

NCERT Solutions Class 12 Maths Chapter 1 Miscellaneous Exercise

Question 1:

Let $f: R \rightarrow R$ be defined as $f(x) = 10x + 7$. Find the function $g: R \rightarrow R$ such that $gof = f \circ g = I_R$.

Solution:

$f: R \rightarrow R$ is defined as $f(x) = 10x + 7$

For one-one:

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore f$ is one-one.

For onto:

$$y \in R, \text{ Let } y = 10x + 7$$

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

For any $y \in R$, there exists $x = \frac{y-7}{10} \in R$ such that

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

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Thus, f is an invertible function.

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

Now,

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

And,

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

$$\therefore gof = I_R \text{ and } f \circ g = I_R$$

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

Question 2:

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

Solution:

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

For one-one:

$$f(n) = f(m)$$

If n is odd and m is even, then we will have $n - 1 = m + 1$.

$$\Rightarrow n - m = 2$$

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

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

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

$$f(n) = f(m)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = m - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n = m$$

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

$$f(n) = f(m)$$

$$\Rightarrow n + 1 = m + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n = m$$

$\therefore f$ is one-one.

For onto:

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

$\therefore f$ is onto.

f is an invertible function.

Let us define $g : W \rightarrow W$ as $f(m) = \begin{cases} m - 1, & \text{If } m \text{ is odd} \\ m + 1, & \text{If } m \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

When r is odd

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

When r is even

$$gof(n) = g(f(n)) = g(n+1) = n+1-1 = n$$

When m is odd

$$fog(n) = f(g(m)) = f(m-1) = m-1+1 = m$$

When m is even

$$fog(m) = f(g(m)) = f(m+1) = m+1-1 = m$$

$$\therefore gof = I_W \text{ and } fog = I_W$$

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

Question 3:

If $f: R \rightarrow R$ be defined as $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$, find $f(f(x))$.

Solution:

$f: R \rightarrow R$ is defined as $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$.

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

Question 4:

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

Solution:

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

For one-one:

$$f(x) = f(y) \quad \text{where } x, y \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1+|x|} = \frac{y}{1+|y|}$$

If x is positive and y is negative,

$$\frac{x}{1+|x|} = \frac{y}{1+|y|}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy = x - y$$

Since, x is positive and y is negative,

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

$2xy$ is negative.

$$2xy \neq x - y$$

Case of x being positive and y being negative, can be ruled out.

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

If x and y are positive,

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{y}{1+y}$$

$$\Rightarrow x - xy = y - xy$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore f$ is one-one.

For onto:

Let $y \in R$ such that $-1 < y < 1$.

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

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

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

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

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Hence, f is one-one and onto.

Question 5:

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

Solution:

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = x^3$

For one-one:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(y) && \text{where } x, y \in \mathbb{R} \\ x^3 &= y^3 \dots\dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

We need to show that $x = y$

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

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

This will be a contradiction to (1).

$\therefore x = y$. Hence, f is injective.

Question 6:

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

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

Solution:

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

Let us first show that g is not injective.

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

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

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

$\therefore g$ is not injective.

$g \circ f : N \rightarrow Z$ is defined as $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x) = |x|$

$x, y \in N$ such that $g \circ f(x) = g \circ f(y)$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore g \circ f$ is injective.

Question 7:

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

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

Solution:

Define $f : N \rightarrow Z$ as $f(x) = x + 1$ and $g : Z \rightarrow Z$ as $g(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1, & \text{if } x > 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$

Let us first show that g is not onto.

Consider element 1 in co-domain N . This element is not an image of any of the elements in domain N .

$\therefore f$ is not onto.

$g : N \rightarrow N$ is defined by

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x + 1) = x + 1 - 1 = x \quad [x \in N \Rightarrow x + 1 > 1]$$

For $y \in N$, there exists $x = y \in N$ such that $g \circ f(x) = y$.

$\therefore g \circ f$ is onto.

Question 8:

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

Define the relation R in $P(X)$ as follows:

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

Solution:

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

$\therefore R$ is reflexive.

Let $ARB \Rightarrow A \subset B$

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

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

$\therefore R$ is not symmetric.

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

$\Rightarrow A \subset C$

$\Rightarrow ARC$

$\therefore R$ is transitive.

R is not an equivalence relation as it is not symmetric.

Question 9:

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

Solution:

$P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ given by $A * B = A \cap B \quad \forall A, B$ in $P(X)$

$A \cap X = A = X \cap A$ for all $A \in P(X)$

$\Rightarrow A * X = A = X * A$ for all $A \in P(X)$

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

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

$A * B = X = B * A$ [As X is the identity element]

Or

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

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

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

Question 10:

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

Solution:

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

Thus, the total number of onto maps from $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ to itself is the same as the total number of permutations on n symbols $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, which is $n!$.

Question 11:

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

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

Solution: $S = \{a, b, c\}, T = \{1, 2, 3\}$

- $F : S \rightarrow T$ is defined by $F = \{(a, 3), (b, 2), (c, 1)\}$
 $\Rightarrow F(a) = 3, F(b) = 2, F(c) = 1$

Therefore, $F^{-1} : T \rightarrow S$ is given by $F^{-1} = \{(3, a), (2, b), (1, c)\}$

- $F : S \rightarrow T$ is defined by $F = \{(a, 2), (b, 1), (c, 1)\}$

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

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

Question 12:

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

Solution:

It is given that $*$: $R \times R \rightarrow R$ and \circ : $R \times R \rightarrow R$ defined as $a * b = |a - b|$ and $a \circ b = a, \forall a, b \in R$.

For $a, b \in R$, we have $a * b = |a - b|$ and $b * a = |b - a| = |-(a - b)| = |a - b|$

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

\therefore The operation $*$ is commutative.

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

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

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

\therefore The operation $*$ is not associative.

Now, consider the operation θ :

It can be observed that $1\theta 2 = 1$ and $2\theta 1 = 2$.

$$\therefore 1\theta 2 \neq 2\theta 1 \quad (\text{where } 1, 2 \in R)$$

\therefore The operation θ is not commutative.

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

$$(a\theta b)\theta c = a\theta c = a$$

$$a\theta(b\theta c) = a\theta b = a$$

$$\Rightarrow (a\theta b)\theta c = a\theta(b\theta c)$$

\therefore The operation θ is associative.

Now, let $a, b, c \in R$, then we have:

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

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

$$\text{Hence, } a * (b\theta c) = (a * b)\theta(a * c)$$

Now,

$$1\theta(2 * 3) = 1\theta(|2 - 3|) = 1\theta 1 = 1$$

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

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

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

Question 13:

Given a non - empty set X , let $*$: $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ be defined as $A * B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$, $\forall A, B \in P(X)$. Show that the empty set Φ is the identity for the operation $*$ and all the elements A of $P(X)$ are invertible with $A^{-1} = A$.
(Hint: $(A - \Phi) \cup (\Phi - A) = A$ and $(A - A) \cup (A - A) = A * A = \Phi$).

Solution:

It is given that $*$: $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ is defined as $A * B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$, $\forall A, B \in P(X)$
 $A \in P(X)$ then,

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

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

$$\therefore A * \Phi = A = \Phi * A \quad \text{for all } A \in P(X)$$

Φ is the identity for the operation $*$.

Element $A \in P(X)$ will be invertible if there exists $B \in P(X)$ such that
 $A * B = \Phi = B * A$ [As Φ is the identity element]

$$A * A = (A - A) \cup (A - A) = \Phi \cup \Phi = \Phi \quad \text{for all } A \in P(X).$$

All the elements A of $P(X)$ are invertible with $A^{-1} = A$.

Question 14:

Define a binary operation $*$ on the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ as

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

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

Solution:

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

The operation $*$ is defined as
$$a + b = \begin{cases} a + b, & \text{if } a + b < 6 \\ a + b - 6, & \text{if } a + b \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

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

For $a \in X$,

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{i.e., } \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} a + b = 0 = b + a, & \text{if } a + b < 6 \\ a + b - 6 = 0 = b + a - 6 & \text{if } a + b \geq 6 \end{array} \right\}$$

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

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

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

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

Question 15:

Let $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$, $B = \{-4, -2, 0, 2\}$ and $f, g: A \rightarrow B$ be functions defined by $x^2 - x$, $x \in A$ and

$$g(x) = 2 \left| x - \frac{1}{2} \right| - 1, x \in A. \text{ Are } f \text{ and } g \text{ equal?}$$

Solution:

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

Also, $f, g: A \rightarrow B$ is defined by $x^2 - x$, $x \in A$ and $g(x) = 2 \left| x - \frac{1}{2} \right| - 1, x \in A$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hence, the functions f and g are equal.

Question 16:

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

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Solution:

The given set is $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

The smallest relation containing $(1, 2)$ and $(1, 3)$ which are reflexive and symmetric but not transitive is given by,

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

This is because relation R is reflexive as $\{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\} \in R$.

Relation R is symmetric as $\{(1, 2), (2, 1)\} \in R$ and $\{(1, 3), (3, 1)\} \in R$.

Relation R is transitive as $\{(3, 1), (1, 2)\} \in R$ but $(3, 2) \notin R$.

Now, if we add any two pairs $(3, 2)$ and $(2, 3)$ (or both) to relation R , then relation R will become transitive.

Hence, the total number of desired relations is one.

The correct answer is A.

Question 17:

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

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Solution:

The given set is $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

The smallest equivalence relation containing $(1, 2)$ is given by;

$$R_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$$

Now, we are left with only four pairs i.e., $(2, 3), (3, 2), (1, 3)$ and $(3, 1)$.

If we add any one pair [say $(2, 3)$] to R_1 , then for symmetry we must add $(3, 2)$. Also, for transitivity we are required to add $(1, 3)$ and $(3, 1)$.

Hence, the only equivalence relation (bigger than R_1) is the universal relation.

This shows that the total number of equivalence relations containing $(1, 2)$ is two.
The correct answer is B.

Question 18:

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

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the Signum Function defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the greatest integer function given by $g(x) = [x]$, where $[x]$ is greatest integer less than or equal to x . Then does $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ coincide in $(0, 1]$?

Solution:

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

It is given that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the Signum Function defined as

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

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

$[x] = 1$ if $x = 1$ and $[x] = 0$ if $0 < x < 1$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} gof(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(1) \quad [x > 0] \\ &= [1] = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, when $x \in (0,1)$, we have $fog(x) = 0$ and $gof(x) = 1$.

Hence, fog and gof does not coincide in $(0,1]$.

Question 19:

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

- A. 10
- B. 16
- C. 20
- D. 8

Solution:

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

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

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

The correct answer is B.