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Section 9.4—Closures of Relations



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#1. Let R be the relation on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ such that

$$R = \{(1,1), (1,4), (2,3), (3,1), (3,3), (4,4)\}.$$

Find:

- (a) the reflexive closure of R.
- (b) the symmetric closure of R.
- (c) the transitive closure of R.

Solution:

- (a) $\{(1,1),(1,4),(2,2),(2,3),(3,1),(3,3),(4,4)\}.$
- (b) $\{(1,1),(1,3),(1,4),(2,3),(3,1),(3,2),(3,3),(4,1),(4,4)\}.$
- (c) $\{(1,1),(1,4),(2,1),(2,3),(2,4),(3,1),(3,3),(3,4),(4,4)\}.$