



Relations Ex 1.1 Q11

No, it is not necessary that a relation which is symmetric and transitive is reflexive as well.

For Example,

Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  be a set and

$R_2 = \{(a, a)\}$  is a relation defined on  $A$ .

Clearly,

$R_2$  is symmetric and transitive but not reflexive.

Relations Ex 1.1 Q12

It is given that an integer  $m$  is said to be relative to another integer  $n$  if  $m$  is a multiple of  $n$ .

In other words

$$R = \{(m, n); \quad m = kn, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Reflexivity: Let,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1.m$$

$$\Rightarrow (m, m) \in R$$

$\therefore R$  is reflexive

Transitive: Let  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a = kb \quad \text{and} \quad b = k'c$$

$$\Rightarrow a = kk'c \quad [\because \quad kk' \in \mathbb{Z}]$$

$$\Rightarrow a = lc \quad [\because \quad l = kk' \in \mathbb{Z}]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$$

$\therefore R$  is transitive

Symmetric: Let  $(a, b) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a = kb$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{k}a \quad \text{but } \frac{1}{k} \notin \mathbb{Z} \text{ if } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore (b, a) \notin R$$

$\therefore R$  is not symmetric

Relations Ex 1.1 Q13

We have,  
relation  $R = " \geq "$  on the set  $R$  of all real numbers

Reflexivity: Let  $a \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a \geq a$$

$$\Rightarrow " \geq " \text{ is reflexive}$$

Symmetric: Let  $a, b \in R$   
such that  $a \geq b \nRightarrow b \geq a$

$\therefore " \geq "$  not symmetric

Transitivity: Let  $a, b, c \in R$   
and  $a \geq b$  &  $b \geq c$

$$\Rightarrow a \geq c$$

$$\Rightarrow " \geq " \text{ is transitive}$$

#### Relations Ex 1.1 Q14

(i) Let  $A = \{4, 6, 8\}$ .

Define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  as:

$$A = \{(4, 4), (6, 6), (8, 8), (4, 6), (6, 4), (6, 8), (8, 6)\}$$

Relation  $R$  is reflexive since for every  $a \in A$ ,  $(a, a) \in R$  i.e.,  $(4, 4), (6, 6), (8, 8) \in R$ .

Relation  $R$  is symmetric since  $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$  for all  $a, b \in R$ .

Relation  $R$  is not transitive since  $(4, 6), (6, 8) \in R$ , but  $(4, 8) \notin R$ .

Hence, relation  $R$  is reflexive and symmetric but not transitive.

(ii) Define a relation  $R$  in  $\mathbf{R}$  as:

$$R = \{a, b\} : a^3 \geq b^3\}$$

Clearly  $(a, a) \in R$  as  $a^3 = a^3$ .

$$a = a.$$

Therefore,  $R$  is reflexive.

Now,  $(2, 1) \in R$  (as  $2^3 \geq 1^3$ )

But,  $(1, 2) \notin R$  (as  $1^3 < 2^3$ )

Therefore,  $R$  is not symmetric.

Now, Let  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$ .

$$\Rightarrow a^3 \geq b^3 \text{ and } b^3 \geq c^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 \geq c^3$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$$

Therefore,  $R$  is transitive.

Hence, relation  $R$  is reflexive and transitive but not symmetric.

Hence, relation  $R$  is transitive but not reflexive and symmetric.

(iv) Let  $A = \{5, 6, 7\}$ .

Define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  as  $R = \{(5, 6), (6, 5)\}$ .

Relation  $R$  is not reflexive as  $(5, 5), (6, 6), (7, 7) \notin R$ .

Now, as  $(5, 6) \in R$  and also  $(6, 5) \in R$ ,  $R$  is symmetric.

$\Rightarrow (5, 6), (6, 5) \in R$ , but  $(5, 5) \notin R$

Therefore,  $R$  is not transitive.

Hence, relation  $R$  is symmetric but not reflexive or transitive.

(v) Consider a relation  $R$  in  $\mathbf{R}$  defined as:

$R = \{(a, b) : a < b\}$

For any  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ , we have  $(a, a) \notin R$  since  $a$  cannot be strictly less than  $a$  itself. In fact,  $a = a$ .

Therefore,  $R$  is not reflexive.

Now,  $(1, 2) \in R$  (as  $1 < 2$ )

But,  $2$  is not less than  $1$ .

Therefore,  $(2, 1) \notin R$

Therefore,  $R$  is not symmetric.

Now, let  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$ .

$\Rightarrow a < b$  and  $b < c$

$\Rightarrow a < c$

$\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$

Therefore,  $R$  is transitive.

Hence, relation  $R$  is transitive but not reflexive and symmetric.

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