



## 2. TYPES OF RELATIONS

### 2.1 EMPTY RELATION

A relation  $R$  in a set  $A$  is called empty relation, if no element of  $A$  is related to any element of  $A$ , i.e.,  $R = \emptyset \subset A \times A$ .

### 2.2 UNIVERSAL RELATION

A relation  $R$  in a set  $A$  is called universal relation, if each element of  $A$  is related to every element of  $A$ , i.e.,  $R = A \times A$

#### REMARKS

- (i) Both the empty relation and the universal relation are sometimes called **Trivial Relations**.
- (ii) If  $(a, b) \in R$ , we say that  $a$  is related to  $b$  and we denote it as  $a R b$

### 2.3 REFLEXIVE, SYMMETRIC AND TRANSITIVE RELATIONS

A relation  $R$  in a set  $A$  is called

- (i) **Reflexive**, if  $(a, a) \in R$ , for every  $a \in A$ ,
- (ii) **Symmetric**, if  $(a, b) \in R$  implies that  $(b, a) \in R$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ .
- (iii) **Transitive**, if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$  implies that  $(a, c) \in R$ , for all  $a, b, c \in A$

#### VERY IMPORTANT REMARK

If in a relation  $R$ , there are no elements of the type  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c)$  to check transitivity. Then by default we consider  $R$  to be transitive.

(Refer Example 1 given below)

#### Example 1

Consider the relation  $R$  in the set of human being defined as  $\{(x, y): x \text{ is the wife of } y\}$ . Then  $R$  is a transitive relation though for an element  $(x, y) \in R$  the element of the type  $(y, z)$  can not never belong to  $R$ .

#### Example 2

Let  $L$  be the set of all lines in  $XY$  plane and  $R$  be the relation in  $L$  defined as

$R = \{(l, m) \mid l \text{ is parallel to } m\}$ . Then

- (i)  $R$  is reflexive since every line is parallel to itself i.e. For every  $l \in L, l \parallel l$
- (ii)  $R$  is symmetric since if a line  $l$  is parallel to another line  $m$ , then the second line  $m$  is parallel to the first line  $l$  i.e. For  $l, m \in L, l \parallel m \Rightarrow m \parallel l$ .
- (iii)  $R$  is transitive since if a line  $l$  is parallel to a second line  $m$ , and  $m$  is parallel to the line  $n$ , then the first line  $l$  is also parallel to the third line  $n$ . i.e. For  $l, m, n \in L, l \parallel m$  and  $m \parallel n \Rightarrow l \parallel n$ .



### Example 3

Let  $L$  be the set of all lines in  $XY$  plane and  $R$  be the relation in  $L$  defined as

$R = \{(l, m) \mid l \text{ is perpendicular to } m\}$ . Then

- (i)  $R$  is not reflexive since no line is perpendicular to itself *i.e.*  $l \perp l$  is false for every  $l \in L$
- (ii)  $R$  is symmetric since if a line  $l$  is perpendicular to another line  $m$ , then the second line  $m$  is also perpendicular to the first line  $l$ , that is, for  $l, m \in L, l \perp m \Rightarrow m \perp l$ .
- (iii)  $R$  is not transitive since if a line  $l$  is perpendicular to a second line  $m$ , and  $m$  is perpendicular to a third line  $n$ , then the first line  $l$  is not perpendicular to the third line  $n$ , that is, for  $l, m, n \in L, l \perp m$  and  $m \perp n \not\Rightarrow l \perp n$  (In fact, in this case,  $l \parallel n$ ).

## 2.4 EQUIVALENCE RELATION

A relation  $R$  in a set  $A$  is said to be an equivalence relation if  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

### Example

The Relation given in Example 1 above is an equivalence relation.

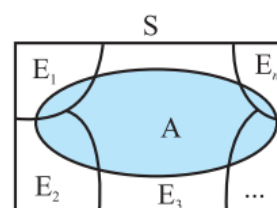
## 3. PARTITION OF A SET

### 3.1 Definition

Let  $S$  be a non-empty set. A collection of subsets of  $S$  namely

$E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$  is said to be a partition of  $S$  if

- (i)  $\cup E_j = S$  and
- (ii)  $E_i \cap E_j = \phi, i \neq j$



### 3.2 Partition of a Set Formed by an Equivalent Relation

Given an arbitrary equivalence relation  $R$  in an arbitrary set  $X$ ,  $R$  divides  $X$  into mutually disjoint subsets  $E_i$  called partitions or subdivisions of  $X$  satisfying

- (i) all elements of  $E_i$  are related to each other, for all  $i$ .
- (ii) no element of  $E_i$  is related to any element of  $E_j, i \neq j$ .
- (iii)  $\cup E_j = X$  and  $E_i \cap E_j = \phi, i \neq j$

The subsets  $E_i$  are called **Equivalence Classes**.

### Example

Consider the equivalence relation  $R$  in the set  $Z$  of integers given by

$R = \{(a, b) \mid 2 \text{ divides } a - b\}$ . Then we have the following implications:

- all even integers are related to zero, as  $(0, \pm 2), (0, \pm 4)$  etc., lie in  $R$  and
- no odd integer is related to 0, as  $(0, \pm 1), (0, \pm 3)$  etc., do not lie in  $R$ .
- similarly, all odd integers are related to one and no even integer is related to one.

Therefore, the set  $E$  of all even integers and the set  $O$  of all odd integers are said to form a partition of  $X$ .

The subset  $E$  is called the equivalence class containing zero and is denoted by  $[0]$ .

Similarly, the subset  $O$  is the equivalence class containing 1 and is denoted by  $[1]$ .



## REMARK

Every Partition of a set can give rise to an Equivalence Relation in the set.

## Example

Consider a subdivision of the set  $Z$  given by three mutually disjoint subsets

$E_0, E_1$  and  $E_2$  whose union is  $Z$  with

$$E_0 = \{x \in Z \mid x \text{ is a multiple of } 3\} = \{\dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}$$

$$E_1 = \{x \in Z \mid x - 1 \text{ is a multiple of } 3\} = \{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}$$

$$E_2 = \{x \in Z \mid x - 2 \text{ is a multiple of } 3\} = \{\dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots\}$$

Define a relation  $R$  in  $Z$  given by  $R = \{(a, b) \mid 3 \text{ divides } a - b\}$ .

$R$  is an equivalence relation.

Also,  $E_0$  coincides with the set of all integers in  $Z$  which are related to zero,

$E_1$  coincides with the set of all integers which are related to 1 and

$E_2$  coincides with the set of all integers in  $Z$  which are related to 2.

Thus,  $E_0 = [0], E_1 = [1]$  and  $E_2 = [2]$ .

In fact,  $E_0 = [3r], E_1 = [3r + 1]$  and  $E_2 = [3r + 2]$ , for all  $r \in Z$ .

## 4. SOME FORMULAE FOR HIGH ACHIEVERS

**4.1** Let, number of elements in two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are given as  $n(A) = p$  and  $n(B) = q$ , then

Number of relations from  $A$  to  $B$  = Number of subsets of  $A \times B = 2^{p \times q}$

**4.2** Let  $n(A) = n$  then,

**(i)** Number of relations from  $A$  to  $A$  = Number of subsets of  $A \times A = 2^{n^2}$

**(ii)** Number of reflexive relation from  $A$  to  $A$  =  $2^{n(n-1)} = 2^{n^2-n}$

**(iii)** Number of symmetric relation from  $A$  to  $A$  =  $2^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$

**(iv)** Number of relation from  $A$  to  $A$  which are not symmetric  
= (Number of relation from  $A$  to  $A$ ) – (Number of reflexive relation from  $A$  to  $A$ )  
=  $2^{n^2} - 2^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$

## 5. FUNCTIONS

### 5.1 Definition

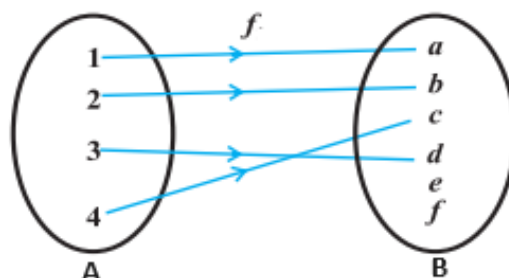
A function  $f$  from a non-empty set  $A$  to a non-empty set  $B$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  which relates EACH element of  $A$  to a UNIQUE (i.e. one and only one) element of  $B$ .

## 6. TYPES OF FUNCTIONS

### 6.1 ONE-ONE OR INJECTIVE FUNCTION

#### 6.1.1 Definition

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be One – One (or Injective) function, if the images of distinct elements of  $A$  under  $f$  are distinct.



### 6.1.2 Method to prove that a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is One-One (or Injective) Function)

To prove a function  $f$  to be injective, we use ANY ONE of the following methods

(i) prove that for every  $x_1, x_2 \in A, f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ .

(ii) prove that for every  $x_1, x_2 \in A, x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ .

(iii) **Horizontal Line Test**

- Draw the graph of the function.
- Imagine horizontal lines at various y-values across the graph.
- If no horizontal line touches the graph at more than one point, the function is a one-one function.

### 6.1.3 Methods to prove that a function $f$ is NOT One-One (or NOT Injective)

To prove a function  $f$  is not injective, we use ANY ONE of the following methods

(i) **Give a counter example**

Show that there exist elements  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in the domain satisfying  $x_1 \neq x_2$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  [i.e. there exist two distinct elements in the domain having same image under  $f$ ]

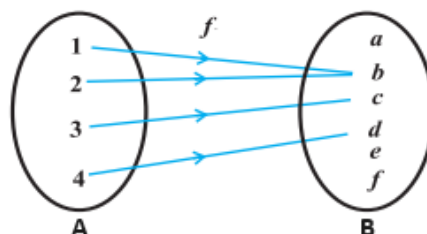
(ii) **Horizontal Line Test**

- Draw the graph of the function.
- Imagine horizontal lines at various y-values across the graph.
- If there exists at least one horizontal that line touches the graph at more than one point, the function is a not one-one function.

## 6.2 MANY-ONE FUNCTION

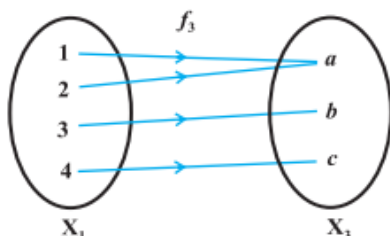
A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be many-one if at least two elements of the domain  $A$  have the same image in the codomain  $B$ .

Thus, a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be Many-One if  $f$  is not a one-one function.

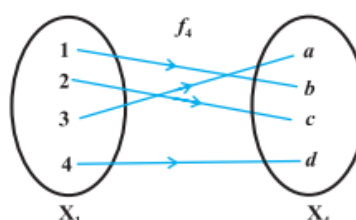


## 6.3 ONTO (OR SURJECTIVE) FUNCTION

### 6.3.1 Definition



Many -One Onto



One-One Onto

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be onto (or surjective), if every element of the codomain  $B$  is the image of some element of the domain  $A$  under  $f$ , i.e., for every  $y \in \text{codomain } B$ , there exists an element  $x$  in the domain  $A$  such that  $f(x) = y$



### 6.3.2 Methods to prove that a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is Onto (or Surjective)

To prove a function  $f$  is surjective, we use ANY ONE of the following methods

- (i) Take a general element  $y \in B$  (codomain) and show that corresponding to the element  $y$  there exists an element  $x \in A$  (domain) such that  $f(x) = y$ .
- (ii) **Graphical Method**
  - Draw the graph of the function.
  - If every possible  $y$ -value in the codomain  $B$  has a corresponding point on the graph then the function is **onto**.

### 6.3.3 Method to prove that a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is NOT Onto (or NOT Surjective)

To prove a function  $f$  is not surjective, we use ANY ONE of the following methods

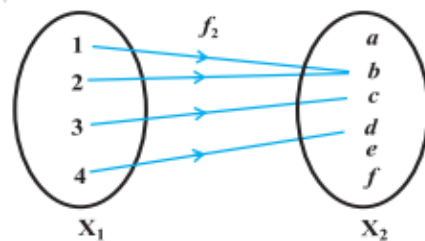
- (i) **Give a counter example**

Show that there exists an element  $y$  in the codomain  $B$  which is not the image of any element  $x$  of the domain  $A$  [i.e. there is no element  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ ].
- (ii) **Graphical Method**
  - Draw the graph of the function.
  - If there is a  $y$ -value in the codomain  $B$  for which no point exists on the graph then the function is not onto.

### 6.4 INTO FUNCTION

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be an into function, there is at least one element  $y$  in the codomain  $B$  which is not the image of any element of  $A$ .

Thus, a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be an into function if it is not onto



## 7. SOME FORMULAE FOR HIGH ACHIEVERS

Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function where  $n(A) = m$  and  $n(B) = n$ . Then,

- (i) Total number of functions from  $A$  to  $B = n^m$   
 $= (\text{Number of elements in codomain})^{\text{Number of elements in domain}}$
- (ii) Total number of one-one functions from  $A$  to  $B = \begin{cases} {}^n P_r, & \text{if } n \geq m \\ 0, & \text{if } n < m \end{cases}$

#### REMARK

If  $n < m$ , it is not possible to have one-one functions, so the number of one-one functions is 0.

- (iii) Total number of many-one functions from  $A$  to  $B = \begin{cases} n^m - {}^n P_r, & \text{if } n \geq m \\ n^m, & \text{if } n < m \end{cases}$
- (iv) Total number of onto functions from  $A$  to  $B$   
$$\begin{cases} n^m - {}^n C_1 \cdot (n-1)^m + {}^n C_2 \cdot (n-2)^m - {}^n C_3 \cdot (n-3)^m + \dots, & \text{if } n < m \\ m!, & \text{if } n = m \\ 0, & \text{if } n > m \end{cases}$$

#### REMARK

If  $m < n$ , it is not possible to have onto functions, so the number of onto functions is 0.

- (v) If  $n = m$ , then total number of one-one and onto (i.e. bijective) functions  $= m!$

