

5. Are the following set of ordered pairs functions?

(i) $\{(x, y) : x \text{ is a person, } y \text{ is the mother of } x\}$.

(ii) $\{(a, b) : a \text{ is a person, } b \text{ is an ancestor of } a\}$.

Sol. (i) We have $\{(x, y) : x \text{ is a person, } y \text{ is the mother of } x\}$.

Clearly each person 'x' has only one biological mother.

∴ above set of ordered pair is a function.

(ii) We have $\{(a, b) : a \text{ is a person, } b \text{ is an ancestor of } a\}$

Clearly any person 'a' has more than one ancestors.

∴ So, it does not represent function.