

# Munkres 1.3

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1. Define two points  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  of the plane to be equivalent if  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_1 - x_1^2$ . Check that this is an equivalence relation and describe the equivalence classes.

To show that this is an equivalence relation, I will show that it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Reflexive: Using any point  $(x, y)$ ,  $y - x^2 = y - x^2$  is reflexive since every element in the relation is related to itself.

Symmetry: If  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_1 - x_1^2$  then  $y_1 - x_1^2 = y_0 - x_0^2$  based on how equality is defined as left side will be equal to right side and vice versa.

Transitive: Use a third point  $(x_2, y_2)$ . If  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  are related so  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_1 - x_1^2$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are related so  $y_1 - x_1^2 = y_2 - x_2^2$ . Then,  $y_0 - x_0^2 = y_2 - x_2^2$  and is transitive.

Equivalence classes: The points of the plane follow the expression:  $\forall_a \forall_b (E(a, b) | y - x^2 = b - a^2)$ . For example,  $E(0, 0) = \{(x, y) | y - x^2 = 0\}$ . Therefore, the equivalence classes formed by this relation are the infinitely many parabolas defined by  $y = x^2 + k$  and shifted up and down on the y-axis with vertex at  $x = 0$ .

2. Let  $C$  be a relation on a set  $A$ . If  $A_0 \subset A$ , define the restriction of  $C$  to  $A_0$  to be the relation  $C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ . Show that the restriction of an equivalence relation is an equivalence relation.

$C$  is an equivalence relation.

Reflexive:  $(x, y) \in C$  and  $(x, y) \in A_0$ , then we have  $(x, x) \in C \cap A_0 \times A_0$  since  $x$  is in  $A_0$  and in  $C$  because  $C$  is an equivalence relation.

Symmetry:  $(x, y) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ . So,  $(x, y) \in C$  and then  $(y, x) \in C$ . Also,  $(x, y) \in A_0 \times A_0$  and since  $x \in A_0 \wedge y \in A_0$ ,  $(y, x) \in A_0 \times A_0$ . Therefore,  $(y, x) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ .

Transitive:

$(x, y) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$  and  $(y, z) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ .

$(x, y)$  and  $(y, z)$  are elements of  $C$ .

So  $(x, z)$  is in  $C$  by transitivity.

$(x, y, z) \in A_0$  so  $(x, z)$  is an element of  $A_0 \times A_0$ .

Therefore,  $(x, z) \in C \cap (A_0 \times A_0)$ .

This shows that restriction of an equivalence relation is an equivalence relation.

3. Here is a “proof” that every relation  $C$  that is both symmetric and transitive is also reflexive: “Since  $C$  is symmetric,  $aCb$  implies  $bCa$ . Since  $C$  is transitive,  $aCb$  and  $bCa$  together imply  $aCa$ , as desired.” Find the flaw in this argument.

Reflexivity requires  $aCa$  to hold for every  $a \in A$ .

We can use a counterexample to prove that  $C$  isn’t reflexive. Using  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and  $C = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}$ . Since  $(2, 2) \notin C$ ,  $C$  isn’t reflexive.

4. Let  $f : A \Rightarrow B$  be a surjective function. Let us define a relation on  $A$  by setting  $a_0 \sim a_1$  if  $f(a_0) = f(a_1)$ .

a. Show that this is an equivalence relation.

To show that this is an equivalence relation, I will show that it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Reflexive:  $\sim$  is reflexive. If  $a_0 \sim a_0$ ,  $f(a_0) = f(a_0)$ . Also, the reverse will be true so  $f(a_0) = f(a_0)$  and  $a_0 \sim a_0$  will be reflexive.

Symmetry:  $\sim$  is symmetric. If  $a_0 \sim a_1$   $f(a_0) = f(a_1)$  then  $f(a_1) = f(a_0)$  and  $a_1 \sim a_0$ .

Transitive: Using points  $a_0, a_1, a_2$ . If  $a_0 \sim a_1$  so  $f(a_0) = f(a_1)$  and  $a_1 \sim a_2$  so  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ . Then,  $f(a_0) = f(a_2)$  and  $a_0 \sim a_2$  since  $\sim$  is transitive.

b. Let  $A^*$  be the set of equivalence classes. Show there is a bijective correspondence of  $A^*$  with  $B$ .

First, define new function  $f^* : A^* \Rightarrow B$ . To prove that  $f^*$  has bijective correspondence we just need to prove that it is surjective and injective.

$f$  was surjective since  $a_0 \in A$  and  $b_0 \in B$  means that  $f(a_0) = b_0$ . Similarly,  $f^*$  is surjective if  $a_0 \in A^*$  and  $b_0 \in B$  and  $f^*(a_0) = b_0$  for at least one  $a_0 \in A^*$ . Since  $b_0 = f(a_0) = f^*(a_0)$ ,  $f^*$  is surjective.

For any equivalence class  $a_0^* \in A^*$  and element  $a_0 \in a_0^*$ . Using  $f^*(a_0^*) = f^*(a_1^*)$ , I will prove that  $f^*$  is injective. If  $f(a_0) = f(a_1)$  and  $a_0 \sim a_1$ ,  $f^*(a_0^*) = f(a_0)$  and  $f^*(a_1^*) = f(a_1)$ . Since  $f(a_0) = f^*(a_0^*) = f^*(a_1^*) = f(a_1)$ ,  $f(a_0) = f(a_1)$ . Therefore, since  $a_0 \sim a_1$ ,  $a_0^* = a_1^*$ . This means that  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  are in the same equivalence class so that  $f^*$  is injective.

5. Let  $S$  and  $S'$  be the following subsets of the plane:

$$S = \{(x, y) | y = x + 1 \text{ and } 0 < x < 2\}$$

$$S' = \{(x, y) | y - x \text{ is an integer}\}$$

a. Show that  $S'$  is an equivalence relation on the real line and  $S' \supset S$ . Describe the equivalence classes of  $S'$ .

$S'$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $x - x = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(x, x) \in S'$  for all  $x$ . Thus,  $S'$  is reflexive.

Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $y - x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x - y = -(y - x) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus, because  $(x, y) \in S'$ ,  $(y, x) \in S'$  and  $S'$  is symmetric.

Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $y - x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $z - y \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $z - x = (z - y) + (y - x) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus, because  $(x, y) \in S' \wedge (y, z) \in S'$ ,  $(x, z) \in S'$  and  $S'$  is transitive.

Next, I will show that  $S' \supset S$ .

Let  $(x, y) \in S$  (which means  $y = x + 1$ ). Then,  $y - x = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus,  $(x, y) \in S'$ , and  $S' \supset S$ .

Finally, I will describe the equivalence class of  $S'$ . If  $(x, y) \in S'$ , then  $y - x = a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then,  $y = a + x$ . Therefore,  $S'' = \{a + x | a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an equivalence class of  $S'$ .

b. Show that given any collection of equivalence relations on a set  $A$ , their intersection is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

Each equivalence relation on a set  $A$  partitions  $A$  which means that no matter how specific a partition, their elements are all of  $A$ .

For example, consider  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x_0, x_1 \in A$  in the following relations:  $E_{(x_0)} = \{(x, y) | y - x = x_0\}$ ,  $E_{(x_1)} = \{(x, y) | y = x * x_1\}$ . While both equivalence relations have distinct partitions of  $A$ , they both share intersections such as  $x_0, x_1 = 2$  at  $(2, 4)$ . Even at an intersection, since this intersection occurs between partitions of  $A$ , an intersection  $\in A$ .

Also, if reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity hold for a relation in the collection, then they hold for any relation in the intersection too. For example, if  $xCx$  for any  $C \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $(x, x) \in C$  for any  $C \in \mathcal{A}$ , and  $(x, x) \in \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{A}} C$  which means  $x \in \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{A}} C_x$ . This is true for the properties of symmetry and transitivity too.

c. Describe the equivalence relation  $T$  on the real line that is the intersection of all equivalence relations on the real line that contain  $S$ . Describe the equivalence classes of  $T$ .

If  $T$  is an equivalence relation that contains  $S$ , it has to be reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. An equivalence relation that contains  $S$  will also have  $\{(x, y) | y = x\}$  by reflexivity,  $\{(x, y) | y = x + 1 \text{ and } 0 < x < 2\}$  and  $\{(x, y) | y = x - 1 \text{ and } 1 < x < 3\}$  by symmetry,  $\{(x, y) | y = x + 2 \text{ and } 0 < x < 1\}$  and  $\{(x, y) | y = x - 2 \text{ and } 2 < x < 3\}$  by transitivity and symmetry. If these pairs are part of  $T$ , then  $T$  is the intersection and from 5b, we know that the intersection of an equivalence relation is an equivalence relation.

The equivalence classes of  $T$  will be formed based on the sets in the intersection. The equivalence class will be  $\{x\}$  for  $x \leq 0$  and  $x \geq 3$ . The classes between  $0 \leq x \leq 3$  will be different based on value of  $x$ .