

Type of Relations

Empty Relation

A is non-empty set

$$R: A \longrightarrow A$$

is empty relation if no element of A is related to any element of A

i.e.

$$R = \emptyset \subset A \times A$$

Example

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, n\}$$

$$R: A \longrightarrow A$$

defined by

$$R = \{(x, y) : \frac{x}{y} < 0, x, y \in A\}$$

$$= \{ \text{---} \}$$

* Universal Relation

$$R: A \longrightarrow A$$

is said to be universal relation if each element of A is related to each element of A .

i.e.

$$R = A \times A$$



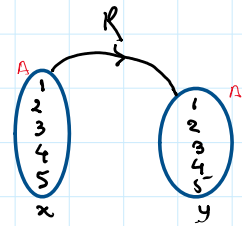
$$* A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$R: A \longrightarrow A$$

defined by

$$R = \{(x, y) : x + y \in \mathbb{N}, x, y \in A\}$$

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



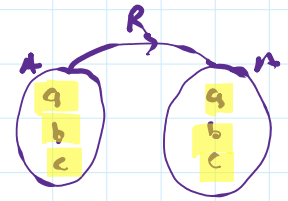
$$R = A \times A$$

Equivalence Relations

let A be any non empty set

$$A = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$R : A \longrightarrow A$$



Ref is Reflexive

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } (x, y) \in R & \quad (D, R) \quad \boxed{D=R} \\ \text{if } (a, a) \in R & \quad \forall a \in A \\ (b, b) \in R & \quad \forall b \in A \\ (c, c) \in R & \quad \forall c \in A \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Symmetric

$$\text{if } (a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R \quad \text{for } a, b \in A$$

(iii) Transitive:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } (a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in R & \quad \text{for } a, b, c \in A \\ \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R & \end{aligned}$$

"A Relation R in set A is said to be equivalence relation

if R is Reflexive
symmetric
transitive

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Example 1: Let T be the set of all triangles in a plane with R a relation in T given by

$$R = \{(T_1, T_2) : (T_1 \sim T_2)\}. \text{ Show that R is an equivalence relation.}$$

T = collection of all Δ

$$R : \textcircled{T} \longrightarrow \textcircled{T}$$

Relation given by

$$R = \{(T_1, T_2) : T_1 \sim T_2\}$$

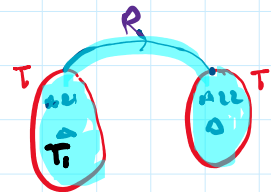
Sol: (i) R is Reflexive

$$\text{Let } \textcircled{T_1} \in T \quad T_2 \in T \quad T_{10} \in T$$

Every Δ is similar to itself.

$$\text{ie } T_1 \sim T_1 \quad T_2 \sim T_2 \quad T_{10} \sim T_{10}$$

$$(T_1, T_1) \in R \quad (T_2, T_2) \in R, \quad (T_{10}, T_{10}) \in R$$



Therefore R is Reflexive Relation

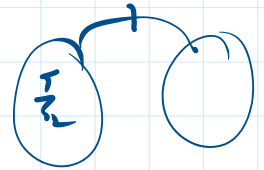
(ii) Symmetric

Let $T_1, T_2 \in T$

$$\begin{aligned} (T_1, T_2) \in R &\Rightarrow T_1 \cap T_2 \neq \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow T_2 \cap T_1 \neq \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow (T_2, T_1) \in R \end{aligned}$$

$$(T_1, T_2) \in R \Rightarrow (T_2, T_1) \in R$$

Therefore R is symmetric



(iii) Transitive:

Let $T_1, T_2, T_3 \in T$

such that

$$(T_1, T_2) \in R \text{ and } (T_2, T_3) \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow T_1 \cap T_2 \neq \emptyset \text{ and } T_2 \cap T_3 \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow T_1 \cap T_3 \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow (T_1, T_3) \in R$$

R is transitive

Since R is Reflexive
Symmetric
and Transitive

Therefore R is an equivalence Relation

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Example 2: Let S be any non empty set and R be a relation defined on power set of S i.e. on P(S) by $A R B$ iff $A \subset B$ for all $A, B \in P(S)$. Show that R is reflexive and transitive but not symmetric.

S is a non empty set
Power set of S $P(S)$

$$R: P(S) \longrightarrow P(S)$$

$$A R B \text{ if } A \subset B \quad \forall A, B \in P(S)$$

Reflexive

Let $A \in P(S)$,

$$A \subset A$$

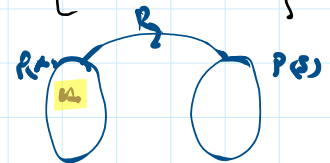
$$A R A$$

$$(A, A) \in R$$

$$A = \{1, 2\}$$

$$A \subset A \quad \emptyset \subset A$$

$$P(A) = \{ \emptyset, A, \{1\}, \{2\} \}$$



Example 3: Show that the relation R in the set Z of integers given by

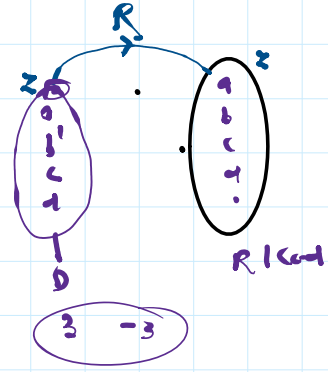
$$R = \{(a, b) : 3 \text{ divides } a - b\}$$

is an equivalence relation.

$$R: Z \longrightarrow Z$$

Defined by

$$R = \{(a, b) : \exists \text{ divides } a - b\}$$



Reflexive: let $a \in Z$ (Domain)

$$\exists \text{ divides } a - a$$

$$(a, a) \in R$$

R is reflexive

let $3 \in Z$

$$3 - 3 = 0/3 = 0$$

$$(3, 3) \in R$$

R is reflexive

Symmetric

let $a, b \in Z$

$$(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow \exists \text{ divides } a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ divides } b - a$$

$$(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$$

R is symmetric

Transitive

let $a, b, c \in Z$

$$\text{and } (a, b) \in R \text{ \& } (b, c) \in R \Rightarrow \exists \text{ divides } a - b \text{ and } \exists \text{ divides } b - c$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ divides } a - b + b - c$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ divides } a - c$$

$$(a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$$

R is transitive

Since R is Ref. Sym. tran.

R is Equivalence Relation