

Question 1: Let $f: \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$ and $g: \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$ be given by $f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$ and $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$. Write down $g \circ f$.

Solution: The functions $f: \{1, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 5\}$ and $g: \{1, 2, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$ are

$f = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$ and $g = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (5, 1)\}$.

$$g \circ f(1) = g[f(1)] = g(2) = 3 \quad [\text{as } f(1) = 2 \text{ and } g(2) = 3]$$

$$g \circ f(3) = g[f(3)] = g(5) = 1 \quad [\text{as } f(3) = 5 \text{ and } g(5) = 1]$$

$$g \circ f(4) = g[f(4)] = g(1) = 3 \quad [\text{as } f(4) = 1 \text{ and } g(1) = 3]$$

$$\therefore g \circ f = \{(1, 3), (3, 1), (4, 3)\}$$

Question 2: Let f, g and h be functions from \mathbf{R} to \mathbf{R} . Show that

$$(f + g) \circ h = f \circ h + g \circ h$$

$$(f \cdot g) \circ h = (f \circ h) \cdot (g \circ h)$$

Solution: To prove: $(f + g) \circ h = f \circ h + g \circ h$

$$\text{LHS} = [(f + g) \circ h](x)$$

$$= (f + g)[h(x)] = f[h(x)] + g[h(x)]$$

$$= (f \circ h)(x) + (g \circ h)(x)$$

$$= \{(f \circ h)(x) + (g \circ h)(x)\} = \text{RHS}$$

$$\therefore \{(f + g) \circ h\}(x) = \{(f \circ h)(x) + (g \circ h)(x)\} \text{ for all } x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\text{Hence, } (f + g) \circ h = f \circ h + g \circ h$$

To Prove: $(f \cdot g) \circ h = (f \circ h) \cdot (g \circ h)$

$$\text{LHS} = [(f \cdot g) \circ h](x)$$

$$= (f \cdot g)[h(x)] = f[h(x)] \cdot g[h(x)]$$

$$= (f \circ h)(x) \cdot (g \circ h)(x)$$

$$= \{(f \circ h) \cdot (g \circ h)\}(x) = \text{RHS}$$

$$\therefore [(f \cdot g) \circ h](x) = \{(f \circ h) \cdot (g \circ h)\}(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\text{Hence, } (f \cdot g) \circ h = (f \circ h) \cdot (g \circ h)$$

Question 3: Find $g \circ f$ and $f \circ g$, if

(i) $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = |5x - 2|$

(ii) $f(x) = 8x^3$ and $g(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Solution: (i) $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = |5x-2|$

$\therefore g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(|x|) = |5|x|-2|$

$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(|5x-2|) = ||5x-2|| = |5x-2|$

(ii) $f(x) = 8x^3$ and $g(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$\therefore g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(8x^3) = (8x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2x$

$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x^{\frac{1}{3}})^3 = 8(x^{\frac{1}{3}})^3 = 8x$

Question 4: If $f(x) = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4}$, $x \neq \frac{2}{3}$, show that $f \circ f(x) = x$, for all $x \neq \frac{2}{3}$. What is the inverse of f ?

Solution: It is given that $f(x) = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4}$, $x \neq \frac{2}{3}$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = f(f(x)) = f\left(\frac{4x+3}{6x-4}\right) = \frac{4\left(\frac{4x+3}{6x-4}\right)+3}{6\left(\frac{4x+3}{6x-4}\right)-4}$$

$$= \frac{16x+12+18x-12}{24x+18-24x+16} = \frac{34x}{34}$$

$\therefore f \circ f(x) = x$, for all $x \neq \frac{2}{3}$.

$\Rightarrow f \circ f = I_x$

the given function f is invertible and the inverse of f is f itself.

Question 5: State with reason whether following functions have inverse

(i) $f: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{10\}$ with

$$f = \{(1, 10), (2, 10), (3, 10), (4, 10)\}$$

(ii) $g: \{5, 6, 7, 8\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with

$$g = \{(5, 4), (6, 3), (7, 4), (8, 2)\}$$

(iii) $h: \{2, 3, 4, 5\} \rightarrow \{7, 9, 11, 13\}$ with

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

Solution: (i) $f: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{10\}$ defined as $f = \{(1, 10), (2, 10), (3, 10), (4, 10)\}$

f is a many one function as

$$f(1) = f(2) = f(3) = f(4) = 10$$

$\therefore f$ is not one – one.

function f does not have an inverse.

(ii) $g: \{5, 6, 7, 8\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ defined as

$$g = \{(5, 4), (6, 3), (7, 4), (8, 2)\}$$

g is a many one function as $g(5) = g(7) = 4$.

$\therefore g$ is not one – one.

g does not have an inverse.

(iii) $h: \{2, 3, 4, 5\} \rightarrow \{7, 9, 11, 13\}$ defined as

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

all distinct elements of the set $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ have distinct images under h .

\therefore Function h is one – one.

h is onto since for every element y of the set $\{7, 9, 11, 13\}$, there exists an element x in the set $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$, such that $h(x) = y$.

h is a one – one and onto function.

h has an inverse.

Question 6: Show that $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by $f(x) = X(X+2)$ is one – one. Find the inverse of the function $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$.

(Hint: For $y \in \text{Range } f$, $y = f(x) = (X+2)$, for some x in $[-1, 1]$, i.e., $x = 2y(1-y)$)

Solution: $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given as $f(x) = X(X+2)$

For one – one

$$f(x) = f(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (X+2) = (Y+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + 2x = xy + 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

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

$f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$ is onto.

$\therefore f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$ is one – one and onto and therefore, the inverse of the function $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$ exists.

$g: \text{Range } f \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ be the inverse of f .

y be an arbitrary element of range f .

Since $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{Range } f$ is onto,

$y = f(x)$ for some $x \in [-1, 1]$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{(x+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + 2y = x$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2y}{1-y}, y \neq 1$$

define $g: \text{Range } f \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ as

$$g(y) = \frac{2y}{1-y}, y \neq 1$$

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

and

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

$$\therefore g \circ f = x = I_{[-1,1]} \text{ and } f \circ g = y = I_{\text{Range } f}$$

$$\therefore f^{-1} = g$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = \frac{2y}{1-y}, y \neq 1$$

Question 7: Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = 4x + 3$. Show that f is invertible. Find the inverse of f .

Solution: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by, $f(x) = 4x + 3$

For one – one

$$f(x) = f(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + 3 = 4y + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore f$ is a one – one function

For onto

$$y \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ let } y = 4x + 3.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y-3}{4} \in \mathbb{R}$$

for any $y \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $x = \frac{y-3}{4} \in \mathbb{R}$, such that

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{y-3}{4}\right) = 4\left(\frac{y-3}{4}\right) + 3 = y.$$

$\therefore f$ is onto.

f is one – one and onto and therefore, f^{-1} exists.

define $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $g(x) = \frac{y-3}{4}$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(4x+3) = \frac{(4x+3)-3}{4} = \frac{4x}{4} = x$$

and

$$(f \circ g)(y) = f(g(y)) = f\left(\frac{y-3}{4}\right) = 4\left(\frac{y-3}{4}\right) + 3 = y-3+3 = y$$

$\therefore g \circ f = f \circ g = I_{\mathbb{R}}$

f is invertible and the inverse of f is given by $f^{-1}(y) = g(y) = \frac{y-3}{4}$.

Question 8: Consider $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [4, \infty)$ given by $f(x) = x^2 + 4$. Show that f is invertible with the inverse f^{-1} of given f by $f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y-4}$, where \mathbb{R}_+ is the set of all non-negative real numbers.

Solution: $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [4, \infty)$ is given as $f(x) = x^2 + 4$.

For one – one

$$f(x) = f(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4 = y^2 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y \quad [as \ x = y \in \mathbb{R}_+]$$

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

For onto

$y \in [4, \infty)$, let $y = x^2 + 4$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y - 4 \geq 0 \quad [\text{as } y \geq 4]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{y - 4} \geq 0$$

for any $y \in [4, \infty)$, there exists $x = \sqrt{y - 4} \in \mathbb{R}_+$, such that

$$f(x) = f(\sqrt{y - 4}) = (\sqrt{y - 4})^2 + 4 = y - 4 + 4 = y$$

$\therefore f$ is onto.

f is one – one and onto and therefore, f^{-1} exists.

Let us define $g: [4, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ by $g(y) = \sqrt{y - 4}$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x^2 + 4) = \sqrt{(x^2 + 4) - 4} = \sqrt{x^2} = x$$

and

$$(f \circ g)(y) = f(g(y)) = f(\sqrt{y - 4}) = (\sqrt{y - 4})^2 + 4 = y - 4 + 4 = y$$

$\therefore g \circ f = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}$

f is invertible and the inverse of f is given by $f^{-1}(y) = g(y) = \sqrt{y - 4}$

Question 9: Consider $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$ given by $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$. Show that f is invertible with $f^{-1}(y) =$

$$\left(\frac{(\sqrt{y+6}) - 1}{3} \right)$$

Solution: $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$ is given as $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$.

y be an arbitrary element of $[-5, \infty)$.

$$y = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (3x + 1)^2 - 1 - 5 = (3x + 1)^2 - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 6 = (3x + 1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 1 = \sqrt{y + 6} \quad [\text{as } y \geq -5 \Rightarrow y + 6 > 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{(\sqrt{y+6})-1}{3} \right)$$

$\therefore f$ is onto, range $f = [-5, \infty)$.

$$\text{define } g: [-5, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ as } g(y) = \left(\frac{(\sqrt{y+6})-1}{3} \right)$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(9x^2 + 6x - 5) = g((3x + 1)^2 - 6)$$

$$= \sqrt{(3x+1)^2 - 6} - 1$$

$$= \frac{3x+1-1}{3} = \frac{3x}{3} = x$$

and

$$(f \circ g)(y) = f(g(y)) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{Y+6}-1}{3} \right) = \left[3 \left(\frac{\sqrt{Y+6}-1}{3} \right) + 1 \right]^2 - 6$$

$$= (\sqrt{Y+6})^2 - 6 = Y + 6 - 6 = y$$

$$\therefore g \circ f = x = I_{\mathbb{R}} \text{ and } f \circ g = y = I_{\text{Range } f}$$

f is invertible and the inverse of f is given by

$$f^{-1}(y) = g(y) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{Y+6}-1}{3} \right)$$

Question 10: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an invertible function. Show that f has unique inverse.

(Hint: suppose g_1 and g_2 are two inverses of f . Then for all $y \in Y$, $f \circ g_1(y) = I_Y(y) = f \circ g_2(y)$. Use one-to-one ness of f).

Solution: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an invertible function.

suppose f has two inverses (g_1 and g_2)

for all $y \in Y$,

$$f \circ g_1(y) = I_Y(y) = f \circ g_2(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(g_1(y)) = f(g_2(y))$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1(y) = g_2(y) \quad [\text{as } f \text{ is invertible} \Rightarrow f \text{ is one - one}]$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 = g_2 \quad [\text{as } g \text{ is one - one}]$$

f has a unique inverse.

Question 11: Consider $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$ given by $f(1) = a$, $f(2) = b$ and $f(3) = c$. Find f^{-1} and show that $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$.

Solution: Function $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$ is given by $f(1) = a$, $f(2) = b$, and $f(3) = c$

If we define $g: \{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$ as $g(a) = 1$, $g(b) = 2$, $g(c) = 3$.

We have

$$(f \circ g)(a) = f(g(a)) = f(1) = a$$

$$(f \circ g)(b) = f(g(b)) = f(2) = b$$

$$(f \circ g)(c) = f(g(c)) = f(3) = c$$

and

$$(g \circ f)(1) = g(f(1)) = g(a) = 1$$

$$(g \circ f)(2) = g(f(2)) = g(b) = 2$$

$$(g \circ f)(3) = g(f(3)) = g(c) = 3$$

$\therefore g \circ f = I_X$ and $f \circ g = I_Y$, where $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c\}$.

inverse of f exists and $f^{-1} = g$.

$\therefore f^{-1}: \{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$ is given by $f^{-1}(a) = 1$, $f^{-1}(b) = 2$, $f^{-1}(c) = 3$

If we define $h: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$ as $h(1) = a$, $h(2) = b$, $h(3) = c$

$$(g \circ h)(1) = g(h(1)) = g(a) = 1$$

$$(g \circ h)(2) = g(h(2)) = g(b) = 2$$

$$(g \circ h)(3) = g(h(3)) = g(c) = 3$$

and

$$(hog)(a) = h(g(a)) = h(1) = a$$

$$(hog)(b) = h(g(b)) = h(2) = b$$

$$(hog)(c) = h(g(c)) = h(3) = c$$

$\therefore goh = I_X$ and $hog = I_Y$, where $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c\}$.

the inverse of g exists and $g^{-1} = h \Rightarrow (f^{-1})^{-1} = h$.

$$h = f.$$

$$\text{Hence, } (f^{-1})^{-1} = f$$

Question 12: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an invertible function. Show that the inverse of f^{-1} is f ,

i.e., $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$.

Solution: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an invertible function.

there exists a function $g: Y \rightarrow X$ such that $gof = I_X$ and $fog = I_Y$.

$$f^{-1} = g.$$

$$gof = I_X \text{ and } fog = I_Y$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}of = I_X \text{ and } fof^{-1} = I_Y$$

$f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$ is invertible and f is the inverse of f^{-1} i.e., $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$

Question 13: If $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $f(x) = (3-x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$, then $f \circ f(x)$ is

(A) $\frac{1}{x^3}$

(B) x^3

(C) x

(D) $(3-x^3)$

Solution: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as $f(x) = (3-x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$\therefore f \circ f(x) = f(f(x)) = f(3-x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = [3-((3-x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}})^3]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= [3-(3-x^3)]^{\frac{1}{3}} = (x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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

The correct answer is C.

Question 14: Let $f: \mathbb{R} - \{-\frac{4}{3}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function as $f(x) = \frac{4x}{3x+4}$. The inverse of f is map $g: \text{Range } f \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{-\frac{4}{3}\}$ given by

$$(A) g(y) = \frac{3y}{3-4y}$$

$$(B) g(y) = \frac{4y}{4-3y}$$

$$(C) g(y) = \frac{4y}{4-3y}$$

$$(D) g(y) = \frac{3y}{4-3y}$$

Solution: $f: \mathbb{R} - \{-\frac{4}{3}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function as $f(x) = \frac{4x}{3x+4}$

y be an arbitrary element of Range f .

there exists $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{-\frac{4}{3}\}$ such that $y = f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{4x}{3x+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3xy + 4y = 4x$$

$$\Rightarrow x(4-3y) = 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4y}{4-3y}$$

define $g: \text{Range } f \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \left\{-\frac{4}{3}\right\}$ as $g(y) = \frac{4y}{4-3y}$

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{4x}{3x+4}\right) = \frac{4\left(\frac{4x}{3x+4}\right)}{4-3\left(\frac{4x}{3x+4}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{16x}{12x+16-12x} = \frac{16x}{16} = x$$

and

$$f \circ g(y) = f(g(y)) = f\left(\frac{4y}{4-3y}\right) = \frac{4\left(\frac{4y}{4-3y}\right)}{3\left(\frac{4y}{4-3y}\right)+4}$$

$$= \frac{16y}{12y+16-12y} = \frac{16y}{16} = y$$

$$\therefore \text{gof} = \text{I}_{\mathbb{R} - \left\{-\frac{4}{3}\right\}} \text{ and } \text{fog} = \text{I}_{\text{Range } f}$$

g is the inverse of f i.e., $f^{-1} = g$.

the inverse of f is the map $g: \text{Range } f \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \left\{-\frac{4}{3}\right\}$, which is given by $g(y) = \frac{4y}{4-3y}$.

The correct answer is B.