

1. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{1, 4, 9, 16\}$ .

(i) Write down  $(\mathbb{Z} \setminus A) \cap B$  in roster notation.

[1 mark]

**Solution.**  $\{9, 16\}$ .

**Explanation.**  $(\mathbb{Z} \setminus A) \cap B = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 6, 7, 8, \dots\} \cap \{1, 4, 9, 16\} = \{9, 16\}$ .

(ii) Write down  $\{x + y : x, y \in A\}$  in roster notation.

[1 mark]

**Solution.**  $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ .

**Explanation.**  $\{x + y : x, y \in A\} = \{1+1, 1+2, 1+3, 1+4, 1+5, 2+1, 2+2, \dots, 3+1, \dots, 5+4, 5+5\} = \{2, 3, 4, \dots, 10\}$ .

(iii) Write down  $\{x + y : x, y \in A\} \setminus \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}$  in roster notation.

[1 mark]

**Solution.**  $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

(iv) Is  $\{x^2 : x \in A\} \subseteq B$ ? Explain your answer.

[2 marks]

**Solution.** No, because  $25 \in \{x^2 : x \in A\}$  but  $25 \notin B$ .

(v) Write down all partitions of  $A$  that contains  $\{1, 3, 5\}$ .

[2 marks]

**Solution.**  $\{\{1, 3, 5\}, \{2, 4\}\}$  and  $\{\{1, 3, 5\}, \{2\}, \{4\}\}$ .

**Comments.** Many did not get this part right; cf. Tutorial Exercise 4.7.

2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Prove that, if  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(B)$ , then  $A = B$ .

[4 marks]

**Solution.** Assume  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \mathcal{P}(B)$ . Recall from Remark 4.2.4(3) that  $A \subseteq A$  and  $B \subseteq B$ . So  $A \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $B \in \mathcal{P}(B)$  by the definition of  $\mathcal{P}$ . It then follows from our assumption that  $A \in \mathcal{P}(B)$  and  $B \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ . Unravelling the definition of  $\mathcal{P}$ , these give  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . Hence  $A = B$  by Remark 4.2.4(2).  $\square$

**Alternative solution.** Let us prove the contrapositive. Assume  $A \neq B$ . Use the definition of set equality to find  $z$  such that the biconditional  $z \in A \Leftrightarrow z \in B$  is false. There are two cases.

**Case 1: suppose  $z \in A$  but  $z \notin B$ .** Then  $\{z\} \subseteq A$  and  $\{z\} \not\subseteq B$  by the definition of  $\subseteq$ . According to the definition of  $\mathcal{P}$ , these mean  $\{z\} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $\{z\} \notin \mathcal{P}(B)$ , implying that  $\mathcal{P}(A) \neq \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

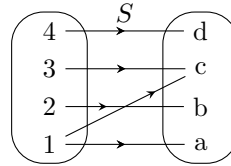
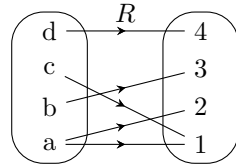
**Case 2: suppose  $z \in B$  but  $z \notin A$ .** Then  $\{z\} \not\subseteq A$  and  $\{z\} \subseteq B$  by the definition of  $\subseteq$ . According to the definition of  $\mathcal{P}$ , these mean  $\{z\} \notin \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $\{z\} \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ , implying that  $\mathcal{P}(A) \neq \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

So  $\mathcal{P}(A) \neq \mathcal{P}(B)$  in all cases.  $\square$

**Comments.** • Many only rewrote the proposition to be proved, and did not make any progress.

- Many mixed up elements ( $\in$ ) and subsets ( $\subseteq$ ). These may be different. For example, elements of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , *not* elements of  $\mathbb{N}$ ; subsets of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  are *neither* elements *nor* subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- Many deduced from  $A \neq B$  that some element of  $A$  is not an element of  $B$ . There is actually another case when some element of  $B$  is not an element of  $A$ , which cannot be ignored.

3. Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . The following are arrow diagrams of a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$ , and a relation  $S$  from  $B$  to  $A$ .



- (i) Write down  $R^{-1}$  in roster notation. [1 mark]

**Solution.**  $R^{-1} = \{(1, a), (1, c), (2, a), (3, b), (4, d)\}$ .

- (ii) Write down  $R \circ S$  in roster notation. [1 mark]

**Solution.**  $R \circ S = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (4, 4)\}$ .

- (iii) Is  $R \circ S$  antisymmetric as a relation on  $B$ ? Explain your answer. [2 marks]

**Solution.** Yes, because the only  $x, y \in B$  that make  $(x, y), (y, x) \in R \circ S$  are when  $x$  and  $y$  are both 1 or both 4.

- (iv) Write down  $S \circ R$  in roster notation. [1 mark]

**Solution.**  $S \circ R = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (c, a), (c, c), (d, d)\}$ .

- (v) Is  $S \circ R$  reflexive as relation on  $A$ ? Explain your answer. [2 marks]

**Solution.** No, because  $(b, b) \notin S \circ R$ .

4. Let  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \geq 12 \text{ and } y > 31\}$ . Define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  by setting, for all  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in A$ ,

$$(x_1, y_1) R (x_2, y_2) \iff (x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31).$$

- (i) Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. [5 marks]

**Solution. (Reflexivity)** Let  $(x, y) \in A$ . Then  $(x - 12)(y - 31) = (x - 12)(y - 31)$ . So  $(x, y) R (x, y)$  by the definition of  $R$ .

**(Symmetry)** Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in A$  such that  $(x_1, y_1) R (x_2, y_2)$ . Then  $(x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31)$  by the definition of  $R$ . This implies  $(x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31) = (x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31)$ . So  $(x_2, y_2) R (x_1, y_1)$  by the definition of  $R$ .

**(Transitivity)** Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3) \in A$  such that  $(x_1, y_1) R (x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_2, y_2) R (x_3, y_3)$ . Then, by the definition of  $R$ ,

$$(x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31), \text{ and} \quad (1)$$

$$(x_2 - 12)(y_3 - 31) = (x_3 - 12)(y_2 - 31). \quad (2)$$

**Case 1: suppose  $x_2 \neq 12$ .** As  $(x_3, y_3) \in A$ , we know also  $y_3 \neq 31$ . So  $0 \neq (x_2 - 12)(y_3 - 31) = (x_3 - 12)(y_2 - 31)$  by (2). Cross-dividing (1) by (2) then gives

$$\frac{x_1 - 12}{x_3 - 12} = \frac{(x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31)}{(x_3 - 12)(y_2 - 31)} = \frac{(x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31)}{(x_2 - 12)(y_3 - 31)} = \frac{y_1 - 31}{y_3 - 31}.$$

Hence  $(x_1 - 12)(y_3 - 31) = (x_3 - 12)(y_1 - 31)$ .

**Case 2: suppose  $x_2 = 12$ .** Then, from (1) and (2), we have respectively

$$(x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31) = 0 \cdot (y_1 - 31) = 0, \text{ and}$$

$$(x_3 - 12)(y_2 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_3 - 31) = 0 \cdot (y_3 - 31) = 0.$$

However, as  $(x_2, y_2) \in A$ , we know  $y_2 \neq 31$ . So  $x_1 - 12 = 0$  and  $x_3 - 12 = 0$ . Hence

$$(x_1 - 12)(y_3 - 31) = 0 \cdot (y_3 - 31) = 0 = 0 \cdot (y_1 - 31) = (x_3 - 12)(y_1 - 31).$$

It follows from the definition of  $R$  that  $(x_1, y_1) R (x_3, y_3)$  in all cases.  $\square$

**Alternative proof of transitivity.** Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3) \in A$  such that  $(x_1, y_1) R (x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_2, y_2) R (x_3, y_3)$ . Then, by the definition of  $R$ ,

$$(x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31) \quad \text{and} \quad (x_2 - 12)(y_3 - 31) = (x_3 - 12)(y_2 - 31).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31)}{y_1 - 31} &= x_2 - 12 = \frac{(x_3 - 12)(y_2 - 31)}{y_3 - 31}. \\ \therefore \frac{x_1 - 12}{y_1 - 31} &= \frac{x_3 - 12}{y_3 - 31} && \text{as } (x_2, y_2) \in A \text{ implies } y_2 \neq 31. \\ \therefore (x_1 - 12)(y_3 - 31) &= (x_3 - 12)(y_1 - 31). \\ \therefore (x_1, y_1) R (x_3, y_3) &&& \text{by the definition of } R. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**Yet another proof of transitivity.** Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3) \in A$  such that  $(x_1, y_1) R (x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_2, y_2) R (x_3, y_3)$ . Then, by the definition of  $R$ ,

$$(x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31) \quad \text{and} \quad (x_2 - 12)(y_3 - 31) = (x_3 - 12)(y_2 - 31).$$

As  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3) \in A$ , we know that none of  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  equals 31. Thus the equations above imply

$$\frac{x_1 - 12}{y_1 - 31} = \frac{x_2 - 12}{y_2 - 31} = \frac{x_3 - 12}{y_3 - 31}.$$

Hence  $(x_1 - 12)(y_3 - 31) = (x_3 - 12)(y_1 - 31)$ . It follows that  $(x_1, y_1) R (x_3, y_3)$ .  $\square$

**Comments.** • Quite a number of students misread  $(x_1 - 12)(y_2 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_1 - 31)$  as  $(x_1 - 12)(y_1 - 31) = (x_2 - 12)(y_2 - 31)$ .

- Some did not realize that some  $(x, y) \in A$  makes  $x - 12 = 0$ , and thus divided by zero.

- (ii) Prove that there exists  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(24, y) \in [(36, 49)]$ . [2 marks]

**Solution.** Let  $y = 40$ . Then

$$(36 - 12)(y - 31) = (36 - 12)(40 - 31) = 24 \times 9 = 12 \times 9 \times 2 = 12 \times 18 = (24 - 12)(49 - 31).$$

So  $(36, 49) R (24, y)$  by the definition of  $R$ . This means  $(24, y) \in [(36, 49)]$  according to the definition of  $[(36, 49)]$ .  $\square$

**Comments.** Some only showed  $(24, y) \in [(36, 49)]$  implies  $y = 40$ . This does not prove the proposition given; see Tutorial Exercise 3.2.