

## Lecture - 4

### Relations:-

Notation:-  $A, B$  are sets. Then  $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$  is called cartesian product.

Def'n:- Let  $A, B$  be sets. Then a subset  $R \subseteq A \times B$  is called a (binary) relation from  $A$  to  $B$ .

If  $B = A$ , then we say  $R$  is a relation on  $A$ .

Example:-  $A =$  Set of 2<sup>nd</sup> years IISc students in the UG BS prog

$$B = A$$

$$R = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in A, a \& b \text{ have the same major}\}$$

### Properties of relations on $A$ :-

- 1, Reflexive:-  $(a, a) \in R \quad \forall a \in A$
- 2, Symmetry:-  $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$
- 3, Antisymmetry:-  $(a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow b = a$
- 4, Transitivity:-  $(a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$

If  $R$  satisfies 1, 2, 4; we call it an equivalence relation.

If  $R$  satisfies 1, 3, 4; we call it a partial order.

### Examples:-

- 1,  $A = \mathbb{N}$ , we say  $(a, b) \in R$  if  $a - b \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Equivalence relation.

- 2,  $A = [10] := \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ .  $(a, b) \in R$  if  $a \leq b$

Equivalence, Partial Order

- 3,  $A = [3]$   $(a, b) \in R$  if  $a = 1$  or  $b = 1$

Symmetric only

- 4,  $A = \mathbb{R}^2$   $(a, b) \in R$  if  $a_1^2 + a_2^2 = b_1^2 + b_2^2$

$\downarrow \quad \hookrightarrow (b_1, b_2)$   
 $(a_1, a_2)$

## Equivalence

Def'n:- Let  $X$  be a set,  $\sim_R$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$  i.e., we write  $a \sim_R b$  whenever  $(a, b) \in R$ . Then the equivalence class associated to  $x \in X$  is

$$[x] = \{y \in X \mid x \sim_R y\}$$

Def'n:- A (set) partition of a set  $X$  is a family  $\{X_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  ( $\Lambda$  is some indexing set) such that

- i,  $X_\alpha \cap X_\beta = \emptyset \quad \forall \alpha \neq \beta \in \Lambda$
- ii,  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$ . Standard notation for a set partition,  $X = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$

Disjoint union  $\leftarrow$

Property (Fundamental theorem and Equivalence Relation):-

Let  $X$  be a set and  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ . Then the family of equivalence classes  $\{[x] \mid x \in X\}$  forms a partition of  $X$ . Conversely, every partition of  $X$  arises from an equivalence relation.

Proof of property:- Exercise.

Def'n:- Let  $X$  be a set and  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ . Then the set  $X/\sim = \{[x] \mid x \in X\}$  is called the quotient set of  $X$  by the relation  $\sim$ .

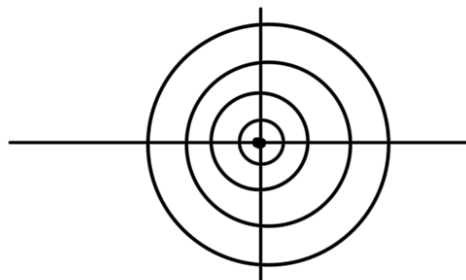
Back to examples:-

$$1, \quad \mathbb{N} = \{0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\} \sqcup \{1, 4, 7, \dots\} \sqcup \{2, 5, 8, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbb{N}/\sim = \{[0], [1], [2]\} \longleftrightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$2, \quad \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}/\sim = \{[1], [2], \dots, [10]\} \longleftrightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$$

$$4, \quad \mathbb{R}^2/\sim = \mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}$$



## Functions :-

Def'n :- Let  $A, B$  be sets. A relation  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is a function, if whenever  $(a, b), (a, b') \in f$ , then  $b = b'$ .  
Moreover, for every  $a \in A$ ,  $\exists b \in B$  st  $(a, b) \in f$ . Then we write  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $f(a) = b$ .

$A$  is called the domain and  $B$  is called the co-domain/Range.

For a subset  $C \subseteq A$ , the image of  $C$  under  $f$  is  $f(C) = \{f(c) \mid c \in C\}$ . Then  $f(A)$  is called the image of  $A$  under  $f$ . For a subset  $D \subseteq B$ , the pre-image of  $D$  under  $f$  is  $f^{-1}(D) = \{a \in A \mid f(a) \in D\}$ .

Q Why is  $f(C)$  a set? Axiom of Replacement.

Examples:- 1.  $A = B = \mathbb{N}$ .  $f(a) = a++$ . Then  $f(A) = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$

$$f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \begin{cases} \{a-1\} & ; a > 0 \\ \emptyset & ; a = 0 \end{cases}$$

2.  $A = B = \mathbb{N}$ .  $f(a) = a--$ . Not a function.

Def'n:- Two functions  $f, g$  with same domain and range  $X \rightarrow Y$  are equal if  $f(x) = g(x) \forall x \in X$ .

Example:-  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $f(x) = x$ ,  $g(x) = |x|$