

Solutions to Homework 7:

1. $P(\{1, 2\} = \{\{\phi\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\})$
 $R = \{(\phi, \phi), (\phi, \{1\}), (\phi, \{2\}), (\phi, \{1, 2\}), (\{1\}, \{1, 2\}), (\{2\}, \{1, 2\}), (\{1\}, \{2\}), (\{2\}, \{1\})\}$

2. (a) This statement is false
 Let $A = \{1, 2\}$ such that $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}$
 This implies R is reflexive
 Now $\bar{R} = (A \times A) - R = \bar{R} = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$
 So \bar{R} is not reflexive

- (b) This statement is true

Proof. Let $a, b \in A$ such that relation R is symmetric and we know that $(a, b) \in \bar{R}$
 This implies, $(a, b) \notin R$
 Since R is symmetric, $(b, a) \notin R$
 Now, \bar{R} is the complement of R which implies $(b, a) \in \bar{R}$
 Therefore, \bar{R} is symmetric □

- (c) This statement is false
 Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$
 This implies, $\bar{R} = \{(2, 2), (3, 3)\}$
 So, \bar{R} is not transitive

3. *Proof.* We know that R is reflexive and so ,
 $(a, a) \in R$
 Now let $bRa \in R$ and so $(aRa \wedge bRa) \implies aRb$
 Hence R is symmetric

We now know that R is reflexive and symmetric so,
 let aRc and cRb be true
 Let $cRb \implies bRc$ since R is symmetric
 So, $(aRc \wedge cRb) \implies aRb$
 So now aRc , cRb and $aRb \in R$, R is transitive □

4. Let R be a relation on A and R' be a relation on B such that
 $R' = \{(f(x), f(y)) : (x, y) \in R\}$ where $f : A \rightarrow B$
 We can write this as
 $(x, y) \in R \implies (f(x), f(y)) \in R'$

- (a) This statement is true
 Let x be any element in A
 This implies, $f(x) \in B$
 Now, if R is reflexive, then $(x, x) \in R$

So we can say that $(f(x), f(x)) \in R'$
 Since, $f(x) = f(x)$, R' is reflexive.

(b) This statement is true

Let x, y be any element in A such that R is symmetric

This implies, $xRy \wedge yRx$ is true

So, $(f(x), f(y)) \in R'$ and $(f(y), f(x)) \in R'$

Therefore, R' is symmetric.

5. Let R be a relation on \mathbb{R} such that

$$R = \{(x, x + n) : x \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

This can be written as

$$(x, y) \in R \implies (y - x) \in \mathbb{N}$$

(a) This statement is true

Proof. Let $x_1 R y_1$ and $x_2 R y_2$

Therefore, $y_1 - x_1 = n_1$ and $y_2 - x_2 = n_2$ where n_1 and $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$

Adding the 2 equations,

$$y_1 + y_2 - (x_1 + x_2) = n_1 + n_2 = n \text{ where } n = n_1 + n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$$

Thus, $(x_1 + x_2) R (y_1 + y_2)$

(b) This statement is false

Let $x_1 = 1.6, y_1 = 2.6, x_2 = 3.4, y_2 = 4.4$

Now, $y_1 - x_1 = 1$ and $y_2 - x_2 = 1$

Thus, $x_1 R y_1$ and $x_2 R y_2$

But, $x_1 \cdot y_1 = 4.16$ and $x_2 \cdot y_2 = 14.96$

Now, $x_2 \cdot y_2 - x_1 \cdot y_1 = 10.8 \notin \mathbb{N}$

Thus, the statement $x_1 \cdot y_1 R x_2 \cdot y_2$ is false

6. *Proof.* Let T be a relation on $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ such that

$$(a, b) \in T \implies \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Reflexive: Consider aTa where $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

$$\frac{a}{a} = 1 \in \mathbb{Q} \tag{1}$$

Therefore, T is reflexive Symmetric: Let aTb where $a, b \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By definition of rational numbers } \frac{a}{b} &= \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}, \forall p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{Therefore, } \frac{b}{a} &= \frac{q}{p} \in \mathbb{Q} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Therefore, T is symmetric

Transitive: Let aTb and bTc where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge \frac{b}{c} \in \mathbb{Q} \\ \frac{a \cdot b}{b \cdot c} = \frac{a}{c} \text{ Multiplying the 2 equations together} \\ \frac{a}{c} \in \mathbb{Q} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Therefore, T is transitive □

7. (a) $R = \{(0, 0), (0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0), (3, 3)\}$
 (b) No, the relation is not reflexive since $(1, 1), (2, 2) \notin R$
 (c) Yes, the relation is symmetric
 (d) No elements need to be added. The relation is already transitive
8. *Proof.* To prove the statement that a relation is an equivalence relation if and only if the relation is reflexive and circular.

We need to prove 2 statements.

- (a) (R is an equivalence relation) \implies (R is reflexive and circular)
- (b) (R is reflexive and circular) \implies (R is an equivalence relation)

Case 1:

Proof. Let R be an equivalence relation

Therefore, R is reflexive, transitive and symmetric.

If R is transitive, then

$$aRb \wedge bRc \implies aRc$$

Now, R is also symmetric

$$\text{Therefore, } aRc \implies cRa$$

$$\text{Therefore, } aRb \wedge bRc \implies cRa$$

Thus, R is circular

Hence, R is both reflexive and circular

Case 2:

Proof. Let R be a relation such that it is reflexive and circular

To prove that it is an equivalence relation, we need to prove that it is symmetric and transitive (we already know that it is reflexive)

Symmetric: Let aRb for some arbitrary a, b

We also know that aRa since R is reflexive

$$\text{Therefore, } aRa \wedge aRb \implies bRa \text{ (From circular property)}$$

Since, aRa is always true

$$aRb \implies bRa$$

Hence, R is symmetric

Transitive: Let aRb and bRc for some a, b, c

From circular property, $aRb \wedge bRc \implies cRa$

We already proved that R is symmetric,

Therefore, $cRa \implies aRc$

Thus, $aRb \wedge bRc \implies aRc$

Hence, R is transitive

Therefore, R is an equivalence relation

From the 2 cases the statement is proved.

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