

**Assignment due April 19th at 11:59 p.m.**

Complete the following problems. These problems are related to Chapters 11 in the Book of Proof. Found at:

<https://www.people.vcu.edu/~rhammack/BookOfProof/Main.pdf>

**Problem 1:** Consider the relation  $R = \{(a, b), (a, c), (c, c), (b, b), (c, b), (b, c)\}$  on the set  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ . Is  $R$  reflexive, symmetric, and/or transitive? For each property, briefly explain your answer.

- Reflexive: The relation is not reflexive because  $a$  does not directly relate to  $a$ .
- Symmetric: The relation is not symmetric because not every pair has a exact reverse. For example, the pair  $(a, b)$  does not have a matching  $(b, a)$  pair.
- Transitive: The relation is transitive because  $a$  relates to  $c$  and  $c$  relates to  $b$ .

**Problem 2:** Let  $S = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let relation  $R = \{(a, b), \dots\}$  be a relation on set  $S$ . For each of the following sets of properties, provide a complete list of ordered pairs in  $R$ .

1. Reflexive, Symmetric, Not Transitive

$$R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b), (b, a)\}$$

2. Not Reflexive, Symmetric, Transitive

$$R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (a, b), (b, c), (c, a)\}$$

3. Reflexive, Not Symmetric, Transitive

$$R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b), (b, c), (c, a)\}$$

4. Not Reflexive, Not Symmetric, Transitive

$$\{(a, b), (b, c), (c, a)\}$$

**Problem 3:** Prove that the divides relation on the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  is reflexive, transitive, and not symmetric. Note that the divides relation is denoted as  $a|b$ , which means  $b = ka$  for some integer  $k$ .

*Proof.* For a relation to be reflexive, every element must relate to itself.

We know that  $a|b$  means  $b = ka$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Assume  $k = 1$ , so  $b = (1)a$ .

Therefore the divides relation is reflexive.

For a relation to be symmetric, every pair must have a matching pair in opposite order.

So lets say  $a|b$  and  $b = ka$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For this to be true,  $b|a$  must also be true.

$b|a$  mean  $a = kb$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

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