

Let  $Q$  be the relation on the set  $\mathbb{R}$  consisting of all pairs  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  satisfying  $x + 1 < y$ . Let  $P$  be the relation on the set  $\mathbb{R}$  consisting of all pairs  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  satisfying  $x < y + 1$ . Prove or disprove:

1.  $Q$  is antisymmetric.

We must show that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $x \neq y$  and  $x + 1 < y$  then  $y + 1 \not< x$ . Suppose  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq y, x + 1 < y$ . We must show  $y + 1 \not< x$ . By definition of  $<$ , we must show that  $x \leq y + 1$ . Since  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete under subtraction,  $x < y - 1$  holds. Therefore since  $y - 1 \leq y + 1$ , as  $-1 \leq 1$ , then  $x \leq y + 1$ .

2.  $Q$  is transitive.

Suppose  $x = 0.9, y = 0, z = -0.5$ .  $0.9 < 0 + 1$ , and  $0 < 1 - 0.5$ . However,  $0.9 \not< 0.5$ . Therefore  $Q$  is not transitive.

3.  $P$  is antisymmetric. Suppose  $x = 1, y = 0.5$ . Then  $1 < 0.5 + 1$ , but  $0.5 < 1 + 1$ . Therefore  $P$  is not antisymmetric.

4.  $P$  is transitive. Suppose  $x = 1.3, y = 0.4, z = 0$ . Then  $1.3 < 1 + 0.4, 0.4 < 1 + 0$ , however  $1.3 \not< 1$ .