

12. Let  $T$  be the relation defined on the set  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , such that:

$$a, b \in A, a T b \Leftrightarrow 3 \mid (2a + b), \quad 3 \text{ divides } (2a + b)$$

✓ (i) Show that  $T$  is an equivalence relation.

(ii) Find the equivalence classes  $[0], [1]$

(iii) Find the number of equivalence classes of the relation  $T$ .

Solution :

$$a T b \Rightarrow 3 \mid (2a + b) \Rightarrow 2a + b = 3h, h \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(i) ①  $\forall a \in A, 3 \mid (2a + a) \Rightarrow 3 \mid 3a \Rightarrow \therefore a T a \Rightarrow T \text{ is refl.}$

②  $a, b \in A: a T b \Rightarrow 2a + b = 3h$  المفروض

$$b = 3h - 2a \xrightarrow{\times 2} 2b = 6h - 4a \xrightarrow{+a} 2b + a = 6h - 3a$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b + a = 3(2h - a) = 3k \Rightarrow \therefore b T a \Rightarrow T \text{ is symmetric.}$$

③  $a, b, c \in A: a T b \Rightarrow 2a + b = 3h_1$  المفروض  
 $\&$   $b T c \Rightarrow 2b + c = 3h_2$  المفروض

$$2a + 3b + c = 3h_1 + 3h_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + c = 3(h_1 + h_2 - b) = 3h \Rightarrow \therefore a T c \Rightarrow T \text{ is trans.}$$

(Equiv.)  $T \begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{refl.} \\ \rightarrow \text{symm.} \\ \rightarrow \text{trans.} \end{cases}$

(ii)  $a \in A$

$$[a] = \{x \in A : a R x\} = \{x \in A : 2a + x = 3h, h \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$x = -2a + 3h$$

$$[0] = \{x \in A : x = 2(0) + 3h, h \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{x \in A : x = 3h, h \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$= \{0, 3\}$$

$$[1] = \{x \in A : x = -2(1) + 3h, h \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{x \in A : x = -2 + 3h, h \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{1, 4\}$$

$$[2] = \{2\} \Rightarrow \text{The number of equiv. classes} = 3$$

$$J(A) = \left\{ \underbrace{\{0, 3\}}_{A_1}, \underbrace{\{1, 4\}}_{A_2}, \underbrace{\{2\}}_{A_3} \right\} : \bigcup_{i=1}^3 [a_i] = A$$