

- Which of the following describe equivalence relations? For those that are not equivalence relations, specify which of (R), (S), and (T) fail, and illustrate the failures with examples.
  - $L_1 \parallel L_2$  for straight lines in the plane if  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are the same or are parallel.
  - $L_1 \perp L_2$  for straight lines in the plane if  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are perpendicular.
  - $p_1 \sim p_2$  for Americans if  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  live in the same state.
  - $p_1 \approx p_2$  for Americans if  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  live in the same state or in neighboring states.
  - $p_1 \approx p_2$  for people if  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  have a parent in common.
  - $p_1 \cong p_2$  for people if  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  have the same mother.
- For each example of an equivalence relation in Exercise 1, describe the members of some equivalence class.
- Let  $S$  be a set. Is equality, i.e., "=", an equivalence relation?
- Define the relation  $\equiv$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $m \equiv n$  in case  $m - n$  is even. Is  $\equiv$  an equivalence relation? Explain.
- If  $G$  and  $H$  are both graphs with vertex set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , we say that  $G$  is **isomorphic** to  $H$ , and write  $G \simeq H$ , in case there is a way to label the vertices of  $G$  so that it becomes  $H$ . For example, the graphs in Figure 3, with vertex set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ , are isomorphic by relabeling  $f(1) = 2$ ,  $f(2) = 3$ , and  $f(3) = 1$ .

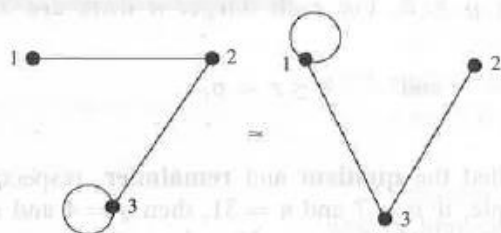


Figure 3 ▲

- Give a picture of another graph isomorphic to these two.
- Find a graph with vertex set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  that is not isomorphic to the graphs in Figure 3, yet has three edges, exactly one of which is a loop.
- Find another example as in part (b) that isn't isomorphic to the one you found in part (b) [or the ones in Figure 3].
- Show that  $\simeq$  is an equivalence relation on the set of all graphs with vertex set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

- Can you think of situations in life where you'd use the term "equivalent" and where a natural equivalence relation is involved?
- Define the relation  $\approx$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $m \approx n$  in case  $m^2 = n^2$ .
  - Show that  $\approx$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - Describe the equivalence classes for  $\approx$ . How many are there?
- For  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define  $m \sim n$  in case  $m - n$  is odd. Is the relation  $\sim$  reflexive? symmetric? transitive? Is  $\sim$  an equivalence relation?
  - For  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , define  $a \sim b$  in case  $|a - b| \leq 1$ . One could say that  $a \sim b$  in case  $a$  and  $b$  are "close enough" or "approximately equal." Answer the questions in part (a).
- Consider the functions  $g$  and  $h$  mapping  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $\mathbb{N}$  defined by  $g(n) = |n|$  and  $h(n) = 1 + (-1)^n$ .
  - Describe the sets in the partition  $\{g^{-1}(k) : k \text{ is in the codomain of } g\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . How many sets are there?
  - Describe the sets in the partition  $\{h^{-1}(k) : k \text{ is in the codomain of } h\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . How many sets are there?
- On the set  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  define  $(m, n) \sim (k, l)$  if  $m + l = n + k$ .
  - Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ .
  - Draw a sketch of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  that shows several equivalence classes.
- Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet, and for  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  in  $\Sigma^*$  define  $w_1 \sim w_2$  if  $\text{length}(w_1) = \text{length}(w_2)$ . Explain why  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation, and describe the equivalence classes.
- Let  $P$  be a set of computer programs, and regard programs  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  as equivalent if they always produce the same outputs for given inputs. Is this an equivalence relation on  $P$ ? Explain.