

## EXERCISE 2.4

State with reason whether the 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) Given  $f: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{10\}$  with  $f = \{(1, 10), (2, 10), (3, 10), (4, 10)\}$

We have:

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

$\Rightarrow f$  is not one-one.

$\Rightarrow f$  is not a bijection.

So,  $f$  does not have an inverse.

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

from the question it is clear that  $g(5) = g(7) = 4$

$\Rightarrow f$  is not one-one.

$\Rightarrow f$  is not a bijection.

So,  $f$  does not have an inverse.

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

Here, different elements of the domain have different images in the co-domain.

$\Rightarrow h$  is one-one.

Also, each element in the co-domain has a pre-image in the domain.

$\Rightarrow h$  is onto.

$\Rightarrow h$  is a bijection.

Therefore  $h$  inverse exists.

$\Rightarrow h$  has an inverse and it is given by

$$h^{-1} = \{(7, 2), (9, 3), (11, 4), (13, 5)\}$$

**2. Find  $f^{-1}$  if it exists:  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , where**

(i)  $A = \{0, -1, -3, 2\}$ ;  $B = \{-9, -3, 0, 6\}$  and  $f(x) = 3x$ .

(ii)  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ ;  $B = \{0, 1, 9, 25, 49, 81\}$  and  $f(x) = x^2$

**Solution:**

(i) Given  $A = \{0, -1, -3, 2\}$ ;  $B = \{-9, -3, 0, 6\}$  and  $f(x) = 3x$ .

So,  $f = \{(0, 0), (-1, -3), (-3, -9), (2, 6)\}$

Here, different elements of the domain have different images in the co-domain.

Clearly, this is one-one.

Range of  $f =$  Range of  $f = B$

so,  $f$  is a bijection and,

Thus,  $f^{-1}$  exists.

Hence,  $f^{-1} = \{(0, 0), (-3, -1), (-9, -3), (6, 2)\}$

(ii) Given  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ ;  $B = \{0, 1, 9, 25, 49, 81\}$  and  $f(x) = x^2$

So,  $f = \{(1, 1), (3, 9), (5, 25), (7, 49), (9, 81)\}$

Here, different elements of the domain have different images in the co-domain.

Clearly,  $f$  is one-one.

But this is not onto because the element 0 in the co-domain ( $B$ ) has no pre-image in the domain ( $A$ )

$\Rightarrow f$  is not a bijection.

So,  $f^{-1}$  does not exist.

**3. Consider  $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$  and  $g: \{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \{\text{apple, ball, cat}\}$  defined as  $f(1) = a, f(2) = b, f(3) = c, g(a) = \text{apple}, g(b) = \text{ball}$  and  $g(c) = \text{cat}$ . Show that  $f, g$  and  $g \circ f$  are invertible. Find  $f^{-1}, g^{-1}$  and  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$  and show that  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$**

**Solution:**

Given  $f = \{(1, a), (2, b), (3, c)\}$  and  $g = \{(a, \text{apple}), (b, \text{ball}), (c, \text{cat})\}$  Clearly,  $f$  and  $g$  are bijections.

So,  $f$  and  $g$  are invertible.

Now,

$f^{-1} = \{(a, 1), (b, 2), (c, 3)\}$  and  $g^{-1} = \{(\text{apple}, a), (\text{ball}, b), (\text{cat}, c)\}$

So,  $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} = \{(\text{apple}, 1), (\text{ball}, 2), (\text{cat}, 3)\} \dots \dots \dots (1)$

$f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$  and  $g: \{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \{\text{apple, ball, cat}\}$

So,  $g \circ f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{\text{apple, ball, cat}\}$

$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)(1) = g(f(1)) = g(a) = \text{apple}$

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

$= g(b)$

$= \text{ball},$

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

$= g(c)$

$= \text{cat}$

$\therefore g \circ f = \{(1, \text{apple}), (2, \text{ball}), (3, \text{cat})\}$

Clearly,  $g \circ f$  is a bijection.

So,  $g \circ f$  is invertible.

$$(g \circ f)^{-1} = \{(apple, 1), (ball, 2), (cat, 3)\} \dots \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get

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

**4. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ;  $B = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$ ;  $C = \{7, 23, 47, 79\}$  and  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be defined as  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$ . Express  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$  and  $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$  as the sets of ordered pairs and verify that  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$ .**

**Solution:**

Given that  $f(x) = 2x + 1$

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

$$= \{(1, 3), (2, 5), (3, 7), (4, 9)\}$$

Also given that  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$

$$\Rightarrow g = \{(3, 3^2 - 2), (5, 5^2 - 2), (7, 7^2 - 2), (9, 9^2 - 2)\}$$

$$= \{(3, 7), (5, 23), (7, 47), (9, 79)\}$$

Clearly  $f$  and  $g$  are bijections and, hence,  $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$  and  $g^{-1}: C \rightarrow B$  exist.

So,  $f^{-1} = \{(3, 1), (5, 2), (7, 3), (9, 4)\}$

And  $g^{-1} = \{(7, 3), (23, 5), (47, 7), (79, 9)\}$

Now,  $(f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}): C \rightarrow A$

$$f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} = \{(7, 1), (23, 2), (47, 3), (79, 4)\} \dots \dots (1)$$

Also,  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ ,

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f: A \rightarrow C, (g \circ f)^{-1}: C \rightarrow A$$

So,  $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$  and  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$  have same domains.

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

$$= g(2x + 1)$$

$$= (2x + 1)^2 - 2$$

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

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

Then,  $(g \circ f)(1) = g(f(1))$

$$= 4 + 4 - 1$$

$$= 7,$$

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

$$= 4(2)^2 + 4(2) - 1 = 23,$$

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

$$= 4(3)^2 + 4(3) - 1 = 47 \text{ and}$$

$$(g \circ f)(4) = g(f(4))$$

$$= 4(4)^2 + 4(4) - 1 = 79$$

$$\text{So, } g \circ f = \{(1, 7), (2, 23), (3, 47), (4, 79)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)^{-1} = \{(7, 1), (23, 2), (47, 3), (79, 4)\} \dots \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get:

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

**5. Show that the function  $f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ , defined by  $f(x) = 3x + 5$ , is invertible. Also, find  $f^{-1}$**

**Solution:**

Given function  $f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ , defined by  $f(x) = 3x + 5$

Now we have to show that the given function is invertible.

Injection of  $f$ :

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two elements of the domain ( $\mathbb{Q}$ ),

Such that  $f(x) = f(y)$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 5 = 3y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 3y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

so,  $f$  is one-one.

Surjection of  $f$ :

Let  $y$  be in the co-domain ( $\mathbb{Q}$ ),

Such that  $f(x) = y$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 5 = y$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = y - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (y - 5)/3 \text{ belongs to } \mathbb{Q} \text{ domain}$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is onto.

So,  $f$  is a bijection and, hence, it is invertible.

Now we have to find  $f^{-1}$ :

$$\text{Let } f^{-1}(x) = y \dots \dots (1)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = 3y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 5 = 3y$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (x - 5)/3$$

Now substituting this value in (1) we get

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(x) = (x - 5)/3$$

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

of  $f$ .

**Solution:**

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

Now we have to show that the given function is invertible.

Consider injection of  $f$ :

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two elements of domain ( $\mathbb{R}$ ),

Such that  $f(x) = f(y)$

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

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

So,  $f$  is one-one.

Now surjection of  $f$ :

Let  $y$  be in the co-domain ( $\mathbb{R}$ ),

Such that  $f(x) = y$ .

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x = (y-3)/4 \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ (domain)}$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is onto.

So,  $f$  is a bijection and, hence, it is invertible.

Now we have to find  $f^{-1}$

$$\text{Let } f^{-1}(x) = y \dots \dots (1)$$

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

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

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

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

Now substituting this value in (1) we get

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(x) = (x-3)/4$$

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

**Solution:**

Given  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow [4, \infty)$  given by  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$ .

Now we have to show that  $f$  is invertible,

Consider injection of  $f$ :

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two elements of the domain  $(Q)$ ,

Such that  $f(x) = f(y)$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x = y \quad (\text{as co-domain as } R^+)$$

So,  $f$  is one-one

Now surjection of  $f$ :

Let  $y$  be in the co-domain  $(Q)$ ,

Such that  $f(x) = y$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{y-4} \text{ in } R$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is onto.

So,  $f$  is a bijection and, hence, it is invertible.

Now we have to find  $f^{-1}$ :

$$\text{Let } f^{-1}(x) = y \dots \dots (1)$$

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

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

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

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

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$$

Now substituting this value in (1) we get,

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$$

**8. If  $f(x) = (4x + 3) / (6x - 4)$ ,  $x \neq (2/3)$  show that  $f \circ f(x) = x$ , for all  $x \neq (2/3)$ . What is the inverse of  $f$ ?**

**Solution:**

It is given that  $f(x) = (4x + 3) / (6x - 4)$ ,  $x \neq 2/3$

Now we have to show  $f \circ f(x) = x$

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{34x}{34}$$

$$= x$$

Therefore,  $f \circ f(x) = x$  for all  $x \neq 2/3$

$$\Rightarrow f \circ f = 1$$

Hence, the given function  $f$  is invertible and the inverse of  $f$  is  $f$  itself.

**9. Consider  $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$  given by  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$ . Show that  $f$  is invertible with  $f^{-1}(x) = (\sqrt{x+6}-1)/3$**

**Solution:**

Given  $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow [-5, \infty)$  given by  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$

We have to show that  $f$  is invertible.

Injectivity of  $f$ :

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two elements of domain  $(\mathbb{R}^+)$ ,

Such that  $f(x) = f(y)$

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

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 6x = 9y^2 + 6y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y \text{ (As, } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+)$$

So,  $f$  is one-one.

Surjectivity of  $f$ :

Let  $y$  is in the co domain  $(\mathbb{Q})$

Such that  $f(x) = y$

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

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 6x = y + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 6x + 1 = y + 6 \text{ (By adding 1 on both sides)}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 1 = \sqrt{y + 6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = \sqrt{y + 6} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (\sqrt{y + 6} - 1)/3 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ (domain)}$$

$f$  is onto.

So,  $f$  is a bijection and hence, it is invertible.

Now we have to find  $f^{-1}$

$$\text{Let } f^{-1}(x) = y. \dots (1)$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x + 5 = 9y^2 + 6y$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 6 = 9y^2 + 6y + 1 \quad \text{(adding 1 on both sides)}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 3y + 1 = \sqrt{x + 6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = \sqrt{x + 6} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (\sqrt[3]{(x+6)-1})/3$$

Now substituting this value in (1) we get,

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(x) = (\sqrt[3]{(x+6)-1})/3$$

**10. If  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^3 - 3$ , then prove that  $f^{-1}$  exists and find a formula for  $f^{-1}$ . Hence, find  $f^{-1}(24)$  and  $f^{-1}(5)$ .**

**Solution:**

Given  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^3 - 3$

Now we have to prove that  $f^{-1}$  exists

Injectivity of  $f$ :

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two elements in domain ( $\mathbb{R}$ ),

$$\text{Such that, } x^3 - 3 = y^3 - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = y^3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

So,  $f$  is one-one.

Surjectivity of  $f$ :

Let  $y$  be in the co-domain ( $\mathbb{R}$ )

$$\text{Such that } f(x) = y$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{(y+3)} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is onto.

So,  $f$  is a bijection and, hence, it is invertible.

Finding  $f^{-1}$ :

$$\text{Let } f^{-1}(x) = y \dots \dots (1)$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow y = \sqrt[3]{(x + 3)} = f^{-1}(x) \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{(x + 3)}$$

$$\text{Now, } f^{-1}(24) = \sqrt[3]{(24 + 3)}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{27}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{3^3}$$

$$= 3$$

$$\text{And } f^{-1}(5) = \sqrt[3]{(5 + 3)}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{8}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{2^3}$$

$$= 2$$

**11. A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as  $f(x) = x^3 + 4$ . Is it a bijection or not? In case it is a bijection, find  $f^{-1}(3)$ .**

**Solution:**

Given that  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as  $f(x) = x^3 + 4$

Injectivity of  $f$ :

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two elements of domain ( $\mathbb{R}$ ),

Such that  $f(x) = f(y)$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = y^3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

So,  $f$  is one-one.

Surjectivity of  $f$ :

Let  $y$  be in the co-domain ( $\mathbb{R}$ ),

Such that  $f(x) = y$ .

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

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = y - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{y - 4} \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ (domain)}$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is onto.

So,  $f$  is a bijection and, hence, it is invertible.

Finding  $f^{-1}$ :

$$\text{Let } f^{-1}(x) = y \dots \dots (1)$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x - 4 = y^3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sqrt[3]{x-4}$$

$$\text{So, } f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-4} \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$f^{-1}(3) = \sqrt[3]{3-4}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{-1}$$

$$= -1$$