

Exercise

- 1 Complete the following table, indicating whether the relations on the given sets are reflexive, symmetric or transitive:

| Set | Relation | Reflexive | Symmetric | Transitive |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|------------|
| (a) {boys} | 'is the brother of' | F | T | F |
| (b) {children} | 'is the brother of' | | | |
| (c) {straight lines in the plane} | 'is perpendicular to' | | | |
| (d) {straight lines in the plane} | 'is parallel to or coincident with' | | | |
| (e) {triangles in the plane} | 'is similar to' | | | |
| (f) {triangles in the plane} | 'is congruent with' | | | |
| (g) \mathbb{Z} | xRy if and only if $xy > 0$ | | | |
| (h) \mathbb{Z} | xRy if and only if $ x - y $ is even | | | |
| (i) \mathbb{Z} | xRy if and only if $(x^2 - y^2)$ is an even integer | | | |
| (j) \mathbb{Z} | xRy if and only if $(x^2 - y^2)$ is an odd integer | | | |
| (k) \mathbb{Z} | xRy if and only if $(x - y)$ is divisible by 2 or 3 | | | |
| (l) \mathbb{Z} | xRy if and only if $x < y$ | | | |
| (m) \mathbb{Z}^+ | xRy if and only if x is a factor of y | | | |
| (n) \mathbb{Z}^+ | xRy if and only if $2x > y$ | | | |
| (o) \mathbb{Z}^+ | xRy if and only if $(x - y)$ is divisible by 5 | | | |
| (p) \mathbb{Z}^+ | xRy if and only if x has the same number of digits as y | | | |
| (q) \mathbb{Z}^+ | xRy if and only if $\frac{x}{y}$ is an integer | | | |

- 2 Describe the equivalence classes for each of the equivalence relations in question 1.
- 3 Invent other examples of sets and relations which are
- (a) symmetric and transitive, but not reflexive
 - (b) reflexive and symmetric, but not transitive
 - (c) reflexive and transitive, but not symmetric
 - (d) reflexive, symmetric and transitive

- 4 (a) A relation R_1 is defined on the set

$$S_1 = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } b \neq 0\}$$

by $(p, q)R_1(r, s)$ if and only if $ps = rq$.

Prove that this is an equivalence relation, and describe the equivalence classes.

(b) A relation R_2 is defined on the set

$$S_2 = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$$

by $(p, q)R_2(r, s)$ if and only if $p + s = q + r$.

Prove that this is an equivalence relation, and describe the equivalence classes.

- 5 S is the set of matrices $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

(a) If $P = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, find A and B such that $P = AQ$ and $Q = BP$, and verify that $A^{-1} = B$.

(b) A relation is now defined on the set S by ' P is related to Q if and only if there exists a non-singular matrix A , such that $P = AQ$ '. Is this relation an equivalence relation?

- 6 A relation R is defined on the set of 2×1 matrices as follows: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} R \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ if you can

find a value of $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ which will make the statement $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ true.'

(a) Show that this relation is an equivalence relation.

(b) Find three 2×1 matrices each related to $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) Describe fully the equivalence class $\left[\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right]$.

- 7 Let S be the following set of matrices:

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2-a & 1-a \\ a-1 & a \end{bmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

A relation R is defined on the set of points in the plane by

$$(x_1, x_2)R(y_1, y_2)$$

if and only if $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ for some $A \in S$.

(a) Show that the relation is an equivalence relation.

(b) Describe the set of points in the equivalence class containing the point $(0, 2)$.

- 8 How many distinct equivalence relations can be defined on the set $\{x, y, z\}$?

- 1 (a) F T F (b) F F F (c) F T F (d) T T T (e) T T T
 (f) T T T (g) F T T (h) T T T (i) T T T (j) F T F
 (k) T T F (l) F F T (m) T F T (n) T F F (o) T T T
 (p) T T T (q) T F T

- 2 (d) Parallel lines
 (e) Similar triangles
 (f) Congruent triangles
 (h) {odd integers}, {even integers}
 (i) {odd integers}, {even integers}
 (o) Congruent classes mod 5
 (p) Numbers of same length

- 3 (a) Any non-empty set with a void relation
 (b) Non-zero elements of \mathbb{Z} with $xRy \Leftrightarrow x$ and y have same sign or same parity
 (c) \mathbb{R} with $xRy \Leftrightarrow x \leq y$
 (d) \mathbb{C} with $z_1 R z_2 \Leftrightarrow |z_1| = |z_2|$

5 (a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{7}{2} & -3 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{10} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{7}{10} & -\frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix}$ (b) Yes

6 (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (c) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$

- 7 (b) The line $x + y = 2$

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