



MATHS NOTEBOOK — RELATIONS & FUNCTIONS (Day 4)

Topic: Types of Relations + Equivalence Relation

1. Reflexive Relation

A relation R on a set A is *reflexive* if:

$$(a, a) \in R \quad \forall a \in A$$

Shortcut memory:

→ *Self-pair must be present.*

2. Symmetric Relation

A relation R on a set A is *symmetric* if:

$$(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$$

Shortcut memory:

→ *Flip pair must also exist.*

3. Transitive Relation

A relation R on set A is *transitive* if:

$$(a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$$

Shortcut:

→ *Chain rule: if $a \rightarrow b$ and $b \rightarrow c$, then $a \rightarrow c$.*

4. Anti-symmetric Relation

A relation is *anti-symmetric* if:

$$(a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow a = b$$

Shortcut:

→ Two-way pairs allowed only if same element.

Examples:

- \leq (less than or equal to)
 - \geq
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● 5. Equivalence Relation

A relation is **equivalence** if it is:

- ✓ Reflexive
- ✓ Symmetric
- ✓ Transitive

This is extremely important for both boards & JEE.

● 6. Examples (Very Important)

Reflexive example

$$R = \{ (1,1), (2,2), (3,3) \}$$

Symmetric example

$$R = \{ (1,2), (2,1) \}$$

Transitive example

If $(1,2)$ and $(2,3) \in R$, then $(1,3)$ must be $\in R$.

Equivalence example

R = "has same remainder when divided by 4".

● 7. Ordered Pair Properties (Revision)

- $(a, b) \neq (b, a)$

- Order matters
 - Relation is subset of $A \times A$
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● 8. Domain, Codomain, Range (Quick Recall)

Domain → first elements

Range → actual second elements

Codomain → set of all possible second elements

● 9. Important NCERT Results

1. Identity relation is always reflexive, symmetric, transitive → equivalence.
 2. Universal relation ($A \times A$) is reflexive and symmetric, but not transitive.
 3. Empty relation is symmetric and transitive, but *not reflexive*.
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● 10. Formulas to Memorise (Today's 10 Formulas/Concepts)

1. Reflexive condition: $(a,a) \in R$
2. Symmetric: $(a,b) \rightarrow (b,a)$
3. Transitive: $(a,b) \& (b,c) \rightarrow (a,c)$
4. Anti-symmetric: $(a,b) \& (b,a) \rightarrow a=b$
5. Equivalence = $R + S + T$
6. Relation $\subseteq A \times A$
7. Cardinality of $A \times A = |A|^2$
8. Domain = set of first elements
9. Range = set of second elements
10. Identity relation = { (a,a) for all $a \in A$ }