

S0804.

(i) We have $a \leq a$ for all a so \sim is reflexive. We have $1 \leq 2$ but $2 \not\leq 1$, so \sim is not symmetric. If $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$ then $a \leq c$, so \sim is transitive.

(ii) $a - a = 0 = 0^2$, so \sim is reflexive. We have $2 \sim 1$ as $2 - 1 = 1^2$, but $1 \not\sim 2$ as -1 is not a square, so the relation is not symmetric. Finally we have $3 \sim 2$ and $2 \sim 1$ but $3 \not\sim 1$ as 2 is not a square, so \sim is not transitive either.

(iii) $2 \neq 2^2$ so $2 \not\sim 2$, and \sim is not reflexive. We have $4 \sim 2$ but $2 \not\sim 4$ as $2 \neq 4^2$, so the relationship is not symmetric. We have $4 \sim 2$ and $16 \sim 4$ but $16 \not\sim 2$ so the relation is not transitive.

(iv) We have $1 \not\sim 1$ so \sim is not reflexive. If $a \sim b$ then $a + b = 0$, so $b + a = 0$, so $b \sim a$, hence \sim is symmetric. Finally we have $1 \sim -1$ and $-1 \sim 1$ but $1 \not\sim 1$ so \sim is not transitive.

(v) We have $a - a = 0$ is an integer, so \sim is reflexive. If $a - b$ is an integer then so is $b - a$, so \sim is symmetric. Finally if $a - b$ and $b - c$ are integers, then their sum is $a - c$ which is also an integer. So $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$ implies $a \sim c$, and in particular \sim is also transitive. So in fact this relation is an equivalence relation.

(vi) $2 \not\sim 2$ so \sim is not reflexive. We know $1 \sim 3$ but $3 \not\sim 1$ so \sim is not symmetric. It is however impossible to find $a, b, c \in S$ with $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$ (because b would have to be 1 and 3) so the statement " $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$ implies $a \sim c$ " is true, as if P is false then " P implies Q " is always true whatever the truth value of Q . So this relation is transitive.

(vii) This relation is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, because it is impossible to find any counterexamples to these statements as S is empty (for example for \sim not to be reflexive we would have to find $a \in S$ with $a \not\sim a$, but we can't find any $a \in S$ at all, so \sim is reflexive etc etc).