

More problems on relations

Definition :

A **relation from the set A to B** is any subset of the Cartesian product $A \times B$.

- If R is a relation from set A to set B and (x, y) is an element of R , we say **x is related to y by R** (notation: $x R y$).
- A relation from a set S to itself is called a **relation on S** .

Definition :

A relation R on a set S may have any of the following special properties:

1. If for each $x \in S$, $x R x$ is true, then R is called **reflexive**.
2. If $x R y$ is true implies $y R x$ is true, then R is called **symmetric**.
3. If $y R x$ and $x R y$ are true implies $x = y$, then R is called **antisymmetric**.
4. If $x R y$ and $y R z$ are both true implies $x R z$ is true, then R is called **transitive**.

Examples :

1. Suppose $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$ is a relation on $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Does this relation satisfy the reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and transitive properties? Why or why not?
2. Suppose $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$ is a relation on $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Does this relation satisfy the reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and transitive properties? Why or why not?
3. Suppose $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3), (3, 1)\}$ is a relation on $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Does this relation satisfy the reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and transitive properties? Why or why not?
4. Let S be the set of nonempty subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$. Define a relation R on S by $A R B$ if $A \subseteq B$. Does this relation satisfy the reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and transitive properties?

5. Let S be the set of nonempty subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$. Define a relation R on S by $A R B$ if $B \subseteq A$. Does this relation satisfy the reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and transitive properties?