

Math 215, Spring 2018 - Assignment # 9

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- 11.1 **Exercise 8:** Define a relation on \mathbb{Z} as xRy if $|x - y| < 1$. Is R reflexive? Symmetric? Transitive? If a property does not hold, say why. What familiar relation is this?

Proof. Relation R is reflexive, because if $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $|n - n| = 0 < 1$, so nRn .

Relation R is symmetric, because if $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that mRn , then $|n - m| = |m - n| \leq 1$, and so nRm .

Relation R is transitive, because $|x - y| < 1$ for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ when $x = y$. Thus, suppose aRb and bRc , then we must have $a = b = c$. So $|a - c| = 0 < 1$, that means aRc . Therefore, R is transitive. \square

- 11.1 **Exercise 12:** Prove that the relation $|$ (divides) on the set \mathbb{Z} is reflexive and transitive.

Proof. Relation $|$ is reflexive because $x|x \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We will show that $|$ is transitive. Suppose $x|y$ and $y|z$. That means $y = ax$ and $z = by$ for some integers a, b . Thus we have $z = by = b(ax) = (ba)x$, that means $x|z$. Therefore $|$ is reflexive. \square

- 11.2 **Exercise 6:** There are five different equivalence relations on the set $A = \{a, b, c\}$. Describe them all. Diagrams will suffice.

Proof. \square

- 11.2 **Exercise 8:** Define a relation R on \mathbb{Z} as xRy if and only if $x^2 + y^2$ is even. Prove R is an equivalence relation. Describe its equivalence classes.

Proof. To show that R is an equivalence relation, we must show that R is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

If $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $x^2 + x^2 = 2x^2$ and since $x^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x^2 + x^2$ is even, we have xRx and so R is reflexive.

Suppose that $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that xRy . Then we have $x^2 + y^2 = y^2 + x^2$ is even. So yRx , and R is symmetric.

Suppose that $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that xRy and yRz . Then $x^2 + y^2$ is even and $y^2 + z^2$ is even. So, $x^2 + y^2 = 2a$ and $y^2 + z^2 = 2b$ for some integers a and b . Then we have that $x^2 = 2ay^2$ and $z^2 = 2b - y^2$, so $x^2 + z^2 = 2a - y^2 + 2b - y^2 = 2(a + b - y^2)$. Since $a + by \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x^2 + y^2$ is even and so xRz . Therefore, R is transitive.

The distinct equivalence classes of R are:

$$[0] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \text{ is even}\}$$

$$[1] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \text{ is odd}\}$$

\square

11.3 **Exercise 6:** List all the partitions of the set $A = \{a, b, c\}$.

Proof. $\{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}, \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}, \{\{a, b\}, \{c\}\}, \{\{a, c\}, b\}, \{\{a, b, c\}\}$

□

11.4 **Exercise 2:** Write the addition and multiplication tables for \mathbb{Z}_3 .

Proof. Addition table for \mathbb{Z}_3 :

+	[0]	[1]	[2]
[0]	[0]	[1]	[2]
[1]	[1]	[2]	[0]
[2]	[2]	[0]	[1]

Multiplication table for \mathbb{Z}_3 :

·	[0]	[1]	[2]
[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]
[1]	[0]	[1]	[2]
[2]	[0]	[2]	[1]

□

11.4 **Exercise 6:** Suppose $[a], [b] \in \mathbb{Z}_6$ and $[a] \cdot [b] = [0]$. Is it necessarily true that either $[a] = [0]$ or $[b] = [0]$?

Proof. No because we have $[2], [3] \in \mathbb{Z}_6$ and $[2] \cdot [3] = [0]$ but both $[2] \neq [0]$ and $[3] \neq [0]$.

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