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A partition of sets is a collection of subsets that need not to cover the whole set.

In a partition no element belong to more than 1 subset, and every belong to a subset.

A relation is always on a set.

Equivalence Relation: Binary relation which is reflexive, transitive and symmetric and it has direct relation to Cartesian product.

Eg. {5, 7, 35}

Here, 5 is related to 35, 7 is related to 35 but 5 **is not** related to 7.

Therefore, it is not transitive and so it cannot be called an equivalence relation.

Equivalence Relation Partition:

A partition of a set is a collection of disjoint subsets of a set, such that their union is the whole set.

$$A = \bigcup_{i=1}^t A_i \quad \text{and}$$

$$1 \leq i < j \leq t; \quad A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$$

Example -

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$A_1 = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$A_2 = \{2, 4, 7\}$$

$$A_3 = \{6\}$$

$$A_4 = \{8\}$$

$$R = \{(1,1), (2, 2), (3,3), (4,4), (5, 5), (6, 6), (7,7), (8, 8), (1, 3), (3, 1), (1, 5), (1, 5), (5,1), (3,5), (5,3), (2, 4), (4, 2), (4, 7), (7,4), (2, 7), (7, 2)\}$$

-> Relation is Reflexive, Symmetric and Transitive

Theorem: Every partition of a set is associated uniquely with an equivalence relation on that set and vice versa

Partial Order Relation:

A partial order is a reflexive, transitive and anti symmetric relation on a set.

Eg:

