

Question **4**

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Consider the relation $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ given by $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}$ iff $-2 \mid (y - x)$. Tick all of the properties that \mathcal{R} has.

Select one or more:

- ☒ Reflexivity ✓
- ☒ Transitivity ✓
- ☐ Antireflexivity
- ☐ None of the other properties
- ☐ Antisymmetry
- ☒ Symmetry ✓

It is easy to see that if $x = y$ then $y - x (= 0)$ is an even number. Hence, $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ for all integers x , which is why the relation is reflexive and not antireflexive.

Observe that $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}$ if, and only if, x and y are of the same "parity", that is, if they are both even or both odd. Hence \mathcal{R} is symmetric.

The relation is not anti-symmetric since, for example, $(0, 2) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $(2, 0) \in \mathcal{R}$ but $0 \neq 2$.

The relation is transitive: For all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $(y, z) \in \mathcal{R}$ then x and y are of the same parity and y and z are of the same parity, hence x and z must be of the same parity too. This implies $(x, z) \in \mathcal{R}$.

Refer to [lecture 3](#), slide 43

The correct answers are: Reflexivity, Symmetry, Transitivity