



Set Theory  
Next Chapter:

# Special Types of Relations

(Anti-Symmetric, Transitive etc)



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# “Anti-Symmetric” Relation:



# “Anti Symmetric” Relation:

R : A → A

A = {a, b, c, - - -}

R is Anti-Sym

$a \neq b$

$a, b \in A$

$a R b \ \& \ b R a$

Not happen.



# “Anti Symmetric” Relation:

$R : A \longrightarrow A$

$R$  is Antisym:

$\forall a, b \in A$

If  $a \neq b$  and  $a R b$   
then  $b \not R a$



## “Anti Symmetric” Relation:

$R : \underline{A} \longrightarrow A$

$R$  is Antisym:

$\forall a, b \in A$  (  $(a \neq b) \wedge a R b \rightarrow b R a$  )

Definition /



## “Anti Symmetric” Relation:

$R : A \rightarrow A$

$R$  is

Antisym:

Definition 2

$$\forall a, b \in A \left( [a R b \wedge b R a] \rightarrow a = b \right)$$



## Anti-Sym Relation:

Relation  $R$  on set  $A$ .

$R$  is Antisym:

Definition 1:

for all  $a, b$ : if  $a \neq b \wedge aRb$  then  $b \not R a$

Definition 2:

for all  $a, b$ : if  $a R b \wedge b R a$  then  $a = b$ .



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Assume, Base Set A;  $\mathcal{R}$  on A.

For any  $x, y \in A$  (Assume  $x, y$  are different elements):

$\mathcal{R}$  is

Antisym

- ~~$x R y \& y R x$~~  Allowed
- ~~$x R y \& y R x$~~  "
- ~~$x R y \& y R x$~~  "
- $x R y \& y R x$  Not Allowed
- $x R x$  ✓ Allowed
- ~~$y R y$~~  ✓ Allowed



Assume, Base Set A ;

For any  $x, y \in A$  (Assume  $x, y$  are different elements):

If  
 $x \neq y$

In  
Anti-Sym Relation

•  $x R y \& y R x$

•  $x R x$

•  $y R y$

NOT Allowed



# “Asymmetric” Relation: (Counter-Symmetric Relation)



# “Asymmetric” Relation:

Anti-sym

&

Irreflexive

No element  
is related  
to each  
other.



$R: A \rightarrow A$

"Asymmetric" Relation:

$\forall a, b \in A$  ( $a R b \rightarrow b \not R a$ )

$R : A \rightarrow A$ "Asymmetric" Relation:

- ①  $\nexists a, b \in A$  (  $a R b \rightarrow b \not R a$  ) ✓
- ② Asym = Antisym & Irref.

$R : A \rightarrow A$ 

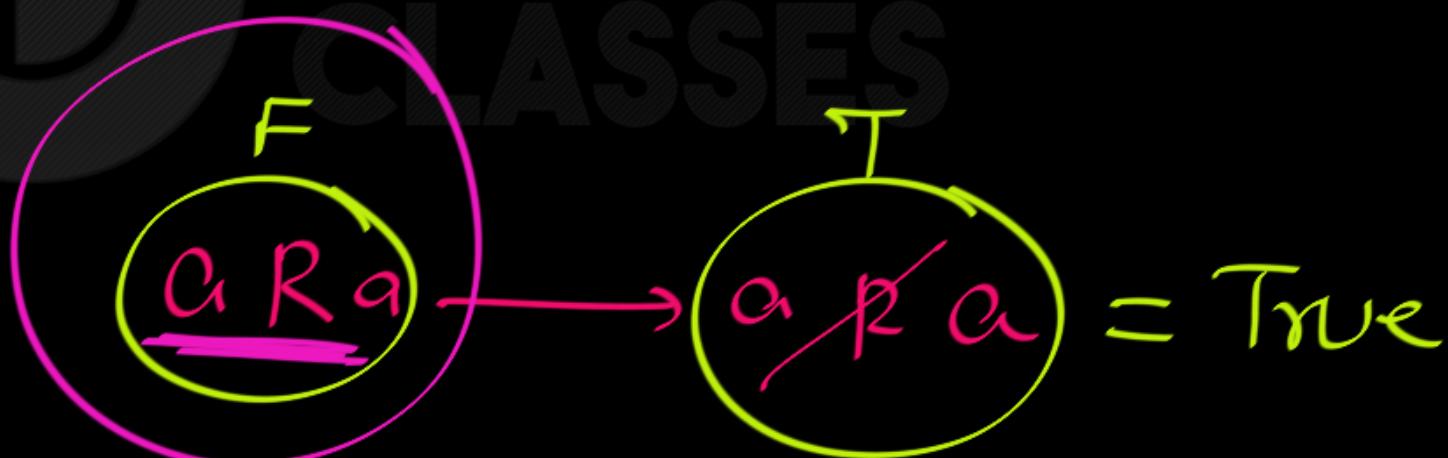
“Asymmetric” Relation:

$\forall a, b \in A$

$(a R b \rightarrow b \not R a)$

If  $a = b$

$a R a$



 $R : A \rightarrow A$ "Asymmetric" Relation: $\forall a, b \in A$  $(a R b \rightarrow b \not R a)$ 

If  $a = b$

 $a R a$ 

True  $a R a$  → False  $a \not R a$  = False

Assume, Base Set A ;  $R : A \rightarrow A$

For any  $x, y \in A$  (Assume  $x, y$  are different elements):

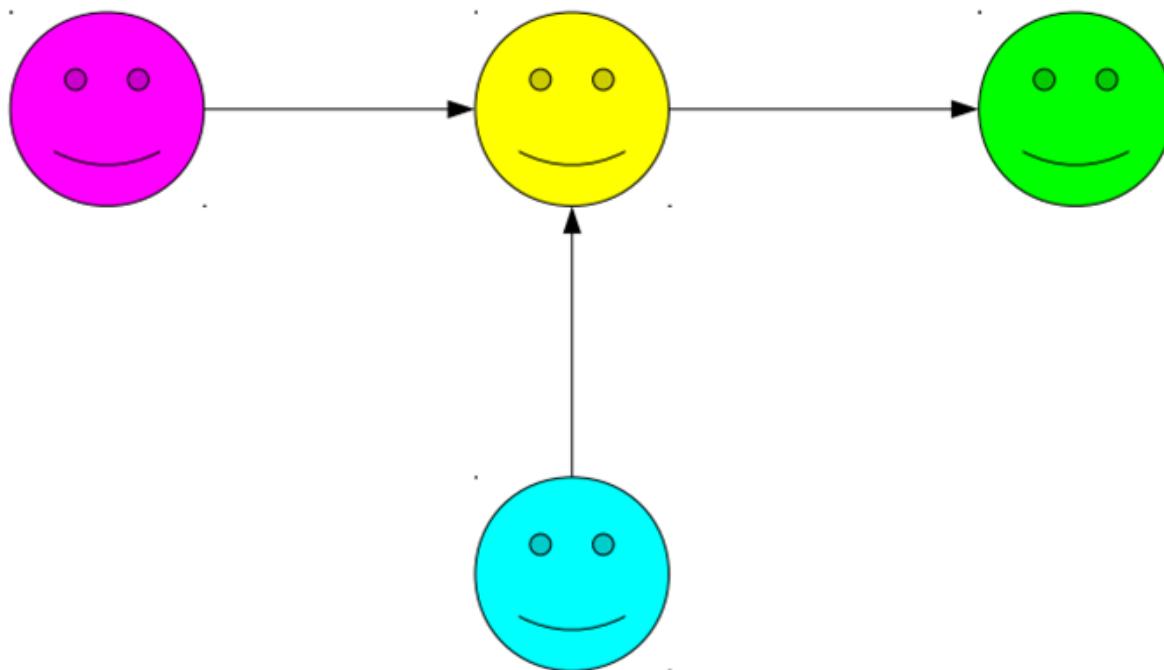
If  $R$   
Asym

- $x R y \& y R x$  — Allowed
- $x R y \& y R x$  — "
- $x R y \& y R x$  — "
- $x R y \& y R x$  — NOT Allowed

- $x R x$  — NOT Allowed
- $y R y$  — Allowed

Asym =  
Antisym & Irref

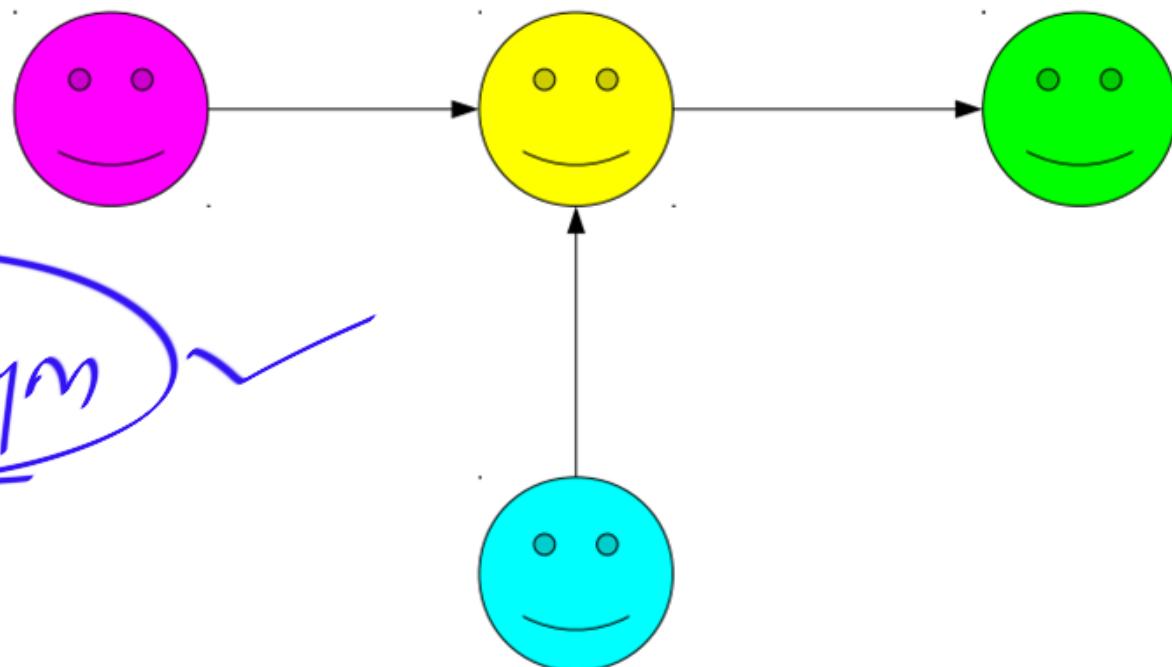
# Asymmetry Visualized



$\forall a \in A. \forall b \in A. (aRb \rightarrow b \not Ra)$

("If  $a$  relates to  $b$ , then  $b$  does not relate to  $a$ .)

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“Symmetric” Relation

Vs

“Anti Symmetric” Relation

Vs

“Asymmetric” Relation

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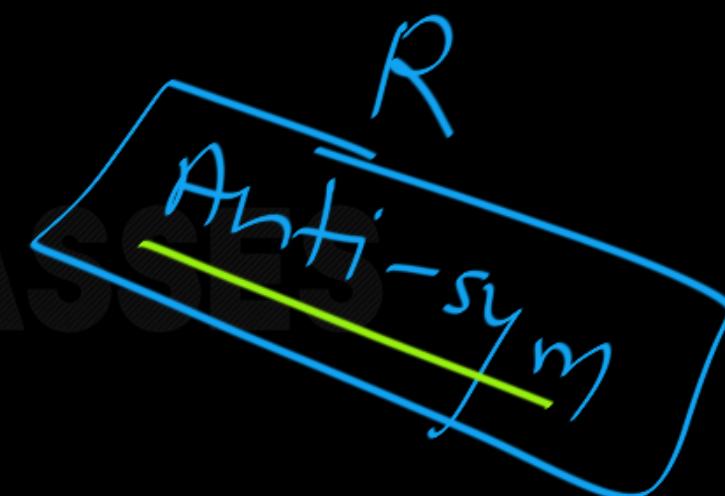
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$R$  is  
Symmetric

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# Graph Representation:

Sym Vs Anti-sym

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V<sub>s</sub> CLASSES A<sub>s</sub>sym.



# Graph Representation:

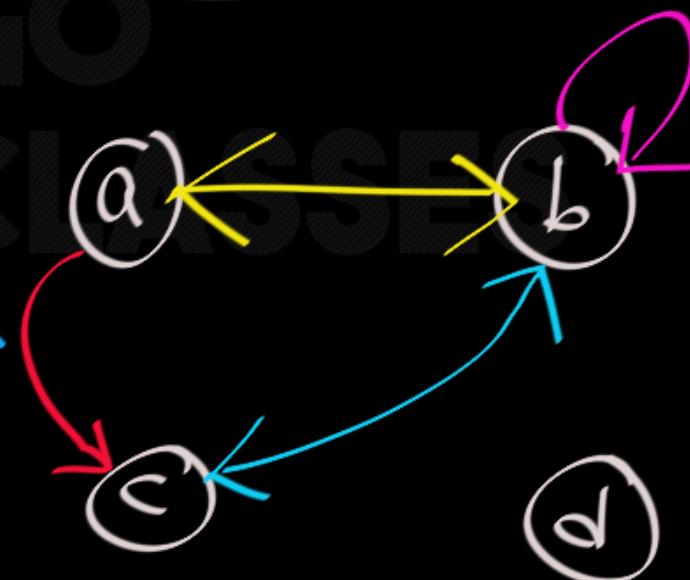
$R : A \rightarrow A$

$R$  : Symmetric

Graph Rep. of  $R$ :

Violation  
of Symmetric  
Relation

$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$



# Graph Representation:

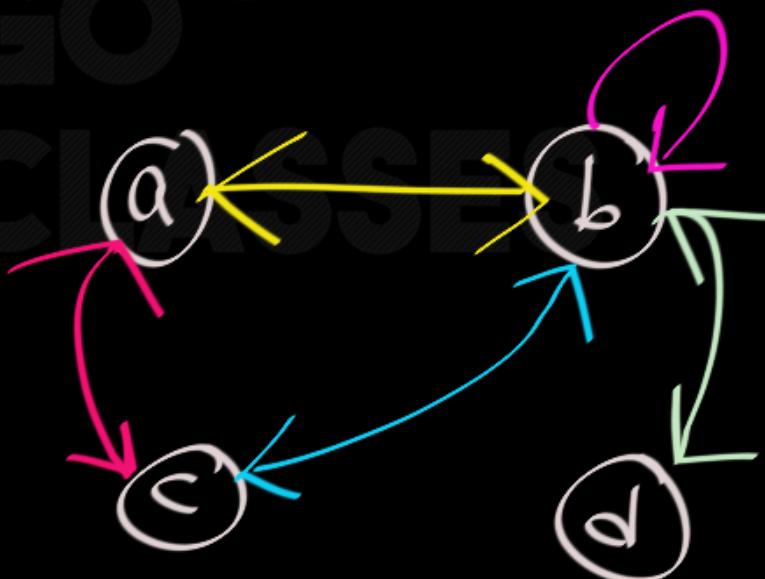
$R : A \rightarrow A$

$R : \text{Symmetric}$

Graph Rep. of  $R$ :

↓  
No Unidirectional Edges.

$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$





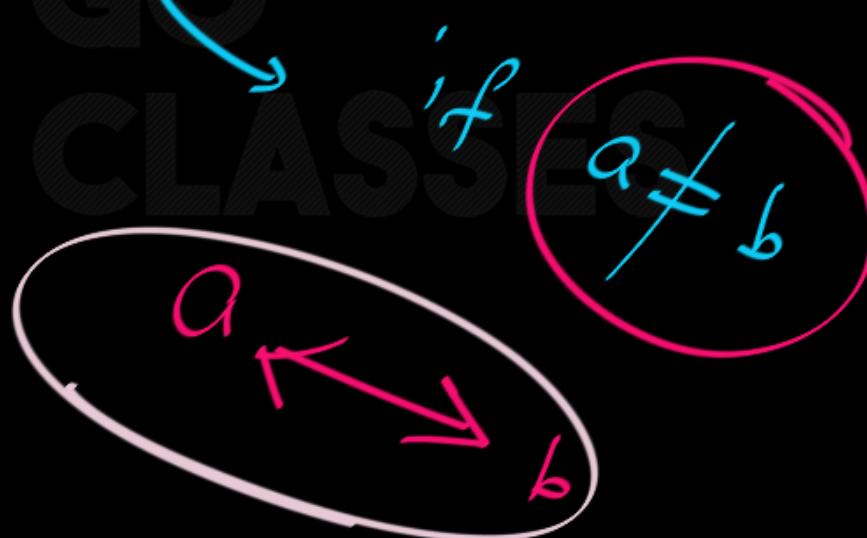
# Graph Representation:

$R: A \rightarrow A$

$R : \text{Anti-Sym}$

Graph Rep. of  $R'$

$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$



Violation  
of Anti-Sym  
Relation



# Graph Representation:

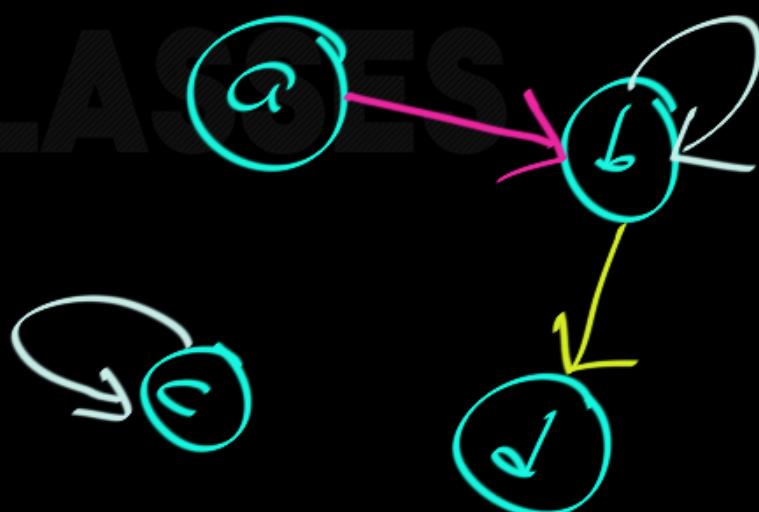
$R: A \rightarrow A$

$R : \text{Anti-Sym}$

Graph Rep. of  $R :$

No bi-directional  
Edges b/w  
different elements.

$$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$$



# Graph Representation:

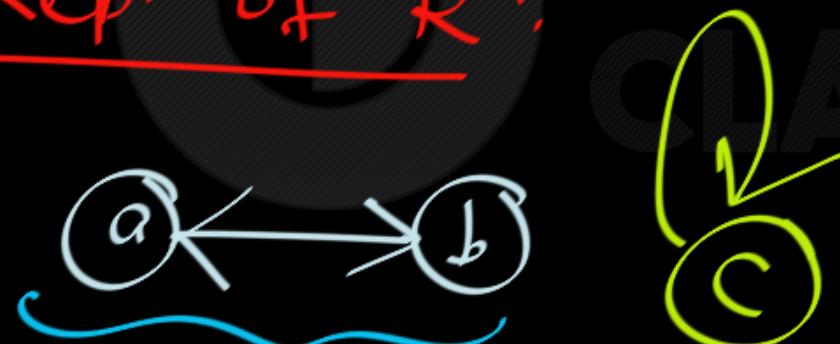
$R: A \rightarrow A$

Graph Rep. of  $R$ :

$R : \text{Asym}$

$A = \{a, b, c, d\} = \text{Anti-sym}$

$\text{Inj}$



Violation of Asym Relation



# Graph Representation:

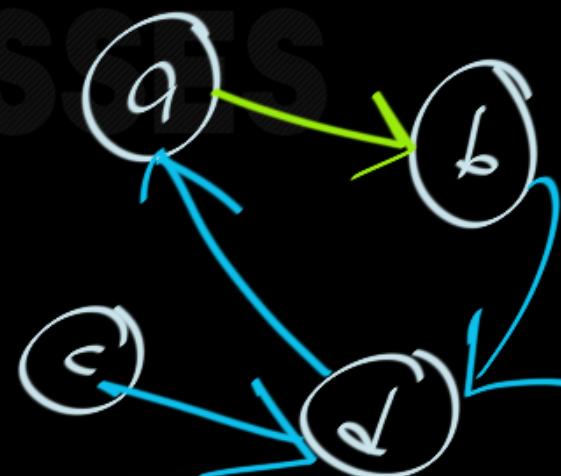
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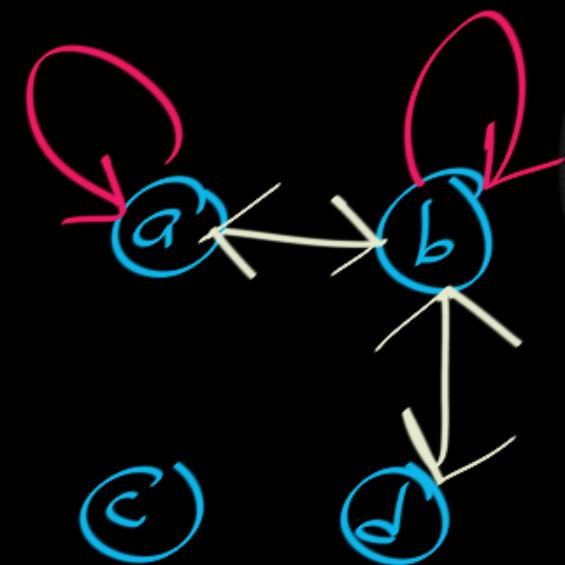
Graph Rep of  $R$ :

- ① No self loop.
- ② No bidirectional edges between different elements.



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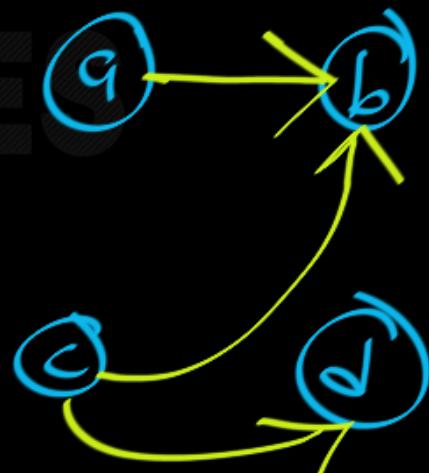
Sym



Anti-sym



Asy



# Matrix Representation:

Sym      Vs      Antisym

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Vs Asym

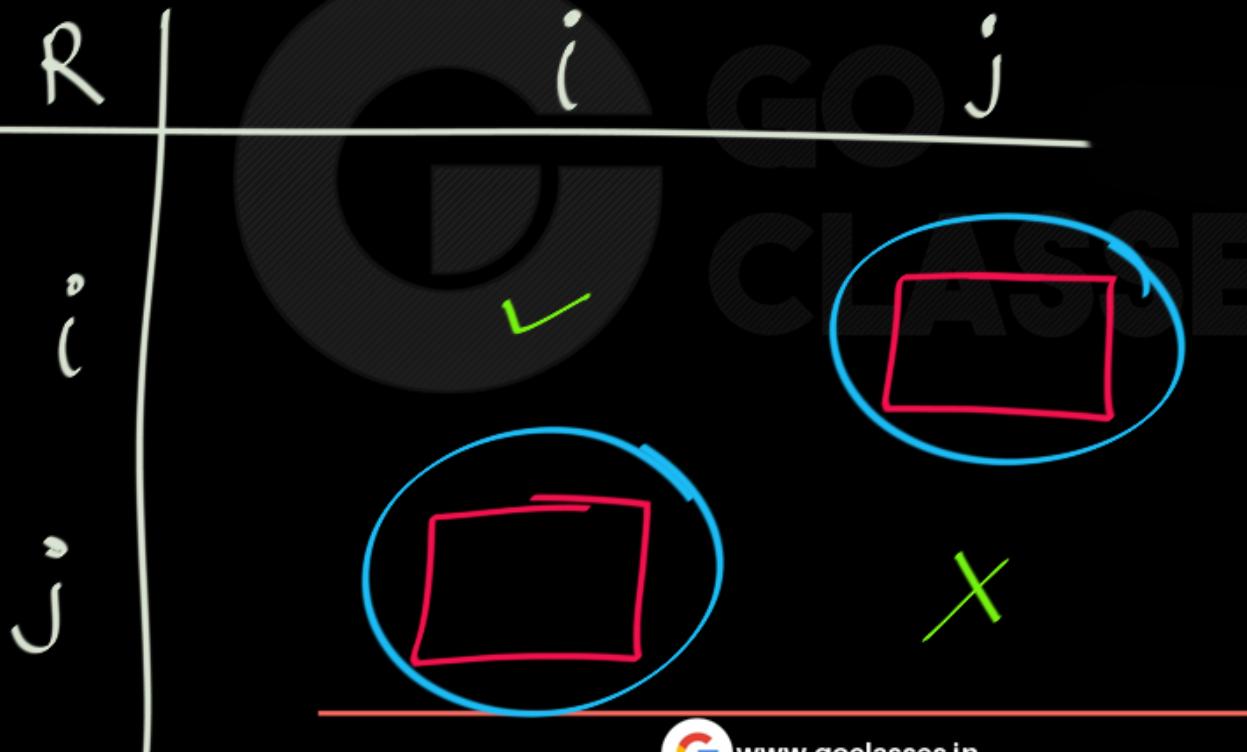


# Matrix Representation:

R : A → A

R : Sym ✓

Sym R



R

(i, j)	✓
✓	(j, i)
X	
	X

# Matrix Representation:

R : A → A

Sym R

i  
j

R : Sym

i  
j

matrix M

$M = M^T$

symmetric matrix

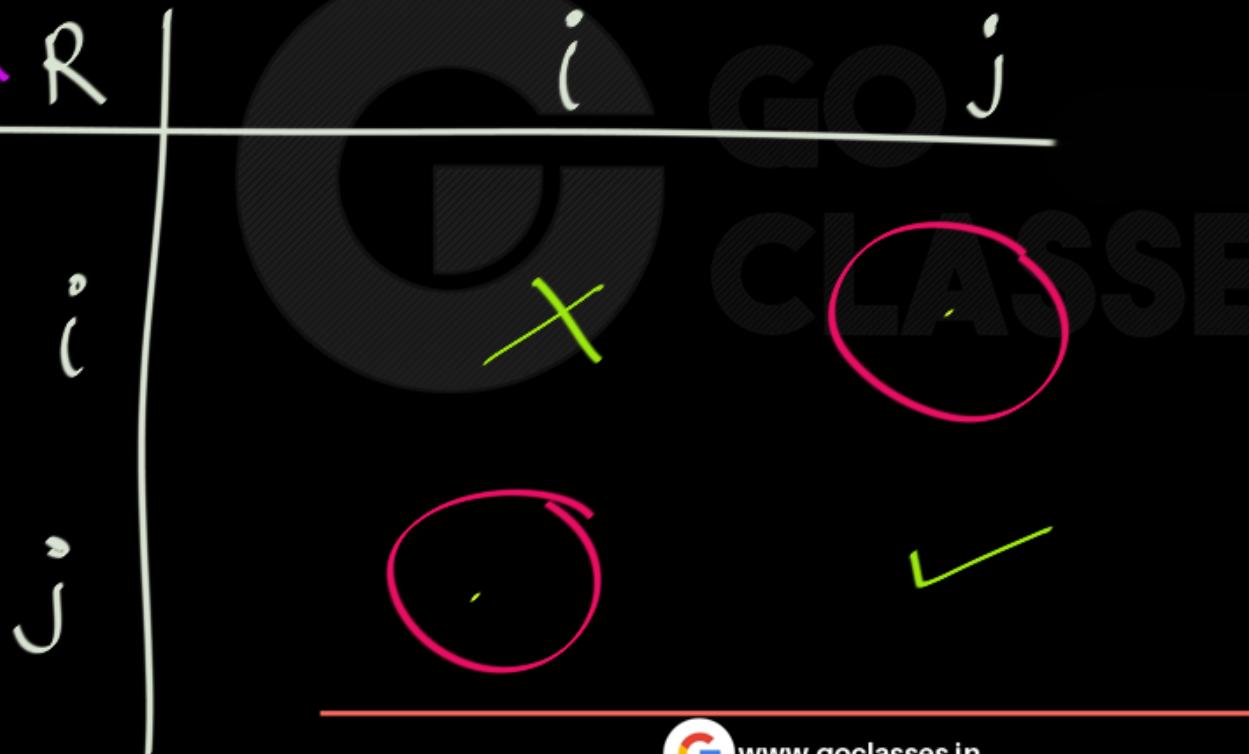


# Matrix Representation:

R : A → A

R: Anti-Sym

Anti-sym R



R : Anti-sym

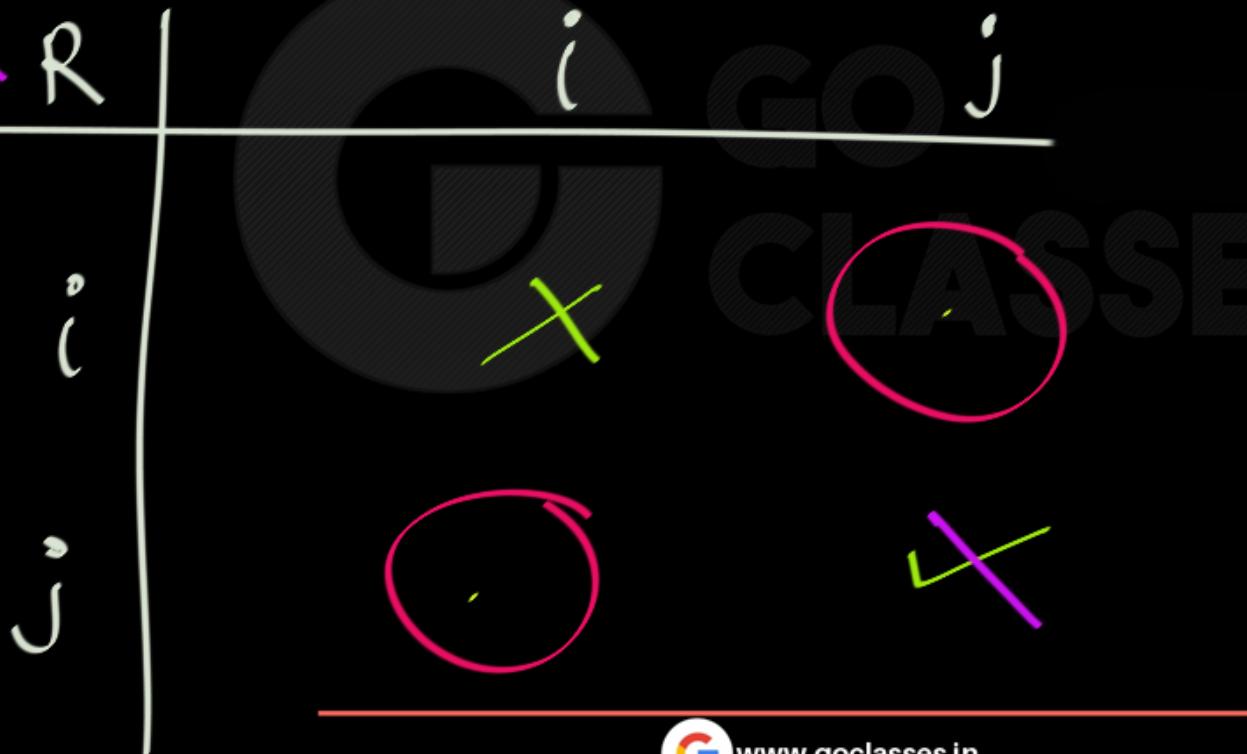
$(i, j)$	$(j, i)$
{ X X}	X ✓ X



# Matrix Representation:

R : A → A

Anti-sym R



R: A Sym = Anti-Sym + Irref

R : Anti-sym

$(i, j)$	$(j, i)$
{ X X}	X X X



Consider the following relations on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ :

$$R_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\},$$

$$R_3 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_4 = \{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\},$$

$$R_5 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_6 = \{(3, 4)\}.$$

Which Relation is Symmetric, Anti-Sym, Asymmetric?



Consider the following relations on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ : Base set

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$R_1$ : Not Sym       $3 R_1 4$       but  $4 R_1 3$

$R_1$ : Not Antisym       $1 \neq 2$        $\boxed{1 R_1 2 \wedge 2 R_1 1}$

Not Asym      Violation of Antisymmetric

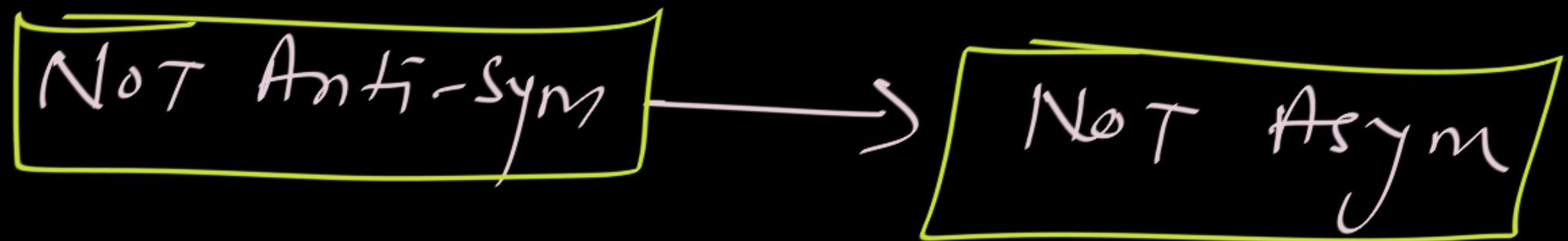
$R_1:$

Not Sym

Not Antisym

Not Asym

Asym = Antisym or Irref



Asym  $\rightarrow$  Antisym



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$R_2$ : Sym ✓  
Not Anti-sym  
Not Asym

Consider the following relations on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ :

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$$R_3 = \{(1, 1), \underline{(1, 2)}, \underline{(1, 4)}, \underline{(2, 1)}, (2, 2), (3, 3), \underline{(4, 1)}, (4, 4)\},$$

→ Violation of Asym Rel.

$R_3$ : Sym ✓

$R_3$ : NOT Asym

$R_3$ : NOT  
Antisym

1  $R_3$  2  
2  $R_3$  1

Not  
Inv



Consider the following relations on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ :

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$R_4$ : Sym  $\times$   $\neg R_4$  | But  $\neg R_4$  2

$R_4$ : AntiSym

$R_4$ : Asym = AntiSym + Irrefl

$R$  : Antisym

$$\nexists a, b \in A \left( [a \neq b \wedge a R b] \rightarrow b R a \right)$$



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Not Irrefl

Violation of Asym

$R_5$ : Anti-sym ✓

$R_5$ : Not Asym

$R_5$ : Sym X

1  $R_5$  2  
BUT  
2  $R_2$  1



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$R_6$  =  $\{(3, 4)\}$ . — Irref ✓

Not Sym :

$3 R_6 4$  BUT  $4 R_6 3$

Anti-sym : ✓

Asym ✓



0.2.

**Problem 2.** Find all the relations on  $\{0, 1\}$  that are reflexive and symmetric.

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**Problem 3.** Find all the relations on  $\{0, 1\}$  that are reflexive and antisymmetric.





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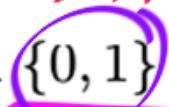
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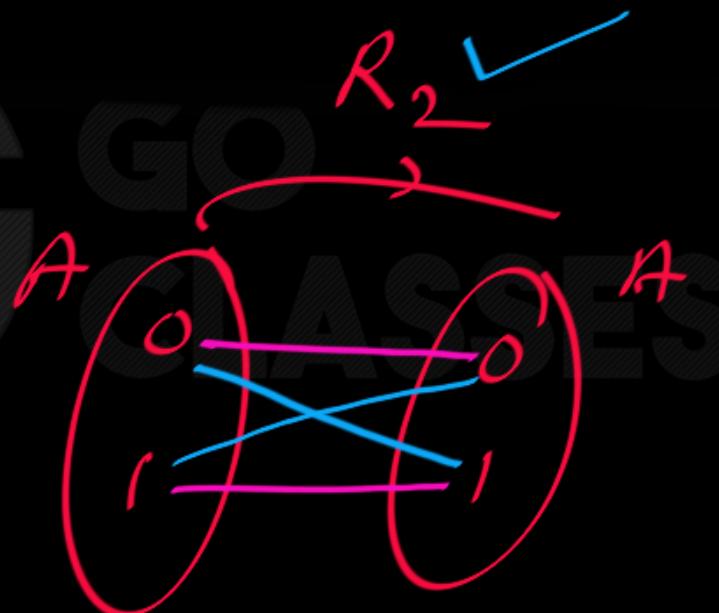
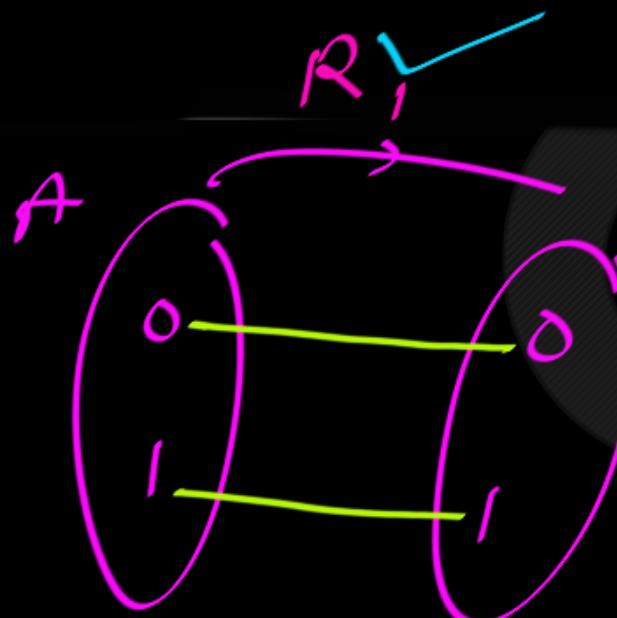
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$$R \text{ on } A \equiv R : A \rightarrow A$$

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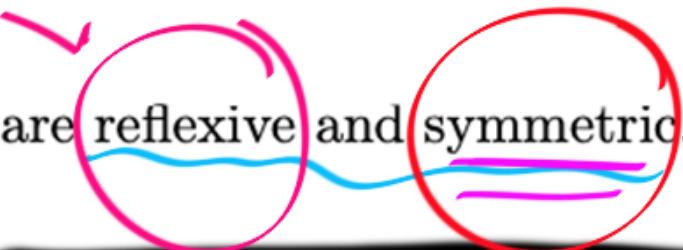
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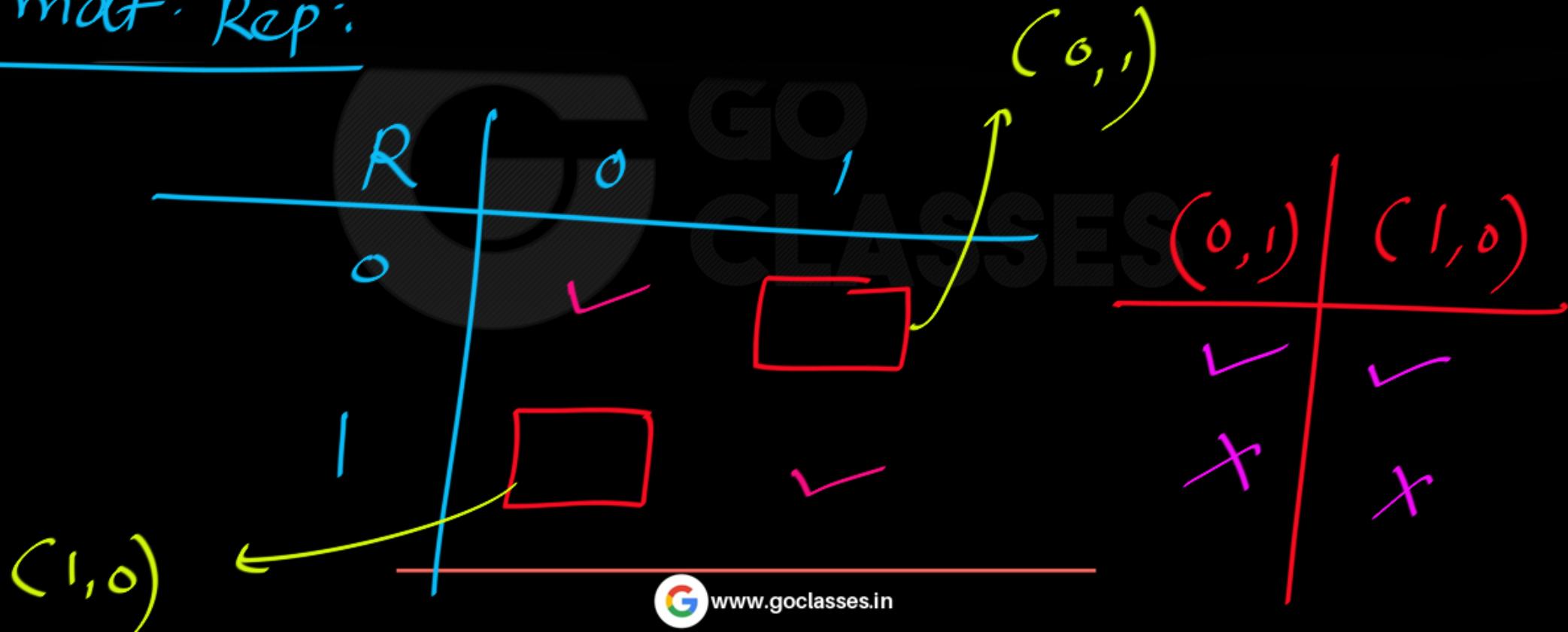


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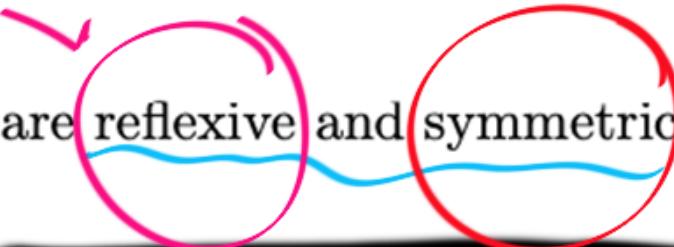
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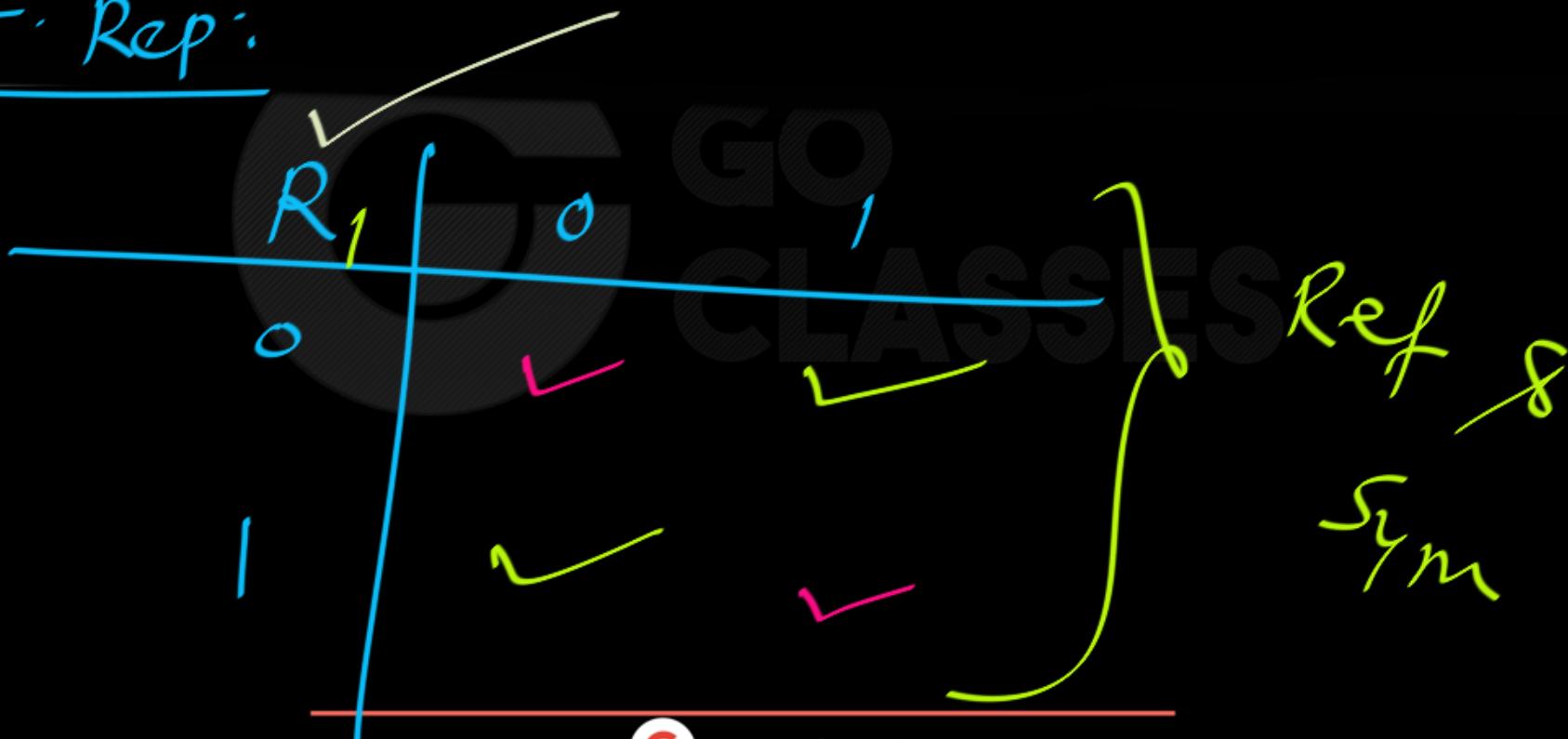


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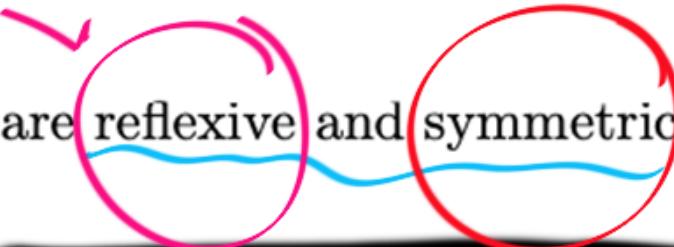
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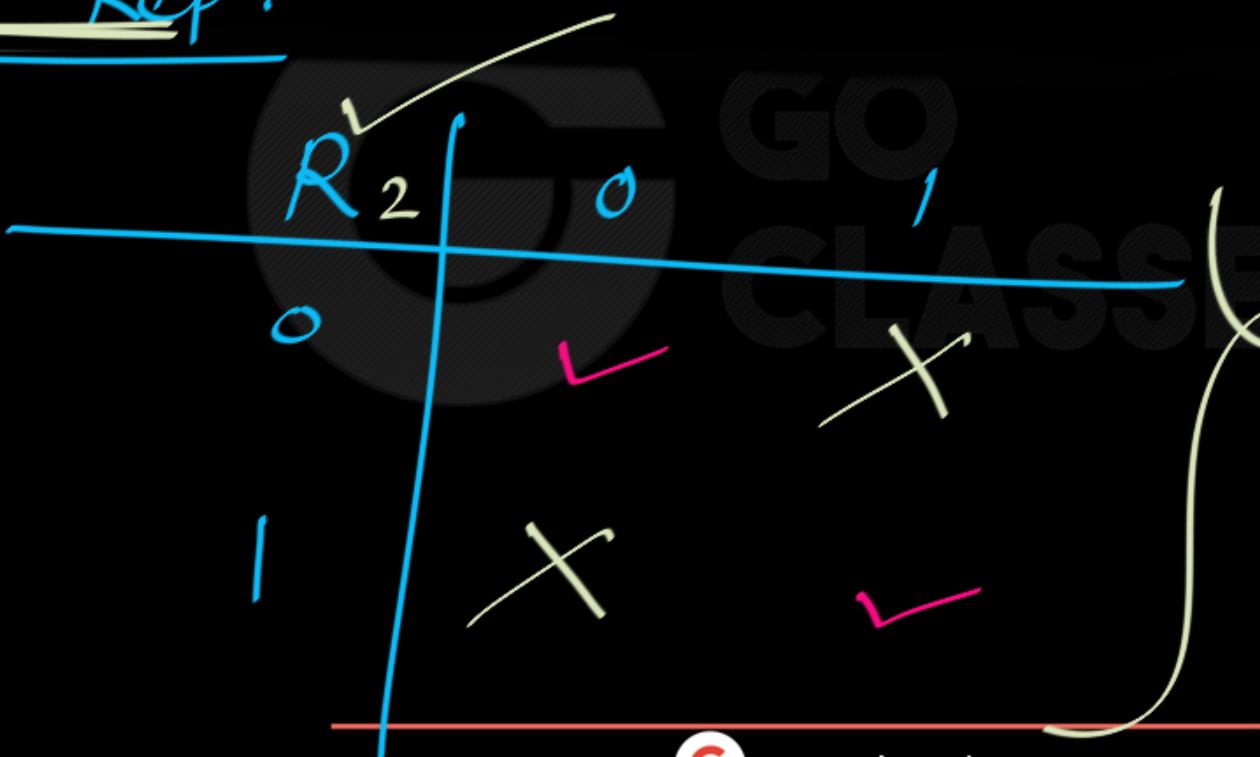


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$R_2:$   
ref  
 $\delta_{sym}$

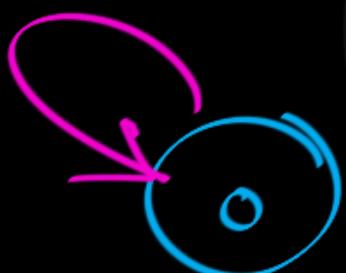


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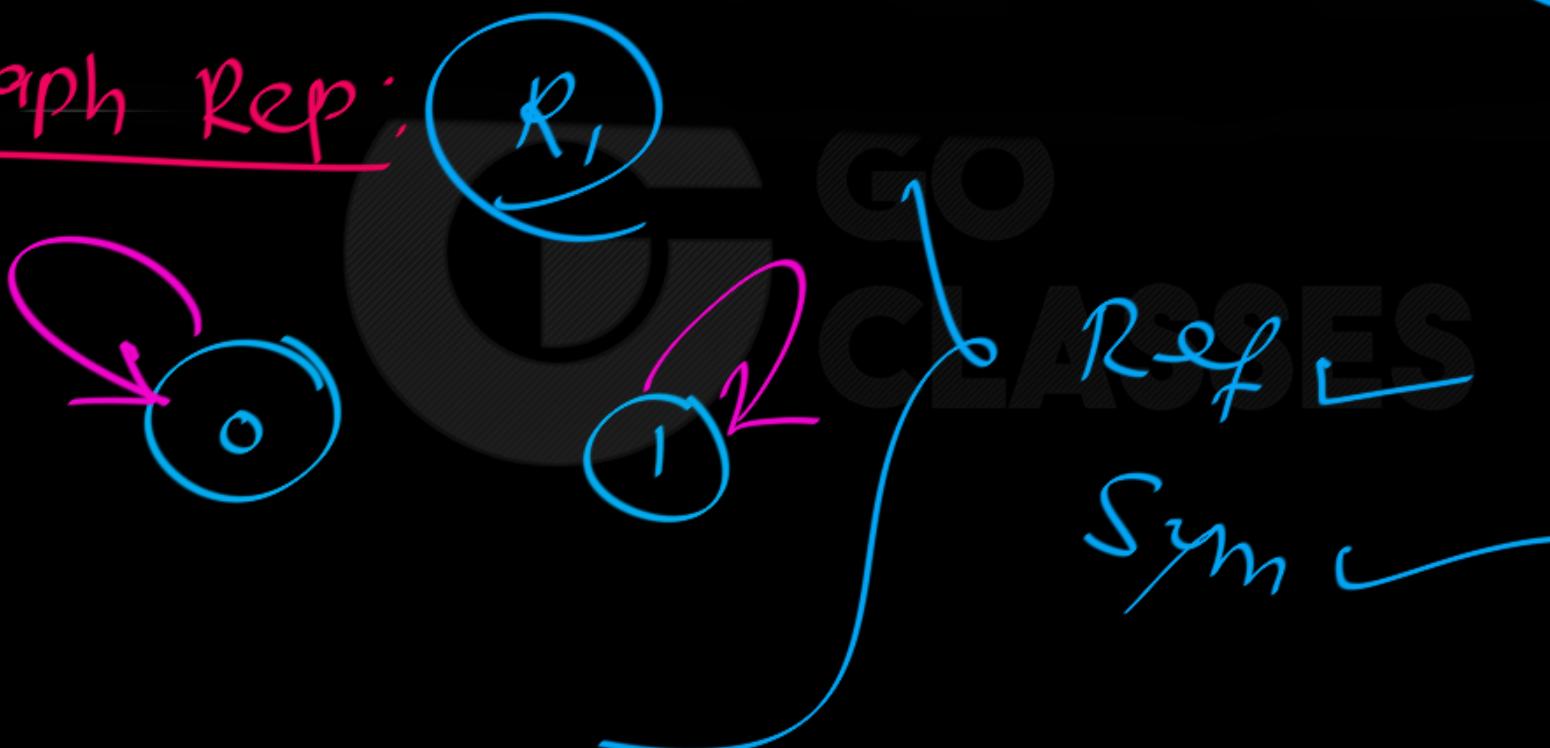


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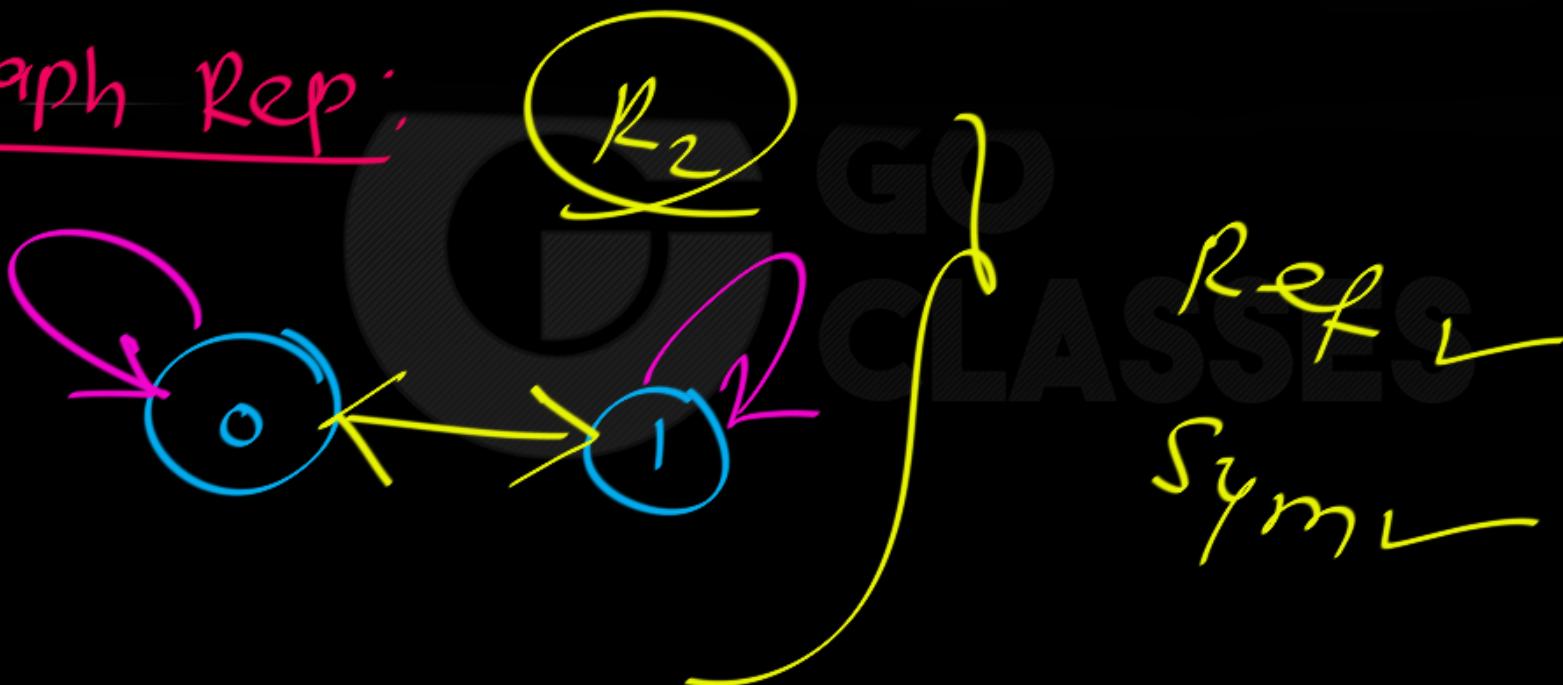




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3 methods

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$$R_2 = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (0, 1), (1, 0)\}$$

Q9 Ref.



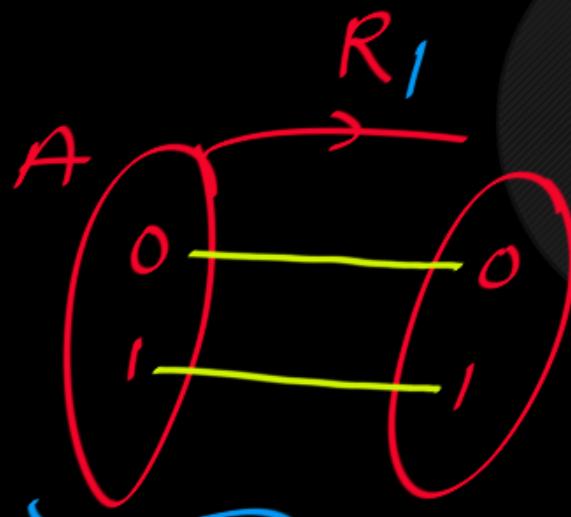
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$$R : A \rightarrow A$$

**Problem 2.** Find all the relations on  $\{0, 1\}$  that are reflexive and symmetric.

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Ref✓; Anti-sym



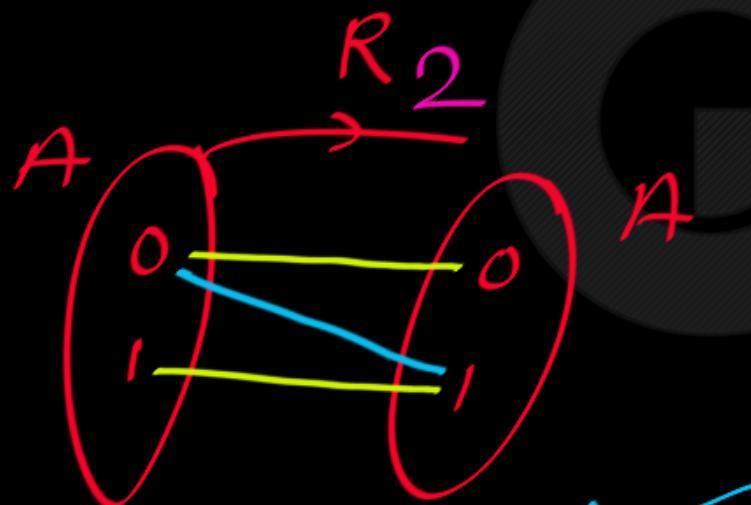
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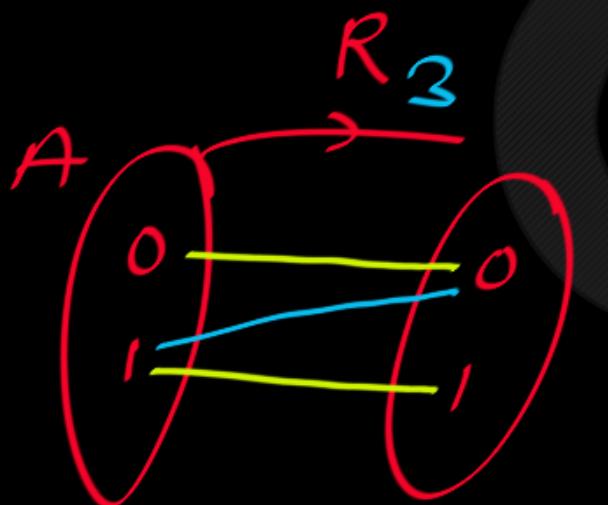
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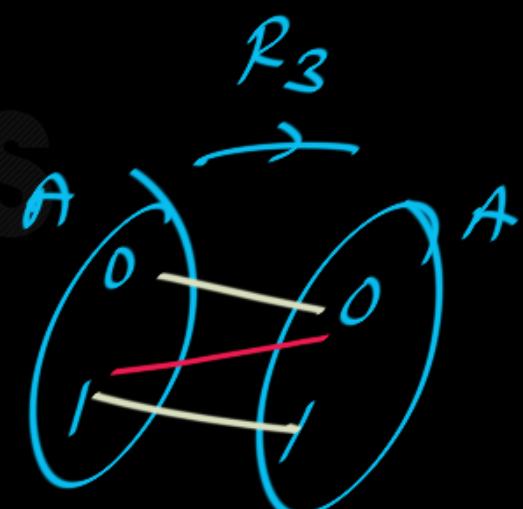
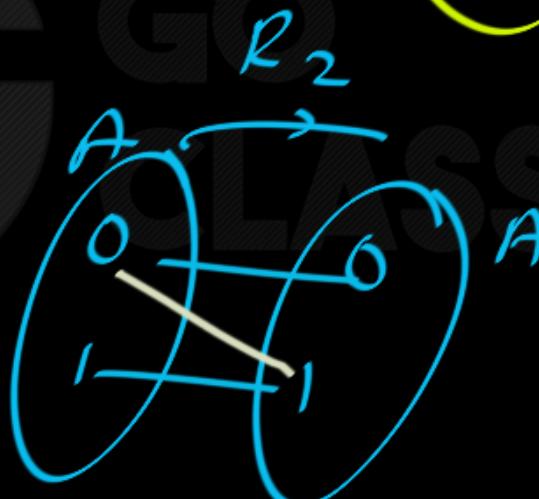
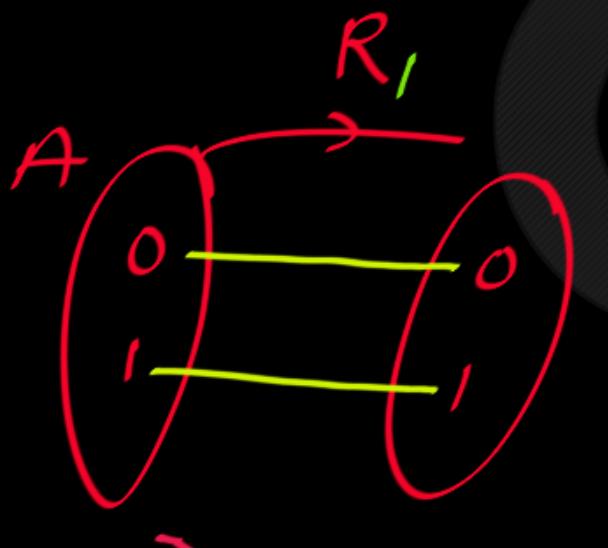
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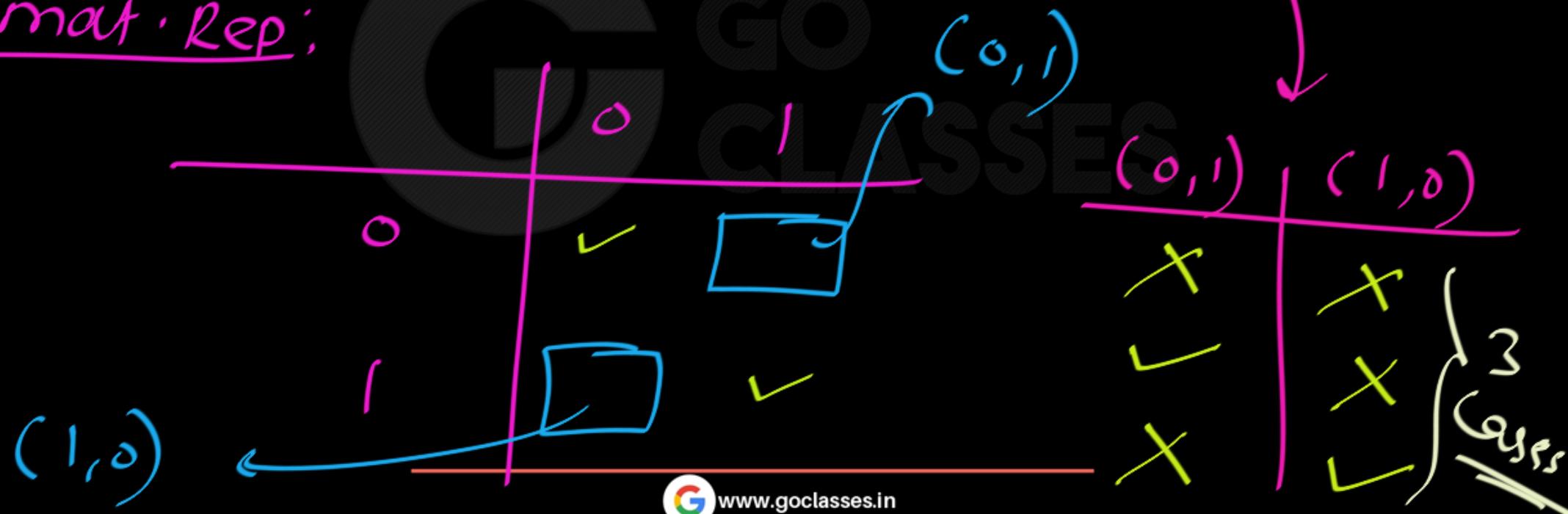
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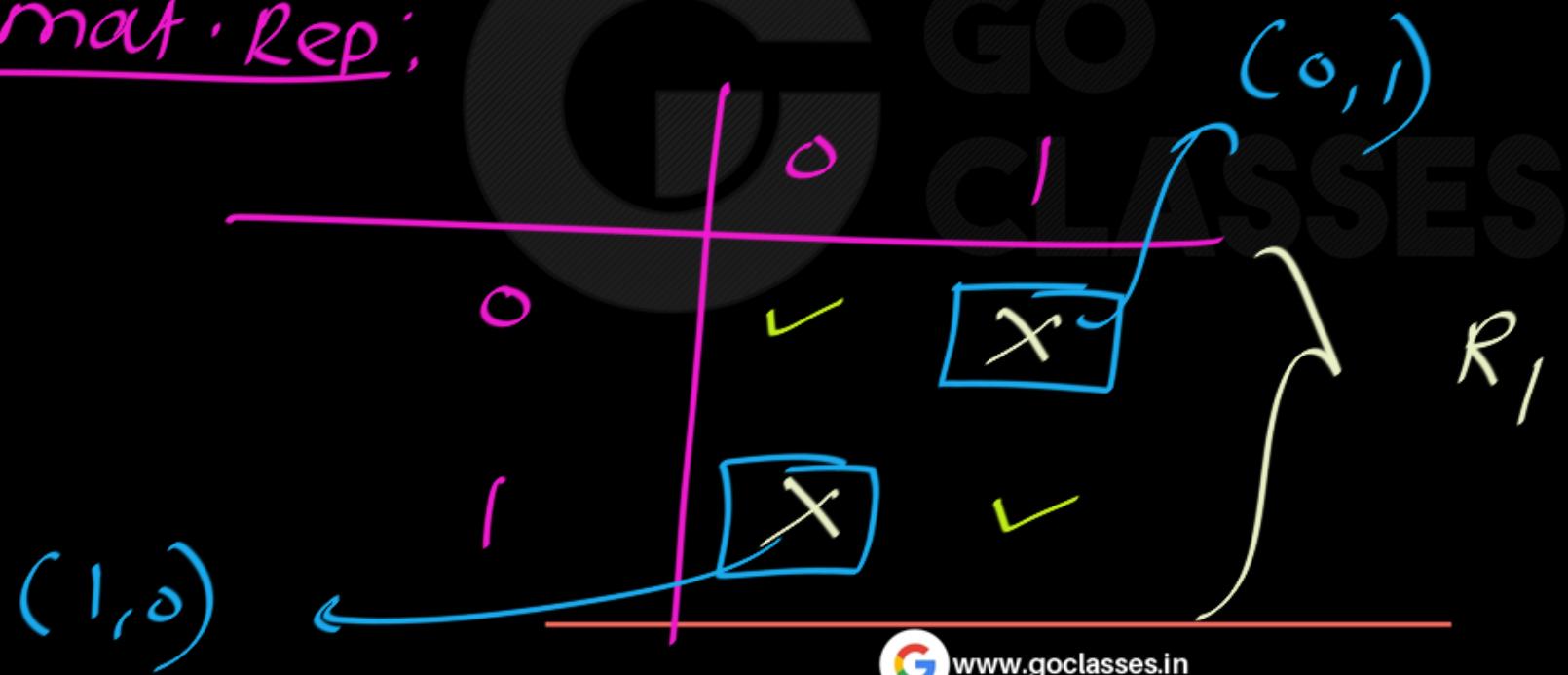
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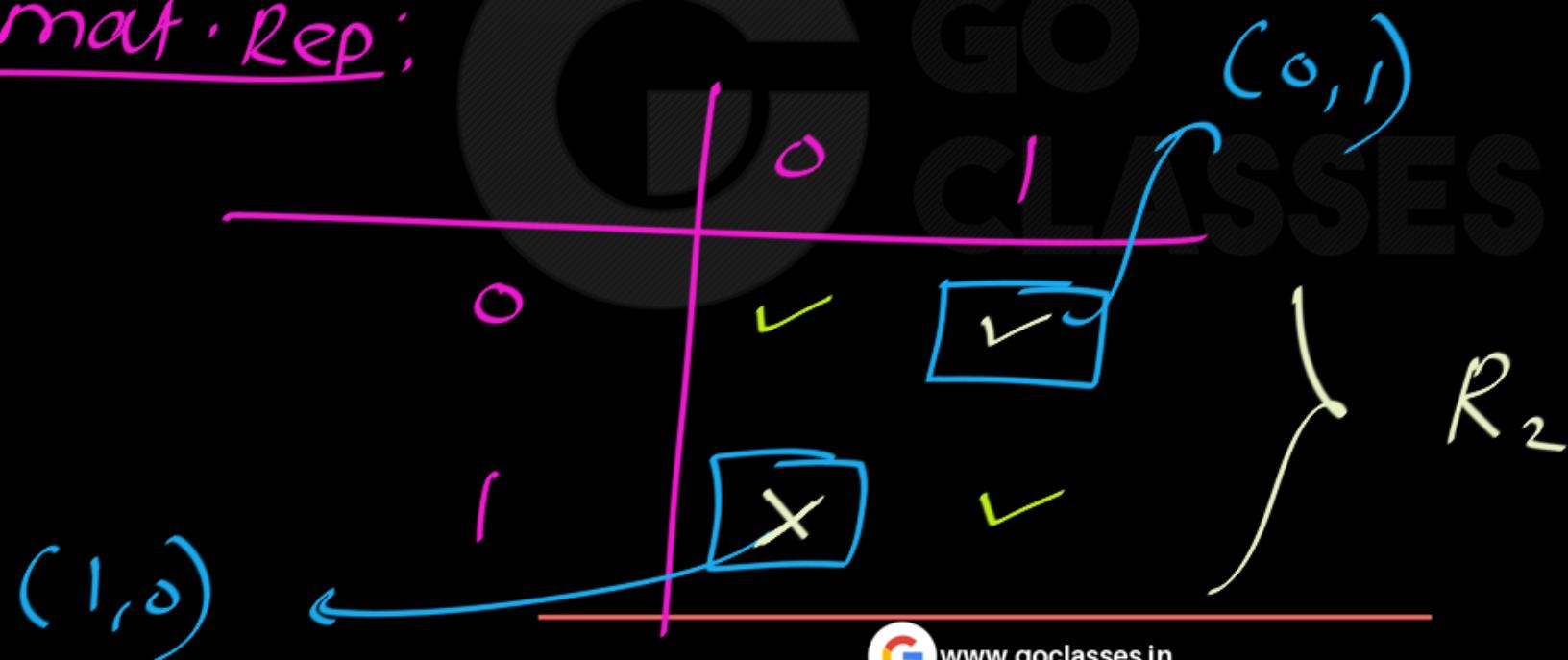
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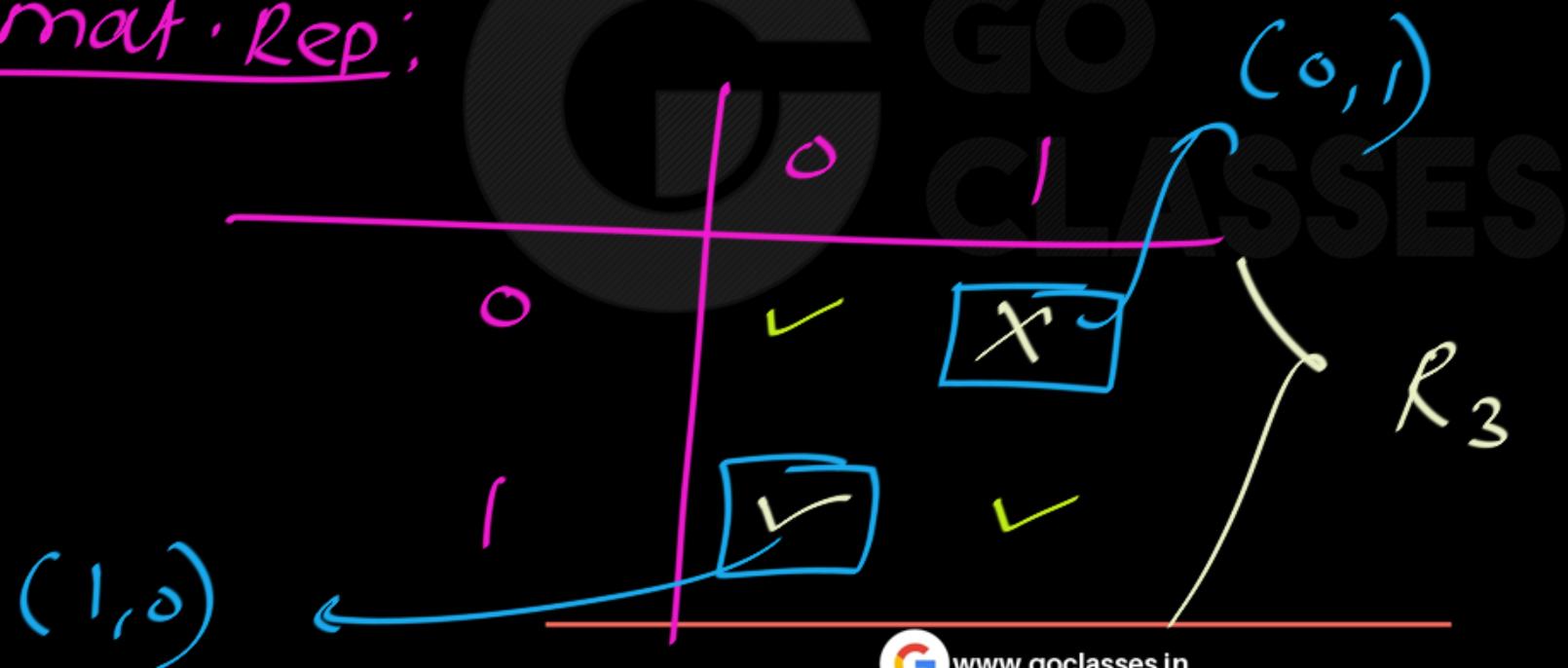
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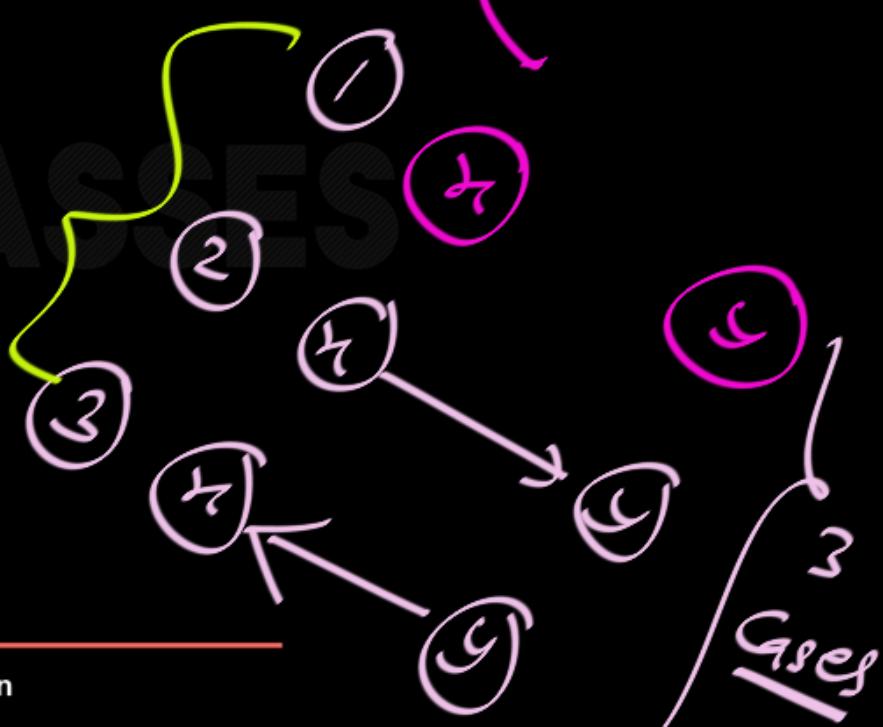
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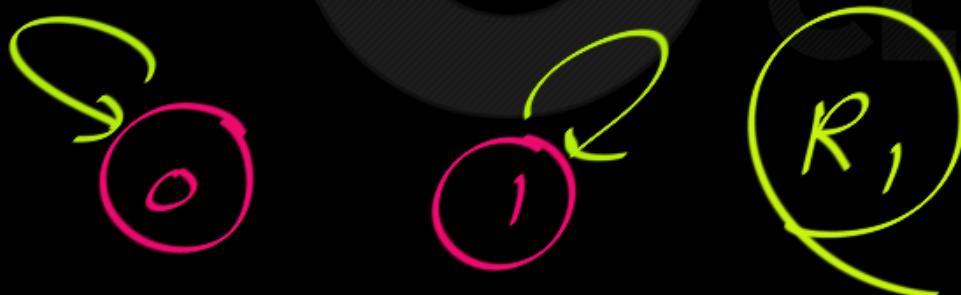
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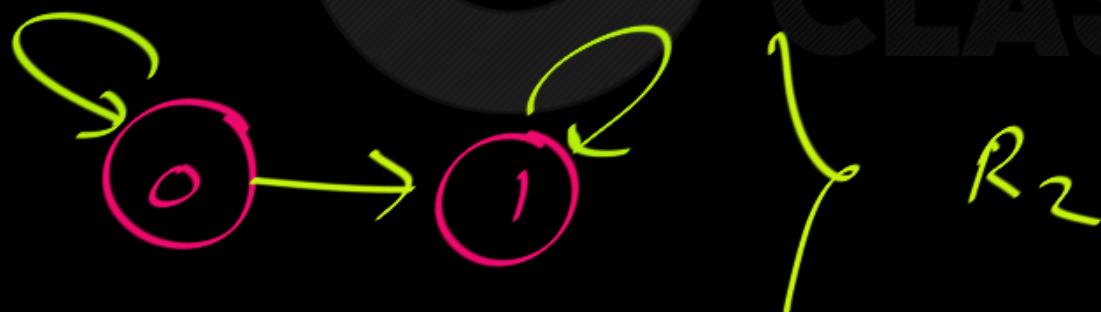
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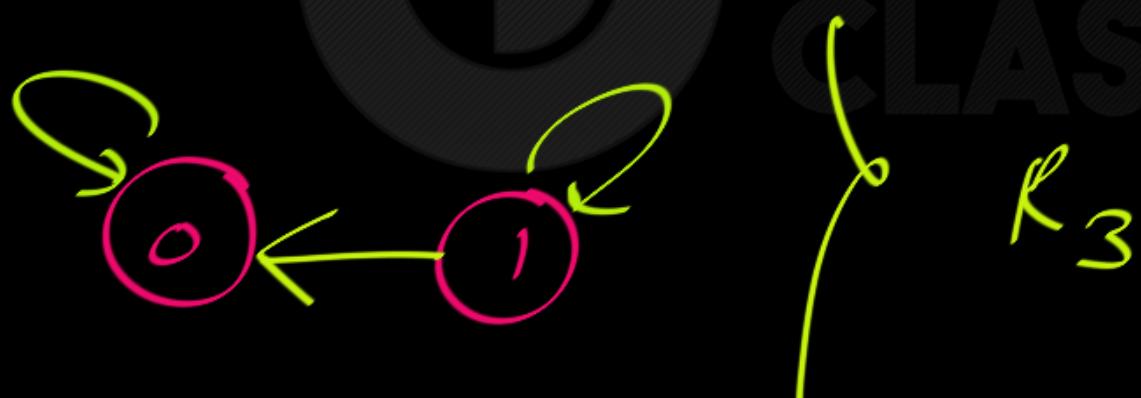
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$$R_2 = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (0, 1)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (1, 0)\}$$

Relation R on set A is called symmetric if  
 $(x, y) \in R \Rightarrow (y, x) \in R$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ .

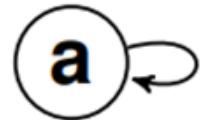
### Example (7.6)

With  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , we have:

- a)  $R_1 = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)\}$  a symmetric, but not reflexive, relation on A;
- b)  $R_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3)\}$  a reflexive, but not symmetric, relation on A;
- c)  $R_3 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$  and  
 $R_4 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$ , two relations on A that are both reflexive and symmetric; and
- d)  $R_5 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$ , a relation on A that is neither reflexive nor symmetric.

## Properties

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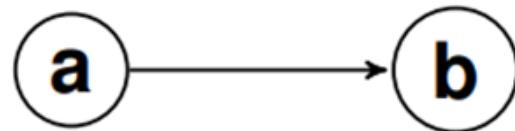
Every vertex has a self-loop.

**Symmetric:** A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called *symmetric* if  $(b, a) \in R$  whenever  $(a, b) \in R$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ .



If there is an edge from one vertex to another, there is an edge in the opposite direction.

**Antisymmetric:** A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  such that for all  $a, b \in A$ , if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ , then  $a = b$  is called *antisymmetric*.



There is at most one edge between distinct vertices.



Next Topic:

# Transitive Relation

TransitiveRelation :

(If)

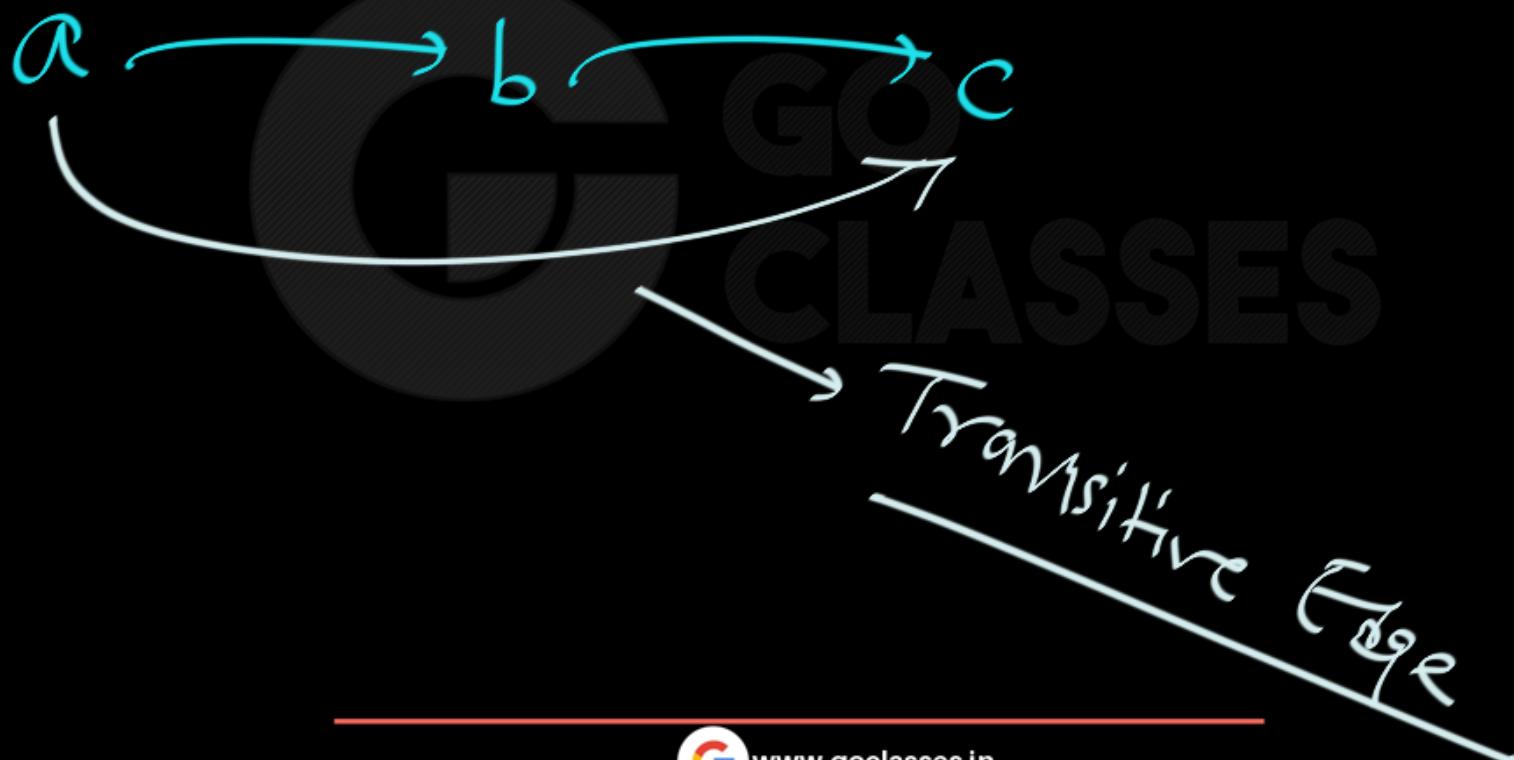
 $aRb \ \& \ bRc$ 

then

 $aRc$



## Transitive Relation :





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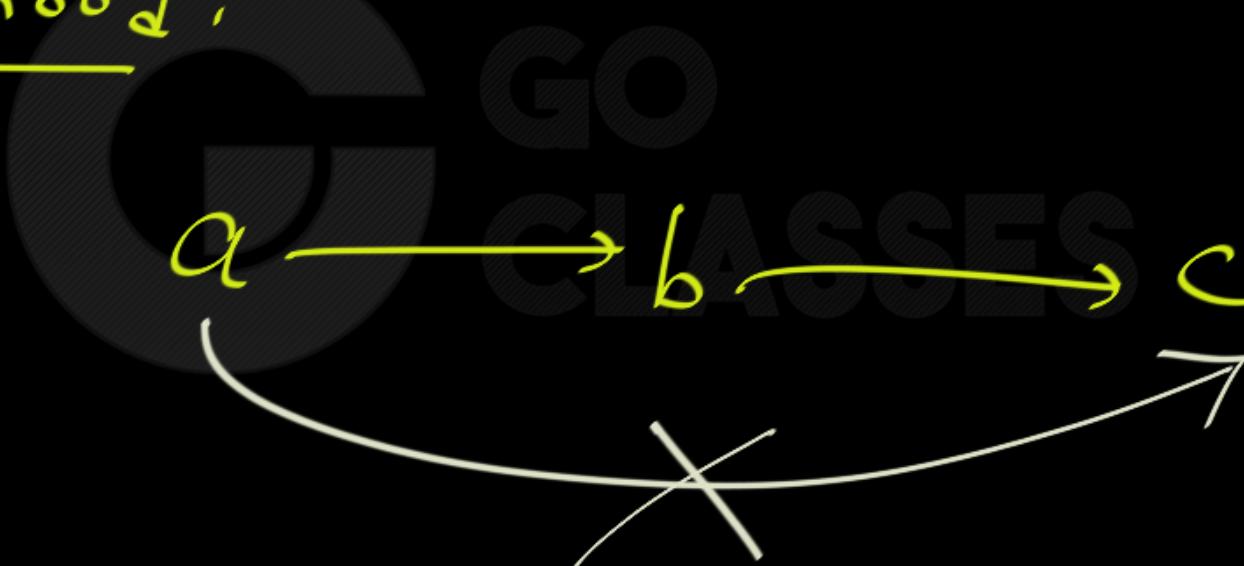




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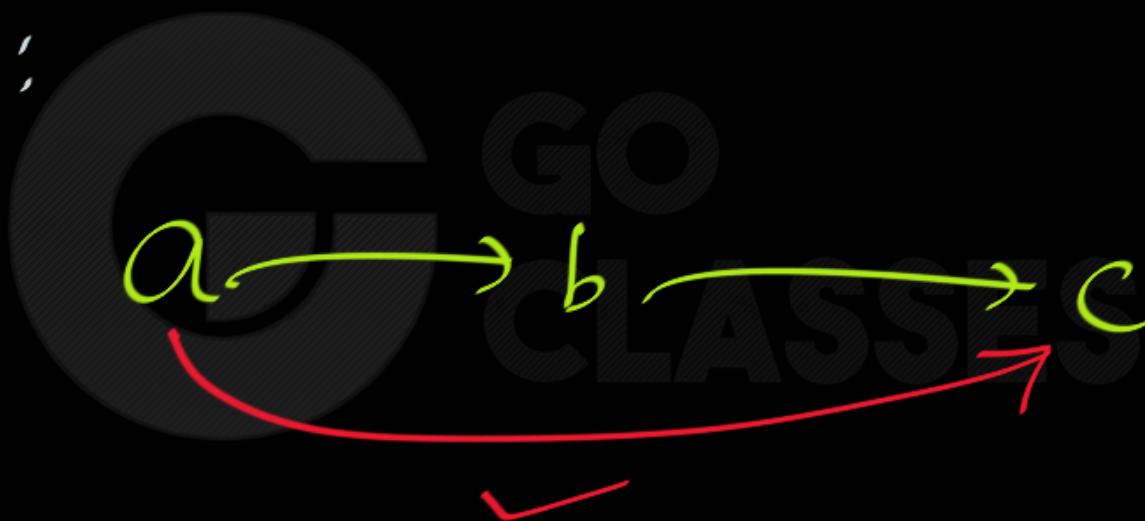




Transitive Relation :

Sibling :

Transitive





## Transitive Relation :

Rel. R on set

R is Transitive

A

iff

$$\forall_{\substack{a, b, c \\ \in A}} ((aRb \wedge bRc) \rightarrow aRc)$$

Transitive

Relation ;

$$R : A \rightarrow A$$

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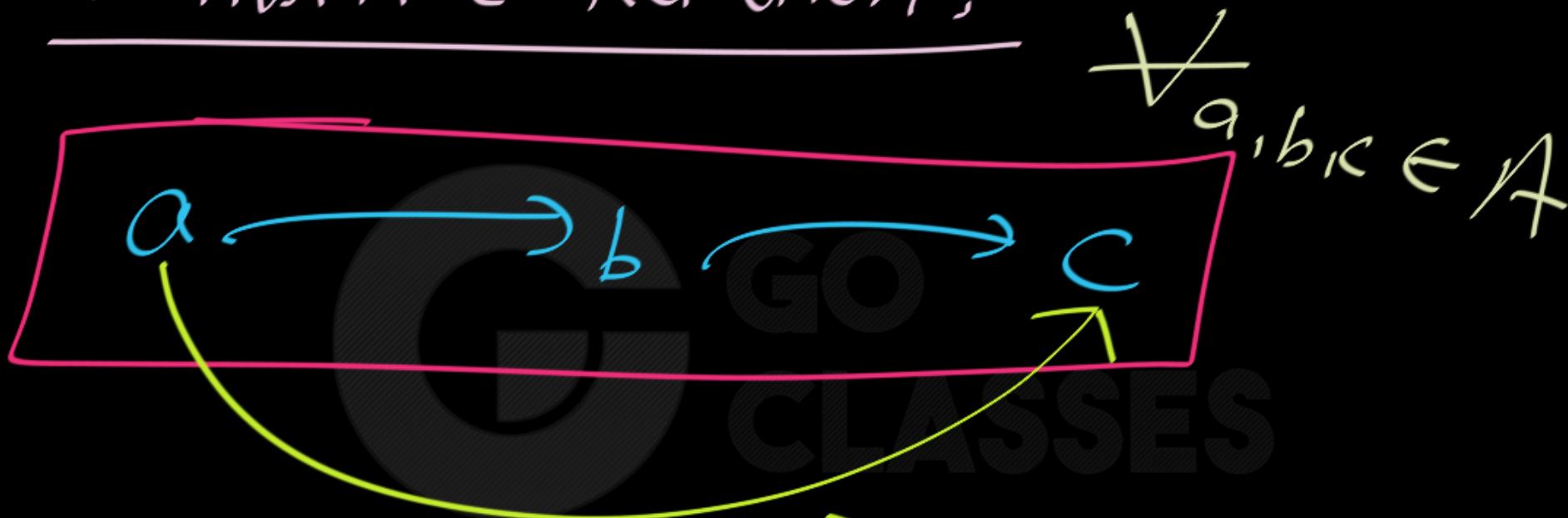
$$\underline{a, b, c \in A}$$

Same, Different

$$(a \rightarrow b \wedge b \rightarrow c) \downarrow a R c$$



# Transitive Relation;

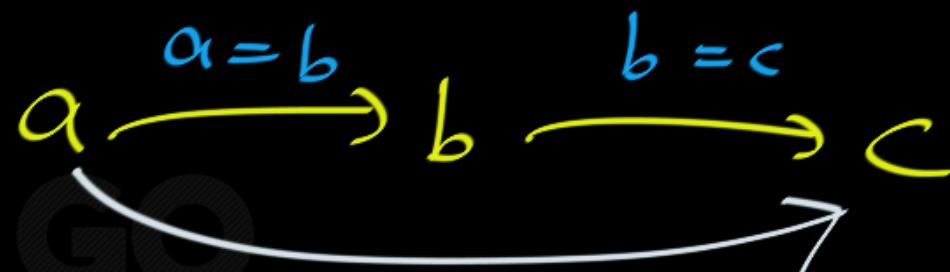


Transitive Relation



# Transitive Relation;

Equality



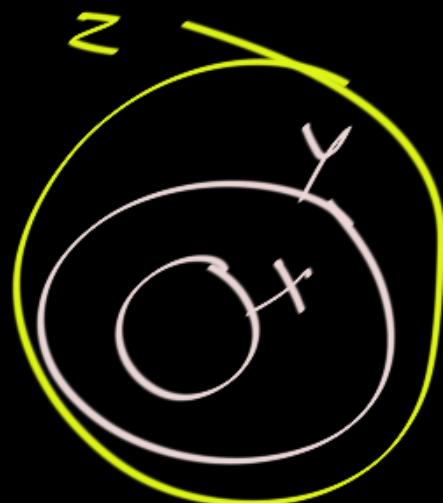
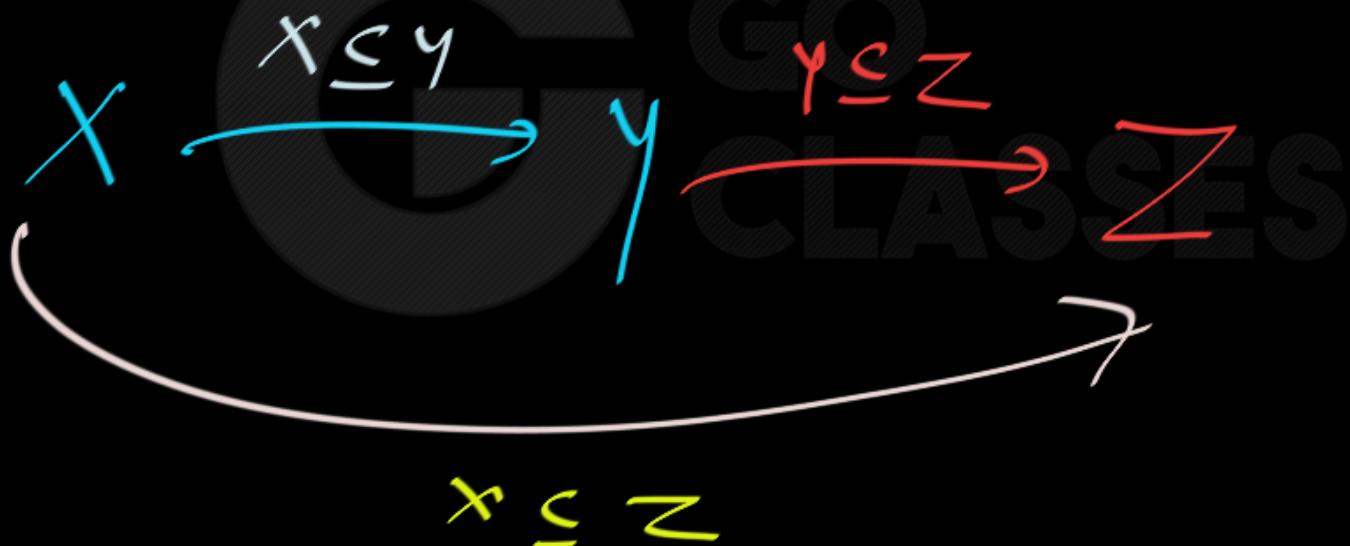
$$a = c$$

Transitive Rel.



Transitive Relation;

Subset Relation; ✓





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Consider the following relations on {1, 2, 3, 4}:

Base set

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$R_1:$    
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BUT

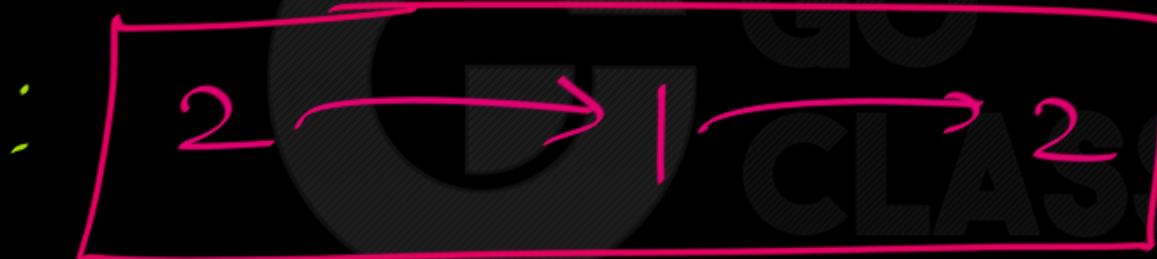
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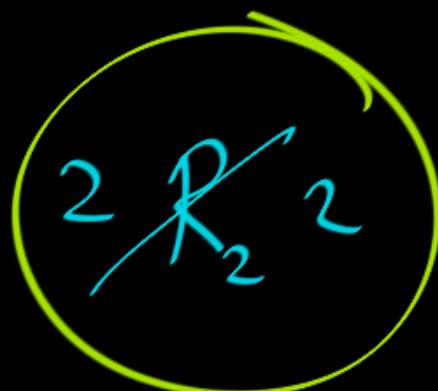
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$\forall a, b, c \in A$



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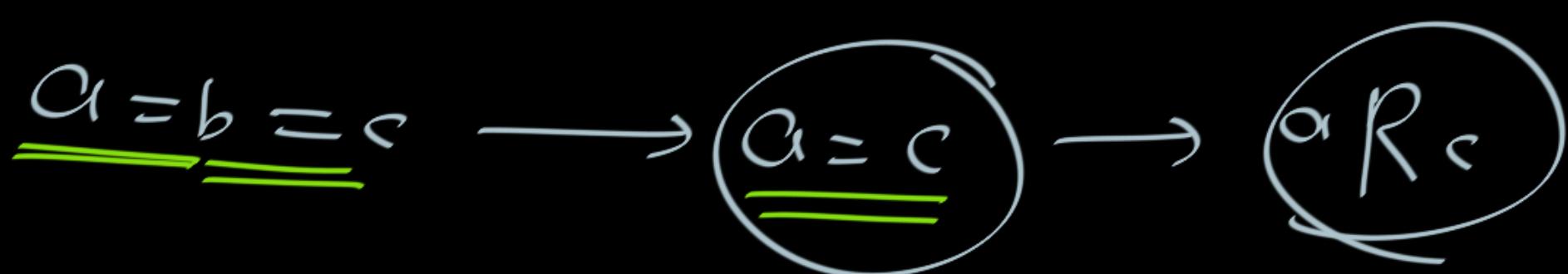
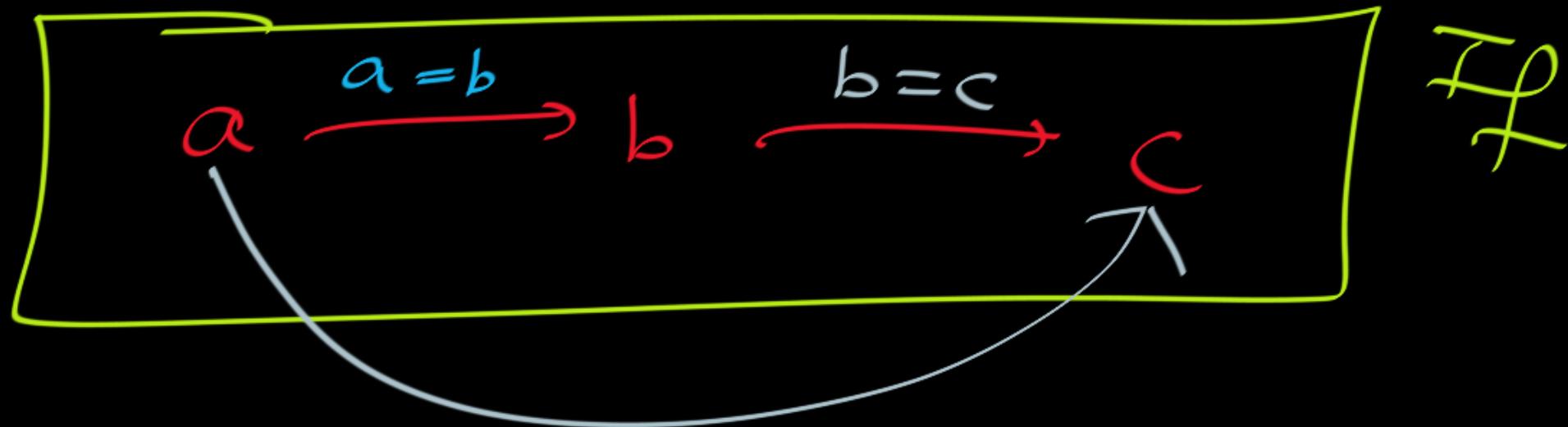
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Example 1:  
Equality Relation on Z is Transitive?? YES

Base set:  $Z$ ;  $R$  on  $Z$ ;  $R: Z \rightarrow Z$

$a R b$  iff  $a = b$

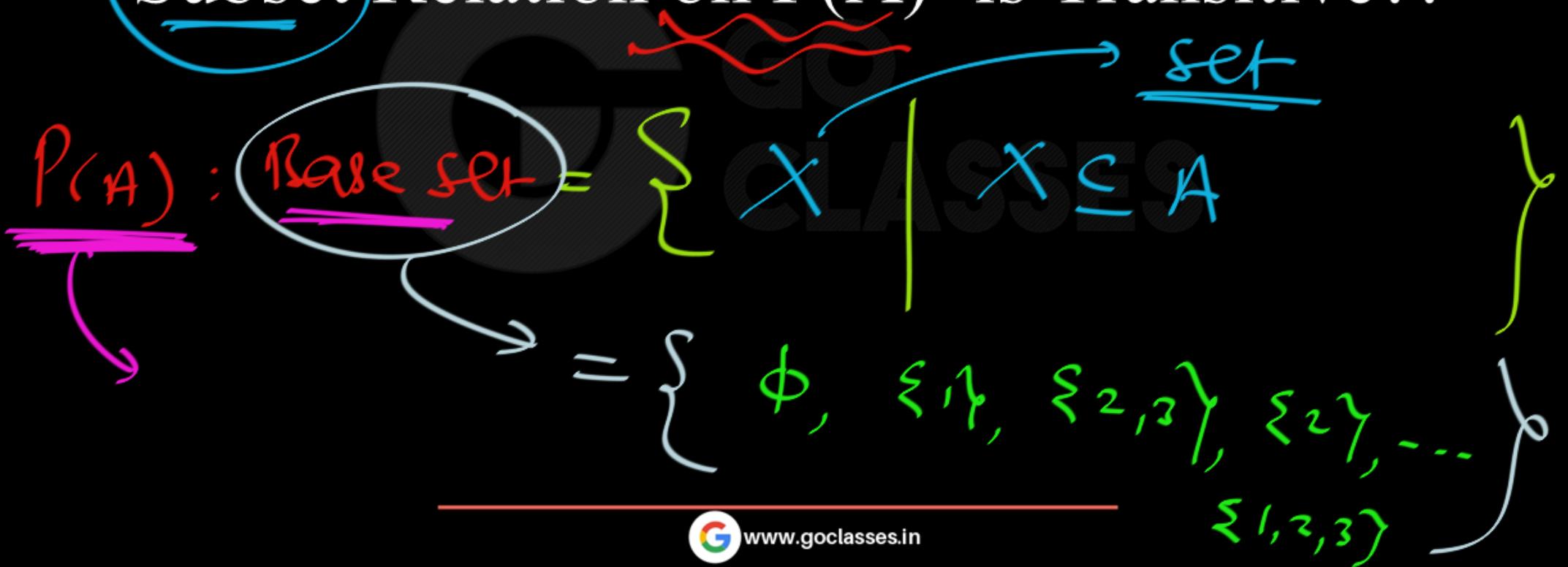




## Example 2:

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Subset Relation on P(A) is Transitive??





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Subset Relation

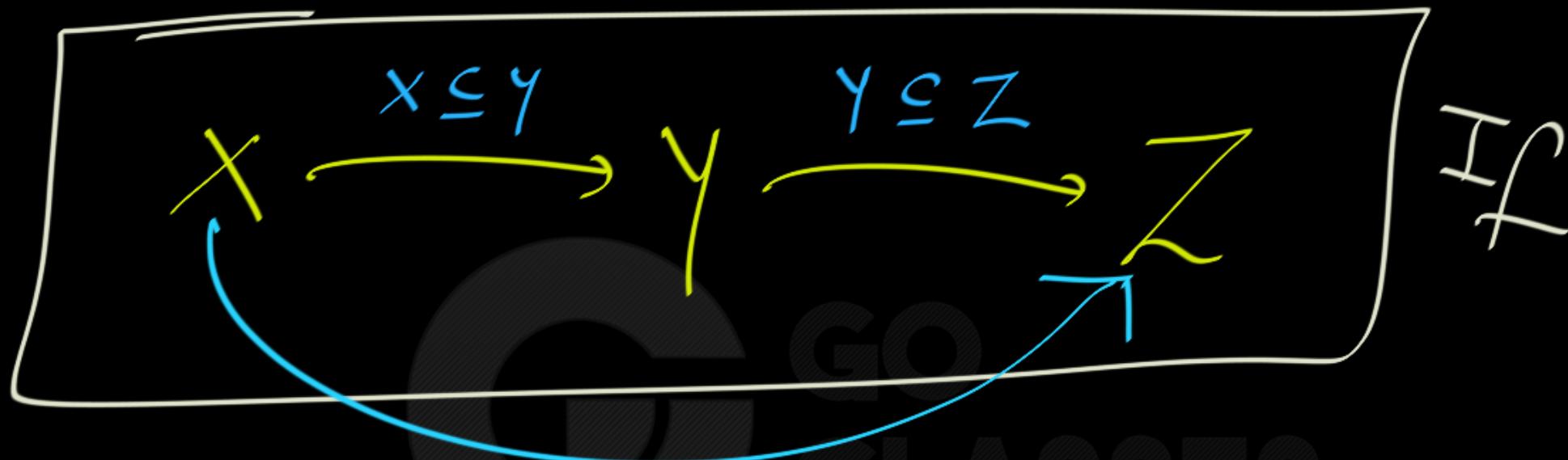
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is Transitive??

$R : P(A) \rightarrow P(A)$

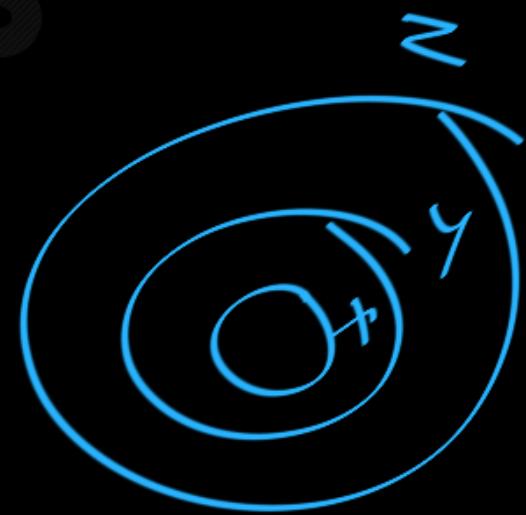
$x R y \text{ iff } x \subseteq y$

YES  
every element  
is an element  
of a subset  
of A



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$$x \subseteq y \subseteq z \rightarrow \underline{x \subseteq z}$$



# Transitivity

- Many relations can be chained together.
- Examples:
  - If  $x = y$  and  $y = z$ , then  $x = z$ .
  - If  $u \leftrightarrow v$  and  $v \leftrightarrow w$ , then  $u \leftrightarrow w$ .
  - If  $x \equiv_k y$  and  $y \equiv_k z$ , then  $x \equiv_k z$ .
- These relations are called **transitive**.
- A binary relation  $R$  over a set  $A$  is called *transitive* if

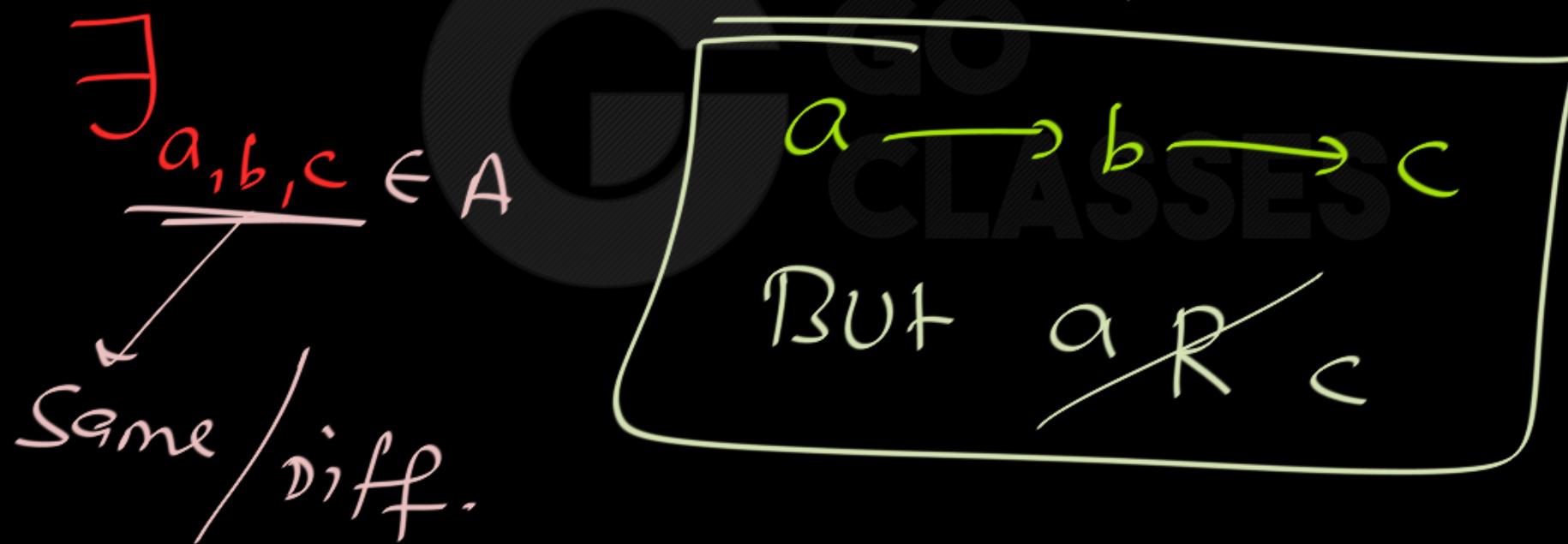
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## “Not Transitive” Relation:

Violation of Transitivity :



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$$\exists \frac{a,b,c}{\nearrow} \in A \left( a R b \wedge b R c \wedge a \not R c \right)$$

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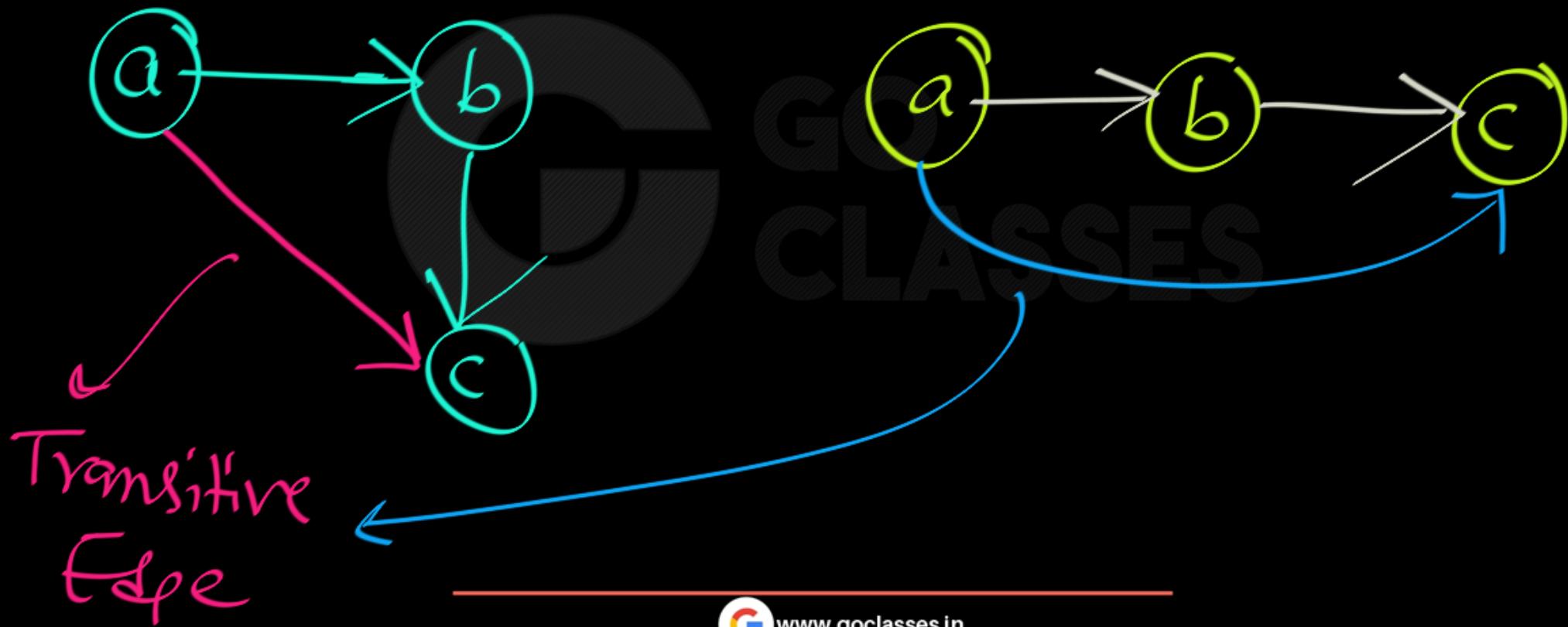
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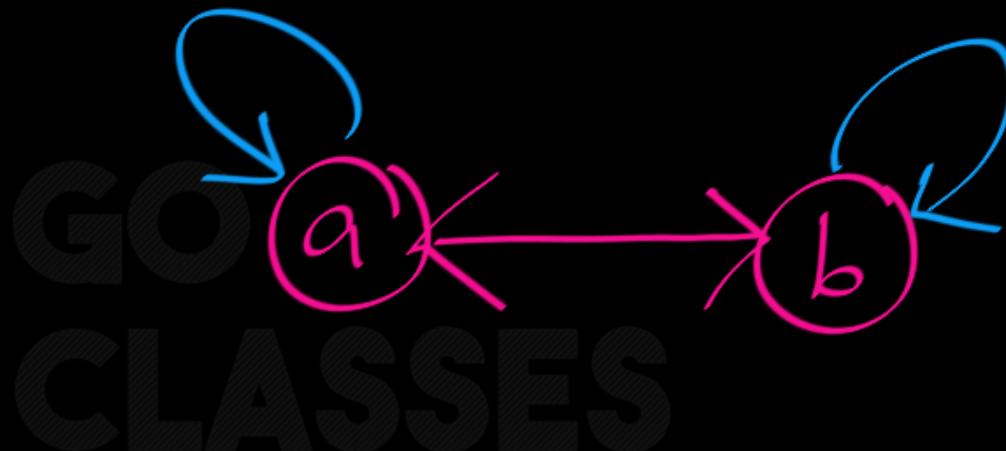
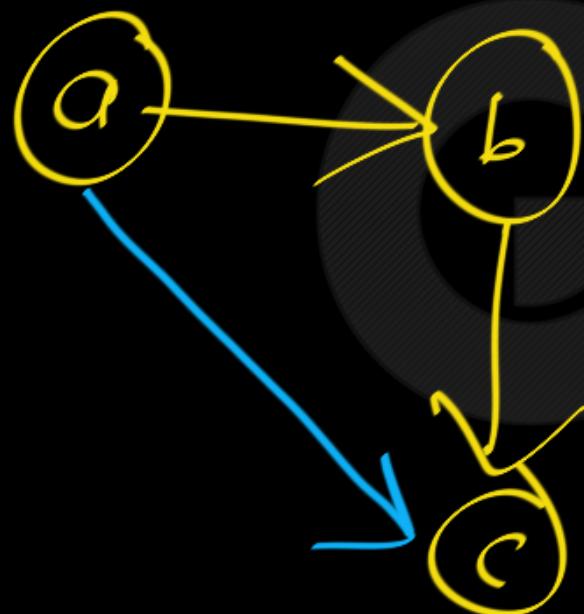
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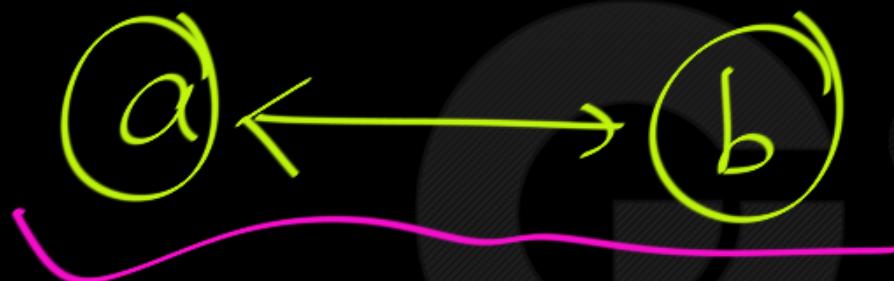


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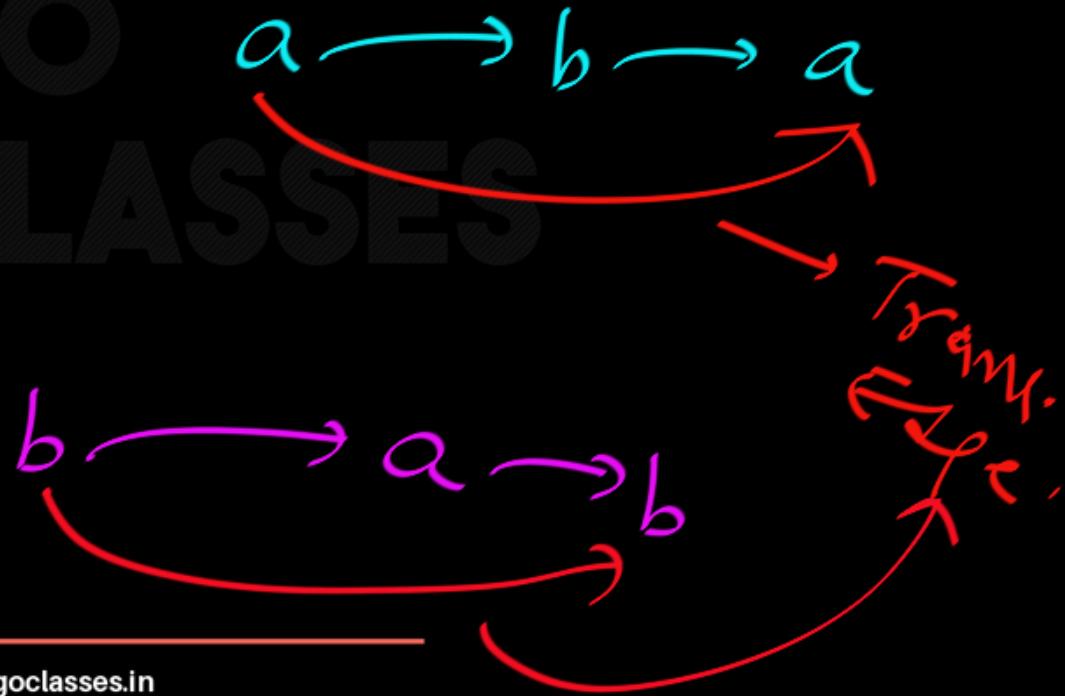




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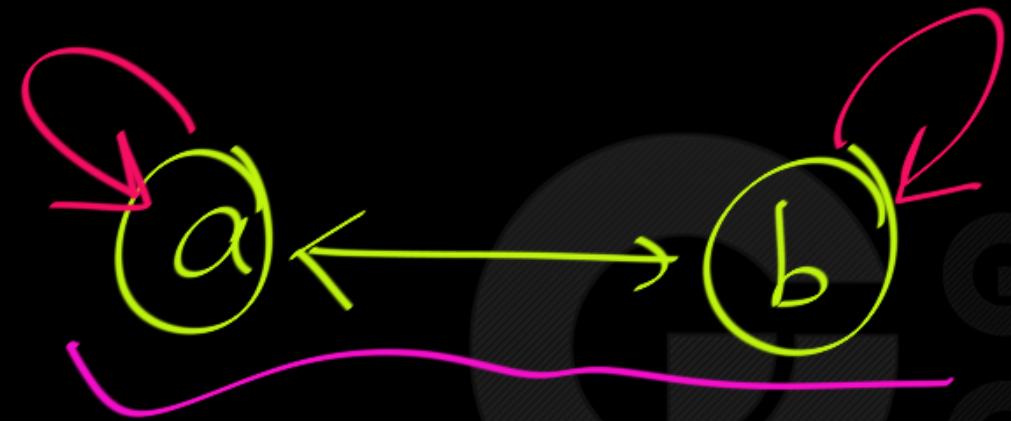


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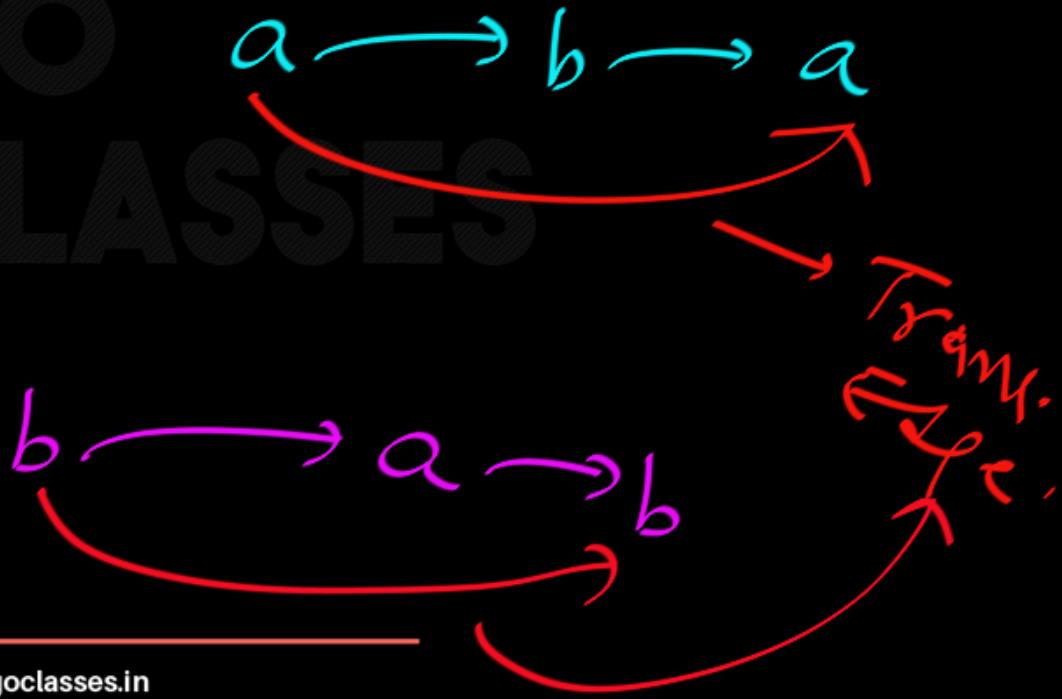




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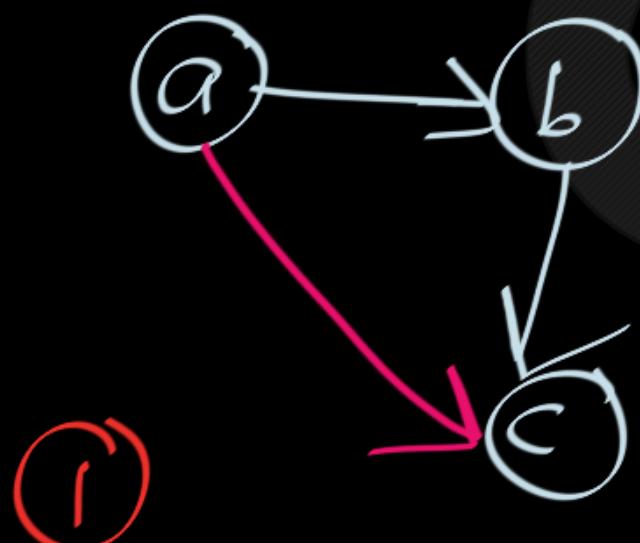
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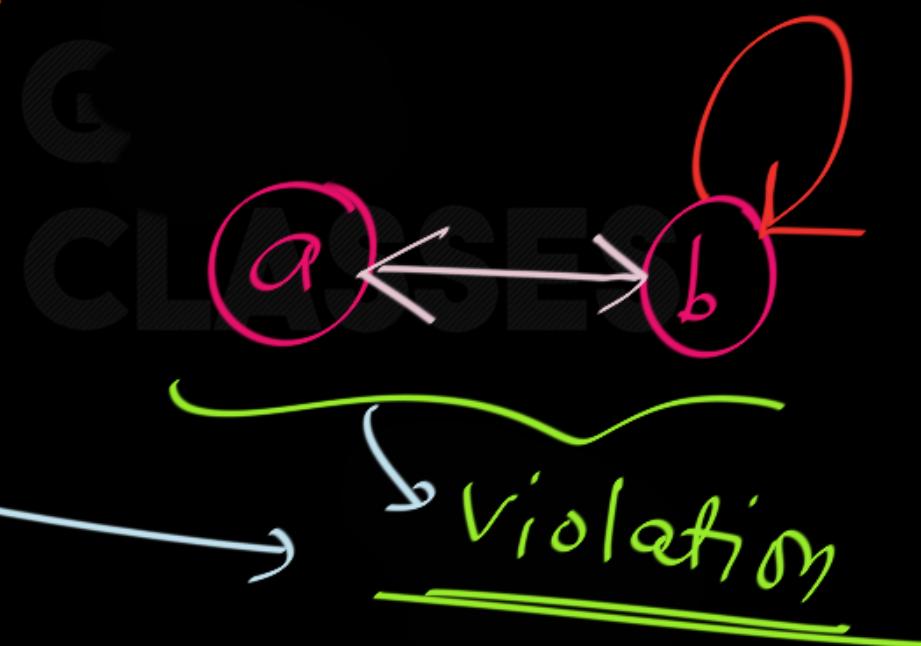
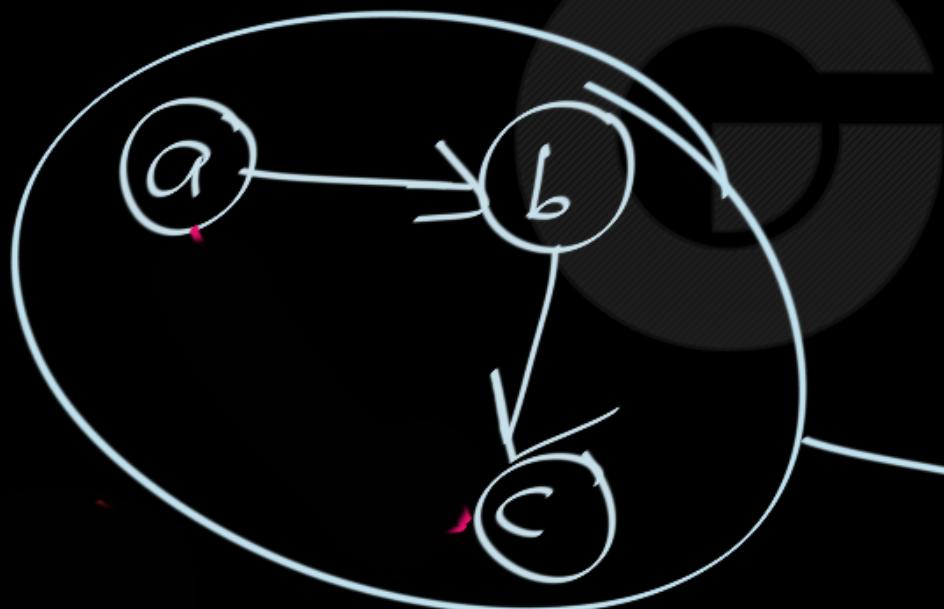
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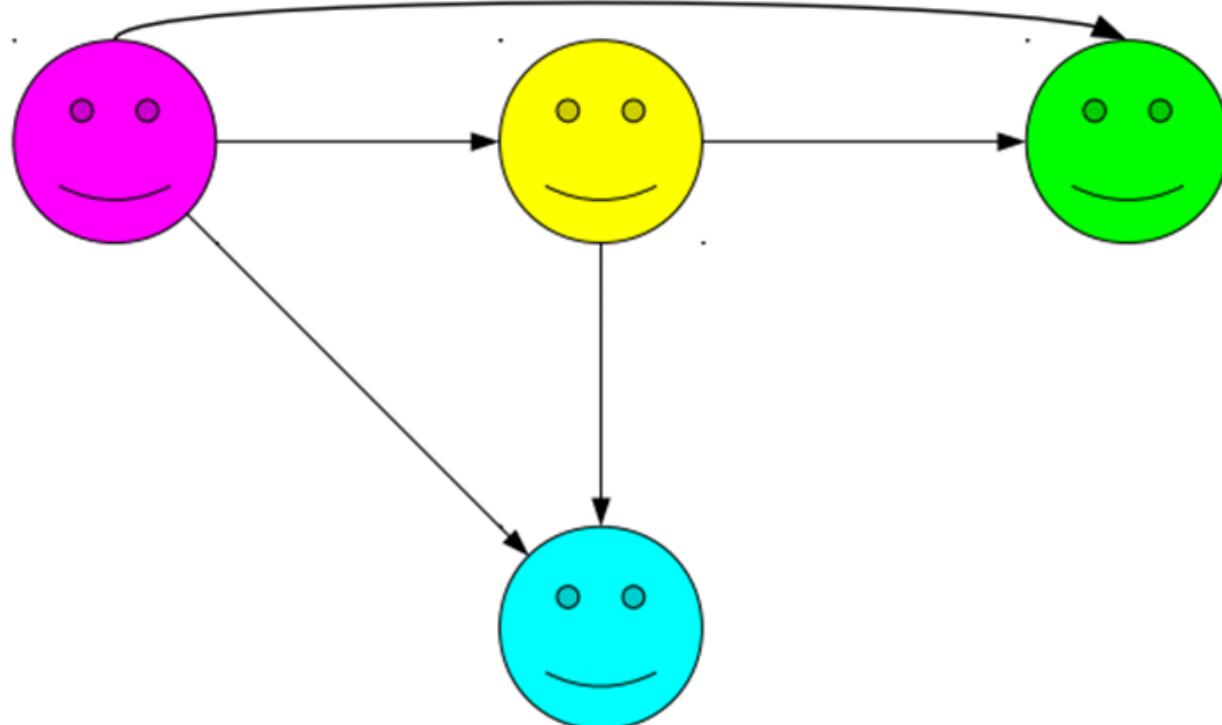
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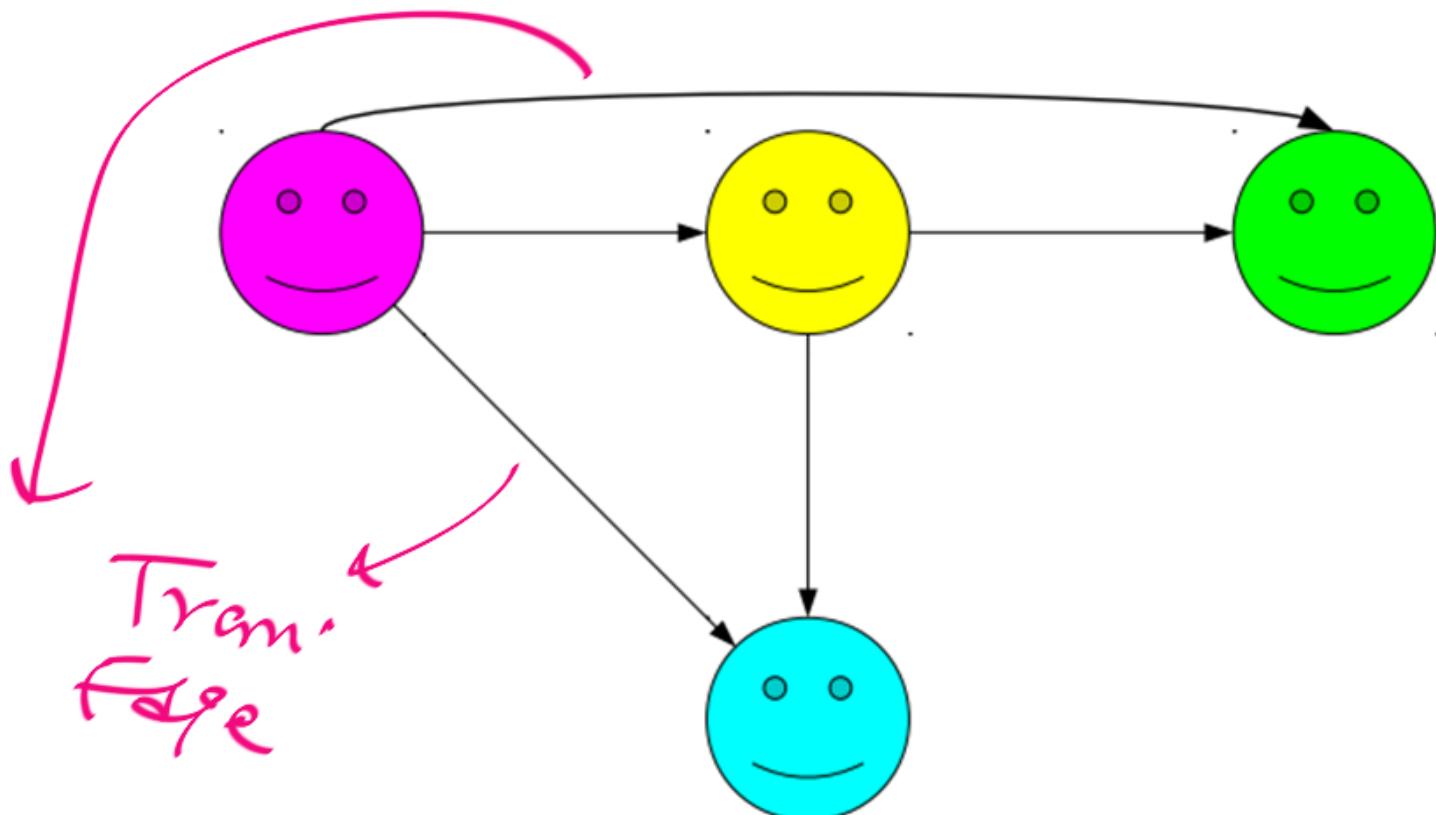
Violationof Transitive Relation:final Conclusion :

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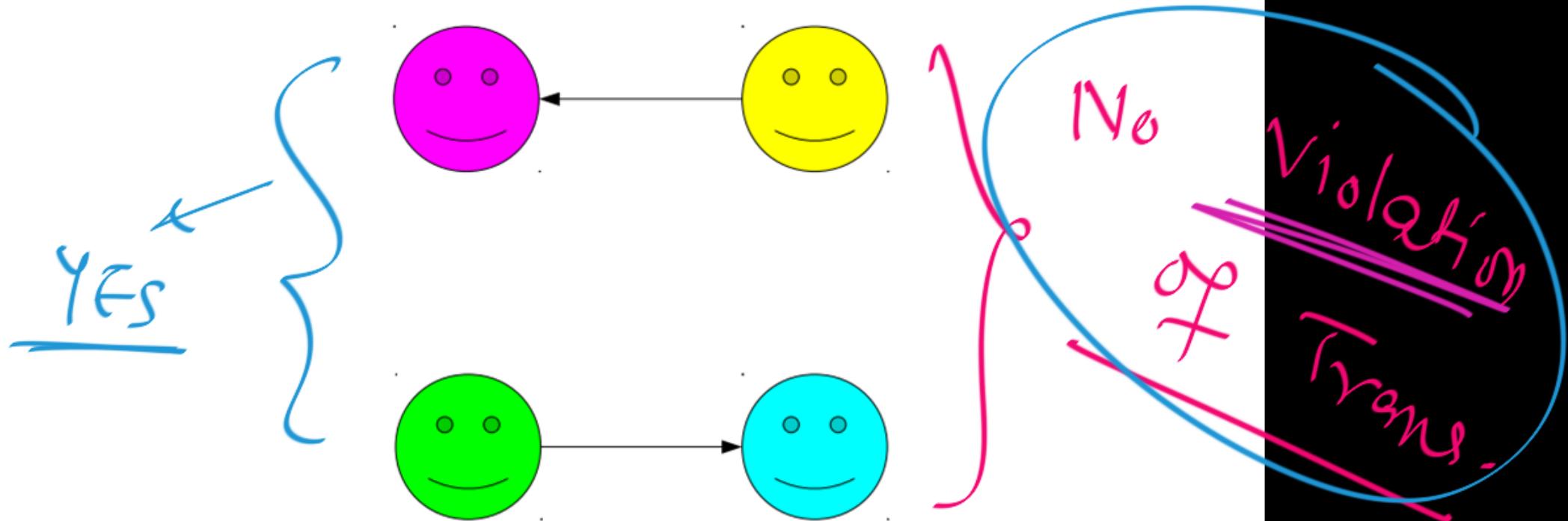
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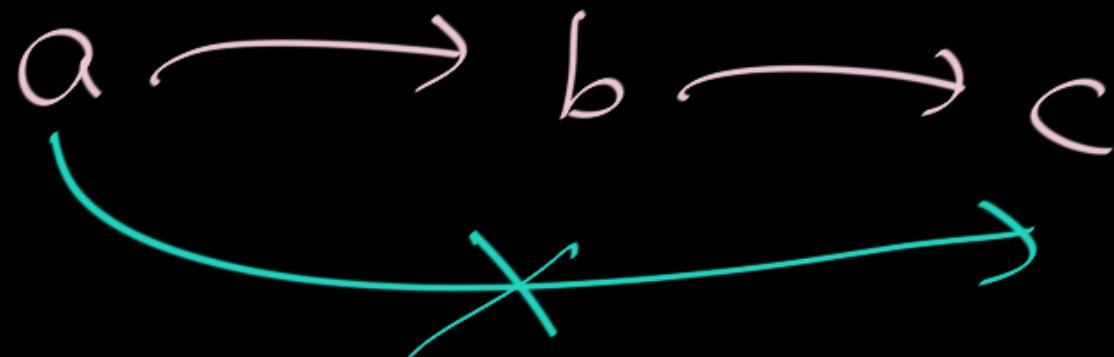


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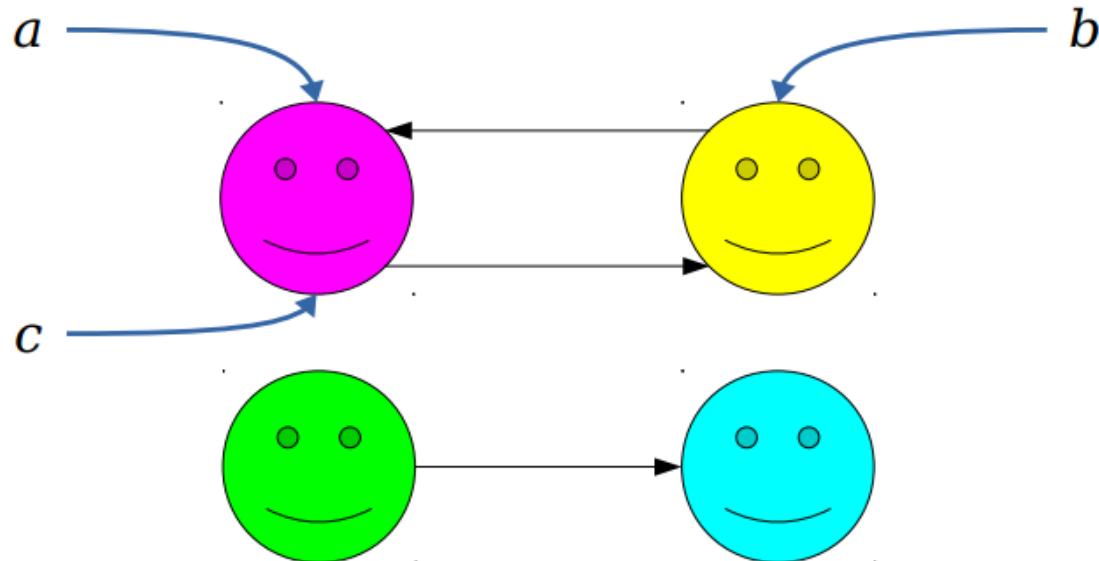
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$a \leftarrow b$  But  $a \not R a$  or  $b \not R b$

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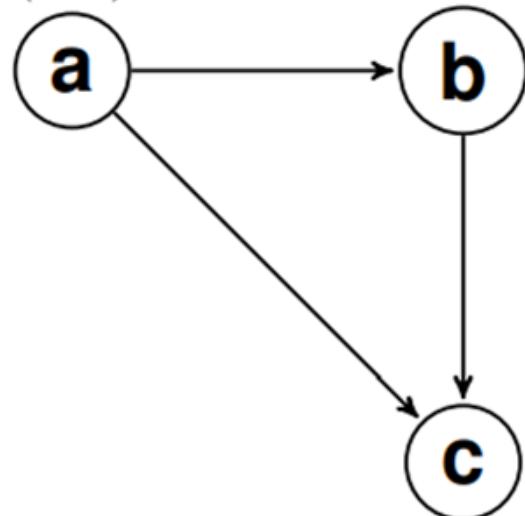
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$$R_6 = \{(3, 4)\}.$$

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## Properties of Relations

### Definitions

A relation  $R$  is called **reflexive** on a set  $S$  if for all  $x \in S$ ,  $(x, x) \in R$ .

A relation  $R$  is called **irreflexive** on a set  $S$  if for all  $x \in S$ ,  $(x, x) \notin R$ .

A relation  $R$  is **symmetric** on a set  $S$  if for all  $x \in S$  and for all  $y \in S$ , if  $(x, y) \in R$  then  $(y, x) \in R$ .

A relation  $R$  is **antisymmetric** on a set  $S$  if for all  $x \in S$  and for all  $y \in S$ , if  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, x) \in R$ , then  $x = y$

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**Definition 1.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A *relation from  $A$  to  $B$*  is a set of ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  such that  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . In other words, a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ .

If  $A$  is a set then a *relation on  $A$*  means a relation from  $A$  to  $A$ . We often write  $aRb$  to mean  $(a, b) \in R$ .

**Definition 2.** Suppose that  $R$  is a relation on a set  $A$ .

We say that $R$ is ...	if ...
<i>reflexive</i>	$\forall x \in A, (x, x) \in R$
<i>irreflexive</i>	$\forall x \in A, (x, x) \notin R$
<i>symmetric</i>	$\forall x, y \in A, (x, y) \in R \implies (y, x) \in R$
<i>antisymmetric</i>	$\forall x, y \in A, (x, y) \in R \wedge (y, x) \in R \implies x = y$
<i>transitive</i>	$\forall x, y, z \in A, (x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R \implies (x, z) \in R$

# Properties of Binary Relations

A binary relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is called

- Reflexive iff  $\forall x (x, x) \in R$
- Symmetric iff  $\forall x, y ((x, y) \in R \rightarrow (y, x) \in R)$
- Antisymmetric iff  $\forall x, y ((x, y) \in R \wedge (y, x) \in R \rightarrow x = y)$
- Transitive iff  $\forall x, y, z ((x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R \rightarrow (x, z) \in R)$ .

Examples:

- $\leq$  and  $=$  are reflexive, but  $<$  is not.
- $=$  is symmetric, but  $\leq$  is not.
- $\leq$  is antisymmetric.

Note:  $=$  is also antisymmetric, i.e.,  $=$  is symmetric and antisymmetric.

$<$  is also antisymmetric, since the precondition of the implication is always false.

However,  $R = \{(x, y) \mid x + y \leq 3\}$  is not antisymmetric, since  $(1, 2), (2, 1) \in R$ .

- All three,  $=$ ,  $\leq$  and  $<$  are transitive.

$R = \{(x, y) \mid y = 2x\}$  is not transitive.