

CLASS DISCUSSION: 5 NOVEMBER 2019

Relations; Equivalence relations

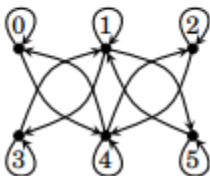
1. What is meant by a *relation on the set S*?
 2. Determine the relation for $S = \{0, 1, 3, 5, 8\}$ defined by \leq .
 3. For the set in (2) determine the relation for $S = \{0, 1, 3, 5, 8\}$ defined by \neq .
 4. What does it mean for R to be *reflexive*? *symmetric*? *transitive*?
 5. What is an *equivalence relation on S*?
 6. Explain how an equivalence relation corresponds to a partition on the set S .
 7. What does the term *equivalence class* mean?
8. Determine which of the three properties “reflexive,” “symmetric,” and “transitive” apply to each of the following relations on the set of integers, Z . For each relation that is an equivalence relation, describe the equivalence classes.

$a R b$ iff

1. $a = b$
 2. $a \leq b$
 3. $a < b$
 4. $a | b$
 5. $|a| = |b|$
 6. $a^2 + a = b^2 + b$
 7. $a < |b|$
 8. $ab > 0$
 9. $ab \geq 0$
 10. $a + b > 0$
 11. $a \equiv b \pmod{4}$
 12. $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ (where $m > 0$)
9. Do the same as in (1) for the following relations on the set of all people. $p R q$ iff
- a. p “is a father of” q
 - b. p “is a sister of” q
 - c. p “is a friend of” q
 - d. p “is an aunt of” q
 - e. p “is a descendant of” q
 - f. p “has the same height” as q
 - g. p “likes” q
 - h. p “knows” q
 - i. p “is married to” q
 - j. p is a Facebook friend of q
10. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, and consider the following set:
 $S = \{(1,1), (1,3), (3,1), (3,3), (2,2), (2,4), (4,2), (4,4)\} \subseteq A \times A$. Can you guess what S means?

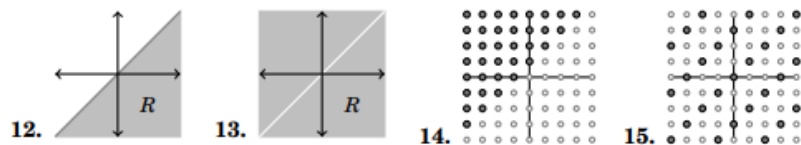
Exercises for Section 11.0

1. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Write out the relation R that expresses $>$ on A . Then illustrate it with a diagram.
2. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Write out the relation R that expresses $|$ (divides) on A . Then illustrate it with a diagram.
3. Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Write out the relation R that expresses \geq on A . Then illustrate it with a diagram.
4. Here is a diagram for a relation R on a set A . Write the sets A and R .



- Consider the relation $R = \{(0,0),(\sqrt{2},0),(0,\sqrt{2}),(\sqrt{2},\sqrt{2})\}$ on \mathbb{R} . Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why.
- Consider the relation $R = \{(x,x) : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ on \mathbb{Z} . Is this R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why. What familiar relation is this?
- There are 16 possible different relations R on the set $A = \{a,b\}$. Describe all of them. (A picture for each one will suffice, but don't forget to label the nodes.) Which ones are reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive?
- Define a relation on \mathbb{Z} as xRy if $|x-y| < 1$. Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why. What familiar relation is this?
- Let $A = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$. How many different relations are there on the set A ?
- Consider the subset $R = (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) - \{(x,x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$. What familiar relation on \mathbb{R} is this? Explain.
- Given a finite set A , how many different relations are there on A ?

In the following exercises, subsets R of $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{Z}^2 = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ are indicated by gray shading. In each case, R is a familiar relation on \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{Z} . State it.



Exercises for Section 11.1

- Consider the relation $R = \{(a,a),(b,b),(c,c),(d,d),(a,b),(b,a)\}$ on set $A = \{a,b,c,d\}$. Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why.
- Consider the relation $R = \{(a,b),(a,c),(c,c),(b,b),(c,b),(b,c)\}$ on the set $A = \{a,b,c\}$. Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why.
- Consider the relation $R = \{(a,b),(a,c),(c,b),(b,c)\}$ on the set $A = \{a,b,c\}$. Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why.
- Let $A = \{a,b,c,d\}$. Suppose R is the relation

$$R = \{(a,a),(b,b),(c,c),(d,d),(a,b),(b,a),(a,c),(c,a), \\ (a,d),(d,a),(b,c),(c,b),(b,d),(d,b),(c,d),(d,c)\}.$$
 Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why.
- Consider the relation $R = \{(0,0),(\sqrt{2},0),(0,\sqrt{2}),(\sqrt{2},\sqrt{2})\}$ on \mathbb{R} . Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why.
- Consider the relation $R = \{(x,x) : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ on \mathbb{Z} . Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why. What familiar relation is this?
- There are 16 possible different relations R on the set $A = \{a,b\}$. Describe all of them. (A picture for each one will suffice, but don't forget to label the nodes.) Which ones are reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive?
- Define a relation on \mathbb{Z} as xRy if $|x-y| < 1$. Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why. What familiar relation is this?
- Define a relation on \mathbb{Z} by declaring xRy if and only if x and y have the same parity. Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why. What familiar relation is this?
- Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$. Since $\emptyset \subseteq A \times A$, the set $R = \emptyset$ is a relation on A . Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why.
- Suppose $A = \{a,b,c,d\}$ and $R = \{(a,a),(b,b),(c,c),(d,d)\}$. Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why.
- Prove that the relation $|$ (divides) on the set \mathbb{Z} is reflexive and transitive. (Use Example 11.8 as a guide if you are unsure of how to proceed.)
- Consider the relation $R = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : x-y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ on \mathbb{R} . Prove that this relation is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

14. Suppose R is a symmetric and transitive relation on a set A , and there is an element $a \in A$ for which aRx for every $x \in A$. Prove that R is reflexive.
15. Prove or disprove: If a relation is symmetric and transitive, then it is also reflexive.
16. Define a relation R on \mathbb{Z} by declaring that xRy if and only if $x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{4}$. Prove that R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Exercises for Section 11.2

1. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, and consider the following equivalence relation on A :
 $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), (6, 6), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 5), (5, 4), (4, 6), (6, 4), (5, 6), (6, 5)\}$
 List the equivalence classes of R .
2. Let $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. Suppose R is an equivalence relation on A . Suppose R has two equivalence classes. Also aRd , bRc and eRd . Write out R as a set.
3. Let $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. Suppose R is an equivalence relation on A . Suppose R has three equivalence classes. Also aRd and bRc . Write out R as a set.
4. Let $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. Suppose R is an equivalence relation on A . Suppose also that aRd and bRc , eRa and cRe . How many equivalence classes does R have?
5. There are two different equivalence relations on the set $A = \{a, b\}$. Describe them. Diagrams will suffice.
6. There are five different equivalence relations on the set $A = \{a, b, c\}$. Describe them all. Diagrams will suffice.
7. Define a relation R on \mathbb{Z} as xRy if and only if $3x - 5y$ is even. Prove R is an equivalence relation. Describe its equivalence classes.
8. Define a relation R on \mathbb{Z} as xRy if and only if $x^2 + y^2$ is even. Prove R is an equivalence relation. Describe its equivalence classes.
9. Define a relation R on \mathbb{Z} as xRy if and only if $4|(x+3y)$. Prove R is an equivalence relation. Describe its equivalence classes.
10. Suppose R and S are two equivalence relations on a set A . Prove that $R \cap S$ is also an equivalence relation. (For an example of this, look at Figure 11.2. Observe that for the equivalence relations R_2, R_3 and R_4 , we have $R_2 \cap R_3 = R_4$.)
11. Prove or disprove: If R is an equivalence relation on an infinite set A , then R has infinitely many equivalence classes.
12. Prove or disprove: If R and S are two equivalence relations on a set A , then $R \cup S$ is also an equivalence relation on A .