

Fuzzy set: A fuzzy set is defined as the set of pairs of an element <sup>along</sup> with their degree of membership (i.e. A real number between 0 & 1 including 0 & 1)

eg:  $F = \{0.7, \text{Gora}, 0.9, \text{Somnath}, 0.3, \text{Oraulim}, 0.2, \text{Rana}, 0.5, \text{Monu}\}$

$R = \{0.5, \text{Gora}, 0.8, \text{Somnath}, 0.2, \text{Oraulim}, 0.7, \text{Rana}, 0.6, \text{Monu}\}$

Complement of fuzzy sets

The complement of fuzzy set  $S$  is ~~the~~  $S'$  with the degree of membership of an element in  $S' = 1 -$  the degree of membership of these elements in  $S$ .

$F' = \{0.3, \text{Gora}, 0.1, \text{Somnath}, 0.7, \text{Oraulim}, 0.8, \text{Rana}, 0.4, \text{Monu}\}$

$R' = \{0.5, \text{Gora}, 0.2, \text{Somnath}, 0.8, \text{Oraulim}, 0.3, \text{Rana}, 0.4, \text{Monu}\}$

Union - The union of a fuzzy set  $S$  &  $T$  is the fuzzy set of  $S \cup T$  where the degree of membership of an element in  $S \cup T$  is the maximum of the degree of membership of this elements in  $S$  &  $T$ .

$F \cup R = \{0.7, \text{Gora}, 0.9, \text{Somnath}, 0.3, \text{Oraulim}, 0.7, \text{Rana}, 0.6, \text{Monu}\}$

Intersection - The intersection of a fuzzy set  $S$  &  $T$  is the fuzzy set  $S \cap T$  in which the degree of membership of an element in  $S \cap T$  is the minimum of the degree of membership of this element in  $S$  and  $T$ .

$FNR = \{0.5 \text{ Gora}, 0.8 \text{ Somnath}, 0.2 \text{ Chaulim}, 0.2 \text{ Rana}, 0.5 \text{ Monu}\}$

## Relations

A relation is a structure that represents the relationship of elements of a set to the elements of another set.

- The simplest way to express a relationship between elements of two sets is to use Ordered Pairs consisting of two related elements.
- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be 2 sets. A relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is a subset of the Cartesian Product  $A \times B$ .

Suppose  $R$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ .  
Then  $R$  is a ~~subset~~ <sup>set of</sup> ordered pairs  $(a, b)$

where  $a \in A$  &  $b \in B$ , where  $(a, b) \in R$ .

We use the notation  $a R b$  read as 'a is related to b by  $R$ '.

If  $(a, b) \notin R$ , it is denoted as  $a \not R b$

Domain & Range - The set  $\{a \in A \mid (a, b) \in R \text{ for some } b \in B\}$  is called the domain of  $R$  and denoted by  $\text{Dom}(R)$  or  $D(R)$

The set  $\{b \in B \mid (a, b) \in R \text{ for some } a \in A\}$  is called the range of  $R$  and denoted by  $\text{Ran}(R)$  or  $R(R)$

Prob 1 Let  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$ ;  $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ . List all elements of each relation  $R$  defined below. Also write its domain & Range.

- $a \in A$  is related to  $b \in B$  iff  $a < b$   
i.e.  $a R b$  iff  $a < b$ .

$$A \times B = \{(2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5)\}$$

$$R \text{ is } \{(2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 5)\}$$

$$\text{Domain } D(R) = \{2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\text{Range } R(R) = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

- $a \in A$  is related to  $b \in B$  if  $a \neq b$  and one odd.

$$R \text{ is } \{(3, 3), (3, 5)\}$$

$$D(R) = \underline{\underline{\{3\}}} \quad ; \quad \text{Range } R(R) = \underline{\underline{\{3, 5\}}}$$

Prob 2 Let  $S = \{x, y\}$  and  $S^2$  is the set of all words of length 2.

(i) Find the elements of  $S^2$

(ii) The relation  $R$  on  $S^2$  is defined by  $v R w$  means that the first letter in  $v$  is the same as the first letter in  $w$  when  $v, w$  are in  $S^2$ .



Write  $R$  as a set of ordered pairs.

$$S^2 = \{xx, xy, yx, yy\}$$

$$R = \{(xx, xy), (xy, xx), (yx, yy), (yy, yx)\}$$

### Types of Relations

#### 1. Universal Relation.

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called a Universal Relation, if  $R = A \times A$ .

eg. If  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  then  $R = A \times A$

$$= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

is the universal relation on  $A$ .

(2) Void Relation :- A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called a void relation if  $R$  is the null set.

eg: Let  $A = \{3, 4, 5\}$  and  $R$  is defined as

$aRb$  iff  $A+B > 10$ . Then  $R$  is a null set. Since no element in  $A \times A$  satisfies the given condition.

(3) Identity Relation - A relation on a set  $A$  is called an identity relation if  $R = \{(a, a) / a \in A\}$  and denoted by  $I_A$ .

eg. If  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ;  $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$  is the identity relation on  $A$ .

#### (4) Inverse of a Relation - $R^{-1}$

If  $R$  is any relation from set  $A$  to set  $B$  the inverse of  $R$  denoted by  $R^{-1}$  is the

relation from  $B$  to  $A$  which consists of those ordered pairs got by interchanging the elements of the ordered pairs in  $R$ .

$$R^{-1} = \{ (b, a) / (a, b) \in R \}$$

eg. If  $A = \{2, 3, 5\}$  ;  $B = \{6, 8, 10\}$

and  $a R b$  if and only if  $a \in A$  divides  $b \in B$ ,  
then  $R = \{(2, 6), (2, 8), (2, 10), (3, 6), (5, 10)\}$

we can see that,  $R^{-1} = \{(6, 2), (8, 2), (10, 2), (6, 3), (10, 5)\}$

$$D(R) = R(R^{-1}) = \{2, 3, 5\}$$

$$\underline{\underline{R(R) = D(R^{-1}) = \{6, 8, 10\}}}$$

### Classification of relations / Properties

1. Reflexive relation - A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is reflexive if  $a R a$  for every  $a \in A$  i.e. if  $(a, a) \in R$  for every  $a \in A$  i.e. every elt  $a$  of  $A$  is related to itself.

eg (1) If  $R_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$  be a relation on  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then  $R_1$  is reflexive since for every  $a \in A$ ,  $(a, a) \in R_1$ .

eg (2) If  $R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$  be a relation on  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  then  $R_2$  is not reflexive relation since  $(2, 2) \notin R$  for  $2 \in A$ .

eg (3)  $R_3 = \{(x, y) \in R^2 / x \leq y\}$  is a reflexive relation, since  $x \leq x$  for any  $x \in R$ .



Irreflexive relation - A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is irreflexive, i.e. for every  $a \in A$ ,  $(a, a) \notin R$ .  
 i.e. there is no  $a \in A$  such that  $a R a$ .

eg: Let  
 (1)  $R_1 = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 3)\}$  on  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 Then  $R_1$  is irreflexive since  $(x, x) \notin R$ ,  
 for every  $x \in A$ .

(2) The relation  $R_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / x < y\}$  is an irreflexive relation since  $x < x$  for no  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Non reflexive relation - A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is non-reflexive i.e.  $R$  is neither reflexive nor irreflexive. i.e.  $a R a$  is true for some  $a$  and false for others.

eg:  $R_2 = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1)\}$  on  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 is a non-reflexive relation since  $2 R_2 2$  is ~~not~~ true, but  $1 R_1$  &  $3 R_3$  are false.

### Symmetric Relation

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is said to be symmetric, i.e. whenever  $a R b$  then  $b R a$ ,

i.e. whenever  $(a, b) \in R$  then  $(b, a)$  also  $\in R$ .

eg: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ;  $R = \{(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$   
 then  $R$  is symmetric since both  $(2, 3)$  &  $(3, 2) \in R$ .

A relation  $R$  on  $A$  is not symmetric i.e. there exist  $a, b \in A$  such that  $(a, b) \in R$  but  $(b, a) \notin R$ .

(2) The relation of perpendicularity on a set of lines in a plane is symmetric.

(3) Anti Symmetric - A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is said to be antisymmetric, whenever  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ , then  $a = b$ .

If there exist  $a, b \in A$  such that  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$  but  $a \neq b$ , then  $R$  is not antisymmetric.

eg. The relation of divisibility on  $N$  is antisymmetric, since whenever  $m$  is divisible by  $n$  and  $n$  is divisible by  $m$ , then  $m = n$ .

Asymmetric Relation - A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is asymmetric if whenever  $(a, b) \in R$  then  $(b, a) \notin R$  for  $a \neq b$ .

i.e. if  $a R b \Rightarrow b \narrow R a$ .

i.e. The presence of  $(a, b)$  in  $R$ , excludes the presence of  $(b, a)$  in  $R$ .

(4) Transitive relation - A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is said to be transitive, if whenever  $a R b$  and  $b R c$ , then  $a R c$ .

i.e. if whenever  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$ , then  $(a, c) \in R$ .

eg. (1) The relation of set inclusion on a collection of sets is transitive, since if  $A \subseteq B$  &  $B \subseteq C$  then  $A \subseteq C$ .

eg. (2) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ;  $R = \{(1, 1)(2, 2)(3, 2)(2, 3)(3, 3)\}$   
The  $R$  is transitive, since  $2 R 2$ ,  $2 R 3 \Rightarrow 3 R 2 \in R$ .  
 $(2, 3)(3, 2) \Rightarrow (2, 2) \in R$

(7)



Prob. Give an example of a relation which is

- (i) reflexive and transitive but not symmetric
- (ii) symmetric and transitive but not reflexive
- (iii) reflexive and symmetric but not transitive
- (iv) Reflexive and transitive but neither symmetric nor antisymmetric.

Solution

(i)  $R_1 = \{(1,1) (2,2) (3,3) (1,3)\}$

is reflexive & transitive but not symmetric  
since  $(1,3) \in R$  but  $(3,1) \notin R$ .

(ii)  $R_2 = \{(1,1) ~~(2,2)~~ (1,3) (3,1)\}$

is ~~reflexive~~ symmetric and transitive, but not reflexive since  $(3,3) \notin R_2$

(iii)  $R_3 = \{(1,1) (2,2) (3,3) (1,2) (2,1) (2,3) (3,2)\}$

is reflexive & symmetric but not transitive  
since  $(1,2) \in R_3$  and  $(2,3) \in R_3$  but  $(1,3) \notin R_3$ .

(iv) Let  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  be the set of <sup>all</sup> non-zero ~~integers~~ ~~transitive~~  
integers and  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  given by  
 $(a,b) \in R$  if  $a$  is a factor of  $b$ , i.e. if  $a|b$ .  
Since  $a|a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$a|b$  and  $b|c \Rightarrow a|c$ , hence  $R$  is reflexive  
and transitive.

$2|6$  but  $6 \nmid 2$  is not true. hence  $R$  is not symmetric.

Again  $5|-5$  and  $-5|5$  but  $5 \neq -5$  hence  $R$  is  
not antisymmetric.



## Equivalence Relation

A relation on a set  $A$  is called an equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

i.e.  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ , if it has the following 3 properties.

(1)  $(a, a) \in R$  for all  $a \in A$  (reflexive)

(2)  $(a, b) \in R$  implies  $(b, a) \in R$  (symmetric)

(3)  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$  (transitive)

eg: Let  $R$  is the relation on the set of strings of Hindi letters such that  $a R b$  iff  $l(a) = l(b)$  where  $l(x)$  is the length of the string  $x$ .

Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

Soln Since  $l(a) = l(a)$ , we have  $a R a$  whenever  $a$  is a string. So  $R$  is reflexive.

Suppose  $a R b$  so that  $l(a) = l(b)$

(then  $b R a$  since  $l(b) = l(a)$ ) Hence  $R$  is

Also Suppose that  $a R b$  and  $b R c$  we

$l(a) = l(b)$  and  $l(b) = l(c)$

Hence  $l(a) = l(c)$  which implies  $a R c$ . So  $R$  is transitive.

Since  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

## Theorems

1. Let  $R$  &  $S$  be relations from  $A$  to  $B$ , then  
Show that

$$(a) \text{ If } R \subseteq S \text{ then } R^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1}$$

$$(b) (R \cap S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

$$\checkmark (c) (R \cup S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cup S^{-1}$$

$$(a) \text{ Given } R \subseteq S,$$

$$\text{If } (a, b) \in R^{-1} \text{ then } (b, a) \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in S^{-1}$$

$$\therefore (a, b) \in R^{-1} \Rightarrow (a, b) \in S^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{R^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1}}}$$

$$(b) \text{ P.T. } (R \cap S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

$$\text{Let } (a, b) \in (R \cap S)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R \cap S$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R \text{ \& } (b, a) \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in R^{-1} \text{ \& } (a, b) \in S^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

$$\therefore (R \cap S)^{-1} \subseteq R^{-1} \cap S^{-1} \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\text{Let } (a, b) \in R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in R^{-1} \text{ and } (a, b) \in S^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R \text{ and } (b, a) \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R \cap S \Rightarrow (a, b) \in (R \cap S)^{-1} \text{ --- (2)}$$

From (1) & (2)

$$\underline{\underline{(R \cap S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}}}$$



② If  $R$  &  $S$  are equivalence relations on a set  $A$ . Then  
Prove that

(a)  $R^{-1}$  is an equivalence relation.

✓ (b)  $R \cap S$  is an equivalence relation.

Proof.

Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation.

$\therefore R$  is reflexive, symmetric & transitive.

(a) Let  $a, b, c \in A$ .

The relation  $R^{-1}$  is

(1) Reflexive, since  $(a, a) \in R$  for all  $a$   
 $\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R^{-1}$   
 $\therefore R^{-1}$  is reflexive.

(2) Symmetric ~~suppose~~  $(a, b) \in R^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow (a, b) \in R$  (since  $R$  is symmetric)  
 $\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R^{-1}$   
 $\therefore R^{-1}$  is symmetric.

(3) Transitive Suppose  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow (b, a), (c, b) \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow (c, b), (b, a) \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow (c, a) \in R$  (since  $R$  is transitive)  
 $\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R^{-1}$   
 $\therefore R^{-1}$  is transitive.

$\therefore R^{-1}$  is reflexive, symmetric & transitive.

$\therefore R^{-1}$  is an equivalence relation

(3) which of the following relations on  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  are equivalence relations? Find the properties of an equivalence relation that the other lack?

- (a)  $R_1 = \{(0,0)(1,1)(2,2)(3,3)\}$   
 (b)  $R_2 = \{(0,0)(0,2)(2,0)(2,2)(2,3)(3,2)(3,3)\}$   
 (c)  $R_3 = \{(0,0)(1,1)(1,2)(2,1)(2,2)(3,3)\}$   
 (d)  $R_4 = \{(0,0)(1,1)(1,3)(2,2)(2,3)(3,1)(3,2)(3,3)\}$   
 (e)  $R_5 = \{(0,0)(0,1)(0,2)(1,0)(1,1)(1,2)(2,0)(2,2)(3,3)\}$

(4) ~~Show that the relation  $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$ , in the set of integers where  $m > 1$  is an equivalence~~

(4) If  $R$  be a relation in the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  defined by  $R = \{(x, y) / x \in \mathbb{Z}, y \in \mathbb{Z}, (x-y) \text{ is divisible by } 6\}$   
 Then prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

Solution

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $x - x = 0$  & 0 is divisible by 6.  
 $\therefore x R x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

Hence  $R$  is reflexive.

Again  $x R y \Rightarrow (x-y) \text{ is divisible by } 6$   
 $\Rightarrow -(x-y) \text{ is divisible by } 6$   
 $\Rightarrow (y-x) \text{ is divisible by } 6$   
 $\Rightarrow y R x$

Hence  $R$  is symmetric.

$x R y$  and  $x R z \Rightarrow (x-y) \text{ is divisible by } 6 \text{ and } (y-z) \text{ is divisible by } 6$   
 $\Rightarrow (x-y) + (y-z) \text{ is divisible by } 6$   
 $\Rightarrow (x-z) \text{ is divisible by } 6$   
 $\Rightarrow x R z$  Hence  $R$  is transitive.  
 $\therefore R$  is an equivalence relation.