



SOLVED SUBJECTIVE EXAMPLES

Example: 1 Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $Y = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$. Which of the following is/are relations from

X to Y

- (a) $R_1 = \{(x, y) | y = 2 + x, x \in X, y \in Y\}$
- (b) $R_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 3), (4, 3), (5, 5)\}$
- (c) $R_3 = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 5), (3, 7), (5, 7)\}$
- (d) $R_4 = \{(1, 3), (2, 5), (2, 4), (7, 9)\}$

Solution: (a,b,c) R_4 is not a relation from X to Y , because $(7, 9) \in R_4$ but $(7, 9) \notin X \times Y$.

Example: 2 Given two finite sets A and B such that $n(A) = 2, n(B) = 3$. Then total number of relations from A to B is

- (a) 4
- (b) 8
- (c) 64
- (d) None of these

Solution: (c) Here $n(A \times B) = 2 \times 3 = 6$

Since every subset of $A \times B$ defines a relation from A to B , number of relation from A to B is equal to number of subsets of $A \times B = 2^6 = 64$, which is given in (c).

Example: 3 The relation R defined on the set of natural numbers as $\{(a, b) : a$ differs from b by 3}, is

given by

- (a) $\{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6), \dots\}$
- (b) $\{(4, 1), (5, 2), (6, 3), \dots\}$
- (c) $\{(1, 3), (2, 6), (3, 9), \dots\}$
- (d) None of these

Solution: (b) $R = \{(a, b) : a, b \in N, a - b = 3\} = \{(h+3, h) : h \in N\} = \{(4, 1), (5, 2), (6, 3), \dots\}$

Example: 4 Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{1, 3, 5\}$. A relation $R: A \rightarrow B$ is defined by $R = \{(1, 3), (1,$

$5), (2, 1)\}$. Then R^{-1} is defined by

- (a) $\{(1, 2), (3, 1), (1, 3), (1, 5)\}$
- (b) $\{(1, 2), (3, 1), (2, 1)\}$
- (c) $\{(1, 2), (5, 1), (3, 1)\}$
- (d) None of these

Solution: (c) $(x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow (y, x) \in R^{-1}, \therefore R^{-1} = \{(3, 1), (5, 1), (1, 2)\}$.

Example: 5 The relation R is defined on the set of natural numbers as $\{(a, b) : a = 2b\}$.

Then R^{-1} is



given by

- (a) $\{(2, 1), (4, 2), (6, 3), \dots\}$
- (b) $\{(1, 2), (2, 4), (3, 6), \dots\}$ (c)
- R^{-1} is not defined (d) None of these

Solution: (b) $R = \{(2, 1), (4, 2), (6, 3), \dots\}$ So, $R^{-1} = \{(1, 2), (2, 4), (3, 6), \dots\}$.

Example: 6 The relation $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 3), (1, 3)\}$ on set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ is

- (a) Reflexive but not symmetric
- (b) Reflexive but not transitive
- (c) Symmetric and Transitive
- (d) Neither symmetric nor transitive

Solution: (a) Since $(1, 1); (2, 2); (3, 3) \in R$ therefore R is reflexive. $(1, 2) \in R$ but $(2, 1) \notin R$, therefore R is not symmetric. It can be easily seen that R is transitive.

Example: 7 Let R be the relation on the set R of all real numbers defined by $a R b$ iff $|a - b| \leq 1$. Then R is

- (a) Reflexive and Symmetric
- (b) Symmetric only
- (c) Transitive only
- (d) Anti-symmetric only

Solution: (a) $|a - a| = 0 < 1 \therefore a R a \forall a \in R$

$\therefore R$ is reflexive, Again $a R b \Rightarrow |a - b| \leq 1 \Rightarrow |b - a| \leq 1 \Rightarrow b R a$

$\therefore R$ is symmetric, Again $1 R \frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2} R 1$ but $\frac{1}{2} \neq 1$

$\therefore R$ is not anti-symmetric

Further, $1 R 2$ and $2 R 3$ but $1 \not R 3$

[$\square |1 - 3| = 2 > 1$]

$\therefore R$ is not transitive.

Example: 8. The relation "less than" in the set of natural numbers is

- (a) Only symmetric
- (b) Only transitive
- (c) Only reflexive
- (d) Equivalence relation

Solution: (b) Since $x < y, y < z \Rightarrow x < z \forall x, y, z \in N$

$\therefore x R y, y R z \Rightarrow x R z$, \therefore Relation is transitive, $\therefore x < y$ does not give $y < x$, \therefore Relation is not symmetric.

Since $x < x$ does not hold, hence relation is not reflexive.

Example: 9 With reference to a universal set, the inclusion of a subset in another, is



relation, which is

- (a) Symmetric only
- (b) Equivalence relation
- (c) Reflexive only
- (d) None of these

Solution: (d) Since $A \subseteq A \therefore$ relation ' \subseteq ' is reflexive.

Since $A \subseteq B, B \subseteq C \Rightarrow A \subseteq C$

\therefore relation ' \subseteq ' is transitive.

But $A \subseteq B, \Rightarrow B \subseteq A, \therefore$ Relation is not symmetric.

Example: 10 Let $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$. A relation R on A is defined by $R = \{(2, 4), (4, 2), (4, 6), (6, 4)\}$. Then R

is

- (a) Anti-symmetric
- (b) Reflexive
- (c) Symmetric
- (d) Transitive

Solution: (c) Given $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$

$$R = \{(2, 4), (4, 2), (4, 6), (6, 4)\}$$

$(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$ and also $R^{-1} = R$. Hence R is symmetric.

Example: 11 Let $P = \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 = 1, x, y \in R\}$. Then P is

- (a) Reflexive
- (b) Symmetric
- (c) Transitive
- (d) Anti-symmetric

Solution: (b) Obviously, the relation is not reflexive and transitive but it is symmetric, because $x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y^2 + x^2 = 1$.

Example: 12. Let R be a relation on the set N of natural numbers defined by $nRm \Leftrightarrow n$ is a factor of m (i.e., $n|m$). Then R is

- (a) Reflexive and symmetric
- (b) Transitive and symmetric
- (c) Equivalence
- (d) Reflexive, transitive but not symmetric

Solution: (d) Since $n | n$ for all $n \in N$, therefore R is reflexive. Since $2 | 6$ but $6 \nmid 2$, therefore

R is not symmetric.

Let $n R m$ and $m R p \Rightarrow n|m$ and $m|p \Rightarrow n|p \Rightarrow n R p$. So R is transitive.



Example: 13 Let R be an equivalence relation on a finite set A having n elements. Then the number of ordered pairs in R is

- (a) Less than n
- (b) Greater than or equal to n
- (c) Less than or equal to n
- (d) None of these

Solution: (b) Since R is an equivalence relation on set A , therefore $(a, a) \in R$ for all $a \in A$. Hence, R has at least n ordered pairs.

Example: 14 Let N denote the set of all natural numbers and R be the relation on $N \times N$ defined by $(a, b) R (c, d)$ if $adb + c = bcd + a$, then R is

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- (a) Symmetric only
- (b) Reflexive only
- (c) Transitive only
- (d) An equivalence relation

Solution: (d) For $(a, b), (c, d) \in N \times N$

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \Rightarrow adb + c = bcd + a$$

Reflexive: Since $ab(b + a) = ba(a + b) \forall ab \in N$,

$\therefore (a, b)R(a, b)$, $\therefore R$ is reflexive.

Symmetric: For $(a, b), (c, d) \in N \times N$, let $(a, b)R(c, d)$

$$\therefore adb + c = bcd + a \Rightarrow bcd + a = adb + c \Rightarrow cb(d + a) = da(c + b) \Rightarrow (c, d)R(a, b)$$

$\therefore R$ is symmetric $(a, b), (c, d), (e, f) \in N \times N$,

Transitive: For Let $(a, b)R(c, d), (c, d)R(e, f)$

$$\therefore adb + c = bcd + a, \quad cfd + e = d(e + f)$$

$$\Rightarrow adb + adc = bca + bcd \quad \dots(i) \quad \text{and} \quad cfd + cfe = dec + def$$

$\dots(ii)$

$$(i) \times ef + (ii) \times ab \text{ gives, } adbef + adcef + cfdab + cfeak =$$

$$bcae + bcdef + decab + defak$$

$$\Rightarrow adcf(b + e) = bcd(e + f) \Rightarrow af(b + e) = be(a + f) \Rightarrow (a, b)R(e, f) \therefore R \text{ is transitive. Hence } R \text{ is an equivalence relation.}$$

Example: 15 For real numbers x and y , we write $x R y \Leftrightarrow x - y + \sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.



Then the relation R is

- (a) Reflexive
- (b) Symmetric
- (c) Transitive
- (d) None of these

Solution: (a) For any $x \in R$, we have $x - x + \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}$ an irrational number.

$\Rightarrow xRx$ for all x . So, R is reflexive.

R is not symmetric, because $\sqrt{2}R1$ but $1R\sqrt{2}$, R is not transitive also because $\sqrt{2}R1$ and $1R2\sqrt{2}$ but $\sqrt{2}R2\sqrt{2}$.

Example: 16 Let X be a family of sets and R be a relation on X defined by 'A is disjoint from B'. Then R is

- (a) Reflexive
- (b) Symmetric
- (c) Anti-symmetric
- (d) Transitive

Solution: (b) Clearly, the relation is symmetric but it is neither reflexive nor transitive.

Example: 17 Let R and S be two non-void relations on a set A . Which of the following statements is false

- (a) R and S are transitive $\Rightarrow R \cup S$ is transitive
- (b) R and S are transitive $\Rightarrow R \cap S$ is transitive
- (c) R and S are symmetric $\Rightarrow R \cup S$ is symmetric
- (d) R and S are reflexive $\Rightarrow R \cap S$ is reflexive

Solution: (a) Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2)\}$, $S = \{(2, 2), (2, 3)\}$ be transitive relations on A .

Then $R \cup S = \{(1, 1); (1, 2); (2, 2); (2, 3)\}$

Obviously, $R \cup S$ is not transitive. Since $(1, 2) \in R \cup S$ and $(2, 3) \in R \cup S$ but $(1, 3) \notin R \cup S$.

Example: 18 The solution set of $8x \equiv 6 \pmod{14}, x \in Z$, are

- (a) $[8] \cup [6]$
- (b) $[8] \cup [14]$
- (c) $[6] \cup [13]$
- (d) $[8] \cup [6] \cup [13]$

Solution: (c) $8x - 6 = 14P (P \in Z) \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{8}[14P + 6], x \in Z$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}(7P + 3) \Rightarrow x = 6, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41, 48, \dots$

\therefore Solution set = $\{6, 20, 34, 48, \dots\} \cup \{13, 27, 41, \dots\} = [6] \cup [13]$.



Where [6], [13] are equivalence classes of 6 and 13 respectively.

Example: 19 If R is a relation from a set A to a set B and S is a relation from B to a set C , then the relation SoR

- (a) Is from A to C
- (b) Is from C to A
- (c) Does not exist
- (d) None of these

Solution: (a) It is obvious.

Example: 20 If $R \subset A \times B$ and $S \subset B \times C$ be two relations, then $(SoR)^{-1} =$

- (a) $S^{-1}oR^{-1}$
- (b) $R^{-1}oS^{-1}$
- (c) SoR
- (d) RoS

Solution: (b) It is obvious.

Example: 21 If R be a relation $<$ from $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ to $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$ i.e., $(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a < b$, then

RoR^{-1} is

- (a) $\{(1, 3), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 5), (3, 5), (4, 5)\}$
- (b) $\{(3, 1), (5, 1), (3, 2), (5, 2), (5, 3), (5, 4)\}$
- (c) $\{(3, 3), (3, 5), (5, 3), (5, 5)\}$
- (d) $\{(3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5)\}$

Solution: (c) We have, $R = \{(1, 3); (1, 5); (2, 3); (2, 5); (3, 5); (4, 5)\}$

$$R^{-1} = \{(3, 1), (5, 1), (3, 2), (5, 2); (5, 3); (5, 4)\}$$

$$\text{Hence } RoR^{-1} = \{(3, 3); (3, 5); (5, 3); (5, 5)\}$$

Example: 22 Let a relation R be defined by $R = \{(4, 5); (1, 4); (4, 6); (7, 6); (3, 7)\}$ then

$R^{-1}oR$ is

- (a) $\{(1, 1), (4, 4), (4, 7), (7, 4), (7, 7), (3, 3)\}$
- (b) $\{(1, 1), (4, 4), (7, 7), (3, 3)\}$
- (c) $\{(1, 5), (1, 6), (3, 6)\}$
- (d) None of these

Solution: (a) We first find R^{-1} , we have $R^{-1} = \{(5, 4); (4, 1); (6, 4); (6, 7); (7, 3)\}$ we now obtain the elements of $R^{-1}oR$ we first pick the element of R and then of R^{-1} . Since $(4, 5) \in R$ and $(5, 4) \in R^{-1}$, we have $(4, 4) \in R^{-1}oR$



Similarly, $(1, 4) \in R, (4, 1) \in R^{-1} \Rightarrow (1, 1) \in R^{-1} \circ R$

Example 23:

Solve $0 < |x-1| \leq 3$ for real values of x .

Solution:

Here $|x-1| > 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \neq 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } |x-1| \leq 3 \Rightarrow -3 \leq x-1 \leq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \leq x \leq 4 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{Combing (i) and (ii)} \Rightarrow x \in [-2, 1) \cup (1, 4]$$

Example 24:

Solve $|x-1| + |2x-3| = |3x-4|$.

Solution:

$$\text{Since } 3x-4 = (x-1) + (2x-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow |3x-4| = |x-1| + |2x-3|$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)(2x-3) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 1] \cup \left[\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$$

Example 25:

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{3-x^2}$, then find the domain for

$$(i) f+g \quad (ii) \frac{f}{g}$$

Solution:

$$\text{For domain of } f : x+3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq -3 \Rightarrow [-3, \infty) \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{For domain of } g : 3-x^2 \geq 0$$



$$\Rightarrow (3-x)(3+x) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)(x+3) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-3, 3]$$

...(ii)

$$(i) \quad f+g = \sqrt{x+3} + \sqrt{3-x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Domain of } (f+g) &= \text{domain of } (f) \cap \text{domain of } (g) \\ &= [-3, \infty) \cap [-3, 3] \\ &= [-3, 3] \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{For } \frac{f}{g}$$

$$\text{Here } g(x) \neq 0 \Rightarrow 3-x^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq \pm 3$$

$$\therefore \frac{f}{g} = \frac{\sqrt{x+3}}{\sqrt{3-x^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Domain of } \frac{f}{g} &= \text{domain of } (f) \cap \text{domain of } (g) - \{-3, 3\} \\ &= (-3, 3) \end{aligned}$$

Example 26:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+|x|}}$$

Find the domain of

Solution:

$|x|$ is defined as

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & , x \geq 0 \\ -x & , x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+|x| = \begin{cases} x+x=2x & , x \geq 0 \\ x-x=0 & , x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$f(x)$ is defined for $x+|x| > 0$



$$\Rightarrow x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (0, \infty)$$

\therefore Domain of $f(x)$ is $(0, \infty)$

Example 27:

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1-|x|}{2-|x|}}$.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1-|x|}{2-|x|}}$$

$f(x)$ is defined as $\frac{1-|x|}{2-|x|} \geq 0$ provided $|x| \neq 2 \Rightarrow x \neq \pm 2$... (i)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|x|-1}{|x|-2} \geq 0$$

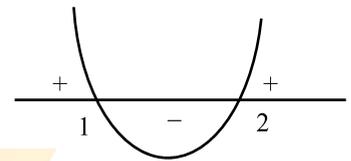
Let $|x| = t$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t-1}{t-2} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t \leq 1 \text{ or } t \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| \leq 1 \text{ or } |x| \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1] \text{ or } x \in (-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty) \dots (ii)$$



Combining (i) and (ii) \Rightarrow domain of $f = (-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty) \cup [-1, 1]$

Example 28:

Solve $\left| \frac{2}{x-3} \right| > 1$, $x \neq 3$.

Solution:



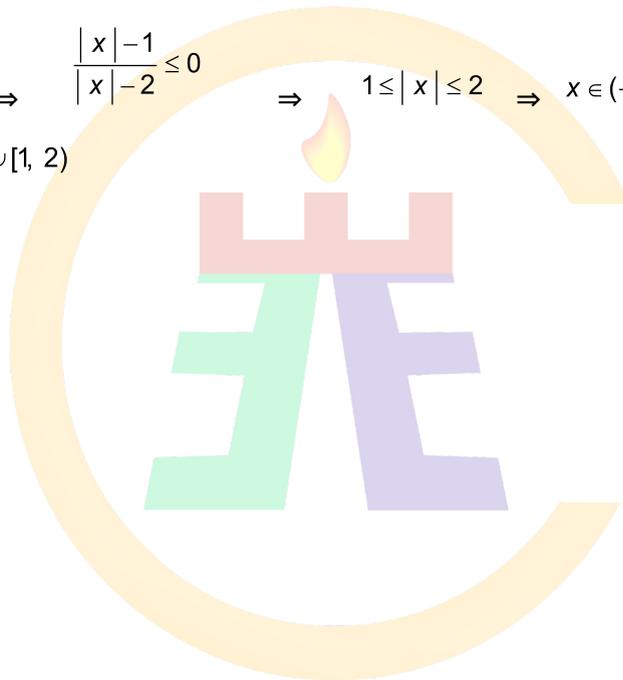
$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{2}{x-3} \right| > 1 &\Rightarrow \left| \frac{2}{x-3} \right| > 1 &\Rightarrow 2 > |x-3| &\Rightarrow |x-3| < 2 \\ \Rightarrow -2 < x-3 < 2 &\Rightarrow 1 < x < 5, \text{ but } x \neq 3 &\Rightarrow x \in (1, 3) \cup (3, 5) \end{aligned}$$

Example 29:

Solve $\frac{-1}{|x|-2} \geq 1, x \neq \pm 2$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-1}{|x|-2} \geq 1 &\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{|x|-2} - 1 \geq 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{-1 - (|x|-2)}{|x|-2} \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1-|x|}{|x|-2} \geq 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{|x|-1}{|x|-2} \leq 0 &\Rightarrow 1 \leq |x| \leq 2 &\Rightarrow x \in (-2, -1] \cup [1, 2] \text{ but } x \neq \pm 2 \\ \Rightarrow x \in (-2, -1] \cup [1, 2) \end{aligned}$$





Example 30:

Find the domain of the function $y = f(x)$ given by $10^x + 10^y = 10$.

Solution:

$$10^x + 10^y = 10 \Rightarrow 10^y = 10 - 10^x \Rightarrow y = \log_{10}(10 - 10^x) \Rightarrow 10 - 10^x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 > 10^x \Rightarrow x < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain is } (-\infty, 1)$$

Example 31:

Find the domain of $f(x) = \log_5 \log_5(1 + x^3)$.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \log_5 \log_5(1 + x^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_5(1 + x^3) > 0 \Rightarrow 1 + x^3 > 5^0 \Rightarrow 1 + x^3 > 1 \Rightarrow x^3 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (0, \infty) \quad \dots(i)$$

Also $1 + x^3 > 0$

$$x^3 > -1 \Rightarrow x > -1 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Combining (i) and (ii) \Rightarrow Domain is $(0, \infty)$

Example 32:

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{\log_2(x+3)}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \frac{\log_2(x+3)}{x^2 + 3x + 2} = \frac{\log_2(x+3)}{(x+1)(x+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 3 > 0 \Rightarrow x > -3 \quad \dots(i)$$

And $(x+1)(x+2) \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq -1, -2 \quad \dots(ii)$

Combining (i) and (ii) $\Rightarrow x \in (-3, \infty) - \{-1, -2\}$