

Ground set =  $\mathbb{R}$

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Claim:  $R$  is symmetric.

Suppose  $a R b$ . Then  $\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor$

$\Rightarrow \lfloor b \rfloor = \lfloor a \rfloor \therefore b R a$

$\uparrow$   
by properties of real numbers and  
= sign.

Claim:  $R$  is transitive

Suppose  $a R b$  and  $b R c$ . Then

$\lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor b \rfloor$  and  $\lfloor b \rfloor = \lfloor c \rfloor$

$\Rightarrow \lfloor a \rfloor = \lfloor c \rfloor \therefore a R c$

$\Rightarrow$   
since = sign is transitive on  
real numbers

$\therefore \mathbb{R}$  is an equivalence relation.

For the equiv. classes,  $[a]$  is an integer say  $n$ . We want to know which  $a$  will give,  $[a] = n$ .

By the def'n of  $[ ]$  function,

$$[a] = n \quad \text{if} \quad a \in [n, n+1)$$

$\therefore$  The equiv. classes are

$$[n, n+1) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

















