

$$R = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, (c, d) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : ad = bc \}.$$

• claim 1. Let  $(c, d) = (a, b)$ .

Then,  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ ,  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow (a, b) R_{(a, b)}$  holds.

$\therefore R$  is reflexive.

• claim 2. Let  $(a, b) R_{(c, d)}$ ,  $\forall a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

such that  $ad = bc$

$\Rightarrow bc = ad$

$\Rightarrow c \cdot b = d \cdot a$

$\Rightarrow (c, d) R_{(a, b)}$ ,  $\forall a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore R$  is symmetric.

• claim 3. Let  $(a, b) R_{(c, d)}$  &  $(c, d) R_{(e, f)}$ ,  
 $\forall a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then,  $ad = bc \dots (1)$

and  $cf = de \dots (2)$

from (1):  $adf = bcf$

$\Rightarrow adf = b \cdot de$ , using (2)

$\Rightarrow a \cdot f = b \cdot e \Rightarrow (a, b) R_{(e, f)}$  holds.

$\therefore R$  is transitive.

$R$  is equivalence relation.

Theorem: Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . Let  $a \in A$ . Then for any  $b \in A$ ,  $bRa$  if and only if  $[b] = [a]$ .

Proof:  $[a] = \{x \in A : xRa \text{ or } aRx\}$

Let  $b \in A$  such that  $bRa$ .

We show that  $[a] = [b]$  i.e., (i)  $[a] \subseteq [b]$   
(ii)  $[b] \subseteq [a]$ .

Part 1.

(i) Let  $x \in [a]$ . Then,  $aRx$  holds.

Now,  $bRa$  and  $aRx \Rightarrow bRx$ , since  $R$  is transitive.

$$\Rightarrow x \in [b]$$

$$\therefore [a] \subseteq [b] \dots (1)$$

(ii) Let  $x \in [b]$ . Then,  $bRx$  holds.

Now,  $bRa$  and  $bRx$

$\Rightarrow aRb$  and  $bRx$ , since  $R$  is symmetric

$\Rightarrow aRx$ , since  $R$  is transitive

$$\Rightarrow x \in [a].$$

From (1) & (2):

$$\therefore [b] \subseteq [a] \dots (2) \quad [a] = [b].$$

Part 2. Let  $[b] = [a]$

Then,  $b \in [b]$ , since  $bRb$  holds due to  $R$  is reflexive

$$\Rightarrow b \in [b] = [a]$$

$$\Rightarrow b \in [a]$$

$\Rightarrow aRb$  holds  $\Rightarrow bRa$  also holds, since  $R$  is symmetric.  $\checkmark$

Theorem: Every partition of a set induces an equivalence relation on it

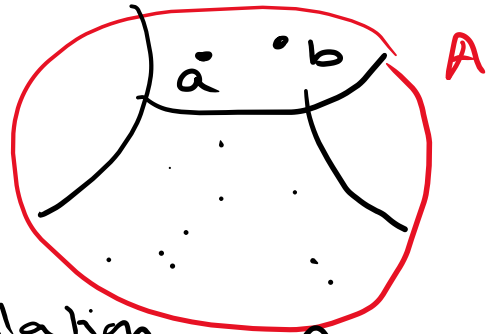
Proof. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$  be a partition on a set  $A$ .

Define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  as:

" $aRb$  if  $a$  belongs to the same block as  $b$ ".

(Required to Prove)

RTP:  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .



\* Since every element in  $A$  belongs to the block block as itself,  $R$  is reflexive.

\* Let  $aRb$  hold,  $\forall a, b \in A$ .

Then,  $a$  belongs to the same block as  $b$   
 $\Rightarrow b$  also " " " " " "

$\Rightarrow bRa$  holds.

$\therefore R$  is symmetric.

\* Let  $aRb$  and  $bRc$  hold,  $a, b, c \in A$ .

Then,  $a$  belongs to the same block as  $b$   
and  $b$  " " " " " "

$\Rightarrow a$  also " " " " " "

$\Rightarrow aRc$  holds.

$\therefore R$  is transitive.

Problem: Let  $R$  be a relation defined in the set  $Z$  of all integers s.t.  $(m = 6)$ .  
 $xRy$  if  $(x-y)$  is divisible by 6.

Claim 1. PART-1  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

- $R$  is reflexive, since  $a-a=0$  is divisible by 6  $\Rightarrow aRa$  holds,  $\forall a \in Z$ .
- $R$  is symmetric

$$\begin{aligned} aRb &\Rightarrow (a-b) \text{ is divisible by } 6 \\ &\Rightarrow a-b = 6k, \text{ for some } k \in Z \\ &\Rightarrow -(b-a) = 6k \\ &\Rightarrow b-a = -6k = 6k', \quad k' = -k \in Z \\ &\Rightarrow bRa \text{ holds, } \forall a, b \in Z. \end{aligned}$$

- $R$  is transitive

Let  $aRb$  and  $bRc$  hold,  $\forall a, b, c \in Z$

Then,  $a-b = 6k_1$  and  $b-c = 6k_2$ , for some  $k_1, k_2 \in Z$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (a-b) + (b-c) = 6k_1 + 6k_2 \\ &\Rightarrow a-c = 6(k_1 + k_2) = 6k_3, \quad k_3 = k_1 + k_2 \in Z \\ &\Rightarrow aRc \text{ holds.} \end{aligned}$$

## PART-2

For this relation  $R$ , let the equivalence classes be

$$S_p = \{ 6k + p : p = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \text{ and } k \text{ is any integer, i.e., } k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots \}$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} xRy &\Rightarrow x-y = 6k, \text{ for some } k \in Z \\ &\Rightarrow x = 6k + y \end{aligned} \right]$$