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Relations and Functions.

Q.1. Define relations and gives an example.

Ans. Relation: $\rightarrow$

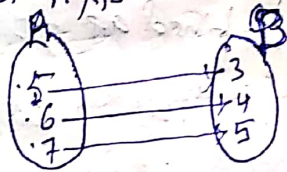
Let A be a non-empty set and $R \subseteq A \times A$. Then, R is called a relation on A .

If $(a, b) \in R$, we say that a is related to b and we write, aRb . If $(a, b) \notin R$, then $a \not R b$.

OR, Relation: $\rightarrow$

A relation R from a non-empty set A to a non-empty set B is a subset of the Cartesian product $A \times B$.

For example.



Since, $R = \{(x, y) : y = x - 2, x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$
 $R = \{(5, 3), (6, 4), (7, 5)\}$

Here, domain = $\{5, 6, 7\}$ and Range = $\{3, 4, 5\}$

We see that the set of all first elements of the ordered pairs in a relation R from a set A to a set B is called the domain of the relation R .

The set of all second elements in a relation R from a set A to a set B is called the range of the relation R .

Q.2. Define functions and gives an example.

Ans. Function: $\rightarrow$ A relation f from a set A to a set B is said to be a function if every element of set A has one and only one image in set B .

OR, Function: $\rightarrow$

Let A and B be two non-empty sets. Then, a relation f from A to B which associates to each element $x \in A$, a unique element.

$f(x) \in B$ is called a function from A to B and we write $f: A \rightarrow B$

A is called the domain of f and we write $\text{dom}(f) = A$ and B is called the co-domain of f .

Also, $\{f(x) : x \in A\} \subseteq B$ is called the range of f , written as $\text{range}(f)$.

For example,

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$
And let $f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$ be a function from A to B .

It is given that $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$
Now, $f: A \rightarrow B$ is defined as $f = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}$.

$$f(1) = 4, f(2) = 5, f(3) = 6.$$

which is one-one function.

Q.3. Define Equivalence relation and Equivalence class.

Soln: Equivalence relation: $\rightarrow$ A relation R on a set A is called an equivalence relation, if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Equivalence class: $\rightarrow$ Let R be an equivalence relation on a non-empty set A and let $a \in A$. Then, $[a]$ is the equivalence class determined by a and defined as $[a] = \{x \in A : (a, x) \in R\}$.