

1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ . Which of the following relations on  $X$  are *reflexive*, *symmetric*, *transitive* or an *equivalence relation*.
  - a.  $R_1 = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, b), (b, a)\}$
  - b.  $R_2 = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c)\}$
2. Given that the relation  $R$  is defined on the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  by  $xRy$  iff  $x$  is a multiple of  $y$  or  $y$  is a multiple of  $x$ . Determine whether  $R$  is an *equivalence relation*.
3. Prove that the relation  $xRy$  defined by  $x \sim y \iff x - y = 4k$ , where  $x, y, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Find the *equivalence classes* of  $x = 2$  and  $x = 4$ .
4. Prove that the relation  $xRy$  defined by  $x \equiv y \pmod{5}$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , is an *equivalence relation*. Note that  $x \equiv y \pmod{5}$  means that  $5 \mid x - y$ . Find the *equivalence classes* of  $x = 2$  and  $x = 4$ .
5. A relation  $R$  is defined on the set  $S = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  by  $(a, b) R (c, d)$  if and only if  $a + d = b + c$ . Show that  $R$  is an *equivalence relation* on  $S$ . Determine the *equivalence class* of  $(x, y)$ .
6. A relation  $R$  is defined on the set  $S = \mathbb{N}$ , the set of natural numbers, such that  $(a, b) \in R$  iff  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $b = ma$ . Is  $R$  an *equivalence relation*? Please justify your answer.
7. Let  $R$  be a relation, defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , the set of integers, by  $xRy$  if and only if  $x - y$  is a multiple of  $p$ , where  $p$  is a fixed positive integer.
  - (i) Show that  $R$  is an *equivalence relation*.
  - (ii) Find the *equivalence class* of  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

8. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers, and let  $\nabla$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(m, n) \in \nabla$  iff  $m - n = 2k$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(i) Show that  $\nabla$  is an equivalence relation.

(ii) Identify the *equivalence class* of  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(iii) Identify the distinct (two of them) *equivalence classes* of  $\nabla$ .