

N.B. The symbols for the “natural numbers”, “integers”, “real numbers” are N , Z and R
 $N = \{ 1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , \dots \}$
 $Z = \{ \dots -2 , -1 , 0 , 1 , 2 \dots \}$ and
 R is any number that can be found on the number line.

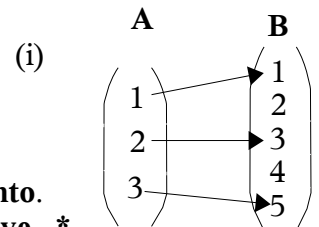
The set of fractions { *rational numbers* } is represented by the letter Q .

e.g. 1 : The function f maps from A { **domain** } to B { **co-domain** } where $f : x \rightarrow 2x-1$.
 $A = \{ x : x < 4, x \in N \}$, $B = \{ x : x < 6, x \in N \}$.

- (a) (i) Draw an 'arrow diagram' to show this relation .
 (ii) Describe the correspondence.
 (iii) State the **range** of f .
 (iv) Give a reason why you would conclude that f is not “**surjective**” { **onto** } .

answer to part (a) :

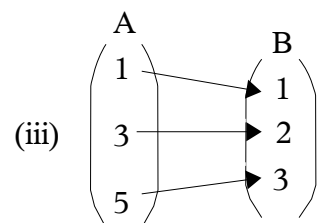
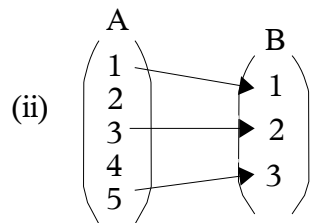
- (ii) This is a one – to – one correspondence. { f is **injective** }
 (iii) The '**range**' is represented by the values that $f(x)$ can be.
 These would be the members of the co-domain that are mapped **onto**. Thus in this instance it is represented by $\{ 1 , 3 , 5 \}$.
 (iv) f is **surjective** only if every member of the co-domain is mapped **onto**.
 Since $2 \in B$ is not mapped onto, this proves that f is not **surjective**. *



- (b) (i) Draw an 'arrow diagram' to show the “inverse” mapping .
 (ii) Give a reason why this inverse mapping is not a function.
 (iii) Describe a way in which the co-domain of f could be edited so that the inverse mapping would also be a function. How would you describe the correspondence for f in this instance?

answer to part (b) :

- (ii) A mapping is regarded as a function only if every element in A has a unique image in B . Since $4 \in A$ has no image in B , this inverse mapping cannot be regarded as a function for all of the elements in A . *
- (iii) If the co-domain of f were limited to the set $\{ 1 , 3 , 5 \}$, then f would be **bijective**, and the inverse mapping would be a function in this case.



* This is an example of proof by counter example

N.B: only one – to - one and many – to – one correspondences are functions

e.g. 2 : The function f maps from A { **domain** } to B { **co-domain** } where $f : x \rightarrow 2x-1$.
 $A = \{ x : x \in \mathbb{R} \}$, $B = \{ x : x \in \mathbb{R} \}$.

f is **surjective**, since $f(x)$ can be any real number.

Since \mathbb{R} is infinite it would be impossible to represent all of f by a mapping diagram. Thus '**proof by exhaustion**' is not an option for showing that f is **injective**.

We are going to have to resort to an alternative type of proof to arrive at the conclusion that f is one – to – one { **injective** }.

We already saw from example 1 that only many – to – one and one – to – one mappings are functions. We are going to use this fact to our advantage. If we can show that a function is not many – to – one, then the alternative must be accepted if we maintain that the mapping is a function. **

Thus if $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$, $a_1, a_2 \in A \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$, we accept that f is injective .
 In this example, given $a_1, a_2 \in A$, $f(a_1) = f(a_2) \Rightarrow 2a_1-1 = 2a_2-1$
 $\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$. Therefore f is **injective** . { it can also be shown that f is **bijective** }

To find f^{-1} { the inverse function }, we let $y = f(x) \Rightarrow y = 2x-1$.

The inverse is obtained when we exchange x and y . Thus the inverse relation is

$$x = 2y-1 \Rightarrow x+1 = 2y \Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{2} = y . \text{ Therefore } f^{-1} : x \rightarrow \frac{x+1}{2} .$$

To find the value of x for which $f(x) = 5$, we say ...

$$\text{If } f(x) = 5, \text{ then } x = f^{-1}(5) = \frac{5+1}{2} = 3 .$$

exercise 1 :

1. A function maps from A to B , where $f : x \rightarrow x^2+5$
 $A = \{ x : -2 \leq x \leq 2, x \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ and $B = \{ x : 0 \leq x \leq 9, x \in \mathbb{Z} \}$
 - (a) (i) Draw an 'arrow diagram' to show this relation . (ii) Describe the correspondence.
 - (iii) State the **range** of f . (iv) Is f **surjective** ? { **give a reason for your answer** }
 - (b) (i) Show the inverse mapping by means of an arrow diagram.
 - (ii) Explain why the inverse mapping is not a function for all the elements in A .
2. $f : x \rightarrow \frac{4x}{2x-1}, x \in \mathbb{R}$
 - (a) (i) Find the value of x for which f is not defined.
 - (ii) Find f^{-1} and state the value of x for which f^{-1} is undefined .
 - (iii) Given that $f(x) = 6$, find x .
 - (b) Show that $f f(x) = \frac{16x}{6x+1}, x \neq -\frac{1}{6}$.

answers to the exercise :

1. (ii) $\{ 5, 6, 9 \}$.
2. (i) $\frac{1}{2}$, (ii) $f^{-1} : x \rightarrow \frac{x}{2x-4}$, (iii) $\frac{3}{4}$.

**** This is an example of proof by contradiction**

TEST1. :

1. The function f is defined on R by $f : x \mapsto 2x+3$
- (a) Show that f is one – to – one. [2]
- (b) find the values of $x \in R$ such that $f(f(x)) = 13$. [2]
2. The functions f and g are defined on R by
- $f : x \mapsto 3x+6$, $g : x \mapsto x+7$.
- Solve the equation $f(g(2x+1)) = 30$. [2]
3. The function f is defined on N by $f : x \mapsto 2x-1$.
- By considering $f(x) = 2$, or otherwise, prove that f is not surjective. [2]
- Find f^{-1} and state two values in the co-domain of f for which f^{-1} is defined. [4]
- State the range of f . [2]

TOTAL MARK = 14

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