



Exercise 1.2

Relations Ex 1.2 Q1

We have,

$$R = \{(a, b) : a - b \text{ is divisible by } 3; a, b, \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

To prove: R is an equivalence relation

Proff:

Reflexivity: Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a - a &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow a - a &\text{ is divisible by } 3 \\ \Rightarrow (a, a) &\in R \\ \Rightarrow R &\text{ is reflexive} \end{aligned}$$

Symmetric: Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $(a, b) \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a - b &\text{ is divisible by } 3 \\ \Rightarrow a - b &= 3p \quad \text{For some } p \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \Rightarrow b - a &= 3 \times (-p) \\ \Rightarrow b - a &\in R \\ \Rightarrow R &\text{ is symmetric} \end{aligned}$$

Transitive: Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and such that $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a - b &= 3p \quad \text{and } b - c = 3q \quad \text{For some } p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \Rightarrow a - c &= 3(p + q) \\ \Rightarrow a - c &\text{ is divisible by } 3 \\ \Rightarrow (a, c) &\in R \\ \Rightarrow R &\text{ is transitive} \end{aligned}$$

Since, R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, so R is equivalence relation.

Relations Ex 1.2 Q2

We have,
 $R = \{(a,b) : a-b \text{ is divisible by } 2; a,b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

To prove: R is an equivalence relation

Proff:

Reflexivity: Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow a - a = 0$
 $\Rightarrow a - a$ is divisible by 2
 $\Rightarrow (a,a) \in R$
 $\Rightarrow R$ is reflexive

Symmetric: Let $a,b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $(a,b) \in R$

$\Rightarrow a - b$ is divisible by 2
 $\Rightarrow a - b = 2p$ For some $p \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\Rightarrow b - a = 2 \times (-p)$
 $\Rightarrow b - a \in R$
 $\Rightarrow R$ is symmetric

Transitive: Let $a,b,c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and such that $(a,b) \in R$ and $(b,c) \in R$

$\Rightarrow a - b = 2p$ and $b - c = q$ For some $p,q \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\Rightarrow a - c = 2(p+q)$
 $\Rightarrow a - c$ is divisible by 2
 $\Rightarrow (a,c) \in R$
 $\Rightarrow R$ is transitive

Relations Ex 1.2 Q3

We have,

$R = \{(a,b) : (a-b) \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$ on Z .

We want to prove that R is an equivalence relation on Z .

Now,

Reflexivity: Let $a \in Z$

$$\Rightarrow a - a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a - a \text{ is divisible by } 5.$$

$$\therefore (a,a) \in R, \text{ so } R \text{ is reflexive}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a - b = 5p \quad \text{For some } p \in Z$$

$$\Rightarrow b - a = 5 \times (-p)$$

$$\Rightarrow b - a \text{ is divisible by } 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (b,a) \in R, \text{ so } R \text{ is symmetric}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a - b = 5p \quad \text{and} \quad b - c = 5q \quad \text{For some } p,q \in Z$$

$$\Rightarrow a - c = 5(p+q)$$

$$\Rightarrow a - c \text{ is divisible by } 5.$$

$$\Rightarrow R \text{ is transitive.}$$

Thus, R being reflexive, symmetric and transitive on Z .

Hence, R is equivalence relation on Z

Relations Ex 1.2 Q4

$R = \{(a,b) : a-b \text{ is divisible by } n\}$ on Z .

Now,

Reflexivity: Let $a \in Z$

$$\Rightarrow a - a = 0 \times n$$

$$\Rightarrow a - a \text{ is divisible by } n$$

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

$$\Rightarrow R \text{ is reflexive}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a - b = np \quad \text{For some } p \in Z$$

$$\Rightarrow b - a = n(-p)$$

$$\Rightarrow b - a \text{ is divisible by } n$$

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

$$\Rightarrow R \text{ is symmetric}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a - b = xp \quad \text{and} \quad b - c = xq \quad \text{For some } p,q \in Z$$

$$\Rightarrow a - c = n(p+q)$$

$$\Rightarrow a - c \text{ is divisible by } n$$

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

$$\Rightarrow R \text{ is transitive}$$

Thus, R being reflexive, symmetric and transitive on Z .

Hence, R is an equivalence relation on Z

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