



INVERSES OF COMPOSITE RELATIONS

Why

How does inverse and converse relations interact.

Results

Let R be a relation between X and Y and let S be a relation between Y and Z .

Proposition 1. $(RS)^{-1} = S^{-1}R^{-1}$

Identity Relations

Recall that I is the identity relation on X if $x I y$ if and only if $x = y$.

Proposition 2. *Let R be a relation on X . Let I be the identity relation on X . Then $RI = IR = R$, $RR^{-1} \supset I$, $R^{-1}R \supset I$.*

Relation Properties

Proposition 3. *R is symmetric if and only if $R \subset R^{-1}$*

