

Mat2033 - Discrete Mathematics

Relations and their Properties *Continue...*

- ▶ Let R be a relation from set A to set B
- ▶ Let S be a relation from set B to set C
- ▶ The composite of R and S is a relation from set A to set C
 - ▶ and is a set of ordered pairs (a,c) such that
 - ▶ there exists an (a,b) in R and an (b,c) in S
- ▶ The composite of R and S is denoted as SoR

The composite of R with S

$$S \circ R$$

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

$$S = \{(1,0), (2,0), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1)\}$$

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Assume we have a relation R of people to motorcycles they own.

A person could have more than one motorcycle.

R is a set of ordered pairs $\{(Patrick, RGV), (Denis, Buell), (Stan, ElectraGlide), (Denis, Hayabusa), (Gordon, Bandit), (Gordon, R6)\}$

We could have a relation S of motorcycles to top speed

$\{(RGV, 130), (Buell, 126), (ElectraGlide, 110), (Hayabusa, 182), (Bandit, 140), (R6, 155)\}$

So R is then the relation of people to possible top speeds
 $\{(Patrick, 130), (Denis, 126), (Denis, 182), (Stan, 110), (Gordon, 140), (Gordon, 155)\}$

Composite of a Relation with itself

Let R be a relation on the set A . The powers R^n are defined inductively as follows

$$R^1 = R$$

$$R^n = R^{n-1} \circ R$$

$$\therefore R^2 = R^1 \circ R = R \circ R$$

$$\therefore R^3 = R^2 \circ R$$

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$$\therefore R^n = R^3$$

A Transitive Relation

Theorem: A relation R on a set A is transitive iff R^n is a subset of R for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Assume : $R^2 \subseteq R$

$(a,b) \in R \wedge (b,c) \in R \rightarrow (a,c) \in R^2$ // by definition of composition

$\therefore (a,c) \in R^2$

$(a,c) \in R^2 \wedge R^2 \subseteq R \rightarrow (a,c) \in R$

$\therefore \text{transitive}(R)$

The inductive step

Assume : $R^n \subseteq R$

// The inductive hypothesis

Show : $R^{n+1} \subseteq R$

Assume : $(a,b) \in R^{n+1}$

$R^{n+1} = R^n \circ R$

// Definition of composition

$\exists x(x \in A \wedge (a,x) \in R \wedge (x,b) \in R^n)$

$R^n \subseteq R \rightarrow (x,b) \in R$

// Using the inductive hypothesis

Since $\text{transitive}(R) \wedge (a,x) \in R \wedge (x,b) \in R \rightarrow (a,b) \in R$

$\therefore R^{n+1} \subseteq R$

Q.E.D

Example:

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

$$R = \{(a,b) \mid a \text{ divides } b\}$$

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

RoR is a subset of R , therefore transitive

Obvious! If a divides b and b divides c then a divides c !

Exercise:

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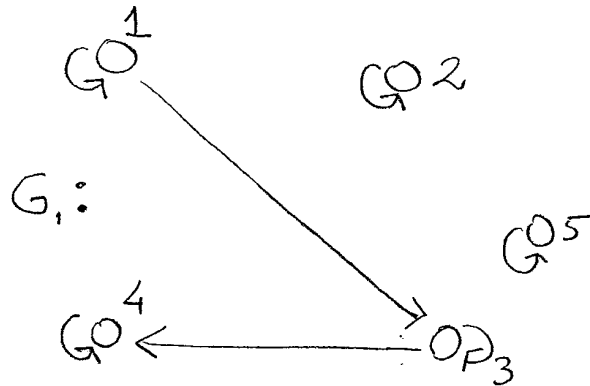
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- What is SoR , RoS , RoR ?
 - SoR composes R with S
 - (a,c) is in SoR if there exists
 - (a,b) in R and (b,c) in S
 - “ a is parent of b ” and “ b is sibling of c ”
 - SoR should be in R !
 - RoS composes S with R
 - “ a is sibling of b ” and “ b is a parent of c ”
 - therefore (a,c) is “ a is an aunt/uncle of c ”

Here are a few examples of relations with (or without) these properties, all on the set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. We denote the relation by R ; thus R is a set of ordered pairs from A . The graph we call G , and the matrix M , with rows and columns are labeled as before.

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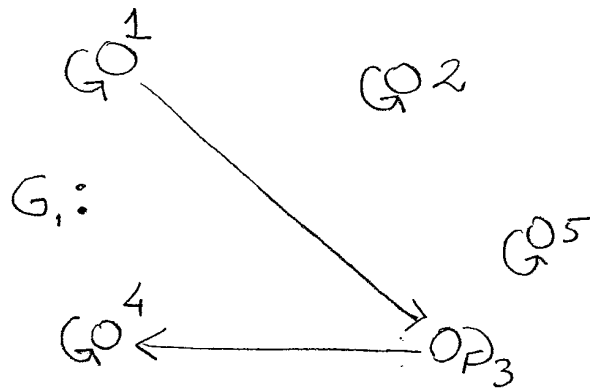
M_1 :

	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	0	1	0	0
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3	0	0	1	1	0
4	0	0	0	1	0
5	0	0	0	0	1

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A reflexive but not symmetric and not transitive relation, $R_1 = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (5,5), (1,3), (3,4)\}$



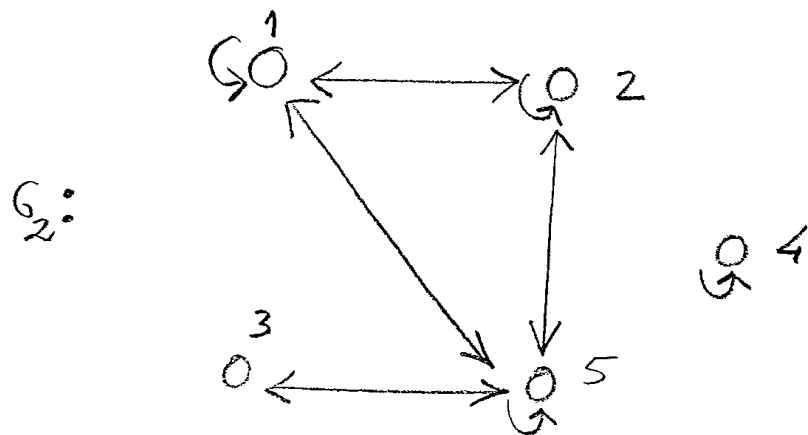
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The presence of all the ordered pairs of the form (a,a) in R_1 is the requirement of the definition of reflexivity. We can also see that R_1 is reflexive by noting that there is a loop at every point of the graph G_1 , or that the main diagonal of M_1 consists entirely of 1's. R_1 is not symmetric because $(1,3) \in R_1$, but $(3,1) \notin R_1$. In G_1 there is no backward arrow to correspond to the arrow from 1 to 3; the matrix M_1 is not symmetric about the main diagonal. Since $(1,3)$ and $(3,4)$ are in R_1 , but $(1,4)$ is not in R_1 , it is not transitive.

Example: Let $R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,5), (2,1), (2,2), (2,5), (3,5)$
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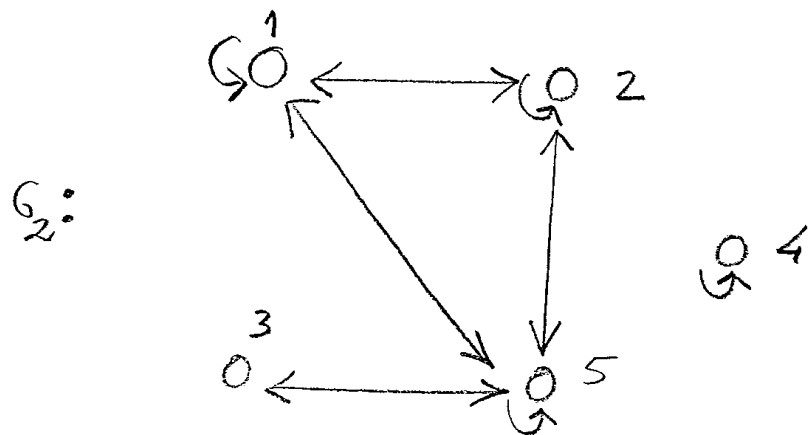


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Then R_2 is symmetric but is neither reflexive nor transitive.



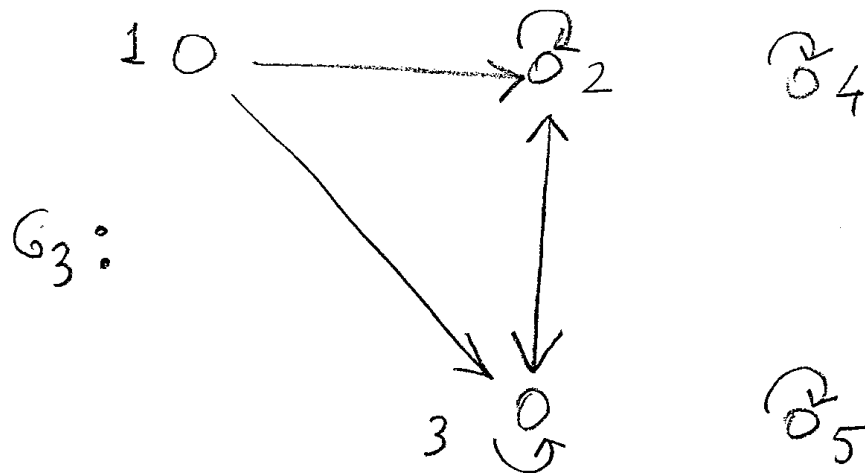
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1	1	1	0	1

In this example the symmetry is obvious from all three points of view. R_2 is not reflexive because $(3,3)$ is not in R_2 ; there is a '0' on the main diagonal. The nontransitivity is most apparent from the graph; there is a path from 3 to 5 to 1 but there is no shortcut from 3 to 1. Similarly for 3 and 2, and for the paths in the reverse directions.

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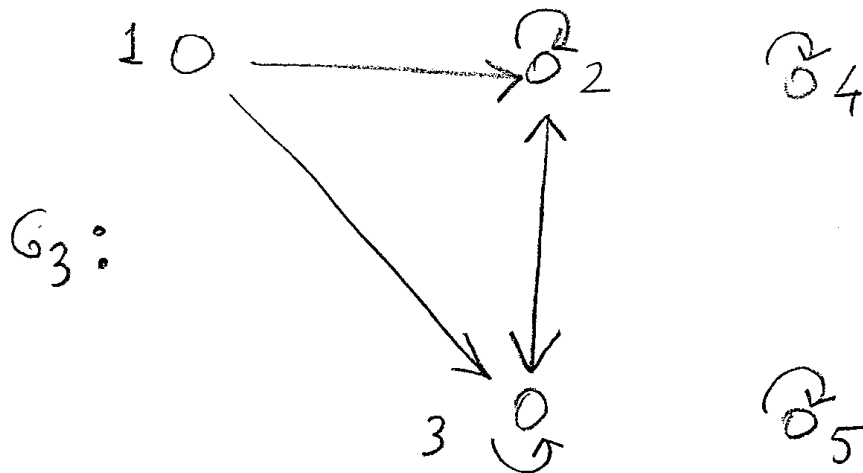


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M_3 :

0	1	1	0
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0	1	1	
			1 0
			0 1

A blank submatrix box, or one with a lone 0, is understood to have all its entries 0. Thus in M_3 the upper right and lower left corners are all 0. Reflexivity fails because $(1,1)$ is not in R_3 ; the loop at 1 does not exist in G_3 ; there is a 0 on the main diagonal of M_3 . Symmetry fails because the back arrow is absent from 2 to 1 — for every arrow there must be a back arrow, or else the graph (relation) is not symmetric. Or you can simply notice that the matrix is not symmetric about the main diagonal.

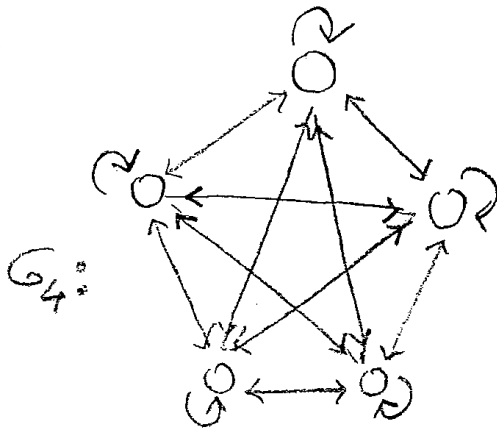
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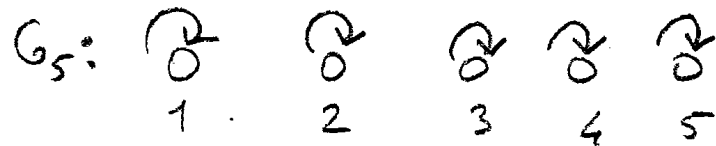


M_4 :

1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
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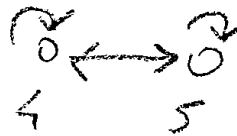
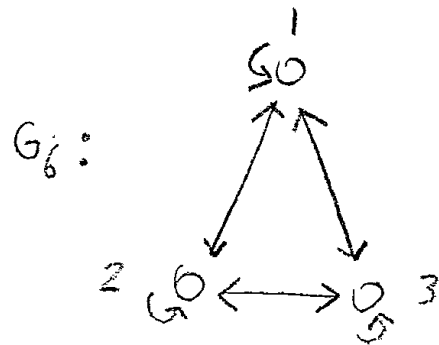
M_5 :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & 0 & & & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

This equivalence relation is the other extreme from R_4 . It is the smallest subset of $A \times A$ that is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Example: $R_6 = R_5 \cup \{(1,2), (2,1), (1,3), (3,1), (2,3), (3,2), (4,5), (5,4)\}$

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$M_6:$

1	1	1		
1	1	1		
1	1	1		
			1	1
			1	1

Blank box in the upper right means there are no arrows from any point of $\{1,2,3\}$ to any point of $\{4,5\}$. Similarly, the blank box in the lower left means that there are no arrows from $4,5$ to any of $1,2,3$.

Exercise:

Consider the following relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$R_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\},$$

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$X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. The relation R on X given by

$$R = \{(1,1), (1,3), (1,5), (3,1), (3,3), (3,5), (5,1), (5,3), (5,5),$$
$$(2,2), (2,6), (6,2), (6,6), (4,4)\} \quad \blacksquare$$

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Then

Definition: Let R be an equivalence relation on a set X .

The sets $[a]$ defined in the above are called the equivalence classes of X given by the relation R .

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Because (i) implies (ii), (ii) implies (iii), and (iii) implies (i), the three statements, (i), (ii), and (iii), are equivalent. \triangleleft

We are now in a position to show how an equivalence relation *partitions* a set. Let R be an equivalence relation on a set A . The union of the equivalence classes of R is all of A , because an element a of A is in its own equivalence class, namely, $[a]_R$. In other words,

$$\bigcup_{a \in A} [a]_R = A.$$

In addition, from Theorem 1, it follows that these equivalence classes are either equal or disjoint, so

$$[a]_R \cap [b]_R = \emptyset,$$

when $[a]_R \neq [b]_R$.

These two observations show that the equivalence classes form a partition of A , because they split A into disjoint subsets.

More precisely, a **partition** of a set S is a collection of disjoint nonempty subsets of S that have S as their union. In other words, the collection of subsets A_i , $i \in I$ (where I is an index set) forms a partition of S if and only if

$$A_i \neq \emptyset \text{ for } i \in I,$$

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \text{ when } i \neq j,$$

and

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = S.$$

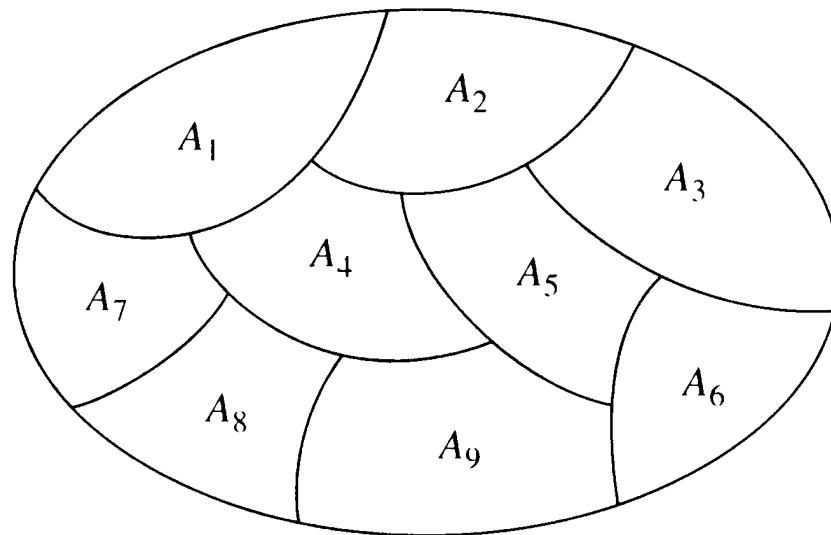
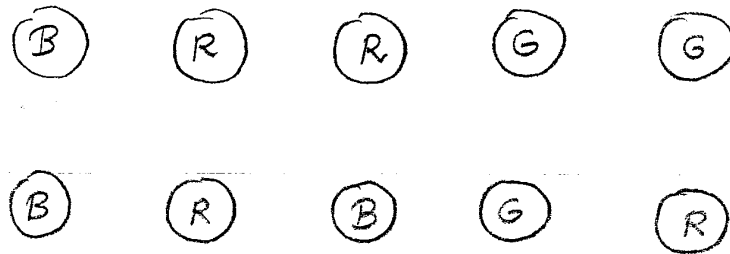


FIGURE 1 A Partition of a Set.

Partition of a set =

Suppose that we have a set X of 10 balls, each of which is either red, blue, or green



If we divide the balls into sets R , B , and G according to color, the family $\{R, B, G\}$ is a partition of X

A partition can be used to define a relation. If \mathcal{S} is a partition of X , we may define xRy to mean that for some set $S \in \mathcal{S}$, both x and y belong to S . For example the relation obtained could be described as "is the same color as". The next theorem shows that such a relation is always reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Theorem: Let \mathcal{S} be a partition of a set X . Define xRy to mean that for some set S in \mathcal{S} , both x and y belong to S . Then R is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Proof: Let $x \in X$. By the definition of partition, x belongs to some member of $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{S}$. Thus xRx and R is reflexive.

Suppose that xRy . Then both x and y belong to some set $S \in \mathcal{S}$. Since both y and x belong to S , yRx and R is symmetric.

Finally, suppose that xRy and yRz . Then both x and y belong to some set $S \in \mathcal{S}$ and both y and z belong to some set $T \in \mathcal{S}$. Since y belongs to exactly one member of \mathcal{S} , we must have $S=T$. Therefore, both x and z belong to S and xRz . We have shown that R is transitive.

Example: Consider the partition

$$S = \{\{1, 3, 5\}, \{2, 6\}, \{4\}\}$$

of $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. The relation R on X given by the above thm. contains the ordered pairs $(1, 1)$, $(1, 3)$, and $(1, 5)$ because $\{1, 3, 5\}$ is in S . The complete relation is

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Proof: We must show that every element in X belongs to exactly one member of S .

Let $a \in X$. Since aRa , $a \in [a]$. Thus every element in X belongs to at least one member of \mathcal{S} . It remains to show that every element in X belongs to exactly one member of \mathcal{S} ; that is,

if $x \in X$ and $x \in [a] \cap [b]$, then $[a] = [b]$ (*)

We first show that if aRb , then $[a] = [b]$. Suppose that aRb . Let $x \in [a]$. Then xRa . Since aRb and R is transitive, xRb . Therefore, $x \in [b]$ and $[a] \subseteq [b]$. The argument that $[b] \subseteq [a]$ is the same as that just given, but with the roles of a and b interchanged. Thus $[a] = [b]$.

We now prove (*). Assume that $x \in X$ and $x \in [a] \cap [b]$. Then xRa and xRb . Our preceding result shows that $[x] = [a]$ and $[x] = [b]$. Thus $[a] = [b]$.

Example: Consider the partition

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of $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. The equivalence class of $[1]$ containing 1 consists of all x such that $(x, 1) \in R$.

Therefore,

$$[1] = \{1, 3, 5\}.$$

The remaining equivalence classes are found similarly:

$$[3] = [5] = \{1, 3, 5\},$$

$$[2] = [6] = \{2, 6\}$$

$$[4] = \{4\}.$$

Example: Let $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$. Define xRy to mean that 3 divides $x-y$. We can readily verify that the relation R is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. Thus R is an equivalence relation on X .

Let us determine the members of the equivalence classes. The equivalence class $[1]$ consists of all x with $xR1$. Thus

$$[1] = \{x \in X \mid 3 \text{ divides } x-1\} = \{1, 4, 7, 10\}$$

Similarly,

$$[2] = \{2, 5, 8\}$$

$$[3] = \{3, 6, 9\}$$

These three sets partition X . Note that

$$[1] = [4] = [7] = [10]$$

$$[2] = [5] = [8]$$

$$[3] = [6] = [9].$$

Theorem: Let R be an equivalence relation on a finite set X . If each equivalence class has r elements, there are $|X|/r$ equivalence classes.

Proof: Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k denote the distinct equivalence classes. Since these sets partition X ,

$$|X| = |X_1| + |X_2| + \dots + |X_k| = r + r + \dots + r = kr$$

and the conclusion follows.

#1. Let R be the following relation defined on the set $\{a, b, c, d\}$:

$$R = \{(a, a), (a, c), (a, d), (b, a), (b, b), (b, c), (b, d), (c, b), (c, c), (d, b), (d, d)\}.$$

Determine whether R is:

- (a) reflexive. (b) symmetric. (c) antisymmetric.

Solution:

- (a) R is reflexive because R contains (a, a) , (b, b) , (c, c) , and (d, d) .
- (b) R is not symmetric because $(a, c) \in R$, but $(c, a) \notin R$.
- (c) R is not antisymmetric because both $(b, c) \in R$ and $(c, b) \in R$, but $b \neq c$.

Determine whether R is transitive.

Solution:

The relation R is not transitive because, for example, $(a, c) \in R$ and $(c, b) \in R$, but $(a, b) \notin R$.

- Floor Function: $\lfloor x \rfloor$ means take the greatest integer less than or equal to the number

Let n be an integer

(1a) $\lfloor x \rfloor = n$ if and only if $n \leq x < n+1$

Example:

$$\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \rfloor = 0$$

$$\lfloor -\frac{1}{2} \rfloor = -1$$

$$\lfloor 3.1 \rfloor = 3$$

$$\lfloor 7 \rfloor = 7$$

#2. Let R be the following relation on the set of real numbers:

$$aRb \leftrightarrow \lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor, \text{ where } \lfloor x \rfloor \text{ is the floor of } x.$$

Determine whether R is:

- (a) reflexive. (b) symmetric. (c) antisymmetric.

Solution:

(a) R is reflexive: $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor a \rfloor$ is true for all real numbers.

(b) R is symmetric: suppose $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor$; then $\lfloor b \rfloor = \lfloor a \rfloor$.

(c) R is not antisymmetric: we can have aRb and bRa for distinct a and b . For example, $\lfloor 1.1 \rfloor = \lfloor 1.2 \rfloor$.

Determine whether R is transitive.

Solution:

R is transitive: suppose $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor$ and $\lfloor b \rfloor = \lfloor c \rfloor$; from transitivity of equality of real numbers, it follows that $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor c \rfloor$.

#4. Let $A = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \text{ integers}\}$. Define a relation R on A by the rule

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \leftrightarrow a \leq c \text{ and } b \leq d.$$

Determine whether R is:

(a) reflexive.

(b) symmetric.

(c) antisymmetric.

Solution:

(a) R is reflexive: $(a, b)R(a, b)$ for all elements (a, b) because $a \leq a$ and $b \leq b$ is always true.

(b) R is not symmetric: For example, $(1, 2)R(3, 7)$ (because $1 \leq 3$ and $2 \leq 7$), but $(3, 7) \not R (1, 2)$.

(c) R is antisymmetric: Suppose $(a, b)R(c, d)$ and $(c, d)R(a, b)$. Therefore $a \leq c$, $c \leq a$, $b \leq d$, $d \leq b$. Therefore $a = c$ and $b = d$, or $(a, b) = (c, d)$.

Determine whether R is transitive.

Solution:

R is transitive: Suppose $(a, b)R(c, d)$ and $(c, d)R(e, f)$. Therefore $a \leq c$ and $c \leq e$, and $b \leq d$ and $d \leq f$. Therefore, $a \leq e$ and $b \leq f$, or $(a, b)R(e, f)$.

#5. Let $A = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \text{ integers}\}$. Define a relation R on A by the rule

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \leftrightarrow a = c \text{ or } b = d.$$

Determine whether R is:

(a) reflexive.

(b) symmetric.

(c) antisymmetric.

Solution:

(a) R is reflexive: $(a, b)R(a, b)$ for all elements (a, b) because $a = a$ and $b = b$ are always true.

(b) R is symmetric: Suppose $(a, b)R(c, d)$. Therefore $a = c$ or $b = d$. Therefore $c = a$ or $d = b$. Therefore $(c, d)R(a, b)$.

(c) R is not antisymmetric: For example, $(1, 2)R(1, 3)$ and $(1, 3)R(1, 2)$ because $1 = 1$, but $(1, 2) \neq (1, 3)$.

Determine whether R is transitive.

Solution:

R is not transitive: For example, $(1, 2)R(1, 3)$ because $1 = 1$, and $(1, 3)R(4, 3)$ because $3 = 3$. But $(1, 2) \neq (4, 3)$ because $1 \neq 4$ and $2 \neq 3$.

#1. (a) Verify that the following is an equivalence relation on the set of real numbers:

$$aRb \leftrightarrow \lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor, \text{ where } \lfloor x \rfloor \text{ is the floor of } x.$$

(b) Describe the equivalence classes arising from the equivalence relation in part (a).

Solution:

(a) R is reflexive: $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor a \rfloor$ is true for all real numbers.

R is symmetric: suppose $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor$; then $\lfloor b \rfloor = \lfloor a \rfloor$.

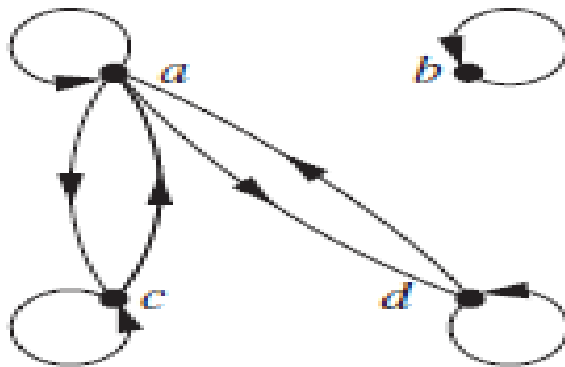
R is transitive: suppose $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor$ and $\lfloor b \rfloor = \lfloor c \rfloor$; from transitivity of equality of real numbers, it follows that $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor c \rfloor$.

(b) Two real numbers, a and b , are related if they have the same floor. This happens if and only if a and b lie in the same interval $[n, n+1)$ where n is an integer. That is, the equivalence classes are the intervals $\dots, [-2, -1), [-1, 0), [0, 1), [1, 2), [2, 3), \dots$

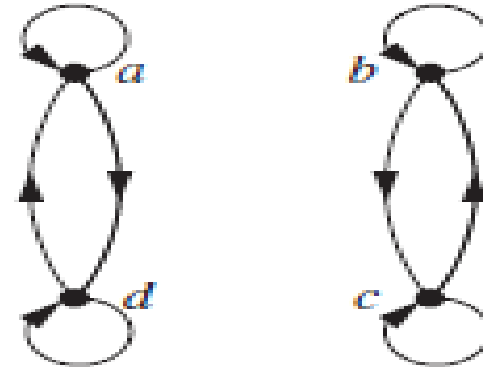
Exercise:

In Exercises 21–23 determine whether the relation with the directed graph shown is an equivalence relation.

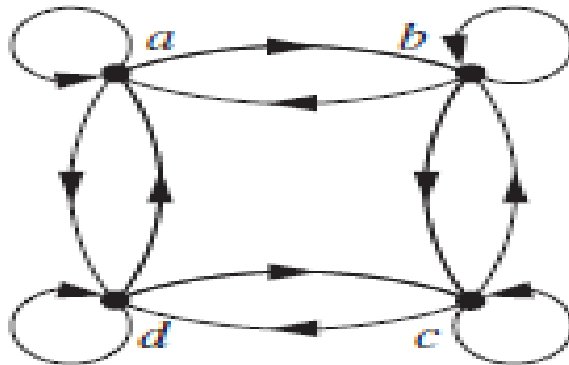
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Exercise:

24. Determine whether the relations represented by these zero-one matrices are equivalence relations.

a)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise:

Let R be the relation on the set of ordered pairs of positive integers such that $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$ if and only if $a + d = b + c$. Show that R is an equivalence relation.

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Let R be the relation on the set of ordered pairs of positive integers such that $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$ if and only if $ad = bc$. Show that R is an equivalence relation.