (-3, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{5}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$

## 5. Question

If  $f(x) = \log_e(1 - x)$  and  $g(x) = [x]$ , then determine each of the following functions:

i.  $f + g$

ii.  $fg$

iii.  $\frac{f}{g}$

iv.  $\frac{g}{f}$

Also, find  $(f + g)(-1)$ ,  $(fg)(0)$ ,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = \log_e(1 - x)$  and  $g(x) = [x]$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $1 - x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow 1 > x$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 1$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = (-\infty, 1)$

$g(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

Thus, domain of  $g = \mathbb{R}$

i.  $f + g$

We know  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) + [x]$$

Domain of  $f + g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = (-\infty, 1)$$

Thus,  $f + g : (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f + g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) + [x]$

ii.  $fg$

We know  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) \times [x]$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = [x]\log_e(1 - x)$$

Domain of  $fg = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } fg = (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } fg = (-\infty, 1)$$

Thus,  $f - g : (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(fg)(x) = [x]\log_e(1 - x)$

iii.  $\frac{f}{g}$

$$\text{We know } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\log_e(1 - x)}{[x]}$$

As earlier, domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = (-\infty, 1)$

However,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in (-\infty, 1)$ , except for the case when  $[x] = 0$ .

We have  $[x] = 0$  when  $0 \leq x < 1$  or  $x \in [0, 1)$

When  $0 \leq x < 1$ ,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } \frac{f}{g} = (-\infty, 1) - [0, 1)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } \frac{f}{g} = (-\infty, 0)$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{f}{g} : (-\infty, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\log_e(1-x)}{[x]}$$

$$\text{iv. } \frac{g}{f}$$

$$\text{We know } \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{[x]}{\log_e(1-x)}$$

$$\text{As earlier, domain of } \frac{g}{f} = (-\infty, 1)$$

However,  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x \in (-\infty, 1)$ , except for the case when  $\log_e(1-x) = 0$ .

$$\log_e(1-x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1-x = 1 \text{ or } x = 0$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } \frac{g}{f} = (-\infty, 1) - \{0\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } \frac{g}{f} = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{g}{f} : (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{[x]}{\log_e(1-x)}$$

$$\text{We have } (f+g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) + [x], x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

We need to find  $(f+g)(-1)$ .

Substituting  $x = -1$  in the above equation, we get

$$(f+g)(-1) = \log_e(1-(-1)) + [-1]$$

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

$$\therefore (f+g)(-1) = \log_e 2 - 1$$

$$\text{Thus, } (f+g)(-1) = \log_e 2 - 1$$

$$\text{We have } (fg)(x) = [x]\log_e(1-x), x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

We need to find  $(fg)(0)$ .

Substituting  $x = 0$  in the above equation, we get

$$(fg)(0) = [0]\log_e(1-0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(0) = 0 \times \log_e 1$$

$$\therefore (fg)(0) = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } (fg)(0) = 0$$

$$\text{We have } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\log_e(1-x)}{[x]}, x \in (-\infty, 0)$$

$$\text{We need to find } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

However,  $\frac{1}{2}$  is not in the domain of  $\frac{f}{g}$ .

Thus,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  does not exist.

We have  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{[x]}{\log_e(1-x)}$ ,  $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

We need to find  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Substituting  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  in the above equation, we get

$$\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]}{\log_e\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{[0.5]}{\log_e\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{0}{\log_e\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

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

Thus,  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$

## 6. Question

If  $f, g, h$  are real functions defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $h(x) = 2x^2 - 3$ , then find the values of  $(2f + g - h)(1)$  and  $(2f + g - h)(0)$ .

## Answer

Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $h(x) = 2x^2 - 3$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly,  $f(x)$  takes real values only when  $x + 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -1$$

$$\therefore x \in [-1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of  $f = [-1, \infty)$

$g(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for 0.

Thus, domain of  $g = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

$h(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ .

Thus, domain of  $h = \mathbb{R}$

We know  $(2f + g - h)(x) = (2f)(x) + g(x) - h(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (2f + g - h)(x) = 2f(x) + g(x) - h(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2f + g - h)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} + \frac{1}{x} - (2x^2 - 3)$$

$$\therefore (2f + g - h)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} + \frac{1}{x} - 2x^2 + 3$$

Domain of  $2f + g - h = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g \cap \text{Domain of } h$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } 2f + g - h = [-1, \infty) \cap \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \cap \mathbb{R}$$



∴ Domain of  $2f + g - h = [-1, \infty) - \{0\}$

i.  $(2f + g - h)(1)$

We have  $(2f + g - h)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} + \frac{1}{x} - 2x^2 + 3$

$$\Rightarrow (2f + g - h)(1) = 2\sqrt{1+1} + \frac{1}{1} - 2(1)^2 + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (2f + g - h)(1) = 2\sqrt{2} + 1 - 2 + 3$$

$$\therefore (2f + g - h)(1) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2$$

ii.  $(2f + g - h)(0)$

0 is not in the domain of  $(2f + g - h)(x)$ .

Hence,  $(2f + g - h)(0)$  does not exist.

Thus,  $(2f + g - h)(1) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2$  and  $(2f + g - h)(0)$  does not exist as 0 is not in the domain of  $(2f + g - h)(x)$ .

## 7. Question

The function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ x+1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$ . Draw the graph of  $f(x)$ .

## Answer

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

When  $x < 0$ , we have  $f(x) = 1 - x$

$$f(-4) = 1 - (-4) = 1 + 4 = 5$$

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

$$f(-2) = 1 - (-2) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

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

When  $x = 0$ , we have  $f(x) = f(0) = 1$

When  $x > 0$ , we have  $f(x) = 1 + x$

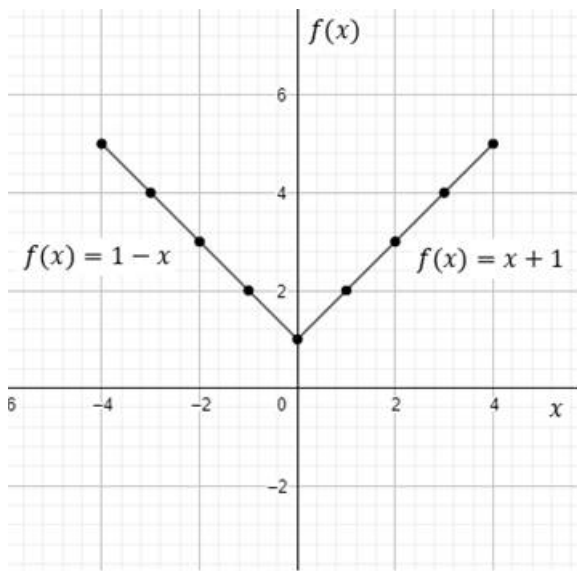
$$f(1) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$f(2) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

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

$$f(4) = 1 + 4 = 5$$

Plotting these points on a graph sheet, we get



### 8. Question

Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined, respectively by  $f(x) = x + 1$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ . Find  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$  and  $\frac{f}{g}$ .

Find the domain in each case.

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = x + 1$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 3$

Clearly, both  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  exist for all real values of  $x$ .

Hence, Domain of  $f$  = Domain of  $g$  =  $\mathbb{R}$

Range of  $f$  = Range of  $g$  =  $\mathbb{R}$

i.  $f + g$

We know  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f + g)(x) = x + 1 + 2x - 3$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = 3x - 2$$

Domain of  $f + g$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = \mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = \mathbb{R}$$

Thus,  $f + g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f + g)(x) = 3x - 2$

ii.  $f - g$

We know  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x + 1 - (2x - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x + 1 - 2x + 3$$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = -x + 4$$

Domain of  $f - g$  = Domain of  $f \cap$  Domain of  $g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f - g = \mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f - g = \mathbb{R}$$

Thus,  $f - g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f - g)(x) = -x + 4$

iii.  $\frac{f}{g}$

We know  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x+1}{2x-3}$$

Clearly,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $2x - 3 = 0$  or  $x = \frac{3}{2}$ .

When  $x = \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{3}{2}\right\}$

Thus,  $\frac{f}{g} : \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{3}{2}\right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x+1}{2x-3}$

## 9. Question

Let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $g(x) = x$ . Find  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $fg$  and  $\frac{f}{g}$

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $g(x) = x$

Domain of  $f = [0, \infty)$

Domain of  $g = \mathbb{R}$

i.  $f + g$

We know  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x} + x$$

Domain of  $f + g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = [0, \infty) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = [0, \infty)$$

Thus,  $f + g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x} + x$

ii.  $f - g$

We know  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x} - x$$

Domain of  $f - g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f - g = [0, \infty) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f - g = [0, \infty)$$

Thus,  $f - g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x} - x$

iii.  $fg$

We know  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x} \times x$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Clearly,  $(fg)(x)$  is also defined only for non-negative real numbers  $x$  as square of a real number is never negative.

Thus,  $fg : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(fg)(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$

iv.  $\frac{f}{g}$

We know  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{(\sqrt{x})^2}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

Clearly,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  is defined for all positive real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $x = 0$ .

When  $x = 0$ ,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$\Rightarrow$  Domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = [0, \infty) - \{0\}$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = (0, \infty)$

Thus,  $\frac{f}{g} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

## 10. Question

Let  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = 2x + 1$  be two real functions. Find  $(f + g)(x)$ ,  $(f - g)(x)$ ,  $(fg)(x)$  and  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ .

### Answer

Given  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = 2x + 1$

Both  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are defined for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Hence, domain of  $f$  = domain of  $g = \mathbb{R}$

i.  $f + g$

We know  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f + g)(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = (x + 1)^2$$

Clearly,  $(f + g)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  Domain of  $(f + g)$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

Thus,  $f + g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f + g)(x) = (x + 1)^2$

ii.  $f - g$

We know  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x^2 - (2x + 1)$$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$$

Clearly,  $(f - g)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  Domain of  $(f - g)$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

Thus,  $f - g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(f - g)(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$

iii.  $fg$

We know  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = x^2(2x + 1)$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = 2x^3 + x^2$$

Clearly,  $(fg)(x)$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$ .

$\therefore$  Domain of  $fg$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

Thus,  $fg : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $(fg)(x) = 2x^3 + x^2$

iv.  $\frac{f}{g}$

$$\text{We know } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x^2}{2x + 1}$$

Clearly,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  is defined for all real values of  $x$ , except for the case when  $2x + 1 = 0$ .

$$2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

When  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, the domain of  $\frac{f}{g} = \mathbb{R} - \left\{-\frac{1}{2}\right\}$

## Very Short Answer

### 1. Question

Write the range of the real function  $f(x) = |x|$ .

**Answer**

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

$$f(-x) = |-x|$$

therefore,  $f(x)$  will always be 0 or positive.

Thus, range of  $f(x) \in [0, \infty)$ .

### 2. Question

If  $f$  is a real function satisfying  $f\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , then write the expression for  $f(x)$ .

**Answer**

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

$$= x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \cdot x \cdot \frac{1}{x} - 2$$

$$\{\text{since, } (a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab\}$$

$$= \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 2$$

$$\text{Let } x + \frac{1}{x} = y$$

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

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = y$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = y$$

$$x + 1 = xy$$

$$x^2 - yx + 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{y \pm \sqrt{y^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

for x to be real

$$y^2 - 4 \geq 0$$

$$y \in (-\infty, 2] \cup [2, \infty)$$

$$|y| > 2 \text{ Ans.}$$

### 3. Question

Write the range of the function  $f(x) = \sin [x]$  where  $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

### Answer

$$F(x) = \sin[x]$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\sin\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}\right] = \sin(-1)$$

$$= -\sin 1$$

$$\sin 0 = 0$$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \sin 0$$

$$= 0$$

Using properties of greatest integer function:

$$[1] = 1; [0.5] = 0; [-0.5] = -1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } R(f) = \{-\sin 1, 0\}$$

### 4. Question

If  $f(x) = \cos 2[\pi^2]x + \cos [-\pi^2]x$ , where  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ , then write the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

### Answer

$$f(x) = \cos 2[\pi^2]x + \cos[-\pi^2]x$$

$$\pi^2 \approx 9.8596$$

So, we have  $[\pi^2] = 9$  and  $[-\pi^2] = -10$

$$f(x) = \cos 18x + \cos (-10)x$$

$$= \cos 18x + \cos 10x$$

$$= 2\cos\left(\frac{18x + 10x}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{18x - 10x}{2}\right)$$

$$= 2 \cos 14x \cos 4x$$

$$f(\pi) = 2 \cos 14\pi \cos 4\pi$$

$$= 2 \times 1 \times 1$$

Therefore,  $f(\pi) = 2$

### 5. Question

Write the range of the function  $f(x) = \cos [x]$ , where  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

### Answer

$$\text{for } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < -1$$

$$[x] = -2$$

$$f(x) = \cos [x] = \cos (-2)$$

$$= \cos 2$$

because  $\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$

$$\text{for } -1 \leq x < 0$$

$$[x] = -1$$

$$f(x) = \cos [x] = \cos (-1)$$

$$= \cos 1$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq x < 1$$

$$[x] = 0$$

$$f(x) = \cos 0 = 1$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq x < \pi/2$$

$$[x] = 1$$

$$f(x) = \cos 1$$

Therefore,  $R(f) = \{1, \cos 1, \cos 2\}$

### 6. Question

Write the range of the function  $f(x) = e^{x - [x]}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### Answer

$$f(x) = e^{x - [x]}$$

$$0 \leq x - [x] < 1$$

$$e^0 \leq e^{x - [x]} < e^1$$

$$1 \leq e^{x-[x]} < e$$

Therefore,  $R(f) = [1, e)$

## 7. Question

Let  $f(x) = \frac{\alpha x}{x+1}$ ,  $x \neq -1$ . Then write the value of  $\alpha$  satisfying  $f(f(x)) = x$  for all  $x \neq -1$ .

## Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha x}{x+1}, x \neq -1$$

$$\text{If } f(f(x)) = x$$

$$\alpha \frac{\frac{\alpha x}{x+1}}{\frac{\alpha x}{x+1} + 1} = x$$

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha^2 x}{x+1}}{\frac{\alpha x + x + 1}{x+1}} = x$$

$$\frac{\alpha^2 x}{\alpha x + x + 1} = x$$

$$\alpha^2 x = \alpha x^2 + x^2 + x$$

$$x^2 (a+1) + x(1-a^2) = 0$$

$$x^2 (a+1) + x(1-a)(1+a) = 0$$

$$(a+1)(x^2 + x(1-a)) = 0$$

$$a+1=0$$

Therefore,  $a = -1$

## 8. Question

If  $f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$ , then write the value of  $f\left(f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right)$ .

## Answer

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{replace } x \text{ by } \frac{1}{x}$$

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

$$\text{now, } f\left(f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{1-x-1}{1-x}$$

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

## 9. Question



Write the domain and range of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2-x}$ .

**Answer**

For function to be defined,  $2 - x \neq 0$

$$x \neq 2$$

Therefore,  $D(f) = \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$ .

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{x-2}{2-x}$$

$$y = -1$$

Therefore,  $R(f) = \{-1\}$ .

**10. Question**

If  $f(x) = 4x - x^2$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then write the value of  $f(a+1) - f(a-1)$ .

**Answer**

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

$$f(a+1) - f(a-1) = [4(a+1) - (a+1)^2] - [4(a-1) - (a-1)^2]$$

$$= 4[(a+1) - (a-1)] - [(a+1)^2 - (a-1)^2]$$

$$= 4(2) - [(a+1+a-1)(a+1-a+1)]$$

$$\text{Using: } a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$$

$$f(a+1) - f(a-1) = 4(2) - 2a(2)$$

$$= 4(2-a)$$

**11. Question**

If  $f$ ,  $g$ ,  $h$  are real functions given by  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $g(x) = \tan x$  and  $h(x) = \log_e x$ , then write the value of (hogof)

$$\left( \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}} \right).$$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = x^2; g(x) = \tan x; h(x) = \log_e x$$

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right) = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$g\left(f\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right)\right) = g\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

$$(\text{hogof})\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right) = h(1) = \log_e 1 = 0$$

Therefore, answer = 0.

**12. Question**

Write the domain and range of function  $f(x)$  given by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-|x|}}$ .

**Answer**

For  $f(x)$  to be defined,

$$x - |x| > 0$$

$$\text{But } x - |x| \leq 0$$

So,  $f(x)$  does not exist..

$$\text{Therefore, } D(f) = R(f) = \phi$$

### 13. Question

Write the domain and range of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x - [x]}$

#### Answer

For  $f(x)$  to be defined,

$$x - [x] \geq 0$$

We know that,  $\{x\} + [x] = x$  where  $\{x\}$  is fractional part function and  $[x]$  is greatest integer function.

$$\{x\} \geq 0$$

$$\text{Also, } 0 \leq \{x\} < 1$$

Therefore,  $D(f) = R$  and range =  $[0, 1)$ .

### 14. Question

Write the domain and range of function  $f(x)$  given by  $f(x) = \sqrt{[x] - x}$ .

#### Answer

For function to be defined,

$$[x] - x \geq 0$$

$$-\{x\} \geq 0$$

Therefore, domain of  $f(x)$  is integers.

$$D(f) \in I$$

$$\text{Range} = \{0\}.$$

### 15. Question

Let A and B be two sets such that  $n(A) = p$  and  $n(B) = q$ , write the number of functions from A to B.

#### Answer

For each value of set A, we can have q functions as each value of A pair up with all the values of B.

So, total number of functions from A to B =  $q \times q \times q \dots \{p \text{ times}\}$

$$= q^p$$

### 16. Question

Let f and g be two functions given by

$$f = \{(2, 4), (5, 6), (8, -1), (10, -3)\} \text{ and } g = \{(2, 5), (7, 1), (8, 4), (10, 13), (11, -5)\}.$$

Find the domain of  $f + g$ .

#### Answer

$$D(f) = \{2, 5, 8, 10\}$$

$$D(g) = \{2, 7, 8, 10, 11\}$$

Therefore,  $D(f+g) = \{2, 8, 10\}$

### 17. Question

Find the set of values of  $x$  for which the functions  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 1$  and  $g(x) = 3 + x$  are equal.

#### Answer

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 1; g(x) = 3 + x$$

$$\text{For } f(x) = g(x)$$

$$3x^2 - 1 = 3 + x$$

$$3x^2 - x - 4 = 0$$

$$(3x - 4)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$3x - 4 = 0 \text{ or } x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3}, -1$$

### 18. Question

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two real functions given by

$$f = \{(0, 1), (2, 0), (3, -4), (4, 2), (5, 1)\} \text{ and } g = \{(1, 0), (2, 2), (3, -1), (4, 4), (5, 3)\}.$$

Find the domain of  $fg$ .

#### Answer

$$D(f) = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

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

$$\text{So, } D(fg) = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

## MCQ

### 1. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$ , then which of the following is a function from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

A.  $\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$

B.  $\{(1, 3), (2, 4)\}$

C.  $\{(1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

D.  $\{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 4)\}$

#### Answer

A function is said to be defined from  $A$  to  $B$  if each element in set  $A$  has a unique image in set  $B$ . Not all the elements in set  $B$  are the images of any element of set  $A$ .

Therefore, option C is correct.

### 2. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f : Q \rightarrow Q$  is defined as  $f(x) = x^2$ , then  $f^{-1}(9)$  is equal to

A. 3

B. -3

C.  $\{-3, 3\}$

D.  $\phi$

**Answer**

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

Replace  $f(x)$  by  $y$ ,

$$y = x^2$$

$$x = \sqrt{y}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $f^{-1}x$  and  $y$  by  $x$ .

$$f^{-1}x = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(9) = \sqrt{9}$$

$$= \pm 3$$

Option C is correct.

### 3. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Which one of the following is not a function?

A.  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 = y\}$

B.  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y^2 = x\}$

C.  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x = y^3\}$

D.  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y = x^3\}$

**Answer**

A function is said to exist when we get a unique value for any value of  $x$ .

Therefore, option B is correct..  $y^2 = x$  is not a function as for each value of  $x$ , we will get 2 values of  $y$ ..which is not as per the definition of a function..

### 4. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \cos(\log x)$ , then  $f(x^2)f(y^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right) + f(x^2 y^2) \right\}$  has the value

A. -2

B. -1

C. 1/2

D. None of these

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \cos(\log x)$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x^2)f(y^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right) + f(x^2 y^2) \right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log x^2) \cos(\log y^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \cos\left(\log\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right)\right) + \cos(\log x^2 y^2) \right\}$$

$$= \cos(2\log x) \cos(2\log y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(\log x^2 - \log y^2) + \cos(\log x^2 + \log y^2) \}$$

$$= \cos(2\log x) \cos(2\log y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(2\log x - 2\log y) + \cos(2\log x + 2\log y) \}$$

Using:  $\cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x+y) + \cos(x-y)]$

$$= \cos(2\log x) \cos(2\log y) - \cos(2\log x) \cos(2\log y)$$

$$= 0$$

### 5. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \cos(\log x)$ , then  $f(x)f(y) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + f(xy) \right\}$  has the value

- A. -1
- B. 1/2
- C. -2
- D. None of these

### Answer

$$f(x) = \cos(\log x)$$

Now,  $f(x)f(y) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + f(xy) \right\}$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos\left(\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right) + \cos(\log xy) \}$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(\log x - \log y) + \cos(\log x + \log y) \}$$

Using:  $\cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x+y) + \cos(x-y)]$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log y) - \cos(\log x) \cos(\log y)$$

$$= 0$$

### 6. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let  $f(x) = |x - 1|$ . Then,

- A.  $f(x^2) = [f(x)]^2$
- B.  $f(x + y) = f(x) f(y)$
- C.  $f(|x|) = |f(x)|$
- D. None of these

### Answer

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

$$f(x^2) = |x^2 - 1|$$

$$[f(x)]^2 = (x - 1)^2$$

$$= x^2 + 1 - 2x$$

$$\text{So, } f(x^2) \neq [f(x)]^2$$

$$f(x + y) = |x + y - 1|$$

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

$$\text{So, } f(x + y) \neq f(x)f(y)$$

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

Therefore, option D is correct.

## 7. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of  $f(x) = \cos [x]$ , for  $-\pi/2 < x < \pi/2$  is

A.  $\{-1, 1, 0\}$

B.  $\{\cos 1, \cos 2, 1\}$

C.  $\{\cos 1, -\cos 1, 1\}$

D.  $[-1, 1]$

## Answer

$$\text{for } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < -1$$

$$[x] = -2$$

$$f(x) = \cos[x] = \cos(-2)$$

$$= \cos 2$$

$$\text{because } \cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

$$\text{for } -1 \leq x < 0$$

$$[x] = -1$$

$$f(x) = \cos[x]$$

$$= \cos(-1)$$

$$= \cos 1$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq x < 1$$

$$[x] = 0$$

$$f(x) = \cos 0$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$[x] = 1$$

$$f(x) = \cos 1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } R(f) = \{1, \cos 1, \cos 2\}$$

Option B is correct.

## 8. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Which of the following are functions?

- A.  $\{(x, y) : y^2 = x, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- B.  $\{(x, y) : y = |x|, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- C.  $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- D.  $\{(x, y) : x^2 - y^2 = 1, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

### Answer

A function is said to exist when we get a unique value of  $y$  for any value of  $x$ . If we get 2 values of  $y$  for any value of  $x$ , then it is not a function..

Therefore, option B is correct .

NOTE: To check if a given curve is a function or not, draw the curve and then draw a line parallel to  $y$ -axis.. If it intersects the curve at only one point, then it is a function, else not..

### 9. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$  and  $g(x) = \frac{3x+x^3}{1+3x^2}$ , then  $f(g(x))$  is equal to

- A.  $f(3x)$
- B.  $\{f(x)\}^3$
- C.  $3f(x)$
- D.  $-f(x)$

### Answer

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

Using:  $(1+x)^3 = 1+3x+3x^2+x^3$

And  $(1-x)^3 = 1-3x+3x^2-x^3$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^3 = 3 \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$$

$$f(g(x)) = 3f(x)$$

Option C is correct.

### 10. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{x, y\}$ , then the number of functions that can be defined from  $A$  into  $B$  is

- A. 12
- B. 8
- C. 6
- D. 3

**Answer**

Since A has 3 elements and B has 2..then number of functions from A to B =  $2 * 2 * 2 = 2^3 = 8$

Option B is correct.

**11. Question**

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$ , then  $f\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$  is equal to

A.  $\{f(x)\}^2$

B.  $\{f(x)\}^3$

C.  $2f(x)$

D.  $3f(x)$

**Answer**

$$f\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) = \log\left(\frac{1+\frac{2x}{1+x^2}}{1-\frac{2x}{1+x^2}}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1+x^2+2x}{1+x^2-2x}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^2$$

$$f\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) = 2\log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$$

$$= 2f(x)$$

Option C is correct..

**12. Question**

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \cos(\log x)$ , then value of  $f(x)f(4) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + f(4x)\right\}$  is

A. 1

B. -1

C. 0

D.  $\pm 1$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \cos(\log x)$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x)f(4) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + f(4x)\right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log 4) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{\cos\left(\log\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)\right) + \cos(\log 4x)\right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log 4) - \frac{1}{2}\{\cos(\log x - \log 4) + \cos(\log x + \log 4)\}$$

$$\text{Using: } \cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(x+y) + \cos(x-y)]$$



$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log 4) - \cos(\log x) \cos(4)$$

$$= 0$$

Option C is correct..

### 13. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \frac{2^x + 2^{-x}}{2}$ , then  $f(x+y)f(x-y)$  is equals to

A.  $\frac{1}{2}\{f(2x) + f(2y)\}$

B.  $\frac{1}{2}\{f(2x) - f(2y)\}$

C.  $\frac{1}{4}\{f(2x) + f(2y)\}$

D.  $\frac{1}{4}\{f(2x) - f(2y)\}$

**Answer**

$$f(x+y)f(x-y) = \left(\frac{2^{x+y} + 2^{-(x+y)}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2^{x-y} + 2^{-(x-y)}}{2}\right)$$

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

$$= \left(\frac{2^{2(x+y)} + 1}{2 \cdot 2^{(x+y)}}\right) \left(\frac{2^{2(x-y)} + 1}{2 \cdot 2^{(x-y)}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2^{2(x+y)} 2^{2(x-y)} + 2^{2(x+y)} + 2^{2(x-y)} + 1}{4 \cdot 2^{(x+y)} 2^{(x-y)}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2^{4x} + 2^{2(x+y)} + 2^{2(x-y)} + 1}{4 \cdot 2^{2x}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2^{2x} + 2^{2y} + 2^{-2y} + 2^{-2x}}{4}\right)$$

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

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

Option A is correct.

### 14. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $2f(x) - 3f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x^2$  ( $x \neq 0$ ), then  $f(2)$  is equal to

A.  $-\frac{7}{4}$

B.  $\frac{5}{2}$

C. -1

D. None of these

**Answer**

$$2f(x) - 3f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x^2 \text{ eqn.1}$$

Replace x by 1/x in eqn.1;

$$2f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 3f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \text{ eqn.2}$$

Multiply eqn.1 by 2 and eqn.2 by 3 and add them..

On adding, we get

$$-5f(x) = 2x^2 + \frac{3}{x^2}$$

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

$$f(2) = \frac{-1}{5} \left( 2 \times 2^2 + \frac{3}{2^2} \right) = \frac{-1}{5} \left( 8 + \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{5} \left( \frac{35}{4} \right) = \frac{-7}{4}$$

Option A is correct.

### 15. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 2x + |x|$ . Then  $f(2x) + f(-x) - f(x) =$

A.  $2x$

B.  $2|x|$

C.  $-2x$

D.  $-2|x|$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = 2x + |x|$$

$$f(2x) = 2(2x) + |2x| = 4x + 2|x|$$

$$f(-x) = 2(-x) + |-x|$$

$$f(2x) + f(-x) - f(x) = 4x + 2|x| - 2x + |-x| - (2x + |x|)$$

$$= 4x + 2|x| - 2x + |x| - 2x - |x| = 2|x|$$

Option B is correct..

### 16. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x}{x^2 + 2x}$  is

- A.  $\mathbb{R}$
- B.  $\mathbb{R} - \{1\}$
- C.  $\mathbb{R} - \{-1/2, 1\}$
- D. None of these

**Answer**

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{x^2 - x}{x^2 + 2x}$$

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

$$yx(x+2) = x(x-1)$$

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

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

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

Value of x can't be zero or it cannot be not defined..

$$y \neq 1, -1/2$$

So, range =  $\mathbb{R} - \{-1/2, 1\}$

### 17. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $x \neq 1$  and  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$  is a real function, the  $f(f(f(2)))$  is

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

**Answer**

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

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

$$= \frac{x+1+x-1}{x+1-x+1} = \frac{2x}{2} = x$$

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

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

$$= 3$$

Option C is correct..

### 18. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \cos(\log_e x)$ , then  $f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{f(xy) + f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right\}$  is equal to

- A.  $\cos(x - y)$
- B.  $\log(\cos(x - y))$
- C. 1
- D.  $\cos(x + y)$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \cos(\log_e x)$$

$$\text{Now, } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{f(xy) + f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \cos\left(\log_e \frac{1}{x}\right)\cos\left(\log_e \frac{1}{y}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{\cos(\log_e xy) + \cos\left(\log_e \frac{x}{y}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log_e x^{-1})\cos(\log_e y^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2}\{\cos(\log_e x + \log_e y) + \cos(\log_e x - \log_e y)\}$$

$$= \cos(-\log_e x)\cos(-\log_e y) - \{\cos(\log_e x) + \cos(\log_e y)\}$$

$$\text{Using: } \cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(x + y) + \cos(x - y)]$$

$$= \cos(\log_e x)\cos(\log_e y) - \{\cos(\log_e x + \log_e y) + \cos(\log_e x - \log_e y)\}$$

$$= 0$$

### 19. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let  $f(x) = x$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$ . Then,  $h(x) = 1$  for

- A.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- B.  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$
- C.  $x \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$
- D.  $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = x; g(x) = \frac{1}{x}; h(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

$$h(x) = 1$$

$$f(x)g(x) = 1$$

$$= x\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$x \neq 0$$

Option D is correct.

### 20. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \frac{\sin^4 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^4 x}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f(2002) =$

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

**Answer**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{(\sin^2 x)^2 + \cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x + (\cos^2 x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \cos^2 x)^2 + \cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x + \cos^4 x} \\ &= \frac{1 + \cos^4 x - 2\cos^2 x + \cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x + \cos^4 x} \\ &= \frac{1 + \cos^4 x - \cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x + \cos^4 x} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $f(2002) = 1$

Option A is correct..

## 21. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = \cos^2 x + \sin^4 x$ . Then,  $f(\mathbb{R}) =$

- A.  $[3/4, 1)$
- B.  $(3/4, 1]$
- C.  $[3/4, 1]$
- D.  $(3/4, 1)$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \sin^4 x + 1 - \sin^2 x$$

$$f(x) = \sin^4 x - \sin^2 x + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + 1$$

$$f(x) = \left( \sin^2 x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\left( \sin^2 x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \geq 0$$

Minimum value of  $f(x) = 3/4$

$$0 \leq \sin^2 x \leq 1$$

So, maximum value of  $f(x) = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= 1$$

$$R(f) = [3/4, 1]$$

Answer is C.

## 22. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq 0, -4 \leq x \leq 4\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$  for  $x \in A$ . Then A is

- A.  $\{1, -1\}$
- B.  $\{x : 0 \leq x \leq 4\}$
- C.  $\{1\}$
- D.  $\{x : -4 \leq x \leq 0\}$

## Answer

When  $-4 \leq x < 0$

$$f(x) = -\frac{x}{x}$$

$$= -1$$

When  $0 < x \leq 4$

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x}$$

$$= 1$$

$$R(f) = \{-1, 1\}$$

Option A is correct..

## 23. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 3$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 7$ , then the values of  $x$  such that  $g(f(x)) = 8$  are

- A. 1, 2
- B. -1, 2
- C. -1, -2
- D. 1, -2

## Answer

$$g(f(x)) = 8$$

$$(f(x))^2 + 7 = 8$$

$$(2x+3)^2 = 1$$

$$4x^2 + 12x + 9 = 1$$

$$4x^2 + 12x + 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x+1=0 \text{ or } x+2=0$$

$$x=-1 \text{ or } x=-2$$

Option C is correct..

#### 24. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f : [-2, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{for } -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$ , then

$$\{x \in [-2, 2] : x \leq 0 \text{ and } f(|x|) = x\} =$$

A.  $\{-1\}$

B.  $\{0\}$

C.  $\{-1/2\}$

D.  $\emptyset$

#### Answer

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

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

$$\text{We have, } |x| = x ; x \geq 0$$

$$\text{And } |x| = -x ; x \leq 0$$

$$\text{So, } -x - 1 = x$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Option C...

#### 25. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $e^{f(x)} = \frac{10+x}{10-x}$ ,  $x \in (-10, 10)$  and  $f(x) = kf\left(\frac{200x}{100+x^2}\right)$ , then  $k =$

A. 0.5

B. 0.6

C. 0.7

D. 0.8

#### Answer

$$e^{f(x)} = \frac{10+x}{10-x}$$

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

$$f(x) = kf\left(\frac{200x}{100+x^2}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right) = k \ln\left(\frac{10 + \frac{200x}{100+x^2}}{10 - \frac{200x}{100+x^2}}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right) = k \ln\left(\frac{1000+10x^2+200x}{1000+10x^2-200x}\right)$$

$$= k \ln\left(\frac{100+x^2+20x}{100+x^2-20x}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right) = k \ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right)^2$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right)^{2k}$$

$$2k=1;$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 0.5$$

Option A is correct.

## 26. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f$  is a real valued function given by  $f(x) = 27x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of  $3x + \frac{1}{x} = 12$ . Then,

- A.  $f(\alpha) \neq f(\beta)$
- B.  $f(\alpha) = 10$
- C.  $f(\beta) = -10$
- D. None of these

## Answer

There is a mistake in the question...

$$3x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = \left(3x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - 3\left(3x\right)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\left(3x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

Since,  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of  $3x + \frac{1}{x} = 12$ .

$$\text{So, } f(\alpha) = f(\beta)$$

$$= (2)^3 - 9(2)$$

$$= 8 - 18$$

$$= -10$$

Option C...

## 27. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = 64x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of  $4x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$ . Then,

- A.  $f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = -9$
- B.  $f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = 63$



- C.  $f(\alpha) \neq f(\beta)$   
D. None of these

**Answer**

$$f(x) = 64x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$= \left(4x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - 3\left(4x\right)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\left(4x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

Since,  $4x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are its roots,

$$f(x) = 3^3 - 12(3)$$

$$= 27 - 36$$

$$= -9$$

So,  $f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = -9$

Option A is correct..

## 28. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $3f(x) + 5f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - 3$  for all non-zero  $x$ , then  $f(x) =$

A.  $\frac{1}{14}\left(\frac{3}{x} + 5x - 6\right)$

B.  $\frac{1}{14}\left(-\frac{3}{x} + 5x - 6\right)$

C.  $\frac{1}{14}\left(-\frac{3}{x} + 5x + 6\right)$

- D. None of these

**Answer**

$$3f(x) + 5f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - 3 \text{ eqn. 1}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $1/x$ ;

$$3f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 5f(x) = x - 3 \text{ eqn. 2}$$

Multiply eqn. 1 by 3 and eqn. 2 by 5, and then subtract them

We get,

$$9f(x) + 15f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 15f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 25f(x) = \frac{3}{x} - 9 - 5x + 15$$

$$-16f(x) = \frac{3}{x} - 5x + 6$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{16}\left(-\frac{3}{x} + 5x - 6\right)$$

## 29. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = \frac{4^x}{4^x + 2}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then,

- A.  $f(x) = f(1 - x)$
- B.  $f(x) + f(1 - x) = 0$
- C.  $f(x) + f(1 - x) = 1$
- D.  $f(x) + f(x - 1) = 1$

**Answer**

$$f(x) = \frac{4^x}{4^x + 2}$$

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

$$= \frac{4 \cdot 4^{-x}}{4 \cdot 4^{-x} + 2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{4^x}}{\frac{2}{4^x} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2 + 4^x}$$

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

$$= \frac{4^x}{4^x + 8}$$

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

$$f(x) + f(x - 1) = \frac{4^x}{4^x + 2} + \frac{4^x}{4^x + 8} \neq 1$$

**30. Question**

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $f(x) = \sin [\pi^2] x + \sin [-\pi^2] x$ , where  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ , then

- A.  $f(\pi/2) = 1$
- B.  $f(\pi) = 2$
- C.  $f(\pi/4) = -1$
- D. None of these

**Answer**

$$\pi^2 \approx 9.8596$$

$$[\pi^2] = 9 \text{ and } [-\pi^2] = -10$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = \sin[\pi^2] x + \sin[-\pi^2] x$$

$$= \sin 9x - \sin 10x$$

Now, checking values of  $f(x)$  at given points..

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin 9\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \sin 10\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$=1-0$$

$$=1$$

Option A is correct..

$$f(\pi)=\sin 9\pi-\sin 10\pi$$

$$=0-0$$

$$=0$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)=\sin 9\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)-\sin 10\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}-1$$

Option B & C are incorrect..

### 31. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - 2x - x^2}$  is

A.  $[-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}]$

B.  $[-1 - \sqrt{3}, -1 + \sqrt{3}]$

C.  $[-2, 2]$

D.  $[-2 - \sqrt{3}, -2 + \sqrt{3}]$

### Answer

for  $f(x)$  to be defined,

$$2 - 2x - x^2 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 2 \leq 0$$

$$(x - (1 - \sqrt{3}))(x - (-1 + \sqrt{3})) \leq 0$$

$$x \in [-1 - \sqrt{3}, -1 + \sqrt{3}]$$

Option B is correct..

### 32. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+3}{(2-x)(x-5)}}$  is

A.  $(-\infty, -3] \cup (2, 5)$

B.  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (2, 5)$

C.  $(-\infty, -3] \cup [2, 5]$

D. None of these

### Answer

for given function,

$$\frac{x+3}{(2-x)(x-5)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x+3}{(x-2)(x-5)} \leq 0$$

$$x \neq 2, 5$$

Therefore,  $x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup (2, 5)$

Option B is correct..

### 33. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{x-2}}$  is

A.  $[-1, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$

B.  $(-1, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$

C.  $[-1, 2] \cup [3, \infty)$

D. None of these

### Answer

Here,  $\frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{(x-2)} \geq 0$

But  $x \neq 2$

So,  $x \in [-1, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$

Option A is correct..

### 34. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{3-x}$  is

A.  $[1, \infty)$

B.  $(-\infty, 3)$

C.  $(1, 3)$

D.  $[1, 3]$

### Answer

Here,  $x-1 \geq 0$  and  $3-x \geq 0$

So,  $x \geq 1$  and  $x \leq 3$

Therefore,  $x \in [1, 3]$  option D is correct..

### 35. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+2}} + \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}$  is

- A.  $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$
- B.  $[-1, 1]$
- C.  $\phi$
- D. None of these

**Answer**

For function to be defined,

$$\frac{x-2}{x+2} \geq 0, x \neq -2$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup [2, \infty) \dots (1)$$

$$\text{And } \frac{1-x}{1+x} \geq 0, x \neq -1$$

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1} \leq 0$$

$$\text{So, } x \in (-1, 1] \dots (2)$$

Taking common of both the solutions, we get  $x \in \phi$ .

Option C is correct..

**36. Question**

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function  $f(x) = \log|x|$  is

- A.  $\mathbb{R}$
- B.  $(-\infty, 0)$
- C.  $(0, \infty)$
- D.  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

**Answer**

For  $f(x) = \log|x|$ ;

It is defined at all positive values of  $x$  except 0..

But since we have  $|x|$ ;

So,  $|x| > 0$ ;

$$x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

**37. Question**

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{4x - x^2}$  is

- A.  $\mathbb{R} - [0, 4]$
- B.  $\mathbb{R} - (0, 4)$
- C.  $(0, 4)$
- D.  $[0, 4]$

**Answer**

Here,  $4x - x^2 \geq 0$

$$x^2 - 4x \leq 0$$

$$x(x-4) \leq 0$$

So,  $x \in [0, 4]$

Option D is correct..

### 38. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3-2\sqrt{x-4}} - \sqrt{x-3+2\sqrt{x-4}}$  is

A.  $[4, \infty)$

B.  $(-\infty, 4]$

C.  $(4, \infty)$

D.  $(-\infty, 4)$

### Answer

$$\text{Here, } x - 3 - 2\sqrt{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x-4})^2 + 1 - 2\sqrt{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x-4} - 1)^2 \geq 0$$

$$x-4 \geq 0; x \geq 4 \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } x - 3 + 2\sqrt{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x-4})^2 + 1 + 2\sqrt{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x-4} + 1)^2 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 4$$

Option A is correct..

### 39. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{5|x| - x^2 - 6}$  is

A.  $(-3, -2) \cup (2, 3)$

B.  $[-3, -2) \cup [2, 3)$

C.  $[-3, -2] \cup [2, 3]$

D. None of these

### Answer

$$5|x| - x^2 - 6 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 - 5|x| + 6 \leq 0$$

$$(|x|-2)(|x|-3) \leq 0$$

$$\text{So, } |x| \in [2, 3]$$

$$\text{Therefore, } x \in [-3, -2] \cup [2, 3]$$

Option C is correct.

#### 40. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x}{|x|}$  is

- A.  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$
- B.  $\mathbb{R} - \{-1, 1\}$
- C.  $\{-1, 1\}$
- D. None of these

#### Answer

We know that

$$|x| = -x \text{ in } (-\infty, 0) \text{ and } |x| = x \text{ in } [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{So, } f(x) = \frac{x}{-x} = -1 \text{ in } (-\infty, 0)$$

$$\text{And } f(x) = \frac{x}{x} = 1 \text{ in } (0, \infty)$$

As clearly shown above  $f(x)$  has only two values 1 and -1

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

#### 41. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{|x+2|}, x \neq -2$  is

- A.  $\{-1, 1\}$
- B.  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$
- C.  $\{1\}$
- D.  $(0, \infty)$

#### Answer

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

When  $x > -2$ ,

$$\text{We have } f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x+2}$$

$$= 1$$

When  $x < -2$ ,

$$\text{We have } f(x) = \frac{x+2}{-(x+2)}$$

$$= -1$$

$$R(f) = \{-1, 1\}$$

Option A is correct..

#### 42. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of the function  $f(x) = |x - 1|$  is

- A.  $(-\infty, 0)$
- B.  $[0, \infty)$
- C.  $(0, \infty)$
- D.  $\mathbb{R}$

**Answer**

A modulus function always gives a positive value..

$$R(f) = [0, \infty)$$

Option B..

#### 43. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ . Then, which of the following is correct?

- A.  $f(xy) = f(x) f(y)$
- B.  $f(xy) \geq f(x) f(y)$
- C.  $f(xy) \leq f(x) f(y)$
- D. None of these

**Answer**

$$f(xy) = \sqrt{x^2 y^2 + 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x)f(y) &= (\sqrt{x^2 + 1})(\sqrt{y^2 + 1}) \\ &= \sqrt{x^2 y^2 + 1 + x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

So, comparing,  $f(xy)$  and  $f(x)f(y)$ ;

We get  $f(xy) \leq f(x)f(y)$

Option C..

#### 44. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If  $[x]^2 - 5[x] + 6 = 0$ , where  $[\bullet]$  denotes the greatest integer function, then

- A.  $x \in [3, 4]$
- B.  $x \in (2, 3]$
- C.  $x \in [2, 3]$
- D.  $x \in [2, 4]$

**Answer**

$$[x]^2 - 5[x] + 6 = 0$$

$$([x] - 2)([x] - 3) = 0$$

$$\text{if } [x] = 2$$

$$2 \leq x < 3$$



and if  $[x]=3$

$$3 \leq x < 4$$

Therefore,  $x \in [2, 4]$

Option D..

#### 45. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - 2\cos x}$  is

A.  $[1/3, 1]$

B.  $[-1, 1/3]$

C.  $(-\infty, -1) \cup [1/3, \infty)$

D.  $[-1, 3, 1]$

#### Answer

we know,  $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$

$$-2 \leq -2\cos x \leq 2$$

$$-1 \leq (1 - 2\cos x) \leq 3$$

$$-1 \leq \left( \frac{1}{1 - 2\cos x} \right) \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

So,  $R(f) = [-1, 1/3]$

Option ..B