

# MATH 335 Homework 3

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1. Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

a) Determine  $A \times B$ .

$$AB = \{(a, 1), (a, 2), (a, 3), (a, 4), (b, 1), (b, 2), (b, 3), (b, 4), (c, 1), (c, 2), (c, 3), (c, 4)\}$$

b) Draw  $B \times \mathbb{R}$ .

c) Prove that if  $C$  and  $D$  are finite sets then  $|C \times D| = |C| \cdot |D|$ .

*Proof.* By the definition of the cartesian product for any fixed  $c_0 \in C$  there exist  $|D|$  corresponding ordered pairs of the form  $(c_0, d), d \in D$ .

Since there are  $|C|$  possible choices for  $c_0$  and  $|D|$  corresponding ordered pairs of the form  $(c_0, d)$  then this implies  $\exists |C| \cdot |D|$  unique ordered pairs, thus  $|C \times D| = |C| \cdot |D|$  as the cartesian product is the set of all unique ordered pairs between two sets.  $\square$

2. Determine which one of the following are equivalence relations. Justify.

a)  $x \sim y$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  if  $x \geq y$ .

(a) **Reflexivity**

*Proof.* Prove:  $x \sim x$   
if  $x \sim x$  then:

$$x \geq x \rightarrow x = x$$

So we have shown the relation satisfies Reflexivity.  $\square$

(b) **Symmetry**

*Proof.* Prove  $x \sim y \rightarrow y \sim x$

if  $x \sim y$  then  $x \geq y$  from this inequality alone we cannot show that  $y > x$  however it could be the case that  $x = y$  in which case the statement  $y \geq x$  would hold true satisfying symmetry.

However, we cannot conclude if it is the case that  $y = x$  given  $x \geq y$  and thus we cannot prove the symmetry of the relation.

□

(c) **Transitivity**

*Proof.* Prove if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$  then  $x \sim z$   
if  $x \sim y$  then  $x \geq y$ , if  $y \sim z$  then  $y \geq z$  then:

$$x \geq y \geq z$$

$$x \geq z$$

Therefore  $x \sim z$

□

This relation is not an equivalence relation .

b)  $m \sim n$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  if  $mn > 0$ .

(a) **Reflexivity**

*Proof.* Prove:  $m \sim m$  if  $m \sim m$  then this implies

$$m^2 > 0$$

Consider the case of  $m = 0$ , then this relation implies:

$$0 > 0$$

Which is not true, thus since Reflexivity fails for this relation this implies that the relation is not an equivalence relation.

□

(b) **Symmetry**

*Proof.* Prove  $x \sim y \rightarrow y \sim x$

If  $x \sim y$  then :

$$xy > 0$$

by commutativity of integer multiplication this also gives:

$$yx > 0$$

and thus we have that  $y \sim x$  so  $y$  is related to  $x$

□

This relation is not an equivalence relation .

c)  $x \sim y$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  if  $|x - y| \leq 4$ .

(a) **Reflexivity**

*Proof.* Prove:  $x \sim x$

if  $x \sim x$  then this implies :

$$|x - x| \leq 4$$

$$|0| \leq 4$$

$$0 \leq 4$$

□

(b) **Symmetry**

*Proof.* Prove  $x \sim y \rightarrow y \sim x$

if  $x \sim y$  then :

$$|x - y| \leq 4$$

if  $y \sim x$  then :

$$|y - x| \leq 4$$

For all  $x, y$  in the real numbers  $|x - y| = |y - x|$  therefore by this reason  $y$  is symmetric to  $x$ . □

(c) **Transitivity**

*Proof.* Prove if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$  then  $x \sim z$

Consider the following hypothetical: given  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $x=4$   $y= 8$ ,  $z= 12$

Then if  $x \sim y$  this implies:

$$|4 - 8| \leq 4$$

$$4 \leq 4$$

$$|8 - 12| \leq "4"$$

$$4 \leq 4$$

$$|4 - 12| \leq 4$$

$$8 \leq 4$$

so we have shown that the relation does not satisfy Transitivity. □

This relation is not an equivalence relation .

3. Define the relation  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  if  $x_1^2 + y_1^2 = x_2^2 + y_2^2$ . Show that this is an equivalence relation. Then describe the equivalence classes.

(a) **Reflexivity**

*Proof.* Prove:  $x \sim x$

if  $x \sim x$  then we have that:

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 = x_1^2 + y_1^2$$

Which is true. □

(b) **Symmetry**

*Proof.* Prove  $x \sim y \rightarrow y \sim x$  if  $x \sim y$  then we have that:

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 = x_2^2 + y_2^2$$

which by the symmetric property of equality proves that  $y \sim x$  □

(c) **Transitivity**

*Proof.* Prove if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$  then  $x \sim z$   
if  $x \sim y$  then

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 = x_2^2 + y_2^2$$

if  $y \sim z$  then we have:

$$x_2^2 + y_2^2 = x_3^2 + y_3^2$$

performing a substitution gives:

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 = x_3^2 + y_3^2$$

and thus  $x \sim z$  □

This allows us to conclude that this relation is an equivalence relation. The equivalence classes of this relation take the following structure:

$$[a = (x_1, y_1)] = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a \sim b\} = \{(x_2, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)\}$$

$$[(x_1, y_1)] = \{(x_2, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)\}$$

so for some fixed ordered pair in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  the equivalence class is the set of all other ordered pairs satisfying the relation. These relations constitute circles formed by the points related centered at  $(x_1, y_1)$  or rather  $(x_i, y_i)$  for some arbitrary location in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

In other words each equivalence class is a circle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  centered at the point you are drawing a relation with with all elements of the equivalence class defining the perimeter of the circle.

4. Define a relation on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$  by letting  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)$  if there exists a nonzero  $\lambda$  such that  $(x_1, y_1) = (\lambda x_2, \lambda y_2)$ . Prove that  $\sim$  defines an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ . What are the equivalence classes ?

(a) **Reflexivity**

*Proof.* Prove:  $x \sim x$

If  $x \sim x$  then we have the following relation:

$$(x_1, y_1) = \lambda(x_2, y_2)$$

which is true for the case of  $\lambda=1$  proving Reflexivity. □

(b) **Symmetry**

*Proof.* Prove  $x \sim y \rightarrow y \sim x$

If  $x \sim y$  then:

$$(x_1, y_1) = \lambda_1(x_2, y_2)$$

Solving for  $(x_2, y_2)$  we obtain:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_1}(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$$

So we have shown that for  $\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$  that  $y \sim x$  and thus have proven symmetry. □

(c) **Transitivity**

*Proof.* Prove if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$  then  $x \sim z$

If  $x \sim y$  then :

$$(x_1, y_1) = \lambda_1(x_2, y_2)$$

If  $y \sim z$  then:

$$(x_2, y_2) = \lambda_2(x_3, y_3)$$

substituting for  $(x_2, y_2)$ :

$$(x_1, y_1) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2(x_3, y_3)$$

so we have that  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_3, y_3)$  for  $\lambda_3 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$  Proving Transitivity. □

The equivalence classes are the set of all scalar multiples of the vector formed by the original selection of  $(x_1, y_1)$ . This is to say that each equivalence class is a line in  $\mathbb{R}$  where the elements on the line represent the span of the original vector chosen.