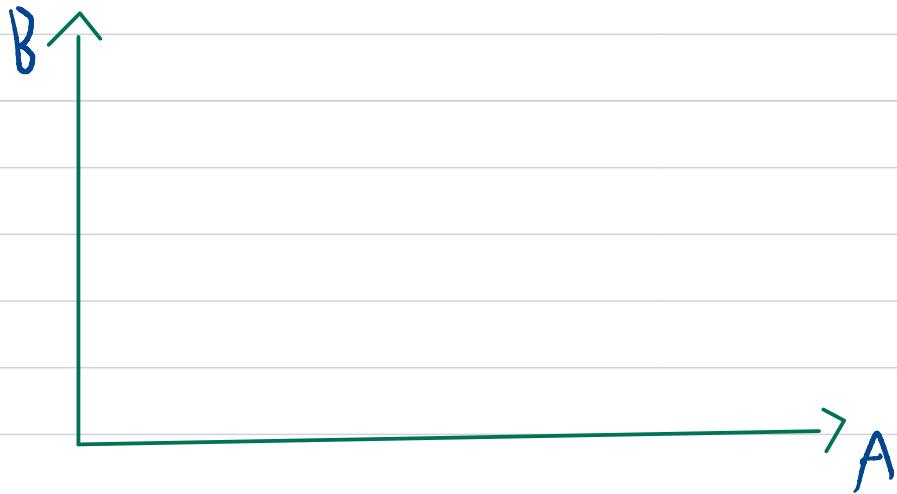


Relations

Let A, B be sets

- For visual intuition, let's depict

as



Def: A from to is a

- For a , given an element

$(a, b) \in \underline{\quad}$, we will write

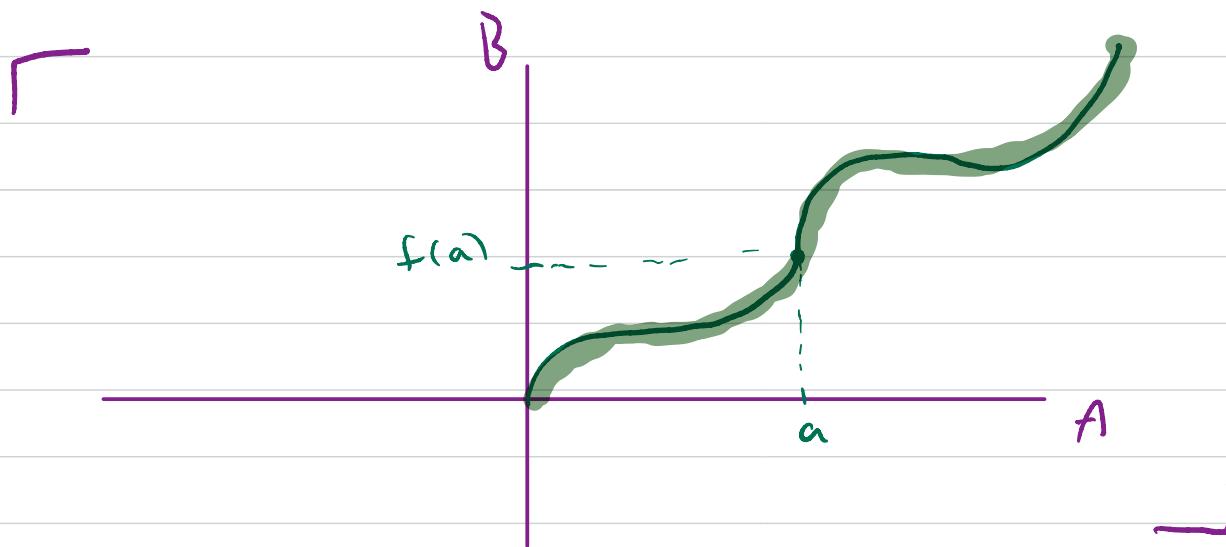
and read it as " " "

- If $(a, b) \notin \underline{\quad}$ we will write

and say that

Examples

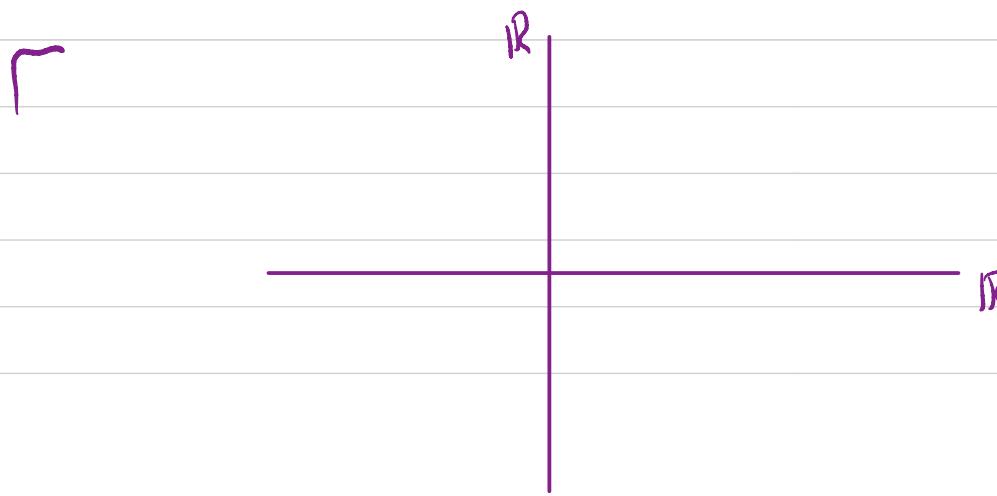
a) Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function. Define the $\{(,)\}$ $\subseteq A \times B$



this is a relation from A to B

→ In this way a function is just
a special case of a relation!

b) Let $S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$



Note that we can solve for x :

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 1 \longrightarrow y = \underline{\hspace{6cm}}$$

this is not a , but it is still a

Def: Let be a from A to B

Then the

i)

 is the set

$$\underline{\quad} = \{ a \in A \mid \quad \quad \quad \}$$

→ this is the set of all
that occur in of R

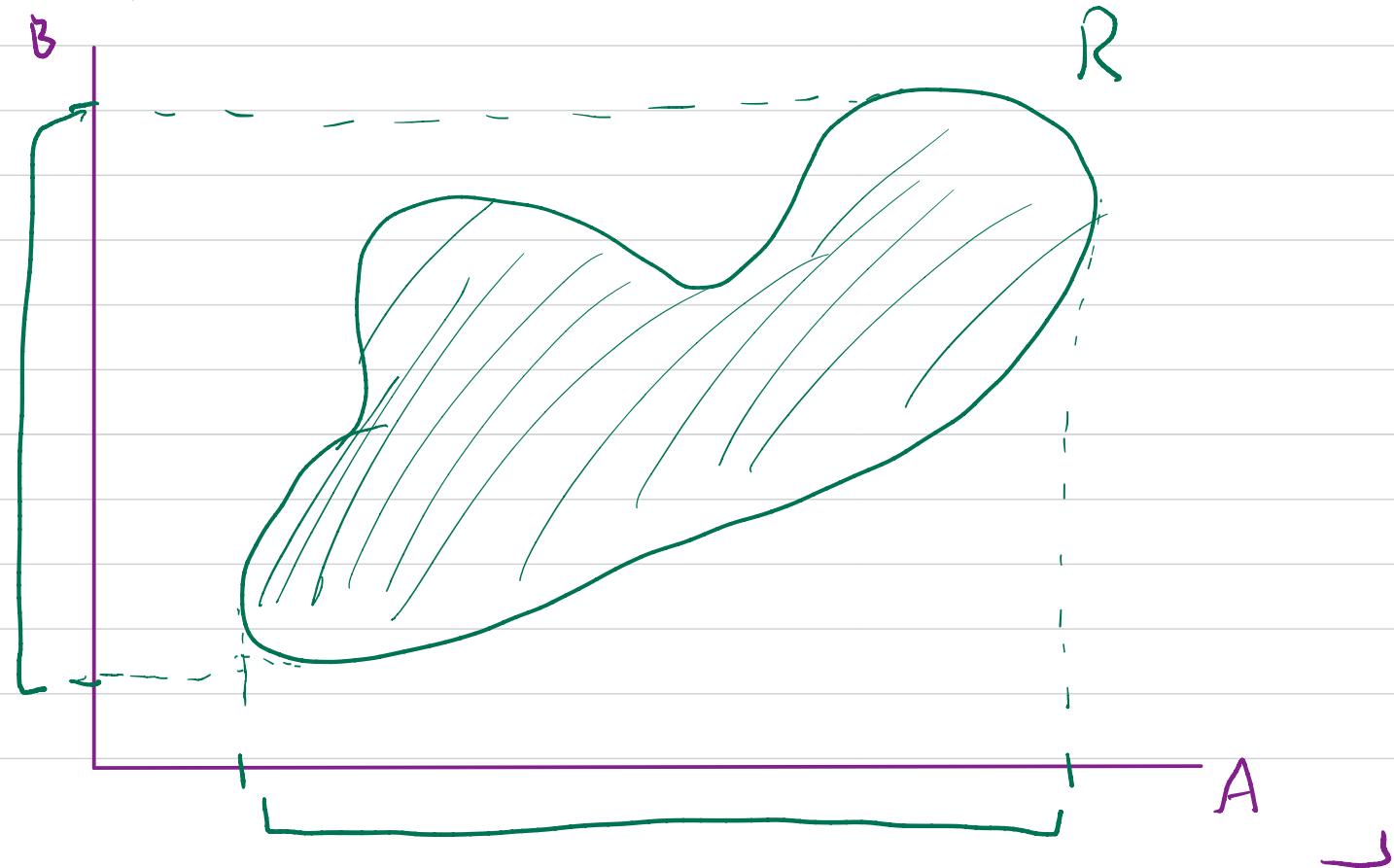
i.) The of R (or the of R)

is the set

$$= \{ b \in B \mid \text{ } \}$$

→ this is the set of all
that occur as of R

Visually we can think of it this way



ex) Again consider the relation

$$S = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \right\}$$

Then $\text{dom}(S) = \left\{ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \mid \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ for some } y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

$$= [\quad , \quad] \quad (\text{from picture})$$

$$\text{range}(S) = \left\{ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \mid \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= [\quad , \quad] \quad (\text{from picture})$$

Def: Let $R \subseteq A \times B$ be a relation from A to B . Then

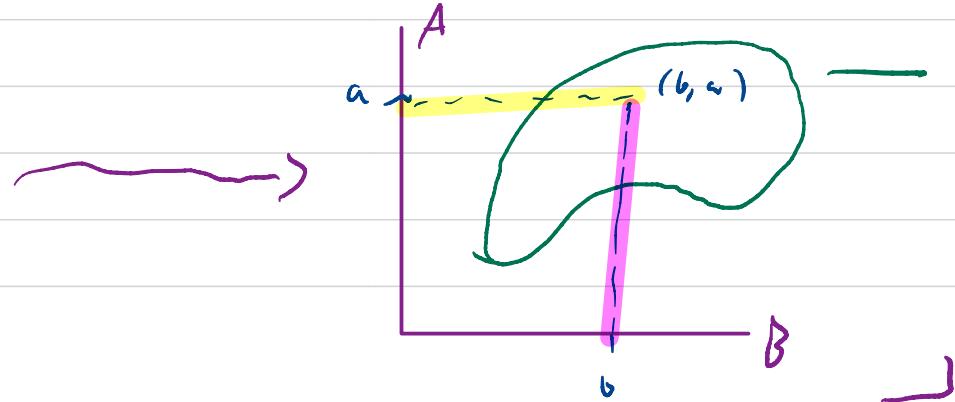
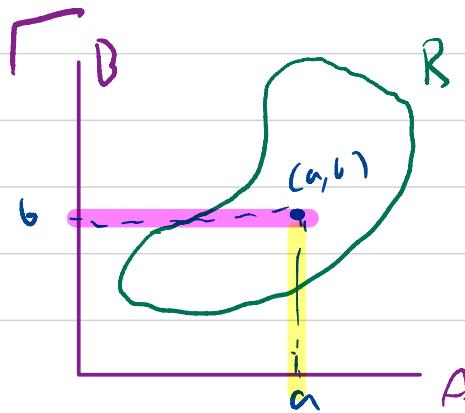
the

, denoted

is

$$= \{ (,) \in B \times A \mid \underline{\quad} \in R \} \subseteq \underline{B \times A}$$

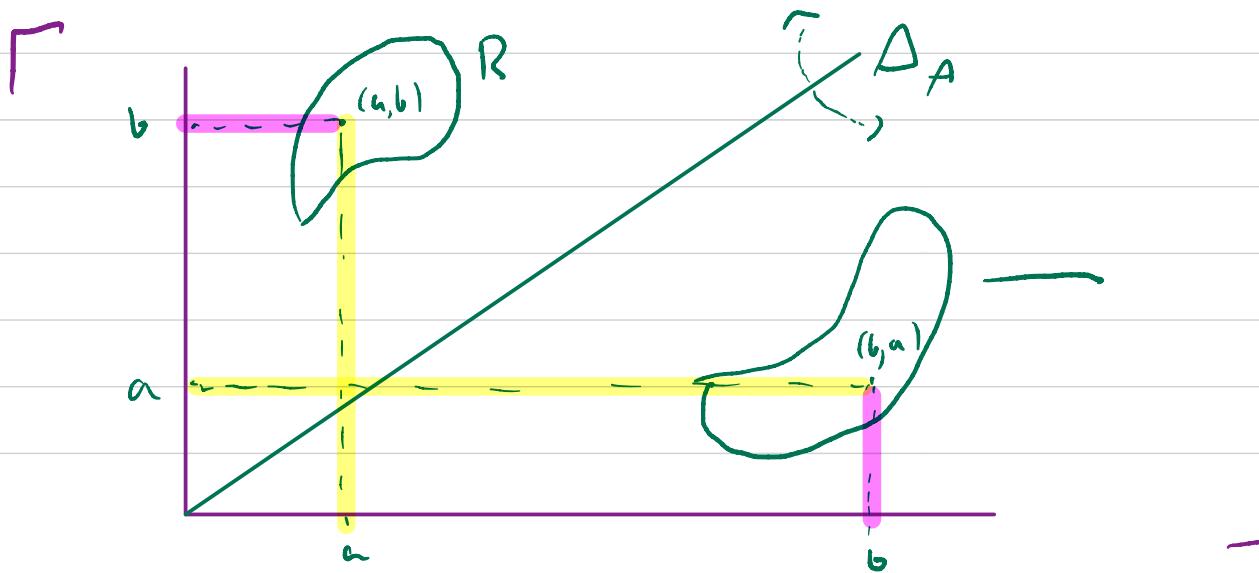
is a relation from B to A



If $=$ then we obtain by

this is the subset defined as

$$\Delta_A = \{ () \mid a \in A \} \subseteq A \times A$$



ex) Consider the relation $R \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$.

defined by $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \leq b\}$

• What is R^{-1} :

ex2) Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $B = \{u, v, w, x, y, z\}$.

Consider the relation from A to B given by

$$R = \{(2, x), (1, z), (2, v), (4, x), (4, u), (5, w)\}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{dom}(R) =$$

$$\cdot \text{range}(R) =$$

$$\rightarrow R^{-1} = \{ \quad \}$$

Special terminology when $A=B$

- From now on, assume $A=B$. Then a relation on A is just called a relation on A .

ex) Equality

• Recall the relation on A

$$R = \Delta_A = \{ \quad | \quad \} \subseteq A \times A$$

\leadsto have aRb iff $a=b$

\leadsto this relation is just $=$

We will generalize this concept of equality to
" " - relation "

• For this, let's note the fundamental properties of

1) for every $a \in A$

2) If _____ then _____

3) If _____ and _____ then _____

Def: Let R be a relation on A .

1) R is called reflexive if $\forall a \in A$

 [This is equiv to saying $\Delta_A \subseteq R$] ↴

2) R is called symmetric if, whenever aRb then bRa

 [This is equiv to saying $R = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$] ↴

3) R is called transitive if whenever aRb and bRc then aRc

Previously seen examples

a) Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then define R relation on \mathbb{Z} by

aRb iff $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

• We saw that

1)

2)

3)

b) R on \mathbb{Z} defined by aRb iff $a \leq b$
What does R satisfy?

Can also give "basic" examples too

Let $A = \{a, b, c\}$. Define the relation on A by

$$R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b), (b, c), (a, c)\}$$

• Is R ?

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Geometric Example

Let $A = \mathbb{R}$ and consider the relation R on \mathbb{R} .

$$R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x-y| \leq 1\}$$



• So if xRy then $|x-y| \leq 1 \iff -1 \leq x-y \leq 1$

\leadsto So R is bounded by lines

• $y = x+1$

• $y = x-1$

• R ? (Note, $\subseteq R$ so should be yes!)

• Let $x \in R$. Then $|x-x| = 0 \leq 1$

So yes

• R

• Let $x, y \in R$ and suppose

Then

R

Goal: Given $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ with _____ and _____

determine whether or not _____

\rightarrow i.e. if _____ ≤ 1 and _____ ≤ 1

is _____ ≤ 1

]

Let $x = 1.5$, $y = 1$ and $z = 0$

Then _____

but

so R is