



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 $(b, c) \in R$

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

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

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

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

$\therefore R$ 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 $a \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a \geq a$$

$\Rightarrow " \geq "$ is reflexive

Symmetric: Let $a, b \in R$

such that $a \geq b \not\Rightarrow b \geq a$

$\therefore " \geq "$ not symmetric

Transitivity: Let $a, b, c \in R$

and $a \geq b$ & $b \geq c$

$$\Rightarrow a \geq c$$

$\Rightarrow " \geq "$ 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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