

RELATIONS

- A relation describes the relationship between different elements of a given set A
- xRy x is related to y

EX. $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ if xRy means " $x \leq y$ "

$0R0$? Yes $0 \leq 0$

$0R1$? Yes $0 \leq 1$

$1R0$? No $1 \not\leq 0$

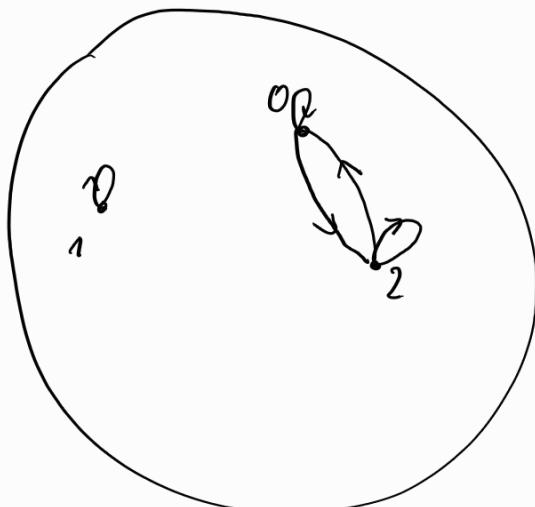
$$R \subseteq A \times A$$

$$A = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$A \times A = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (2,0), (2,1), (2,2)\}$$

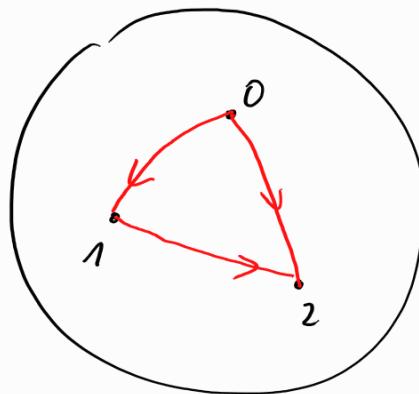
$$R = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (1,1), (1,2), (2,2)\}$$

$$A = \{0, 1, 2\} \quad xRy \text{ means } "x - y \text{ is even}"$$



$$A = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

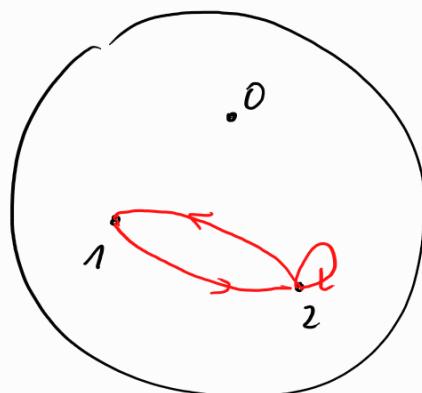
$$xRy \quad "x < y"$$



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$$A = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

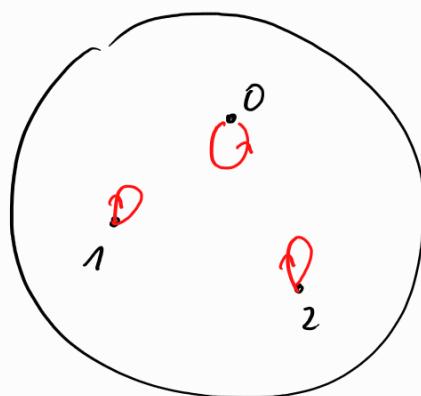
$$xRy \quad "x+y \geq 3"$$



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$$A = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$xRy \quad "x = y"$$



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Reflexivity

- if every element is related to itself
- $(\forall x \in A) (xRx)$

negation $(\exists x \in A) (\neg xRx)$

Symmetry

- whenever there is an arrow from x to y , there is also an arrow from y to x

• $(\forall x \in A) (\forall y \in A) (xRy \Rightarrow yRx)$

$\neg (\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in A)(xRy \rightarrow yRx)$

Transitivity

- whenever you see  , then you also have an arrow



$\bullet (\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in A)(\forall z \in A)(xRy \wedge yRz \Rightarrow xRz)$

$\neg (\exists x \in A)(\exists y \in A)(\exists z \in A)(xRy \wedge yRz \Rightarrow xRz)$

Equivalence relations

- if it is
 - reflexive
 - transitive
 - symmetric

let $A = \mathbb{N}$

let R be the relation where xRy means " $x-y$ is even"
Prove that it's equivalence relation

Proof:

(1) Reflexive:

- let $x \in \mathbb{N}$
- $x-x=0$ and 0 is even



(2) symmetric:

- let $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$
- assume xRy
- $x-y$ is even



- $x - y = 2k \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$
- $-(x - y) = -2k$
- $y - x = 2(-k)$
- $y - x$ is also even
- $y R x$

③ Transitivity:

- let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$
- assume $x R y$ and $y R z$

$$x - y = 2k \quad \quad \quad y - z = 2l$$

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- add those equations

$$x - y + y - z = 2k + 2l$$

$$x - z = 2k + 2l$$

$$x - z = 2(k + l)$$

- $x - z$ is also even

- $x R z$

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$A = \{1, 2\}$ draw a relation diagram that is reflexive + transitive, but not symmetric



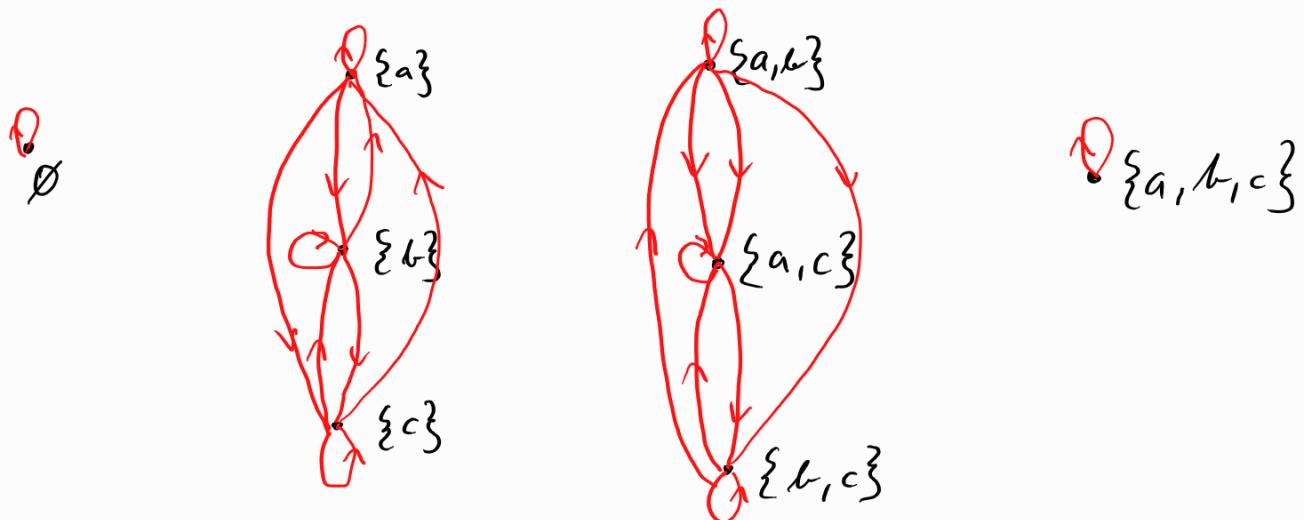
$$A = P(\{a, b, c\})$$

$X R Y$ means " $|X| = |Y|$ "

How many equivalence classes?

$$A = P(\{a, b, c\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$$

There are 4 equivalence classes.



1st class (cardinality 0) = \emptyset

2nd class (cardinality 1) = $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}$

3rd class (cardinality 2) = $\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$

4th class (cardinality 3) = $\{a, b, c\}$

$A = \mathbb{R}$ $x R y$ means " $y > x - 1$ "

* Reflexive: YES

$$x > x - 1 \quad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

* Symmetric: NO

counterexample: $x = -2 \quad y = 2$

$$\begin{array}{l} x R y \\ 2 > -3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y R x \\ -2 > 1 \end{array}$$

no $x R y$

* Transitive: NO

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} x R y & y > x - 1 \\ y R z & z > y - 1 \end{array} \right\} \stackrel{?}{=} 2 > x - 1$$

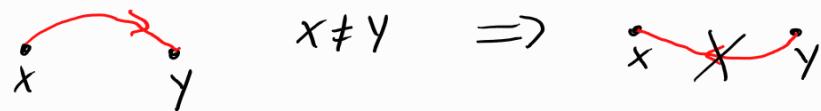
$$x=2 \quad y=15 \quad 2=1$$

$$xRy \quad 0.5 > 1$$

$$yRz \quad 1 > 0.5$$

$$xRz ? \quad 1 \not> 1$$

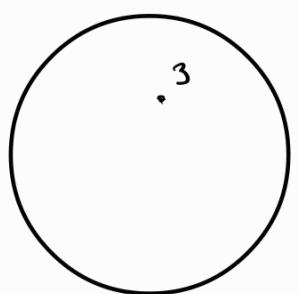
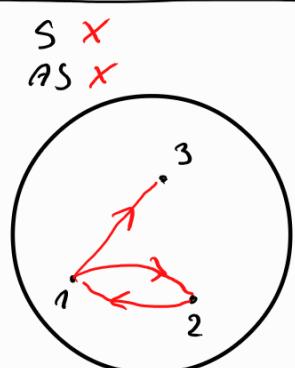
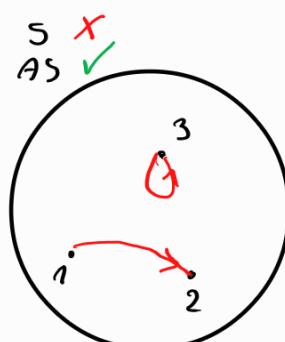
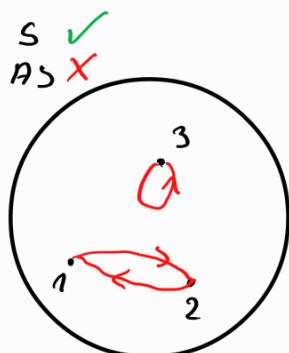
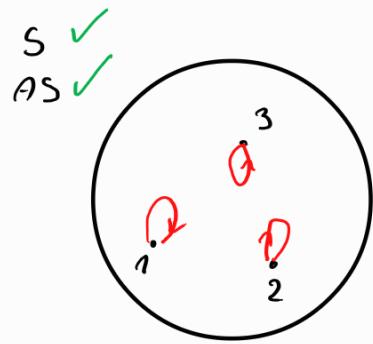
Anti-symmetry



$$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in A) (xRy \wedge x \neq y \Rightarrow y \not R x)$$

$$(\forall x \in A)(\forall y \in A) (xRy \wedge yRx \Rightarrow x = y)$$

$$\text{neg. } (\exists x \in A)(\exists y \in A) (xRy \wedge x \neq y \Rightarrow yRx)$$



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Partial order

a relation is a partial order if:

- reflexive
- transitive
- anti-symmetric

"≤" on N

• Reflexive: YES

$$x \subseteq x \quad \checkmark$$

• Transitive? YES

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} xRy \quad x \subseteq y \\ yRz \quad y \subseteq z \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x \subseteq z \quad \text{so } xRz \quad \checkmark$$

• Anti-symmetric? YES

• let $x, y \in A$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{assume } xRy \Rightarrow x \subseteq y \\ yRx \Rightarrow y \subseteq x \end{array} \right\} x = y \quad \checkmark$$

let $A = P(N) \rightarrow \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \dots, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \dots\}$

let xRy mean " $x \subseteq y$ " $\{1\} \subseteq \{1, 2\} \quad \text{so } \{1\} R \{1, 2\}$

Proof:

• Reflexive: YES

• let $x \in P(N)$
• since $x \subseteq x$, so $xRx \quad \checkmark$

• Transitive: YES

• let $x, y, z \in P(N)$
• assume $xRy \Rightarrow x \subseteq y$
 $yRz \Rightarrow y \subseteq z$

• suppose $x = \emptyset$, then clearly $x \subseteq z$, so xRz

• suppose $x \neq \emptyset$

↳ let $x \in X$

↳ then also $x \in Y$ (because $x \subseteq y$) \checkmark

↳ and then also $x \in Z$ (because $y \subseteq z$)

hence $X \subseteq Z$, so $X R Z$ ✓

• Anti-symmetric YES

- let $x, y \in P(N)$
 - assume $Y R X$, so $y \subseteq x$
- $\Rightarrow x = y$ ✓

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