

## Relation

A subset of  $A \times B$  is called a relation from A to B .

### Number of Relation

Total number of relation from A to B is equal to the number of subsets of  $A \times B$ . i.e.  $|P(A \times B)| = 2^{|A \times B|}$  .

Ex.  $|A|=3, |B|=2 \Rightarrow$  Total number of relation from A to B is  $2^{3 \times 2} = 64$

### Binary Relation

A subset of  $A \times A$  is called a binary relation on A .

### Number of binary relation on a set

If  $|A|=n$ , then  $|A \times A| = n^2$

Total number of binary relation =  $2^{n^2}$  .

Ex.  $|A|=2 \Rightarrow$  Total number of binary relation on A =  $2^{2^2} = 2^4 = 16$  .

# Type's of Relation

## Empty Relation

**As  $\emptyset$  is subset of every set hence  $\emptyset \subseteq A \times A$  is also a relation on  $A$  called empty relation. i.e. no any pair of element satisfies the given condition.**

## Identity Relation

**A subset  $I$  of  $A \times A$  is called identity relation on  $A$ . If  $a \in A$  then  $(a, a) \in A \times A$ .**

- ✓ Identity relation is unique for each set  $A$ .**
- ✓ On a set a relation is said to be identity if every element of  $A$  related to itself.**

## Reflexive Relation

A subset  $S$  of  $A \times A$  is called reflexive relation. If every element of  $A$  must related to itself i.e.  $\forall a \in A$  then  $(a,a) \in A \times A$ .

### Properties of Reflexive Relation

- ✓ **Total number of reflexive relation on  $A = 2^{n^2-n}$ . where  $|A| = n$**
- ✓  $A = \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $|A| = 3 \Rightarrow$  Total number of reflexive relation on  $A = 2^{3^2-3} = 2^{9-3} = 2^6 = 64$ .
- ✓ **Empty relation on nonempty set is never reflexive.**
- ✓ **Empty relation on empty set is always reflexive.**
- ✓ **The least cardinality of a reflexive relation on  $A$  with  $n$  elements is  $n$ .**
- ✓ **There are relations, which are neither reflexive nor irreflexive.**

## Irreflexive Relation

A subset  $S$  of  $A \times A$  is called irreflexive relation. If no element of  $A$  related to itself i.e.  $\forall a \in A$  then  $(a,a) \notin A \times A$ .

### Properties of Irreflexive Relation:-

- ✓ **Total number of irreflexive relation on  $A = 2^{n^2-n}$ . where  $|A| = n$**
- ✓  $A = \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $|A| = 3 \Rightarrow$  Total number of Irreflexive relation on  $A = 2^{3^2-3} = 2^{9-3} = 2^6 = 64$ .
- ✓ **Empty relation on nonempty set is never irreflexive.**
- ✓ **Empty relation on empty set is always irreflexive.**
- ✓ **There does not exist any non empty relation which is reflexive as well as irreflexive.**

Symmetric Relation	Asymmetric Relation
<p><b>Def.</b> A subset S of <math>A \times A</math> is called symmetric relation. If <math>(a, b) \in S</math> then <math>(b, a) \in S</math>.</p> <p><b>Properties of symmetric relation:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Total number of symmetric relation on A = <math>2^{\sum n}</math>. where <math> A  = n, \sum n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}</math></b></li> <li>✓ <math> A =3 \Rightarrow</math> Total number of symmetric relation on A  <math>= 2^{\sum n} = 2^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} = 2^{\frac{3(3+1)}{2}} = 2^{\frac{3(4)}{2}} = 2^6 = 64.</math></li> </ul>	<p><b>Def.</b> A subset S of <math>A \times A</math> is called asymmetric relation. If <math>(a, b) \in S</math> then <math>(b, a) \notin S</math>.</p> <p><b>Properties of Asymmetric relation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Total number of asymmetric relation on A = <math>3^{\sum(n-1)}</math>. where <math> A  = n</math></b>  <math>\sum n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \sum(n-1) = \frac{(n-1)(n-1+1)}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}</math></li> <li>✓ <math> A =3 \Rightarrow</math> Total number of asymmetric relation on A  <math>= 3^{\sum(n-1)} = 3^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} = 3^{\frac{3(3-1)}{2}} = 3^3 = 27</math></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ex. <math>A = \{1, 2, 3\}, \mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}</math> be a relation on A <math>\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}</math> is symmetric relation on A.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ex. <math>A = \{1, 2, 3\}, \mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}</math> be a relation on A <math>\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}</math> is asymmetric relation on A.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Empty relation is both symmetric as well as asymmetric.</li> <li>❖ A non empty relation cannot be both asymmetric as well as symmetric.</li> <li>❖ Identity relation is symmetric relation but there exist some relations which are symmetric but not identity.</li> <li>❖ A non empty reflexive relation cannot be asymmetric.</li> </ul>	

## Anti-symmetric Relation

A subset  $S$  of  $A \times A$  is called anti-symmetric relation. If  $(a, b) \in S$  and  $(b, a) \in S$  then  $a=b$ .

### Properties of Anti-symmetric relation

✓ Total number of anti-symmetric relation on  $A = 2^n 3^{\sum(n-1)}$ . where  $|A|=n$ ,

$$\sum n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \sum(n-1) = \frac{(n-1)(n-1+1)}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

✓ Ex.  $A = \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1,1), (2,2)\}$  be a relation on  $A \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is antisymmetric relation on  $A$ . i.e.  $A = \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $|A|=3$  then total number of anti-symmetric relation on  $A = 2^n 3^{\sum(n-1)} = 2^n 3^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} = 2^3 3^{\frac{3(3-1)}{2}} = 8 \times 27 = 216$

- ✓ Empty relation on empty set is always anti-symmetric.
- ✓ The term symmetric and anti-symmetric are not opposite.
- ✓ A relation may be both symmetric and anti-symmetric.

ex.  $A = \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1,1), (2,2)\}$  is both symmetric and antisymmetric.

✓ A relation may not be both symmetric and anti-symmetric iff it contains some pair of the form  $(a, b)$  where  $a \neq b$ .

## Reflexive Relation

❑ Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  be defined as follows:

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

$\mathcal{R}$  is a reflexive relation.

❑ Let  $R$  be a relation on a set then if  $R$  is reflexive then  $R^{-1}$  is reflexive

### Proof

Let  $(a, a) \in R \forall a \in A$

$\therefore (a, a) \in R^{-1} \forall a \in A$

$\therefore R^{-1}$  is reflexive

## Transitive Relation

❑ Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $R$  be defined as follows:

$R = \{(a, b), (a, c), (b, d), (a, d), (b, c), (d, c)\}$ . Here  $R$  is transitive relation on  $A$ .

## Symmetric Relation

➤ **Exa.** equality ( $=$ ) is symmetric, but strict inequality ( $<$ ) is not.

➤ Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $R = \{(a, a), (b, c), (c, b), (d, d)\}$ .

Show that  $R$  is symmetric.

➤ let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $A$  then  $R$  is symmetric iff  $R = R^{-1}$

Sol. Assume  $R$  is a symmetric, let  $(a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \in R$

$(b, a) \in R^{-1}$  and  $(a, b) \in R^{-1}$

$\therefore R = R^{-1}$

let  $(a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \in R^{-1}$  &  $(b, a) \in R$

since  $R = R^{-1}$

$\therefore R$  is symmetric

## Transitive Relation

A subset  $S$  of  $A \times A$  is called transitive relation. If  $(a, b) \in S$  and  $(b, c) \in S$  then  $(a, c) \in S$ .

## Equivalence Relation

An equivalence relation  $R$  on a set  $S$  is one that satisfies these three properties for all  $x, y, z \in S$ .

1. (Reflexive)  $xRx, \forall x \in R$
2. (Symmetric) If  $xRy$ , then  $yRx, \forall x, y \in R$
3. (Transitive) If  $xRy$  and  $yRz$  then  $xRz, \forall x, y, z \in R$

### **Example .**

**1.** For any nonempty set  $S$ , the equality relation = defined by the subset  $\{(x, x) \mid x \in S\}$  of  $S \times S$  is an equivalence relation

## Inverse Relation

Given a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$ , the inverse of  $R$ , denoted  $R^{-1}$ , is the relation from  $B$  to  $A$  defined as  $bR^{-1} a$

$$R^{-1} = \{(b, a) : (a, b) \in R\}$$

For instance, if  $R$  is the relation “being a son or daughter of”, then  $R^{-1}$  is the relation “being a parent of”.

**Example .** let  $R = \{(1, 0), (2, 0), (2, 1), (3, 0), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$  then

$$R^{-1} = \{(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 2), (0, 3), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$$

**Example .** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be a relations between  $A$  and  $B$ .

**i. Show that, if  $R \subseteq S$  then  $R^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1}$ .**

**ii. Prove that  $(R \cap S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$**

**Proof (i)** Let  $(a, b) \in R^{-1} \rightarrow (b, a) \in R$  *definition of inverse relation*

$\therefore (b, a) \in S$  *since  $R \subseteq S \therefore (a, b)$*

$\in S^{-1}$  *definition of inverse relation*

$\therefore R^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1}$  *definition of subset*



**Proof (ii) (1) Let  $(a, b) \in (R \cap S)^{-1}$**

$$\therefore (b, a) \in (R \cap S)$$

$$(b, a) \in R \text{ and } (b, a) \in S$$

$$(a, b) \in R^{-1} \text{ and } (b, a) \in S^{-1}$$

$$(a, b) \in R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

$$(R \cap S)^{-1} \subseteq R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

**(2) Let  $(a, b) \in R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$**

$$(a, b) \in R^{-1} \text{ and } (b, a) \in S^{-1}$$

$$(b, a) \in R \text{ and } (b, a) \in S$$

$$\therefore (b, a) \in (R \cap S)$$

$$\therefore (a, b) \in (R \cap S)^{-1}$$

*definition of inverse*

*definition of intersection*

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$$R^{-1} \cap S^{-1} \subseteq (R \cap S)^{-1}$$

**$\therefore$  from (1) and (2) we have**

$$(R \cap S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

## Finite set :

If a set consist of finite number of elements, it is called a finite set.

e.g.,  $\{1,2,3,\dots,n\}$  ,  $\emptyset$  are finite set.

## Def. Power set :

The power set of A denoted by  $P(A)$  , is defined as the set  $\{B:B\subseteq A\}$ .. Thus,  $P(A)$  is the collection of all possible subsets of A.

1. Let  $A$  be any set. Let  $P(A)$  be the power set of  $A$ , that is, the set of all subsets of  $A$ ;

$P(A) = \{B : B \subseteq A\}$ . Then which of the following is/ are true about the set  $P(A)$  ?

- (a)  $P(A) = \emptyset$  for some  $A$
- (b)  $P(A)$  is a finite set for some  $A$
- (c)  $P(A)$  is a countable set for some  $A$
- (d)  $P(A)$  is an uncountable set for some  $A$

Power set of any set contains at least one element so

option (a) is not true. Let  $A$  be finite. Then  $P(A)$  is finite.

Every finite set is countable. Hence, options (b) and (c) are true.

Taking  $A = \mathbb{N}$ , then  $P(\mathbb{N})$  is uncountable. Hence, option (d) is true.