

Relations

1. Fill in the following table.

Let \mathcal{L} be the set of lines in the coordinate plane; let \mathcal{S} be the set of nonempty sets.

Set	Relation	Reflexive	Symmetric	Transitive	Equivalence Relation?
\mathbb{R}	$x = y$				
\mathbb{Q}	$x < y$				
\mathbb{Z}	$x \geq y$				
\mathcal{S}	$A \subset B$				
\mathcal{S}	$A \cap B \neq \emptyset$				
\mathcal{L}	$\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$				
\mathcal{L}	$\ell_1 \perp \ell_2$				
\mathbb{Z}	$a - b$ is a mult. of 3				

2. For which integers $x \in [-10, 10]$ is $x - 0$ a multiple of 3?
3. For which integers $x \in [-10, 10]$ is $x - 1$ a multiple of 3?
4. For which integers $x \in [-10, 10]$ is $x - 2$ a multiple of 3?

The congruence modulus n relation is defined by $x \equiv a \pmod{n}$ if and only if $x - a$ is a multiple of n .

The equivalence class for the class representative $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ for this relation is the set

$$[a] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv a \pmod{n}\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x - a \text{ is a multiple of } n\}.$$

5. Write at least 7 elements in each equivalence class; these sets are infinite, so only test integers x where $-10 \leq x \leq 10$. Which equivalence classes seem to be equal? What do you notice about their class representatives?

(a) $[0] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} :$

(b) $[1] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\} :$

(c) $[2] :$

(d) $[3] :$

(e) $[4] :$