

## Munkres 1.3

1. Define two points  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  of the plane to be equivalent if  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_1 - x_1^2$ . Check that this is an equivalence relation and describe the equivalence classes.

Reflexivity: Let  $(x_0, y_0)$ .  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_0 - x_0^2$  so  $(x_0, y_0) \sim (x_0, y_0)$  for every  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

Symmetry: Let  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  such that  $(x_0, y_0) \sim (x_1, y_1)$ .  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_1 - x_1^2$ . Equality is symmetric, so  $y_1 - x_1^2 = y_0 - x_0^2$ , so  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_0, y_0)$ . Thus,  $(x_0, y_0) \sim (x_1, y_1) \Rightarrow (x_1, y_1) \sim (x_0, y_0)$ .

Transitivity: Let  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$ , and  $(x_2, y_2)$  such that  $(x_0, y_0) \sim (x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)$ .  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_1 - x_1^2$  and  $y_1 - x_1^2 = y_2 - x_2^2$ . By the transitive property of equality,  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_2 - x_2^2$ , so  $(x_0, y_0) \sim (x_2, y_2)$ . Thus  $((x_0, y_0) \sim (x_1, y_1) \wedge (x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)) \Rightarrow (x_0, y_0) \sim (x_2, y_2)$ .

The relation satisfies all three properties of an equivalence relation.

An equivalence class of this relation determined by an element  $(x_0, y_0)$  is the set of all points  $(x, y)$  such that  $y - x^2 = y_0 - x_0^2$ . In other words, let  $a = y_0 - x_0^2$ . For any value of  $x$ ,  $(x, x^2 + a)$  is in the equivalence class. Note that for any point  $(x, y)$  in the equivalence class,  $(-x, y)$  is also in the equivalence class.

2. Let  $C$  be a relation on a set  $A$ . If  $A_0 \subset A$ , define the **restriction** of  $C$  to  $A_0$  to be the relation  $C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ . Show that the restriction of an equivalence relation is an equivalence relation.

Define  $C_{A_0}$  to be the restriction of  $C$  to  $A_0$ .

Lemma:  $x C_{A_0} y \Rightarrow x C y$ .

$x C_{A_0} y \iff (x, y) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0) \iff (x, y) \in C \wedge (x, y) \in (A_0 \times A_0)$ . Thus, by simplifying,  $(x, y) \in C \iff x C y$ .

Reflexivity: Let  $x \in A_0$  (and thus also  $x \in A$ ).  $x \in A$ , so  $x C x$ , so  $(x, x) \in C$ .  $x \in A_0$ , so  $(x, x) \in (A_0 \times A_0)$ .  $(x, x) \in C \wedge (x, x) \in (A_0 \times A_0)$ , so  $(x, x) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ , so  $x C_{A_0} x$  for every  $x \in A_0$ .

Symmetry: Let  $x, y \in A_0$  such that  $x C_{A_0} y$ .  $x C_{A_0} y \Rightarrow x C y$ , so  $y C x$  as well. Thus  $(y, x) \in C$ .  $x \in A_0 \wedge y \in A_0$ , so  $(y, x) \in (A_0 \times A_0)$  too.  $(y, x) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ . Therefore,  $x C_{A_0} y \Rightarrow y C_{A_0} x$ .

Transitivity: Let  $x, y, z \in A_0$  such that  $x C_{A_0} y$  and  $y C_{A_0} z$ .  $x C y \wedge y C z$ , so  $x C z$ , so  $(x, z) \in C$ .  $x \in A_0 \wedge z \in A_0$ , so  $(x, z) \in (A_0 \times A_0)$ . Thus,  $(x, z) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ . Therefore,  $x C_{A_0} y \wedge y C_{A_0} z \Rightarrow x C_{A_0} z$ .

3. Here is a “proof” that every relation  $C$  that is both symmetric and transitive is also reflexive: “Since  $C$  is symmetric,  $a C b$  implies  $b C a$ . Since  $C$  is transitive,  $a C b$  and  $b C a$  together imply  $a C a$ , as desired.” Find the flaw in this argument. The argument simplifies to  $a C b \Rightarrow a C a$ , meaning there could be a case where  $a C b$  and  $a C a$  are both false. Reflexivity requires  $a C a$  to be true in all cases, but this argument depends on  $a C b$ .
4. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a surjective function. Let us define a relation on  $A$  by setting  $a_0 \sim a_1$  if  $f(a_0) = f(a_1)$ .

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

Reflexivity: Let  $a \in A$ .  $f(a) = f(a)$  so  $a \sim a$  for every  $a \in A$ .

Symmetry: Let  $a_0, a_1 \in A$  such that  $a_0 \sim a_1$ .  $f(a_0) = f(a_1)$ , so  $f(a_1) = f(a_0)$ , so  $a_1 \sim a_0$ . Thus,  $a_0 \sim a_1 \Rightarrow a_1 \sim a_0$ .

Transitivity: Let  $a_0, a_1, a_2 \in A$  such that  $a_0 \sim a_1 \wedge a_1 \sim a_2$ .  $f(a_0) = f(a_1) \wedge f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ , so  $f(a_0) = f(a_2)$ , so  $a_0 \sim a_2$ . Thus,  $(a_0 \sim a_1 \wedge a_1 \sim a_2) \Rightarrow a_0 \sim a_2$ .

- (b) Let  $A^*$  be the set of equivalence classes. Show there is a bijective correspondence of  $A^*$  with  $B$ .

Let  $x \in A$ . Let  $E = \{y \mid y \sim x\}$  be the equivalence class determined by  $x$ .  $E = \{y \mid f(x) = f(y)\}$ . Let  $b = f(x)$ ;  $E = \{y \mid f(y) = b\}$ . Thus, for every equivalence class in  $A^*$ , there is some  $b \in B$  that it corresponds to. Because  $f$  is surjective, there is some  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$  for every  $b \in B$ , so every  $b \in B$  has a corresponding equivalence class (again defined as  $E = \{y \mid f(y) = b\}$ ).