

3. Functions

Exercise 3.1

1. Question

Define a function as a set of ordered pairs.

Answer

A function from is defined by a set of ordered pairs such that any two ordered pairs should not have the same first component and the different second component.

This means that each element of a set, say X is assigned exactly to one element of another set, say Y .

The set X containing the first components of a function is called the domain of the function.

The set Y containing the second components of a function is called the range of the function.

For example, $f = \{(a, 1), (b, 2), (c, 3)\}$ is a function.

Domain of $f = \{a, b, c\}$

Range of $f = \{1, 2, 3\}$

2. Question

Define a function as a correspondence between two sets.

Answer

A function from a set X to a set Y is defined as a correspondence between sets X and Y such that for each element of X , there is only one corresponding element in Y .

The set X is called the domain of the function.

The set Y is called the range of the function.

For example, $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and f be a correspondence which assigns the position of a letter in the set of alphabets.

Therefore, $f(a) = 1$, $f(b) = 2$ and $f(c) = 3$.

As there is only one element of Y for each element of X , f is a function with domain X and range Y .

3. Question

What is the fundamental difference between a relation and a function? Is every relation a function?

Answer

Let f be a function and R be a relation defined from set X to set Y .

The domain of the relation R might be a subset of the set X , but the domain of the function f must be equal to X . This is because each element of the domain of a function must have an element associated with it, whereas this is not necessary for a relation.

In relation, one element of X might be associated with one or more elements of Y , while it must be associated with only one element of Y in a function.

Thus, not every relation is a function. However, every function is necessarily a relation.

4. Question

Let $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ and $f : A \rightarrow Z$ be a function defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$. Find:

i. range of f i.e. $f(A)$

ii. pre-images of 6, -3 and 5

Answer

Given $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$

$f : A \rightarrow Z$ such that $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$

i. range of f i.e. $f(A)$

A is the domain of the function f . Hence, range is the set of elements $f(x)$ for all $x \in A$.

Substituting $x = -2$ in $f(x)$, we get

$$f(-2) = (-2)^2 - 2(-2) - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-2) = 4 + 4 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(-2) = 5$$

Substituting $x = -1$ in $f(x)$, we get

$$f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-1) = 1 + 2 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(-1) = 0$$

Substituting $x = 0$ in $f(x)$, we get

$$f(0) = (0)^2 - 2(0) - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = 0 - 0 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(0) = -3$$

Substituting $x = 1$ in $f(x)$, we get

$$f(1) = 1^2 - 2(1) - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = 1 - 2 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(1) = -4$$

Substituting $x = 2$ in $f(x)$, we get

$$f(2) = 2^2 - 2(2) - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2) = 4 - 4 - 3$$

$$\therefore f(2) = -3$$

Thus, the range of f is $\{5, 0, -3, -4\}$.

ii. pre-images of 6, -3 and 5

Let x be the pre-image of 6 $\Rightarrow f(x) = 6$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-9)}}{2(1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 36}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{40}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{10}}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

However, $1 \pm \sqrt{10} \notin A$

Thus, there exists no pre-image of 6.

Now, let x be the pre-image of $-3 \Rightarrow f(x) = -3$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } 2$$

Clearly, both 0 and 2 are elements of A .

Thus, 0 and 2 are the pre-images of -3 .

Now, let x be the pre-image of 5 $\Rightarrow f(x) = 5$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 4) + 2(x - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 2)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -2 \text{ or } 4$$

However, $4 \notin A$ but $-2 \in A$

Thus, -2 is the pre-images of 5.

5. Question

If a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 2, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ 4x + 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Find: $f(1)$, $f(-1)$, $f(0)$, $f(2)$.

Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 2, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ 4x + 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

We need to find $f(1)$, $f(-1)$, $f(0)$ and $f(2)$.

When $x > 0$, $f(x) = 4x + 1$

Substituting $x = 1$ in the above equation, we get

$$f(1) = 4(1) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = 4 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(1) = 5$$

When $x < 0$, $f(x) = 3x - 2$

Substituting $x = -1$ in the above equation, we get

$$f(-1) = 3(-1) - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-1) = -3 - 2$$

$$\therefore f(-1) = -5$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, f(x) = 1$$

$$\therefore f(0) = 1$$

$$\text{When } x > 0, f(x) = 4x + 1$$

Substituting $x = 2$ in the above equation, we get

$$f(2) = 4(2) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2) = 8 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(2) = 9$$

Thus, $f(1) = 5$, $f(-1) = -5$, $f(0) = 1$ and $f(2) = 9$.

6. Question

A function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = x^2$. Determine

i. range of f

ii. $\{x: f(x) = 4\}$

iii. $\{y: f(y) = -1\}$

Answer

Given $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f(x) = x^2$.

i. range of f

Domain of $f = \mathbb{R}$ (set of real numbers)

We know that the square of a real number is always positive or equal to zero.

Hence, the range of f is the set of all non-negative real numbers.

Thus, range of $f = \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$

ii. $\{x: f(x) = 4\}$

Given $f(x) = 4$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 2$$

Thus, $\{x: f(x) = 4\} = \{-2, 2\}$

iii. $\{y: f(y) = -1\}$

Given $f(y) = -1$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = -1$$

However, the domain of f is $\mathbb{R}$, and for every real number y , the value of y^2 is non-negative.

Hence, there exists no real y for which $y^2 = -1$.

Thus, $\{y: f(y) = -1\} = \emptyset$

7. Question

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $\mathbb{R}^+$ is the set of all positive real numbers, be such that $f(x) = \log_e x$. Determine

- i. the image set of the domain of f
- ii. $\{x: f(x) = -2\}$
- iii. whether $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$ holds.

Answer

Given $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f(x) = \log_e x$.

- i. the image set of the domain of f

Domain of $f = \mathbb{R}^+$ (set of positive real numbers)

We know the value of logarithm to the base e (natural logarithm) can take all possible real values.

Hence, the image set of f is the set of real numbers.

Thus, the image set of $f = \mathbb{R}$

- ii. $\{x: f(x) = -2\}$

Given $f(x) = -2$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e x = -2$$

$$\therefore x = e^{-2} [\because \log_b a = c \Rightarrow a = b^c]$$

$$\text{Thus, } \{x: f(x) = -2\} = \{e^{-2}\}$$

- iii. whether $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$ holds.

$$\text{We have } f(x) = \log_e x \Rightarrow f(y) = \log_e y$$

Now, let us consider $f(xy)$.

$$f(xy) = \log_e(xy)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(xy) = \log_e(x \times y) [\because \log_b(a \times c) = \log_b a + \log_b c]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(xy) = \log_e x + \log_e y$$

$$\therefore f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$$

Hence, the equation $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$ holds.

8. Question

Write the following relations as sets of ordered pairs and find which of them are functions:

- i. $\{(x, y): y = 3x, x \in \{1, 2, 3\}, y \in \{3, 6, 9, 12\}\}$
- ii. $\{(x, y): y > x + 1, x = 1, 2 \text{ and } y = 2, 4, 6\}$
- iii. $\{(x, y): x + y = 3, x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\}$

Answer

- i. $\{(x, y): y = 3x, x \in \{1, 2, 3\}, y \in \{3, 6, 9, 12\}\}$

$$\text{When } x = 1, \text{ we have } y = 3(1) = 3$$

$$\text{When } x = 2, \text{ we have } y = 3(2) = 6$$

$$\text{When } x = 3, \text{ we have } y = 3(3) = 9$$

$$\text{Thus, } R = \{(1, 3), (2, 6), (3, 9)\}$$

Every element of set x has an ordered pair in the relation and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation R is a function.

ii. $\{(x, y): y > x + 1, x = 1, 2 \text{ and } y = 2, 4, 6\}$

When $x = 1$, we have $y > 1 + 1$ or $y > 2 \Rightarrow y = \{4, 6\}$

When $x = 2$, we have $y > 2 + 1$ or $y > 3 \Rightarrow y = \{4, 6\}$

Thus, $R = \{(1, 4), (1, 6), (2, 4), (2, 6)\}$

Every element of set x has an ordered pair in the relation. However, two ordered pairs $(1, 4)$ and $(1, 6)$ have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation R is not a function.

iii. $\{(x, y): x + y = 3, x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\}$

When $x = 0$, we have $0 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 3$

When $x = 1$, we have $1 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 2$

When $x = 2$, we have $2 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 1$

When $x = 3$, we have $3 + y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 0$

Thus, $R = \{(0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)\}$

Every element of set x has an ordered pair in the relation and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation R is a function.

9. Question

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be two functions defined as $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = x^2$. Are they equal functions?

Answer

Given $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \ni f(x) = x^2$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \ni g(x) = x^2$

As f is defined from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$, the domain of $f = \mathbb{R}$.

As g is defined from $\mathbb{C}$ to $\mathbb{C}$, the domain of $g = \mathbb{C}$.

Two functions are equal only when the domain and codomain of both the functions are equal.

In this case, the domain of $f \neq$ domain of g .

Thus, f and g are not equal functions.

10. Question

If f, g, h are three functions defined from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ as follows:

i. $f(x) = x^2$

ii. $g(x) = \sin x$

iii. $h(x) = x^2 + 1$

Find the range of each function.

Answer

i. $f(x) = x^2$

Domain of $f = \mathbb{R}$ (set of real numbers)

We know that the square of a real number is always positive or equal to zero.

Hence, the range of f is the set of all non-negative real numbers.

Thus, range of $f = [0, \infty) = \{y: y \geq 0\}$

ii. $g(x) = \sin x$

Domain of $g = \mathbb{R}$ (set of real numbers)

We know that the value of sine function always lies between -1 and 1 .

Hence, the range of g is the set of all real numbers lying in the range -1 to 1 .

Thus, range of $g = [-1, 1] = \{y: -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$

iii. $h(x) = x^2 + 1$

Domain of $h = \mathbb{R}$ (set of real numbers)

We know that the square of a real number is always positive or equal to zero.

Furthermore, if we add 1 to this squared number, the result will always be greater than or equal to 1 .

Hence, the range of h is the set of all real numbers greater than or equal to 1 .

Thus, range of $h = [1, \infty) = \{y: y \geq 1\}$

11. Question

Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $Y = \{1, 5, 9, 11, 15, 16\}$. Determine which of the following sets are functions from X to Y .

i. $f_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 11), (3, 1), (4, 15)\}$

ii. $f_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 7), (3, 5)\}$

iii. $f_3 = \{(1, 5), (2, 9), (3, 1), (4, 5), (2, 11)\}$

Answer

Given $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $Y = \{1, 5, 9, 11, 15, 16\}$

i. $f_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 11), (3, 1), (4, 15)\}$

Every element of set X has an ordered pair in the relation f_1 and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation f_1 is a function.

ii. $f_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 7), (3, 5)\}$

In the relation f_2 , the element 2 of set X does not have any image in set Y .

However, for a relation to be a function, every element of the domain should have an image.

Hence, the given relation f_2 is not a function.

iii. $f_3 = \{(1, 5), (2, 9), (3, 1), (4, 5), (2, 11)\}$

Every element of set X has an ordered pair in the relation f_3 . However, two ordered pairs $(2, 9)$ and $(2, 11)$ have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation f_3 is not a function.

12. Question

Let $A = \{12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17\}$ and $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be a function given by $f(x) =$ highest prime factor of x . Find range of f .

Answer

Given $A = \{12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17\}$

$f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that $f(x) =$ highest prime factor of x .

A is the domain of the function f . Hence, the range is the set of elements $f(x)$ for all $x \in A$.

We have $f(12)$ = highest prime factor of 12

The prime factorization of $12 = 2^2 \times 3$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 12 is 3.

$$\therefore f(12) = 3$$

We have $f(13)$ = highest prime factor of 13

We know 13 is a prime number.

$$\therefore f(13) = 13$$

We have $f(14)$ = highest prime factor of 14

The prime factorization of $14 = 2 \times 7$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 14 is 7.

$$\therefore f(14) = 7$$

We have $f(15)$ = highest prime factor of 15

The prime factorization of $15 = 3 \times 5$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 15 is 5.

$$\therefore f(15) = 5$$

We have $f(16)$ = highest prime factor of 16

The prime factorization of $16 = 2^4$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 16 is 2.

$$\therefore f(16) = 2$$

We have $f(17)$ = highest prime factor of 17

We know 17 is a prime number.

$$\therefore f(17) = 17$$

Thus, the range of f is $\{3, 13, 7, 5, 2, 17\}$.

13. Question

If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = x^2 + 1$, then find $f^{-1}\{17\}$ and $f^{-1}\{-3\}$.

Answer

Given $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f(x) = x^2 + 1$.

We need to find $f^{-1}\{17\}$ and $f^{-1}\{-3\}$.

$$\text{Let } f^{-1}\{17\} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 17$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = 17$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 4)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 4$$

Clearly, both -4 and 4 are elements of the domain $\mathbb{R}$.

$$\text{Thus, } f^{-1}\{17\} = \{-4, 4\}$$

Now, let $f^{-1}\{-3\} = x$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = -4$$

However, the domain of f is $\mathbb{R}$ and for every real number x , the value of x^2 is non-negative.

Hence, there exists no real x for which $x^2 = -4$.

Thus, $f^{-1}\{-3\} = \emptyset$

14. Question

Let $A = \{p, q, r, s\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Which of the following relations from A to B is not a function?

i. $R_1 = \{(p, 1), (q, 2), (r, 1), (s, 2)\}$

ii. $R_2 = \{(p, 1), (q, 1), (r, 1), (s, 1)\}$

iii. $R_3 = \{(p, 1), (q, 2), (p, 2), (s, 3)\}$

iv. $R_4 = \{(p, 2), (q, 3), (r, 2), (s, 2)\}$

Answer

Given $A = \{p, q, r, s\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$

i. $R_1 = \{(p, 1), (q, 2), (r, 1), (s, 2)\}$

Every element of set A has an ordered pair in the relation R_1 and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation R_1 is a function.

ii. $R_2 = \{(p, 1), (q, 1), (r, 1), (s, 1)\}$

Every element of set A has an ordered pair in the relation R_2 , and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation R_2 is a function.

iii. $R_3 = \{(p, 1), (q, 2), (p, 2), (s, 3)\}$

Every element of set A has an ordered pair in the relation R_3 . However, two ordered pairs $(p, 1)$ and $(p, 2)$ have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation R_3 is not a function.

iv. $R_4 = \{(p, 2), (q, 3), (r, 2), (s, 2)\}$

Every element of set A has an ordered pair in the relation R_4 , and no two ordered pairs have the same first component but different second components.

Hence, the given relation R_4 is a function.

15. Question

Let $A = \{9, 10, 11, 12, 13\}$ and let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be a function given by $f(n) =$ the highest prime factor of n . Find the range of f .

Answer

Given $A = \{9, 10, 11, 12, 13\}$

$f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that $f(n) =$ the highest prime factor of n .

A is the domain of the function f . Hence, the range is the set of elements $f(n)$ for all $n \in A$.

We have $f(9)$ = highest prime factor of 9

The prime factorization of $9 = 3^2$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 9 is 3.

$$\therefore f(9) = 3$$

We have $f(10)$ = highest prime factor of 10

The prime factorization of $10 = 2 \times 5$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 10 is 5.

$$\therefore f(10) = 5$$

We have $f(11)$ = highest prime factor of 11

We know 11 is a prime number.

$$\therefore f(11) = 11$$

We have $f(12)$ = highest prime factor of 12

The prime factorization of $12 = 2^2 \times 3$

Thus, the highest prime factor of 12 is 3.

$$\therefore f(12) = 3$$

We have $f(13)$ = highest prime factor of 13

We know 13 is a prime number.

$$\therefore f(13) = 13$$

Thus, the range of f is $\{3, 5, 11, 13\}$.

16. Question

The function f is defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 3x, & 3 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$

The relation g is defined by $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3x, & 2 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$

Show that f is a function and g is not a function.

Answer

Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 3x, & 3 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$ and $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3x, & 2 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$

Let us first show that f is a function.

When $0 \leq x \leq 3$, $f(x) = x^2$.

The function x^2 associates all the numbers $0 \leq x \leq 3$ to unique numbers in $\mathbb{R}$.

Hence, the images of $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: 0 \leq x \leq 3\}$ exist and are unique.

When $3 \leq x \leq 10$, $f(x) = 3x$.

The function x^2 associates all the numbers $3 \leq x \leq 10$ to unique numbers in $\mathbb{R}$.

Hence, the images of $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: 3 \leq x \leq 10\}$ exist and are unique.

When $x = 3$, using the first definition, we have

$$f(3) = 3^2 = 9$$

When $x = 3$, using the second definition, we have

$$f(3) = 3(3) = 9$$

Hence, the image of $x = 3$ is also distinct.

Thus, as every element of the domain has an image and no element has more than one image, f is a function.

Now, let us show that g is not a function.

$$\text{When } 0 \leq x \leq 2, g(x) = x^2.$$

The function x^2 associates all the numbers $0 \leq x \leq 2$ to unique numbers in $\mathbb{R}$.

Hence, the images of $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: 0 \leq x \leq 2\}$ exist and are unique.

$$\text{When } 2 \leq x \leq 10, g(x) = 3x.$$

The function x^2 associates all the numbers $2 \leq x \leq 10$ to unique numbers in $\mathbb{R}$.

Hence, the images of $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}: 2 \leq x \leq 10\}$ exist and are unique.

When $x = 2$, using the first definition, we have

$$g(2) = 2^2 = 4$$

When $x = 2$, using the second definition, we have

$$g(2) = 3(2) = 6$$

Here, the element 2 of the domain is associated with two elements distinct elements 4 and 6.

Thus, g is not a function.

17. Question

$$\text{If } f(x) = x^2, \text{ find } \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1}$$

Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = x^2.$$

We need to find the value of $\frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1}$

$$\frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = \frac{(1.1)^2 - (1)^2}{1.1 - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = \frac{(1.1 + 1)(1.1 - 1)}{0.1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = \frac{(2.1)(0.1)}{0.1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = 2.1$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = 2.1$$

18. Question

Express the function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ as set of ordered pairs, where $X = \{-1, 0, 3, 9, 7\}$.

Answer

$$\text{Given } X = \{-1, 0, 3, 9, 7\}$$

$$f : X \rightarrow R \text{ and } f(x) = x^3 + 1$$

$$\text{When } x = -1, \text{ we have } f(-1) = (-1)^3 + 1$$

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

$$\therefore f(-1) = 0$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, \text{ we have } f(0) = 0^3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = 0 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(0) = 1$$

$$\text{When } x = 3, \text{ we have } f(3) = 3^3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(3) = 27 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(3) = 28$$

$$\text{When } x = 9, \text{ we have } f(9) = 9^3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(9) = 729 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(9) = 730$$

$$\text{When } x = 7, \text{ we have } f(7) = 7^3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(7) = 343 + 1$$

$$\therefore f(7) = 344$$

$$\text{Thus, } f = \{(-1, 0), (0, 1), (3, 28), (9, 730), (7, 344)\}$$

Exercise 3.2

1. Question

If $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$, then find the values of x satisfying the equation $f(x) = f(2x + 1)$.

Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4.$$

$$\text{We need to find } x \text{ satisfying } f(x) = f(2x + 1).$$

$$\text{We have } f(2x + 1) = (2x + 1)^2 - 3(2x + 1) + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2x + 1) = (2x)^2 + 2(2x)(1) + 1^2 - 6x - 3 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2x + 1) = 4x^2 + 4x + 1 - 6x + 1$$

$$\therefore f(2x + 1) = 4x^2 - 2x + 2$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = f(2x + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x + 4 = 4x^2 - 2x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 3x - 2x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x(x + 1) - 2(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)(3x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 = 0 \text{ or } 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } 3x = 2$$

$$\therefore x = -1 \text{ or } \frac{2}{3}$$

Thus, the required values of x are -1 and $\frac{2}{3}$.

2. Question

If $f(x) = (x - a)^2(x - b)^2$, find $f(a + b)$.

Answer

Given $f(x) = (x - a)^2(x - b)^2$

We need to find $f(a + b)$.

We have $f(a + b) = (a + b - a)^2(a + b - b)^2$

$$\Rightarrow f(a + b) = (b)^2(a)^2$$

$$\therefore f(a + b) = a^2b^2$$

Thus, $f(a + b) = a^2b^2$

3. Question

If $y = f(x) = \frac{ax - b}{bx - a}$, show that $x = f(y)$.

Answer

Given $y = f(x) = \frac{ax - b}{bx - a} \Rightarrow f(y) = \frac{ay - b}{by - a}$

We need to prove that $x = f(y)$.

We have $y = \frac{ax - b}{bx - a}$

$$\Rightarrow y(bx - a) = ax - b$$

$$\Rightarrow bxy - ay = ax - b$$

$$\Rightarrow bxy - ax = ay - b$$

$$\Rightarrow x(by - a) = ay - b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{ay - b}{by - a} = f(y)$$

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

Thus, $x = f(y)$.

4. Question

If $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - x}$, show that $f[f\{f(x)\}] = x$.

Answer

Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - x}$

We need to prove that $f[f\{f(x)\}] = x$.

First, we will evaluate $f\{f(x)\}$.

$$f\{f(x)\} = f\left\{\frac{1}{1 - x}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 - x}\right)}$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore f\{f(x)\} = \frac{x-1}{x}$$

Now, we will evaluate $f\{f\{f(x)\}\}$

$$f\{f\{f(x)\}\} = f\left[\frac{x-1}{x}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f\{f\{f(x)\}\} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)}$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore f\{f\{f(x)\}\} = x$$

Thus, $f\{f\{f(x)\}\} = x$

5. Question

If $f\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$, show that $f\{f(x)\} = x$.

Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$$

We need to prove that $f\{f(x)\} = x$.

$$f\{f(x)\} = f\left[\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f\{f(x)\} = \frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) + 1}{\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) - 1}$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \frac{2x}{2}$$

$$\therefore f[f(x)] = x$$

$$\text{Thus, } f[f(x)] = x$$

6. Question

$$\text{If } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x, & \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \text{ find:} \\ \frac{1}{x}, & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i. } f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{ii. } f(-2)$$

$$\text{iii. } f(1)$$

$$\text{iv. } f(\sqrt{3})$$

$$\text{v. } f(\sqrt{-3})$$

Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x, & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x}, & \text{when } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i. } f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{When } 0 \leq x \leq 1, f(x) = x$$

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{ii. } f(-2)$$

$$\text{When } x < 0, f(x) = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-2) = (-2)^2$$

$$\therefore f(-2) = 4$$

$$\text{iii. } f(1)$$

$$\text{When } x \geq 1, f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$\therefore f(1) = 1$$

$$\text{iv. } f(\sqrt{3})$$

$$\text{We have } \sqrt{3} \approx 1.732 > 1$$

$$\text{When } x \geq 1, f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\therefore f(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\vee. f(\sqrt{-3})$$

We know $\sqrt{-3}$ is not a real number and the function $f(x)$ is defined only when $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Thus, $f(\sqrt{-3})$ does not exist.

7. Question

If $f(x) = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}$, show that $f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$.

Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}$$

We need to prove that $f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$

$$\text{We have, } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1^3}{x^3} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x^3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x^3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x^3} - x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\left(-\frac{1}{x^3} + x^3\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\left(x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -f(x)$$

$$\therefore f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$$

8. Question

If $f(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$, show that $f(\tan\theta) = \sin 2\theta$.

Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

We need to prove that $f(\tan\theta) = \sin 2\theta$.

$$\text{We have } f(\tan\theta) = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1+\tan^2\theta}$$

$$\text{We know } \tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = \frac{2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)}{1 + \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = \frac{2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = \frac{2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)}{\frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}$$

However, $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = \frac{2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)}{\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = 2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \times \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tan \theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore f(\tan \theta) = \sin 2\theta$$

Thus, $f(\tan \theta) = \sin 2\theta$

9. Question

If $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$, then show that

$$\text{i. } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -f(x)$$

$$\text{ii. } f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

Answer

Given $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$

i. We need to prove that $f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -f(x)$

We have $f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{x}+1}{\frac{1}{x}-1}$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{\frac{1+x}{x}}{\frac{1-x}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1+x}{1-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{x+1}{-(x-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right)$$

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -f(x)$$

$$\text{Thus, } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -f(x)$$

$$\text{ii. We need to prove that } f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

$$\text{We have } f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{-\frac{1}{x}+1}{-\frac{1}{x}-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{-1+x}{\frac{-1-x}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{-1+x}{-1-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{x-1}{-(x+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right)}$$

$$\therefore f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } f\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

10. Question

If $f(x) = (a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$, $a > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then prove that $f[f(x)] = x$ for all x .

Answer

Given $f(x) = (a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$, where $a > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

We need to prove that $f[f(x)] = x$.

$$f[f(x)] = f\left[(a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \left[a - \left((a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^n\right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = \left[a - (a - x^n)^{\frac{1}{n} \times n}\right]^{\frac{1}{n}} [\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = [a - (a - x^n)^1]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = [a - (a - x^n)]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = [a - a + x^n]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = [x^n]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = x^{n \times \frac{1}{n}} [\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x)] = x^1$$

$$\therefore f[f(x)] = x$$

Thus, $f[f(x)] = x$ for all x .

11. Question

If for non-zero x , $af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - 5$, where $a \neq b$, then find $f(x)$.

Answer

Given $x \neq 0$ and $a \neq b$ such that

$$af(x) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - 5 \dots (1)$$

Substituting $\frac{1}{x}$ in place of x , we get

$$af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf\left(\frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf(x) = x - 5 \dots (2)$$

On adding equations (1) and (2), we get

$$af(x) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 5 + x - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow af(x) + bf(x) + af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x + \frac{1}{x} - 10$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)f(x) + (a+b)f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x + \frac{1}{x} - 10$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)\left[f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right] = x + \frac{1}{x} - 10$$

$$\therefore f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{a+b}\left(x + \frac{1}{x} - 10\right) \dots (3)$$

On subtracting equations (1) and (2), we get

$$af(x) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \left[af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf(x)\right] = \frac{1}{x} - 5 - (x - 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow af(x) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - bf(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 5 - x + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow af(x) - bf(x) - af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + bf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - x$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)f(x) - (a-b)f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - x$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)\left[f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{x} - x$$

$$\therefore f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{a-b}\left(\frac{1}{x} - x\right) \dots (4)$$

On adding equations (3) and (4), we get

$$f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{a+b}\left(x + \frac{1}{x} - 10\right) + \frac{1}{a-b}\left(\frac{1}{x} - x\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{(a-b)\left(x + \frac{1}{x} - 10\right) + (a+b)\left(\frac{1}{x} - x\right)}{(a+b)(a-b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[(a-b)x + \frac{(a-b)}{x} - 10(a-b) + \frac{(a+b)}{x} - (a+b)x \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[(a-b-a-b)x + \frac{a-b+a+b}{x} - 10(a-b) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[-2bx + \frac{2a}{x} - 10(a-b) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(x) = \frac{2}{a^2 - b^2} \left[-bx + \frac{a}{x} - 5(a-b) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[-bx + \frac{a}{x} - 5(a-b) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[-bx + \frac{a}{x} \right] - \frac{5(a-b)}{a^2 - b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[-bx + \frac{a}{x} \right] - \frac{5(a-b)}{(a+b)(a-b)}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[\frac{a}{x} - bx \right] - \frac{5}{a+b}$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 - b^2} \left[\frac{a}{x} - bx \right] - \frac{5}{a+b}$$

Exercise 3.3

1. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

i. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

ii. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-7}$

iii. $f(x) = \frac{3x-2}{x+1}$

iv. $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2-9}$

v. $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x^2-8x+12}$

Answer

i. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $x = 0$.

When $x = 0$, $f(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

ii. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-7}$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $x - 7 = 0$ or $x = 7$.

When $x = 7$, $f(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R} - \{7\}$

$$\text{iii. } f(x) = \frac{3x-2}{x+1}$$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $x + 1 = 0$ or $x = -1$.

When $x = -1$, $f(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$

$$\text{iv. } f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2-9}$$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $x^2 - 9 = 0$.

$$x^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3^2 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x + 3 = 0 \text{ or } x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 3$$

When $x = \pm 3$, $f(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R} - \{-3, 3\}$

$$\text{v. } f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x^2-8x+12}$$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$.

$$x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 6x + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 2) - 6(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)(x - 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ or } 6$$

When $x = 2$ or 6 , $f(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R} - \{2, 6\}$

2 A. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

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

Answer

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

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x - 2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 2$$

$$\therefore x \in [2, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of $f = [2, \infty)$

2 B. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

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

Answer

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

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x^2 - 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)(x - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq 1$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

In addition, $f(x)$ is also undefined when $x^2 - 1 = 0$ because denominator will be zero and the result will be indeterminate.

$$x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) - \{-1, 1\}$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of $f = (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

2 C. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \geq x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

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

Thus, domain of $f = [-3, 3]$

2 D. Question

Find the domain of each of the following real valued functions of real variable:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{3-x}}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{3-x}}$$

We know the square root of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x - 2$ and $3 - x$ are both positive or negative.

(a) Both $x - 2$ and $3 - x$ are positive

$$x - 2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 2$$

$$3 - x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 3$$

Hence, $x \geq 2$ and $x \leq 3$

$$\therefore x \in [2, 3]$$

(b) Both $x - 2$ and $3 - x$ are negative

$$x - 2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 2$$

$$3 - x \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 3$$

Hence, $x \leq 2$ and $x \geq 3$

However, the intersection of these sets is null set. Thus, this case is not possible.

In addition, $f(x)$ is also undefined when $3 - x = 0$ because the denominator will be zero and the result will be indeterminate.

$$3 - x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

Hence, $x \in [2, 3] - \{3\}$

$$\therefore x \in [2, 3)$$

Thus, domain of $f = [2, 3)$

3 A. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{ax + b}{bx - a}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{ax + b}{bx - a}$$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $bx - a = 0$ or $x = \frac{a}{b}$.

When $x = \frac{a}{b}$, $f(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{a}{b}\right\}$

Let $f(x) = y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ax + b}{bx - a} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow ax + b = y(bx - a)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax + b = bxy - ay$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - bxy = -ay - b$$

$$\Rightarrow x(a - by) = -(ay + b)$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{(ay + b)}{a - by}$$

Clearly, when $a - by = 0$ or $y = \frac{a}{b}$, x will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Hence, $f(x)$ cannot take the value $\frac{a}{b}$.

Thus, range of $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{a}{b}\right\}$

3 B. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{ax - b}{cx - d}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{ax - b}{cx - d}$$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $cx - d = 0$ or $x = \frac{d}{c}$.

When $x = \frac{d}{c}$, $f(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{d}{c}\right\}$

Let $f(x) = y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ax - b}{cx - d} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - b = y(cx - d)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - b = cxy - dy$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - cxy = b - dy$$

$$\Rightarrow x(a - cy) = b - dy$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{b - dy}{a - cy}$$

Clearly, when $a - cy = 0$ or $y = \frac{a}{c}$, x will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Hence, $f(x)$ cannot take the value $\frac{a}{c}$.

Thus, range of $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{a}{c}\right\}$

3 C. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

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

Answer

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

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x - 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 1$$

$$\therefore x \in [1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of $f = [1, \infty)$

When $x \geq 1$, we have $x - 1 \geq 0$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt{x-1} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, \infty)$$

Thus, range of $f = [0, \infty)$

3 D. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x - 3 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [3, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of $f = [3, \infty)$

When $x \geq 3$, we have $x - 3 \geq 0$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt{x-3} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, \infty)$$

Thus, range of $f = [0, \infty)$

3 E. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

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

Answer

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

Clearly, $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $2 - x = 0$ or $x = 2$.

When $x = 2$, $f(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$

$$\text{We have } f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{-(2-x)}{2-x}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = -1$$

Clearly, when $x \neq 2$, $f(x) = -1$

Thus, range of $f = \{-1\}$

3 F. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = |x - 1|$$

Answer

$$f(x) = |x - 1|$$

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

$$\text{Now, we have } |x - 1| = \begin{cases} -(x - 1), & x - 1 < 0 \\ x - 1, & x - 1 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = |x - 1| = \begin{cases} 1 - x, & x < 1 \\ x - 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Hence, $f(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R}$

When $x < 1$, we have $x - 1 < 0$ or $1 - x > 0$.

Hence, $|x - 1| > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) > 0$

When $x \geq 1$, we have $x - 1 \geq 0$.

Hence, $|x - 1| \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$

$\therefore f(x) \geq 0$ or $f(x) \in [0, \infty)$

Thus, range of $f = [0, \infty)$

3 G. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = -|x|$$

Answer

$$f(x) = -|x|$$

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

$$\text{Now, we have } -|x| = \begin{cases} -(-x), & x < 0 \\ -x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

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

Hence, $f(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

Thus, domain of $f = \mathbb{R}$

When $x < 0$, we have $-|x| < 0$

Hence, $f(x) < 0$

When $x \geq 0$, we have $-x \leq 0$.

Hence, $-|x| \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \leq 0$

$\therefore f(x) \leq 0$ or $f(x) \in (-\infty, 0]$

Thus, range of $f = (-\infty, 0]$

3 H. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \geq x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

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

Thus, domain of $f = [-3, 3]$

When $x \in [-3, 3]$, we have $0 \leq 9 - x^2 \leq 9$

Hence, $0 \leq \sqrt{9 - x^2} \leq 3 \Rightarrow 0 \leq f(x) \leq 3$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, 3]$$

Thus, range of $f = [0, 3]$

3 I. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2}}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2}}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $16 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 16 \geq x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 16$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 16 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 4)(x - 4) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -4 \text{ and } x \leq 4$$

$$\therefore x \in [-4, 4]$$

In addition, $f(x)$ is also undefined when $16 - x^2 = 0$ because denominator will be zero and the result will be indeterminate.

$$16 - x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 4$$

$$\text{Hence, } x \in [-4, 4] - \{-4, 4\}$$

$$\therefore x \in (-4, 4)$$

Thus, domain of $f = (-4, 4)$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2}} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{16 - x^2}} \right)^2 = y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{16 - x^2} = y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (16 - x^2)y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 16y^2 - x^2y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2y^2 + 1 - 16y^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y^2)x^2 + (0)x + (1 - 16y^2) = 0$$

As $x \in \mathbb{R}$, the discriminant of this quadratic equation in x must be non-negative.

$$\Rightarrow 0^2 - 4(y^2)(1 - 16y^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4y^2(1 - 16y^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y^2(1 - 16y^2) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 16y^2 \leq 0 \quad [\because y^2 \geq 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow 16y^2 - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4y)^2 - 1^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4y + 1)(4y - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y \leq -1 \text{ and } 4y \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq -\frac{1}{4} \text{ and } y \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{4} \right] \cup \left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{4} \right] \cup \left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty \right)$$

However, y is always positive because it is the reciprocal of a non-zero square root.

$$\therefore f(x) \in \left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty \right)$$

$$\text{Thus, range of } f = \left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty \right)$$

3 J. Question

Find the domain and range of each of the following real valued functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 16}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 16}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x^2 - 16 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 4)(x - 4) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq -4 \text{ or } x \geq 4$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of $f = (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)$

When $x \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)$, we have $x^2 - 16 \geq 0$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt{x^2 - 16} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \in [0, \infty)$$

Thus, range of $f = [0, \infty)$

Exercise 3.4

1 A. Question

Find $f + g$, $f - g$, cf ($c \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \neq 0$), fg , $1/f$ and f/g in each of the following:

$$f(x) = x^3 + 1 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 1$$

Answer

$$\text{i. } f(x) = x^3 + 1 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 1$$

We have $f(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(a) $f + g$

We know $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f + g)(x) = x^3 + 1 + x + 1$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = x^3 + x + 2$$

Clearly, $(f + g)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thus, $f + g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = x^3 + x + 2$

(b) $f - g$

We know $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x^3 + 1 - (x + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x^3 + 1 - x - 1$$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = x^3 - x$$

Clearly, $(f - g)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thus, $f - g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f - g)(x) = x^3 - x$

(c) cf ($c \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \neq 0$)

We know $(cf)(x) = c \times f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (cf)(x) = c(x^3 + 1)$$

$$\therefore (cf)(x) = cx^3 + c$$

Clearly, $(cf)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thus, $cf : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(cf)(x) = cx^3 + c$

(d) fg

We know $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = (x^3 + 1)(x + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)(x + 1)$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = (x + 1)^2(x^2 - x + 1)$$

Clearly, $(fg)(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thus, $fg : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = (x + 1)^2(x^2 - x + 1)$

(e) $\frac{1}{f}$

We know $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{f(x)}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 + 1}$$

Observe that $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ is undefined when $f(x) = 0$ or when $x = -1$.

Thus, $\frac{1}{f} : \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 + 1}$

(f) $\frac{f}{g}$

We know $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x^3 + 1}{x + 1}$$

Observe that $\frac{x^3 + 1}{x + 1}$ is undefined when $g(x) = 0$ or when $x = -1$.

Using $x^3 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$, we have

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{(x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)}{x + 1}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = x^2 - x + 1$$

Thus, $\frac{f}{g} : \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = x^2 - x + 1$

1 B. Question

Find $f + g$, $f - g$, cf ($c \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \neq 0$), fg , $1/f$ and f/g in each of the following:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} \text{ and } g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} \text{ and } g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$

We have $f(x) : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ and $g(x) : [-1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ as real square root is defined only for non-negative numbers.

(a) $f + g$

We know $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of $f + g$ = Domain of $f \cap$ Domain of g

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = [1, \infty)$$

Thus, $f + g : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+1}$

(b) $f - g$

We know $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of $f - g$ = Domain of $f \cap$ Domain of g

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f - g = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f - g = [1, \infty)$$

Thus, $f - g : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} - \sqrt{x+1}$

(c) cf ($c \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \neq 0$)

We know $(cf)(x) = c \times f(x)$

$$\therefore (cf)(x) = c\sqrt{x-1}$$

Domain of cf = Domain of f

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } cf = [1, \infty)$$

Thus, $cf : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(cf)(x) = c\sqrt{x-1}$

(d) fg

We know $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x-1}\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

Domain of fg = Domain of $f \cap$ Domain of g

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } fg = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } fg = [1, \infty)$$

Thus, $fg : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$

(e) $\frac{1}{f}$

We know $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{f(x)}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$$

Domain of $\frac{1}{f}$ = Domain of f

$\therefore$ Domain of $\frac{1}{f} = [1, \infty)$

Observe that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$ is also undefined when $x - 1 = 0$ or $x = 1$.

Thus, $\frac{1}{f} : (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$

(f) $\frac{f}{g}$

We know $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$$

Domain of $\frac{f}{g} = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$\Rightarrow$ Domain of $\frac{f}{g} = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$

$\therefore$ Domain of $\frac{f}{g} = [1, \infty)$

Thus, $\frac{f}{g} : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$

2. Question

Let $f(x) = 2x + 5$ and $g(x) = x^2 + x$. Describe

i. $f + g$

ii. $f - g$

iii. fg

iv. $\frac{f}{g}$

Find the domain in each case.

Answer

Given $f(x) = 2x + 5$ and $g(x) = x^2 + x$

Clearly, both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hence, domain of $f = \text{domain of } g = \mathbb{R}$

i. $f + g$

We know $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f + g)(x) = 2x + 5 + x^2 + x$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = x^2 + 3x + 5$$

Clearly, $(f + g)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

$\therefore$ The domain of $(f + g)$ is $\mathbb{R}$

ii. $f - g$

We know $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = 2x + 5 - (x^2 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = 2x + 5 - x^2 - x$$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = 5 + x - x^2$$

Clearly, $(f - g)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

$\therefore$ The domain of $(f - g)$ is $\mathbb{R}$

iii. fg

We know $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = (2x + 5)(x^2 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = 2x(x^2 + x) + 5(x^2 + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x^2 + 5x$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = 2x^3 + 7x^2 + 5x$$

Clearly, $(fg)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

$\therefore$ The domain of fg is $\mathbb{R}$

iv. $\frac{f}{g}$

We know $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{2x + 5}{x^2 + x}$$

Clearly, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $x^2 + x = 0$.

$$x^2 + x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } -1$$

When $x = 0$ or -1 , $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $\frac{f}{g} = \mathbb{R} - \{-1, 0\}$

3. Question

If $f(x)$ be defined on $[-2, 2]$ and is given by $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x - 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$ and $g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)|$. Find $g(x)$.

Answer

Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x - 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$ and $g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)|$

Now, we have $f(|x|) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq |x| \leq 0 \\ |x| - 1, & 0 \leq |x| \leq 2 \end{cases}$

However, $|x| \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(|x|) = |x| - 1$ when $0 \leq |x| \leq 2$

We also have $|f(x)| = \begin{cases} |-1|, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ |x - 1|, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)| = \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ |x-1|, 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{We know } |x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), x-1 < 0 \\ x-1, x-1 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), x < 1 \\ x-1, x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Here, we are interested only in the range $[0, 2]$.

$$\Rightarrow |x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), 0 \leq x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Substituting this value of $|x-1|$ in $|f(x)|$, we get

$$|f(x)| = \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ -(x-1), 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore |f(x)| = \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

We need to find $g(x)$.

$$g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)|$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \{|x| - 1, 0 \leq |x| \leq 2\} + \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \begin{cases} -x-1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} + \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \begin{cases} -x-1+1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1+1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1+x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore g(x) = \begin{cases} -x, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0, 0 < x < 1 \\ 2(x-1), 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus, } g(x) = f(|x|) + |f(x)| = \begin{cases} -x, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0, 0 < x < 1 \\ 2(x-1), 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

4. Question

Let f, g be two real functions defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$. Then, describe each of the following functions.

i. $f + g$

ii. $g - f$

iii. fg

iv. $\frac{f}{g}$

v. $\frac{g}{f}$

vi. $2f - \sqrt{5}g$

vii. $f^2 + 7f$

viii. $\frac{5}{g}$

Answer

Given $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x + 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -1$$

$$\therefore x \in [-1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of $f = [-1, \infty)$

Similarly, $g(x)$ takes real values only when $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \geq x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

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

Thus, domain of $g = [-3, 3]$

i. $f + g$

We know $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

Domain of $f + g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = [-1, 3]$$

Thus, $f + g : [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{9-x^2}$

ii. $f - g$

We know $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

Domain of $f - g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f - g = [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f - g = [-1, 3]$$

Thus, $f - g : [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{9-x^2}$

iii. fg

We know $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x+1}\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{(x+1)(9-x^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x(9-x^2) + (9-x^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{9x - x^3 + 9 - x^2}$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = \sqrt{9 + 9x - x^2 - x^3}$$

As earlier, domain of $fg = [-1, 3]$

Thus, $f - g : [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = \sqrt{9 + 9x - x^2 - x^3}$

iv. $\frac{f}{g}$

We know $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{9-x^2}}$$

As earlier, domain of $\frac{f}{g} = [-1, 3]$

However, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in [-1, 3]$, except for the case when $9 - x^2 = 0$ or $x = \pm 3$

When $x = \pm 3$, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$\Rightarrow$ Domain of $\frac{f}{g} = [-1, 3] - \{-3, 3\}$

$\therefore$ Domain of $\frac{f}{g} = [-1, 3)$

Thus, $\frac{f}{g} : [-1, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{9-x^2}}$

v. $\frac{g}{f}$

We know $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{9-x^2}{x+1}}$$

As earlier, domain of $\frac{g}{f} = [-1, 3]$

However, $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in [-1, 3]$, except for the case when $x + 1 = 0$ or $x = -1$

When $x = -1$, $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$\Rightarrow$ Domain of $\frac{g}{f} = [-1, 3] - \{-1\}$

$\therefore$ Domain of $\frac{g}{f} = (-1, 3]$

Thus, $\frac{f}{g} : (-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{9-x^2}{x+1}}$

vi. $2f - \sqrt{5}g$

We know $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ and $(cf)(x) = cf(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2f(x) - \sqrt{5}g(x)$$

$$\therefore (2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} - 5\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

As earlier, Domain of $2f - \sqrt{5}g = [-1, 3]$

Thus, $2f - \sqrt{5}g : [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} - 5\sqrt{9-x^2}$

vii. $f^2 + 7f$

We know $(f^2 + 7f)(x) = f^2(x) + (7f)(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f^2 + 7f)(x) = f(x)f(x) + 7f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f^2 + 7f)(x) = \sqrt{x+1}\sqrt{x+1} + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$\therefore (f^2 + 7f)(x) = x + 1 + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of $f^2 + 7f$ is same as domain of f .

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f^2 + 7f = [-1, \infty)$$

Thus, $f^2 + 7f : [-1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f^2 + 7f)(x) = x + 1 + 7\sqrt{x+1}$

viii. $\frac{5}{g}$

We know $\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)}$ and $(cg)(x) = cg(x)$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{5}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$$

Domain of $\frac{5}{g} = \text{Domain of } g = [-3, 3]$

However, $\left(\frac{5}{g}\right)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in [-3, 3]$, except for the case when $9 - x^2 = 0$ or $x = \pm 3$

When $x = \pm 3$, $\left(\frac{5}{g}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } \frac{5}{g} = [-3, 3] - \{-3, 3\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } \frac{5}{g} = (-3, 3)$$

Thus, $\frac{5}{g} : (-3, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{5}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$

5. Question

If $f(x) = \log_e(1 - x)$ and $g(x) = [x]$, then determine each of the following functions:

i. $f + g$

ii. fg

iii. $\frac{f}{g}$

iv. $\frac{g}{f}$

Also, find $(f + g)(-1)$, $(fg)(0)$, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

Answer

Given $f(x) = \log_e(1 - x)$ and $g(x) = [x]$

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $1 - x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow 1 > x$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 1$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

Thus, domain of $f = (-\infty, 1)$

$g(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

Thus, domain of $g = \mathbb{R}$

i. $f + g$

We know $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) + [x]$$

Domain of $f + g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = (-\infty, 1)$$

Thus, $f + g : (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) + [x]$

ii. fg

We know $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) \times [x]$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = [x]\log_e(1 - x)$$

Domain of $fg = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } fg = (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } fg = (-\infty, 1)$$

Thus, $f - g : (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = [x]\log_e(1 - x)$

iii. $\frac{f}{g}$

$$\text{We know } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\log_e(1 - x)}{[x]}$$

As earlier, domain of $\frac{f}{g} = (-\infty, 1)$

However, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in (-\infty, 1)$, except for the case when $[x] = 0$.

We have $[x] = 0$ when $0 \leq x < 1$ or $x \in [0, 1)$

When $0 \leq x < 1$, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } \frac{f}{g} = (-\infty, 1) - [0, 1)$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } \frac{f}{g} = (-\infty, 0)$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{f}{g} : (-\infty, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\log_e(1-x)}{[x]}$$

$$\text{iv. } \frac{g}{f}$$

$$\text{We know } \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{[x]}{\log_e(1-x)}$$

$$\text{As earlier, domain of } \frac{g}{f} = (-\infty, 1)$$

However, $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in (-\infty, 1)$, except for the case when $\log_e(1-x) = 0$.

$$\log_e(1-x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1-x = 1 \text{ or } x = 0$$

When $x = 0$, $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } \frac{g}{f} = (-\infty, 1) - \{0\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } \frac{g}{f} = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{g}{f} : (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{[x]}{\log_e(1-x)}$$

$$\text{We have } (f+g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) + [x], x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

We need to find $(f+g)(-1)$.

Substituting $x = -1$ in the above equation, we get

$$(f+g)(-1) = \log_e(1-(-1)) + [-1]$$

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

$$\therefore (f+g)(-1) = \log_e 2 - 1$$

$$\text{Thus, } (f+g)(-1) = \log_e 2 - 1$$

$$\text{We have } (fg)(x) = [x]\log_e(1-x), x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

We need to find $(fg)(0)$.

Substituting $x = 0$ in the above equation, we get

$$(fg)(0) = [0]\log_e(1-0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(0) = 0 \times \log_e 1$$

$$\therefore (fg)(0) = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } (fg)(0) = 0$$

$$\text{We have } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\log_e(1-x)}{[x]}, x \in (-\infty, 0)$$

$$\text{We need to find } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

However, $\frac{1}{2}$ is not in the domain of $\frac{f}{g}$.

Thus, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ does not exist.

We have $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{[x]}{\log_e(1-x)}$, $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

We need to find $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Substituting $x = \frac{1}{2}$ in the above equation, we get

$$\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]}{\log_e\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{[0.5]}{\log_e\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{0}{\log_e\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

Thus, $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$

6. Question

If f, g, h are real functions defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and $h(x) = 2x^2 - 3$, then find the values of $(2f + g - h)(1)$ and $(2f + g - h)(0)$.

Answer

Given $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and $h(x) = 2x^2 - 3$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

Clearly, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x + 1 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq -1$$

$$\therefore x \in [-1, \infty)$$

Thus, domain of $f = [-1, \infty)$

$g(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for 0.

Thus, domain of $g = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

$h(x)$ is defined for all real values of x .

Thus, domain of $h = \mathbb{R}$

We know $(2f + g - h)(x) = (2f)(x) + g(x) - h(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (2f + g - h)(x) = 2f(x) + g(x) - h(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2f + g - h)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} + \frac{1}{x} - (2x^2 - 3)$$

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

Domain of $2f + g - h = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g \cap \text{Domain of } h$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } 2f + g - h = [-1, \infty) \cap \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \cap \mathbb{R}$$

∴ Domain of $2f + g - h = [-1, \infty) - \{0\}$

i. $(2f + g - h)(1)$

We have $(2f + g - h)(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} + \frac{1}{x} - 2x^2 + 3$

$$\Rightarrow (2f + g - h)(1) = 2\sqrt{1+1} + \frac{1}{1} - 2(1)^2 + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (2f + g - h)(1) = 2\sqrt{2} + 1 - 2 + 3$$

$$\therefore (2f + g - h)(1) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2$$

ii. $(2f + g - h)(0)$

0 is not in the domain of $(2f + g - h)(x)$.

Hence, $(2f + g - h)(0)$ does not exist.

Thus, $(2f + g - h)(1) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2$ and $(2f + g - h)(0)$ does not exist as 0 is not in the domain of $(2f + g - h)(x)$.

7. Question

The function f is defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ x+1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$. Draw the graph of $f(x)$.

Answer

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ x+1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

When $x < 0$, we have $f(x) = 1 - x$

$$f(-4) = 1 - (-4) = 1 + 4 = 5$$

$$f(-3) = 1 - (-3) = 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$f(-2) = 1 - (-2) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

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

When $x = 0$, we have $f(x) = f(0) = 1$

When $x > 0$, we have $f(x) = 1 + x$

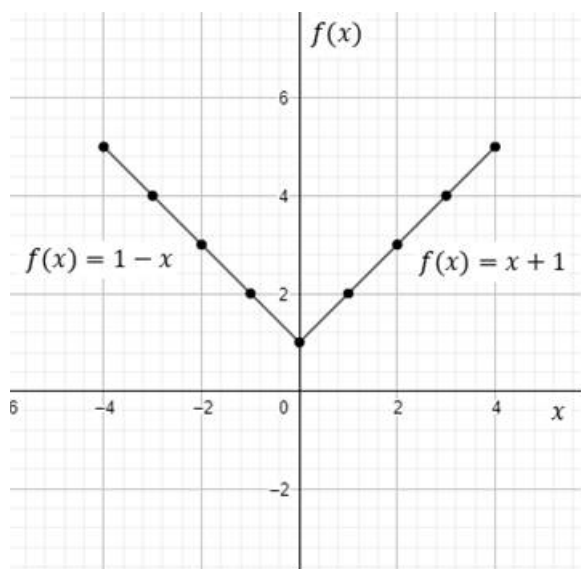
$$f(1) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$f(2) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$f(3) = 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$f(4) = 1 + 4 = 5$$

Plotting these points on a graph sheet, we get



8. Question

Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined, respectively by $f(x) = x + 1$ and $g(x) = 2x - 3$. Find $f + g$, $f - g$ and $\frac{f}{g}$.

Find the domain in each case.

Answer

Given $f(x) = x + 1$ and $g(x) = 2x - 3$

Clearly, both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ exist for all real values of x .

Hence, Domain of f = Domain of g = $\mathbb{R}$

Range of f = Range of g = $\mathbb{R}$

i. $f + g$

We know $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f + g)(x) = x + 1 + 2x - 3$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = 3x - 2$$

Domain of $f + g$ = Domain of $f \cap$ Domain of g

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = \mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = \mathbb{R}$$

Thus, $f + g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = 3x - 2$

ii. $f - g$

We know $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x + 1 - (2x - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x + 1 - 2x + 3$$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = -x + 4$$

Domain of $f - g$ = Domain of $f \cap$ Domain of g

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f - g = \mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f - g = \mathbb{R}$$

Thus, $f - g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f - g)(x) = -x + 4$

iii. $\frac{f}{g}$

We know $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x+1}{2x-3}$$

Clearly, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $2x - 3 = 0$ or $x = \frac{3}{2}$.

When $x = \frac{3}{2}$, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, domain of $\frac{f}{g} = \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{3}{2}\right\}$

Thus, $\frac{f}{g} : \mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{3}{2}\right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x+1}{2x-3}$

9. Question

Let $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = x$. Find $f + g$, $f - g$, fg and $\frac{f}{g}$

Answer

Given $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = x$

Domain of $f = [0, \infty)$

Domain of $g = \mathbb{R}$

i. $f + g$

We know $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x} + x$$

Domain of $f + g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f + g = [0, \infty) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f + g = [0, \infty)$$

Thus, $f + g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x} + x$

ii. $f - g$

We know $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x} - x$$

Domain of $f - g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } f - g = [0, \infty) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain of } f - g = [0, \infty)$$

Thus, $f - g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x} - x$

iii. fg

We know $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x} \times x$$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Clearly, $(fg)(x)$ is also defined only for non-negative real numbers x as square of a real number is never negative.

Thus, $fg : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$

iv. $\frac{f}{g}$

We know $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{(\sqrt{x})^2}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

Clearly, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ is defined for all positive real values of x , except for the case when $x = 0$.

When $x = 0$, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$\Rightarrow$ Domain of $\frac{f}{g} = [0, \infty) - \{0\}$

$\therefore$ Domain of $\frac{f}{g} = (0, \infty)$

Thus, $\frac{f}{g} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

10. Question

Let $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = 2x + 1$ be two real functions. Find $(f + g)(x)$, $(f - g)(x)$, $(fg)(x)$ and $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$.

Answer

Given $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = 2x + 1$

Both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hence, domain of f = domain of g = $\mathbb{R}$

i. $f + g$

We know $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f + g)(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(x) = (x + 1)^2$$

Clearly, $(f + g)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

$\therefore$ Domain of $(f + g)$ is $\mathbb{R}$

Thus, $f + g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = (x + 1)^2$

ii. $f - g$

We know $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (f - g)(x) = x^2 - (2x + 1)$$

$$\therefore (f - g)(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$$

Clearly, $(f - g)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

$\therefore$ Domain of $(f - g)$ is $\mathbb{R}$

Thus, $f - g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f - g)(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$

iii. fg

We know $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow (fg)(x) = x^2(2x + 1)$$

$$\therefore (fg)(x) = 2x^3 + x^2$$

Clearly, $(fg)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

$\therefore$ Domain of fg is $\mathbb{R}$

Thus, $fg : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = 2x^3 + x^2$

iv. $\frac{f}{g}$

$$\text{We know } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x^2}{2x + 1}$$

Clearly, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $2x + 1 = 0$.

$$2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

When $x = -\frac{1}{2}$, $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Thus, the domain of $\frac{f}{g} = \mathbb{R} - \left\{-\frac{1}{2}\right\}$

Very Short Answer

1. Question

Write the range of the real function $f(x) = |x|$.

Answer

$$f(x) = |x|$$

$$f(-x) = |-x|$$

therefore, $f(x)$ will always be 0 or positive.

Thus, range of $f(x) \in [0, \infty)$.

2. Question

If f is a real function satisfying $f\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$, then write the expression for $f(x)$.

Answer

$$f\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$= x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \cdot x \cdot \frac{1}{x} - 2$$

$$\{\text{since, } (a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab\}$$

$$= \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 2$$

$$\text{Let } x + \frac{1}{x} = y$$

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

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

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

$$x + 1 = xy$$

$$x^2 - yx + 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{y \pm \sqrt{y^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

for x to be real

$$y^2 - 4 \geq 0$$

$$y \in (-\infty, 2] \cup [2, \infty)$$

$$|y| > 2 \text{ Ans.}$$

3. Question

Write the range of the function $f(x) = \sin [x]$ where $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Answer

$$F(x) = \sin[x]$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\sin\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}\right] = \sin(-1)$$

$$= -\sin 1$$

$$\sin 0 = 0$$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \sin 0$$

$$= 0$$

Using properties of greatest integer function:

$$[1] = 1; [0.5] = 0; [-0.5] = -1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } R(f) = \{-\sin 1, 0\}$$

4. Question

If $f(x) = \cos 2[\pi^2]x + \cos [-\pi^2]x$, where $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x , then write the value of $f(\pi)$.

Answer

$$f(x) = \cos 2[\pi^2]x + \cos[-\pi^2]x$$

$$\pi^2 \approx 9.8596$$

So, we have $[\pi^2] = 9$ and $[-\pi^2] = -10$

$$f(x) = \cos 18x + \cos (-10)x$$

$$= \cos 18x + \cos 10x$$

$$= 2\cos\left(\frac{18x + 10x}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{18x - 10x}{2}\right)$$

$$= 2 \cos 14x \cos 4x$$

$$f(\pi) = 2 \cos 14\pi \cos 4\pi$$

$$= 2 \times 1 \times 1$$

Therefore, $f(\pi) = 2$

5. Question

Write the range of the function $f(x) = \cos [x]$, where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Answer

$$\text{for } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < -1$$

$$[x] = -2$$

$$f(x) = \cos [x] = \cos (-2)$$

$$= \cos 2$$

because $\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$

$$\text{for } -1 \leq x < 0$$

$$[x] = -1$$

$$f(x) = \cos [x] = \cos (-1)$$

$$= \cos 1$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq x < 1$$

$$[x] = 0$$

$$f(x) = \cos 0 = 1$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq x < \pi/2$$

$$[x] = 1$$

$$f(x) = \cos 1$$

Therefore, $R(f) = \{1, \cos 1, \cos 2\}$

6. Question

Write the range of the function $f(x) = e^{x - [x]}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Answer

$$f(x) = e^{x - [x]}$$

$$0 \leq x - [x] < 1$$

$$e^0 \leq e^{x - [x]} < e^1$$

$$1 \leq e^{x-[x]} < e$$

Therefore, $R(f) = [1, e)$

7. Question

Let $f(x) = \frac{\alpha x}{x+1}$, $x \neq -1$. Then write the value of α satisfying $f(f(x)) = x$ for all $x \neq -1$.

Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha x}{x+1}, x \neq -1$$

$$\text{If } f(f(x)) = x$$

$$\alpha \frac{\frac{\alpha x}{x+1}}{\frac{\alpha x}{x+1} + 1} = x$$

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha^2 x}{x+1}}{\frac{\alpha x + x + 1}{x+1}} = x$$

$$\frac{\alpha^2 x}{\alpha x + x + 1} = x$$

$$\alpha^2 x = \alpha x^2 + x^2 + x$$

$$x^2 (a+1) + x(1-a^2) = 0$$

$$x^2 (a+1) + x(1-a)(1+a) = 0$$

$$(a+1)(x^2 + x(1-a)) = 0$$

$$a+1=0$$

Therefore, $a = -1$

8. Question

If $f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$, then write the value of $f\left(f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right)$.

Answer

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

$$\text{replace } x \text{ by } \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} = 1 - x$$

$$\text{now, } f\left(f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{1-x-1}{1-x}$$

$$f\left(f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) = \frac{-x}{1-x} = \frac{x}{x-1}$$

9. Question

Write the domain and range of the function $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2-x}$.

Answer

For function to be defined, $2 - x \neq 0$

$$x \neq 2$$

Therefore, $D(f) = \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$.

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{x-2}{2-x}$$

$$y = -1$$

Therefore, $R(f) = \{-1\}$.

10. Question

If $f(x) = 4x - x^2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then write the value of $f(a+1) - f(a-1)$.

Answer

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

$$f(a+1) - f(a-1) = [4(a+1) - (a+1)^2] - [4(a-1) - (a-1)^2]$$

$$= 4[(a+1) - (a-1)] - [(a+1)^2 - (a-1)^2]$$

$$= 4(2) - [(a+1+a-1)(a+1-a+1)]$$

$$\text{Using: } a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$$

$$f(a+1) - f(a-1) = 4(2) - 2a(2)$$

$$= 4(2-a)$$

11. Question

If f, g, h are real functions given by $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = \tan x$ and $h(x) = \log_e x$, then write the value of (hogof)

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}} \right).$$

Answer

$$f(x) = x^2; g(x) = \tan x; h(x) = \log_e x$$

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right) = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$g\left(f\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right)\right) = g\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

$$(\text{hogof})\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right) = h(1) = \log_e 1 = 0$$

Therefore, answer = 0.

12. Question

Write the domain and range of function $f(x)$ given by $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-|x|}}$.

Answer

For $f(x)$ to be defined,

$$x - |x| > 0$$

$$\text{But } x - |x| \leq 0$$

So, $f(x)$ does not exist..

$$\text{Therefore, } D(f) = R(f) = \phi$$

13. Question

Write the domain and range of $f(x) = \sqrt{x - [x]}$

Answer

For $f(x)$ to be defined,

$$x - [x] \geq 0$$

We know that, $\{x\} + [x] = x$ where $\{x\}$ is fractional part function and $[x]$ is greatest integer function.

$$\{x\} \geq 0$$

$$\text{Also, } 0 \leq \{x\} < 1$$

Therefore, $D(f) = R$ and range = $[0, 1)$.

14. Question

Write the domain and range of function $f(x)$ given by $f(x) = \sqrt{[x] - x}$.

Answer

For function to be defined,

$$[x] - x \geq 0$$

$$-\{x\} \geq 0$$

Therefore, domain of $f(x)$ is integers.

$$D(f) \in I$$

$$\text{Range} = \{0\}.$$

15. Question

Let A and B be two sets such that $n(A) = p$ and $n(B) = q$, write the number of functions from A to B.

Answer

For each value of set A, we can have q functions as each value of A pair up with all the values of B.

So, total number of functions from A to B = $q \times q \times q \dots \{p \text{ times}\}$

$$= q^p$$

16. Question

Let f and g be two functions given by

$$f = \{(2, 4), (5, 6), (8, -1), (10, -3)\} \text{ and } g = \{(2, 5), (7, 1), (8, 4), (10, 13), (11, -5)\}.$$

Find the domain of $f + g$.

Answer

$$D(f) = \{2, 5, 8, 10\}$$

$$D(g) = \{2, 7, 8, 10, 11\}$$

Therefore, $D(f+g) = \{2, 8, 10\}$

17. Question

Find the set of values of x for which the functions $f(x) = 3x^2 - 1$ and $g(x) = 3 + x$ are equal.

Answer

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 1; g(x) = 3 + x$$

$$\text{For } f(x) = g(x)$$

$$3x^2 - 1 = 3 + x$$

$$3x^2 - x - 4 = 0$$

$$(3x - 4)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$3x - 4 = 0 \text{ or } x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3}, -1$$

18. Question

Let f and g be two real functions given by

$$f = \{(0, 1), (2, 0), (3, -4), (4, 2), (5, 1)\} \text{ and } g = \{(1, 0), (2, 2), (3, -1), (4, 4), (5, 3)\}.$$

Find the domain of fg .

Answer

$$D(f) = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

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

$$\text{So, } D(fg) = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

MCQ

1. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$, then which of the following is a function from A to B ?

A. $\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$

B. $\{(1, 3), (2, 4)\}$

C. $\{(1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

D. $\{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 4)\}$

Answer

A function is said to be defined from A to B if each element in set A has a unique image in set B . Not all the elements in set B are the images of any element of set A .

Therefore, option C is correct.

2. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f : Q \rightarrow Q$ is defined as $f(x) = x^2$, then $f^{-1}(9)$ is equal to

A. 3

B. -3

C. $\{-3, 3\}$

D. ϕ

Answer

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

Replace $f(x)$ by y ,

$$y = x^2$$

$$x = \sqrt{y}$$

Replace x by $f^{-1}x$ and y by x .

$$f^{-1}x = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(9) = \sqrt{9}$$

$$= \pm 3$$

Option C is correct.

3. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Which one of the following is not a function?

A. $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 = y\}$

B. $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y^2 = x\}$

C. $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x = y^3\}$

D. $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y = x^3\}$

Answer

A function is said to exist when we get a unique value for any value of x .

Therefore, option B is correct.. $y^2 = x$ is not a function as for each value of x , we will get 2 values of y ..which is not as per the definition of a function..

4. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = \cos(\log x)$, then $f(x^2)f(y^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right) + f(x^2 y^2) \right\}$ has the value

A. -2

B. -1

C. 1/2

D. None of these

Answer

$$f(x) = \cos(\log x)$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x^2)f(y^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right) + f(x^2 y^2) \right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log x^2) \cos(\log y^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \cos\left(\log\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right)\right) + \cos(\log x^2 y^2) \right\}$$

$$= \cos(2\log x) \cos(2\log y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(\log x^2 - \log y^2) + \cos(\log x^2 + \log y^2) \}$$

$$= \cos(2\log x) \cos(2\log y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(2\log x - 2\log y) + \cos(2\log x + 2\log y) \}$$

$$\text{Using: } \cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x+y) + \cos(x-y)]$$

$$= \cos(2\log x) \cos(2\log y) - \cos(2\log x) \cos(2\log y)$$

$$= 0$$

5. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

$$\text{If } f(x) = \cos(\log x), \text{ then } f(x)f(y) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + f(xy) \right\} \text{ has the value}$$

A. -1

B. 1/2

C. -2

D. None of these

Answer

$$f(x) = \cos(\log x)$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x)f(y) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + f(xy) \right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos\left(\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right) + \cos(\log xy) \}$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(\log x - \log y) + \cos(\log x + \log y) \}$$

$$\text{Using: } \cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x+y) + \cos(x-y)]$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log y) - \cos(\log x) \cos(\log y)$$

$$= 0$$

6. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let $f(x) = |x - 1|$. Then,

$$\text{A. } f(x^2) = [f(x)]^2$$

$$\text{B. } f(x + y) = f(x) f(y)$$

$$\text{C. } f(|x|) = |f(x)|$$

D. None of these

Answer

$$f(x) = |x - 1|$$

$$f(x^2) = |x^2 - 1|$$

$$[f(x)]^2 = (x - 1)^2$$

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

$$\text{So, } f(x^2) \neq [f(x)]^2$$

$$f(x + y) = |x + y - 1|$$

$$f(x)f(y) = (x-1)(y-1)$$

$$\text{So, } f(x + y) \neq f(x)f(y)$$

$$f(|x|) = ||x| - 1|$$

Therefore, option D is correct.

7. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of $f(x) = \cos [x]$, for $-\pi/2 < x < \pi/2$ is

A. $\{-1, 1, 0\}$

B. $\{\cos 1, \cos 2, 1\}$

C. $\{\cos 1, -\cos 1, 1\}$

D. $[-1, 1]$

Answer

$$\text{for } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < -1$$

$$[x] = -2$$

$$f(x) = \cos[x] = \cos(-2)$$

$$= \cos 2$$

$$\text{because } \cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

$$\text{for } -1 \leq x < 0$$

$$[x] = -1$$

$$f(x) = \cos[x]$$

$$= \cos(-1)$$

$$= \cos 1$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq x < 1$$

$$[x] = 0$$

$$f(x) = \cos 0$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$[x] = 1$$

$$f(x) = \cos 1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } R(f) = \{1, \cos 1, \cos 2\}$$

Option B is correct.

8. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Which of the following are functions?

- A. $\{(x, y) : y^2 = x, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- B. $\{(x, y) : y = |x|, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- C. $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- D. $\{(x, y) : x^2 - y^2 = 1, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Answer

A function is said to exist when we get a unique value of y for any value of x . If we get 2 values of y for any value of x , then it is not a function..

Therefore, option B is correct .

NOTE: To check if a given curve is a function or not, draw the curve and then draw a line parallel to y -axis.. If it intersects the curve at only one point, then it is a function, else not..

9. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$ and $g(x) = \frac{3x+x^3}{1+3x^2}$, then $f(g(x))$ is equal to

- A. $f(3x)$
- B. $\{f(x)\}^3$
- C. $3f(x)$
- D. $-f(x)$

Answer

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= \log\left(\frac{1+g(x)}{1-g(x)}\right) \\ &= \log\left(\frac{1 + \frac{3x+x^3}{1+3x^2}}{1 - \frac{3x+x^3}{1+3x^2}}\right) \\ &= \log\left(\frac{1 + 3x^2 + 3x + x^3}{1 + 3x^2 - 3x - x^3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Using: $(1+x)^3 = 1+3x+3x^2+x^3$

And $(1-x)^3 = 1-3x+3x^2-x^3$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^3 = 3 \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$$

$$f(g(x)) = 3f(x)$$

Option C is correct.

10. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{x, y\}$, then the number of functions that can be defined from A into B is

- A. 12
- B. 8
- C. 6
- D. 3

Answer

Since A has 3 elements and B has 2..then number of functions from A to B = $2 * 2 * 2 = 2^3 = 8$

Option B is correct.

11. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$, then $f\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$ is equal to

A. $\{f(x)\}^2$

B. $\{f(x)\}^3$

C. $2f(x)$

D. $3f(x)$

Answer

$$f\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) = \log\left(\frac{1+\frac{2x}{1+x^2}}{1-\frac{2x}{1+x^2}}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1+x^2+2x}{1+x^2-2x}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^2$$

$$f\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) = 2\log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$$

$$= 2f(x)$$

Option C is correct..

12. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = \cos(\log x)$, then value of $f(x)f(4) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + f(4x)\right\}$ is

A. 1

B. -1

C. 0

D. ± 1

Answer

$$f(x) = \cos(\log x)$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x)f(4) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + f(4x)\right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log 4) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{\cos\left(\log\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)\right) + \cos(\log 4x)\right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log 4) - \frac{1}{2}\{\cos(\log x - \log 4) + \cos(\log x + \log 4)\}$$

$$\text{Using: } \cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(x+y) + \cos(x-y)]$$

$$= \cos(\log x) \cos(\log 4) - \cos(\log x) \cos(4)$$

$$= 0$$

Option C is correct..

13. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = \frac{2^x + 2^{-x}}{2}$, then $f(x+y)f(x-y)$ is equals to

A. $\frac{1}{2}\{f(2x) + f(2y)\}$

B. $\frac{1}{2}\{f(2x) - f(2y)\}$

C. $\frac{1}{4}\{f(2x) + f(2y)\}$

D. $\frac{1}{4}\{f(2x) - f(2y)\}$

Answer

$$f(x+y)f(x-y) = \left(\frac{2^{x+y} + 2^{-(x+y)}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2^{x-y} + 2^{-(x-y)}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2^{x+y} + \frac{1}{2^{x+y}}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2^{x-y} + \frac{1}{2^{x-y}}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2^{2(x+y)} + 1}{2 \cdot 2^{(x+y)}}\right) \left(\frac{2^{2(x-y)} + 1}{2 \cdot 2^{(x-y)}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2^{2(x+y)} 2^{2(x-y)} + 2^{2(x+y)} + 2^{2(x-y)} + 1}{4 \cdot 2^{(x+y)} 2^{(x-y)}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2^{4x} + 2^{2(x+y)} + 2^{2(x-y)} + 1}{4 \cdot 2^{2x}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2^{2x} + 2^{2y} + 2^{-2y} + 2^{-2x}}{4}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2^{2x} + 2^{-2x}}{2} + \frac{2^{2y} + 2^{-2y}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{f(2x) + f(2y)\}$$

Option A is correct.

14. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $2f(x) - 3f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x^2$ ($x \neq 0$), then $f(2)$ is equal to

A. $-\frac{7}{4}$

B. $\frac{5}{2}$

C. -1

D. None of these

Answer

$$2f(x) - 3f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x^2 \text{ eqn.1}$$

Replace x by 1/x in eqn.1;

$$2f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 3f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \text{ eqn.2}$$

Multiply eqn.1 by 2 and eqn.2 by 3 and add them..

On adding, we get

$$-5f(x) = 2x^2 + \frac{3}{x^2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{-1}{5} \left(2x^2 + \frac{3}{x^2} \right)$$

$$f(2) = \frac{-1}{5} \left(2 \times 2^2 + \frac{3}{2^2} \right) = \frac{-1}{5} \left(8 + \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{5} \left(\frac{35}{4} \right) = \frac{-7}{4}$$

Option A is correct.

15. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = 2x + |x|$. Then $f(2x) + f(-x) - f(x) =$

A. $2x$

B. $2|x|$

C. $-2x$

D. $-2|x|$

Answer

$$f(x) = 2x + |x|$$

$$f(2x) = 2(2x) + |2x| = 4x + 2|x|$$

$$f(-x) = 2(-x) + |-x|$$

$$f(2x) + f(-x) - f(x) = 4x + 2|x| - 2x + |-x| - (2x + |x|)$$

$$= 4x + 2|x| - 2x + |x| - 2x - |x| = 2|x|$$

Option B is correct..

16. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x}{x^2 + 2x}$ is

- A. $\mathbb{R}$
- B. $\mathbb{R} - \{1\}$
- C. $\mathbb{R} - \{-1/2, 1\}$
- D. None of these

Answer

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{x^2 - x}{x^2 + 2x}$$

$$y(x^2 + 2x) = x^2 - x$$

$$yx(x+2) = x(x-1)$$

$$y(x+2) = x-1$$

$$x(y-1) = -(1+2y)$$

$$x = -\frac{(1+2y)}{y-1}$$

Value of x can't be zero or it cannot be not defined..

$$y \neq 1, -1/2$$

So, range = $\mathbb{R} - \{-1/2, 1\}$

17. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $x \neq 1$ and $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$ is a real function, the $f(f(f(2)))$ is

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer

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

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

$$= \frac{x+1+x-1}{x+1-x+1} = \frac{2x}{2} = x$$

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

$$f(f(f(2))) = \frac{2+1}{2-1}$$

$$= 3$$

Option C is correct..

18. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = \cos(\log_e x)$, then $f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{f(xy) + f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right\}$ is equal to

- A. $\cos(x - y)$
- B. $\log(\cos(x - y))$
- C. 1
- D. $\cos(x + y)$

Answer

$$f(x) = \cos(\log_e x)$$

$$\text{Now, } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{f(xy) + f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \cos\left(\log_e \frac{1}{x}\right)\cos\left(\log_e \frac{1}{y}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left\{\cos(\log_e xy) + \cos\left(\log_e \frac{x}{y}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \cos(\log_e x^{-1})\cos(\log_e y^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2}\{\cos(\log_e x + \log_e y) + \cos(\log_e x - \log_e y)\}$$

$$= \cos(-\log_e x)\cos(-\log_e y) - \{\cos(\log_e x) + \cos(\log_e y)\}$$

$$\text{Using: } \cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(x + y) + \cos(x - y)]$$

$$= \cos(\log_e x)\cos(\log_e y) - \{\cos(\log_e x + \log_e y) + \cos(\log_e x - \log_e y)\}$$

$$= 0$$

19. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let $f(x) = x$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$. Then, $h(x) = 1$ for

- A. $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- B. $x \in \mathbb{Q}$
- C. $x \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$
- D. $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0$

Answer

$$f(x) = x; g(x) = \frac{1}{x}; h(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

$$h(x) = 1$$

$$f(x)g(x) = 1$$

$$= x\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$x \neq 0$$

Option D is correct.

20. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = \frac{\sin^4 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^4 x}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $f(2002) =$

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{(\sin^2 x)^2 + \cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x + (\cos^2 x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \cos^2 x)^2 + \cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x + \cos^4 x} \\ &= \frac{1 + \cos^4 x - 2\cos^2 x + \cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x + \cos^4 x} \\ &= \frac{1 + \cos^4 x - \cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x + \cos^4 x} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now, $f(2002) = 1$

Option A is correct..

21. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = \cos^2 x + \sin^4 x$. Then, $f(\mathbb{R}) =$

- A. $[3/4, 1)$
- B. $(3/4, 1]$
- C. $[3/4, 1]$
- D. $(3/4, 1)$

Answer

$$f(x) = \sin^4 x + 1 - \sin^2 x$$

$$f(x) = \sin^4 x - \sin^2 x + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + 1$$

$$f(x) = \left(\sin^2 x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\left(\sin^2 x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \geq 0$$

Minimum value of $f(x) = 3/4$

$$0 \leq \sin^2 x \leq 1$$

So, maximum value of $f(x) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= 1$$

$$R(f) = [3/4, 1]$$

Answer is C.

22. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq 0, -4 \leq x \leq 4\}$ and $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$ for $x \in A$. Then A is

- A. $\{1, -1\}$
- B. $\{x : 0 \leq x \leq 4\}$
- C. $\{1\}$
- D. $\{x : -4 \leq x \leq 0\}$

Answer

When $-4 \leq x < 0$

$$f(x) = -\frac{x}{x}$$

$$= -1$$

When $0 < x \leq 4$

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x}$$

$$= 1$$

$$R(f) = \{-1, 1\}$$

Option A is correct..

23. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are defined by $f(x) = 2x + 3$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 7$, then the values of x such that $g(f(x)) = 8$ are

- A. 1, 2
- B. -1, 2
- C. -1, -2
- D. 1, -2

Answer

$$g(f(x)) = 8$$

$$(f(x))^2 + 7 = 8$$

$$(2x+3)^2 = 1$$

$$4x^2 + 12x + 9 = 1$$

$$4x^2 + 12x + 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x+1=0 \text{ or } x+2=0$$

$$x=-1 \text{ or } x=-2$$

Option C is correct..

24. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f : [-2, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{for } -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$, then

$$\{x \in [-2, 2] : x \leq 0 \text{ and } f(|x|) = x\} =$$

A. $\{-1\}$

B. $\{0\}$

C. $\{-1/2\}$

D. $\emptyset$

Answer

$$f(|x|) = |x| - 1$$

$$f(|x|) = x$$

$$\text{We have, } |x| = x ; x \geq 0$$

$$\text{And } |x| = -x ; x \leq 0$$

$$\text{So, } -x - 1 = x$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Option C...

25. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $e^{f(x)} = \frac{10+x}{10-x}$, $x \in (-10, 10)$ and $f(x) = kf\left(\frac{200x}{100+x^2}\right)$, then $k =$

A. 0.5

B. 0.6

C. 0.7

D. 0.8

Answer

$$e^{f(x)} = \frac{10+x}{10-x}$$

$$f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right)$$

$$f(x) = kf\left(\frac{200x}{100+x^2}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right) = k \ln\left(\frac{10 + \frac{200x}{100+x^2}}{10 - \frac{200x}{100+x^2}}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right) = k \ln\left(\frac{1000+10x^2+200x}{1000+10x^2-200x}\right)$$

$$= k \ln\left(\frac{100+x^2+20x}{100+x^2-20x}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right) = k \ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right)^2$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{10+x}{10-x}\right)^{2k}$$

$$2k=1;$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 0.5$$

Option A is correct.

26. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If f is a real valued function given by $f(x) = 27x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$ and α, β are roots of $3x + \frac{1}{x} = 12$. Then,

- A. $f(\alpha) \neq f(\beta)$
- B. $f(\alpha) = 10$
- C. $f(\beta) = -10$
- D. None of these

Answer

There is a mistake in the question...

$$3x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = \left(3x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - 3\left(3x\right)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\left(3x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

Since, α, β are roots of $3x + \frac{1}{x} = 12$.

$$\text{So, } f(\alpha) = f(\beta)$$

$$= (2)^3 - 9(2)$$

$$= 8 - 18$$

$$= -10$$

Option C...

27. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = 64x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$ and α, β are the roots of $4x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$. Then,

- A. $f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = -9$
- B. $f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = 63$

- C. $f(\alpha) \neq f(\beta)$
 D. None of these

Answer

$$f(x) = 64x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$= \left(4x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - 3(4x)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\left(4x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

Since, $4x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$ and α, β are its roots,

$$f(x) = 3^3 - 12(3)$$

$$= 27 - 36$$

$$= -9$$

So, $f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = -9$

Option A is correct..

28. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $3f(x) + 5f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - 3$ for all non-zero x , then $f(x) =$

A. $\frac{1}{14}\left(\frac{3}{x} + 5x - 6\right)$

B. $\frac{1}{14}\left(-\frac{3}{x} + 5x - 6\right)$

C. $\frac{1}{14}\left(-\frac{3}{x} + 5x + 6\right)$

- D. None of these

Answer

$$3f(x) + 5f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - 3 \text{ eqn. 1}$$

Replacing x by $1/x$;

$$3f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 5f(x) = x - 3 \text{ eqn. 2}$$

Multiply eqn. 1 by 3 and eqn. 2 by 5, and then subtract them

We get,

$$9f(x) + 15f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 15f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 25f(x) = \frac{3}{x} - 9 - 5x + 15$$

$$-16f(x) = \frac{3}{x} - 5x + 6$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{16}\left(-\frac{3}{x} + 5x - 6\right)$$

29. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $f(x) = \frac{4^x}{4^x + 2}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then,

- A. $f(x) = f(1 - x)$
- B. $f(x) + f(1 - x) = 0$
- C. $f(x) + f(1 - x) = 1$
- D. $f(x) + f(x - 1) = 1$

Answer

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

$$f(1 - x) = \frac{4^{1-x}}{4^{1-x} + 2}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cdot 4^{-x}}{4 \cdot 4^{-x} + 2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{4^x}}{\frac{2}{4^x} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2 + 4^x}$$

$$f(x - 1) = \frac{4^{x-1}}{4^{x-1} + 2}$$

$$= \frac{4^x}{4^x + 8}$$

$$f(x) + f(1 - x) = \frac{4^x}{4^x + 2} + \frac{2}{2 + 4^x} = \frac{4^x + 2}{4^x + 2} = 1$$

$$f(x) + f(x - 1) = \frac{4^x}{4^x + 2} + \frac{4^x}{4^x + 8} \neq 1$$

30. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $f(x) = \sin [\pi^2] x + \sin [-\pi^2] x$, where $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x , then

- A. $f(\pi/2) = 1$
- B. $f(\pi) = 2$
- C. $f(\pi/4) = -1$
- D. None of these

Answer

$$\pi^2 \approx 9.8596$$

$$[\pi^2] = 9 \text{ and } [-\pi^2] = -10$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = \sin[\pi^2] x + \sin[-\pi^2] x$$

$$= \sin 9x - \sin 10x$$

Now, checking values of $f(x)$ at given points..

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin 9\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \sin 10\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$=1-0$$

$$=1$$

Option A is correct..

$$f(\pi)=\sin 9\pi-\sin 10\pi$$

$$=0-0$$

$$=0$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)=\sin 9\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)-\sin 10\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}-1$$

Option B & C are incorrect..

31. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - 2x - x^2}$ is

A. $[-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}]$

B. $[-1 - \sqrt{3}, -1 + \sqrt{3}]$

C. $[-2, 2]$

D. $[-2 - \sqrt{3}, -2 + \sqrt{3}]$

Answer

for $f(x)$ to be defined,

$$2 - 2x - x^2 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 2 \leq 0$$

$$(x - (1 - \sqrt{3}))(x - (-1 + \sqrt{3})) \leq 0$$

$$x \in [-1 - \sqrt{3}, -1 + \sqrt{3}]$$

Option B is correct..

32. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+3}{(2-x)(x-5)}}$ is

A. $(-\infty, -3] \cup (2, 5)$

B. $(-\infty, -3) \cup (2, 5)$

C. $(-\infty, -3] \cup [2, 5]$

D. None of these

Answer

for given function,

$$\frac{x+3}{(2-x)(x-5)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x+3}{(x-2)(x-5)} \leq 0$$

$$x \neq 2, 5$$

Therefore, $x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup (2, 5)$

Option B is correct..

33. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{x-2}}$ is

A. $[-1, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$

B. $(-1, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$

C. $[-1, 2] \cup [3, \infty)$

D. None of these

Answer

Here, $\frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{(x-2)} \geq 0$

But $x \neq 2$

So, $x \in [-1, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$

Option A is correct..

34. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{3-x}$ is

A. $[1, \infty)$

B. $(-\infty, 3)$

C. $(1, 3)$

D. $[1, 3]$

Answer

Here, $x-1 \geq 0$ and $3-x \geq 0$

So, $x \geq 1$ and $x \leq 3$

Therefore, $x \in [1, 3]$ option D is correct..

35. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+2}} + \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}$ is

A. $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$

B. $[-1, 1]$

C. ϕ

D. None of these

Answer

For function to be defined,

$$\frac{x-2}{x+2} \geq 0, x \neq -2$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup [2, \infty) \dots (1)$$

$$\text{And } \frac{1-x}{1+x} \geq 0, x \neq -1$$

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1} \leq 0$$

$$\text{So, } x \in (-1, 1] \dots (2)$$

Taking common of both the solutions, we get $x \in \phi$.

Option C is correct..

36. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function $f(x) = \log|x|$ is

A. $\mathbb{R}$

B. $(-\infty, 0)$

C. $(0, \infty)$

D. $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

Answer

For $f(x) = \log|x|$;

It is defined at all positive values of x except 0..

But since we have $|x|$;

$$\text{So, } |x| > 0;$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

37. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{4x - x^2}$ is

A. $\mathbb{R} - [0, 4]$

B. $\mathbb{R} - (0, 4)$

C. $(0, 4)$

D. $[0, 4]$

Answer

$$\text{Here, } 4x - x^2 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x \leq 0$$

$$x(x-4) \leq 0$$

So, $x \in [0, 4]$

Option D is correct..

38. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3-2\sqrt{x-4}} - \sqrt{x-3+2\sqrt{x-4}}$ is

A. $[4, \infty)$

B. $(-\infty, 4]$

C. $(4, \infty)$

D. $(-\infty, 4)$

Answer

$$\text{Here, } x - 3 - 2\sqrt{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x-4})^2 + 1 - 2\sqrt{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x-4} - 1)^2 \geq 0$$

$$x-4 \geq 0; x \geq 4 \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } x - 3 + 2\sqrt{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x-4})^2 + 1 + 2\sqrt{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{x-4} + 1)^2 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 4$$

Option A is correct..

39. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The domain of definition of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{5|x| - x^2 - 6}$ is

A. $(-3, -2) \cup (2, 3)$

B. $[-3, -2) \cup [2, 3)$

C. $[-3, -2] \cup [2, 3]$

D. None of these

Answer

$$5|x| - x^2 - 6 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 - 5|x| + 6 \leq 0$$

$$(|x|-2)(|x|-3) \leq 0$$

$$\text{So, } |x| \in [2, 3]$$

$$\text{Therefore, } x \in [-3, -2] \cup [2, 3]$$

Option C is correct.

40. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{|x|}$ is

- A. $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$
- B. $\mathbb{R} - \{-1, 1\}$
- C. $\{-1, 1\}$
- D. None of these

Answer

We know that

$$|x| = -x \text{ in } (-\infty, 0) \text{ and } |x| = x \text{ in } [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{So, } f(x) = \frac{x}{-x} = -1 \text{ in } (-\infty, 0)$$

$$\text{And } f(x) = \frac{x}{x} = 1 \text{ in } (0, \infty)$$

As clearly shown above $f(x)$ has only two values 1 and -1

$$\text{So, range of } f(x) = \{-1, 1\}$$

41. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of the function $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{|x+2|}, x \neq -2$ is

- A. $\{-1, 1\}$
- B. $\{-1, 0, 1\}$
- C. $\{1\}$
- D. $(0, \infty)$

Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{x+2}{|x+2|}$$

When $x > -2$,

$$\text{We have } f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x+2}$$

$$= 1$$

When $x < -2$,

$$\text{We have } f(x) = \frac{x+2}{-(x+2)}$$

$$= -1$$

$$R(f) = \{-1, 1\}$$

Option A is correct..

42. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of the function $f(x) = |x - 1|$ is

- A. $(-\infty, 0)$
- B. $[0, \infty)$
- C. $(0, \infty)$
- D. $\mathbb{R}$

Answer

A modulus function always gives a positive value..

$$R(f) = [0, \infty)$$

Option B..

43. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$. Then, which of the following is correct?

- A. $f(xy) = f(x) f(y)$
- B. $f(xy) \geq f(x) f(y)$
- C. $f(xy) \leq f(x) f(y)$
- D. None of these

Answer

$$f(xy) = \sqrt{x^2 y^2 + 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x)f(y) &= (\sqrt{x^2 + 1})(\sqrt{y^2 + 1}) \\ &= \sqrt{x^2 y^2 + 1 + x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

So, comparing, $f(xy)$ and $f(x)f(y)$;

We get $f(xy) \leq f(x)f(y)$

Option C..

44. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

If $[x]^2 - 5[x] + 6 = 0$, where $[\cdot]$ denotes the greatest integer function, then

- A. $x \in [3, 4]$
- B. $x \in (2, 3]$
- C. $x \in [2, 3]$
- D. $x \in [2, 4]$

Answer

$$[x]^2 - 5[x] + 6 = 0$$

$$([x] - 2)([x] - 3) = 0$$

$$\text{if } [x] = 2$$

$$2 \leq x < 3$$

and if $[x]=3$

$$3 \leq x < 4$$

Therefore, $x \in [2, 4]$

Option D..

45. Question

Mark the correct alternative in the following:

The range of $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - 2\cos x}$ is

A. $[1/3, 1]$

B. $[-1, 1/3]$

C. $(-\infty, -1) \cup [1/3, \infty)$

D. $[-1, 3, 1]$

Answer

we know, $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$

$$-2 \leq -2\cos x \leq 2$$

$$-1 \leq (1 - 2\cos x) \leq 3$$

$$-1 \leq \left(\frac{1}{1 - 2\cos x} \right) \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

So, $R(f) = [-1, 1/3]$

Option ..B