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Prove that for any set S and any binary relation $R \subseteq S \times S$:

- (a) R is reflexive if and only if $I \subseteq R$ where $I = \{(x, x) : x \in S\}$ is the identity relation

" \Rightarrow " :

If R is reflexive, for all $x \in S : (x, x) \in R$

Since $I = \{(x, x) : x \in S\} \Rightarrow (x, x) \in R$

$\Rightarrow I \subseteq R$

" \Leftarrow " :

If $I \subseteq R \Rightarrow \{(x, x) : x \in S\} \subseteq R$

$\Rightarrow (x, x) \in R$ for all $x \in S$

$\Rightarrow R$ is reflexive

$\Rightarrow R$ is reflexive if and only if $I \subseteq R$

- (b) R is symmetric if and only if $R = R^{\leftarrow}$

" \Rightarrow " :

If R is symmetric, for all $x, y \in S : \text{if } (x, y) \in R \text{ then } (y, x) \in R$

Since $(y, x) \in R$ for all $x, y \in S \Rightarrow (y, x) \in S \times S$ where $(x, y) \in R \Rightarrow$

$(y, x) \in R^{\leftarrow} \Rightarrow R \subseteq R^{\leftarrow}, R^{\leftarrow} \subseteq R \Rightarrow R = R^{\leftarrow}$

" \Leftarrow " :

If $R = R^{\leftarrow}$, we have $(x, y) \in R$ and $(x, y) \in R^{\leftarrow}$

If $(x, y) \in R^{\leftarrow} \Rightarrow (x, y) \in S \times S$ where $(y, x) \in R$

\Rightarrow if $(x, y) \in R$ then $(y, x) \in R$ for all $x, y \in S$

$\Rightarrow R$ is symmetric.

$\Rightarrow R$ is symmetric if and only if $R = R^{\leftarrow}$

- (c) R is transitive if and only if $R; R \subseteq R$

" \Rightarrow " :

If R is transitive then: for all $x, y, z \in S$ if $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$ then

$(x, z) \in R$

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

Since $R; R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x, z \in S \times S \text{ there exists } y \in S, \text{ such that } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in R\}$

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R; R$

$$\Rightarrow R; R \subseteq R$$

\Leftarrow " :

If $R; R \subseteq R$, by the definition of composition:

$$R; R \stackrel{def}{=} \{x, z \in S \times S \text{ there exists } y \in S, \text{ such that } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in R\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R; R$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in R \text{ Since } R; R \subseteq R$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for all } x, y, z \in S \text{ if } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, x) \in R \text{ then } (x, z) \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow R \text{ is transitive.}$$

$$\Rightarrow R \text{ is transitive if and only if } R; R \subseteq R$$