

It is clear from the previous discussion that for all the cases  $xRy \Rightarrow xzRyz$ . Thus,  $R$  is a right invariant.

5. Check whether a set of numbers divisible by  $n$  is closed under subtraction and division (except division by 0) operation.

**Solution:** A set of numbers divisible by  $n$  can be represented as  $S = \{0, n, 2n, 3n, 4n, \dots\}$ .

**Subtraction:**

$$\begin{aligned} n - 0 &= n \\ n - 2n &= -n \\ 3n - n &= 2n \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

In general,  $(m-p)n - (m-q)n = n(q-p)$ . This may or may not be divisible by  $n$ . So, a set of numbers divisible by  $n$  is not closed under division.

**Division:**

$$\begin{aligned} 2n/n &= 2 \\ 3n/2n &= 3/2 \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

In general,  $(m-p)n/(m-q)n = (m-p)/(m-q)$ . This may or may not be divisible by  $n$ . So, a set of numbers divisible by  $n$  is not closed under division.

### Fill in the Blanks

- For a string, any prefix of the string other than the string itself is called as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the string.
- For a string, any suffix of the string other than the string itself is called as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the string.
- If there are two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , then their intersection is denoted by \_\_\_\_\_.
- For a set of elements  $n$ , the number of elements of the power set of  $A$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A relation  $R$  is said to be \_\_\_\_\_, if for two elements 'a' and 'b' in  $X$ , if  $a$  is related to  $b$  then  $b$  is related to  $a$ .
- A relation  $R$  is said to be \_\_\_\_\_, if for  $a, b, c \in A$  and if  $aRb, bRc$  hold good then  $aRc$  also holds good.
- A relation  $R$  is called as an \_\_\_\_\_ on ' $A$ ', if  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

**Answers:**

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|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. proper prefix        | 2. proper suffix | 3. $A \cap B$ |
| 4. $2^n$                | 5. symmetric     | 6. transitive |
| 7. equivalence relation |                  |               |