

**CBSE Class-12 Mathematics**  
**NCERT solution**  
**Chapter - 1**  
**Relations & Functions -Exercise 1.3**

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  $g \circ f$ .

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

Now,  $f(1) = 2, f(3) = 5, f(4) = 1$  and  $g(1) = 3, g(2) = 3, g(5) = 1$

$$(g \circ f)(n) = g[f(x)] = g[f(1)] = g(2) = 3$$

$$g[f(3)] = g(5) = 1 \text{ and } g[f(4)] = g(1) = 3$$

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

2. Let  $f, g$  and  $h$  be functions from  $R \rightarrow R$ . Show that:

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

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

**Ans.** (a) To prove:  $(f + g) \circ h = f \circ h + g \circ h$

$$\text{L. H. S.} = (f + g) \circ h = (f + g)[h(x)] = f[h(x)] + g[h(x)] = f \circ h + g \circ h = \text{R. H. S.}$$

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

$$\text{L. H. S.} = (f \cdot g) \circ h = (f \cdot g)[h(x)] = f[h(x)] \cdot g[h(x)] = f \circ h \cdot g \circ h = \text{R. H. S.}$$

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

**Ans.** To find:  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$

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

$$g \circ f = g[f(x)] = g[|x|] \text{ and } f \circ g = f[g(x)] = f[|5x - 2|] = |5x - 2| = |5|x| - 2|$$

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

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

$$\text{and } f \circ g = f[g(x)] = f\left[x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right] = 8\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3 = 8x$$

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  $f$ ?

**Ans.** Given:  $f(x) = \frac{(4x+3)}{(6x-4)}, x \neq \frac{2}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} = f \circ f(x) &= f[f(x)] = f\left[\frac{4x+3}{6x-4}\right] = \frac{4\left(\frac{4x+3}{6x-4}\right)+3}{6\left(\frac{4x+3}{6x-4}\right)-4} = \frac{16x+12+18x-12}{24x+18-24x+16} \\ &= \frac{34x}{34} = x = \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } y = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6xy - 4y = 4x + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 6xy - 4x = 4y + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x(6y - 4) = 4y + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4y+3}{6y-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{4x+3}{6x-4}$$

Hence inverse of  $f = f$ .

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

**Ans.** (i)  $f = \{(1, 10), (2, 10), (3, 10), (4, 10)\}$

It is many-one function, therefore  $f$  has no inverse.

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

It is many-one function, therefore  $g$  has no inverse.

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

$h$  is one-one onto function, therefore,  $h$  has an inverse.

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

**Ans. Part I:**  $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{(x+2)}, x \neq -2$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in [-1, 1]$ , then  $f(x_1) = \frac{x_1}{x_1+2}$  and  $f(x_2) = \frac{x_2}{x_2+2}$

When  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  then  $\frac{x_1}{x_1+2} = \frac{x_2}{x_2+2}$

$$\Rightarrow x_1x_2 + 2x_1 = x_1x_2 + 2x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \therefore f \text{ is one-one.}$$

**Part II:** Let  $y \in \text{Range of } f$

$$\Rightarrow y = f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2} \text{ for some } x \text{ in } [-1, 1]$$

$$\text{As } y = \frac{x}{x+2}$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = \frac{2y}{1-y} \therefore f \text{ is onto.}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f^{-1}x = \frac{2x}{1-x}$$

7. Consider  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = 4x + 3$ . Show that  $f$  is invertible. Find the inverse of  $f$ . [Hint:  $f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y-3}{4}$ ]

**Ans.** Consider  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = 4x + 3$

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f(x_1) = 4x_1 + 3$  and  $f(x_2) = 4x_2 + 3$

Now, for  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , then  $4x_1 + 3 = 4x_2 + 3 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \therefore f$  is one-one.

Let  $y \in \text{Range of } f$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = y \therefore f \text{ is onto.}$$

Therefore,  $f$  is invertible and hence,  $x = f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y-3}{4}$ .

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  $f$  given by  $f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y-4}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_+$  is the set of all non-negative real numbers.

**Ans.** Consider  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [4, \infty]$  and  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [4, \infty]$ , then  $f(x_1) = x_1^2 + 4$  and  $f(x_2) = x_2^2 + 4$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^2 + 4 = x_2^2 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \therefore f \text{ is one-one.}$$

Now  $y = x^2 + 4$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{y-4} \text{ as } x > 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = y \therefore f \text{ is onto.}$$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is invertible and  $f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y-4}$ .

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

**with  $f^{-1}(y) = \left( \frac{(\sqrt{y+6}) - 1}{3} \right)$ .**

**Ans.** Consider  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty]$  and  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-5, \infty]$ , then  $f(x_1) = 9x_1^2 + 6x_1 - 5$  and  $f(x_2) = 9x_2^2 + 6x_2 - 5$

Now,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  then  $9x_1^2 + 6x_1 - 5 = 9x_2^2 + 6x_2 - 5$

$$\Rightarrow 9x_1^2 + 6x_1 = 9x_2^2 + 6x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(x_1^2 - x_2^2) + 6(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - x_2)[9(x_1 + x_2) + 6] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \therefore f \text{ is one-one.}$$

Now, again  $y = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 6x - (5 + y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{(6)^2 + 4 \times 9(5+y)}}{18} = \frac{-6 \pm 6\sqrt{1+5+y}}{18} = \frac{-6 \pm 6\sqrt{y+6}}{18} = \frac{\sqrt{y+6}-1}{3}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = f\left(\frac{\sqrt{y+6}-1}{3}\right) = 9\left(\frac{\sqrt{y+6}-1}{3}\right)^2 + 6\left(\frac{\sqrt{y+6}-1}{3}\right) - 5$$

$$= 9\left(\frac{y+6+1-2\sqrt{y+6}}{9}\right) + 2(\sqrt{y+6}-1) - 5$$

$$= y+7-2\sqrt{y+6}+2\sqrt{y+6}-2-5 = y \quad \therefore f \text{ is onto.}$$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is invertible and  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{y+6}-1}{3}$ .

**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-one ness of  $f$ ).

**Ans.** Given:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an invertible function.

Thus  $f$  is 1-1 and onto and therefore  $f^{-1}$  exists.

Let  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be two inverses of  $f$ . Then for all  $y \in Y$ ,

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

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

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

$\therefore$  The inverse is unique and hence  $f$  has a unique inverse.

**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  $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$ .

**Ans.**  $f = \{(1, a), (2, b), (3, c)\}$ , then it is clear that  $f$  is 1-1 and onto and therefore  $f^{-1}$  exists.

Also,  $f^{-1} = \{(1, a), (b, 2), (c, 3)\}$  and  $(f^{-1})^{-1} = \{(1, a), (2, b), (3, c)\} = f$

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

**12. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an invertible function. Show that the inverse of  $f^{-1}$  is  $f$ , i.e.,  $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$ .**

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

Then  $f$  is one-one and onto

$\Rightarrow g: Y \rightarrow X$  where  $g$  is also one-one and onto such that

$$g \circ f(x) = I_x \text{ and } f \circ g(y) = I_y$$

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

Now,  $f^{-1} \circ (f^{-1})^{-1} = I$  and  $f \circ [f^{-1} \circ (f^{-1})^{-1}] = f \circ I$

$$\Rightarrow [f \circ f^{-1}] \circ (f^{-1})^{-1} = f$$

$$\Rightarrow I \circ (f^{-1})^{-1} = f$$

$$\Rightarrow (f^{-1})^{-1} = f$$

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



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

(B)  $x^3$

(C)  $x$

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

Ans.  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = (3 - x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

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

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

Therefore, option (C) is correct.

14. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{-4}{3} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined as  $f(x) = \frac{4x}{3x+4}$ . The inverse of  $f$

is the map  $g : \text{Range of } f \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{-4}{3} \right\}$  given by:

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

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

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

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

**Ans.** Given:  $f : \mathbb{R} - \left\{ -\frac{4}{3} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = \frac{4x}{3x+4}$

Now, Range of  $f \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \left\{ -\frac{4}{3} \right\}$

Let  $y = f(x)$

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore f^{-1}(y) = g(y) = \frac{4y}{4-3y}$$

Therefore, option (B) is correct.