# Workshop 2: Relations Sample Solutions

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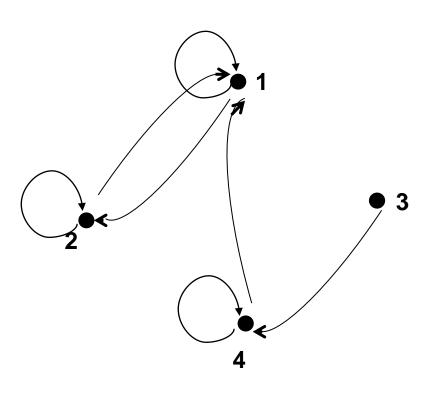
## Exercise 1

Draw diagraphs of the 4 relations, using this as your starting point:

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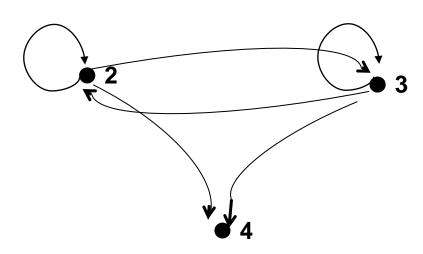
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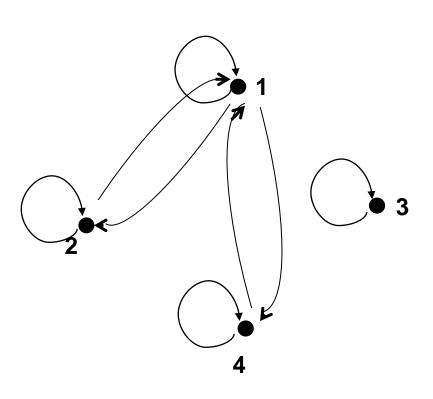
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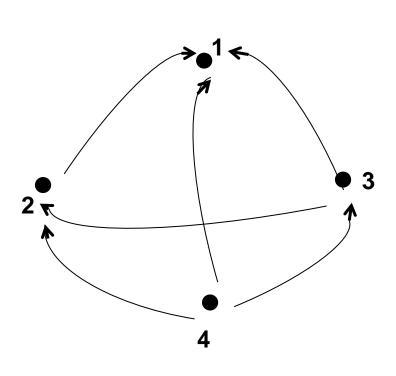


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$$R2 = \{<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>\}$$







## Exercise 2

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

- R1 = {<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 4>, <4,1>, <4,4>}
- R2 = {<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>}
- R3 = {<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <1, 4>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4,1>, <4, 4>}
- R4 = {<2, 1>, <3, 1>, <3, 2>, <4,1>, <4, 2>, <4, 3 >}

Which of these relations are reflexive?

# Answer 2: R3 reflexive

R3 since it contains all pairs of the form <a, a>, namely: <1, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4, 4>.

## Answer 2: R1, R2, R4

Relations R1, R2 and R4 are not reflexive. Hint: find a pair <a, a> which is not in these relations.

- R1 does not contain <3, 3>
- R1 = { <1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3,4>, <4,1>, <4, 4> }
- R2 does not contain <1, 1> or <4, 4>
- $R2 = \{ \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle \}$
- R4 does not contain <1,1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3> or <4, 4>
- $R4 = \{ \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle \}$

## Exercise 3

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

- R1 = {<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 4>, <4,1>, <4,4>}
- $R2 = \{<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>\}$
- R3 = {<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <1, 4>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4,1>, <4, 4>}
- R4 = {<2, 1>, <3, 1>, <3, 2>, <4,1>, <4, 2>, <4, 3>}

Which of these relations are symmetric?

# Answer 3: R3 symmetric

 R3, because in each case <b, a> belongs to the relation whenever <a, b> does.

# Answer 3: R3 symmetric

## Answer 3: R1, R2, R4

 The rest of relations are not symmetric: find a pair <a, b> so that it is in the relation but <b, a> is not.

- R1 = {<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 4>, <4,1>, <4,4>}
- R2 = {<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>}
- R4 = { <2, 1>, <3, 1>, <3, 2>, <4,1>, <4, 2>, <4, 3 >}

## Exercise 4

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

- R1 = {<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 4>, <4,1>, <4,4>}
- R2 = {<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>}
- R3 = {<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <1, 4>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4,1>, <4, 4>}
- R4 = {<2, 1>, <3, 1>, <3, 2>, <4,1>, <4, 2>, <4, 3 >}
- Which of these relations are transitive?

## Answer 4: R2 transitive

- R2 since if <a, b> and <b, c> is in relation, then <a, c> is.
- R2: <2,3> and <3, 2> then <2,2>
- R2 = {<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>}

## Answer 4: R2 transitive

R2 =  $\{<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>\}$ Match?

a	<2,2>	<2,2>	••	<2,2> (a)
	<2,2>	<2,3>	••	<2,3> (b)
	<2,2>	<2,4>	••	<2,4> (c)
b	<2,3>	<3,2>	••	<2,2> (a)
	<2,3>	<3,3>	••	<2,3> (b)
	<2,3>	<3,4>	••	<2,4> (c)
С	<2,4>	no		
d	<3,2>	<2,2>	••	<3,2> (d)
	<3,2>	<2,3>	•••	<3,3> (e)
	<3,2>	<2,4>	••	<3,4> (f)
е	<3,3>	<3,3>	••	<3,3> (e)
	<3,3>	<3,4>	••	<3,4> (f)
f	<3,4>	no		

## Answer 4: R4 transitive

- R4 since if <a, b> and <b, c> is in relation, then <a, c> is.
- R4: <4,2> and <2, 1> then <4,1>
- R4 = { <2, 1>, <3, 1>, <3, 2>, <4,1>, <4, 2>, <4, 3 >}

## Answer 4: R4 transitive

a	<2,1>	no		
b	<3,1>	no		
С	<3,2>	<2,1>	•	<3,1> (b)
d	<4,1>	no		
е	<4,2>	<2,1>	•••	<4,1> (d)
f	<4,3>	<3,1>	•••	<4,1> (d)
	<4,3>	<3,2>	••	<4,2> (e)

# Answer 4: R1, R3

Why are the other relations R1 and R3 not transitive?

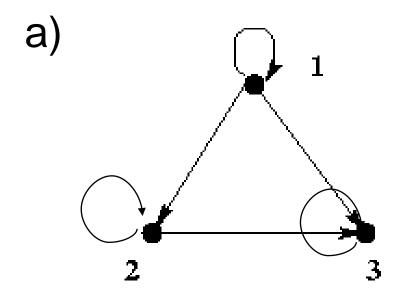
- R1: <3, 4> and <4, 1> belong to it, while
   <3, 1> does not
- R3: <4, 1> and <1, 2> belong to it, while
   <4, 2> does not

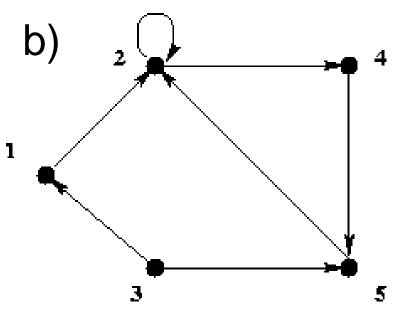
## Answer 4: R1 not transitive

a	<1,1>	<1,2>	••	<1,2> (b)
b	<1,2>	<2,1>	•••	<1,1> (a)
		<2,2>	••	<1,2> (b)
С	<2,1>	<1,1>	••	<2,1> (c)
		<1,2>	••	<2,2> (d)
d	<2,2>	<2,1>	••	<2,1> (c)
е	<3,4>	<4,1>	•••	<3,1> NO!
f	<4,1>	<1,1>	••	<4,1> (f)
		<1,2>		<4,2> NO!
g	<4,4>	<4,1>	••	<4,1> (f)

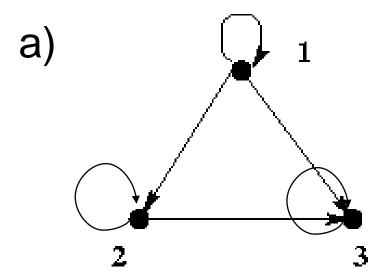
## Exercise 5

 Identify the relation depicted by the following diagraphs:

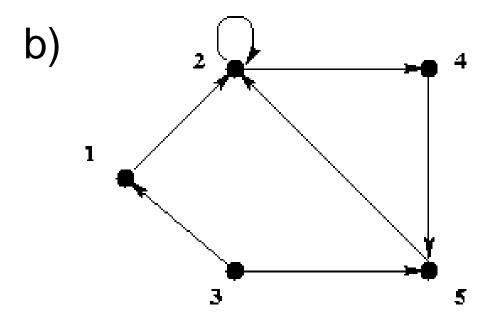




# Answer 5(a)



# Answer 5(b)



#### Exercise 6

Let R1 and R2 be two binary relations

- R1 = {<Ann, 22>, <Mary, 23>, <Laura, 20>}
- R2 = {<John, 19>, <Mike, 24>,
   <James, 21>, <Mary, 23>, <Laura, 20>}

What is the a) union, b) intersection and c) difference of the two relations?

# Answer 6(a)

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R1 = {<Ann, 22>, <Mary, 23>, <Laura, 20>}
R2 = {<John, 19>, <Mike, 24>, <James, 21>, <Mary, 23>,
<Laura, 20>}
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R1 ∪ R2 = {<Ann, 22>, <Mary, 23>, <Laura, 20>, <John, 19>, <Mike, 24>, <James, 21>}
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# Answer 6(b)

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R1 = {<Ann, 22>, <Mary, 23>, <Laura, 20>}
R2 = {<John, 19>, <Mike, 24>, <James, 21>, <Mary, 23>,
<Laura, 20>}
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 $R1 \cap R2 = \{ < Mary, 23 >, < Laura, 20 > \}$ 

# Answer 6(c)

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R1 = {<Ann, 22>, <Mary, 23>, <Laura, 20>}
R2 = {<John, 19>, <Mike, 24>, <James, 21>, <Mary, 23>,
<Laura, 20>}
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 $R1 - R2 = \{ < Ann, 22 > \}$ 

## Exercise 7

For each of the following relations defined on the positive integers:

justify whether the relation is:

- reflexive
- symmetric
- transitive

## Answer 7

- Hint: build the 5 sets required where R ⊆ A
   X A and A = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}.
- E for equal, L for less than, G for greater than, LE for less than or equal, GE for greater than or equal.
- Then test each set for the 3 qualities.

# Answer 7 (A x A)

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1	<1, 1>	<1, 2>	<1, 3>	<1, 4>	<1, 5>
2	<2, 1>	<2, 2>	<2, 3>	<2, 4>	<2, 5>
3	<3, 1>	<3, 2>	<3, 3>	<3, 4>	<3, 5>
4	<4, 1>	<4, 2>	<4, 3>	<4, 4>	<4, 5>
5	<5, 1>	<5, 2>	<5, 3>	<5, 4>	<5, 5>

# Answer 7 (=)

•  $E = \{ <1,1>, <2,2>, <3,3>, <4,4>, <5,5> \}$ 

Е	1	2	3	4	5
1	<1, 1>	<1, 2>	<1, 3>	<1, 4>	<1, 5>
2	<2, 1>	<b>&lt;2, 2&gt;</b>	<2, 3>	<2, 4>	<2, 5>
3	<3, 1>	<3, 2>	<3, 3>	<3, 4>	<3, 5>
4	<4, 1>	<4, 2>	<4, 3>	<4, 4>	<4, 5>
5	<5, 1>	<5, 2>	<5, 3>	<5, 4>	<b>&lt;5, 5&gt;</b>

# *Answer 7 (<)*

L	1	2	3	4	5
1	<1, 1>	<1, 2>	<1, 3>	<1, 4>	<1, 5>
2	<2, 1>	<2, 2>	<2, 3>	<2, 4>	<2, 5>
3	<3, 1>	<3, 2>	<3, 3>	<3, 4>	<3, 5>
4	<4, 1>	<4, 2>	<4, 3>	<4, 4>	<4, 5>
5	<5, 1>	<5, 2>	<5, 3>	<5, 4>	<5, 5>

# *Answer 7 (>)*

G	1	2	3	4	5
1	<1, 1>	<1, 2>	<1, 3>	<1, 4>	<1, 5>
2	<2, 1>	<2, 2>	<2, 3>	<2, 4>	<2, 5>
3	<3, 1>	<3, 2>	<3, 3>	<3, 4>	<3, 5>
4	<4, 1>	<4, 2>	<4, 3>	<4, 4>	<4, 5>
5	<5, 1>	<5, 2>	<5, 3>	<5, 4>	<5, 5>

#### Answer 7

- LE = { <1,1>, <1,2>, <1,3>, <1,4>, <1,5>, <2,2>,<2,3>, <2,4>, <2,5>, <3,3>, <3,4>, <3,5>,<4,4,>,<4,5>, <5,5>}
- GE = {<1,1>, <2,1>, <2,2>, <3,1>, <3,2>, <3,3>, <4,1>, <4,2>,<4,3>, <4,4>, <5,1>, <5,2>, <5,3>, <5,4>, <5,5>}

# Answer 7: Reflexive

- $R \subseteq A \times A$  is **reflexive** if and only if
  - $< a, a > \in R$  for every element a of A
  - every element of A is in relation with itself
- So for A = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5} R \*must\* contain
   <1,1>, <2,2>, <3,3>, <4,4> and <5, 5>.

# Answer 7: Reflexive?

### Answer 7: Symmetric

 $R \subseteq A \times A \text{ is symmetric}$  if and only if for any a, and b in A, whenever  $\langle a, b \rangle \in R$  then  $\langle b, a \rangle \in R$ .

#### Answer 7: Symmetric?

#### Answer 7: Transitive

- $R \subseteq A \times A$  is transitive if and only if for any a, b, and  $c \in A$ , if  $\langle a, b \rangle \in R$ , and  $\langle b, c \rangle \in R$  then  $\langle a, c \rangle \in R$
- '=' is transitive, for if a = b and b = c then a = c. (1 = 1 and 1 = 1 then 1 = 1)
- '>' is transitive, for if a > b and b > c then a > c. (5 > 4 and 4 > 3 then 5 > 3)
- '<' is transitive, for if a < b and b < c then a < c. (3 < 4 and 4 < 5 then 3 < 5)</li>
- '>=' and '<=' are also transitive.</li>

#### Answer 7

- All the sets are transitive.
- E is the only symmetric set.
- E, LE and GE are reflexive.

#### Exercise 8(a)

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

- $R1 = \{<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>\}$
- $R2 = \{<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4, 4>\}$
- $R3 = \{<2, 4>, <4, 2>\}$

Which of these relations are reflexive?

### Answer 8(a): R2 reflexive

R2 since it contains all pairs of the form <a, a>, namely: <1, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4, 4>.

#### Answer 8(a): R1, R3

Relations R1 and R3 are not reflexive. Hint: find a pair <a, a> which is not in these relations.

- R1 does not contain <1, 1> and <4, 4>
- $R1 = \{ \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle \}$
- R3 does not contain <1, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3> and <4, 4>
- $R3 = \{<2, 4>, <4, 2>\}$

#### Exercise 8(b)

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

- $R1 = \{<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>\}$
- $R2 = \{<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4, 4>\}$
- $R3 = \{<2, 4>, <4, 2>\}$

Which of these relations are symmetric?

## Answer 8(b): R2 symmetric

Relation R2 is symmetric because in each case <br/> <br/> <br/> <br/> to the relation whenever <a, b> does.

$$R2 = \{<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4, 4>\}$$

Also for each pair of the form <a, a> which is in R, it also means that <a, a> is in R.

So R2 symmetric.

## Answer 8(b): R3 symmetric

 Relation R3 is symmetric because in each case <b, a> belongs to the relation whenever <a, b> does.

• 
$$R3 = \{ \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle \}$$

### Answer 8(b): R1

 R1 is not symmetric: find a pair <a, b> so that it is in the relation but <b, a> is not.

- R1 = {<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>}
- For instance, the ordered pair <2, 4> is in R1, but <4, 2> is not.

### Exercise 8(c)

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

- $R1 = \{<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>\}$
- $R2 = \{<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4, 4>\}$
- $R3 = \{<2, 4>, <4, 2>\}$
- Which of these relations are transitive?

### Answer 8(c): R1 transitive

- Relation R1 is transitive since if <a, b> and
   <b, c> is in relation, then <a, c> is.
- R1 = {<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>}

# Answer 8(c): R1 transitive R1 = {<2, 2>, <2, 3>, <2, 4>, <3, 2>, <3, 3>, <3, 4>}

Match?

a	<2,2>	<2,2>	••	<2,2> (a)
	<2,2>	<2,3>	••	<2,3> (b)
	<2,2>	<2,4>	••	<2,4> (c)
b	<2,3>	<3,2>	••	<2,2> (a)
	<2,3>	<3,3>	••	<2,3> (b)
	<2,3>	<3,4>	••	<2,4> (c)
С	<2,4>	no		
d	<3,2>	<2,2>	••	<3,2> (d)
	<3,2>	<2,3>	•••	<3,3> (e)
	<3,2>	<2,4>	••	<3,4> (f)
е	<3,3>	<3,3>	••	<3,3> (e)
	<3,3>	<3,4>	••	<3,4> (f)
f	<3,4>	no		

### Answer 8(c): R2 transitive

- Relation R2 is transitive since if <a, b> and <b, c> is in relation, then <a, c> is.
- R2 = {<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4, 4>}

#### Answer 8(c): R2 transitive

 $R2 = \{<1, 1>, <1, 2>, <2, 1>, <2, 2>, <3, 3>, <4, 4>\}$ 

#### Match?

а	<1, 1>	<1, 1>	••	<1, 1> (a)
	<1, 1>	<1, 2>	••	<1, 2> (b)
b	<1, 2>	<2, 1>	••	<1, 1> (a)
	<1, 2>	<2, 2>	••	<1, 2> (b)
С	<2,1>	<1, 1>	••	<2, 1> (c)
	<2,1>	<1, 2>	••	<2, 2> (d)
d	<2, 2>	<2, 1>	••	<2, 1> (c)
	<2, 2>	<2, 2>	••	<2, 2> (d)
е	<3, 3>	<3, 3>	••	<3, 3> (e)
f	<4, 4>	<4, 4>	••	<4, 4> (f)

### Answer 8(c): R3

Why is relation R3 not transitive?

•  $R3 = \{<2, 4>, <4, 2>\}$ 

<2, 4> and <4, 2> belong to R3, but <2, 2> does not belong to R3.

Another example: <4, 2> and <2, 4> belong to R3, but <4, 4> does not.

#### Exercise 9

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and R is the relation  $R = \{\langle a, a \rangle\}$ .

Is this relation:

- a) reflexive
- b) symmetric
- c) irreflexive
- d) transitive?

#### Answer 9(a)

• A= {a, b, c, d}

Relation R = {<a, a>} is not reflexive as
 <b, b>, <c, c> and <d, d>
 do not belong to R.

### Answer 9(b)

• A= {a, b, c, d}

Relation R = {<a, a>} is symmetric as for
 (a, a) in R, <a, a> also belongs to R.

### Answer 9(c)

• A= {a, b, c, d}

Relation R = {<a, a>} is not irreflexive as
 <a, a> belongs to R.

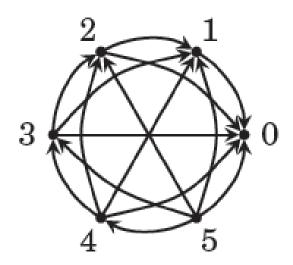
### Answer 9(d)

• A= {a, b, c, d}

Relation R = {<a, a>} is transitive as for
 (a, a) in R, and (a, a) in R, then (a, a) also belongs to R.

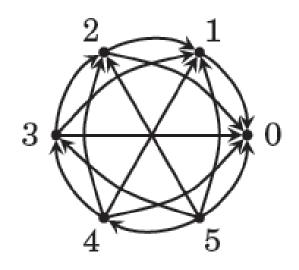
#### Exercise 10

 Specify the sets A and R, where A is the set on which the relation R is represented in this diagraph:



#### Answer 10

- $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- R = {<5, 4>, <5, 3>, <5, 2>, <5, 1>, <5, 0>, <4, 3>, <4, 2>, <4,1>, <4, 0>, <3, 2>, <3, 1>, <3, 0>, <2, 1>, <2, 0>, <1, 0>}



#### Exercise 11

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $R = \{ \langle a, a \rangle, \langle b, b \rangle, \langle c, c \rangle, \langle d, d \rangle \}$ .

Is relation R

- a) reflexive
- b) symmetric
- c) transitive?

If not, specify why.

#### Answer 11(a)

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $R = \{ \langle a, a \rangle, \langle b, b \rangle, \langle c, c \rangle, \langle d, d \rangle \}$ .

Relation R is reflexive because for each element x in A, <x, x> is also in R:

<a, a>, <b, b>, <c, c>, <d, d> are all in R

#### Answer 11(b)

Let 
$$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$$
 and  $R = \{ \langle a, a \rangle, \langle b, b \rangle, \langle c, c \rangle, \langle d, d \rangle \}$ .

Relation R is symmetric because for each <x, y> in R, <y, x> is also in R:

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<a, a> in R, <a, a> also in R
<b, b> in R, <b, b> also in R
<c, c> in R, <c, c> also in R
<d, d> in R, <d, d> also in R
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#### Answer 11(c)

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $R = \{ \langle a, a \rangle, \langle b, b \rangle, \langle c, c \rangle, \langle d, d \rangle \}$ .

#### Relation R is transitive because

- Relation R is transitive because if <a, a> in R, and <a, a> in R, then <a, a> also belongs to R.
- The same argument applies to the other 3 ordered pairs.

#### Exercise 12

Let R be the relation on the set of real numbers, described by x = 2y + 1.

Is relation R:

- a) reflexive
- b) symmetric
- c) transitive?

### Answer 12(a)

Let R be the relation on the set of real numbers, described by x = 2y + 1.

$$R = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid x = 2y + 1 \}$$

R consist of order pairs like: <2y + 1, y>

R is not reflexive as for instance, <1, 1> is not in R If x = 1, y = (x - 1) / 2 = (1 - 1) / 2 = 0, so <1, 0> is in R But <1, 1> is not in R, as  $y = (1 - 1) / 2 = 0 \neq 1$ 

#### Answer 12(b)

Let R be the relation on the set of real numbers, described by x = 2y + 1.

$$R = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid x = 2y + 1 \}$$

$$R = \{ <2y + 1, y > \}$$

R is not symmetric as for instance,

<3, 1> is in R, but <1, 3> is not in R

If 
$$x = 3$$
,  $y = (x - 1) / 2 = (3 - 1) / 2 = 1$ , so  $<3$ ,  $1 > is in R$ 

If 
$$x = 1$$
,  $y = (x - 1) / 2 = (1 - 1) / 2 = 0$ , so <1, 0> is in R

So <1, 3> is not in R, as 
$$y = (1 - 1) / 2 = 0 \neq 3$$

#### Answer 12(c)

Let R be the relation on the set of real numbers, described by x = 2y + 1.

$$R = \{ \langle x, y \rangle | x = 2y + 1 \}$$

$$R = \{ <2y + 1, y > \}$$

R is not transitive as for instance, <3, 1> and <1, 0> are in R, but <3, 0> is not in R

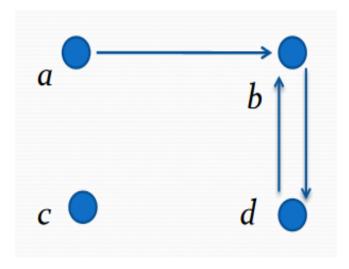
If x = 3, y = (x - 1) / 2 = (3 - 1) / 2 = 1, so <3, 1 > is in R

If 
$$x = 1$$
,  $y = (x - 1) / 2 = (1 - 1) / 2 = 0$ , so <1, 0> is in R

But <3, 0> is not in R, as for x = 3,  $y=(3-1) / 2 = 1 \neq 0$ 

#### Exercise 13

Which properties the relation in the following diagraph has?

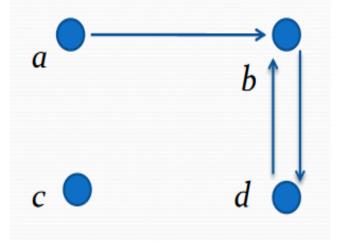


#### Answer 13

- R is not reflexive as the diagraph does not have a self-loop for each of its points
- R is not symmetric; for instance, there is an arc from a to b, but not from b to a

 R is not transitive; there is an arc from a to b, and another one from b to d, but there is no arc

from a to d



#### Exercise 14

Let  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle \mid a = b + 1\}$  on the set of real numbers.

Which properties this relation has?

- a) reflexive
- b) symmetric
- c) transitive

#### Answer 14(a)

Let  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle \mid a = b + 1\}$  on the set of real numbers.

Relation R is not reflexive.

For example: <3, 3> is not in R.

If <3, 3> would be in R, it would imply that a = 3, and b = 3; or 3 = 3 + 1, or 3 = 4 which is not true, so <3, 3> is not in R

#### Answer 14(b)

Let  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle \mid a = b + 1\}$  on the set of real numbers.

Relation R is not symmetric.

For example: <4, 3> is in R, but <3, 4> is not

For b = 3, a = 3 + 1 = 4, so <4, 3> is in R

For a = 3, b = 2, and  $b \ne 4$ , so <3, 2 > is in R, but <3, 4 > is not in R.

#### Answer 14(c)

Let  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle \mid a = b + 1\}$  on the set of real numbers.

Relation R is not transitive.

For example: <4, 3> and <3, 2> are in R, but <4, 2> is not.

For b = 3, a = 3 + 1 = 4, so <4, 3> is in R

For b = 2, a = 2 + 1 = 3, so <3, 2 > is in R

Regarding <4, 2>:

for a = 4, then b = 3, so b  $\neq$  2. Thus, <4, 2> is not in R