

Exercises Week 4

① Proving Set Properties (from 2023):

Show that $A \setminus (B \setminus C) = (A \setminus B) \cup (A \cap C)$
without using Theorem 3.4.

Solution:

We prove the statement by showing that any element of the left set is also in the right set and vice versa.
Let x be arbitrary.

$x \in A \setminus (B \setminus C)$	
$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B \setminus C)$	def. $X \setminus Y$
$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B \wedge \neg(x \in C))$	def. $X \setminus Y$
$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge (\neg(x \in B) \vee \neg\neg(x \in C))$	de Morgan
$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge (\neg(x \in B) \vee x \in C)$	double neg.
$\Leftrightarrow (x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B)) \vee (x \in A \wedge x \in C)$	distributivity
$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \setminus B \vee x \in A \cap C$	def. $X \setminus Y$
$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \setminus B \vee x \in A \cap C$	def. \cap
$\Leftrightarrow x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \cap C)$	def. \cup

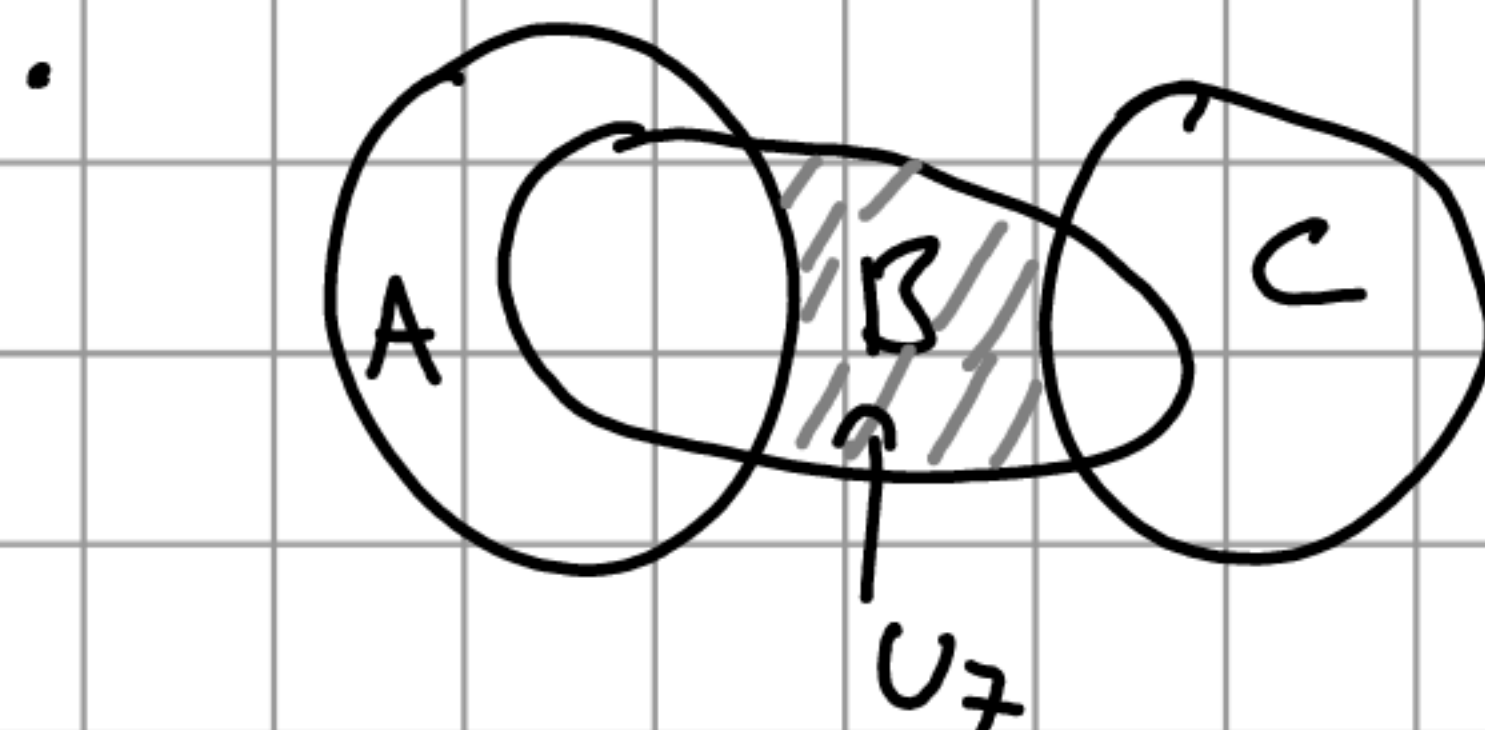
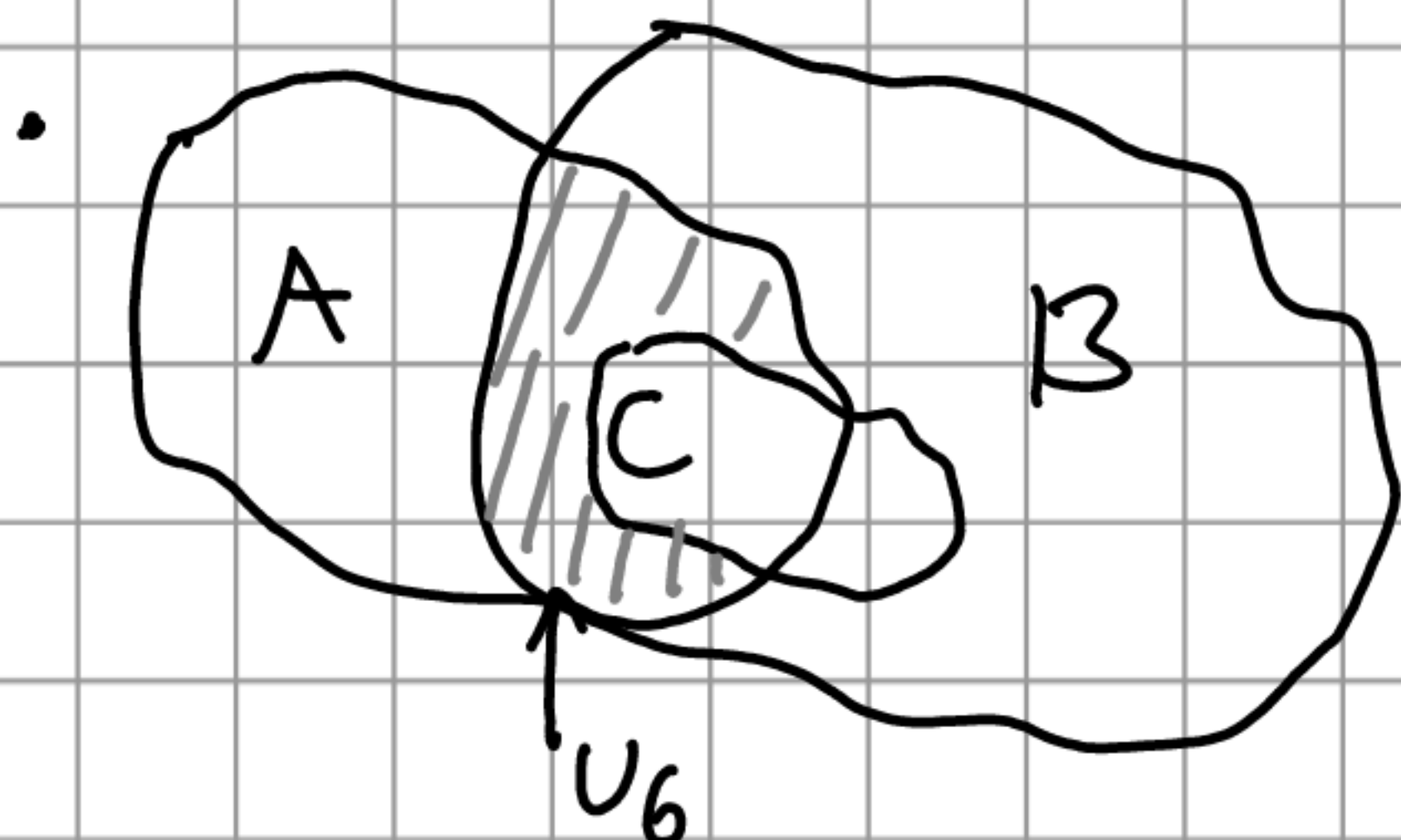
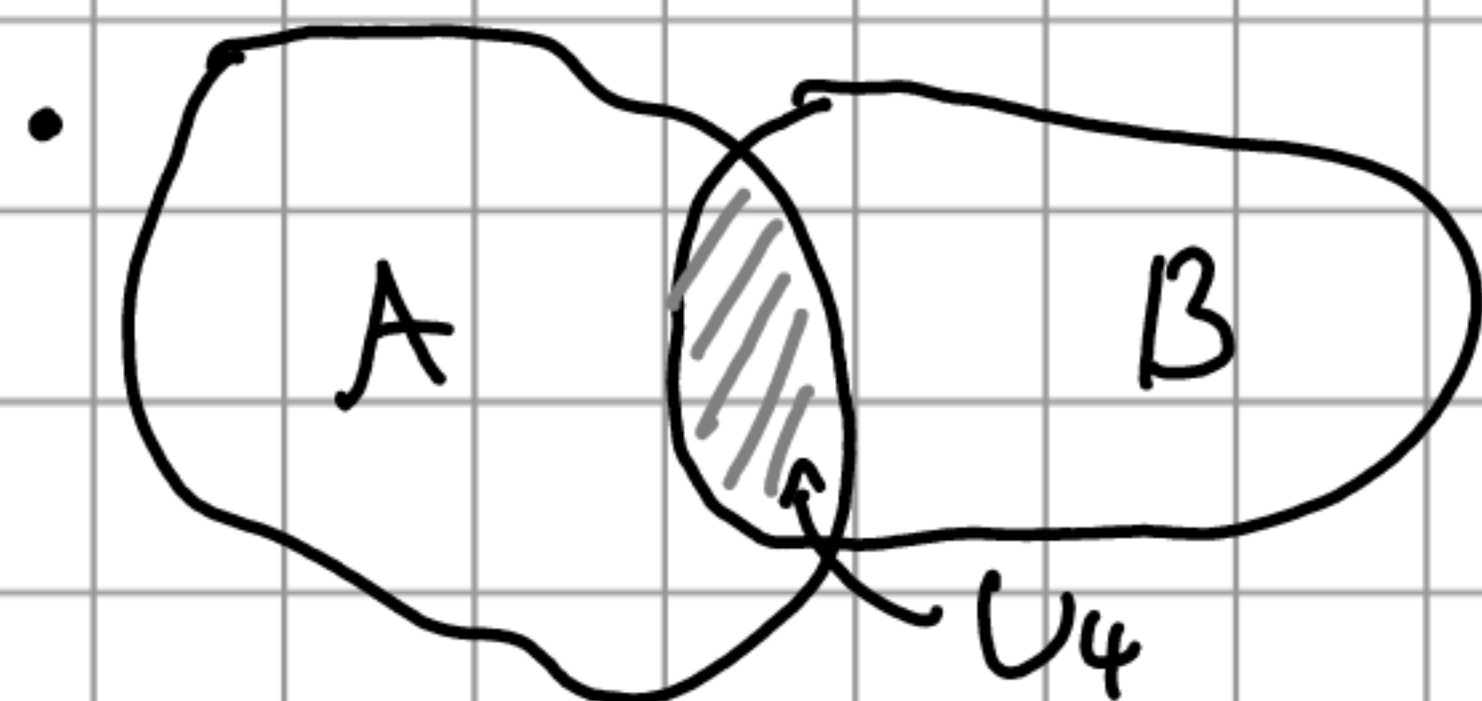
② Set Expressions:

Express the following sets using $A, B, C, \cup, \cap, \setminus, P(A), P(B), P(C)$:

- U_1 contains all elements from A or B . But any set that is a subset of C should not be in U_1 .

- $x \in U_2 \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \wedge x \in B) \vee x \in C$

$$U_3 = \{x \mid x \in C \wedge \neg(x \in B)\}$$



Solution:

$$U_1 = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$$

$$U_2 = (A \cup B) \cap C$$

$$U_3 = C \setminus B$$

$$U_4 = A \cap B$$

$$U_5 = A \cup B$$

$$U_6 = (A \cap B) \setminus C$$

$$U_7 = B \setminus (A \cup C)$$

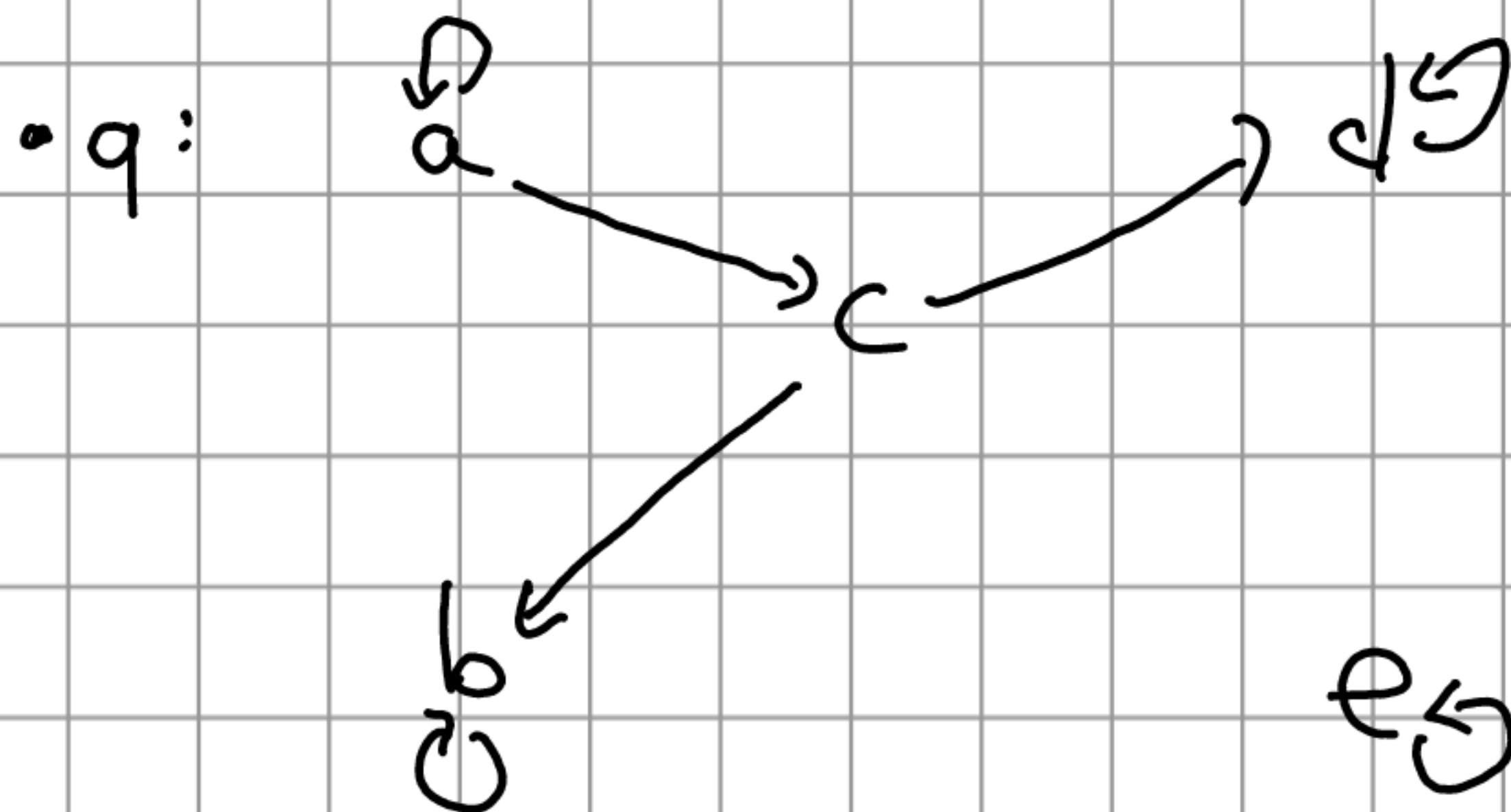
There might be other valid solutions!

3 Relations:

For the following relations, find out whether they are reflexive, transitive, symmetric, antisymmetric.

• p:

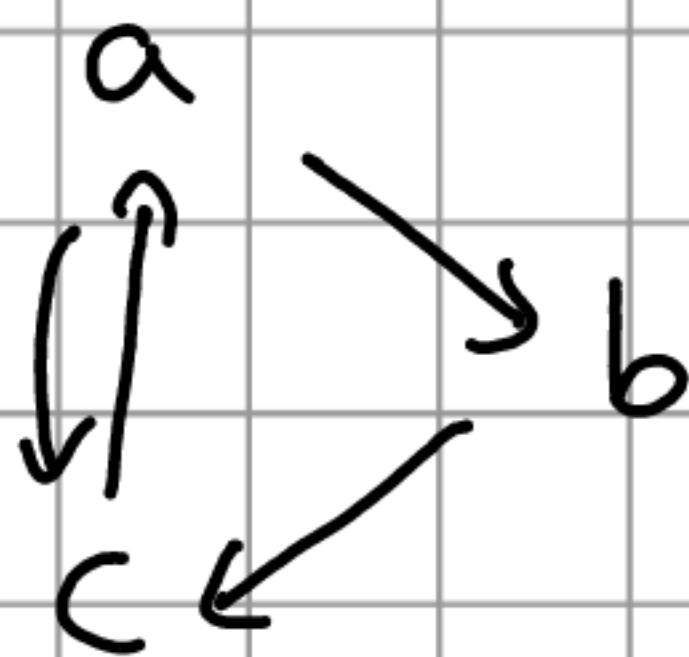
	a	b	c	d
a	1	0	1	0
b	0	1	0	1
c	1	0	1	0
d	0	1	0	1



$$\bullet r = \{(a,b), (b,c), (a,c), (b,a), (c,b), (c,a), (a,a), (b,b), (c,c)\}$$

$$r \subseteq \{a,b,c\}^2$$

• s :



Solutions :

p :
 ✓ reflexive
 ✓ symmetric
 ✓ transitive
 ✗ antisymmetric

q :
 ✓ reflexive
 ✗ symmetric
 ✗ transitive
 ✓ antisymmetric

r :
 ✓ reflexive
 ✓ symmetric
 ✓ transitive
 ✗ antisymmetric

s :
 ✗ reflexive
 ✗ symmetric
 ✗ antisymmetric
 ✗ transitive (because (a,c) and (c,a) are in s , but not (a,a))

Tipp: Draw relations like r as graphs so you can see the properties more easily.