

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:

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

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 radius: $x_2 + y_2$

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 λ 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. \square

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.