

Chap 2. Relation and Function

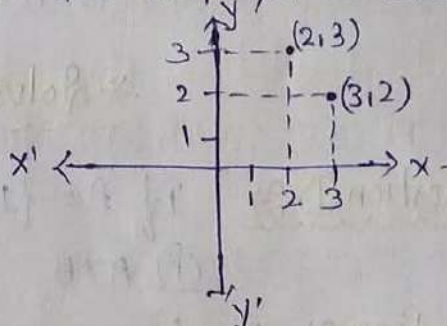
Ordered pair $\Rightarrow$ Two numbers a and b listed in a specific order and enclosed in parentheses form an ordered pair (a, b) .

$\rightarrow$ In the ordered pair (a, b) , we call a as first component or member and b as second component or member.

$\rightarrow$ By interchanging the positions of the components, the ordered pair is changed.

Thus, $(a, b) \neq (b, a)$

For ex:- $(2, 3)$ and $(3, 2)$ are not same and represented as



Equality of two ordered pairs $\Rightarrow$ Two ordered pairs (a, b) and (c, d) will be equal if

$$\boxed{(a, b) = (c, d) \Rightarrow a = c \text{ and } b = d}$$

Example:- Find a and b , when $(a-1, b+5) = (2, 3)$

Solution $\Rightarrow (a-1, b+5) = (2, 3)$

Here $a-1 = 2$

$$\boxed{a=3} \text{ Ans}$$

and $b+5 = 3$

$$\boxed{b=-2} \text{ Ans}$$

Cartesian product of two sets $\Rightarrow$ Let A and B be two nonempty sets. Then, the Cartesian product of A and B is the set denoted by $A \times B$, consisting of all ordered pairs (a, b) such that $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

$$\therefore A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

If $A = \phi$ or $B = \phi$, we define $A \times B = \phi$.

Note $\Rightarrow$ (i) If $n(A) = p$ and $n(B) = q$ then $n(A \times B) = pq$ and $n(B \times A) = pq$.

(ii) If at least one of A and B is infinite then $A \times B$ and $B \times A$ is infinite.

* Solved Sum $\Rightarrow$ *

Question 1 $\Rightarrow$ If $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$ and $B = \{2, 3\}$ then find:

(i) $A \times B$ (ii) $B \times A$ (iii) $(A \times B) \cap (B \times A)$

Solution $\Rightarrow$ We have

$$A = \{1, 3, 5\}, B = \{2, 3\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad A \times B &= \{1, 3, 5\} \times \{2, 3\} \\ &= \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3), (5, 2), (5, 3)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad B \times A &= \{2, 3\} \times \{1, 3, 5\} \\ &= \{(2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 5), (3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 5)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad (A \times B) \cap (B \times A) = \{(3, 3)\}.$$

Question 2 $\Rightarrow$ If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{3, 4\}$ and $C = \{4, 5, 6\}$ then find:

$$\text{(i)} \quad A \times (B \cap C) \quad \text{(ii)} \quad (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad A \times (B \cup C) \quad \text{(iv)} \quad (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

Solution $\Rightarrow$ given that $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{3, 4\}$ and $C = \{4, 5, 6\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{(i)} \quad A \times (B \cap C) \\ \Rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{4\} \\ \Rightarrow \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\} \text{ Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \times B = \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{3, 4\}$$

$$= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow A \times C = \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{4, 5, 6\}$$

$$= \{(1, 5), (1, 4), (1, 6), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6)\}$$

$$\therefore (A \times B) \cap (A \times C) = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\} \underline{\text{Ans.}}$$

$$(iii) A \times (B \cup C)$$

$$= \{1, 2, 3\} \times \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6)\}$$

$$(iv) (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

$$= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4)\} \cup \{(1, 5), (1, 4), (1, 6), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6)\}$$

$$= \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6)\} \underline{\text{Ans.}}$$

Question 3 Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0\}$, $B = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : 0 \leq x < 2\}$ and $C = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x < 3\}$. Verify that

Solution We have

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0\}$$

$$= \{x \in \mathbb{N} : (x-2)(x-3) = 0\}$$

$$\therefore A = \{2, 3\}$$

$$\therefore B = \{1, 2\}$$

$$\therefore C = \{1, 2\}$$

$$\therefore (i) A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

$$\underline{\text{L.H.S.}} A \times (B \cup C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \{2, 3\} \times \{1, 2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{(2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$$

$$\underline{\text{R.H.S.}} (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \{(2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\} \cup \{(2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{(2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Hence } A \times (B \cup C) = A \times B \cup A \times C \quad \underline{\text{Proved}}$$

$$(ii) A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

prove yourself.

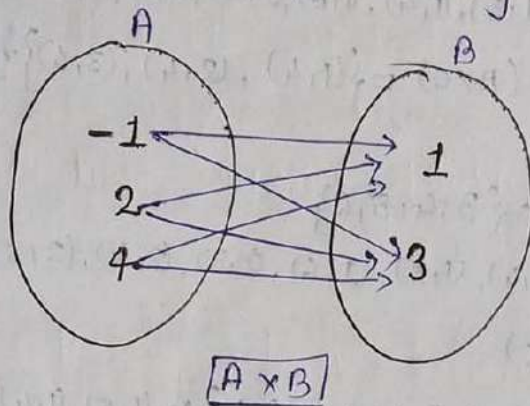
Arrow diagram of $A \times B$

Let $A = \{-1, 2, 4\}$ and $B = \{1, 3\}$

Then,

$$A \times B = \{(-1, 1), (-1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 3), (4, 1), (4, 3)\}$$

Then $A \times B$ can be represented by Arrow diagram.



Order Triplet

Three numbers a, b and c listed in a specific order and enclosed in parenthesis form an ordered pair Triplet (a, b, c) .

Thus, $(1, 2, 3) \neq (2, 1, 3) \neq (3, 2, 1)$, etc.

For any non-empty set A , we define

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

Example

If $A = \{1, 2\}$, find $A \times A \times A$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} A \times A &= \{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2\} \\ &= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A \times A \times A = (A \times A) \times A$$

$$= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\} \times \{1, 2\}$$

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

Ans

ASSIGNMENT ①

- Find the values of a and b , when:
 - $(a+3, b-2) = (5, 1)$
 - $(a+b, 2b-3) = (4, -5)$
 - $(\frac{a}{3} + 1, b - \frac{1}{3}) = (\frac{5}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$
 - $(a-2, 2b+1) = (b-1, a+2)$
- If $A = \{0, 1\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, show that $A \times B \neq B \times A$.
- If $P = \{a, b\}$ and $Q = \{x, y, z\}$, show that $P \times Q \neq Q \times P$.
- If $A = \{2, 3, 5\}$ and $B = \{5, 7\}$, find: $A \times B, B \times A, A \times A, B \times B$.
- If $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \leq 3\}$ and $B = \{x \in \mathbb{N}, x < 2\}$, find $A \times B$ and $B \times A$. Is $A \times B = B \times A$?
- If $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$, $B = \{3, 4\}$ and $C = \{2, 3\}$, verify that
 - $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$
 - $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$
- Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x < 2\}$, $B = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq x \leq 4\}$ and $C = \{3, 5\}$. Verify that
 - $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$
 - $A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$
- If $A \times B = \{(-2, 3), (2, 4), (0, 3), (0, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$, find A and B .
- Let $A = \{2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5\}$. find $A \times B$. How many subsets will $A \times B$ have?
- Let $A \times B = \{(a, b) : b = 3a - 2\}$. If $(x, 5)$ and $(2, y)$ belong to $A \times B$, find the values of x and y .
- Let A and B be two sets such that $n(A) = 3$ and $n(B) = 2$. If $a \neq b \neq c$ and $(a, 0), (b, 1), (c, 0)$ are in $A \times B$, find A and B .
- Let $A = \{-2, 2\}$ and $B = \{0, 3, 5\}$. find:
 - $A \times B$
 - $B \times A$
 - $A \times A$
 - $B \times B$
- If $A = \{5, 7\}$, find (i) $A \times A$ and (ii) $A \times A \times A$.
- Let $A = \{-3, -1\}$, $B = \{1, 3\}$ and $C = \{3, 5\}$. find
 - $A \times B$
 - $(A \times B) \times C$
 - $B \times C$
 - $A \times (B \times C)$

** Relations **

Relation $\rightarrow$ Let A and B be non-empty sets. Then a relation R from A to B is a subset of $A \times B$.

Thus, R is relation from A to $B \Leftrightarrow [R \subseteq A \times B]$

$\rightarrow$ If $(a, b) \in R$ then we say that 'a is related to b' and we write aRb .

$\rightarrow$ If $(a, b) \notin R$ then 'a is not related to b' and we write $a \not R b$.

Domain, Range and Codomain of a relation $\rightarrow$

Let R be a relation from A to B . Then $R \subseteq (A \times B)$.

(i) The set of all first coordinates of elements of R is called the domain of R , written as $\text{dom}(R)$.

(ii) The set of all second coordinates of elements of R is called the range of R , denoted by $\text{range}(R)$.

(iii) The set B is called the codomain of R .

$$\text{Dom}(R) = \{a : (a, b) \in R\} \text{ and } \text{Range}(R) = \{b : (a, b) \in R\}$$

Total number of relations from A to B $\rightarrow$

Let $n(A) = p$ and $n(B) = q$. Then

$$n(A \times B) = pq$$

We know that every subset of $A \times B$ is a relation from A to B .

$\rightarrow$ Total no. of subsets of $A \times B$ is 2^{pq} .

$\therefore$ Total number of relations from A to $B = 2^{pq}$.

* Representation of a relation *

Let A and B be two given sets. Then, a relation $R \subseteq A \times B$ can be represented in any of the forms given below.

(i) Roster form $\Rightarrow$ In this form, R is given as a set of ordered pairs.

Example (1) $\Rightarrow$ Let $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ and $B = \{0, 1, 4, 9\}$

Let $R = \{(-2, 4), (-1, 1), (0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 4)\}$

(i) Show that R is a relation from A to B

(ii) Find $\text{dom}(R)$, $\text{range}(R)$ and Codomain of R .

Solution $\Rightarrow$ (i) Since $R \subseteq A \times B$, so R is a relation from A to B
Note that $-2R4$, $-1R1$, $0R0$ etc.

(ii) $\text{Dom}(R) = \text{Set of first coordinates of elements of } R$
 $= \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ Ans

$\text{Range}(R) = \text{Set of second coordinates of elements of } R$
 $= \{0, 1, 4\}$

$\text{co-domain of } R = \{0, 1, 4, 9\} = B$.

(ii) Set Builder form $\Rightarrow$ Under this method, for every $(a, b) \in R$, a general relation is being given between 'a' and 'b'.

Using this relation, all the elements of R can be obtained.

Example (2) $\Rightarrow$ Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $B = \{4, 6, 9\}$

Define a relation A to B given by

$R = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } (a-b) \text{ is odd}\}$

$\therefore$ In roster form $R = \{(1, 4), (1, 6), (2, 9), (3, 4), (3, 6), (5, 4), (5, 6)\}$.

Question 8 → Let $R = \{(x, x^3) : x \text{ is a prime no. less than } 10\}$

(i) Write R in Roster form

(ii) Find $\text{dom}(R)$ and $\text{range}(R)$.

Solution 8 → prime numbers less than 10 are 2, 3, 5, 7

(i) $R = \{(2, 2^3), (3, 3^3), (5, 5^3), (7, 7^3)\}$

$\therefore R = \{(2, 8), (3, 27), (5, 125), (7, 343)\}$

(ii) $\text{Dom}(R) = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$

$\text{Range}(R) = \{8, 27, 125, 343\}$. Ans

Question 9 → Let $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ and } y \text{ are integers and } xy = 4\}$

(i) Write R in Roster form

(ii) find $\text{dom}(R)$ and $\text{range}(R)$

Solution 9 → clearly we have

(i) $R = \{(-4, -1), (-2, -2), (-1, -4), (1, 4), (2, 2), (4, 1)\}$

(ii) $\text{Dom}(R) = \{-4, -2, -1, 1, 2, 4\}$

$\text{Range}(R) = \{-1, -2, -4, 1, 2, 4\}$

(iii) Arrow Diagram → Let R be a relation from A to B .

First, we draw two bounded figures to represent A and B respectively.

Example 5 → Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Define a relation R from A to A by $R = \{(x, y) : y = 2x - 3\}$

(i) Depict R using an arrow diagram.

(ii) Find $\text{dom}(R)$ and $\text{range}(R)$.

Solution 5 → $x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 2 - 3 = -1 \notin A$

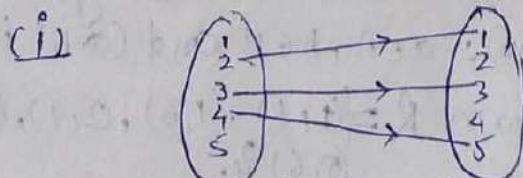
$x = 2 \Rightarrow y = 4 - 3 = 1$

$x = 3 \Rightarrow y = 6 - 3 = 3$

$x = 4 \Rightarrow y = 8 - 3 = 5$

$x = 5 \Rightarrow y = 10 - 3 = 7 \notin A$

$\therefore R = \{(2, 1), (3, 3), (4, 5)\}$.



(ii) $\text{dom}(R) = \{2, 3, 4\}$, $\text{Range}(R) = \{1, 3, 5\}$ Ans

Inverse relation

Let R be a binary relation on a set A . Then, the inverse of R , denoted by R^{-1} is a binary relation on A defined by $R^{-1} = \{(b, a) : (a, b) \in R\}$

Clearly $(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow (b, a) \in R^{-1}$

Also, $\text{dom}(R) = \text{range}(R^{-1})$ and $\text{range}(R) = \text{dom}(R^{-1})$

Question $\Rightarrow$ Let A be a set of first ten natural numbers. Let R be a binary relation on A defined by $R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in A \text{ and } a + 2b = 10\}$
Express R and R^{-1}

Solution $\Rightarrow$

$$a + 2b = 10 \Rightarrow b = \frac{10 - a}{2}$$

$$\text{Now } (a=2 \Rightarrow b=4), (a=4 \Rightarrow b=3)$$

$$(a=6 \Rightarrow b=2), (a=8 \Rightarrow b=1)$$

$$\therefore R = \{(2, 4), (4, 3), (6, 2), (8, 1)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow R^{-1} = \{(4, 2), (3, 4), (2, 6), (1, 8)\}$$

$$(i) \text{ dom}(R) = \{2, 4, 6, 8\} = \text{range}(R^{-1})$$

$$(ii) \text{ range}(R) = \{4, 3, 2, 1\}, \text{Dom}(R^{-1}) = \{4, 3, 2, 1\}$$

Binary Relation

Let A be a nonempty set. Then, every subset of $A \times A$ is called binary relation or simply a relation on A .

Question $\Rightarrow$ Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$. Show that R is a binary relation on A . Find its domain and range.

Solution $\Rightarrow$

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

Clearly $R \subset A \times A$ and so R is a relation on A .

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

$$\text{Range}(R) = \{1, 2\} \text{ Ans}$$

(iii) Now let $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$
 $\therefore f(A) = \{4, 9, 16\}$ Ans

Question 2: let $X = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $Y = \{7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17\}$

Define a relation f from X to Y by:

$$f = \{(x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y \text{ and } y = 2x + 3\}$$

(i) Write f in roster form

(ii) find $\text{dom}(f)$ and $\text{range}(f)$.

(iii) Show that f is a function from X to Y .

Solution: given that

$$X = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$Y = 2x + 3$$

(i) $\therefore f = \{(2, 7), (3, 9), (4, 11), (5, 13)\}$

(ii) clearly, $\text{domain}(f) = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$
 $\text{range}(f) = \{7, 9, 11, 13\}$

(iii) It is clear that no two distinct ordered pairs in f have the same first coordinate.

$\therefore f$ is a function from X to Y . Ans

Question 3: Which of the following relations are functions? Give reasons. In case of a function, find its domain and range.

(i) $f = \{(1, 3), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 5)\}$

(ii) $g = \{(2, 1), (5, 1), (8, 1), (11, 1)\}$

(iii) $h = \{(2, 1), (4, 2), (6, 3), (8, 4), (10, 5), (12, 6)\}$

Solution:

(i) $f = \{(1, 3), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 5)\}$

Here, one element, namely 1 has two images 3 and 5 under f .

$\therefore f$ is not a function.

(ii) $g = \{(2, 1), (5, 1), (8, 1), (11, 1)\}$

Clearly, no two distinct ordered pairs in g have the same first coordinate. So, g is a function.

(iii) $h = \{(2, 1), (4, 2), (6, 3), (8, 4), (10, 5), (12, 6)\}$

Clearly, no two distinct ordered pairs in h have the same first coordinate, so h is a function.

Equal functions $\Rightarrow$ Two functions f and g are said to be equal if

(i) $\text{dom}(f) = \text{dom}(g)$

(ii) $\text{co-domain}(f) = \text{co-domain}(g)$

(iii) $f(x) = g(x)$ for every x in their common domain.

Question 5 $\Rightarrow$ Let $A = \{1, 2\}$ and $B = \{3, 6\}$ and f and g be functions from A to B , defined by $f(x) = 3x$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 2$. Show that $f = g$.

Solution $\Rightarrow$

Clearly, we have

$$\text{dom } f = \text{dom } g = \{1, 2\}.$$

$$\text{codomain}(f) = \text{codomain}(g) = \{3, 6\}$$

$$\text{Also, } f(1) = 3, \quad g(1) = 3$$

$$f(2) = 6, \quad g(2) = 6$$

$$\text{Thus, } \boxed{f(x) = g(x)} \text{ for all } x \in A$$

Hence f and g are equal functions.

Question 6 $\Rightarrow$ Let $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : f(x) = x^2$ and $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : g(x) = |x|^2$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Show that $f = g$.

Solution $\Rightarrow$

We have

$$\text{dom}(f) = \text{dom}(g) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{and } \text{codomain}(f) = \text{codomain}(g) = \mathbb{Z}$$

Also, for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have

$$f(x) = x^2 \text{ and } g(x) = |x|^2 = x^2$$

$$\therefore f(x) = g(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Hence f and g are equal functions.

Question 7 → Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(x) = 6x + 2$ and $g: \mathbb{R} - \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$. Show that $f \neq g$. Re define
 f and g s.t. $f = g$.

Solution →

We have, $\text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}$
 $\text{dom}(g) = \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$

$\therefore \text{dom}(f) \neq \text{dom}(g)$

$\therefore$, we have $f \neq g$ proved.

for every real no. $x \neq 2$, we have

$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = \frac{(x - 2)(x + 2)}{(x - 2)} = (x + 2)$$

Thus $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$

$\therefore f = g$ only when, they are redefined
as under:

$f: \mathbb{R} - \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(x) = (x + 2)$ and

$g: \mathbb{R} - \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$.

Question 8 → Let $f = \{(-1, -3), (0, -1), (1, 1), (2, 3)\}$ be a function,
described by the formula, $f(x) = \alpha x + \beta$. Then,
find the values of α and β . Also find the
formula.

Solution →

Here $f(x) = \alpha x + \beta$ — (i)

Also, $f(-1) = -3$, $f(0) = -1$, $f(1) = 1$

$f(2) = 3$

$\therefore$ we get from eqn (i)

$$-3 = -\alpha + \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = 3 \text{ — (ii)}$$

$$\text{and } -1 = \beta \text{ — (iii)}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\alpha = 2} \quad \beta = -1$$

Hence $\boxed{f(x) = 2x - 1}$ is the required formula.

Question 9 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(x) = x^2 + 3$. Find the pre-images of each of the following under f .
(i) 19 (ii) 28 (iii) 2.

Solution

given that $f(x) = x^2 + 3$

(i) $f(x) = 19$ then

$$x^2 + 3 = 19$$

$$x^2 = 16$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 4} \text{ Ans}$$

(ii) $f(x) = 28$ then

$$x^2 + 3 = 28$$

$$x^2 = 25$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 5}$$

(iii) $f(x) = 2$

$$\therefore x^2 + 3 = 2$$

$$\boxed{x^2 = -1}$$

So, 2 does not have any preimages under f .

Ans

Inverse of a function

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and let $y \in Y$. Then we define,
 $f^{-1}(y) = \{x \in X : f(x) = y\}$ = Set of preimages of y .

f^{-1} is called the inverse of f .

Question 10 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(x) = x^2 + 1$. Find (i) $f^{-1}(-4)$
(ii) $f^{-1}(10)$ (iii) $f^{-1}(5, 17)$.

Solution

It is given that

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

(i) Let $f^{-1}(-4) = x$ Then

$$f(x) = -4$$

$$x^2 + 1 = -4$$

$$\boxed{x^2 = -5}$$

But, there is no real value of x

$$\therefore f^{-1}(-4) = \phi \text{ Ans.}$$

(ii) Let $f^{-1}(10) = x$

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

$$x^2 + 1 = 10$$

$$x^2 = 9$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 3} \text{ Ans}$$

(iii) Let $f^{-1}(5) = x$ then

$$f(x) = 5$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 5$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 2} \text{ Ans}$$

(iv) Let $f^{-1}(17) = x$

$$f(x) = 17$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 17$$

$$x^2 = 16$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 4} \text{ Ans}$$