

CLASS XII CHAPTER 1 RELATION AND FUNCTION

MISC. EX. SOLUTIONS

1. Let $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = 10x + 7$. Find the function $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $g \circ f = f \circ g = I_{\mathbf{R}}$.

ANS:

It is given that $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is defined as $f(x) = 10x + 7$.

One-one:

Let $f(x) = f(y)$, where $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$.

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

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore f$ is a one-one function.

Onto:

For $y \in \mathbf{R}$, let $y = 10x + 7$.

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

Therefore, for any $y \in \mathbf{R}$, there exists $x = \frac{y-7}{10} \in \mathbf{R}$ such that $f(x) = f\left(\frac{y-7}{10}\right) = 10\left(\frac{y-7}{10}\right) + 7 = y - 7 + 7 = y$.

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Therefore, f is one-one and onto.

Thus, f is an invertible function.

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

Now, we have:

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

And,

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

$\therefore g \circ f = I_{\mathbf{R}}$ and $f \circ g = I_{\mathbf{R}}$

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

2. Let $f: \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$ 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, \mathbb{W} is the set of all whole numbers.

ANS:

It is given that:

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

One-one:

$$\text{Let } f(n) = f(m).$$

It can be observed that if n is odd and m is even, then we will have $n - 1 = m + 1$.

$$\Rightarrow n - m = 2$$

However, this is impossible.

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.

It is clear that any odd number $2r + 1$ in co-domain \mathbb{N} is the image of $2r$ in domain \mathbb{N} and any even number $2r$ in co-domain \mathbb{N} is the image of $2r + 1$ in domain \mathbb{N} .

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Hence, f is an invertible function.

Let us define $g: W \rightarrow W$ as:

$$g(m) = \begin{cases} m+1, & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \\ m-1, & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Now, when n is odd:

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

And, when n is even:

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

Similarly, when m is odd:

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

When m is even:

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

$\therefore \therefore g \circ f = I_w$ and $f \circ g = I_w$

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

Hence, the inverse of f is f itself.

3. If $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$, find $f(f(x))$.

ANS:

It is given that $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is defined as $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$.

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

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

It is given that $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \{x \in \mathbf{R} : -1 < x < 1\}$ is defined as $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$.

Suppose $f(x) = f(y)$, where $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$.

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

It can be observed that if x is positive and y is negative, then we have:

$$\frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{y}{1-y} \Rightarrow 2xy = x - y$$

Since x is positive and y is negative:

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

But, $2xy$ is negative.

Then, $2xy \neq x - y$.

Thus, the case of x being positive and y being negative can be ruled out.

Under a similar argument, x being negative and y being positive can also be ruled out

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

When x and y are both positive, we have:

$$f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{y}{1+y} \Rightarrow x + xy = y + xy \Rightarrow x = y$$

When x and y are both negative, we have:

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

$\therefore f$ is one-one.

Now, let $y \in \mathbf{R}$ such that $-1 < y < 1$.

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

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

$\therefore f$ is onto.

Hence, f is one-one and onto.

5. Show that the function $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^3$ is injective.

ANS:

$f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is given as $f(x) = x^3$.

Suppose $f(x) = f(y)$, where $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$.

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = y^3 \dots (1)$$

Now, we need to show that $x = y$.

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

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

However, this will be a contradiction to (1).

$$\therefore x = y$$

Hence, f is injective.

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

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

ANS:

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

We first show that g is not injective.

It can be observed that:

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

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

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

$\therefore g$ is not injective.

Now, $g \circ f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ is defined as $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x) = |x|$.

Let $x, y \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $g \circ f(x) = g \circ f(y)$.

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

Since x and $y \in \mathbf{N}$, both are positive.

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

Hence, $g \circ f$ is injective

7. Give examples of two functions $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ and $g: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ such that $g \circ f$ is onto but f is not onto.

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

ANS:

Define $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ by,

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

And, $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ by,

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x-1 & \text{if } x > 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$$

We first show that g is not onto.

For this, consider element 1 in co-domain \mathbb{N} . It is clear that this element is not an image of any of the elements in domain \mathbb{N} .

$\therefore f$ is not onto.

Now, $g \circ f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is defined by,

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

Then, it is clear that for $y \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $x = y \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $g \circ f(x) = y$.

Hence, $g \circ f$ is onto.

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.

ANS:

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

$\therefore R$ is reflexive.

Let $A R B \Rightarrow A \subset B$.

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

For instance, 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.

Further, if $A R B$ and $B R C$, then $A \subset B$ and $B \subset C$.

$\Rightarrow A \subset C$

$\Rightarrow A R C$

$\therefore R$ is transitive.

Hence, R is not an equivalence relation since it is not symmetric.

- 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 $P(X)$, where $P(X)$ 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 $*$.

ANS:

It is given that $*$: $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ is defined as $A * B = A \cap B \quad \forall A, B \in P(X)$.

We know that $A \cap X = A = X \cap A \quad \forall A \in P(X)$.

$\Rightarrow A * X = A = X * A \quad \forall A \in P(X)$

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

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

$$A * B = X = B * A. \quad (\text{As } X \text{ is the identity element})$$

i.e.,

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

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

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

Hence, the given result is proved.

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

ANS:

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

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

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.

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

ANS:

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

(i) $F: S \rightarrow T$ is defined as:

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

$$\Rightarrow F(a) = 3, F(b) = 2, F(c) = 1$$

Therefore, $F^{-1}: T \rightarrow S$ is given by

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

(ii) $F: S \rightarrow T$ is defined as:

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

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

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

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

ANS:

It is given that $*$: $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and \circ : $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is defined as

$$a * b = |a - b| \text{ and } a \circ b = a, \forall a, b \in \mathbf{R}.$$

For $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, we have:

$$a * b = |a - b|$$

$$b * a = |b - a| = |-(a - b)| = |a - b|$$

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

\therefore The operation $*$ is commutative.

It can be observed that,

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

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

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

\therefore The operation $*$ is not associative.

Now, consider the operation \circ :

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

$$\therefore 1 \circ 2 \neq 2 \circ 1 \text{ (where } 1, 2 \in \mathbf{R})$$

\therefore The operation \circ is not commutative.

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

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

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

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

\therefore The operation \circ is associative.

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

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

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

Hence, $a * (b \circ c) = (a * b) \circ (a * c)$.

Now,

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

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

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

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

- 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 $(A - A) \cup (A - A) = A * A = \phi$).

ANS:

It is given that $*$: $P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ is defined as

$$A * B = (A - B) \cup (B - A) \quad \forall A, B \in P(X).$$

Let $A \in P(X)$. Then, we have:

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

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

$$\therefore A * \Phi = A = \Phi * A \quad \forall A \in P(X)$$

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

Now, an element $A \in P(X)$ will be invertible if there exists $B \in P(X)$ such that

$$A * B = \Phi = B * A \quad (\text{As } \Phi \text{ is the identity element})$$

$$\text{Now, we observed that } A * A = (A - A) \cup (A - A) = \phi \cup \phi = \phi \quad \forall A \in P(X).$$

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

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 of the set is invertible with $6 - a$ being the inverse of a .

ANS:

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

The operation $*$ on X 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 $a \in X$, we observed that:

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

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

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

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 $a * b = 0 = b * a$.

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

i.e.,

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

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

$\therefore b = 6 - a$ is the inverse of $a \forall a \in X$.

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

15. Let $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$, $B = \{-4, -2, 0, 2\}$ and $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ be functions defined

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

Justify your answer. (Hint: One may note that two functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : A \rightarrow B$ such that $f(a) = g(a) \forall a \in A$, are called equal functions).

ANS:

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

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

It is observed that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$f(2) = (2)^2 - 2 = 4 - 2 = 2$$

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

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

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

Hence, the functions f and g are equal.

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

ANS:

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

The smallest relation containing $(1, 2)$ and $(1, 3)$ which is 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 since $(1, 2), (2, 1) \in R$ and $(1, 3), (3, 1) \in R$.

But relation R is not 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.

17. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Then number of equivalence relations containing $(1, 2)$ is
- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

ANS:

It is given that $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

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.

18. 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 $(0, 1]$?

ANS:

It is given that,

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is defined as } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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

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

Then, we have:

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

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

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

Thus, when $x \in (0, 1)$, we have $f \circ g(x) = 0$ and $g \circ f(x) = 1$.

Hence, $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ do not coincide in $(0, 1]$.

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

(A) 10

(B) 16

(C) 20

(D) 8

ANS:

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 i.e., 16.

The correct answer is B.