

# RELATIONS

Normally relation deals with matching of elements from the first set called DOMAIN with the element of the second set called RANGE.

## Relations

A relation "R" is the rule that connects or links the elements of one set with the elements of the other set.

Some examples of relations are listed below:

1. "Is a brother of "
2. "Is a sister of "
3. "Is a husband of "
4. "Is equal to "
5. "Is greater than "
6. "Is less than "

Normally relations between two sets are indicated by an arrow coming from one element of the first set going to the element of the other set.

## Relations Between Two Sets

*Find relations between two sets*

The relation can be denoted as:

$$R = \{(a, b) : a \text{ is an element of the first set, } b \text{ is an element of the second set}\}$$

Consider the following table

X	-3	0.5	1	2	5	6
Y	-6	1	2	4	10	12

This is the relation which can be written as a set of ordered pairs  $\{(-3, -6), (0.5, 1), (1, 2), (2, 4), (5, 10), (6, 12)\}$ . The table shows that the relation satisfies the equation  $y=2x$ . The relation  $R$  defining the set of all ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  such that  $y = 2x$  can be written symbolically as:

$$R = \{(x, y): y = 2x\}.$$

### Relations Between Members in a Set

*Find relations between members in a set*

Which of the following ordered pairs belong to the relation  $\{(x, y): y > x\}$ ?

(1, 2), (2, 1), (-3, 4), (-3, -5), (2, 2), (-8, 0), (-8, -3).

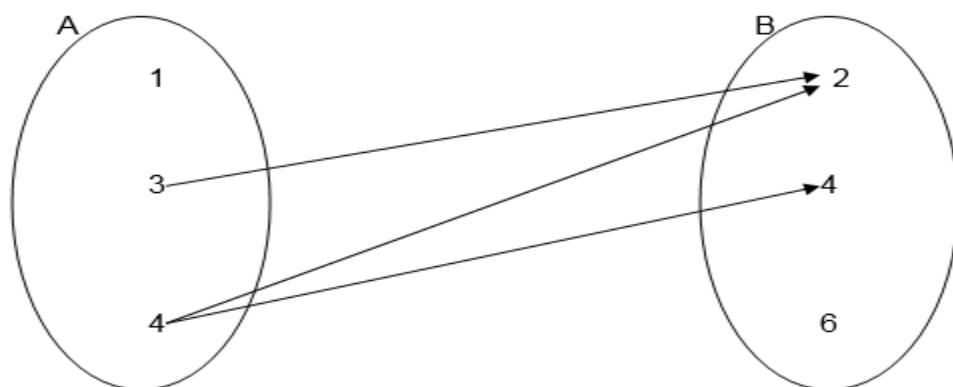
Solution.

(1, 2), (-3, 4), (-8, 0), (8, -3).

### Relations Pictorially

*Demonstrate relations pictorially*

For example the relation " is greater than " involving numbers 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 where 1,3 and 5 belong to set A and 2,4 and 6 belong to set B can be indicate as follows:-



**Figure1.**

This kind of relation representation is referred to as **pictorial representation**.

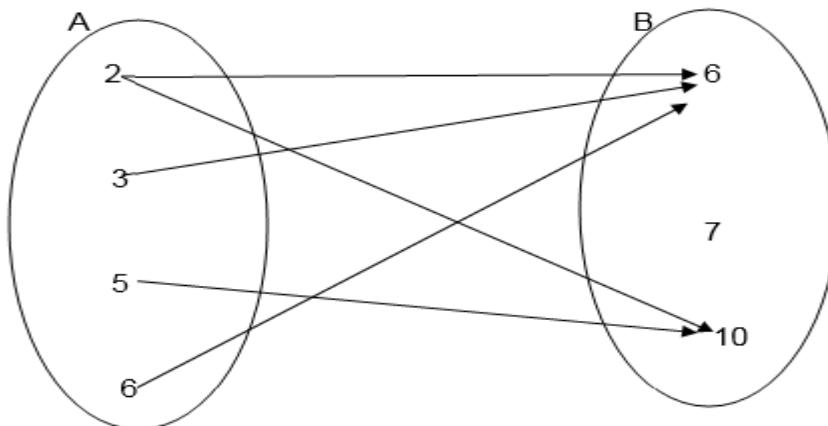
Relations can also be defined in terms of ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  for which  $a$  is related to  $b$  and  $a$  is an element of set  $A$  while  $b$  is an element of set  $B$ .

That is  $R = \left\{ (a, b) : a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } a \text{ is related to } b \right\}$

The symbol  $\in$  means belongs to or is a member of.

For example the relation " is a factor of " for numbers 2,3,5,6,7 and 10 where 2,3,5 and 6 belong to set  $A$  and 6,7 and 10 belong to set  $B$  can be illustrated as follows:-

*Using a pictorial representation,*



Also as a set of ordered pairs as

$$R = \left\{ (2, 6), (3, 6), (6, 6), (2, 10) \text{ and } (5, 10) \right\}$$

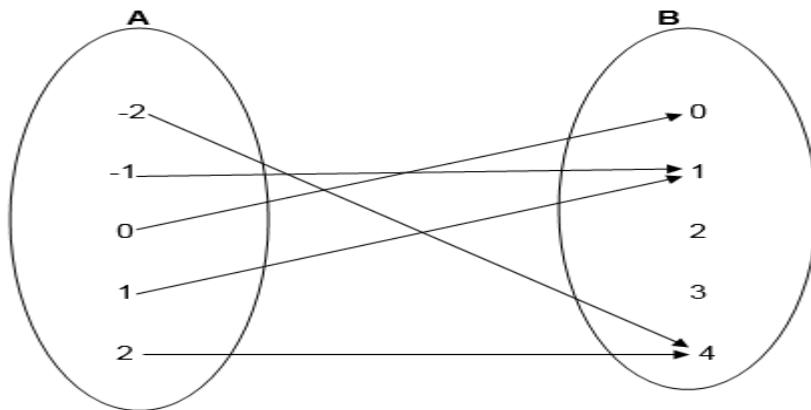
### Example 1

1. Draw an arrow diagram to illustrate the relation which connects each element of set  $A$  with its square.

$$\text{Let } A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$$

$$B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

Solution



### Example 2

Using the information given in example 1, write down the relation in set notation of ordered pairs. List the elements of ordered pairs.

**Solution:**

$$R = \left\{ (a, b) : a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } b = a^2 \right\}$$

$$R = \left\{ (-2, 4), (-1, 1), (0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 4) \right\}$$

### Example 3

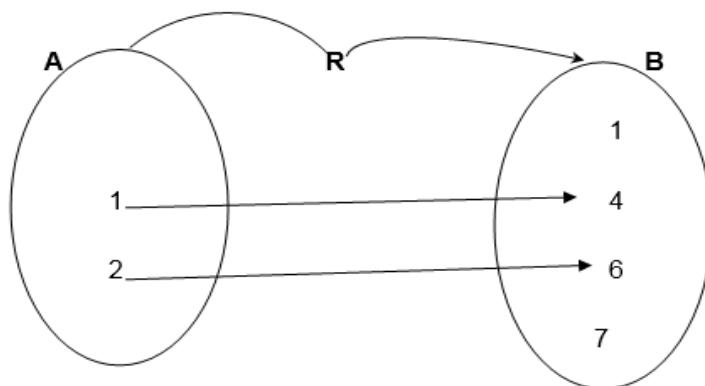
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Let  $R = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } b = 2a\}$

Where  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{1, 4, 6, 7\}$

Use a pictorial diagram to illustrate  $R$ .

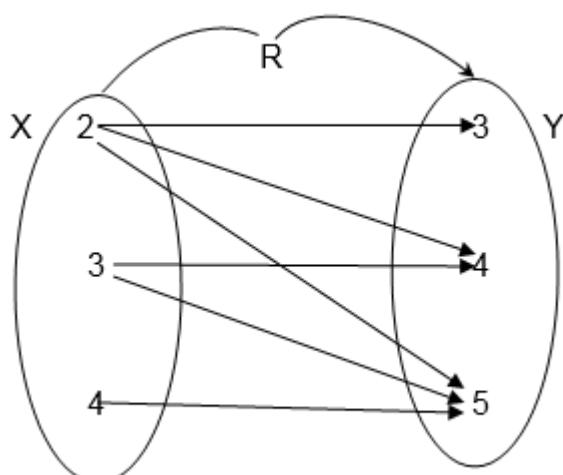
Solution;



#### Example 4

Let  $X = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $Y = \{3, 4, 5\}$

Draw an arrow diagram to illustrate the relation "is less than"



## Exercise 1

Let  $P = \{\text{Tanzania, China, Burundi, Nigeria}\}$

Draw a pictorial diagram between  $P$  and itself to show the relation

"Has a larger population than"

2. Let  $A = \{9, 10, 14, 12\}$  and  $B = \{2, 5, 7, 9\}$  Draw an arrow diagram between  $A$  and  $B$  to illustrate the relation " is a multiple of"

3. Let  $A = \{\text{mass, Length, time and}\}$

$B = \{\text{Centimeters, Seconds, Hours, Kilograms, Tones}\}$

Use the set notation of ordered pairs to illustrate the relation "Can be measured in"

4. A group of people contain the following; Paul Koko, Alice Juma, Paul Hassan and Musa Koko.  
Let  $F$  be the set of all first names, and  $S$  the set of all second names.

Draw an arrow diagram to show the connection between  $F$  and  $S$

5. Let  $R = \{(x, y) : y = x + 2\}$

Where  $x \in A$  and  $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$

and  $y \in B$ , List all members of set  $B$

## Exercise 2

1. Let the relation be defined

$$\text{as } R = \left\{ (x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y \right. \\ \left. \text{and } y - x + 4 = 0 \right\}$$

for which  $x$  is an integer less than 10 but greater than 2, then the following ordered pair does not belong to  $R$

(a) (3, -1) (b) (10, 6), (c) (5, 1), (d) (4, 0) ( )

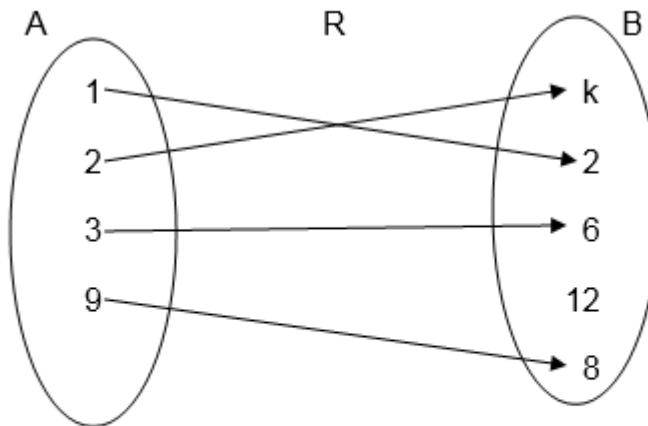
2. Let  $A = \{3, 4, 6, 9\}$

If we draw an arrow diagram between  $A$  and itself to show the relation "is a multiple of"

How many arrows are counted?

(a) 4 arrows (b) 8 arrows  
 (c) 6 arrows (d) 12 arrows ( )

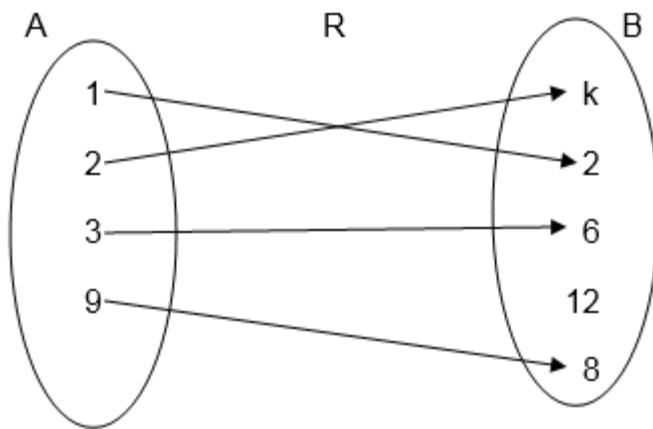
Consider the following pictorial diagram representing a relation  $R$ .



From the figure above, the value of  $k$  is

(a) 4 (b) -4 (c) 12 (d) 3 ( )

Let the relation  $R$  be defined as



From the figure above, the value of k is

(a) 4      (b) -4      (c) 12      (d) 3      ( )

A relation R on sets a and B where  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$  is defined as " is a factor of "

How many elements from set  $\underline{a}$  are connected to 12 which is an element of set B?

(a) 1,      (b) 2,      (c) 3,      (d) 4      ( )

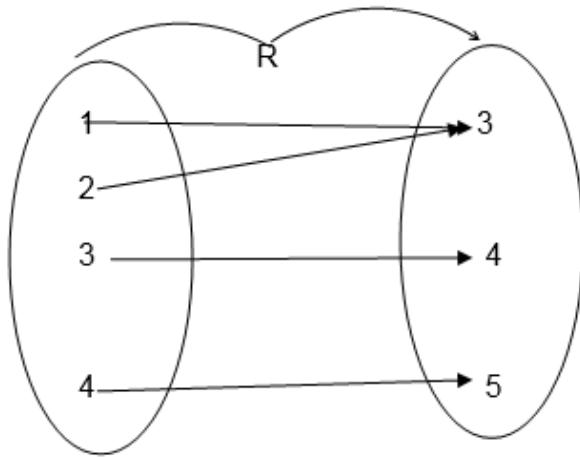
### Graph of a Relation

#### A Graph of a Relation Represented by a Linear Inequality

*Draw a graph of a relation represented by a linear inequality*

Given a relation between two sets of numbers, a graph of the relation is obtained by plotting all the ordered pairs of numbers which occur in the relation

Consider the following relation



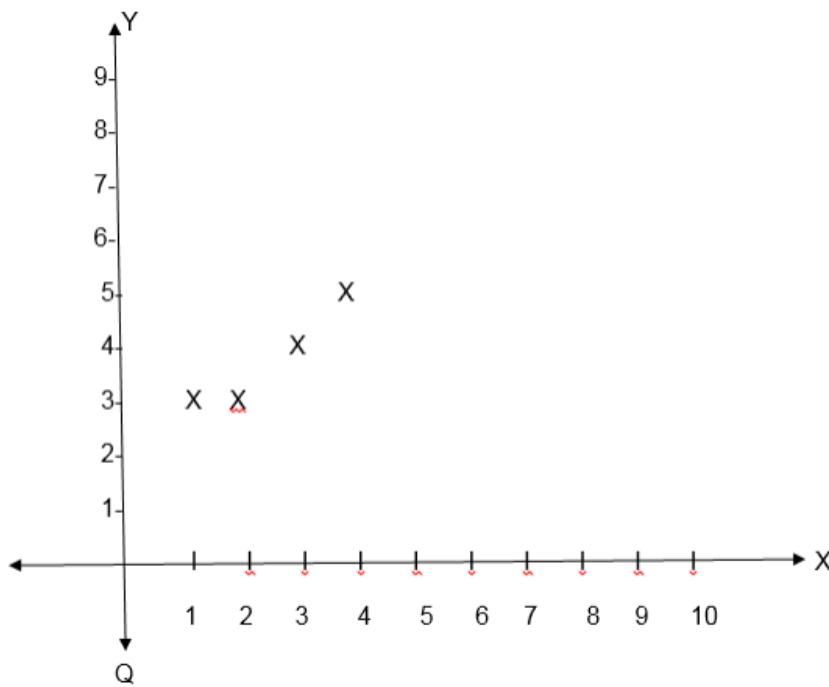
The above relation can be written as a set ordered Pairs

as  $R = \{ (1,3), (2,3), (3,4), (4,5) \}$

So 1 is related to 3, 2 is related to 3 and so on , there fore

(1,3) , (2,3) , (3,4) , (4,5) are all on the graph

The graph of R is shown the following diagram( x-y plane).



### Example 5

**Solved:**

1. Let  $P = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $Q = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

draw a graph to illustrate the relation " is a factor of"

#### Solution

The relation "is a factor of" can be written as a set of ordered pairs as

$$R = \{(2,2), (2,4), (2,6), (3,3), (3,6), (4,4), (5,5)\}$$

**Note** that some relations have graphs representing special figures like straight lines or curves.

### Example 6

Draw the graph for the relation  $R = \{(x, y) : y = 2x + 1\}$  Where both x and y are real numbers.

**Solution**

The equation  $y = 2x + 1$  represents a straight line, this line passes through uncountable points. To draw its graph we must have at least two points through which the line passes.

Now let  $x = 0, y = 2 \times 0 + 1 = 1$

$$(x, y) = (0, 1)$$

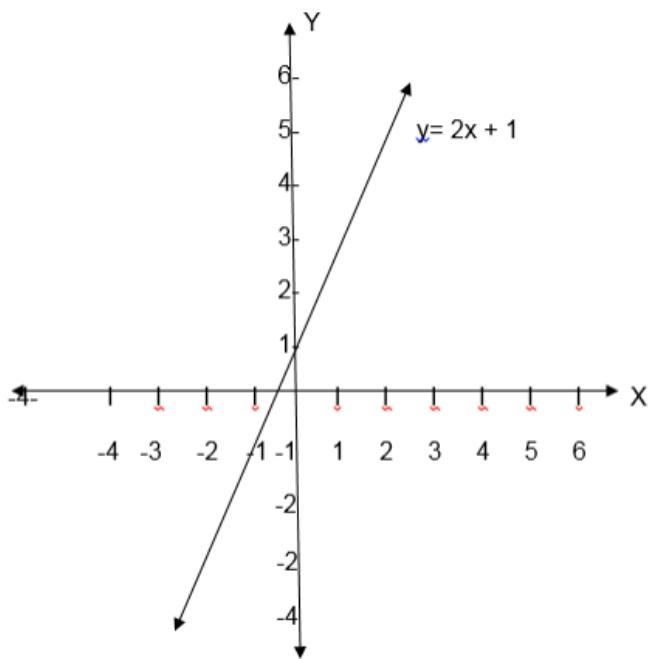
Also  $y = 0$

$$0 = 2x + 1$$

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

$$(x, y) = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$$

Graph;



### Example 7

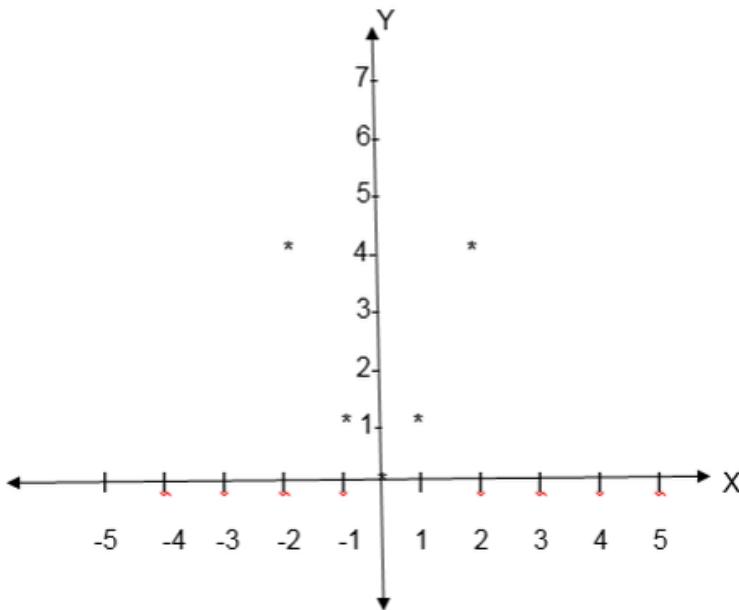
Let  $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Let the relation  $R$  be  $y = x^2$  where  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ . Draw the graph of  $R$

### Solution

$$R = \{ (-2,4), (-1,1), (0,0), (1,1), (2,4) \}$$

Graph:



NB: When the relation is given by an equation such as  $y = f(x)$ , the domain is the set containing  $x$ -values satisfying the equation and the range is the set of  $y$ -values satisfying the given equation.

### Exercise 3

Test Yourself:

1. Let  $P = \{x: 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$  and  $Q = \{y: 1 \leq y \leq 3\}$

Draw the graph of the relation given by  $y = 2x + 1$

2. The relation  $R$  is given by  $y = 2x + 3$ , write  $R$  as the set of ordered pairs where  $x$  is an integer such that  $-1 < x < 11$ .

3. Let  $A = \{1, 5, 16, 20\}$  and  $B = \{4, 10, 17, 19\}$

(a) Draw an arrow diagram to show the relation "is less than".

(b) Draw the graph of this relation.

## Quiz.

1. The relation whose graph is a straight line passing through (1,1) and (2,3) is

(a)  $x = 2y - 1$  (b)  $y = x + 2$   
(c)  $y = 2x - 1$  (d)  $x = 2y$  ( )

2. One of the points through which the graph of the relation  $x - y = 5$  passes is

(a) (0, 5) (b) (2, 3) (c) (3, 2) (d) (0, -5) ( )

3. Given that  $A = \{x: 3 \leq x \leq 5\}$  and  $B = \{y: -6 \leq y \leq 5\}$ , an element from set A is mapped onto an element in set B by the relation "is less than" if A and B are sets of integers, what is the greatest integer in set A can be mapped onto an element from set B ?

(a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) -6 ( )

4. Let  $R = \{(x, y): y = x^2 + 1\}$  what is the domain of R?

(a)  $\{x: x > 1\}$  (b)  $\{x: x \text{ is any real number}\}$   
(c)  $\{x: x \geq 0\}$  (d)  $\{x: x < 1\}$  ( )

5. What is the range of the relation  $R = \{(x, y): y = x^2\}$

(a)  $\{y: y < 0\}$  (b)  $\{y: y > 0\}$   
(b)  $\{y: y \text{ is any real number}\}$  (d)  $\{y: y \geq 0\}$  ( )

## Domain and Range of a Relation

### The Domain of Relation

*State the domain of relation*

**Domain:** The domain of a function is the set of all possible input values (often the "x" variable), which produce a valid output from a particular function. It is the set of all real numbers for which a function is mathematically defined.

## The Range of a Relation

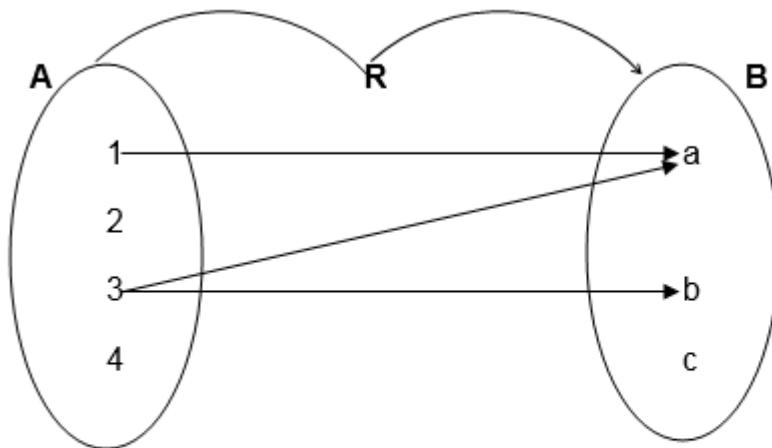
*State the range of a relation*

**Range:** The range is the set of all possible output values (usually the variable y, or sometimes expressed as  $f(x)$ ), which result from using a particular function.

If  $R$  is the relation on two sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that set  $A$  is an independent set while  $B$  is the dependent set, then set  $A$  is the Domain while  $B$  is the Co-domain or Range.

Note that each member of set  $A$  must be mapped to at least one element of set  $B$  and each member of set  $B$  must be an image of at least one element in set  $A$ .

Consider the following relation

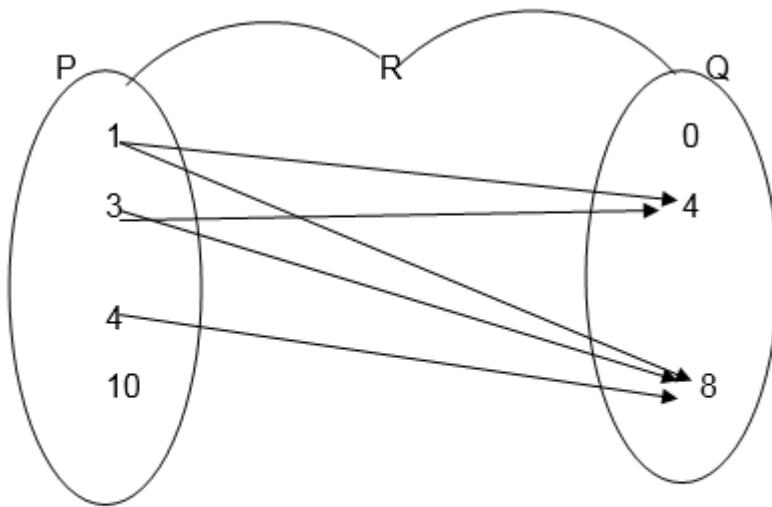


For the above relation, the domain is  $\{1,3\}$  while the range is  $\{a,b\}$

## Example 8

Let  $P = \{1, 3, 4, 10\}$  and  $Q = \{0, 4, 8\}$

Find the domain and range of the relation  $R$ : "is less than"



From the pictorial representation of the relation R above, the Domain is {1, 3, 4} and the Range is {4, 8}

### Example 9

As we,

$$\text{Let } R = \left\{ (x, y) : y = x + 1 \text{ and } -2 < x \leq 8 \right\}$$

Where R is the relation and both x and y are integers.

State the domain and range of R

### **Solution**

$$\text{Domain} = \{ x: -2 < x \leq 8 \}$$

$$= \{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Range} &= \{ y: y = x + 1 \} \\ &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Domain} = \{1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

and Range = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}

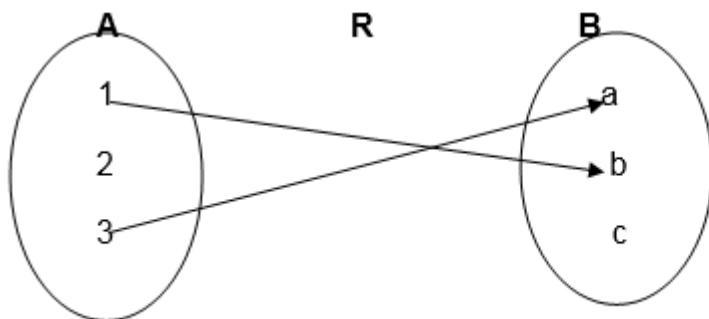
### **Exercise 4**

1. Let  $A = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$  and  $B = \{1, 4, 6, 8\}$ , find the domain and range of the relation “is greater than on sets A and B

2. Let  $Z = \{ \text{Triangle, quadrilateral, pentagon, hexagon} \}$

and  $W = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Find the domain and range of the relation between Z and W that connects each polygon with the number of its sides.

3. State the domain and range of the following relation.



4. Let  $X = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and

$$Y = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$$

Draw the pictorial diagram to illustrate the relation “is less than or equal to” and state its domain and range

### Inequalities:

The equations involving the signs  $<$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $>$  or  $\geq$  are called inequalities

Eg.  $x < 3$   $3 =$  “div=“ “is=“ “less=“ “than=“  $x =$  “ $>$

$x > 3$   $x$  is greater than 3

$x \leq 2$   $x$  is less or equal to 2

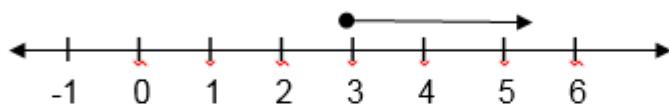
$x \geq 2$   $x$  is greater or equal to 2

$x > y$   $x$  is greater or than  $y$  etc

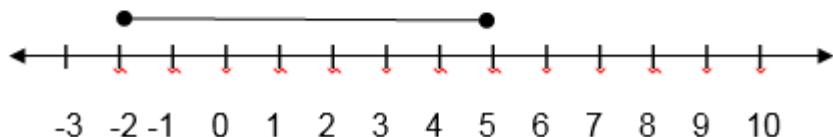
Inequalities can be shown on a number line as in the following

Examples;

1.  $x \geq 3$



2.  $-2 \leq x \leq 5$



Inequalities involving two variables:

If the inequality involves two variables it is treated as an equation and its graph is drawn in such a way that a dotted line is used for  $>$  and  $<$  signs while normal lines are used for those involving  $\leq$  and  $\geq$ .

The line drawn separates the x-y plane into two parts/regions

The region satisfying the given inequality is shaded and before shading it must be tested by choosing one point lying in any of the two regions,

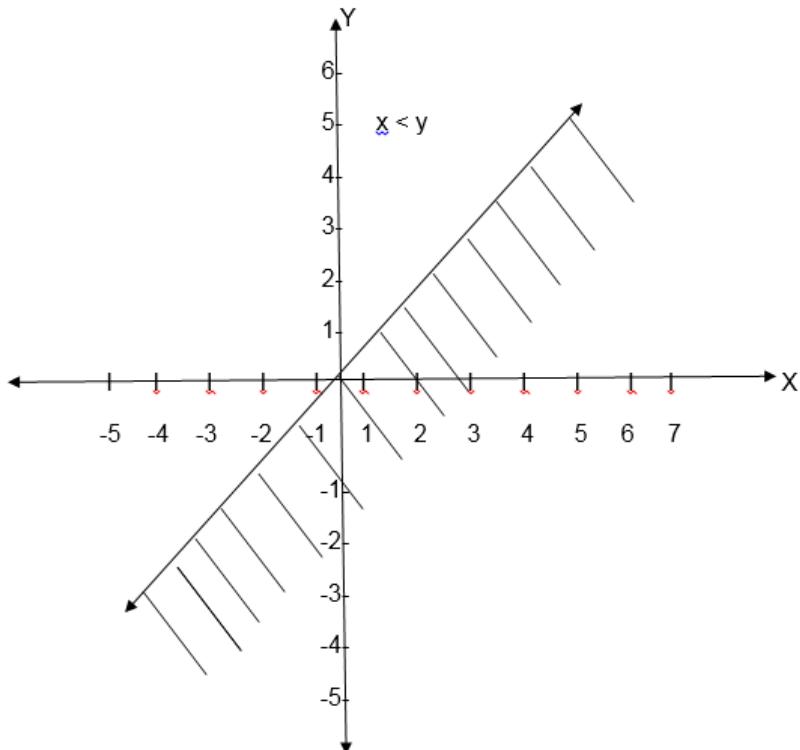
### Example 10

1. Draw the graph of the relation  $R = \{(x, y) : x > y\}$

**Solution:**

$x > y$  is the line  $x = y$  but a dotted line is used.

Graph



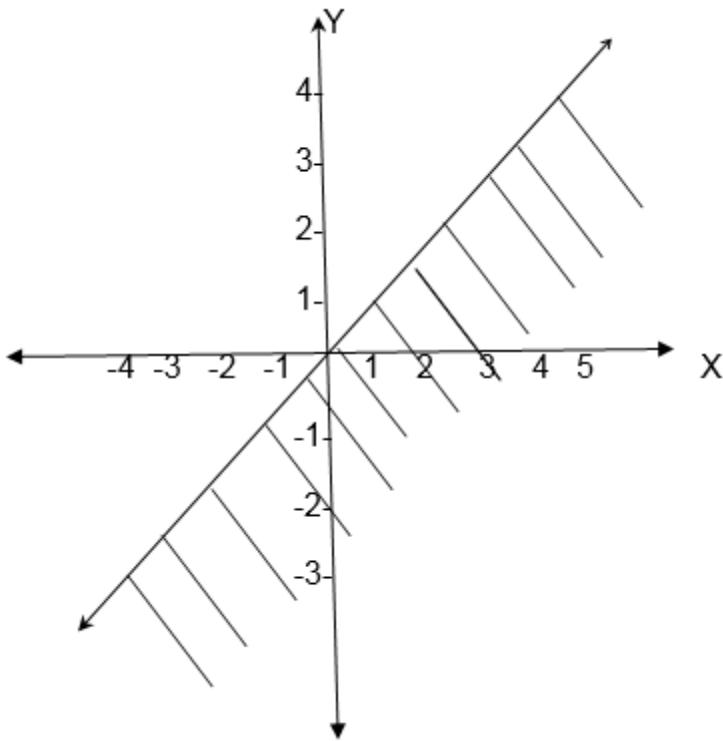
If you draw a graph of the relation  $R = \{(x, y) : x < y\}$ , the same line is drawn but shading is done on the upper part of the line.

### Exercise 5

1. Draw the graph of the relation  $R = \{(x, y) : x + y > 0\}$

2. Draw the graph of the relation  $R = \{(x, y) : x - y^3 - 2\}$

3. Write down the inequality for the relation given by the following graph



4. Draw a graph of the inequality for the relation  $x > -2$  and shade the required region.

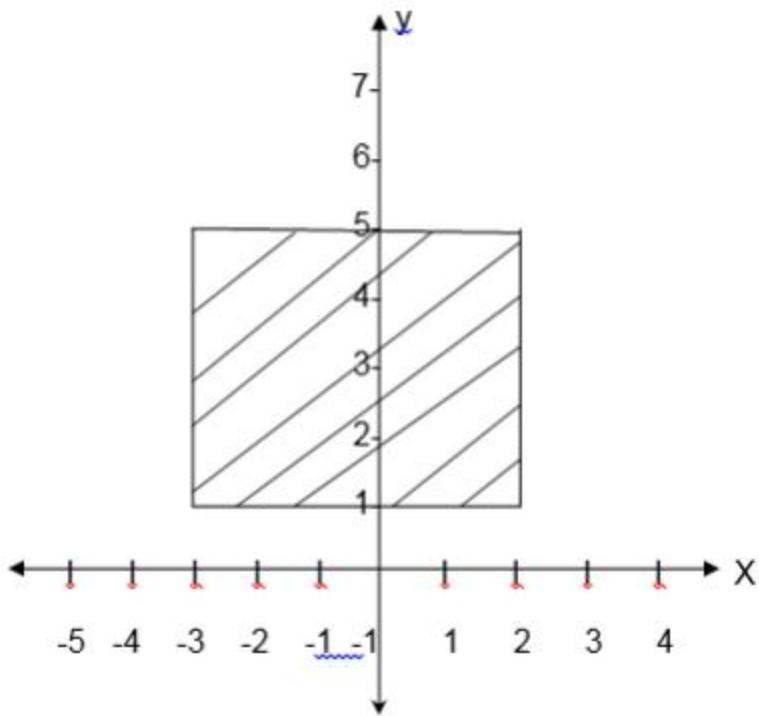
### Domain and Range from the graph

**Definition:** Domain is the set of all x values that satisfy the given equation or inequality.

Similarly Range is the set of all y value satisfying the given equation or inequality

### Example 11

1. Consider the following graph and state its domain and range.



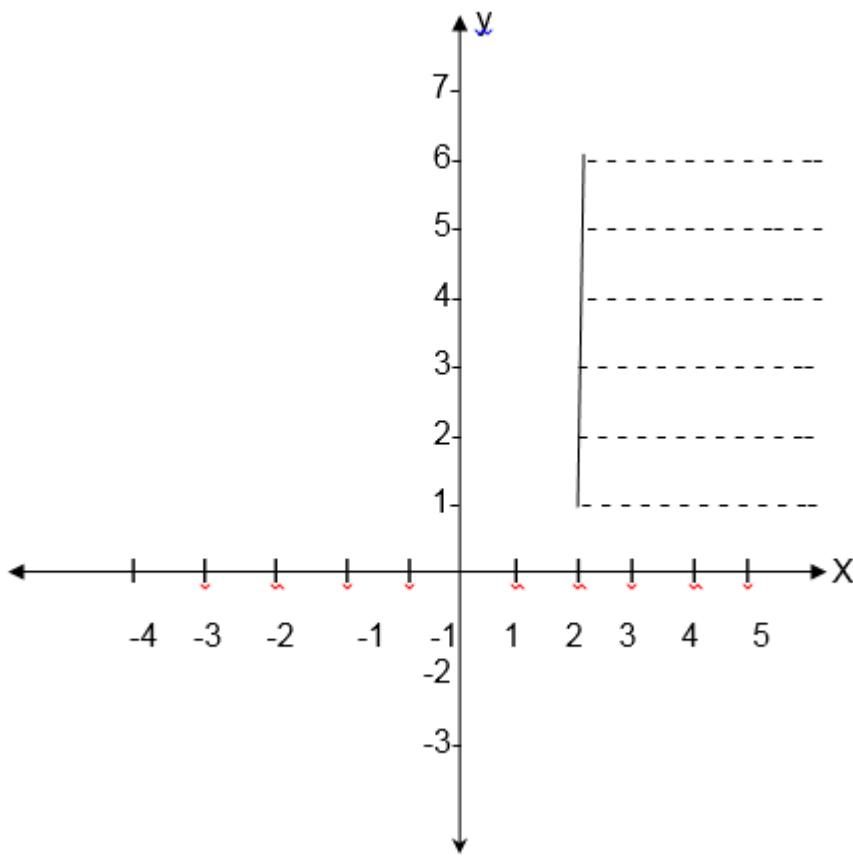
**Solution**

$$\text{Domain} = \{x: -3 \leq x \leq 2\}$$

$$\text{Range} = \{y: 1 \leq y \leq 5\}$$

**Example 12**

State the domain and range of the relation whose graph is given below.



**Solution:**

Domain  $\underline{\underline{\{x : x \geq 2\}}}$

Range  $\underline{\underline{\{y : 1 \leq y \leq 6\}}}$

## Inverse of a Relation

### The Inverse of a Relation Pictorially

*Explain the Inverse of a relation pictorially*

If there is a relation between two sets A and B interchanging A and B gives the inverse of the relation.

If R is the relation, then its inverse is denoted by  $R^{-1}$

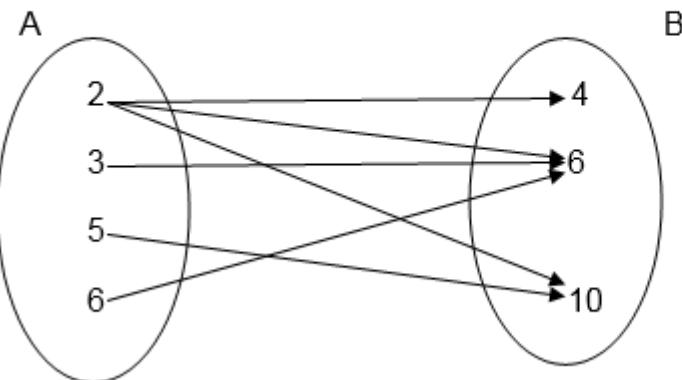
- If the relation is shown by an arrow diagram then reversing the direction of the arrow gives its inverse

- If the relation is given by ordered pair  $(x, y)$ , then inter changing the variables gives inverse of the relation, that is  $(y, x)$  is the inverse of the relation. So domain of  $R$  = Range of  $R^{-1}$  and range of  $R$  = domain of  $R^{-1}$

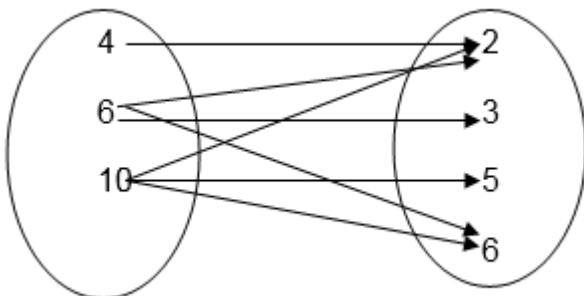
### Example 13

1.

Let  $A = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$  and  $B = \{4, 6, 10\}$  the relation " is the factor of " is shown below



The inverse of this relation is " is a multiple of "



### Inverse of a Relation

*Find inverse of a relation*

### Example 14

Find the inverse of the relation  $R = \{(x, y) : x + 3^y\}$

### **Solution**

$R^{-1}$  is obtained by inter changing the variables x and y.

$$X + 3 \geq y$$

$$Y + 3 \geq x$$

$$y \geq x - 3$$

$$\therefore R^{-1} = \{(x, y) : y \geq x - 3\}$$

$$\text{Or } R^{-1} = \{(x, y) : x - 3 \leq y\}$$

### **Example 15**

Find the inverse of the relation

$$R = \{(x, y) : y = 2x\}$$

### **Solution**

$$R = \{(x, y) : y = 2x\}$$

After interchanging the variable x and y, the equation

$$y = 2x \text{ becomes } x = 2y$$

$$\text{or } y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

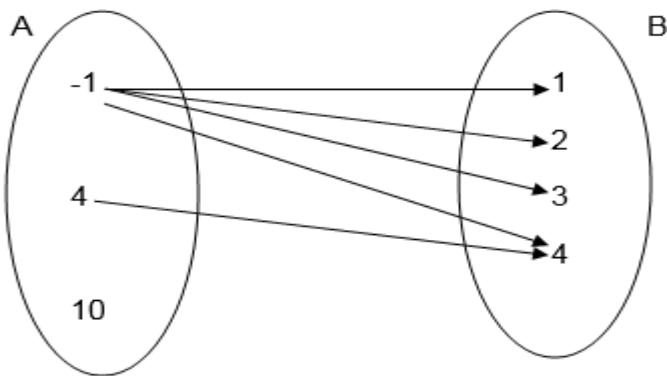
$$\text{so } R^{-1} = (x, y) : y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

### **Exercise 6**

1 .Let A = {3,4,5} and B = {1,4,7} find the inverse of the reaction “ is less than “ which maps an element from set A on to the element in set B

2 .Find the inverse of the relation  $R = \{(x, y) : y > x - 1\}$

3 .Find the inverse of the following relation represented in pictorial diagram



4. State the domain and range for the relation given in question 3 above

5. State the domain and range of the inverse of the relation given in question 1 above.

### A Graph of the Inverse of a Relation

*Draw a graph of the inverse of a relation*

Use the **horizontal line test** to determine if a function has an *inverse function*.

If ANY horizontal line intersects your original function in ONLY ONE location, your function has an inverse which is also a function.

The function  $y = 3x + 2$ , shown at the right, HAS an *inverse function* because it passes the horizontal line test.

