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$aTb$  if and only if  $a = b + 2k$ , where  $k$  is a natural number

Working directly from this definition, prove that  $T$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be natural numbers and suppose that  $aTb$  and  $bTa$ .

By the definition of  $T$ , this means that  $a = b + 2k$  and  $b = a + 2j$ , where  $k$  and  $j$  are natural numbers.

Substituting one equation into the other, we get  $a = (a + 2j) + 2k = a + 2(j + k)$ . So  $2(j + k) = 0$ . So  $j + k = 0$ .

Notice that  $j$  and  $k$  are both non-negative. So  $j + k = 0$  implies that  $j = k = 0$ .

So  $a = b$ , which is what we needed to show.

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A closed interval of the real line can be represented as a pair  $(c, r)$ , where  $c$  is the center of the interval and  $r$  is its radius. Let  $X = \{(c, r) \mid c, r \in \mathbb{R}, r \geq 0\}$  be the set of closed intervals represented this way.

Now, let's define the interval containment  $\preceq$  on  $X$  as follows

$(c, r) \preceq (d, q)$  if and only if  $r \leq q$  and  $|c - d| + r \leq q$ .

Prove that  $\preceq$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(c, r)$ ,  $(d, q)$ , and  $(f, s)$  be elements of  $X$ . Suppose that  $(c, r) \preceq (d, q)$  and  $(d, q) \preceq (f, s)$ . By the definition of  $\preceq$ , this means that  $r \leq q$  and  $|c - d| + r \leq q$  and  $q \leq s$  and  $|d - f| + q \leq s$ . So  $r \leq s$ . Also,  $|c - d| + r + |d - f| + q \leq q + s$ , which implies that  $|c - f| + r \leq |c - d| + |d - f| + r \leq s$ . So  $(c, r) \prec (f, s)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Suppose that  $T$  is a relation on the integers which is transitive. Let's define a relation  $R$  on the integers as follows:

$xRy$  if and only if there is an integer  $k$  such that  $xTk$  and  $kTy$ .

Prove that  $R$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be integers. Suppose that  $aRb$  and  $bRc$ .

By the definition of  $R$ ,  $aRb$  means that there is an integer  $k$  such that  $aTk$  and  $kTb$ . Since  $T$  is known to be transitive, this implies that  $aTb$ .

Similarly  $bRc$  means that there is an integer  $j$  such that  $bTj$  and  $jTc$ . And (because  $T$  is transitive), therefore  $bTc$ .

We now know that  $aTb$  and  $bTc$ , where  $b$  is an integer. So, by the definition of  $R$ ,  $aRc$ , which is what we needed to show.

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$(x, y)T(p, q)$  if and only if  $x < p$  or  $(x = p \text{ and } y \leq q)$

Prove that  $T$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:**

Let  $(x, y)$  and  $(p, q)$  be pairs of integers. Suppose that  $(x, y)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(x, y)$ . By the definition of  $T$   $(x, y)T(p, q)$  means that  $x < p$  or  $(x = p \text{ and } y \leq q)$ . Similarly,  $(p, q)T(x, y)$  means that  $p < x$  or  $(p = x \text{ and } q \leq y)$ .

There are four cases:

Case 1:  $x < p$  and  $p < x$ . This is impossible.

Case 2:  $x < p$  and  $p = x$  and  $q \leq y$ . Also impossible.

Case 3:  $p < x$  and  $x = p$  and  $y \leq q$ . Impossible as well.

Case 4:  $x = p$  and  $y \leq q$  and  $p = x$  and  $q \leq y$ . Since  $y \leq q$  and  $q \leq y$ ,  $x = y$ . So we have  $(x, y) = (p, q)$ .

$(x, y) = (p, q)$  is true, which is what we needed to show.

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Define the relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by

$$x \sim y \text{ if and only if } 5 \mid (3x + 7y)$$

Working directly from the definition of divides, prove that  $\sim$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  be integers. Suppose that  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$ .

By the definition of  $\sim$ ,  $5 \mid (3x + 7y)$  and  $5 \mid (3y + 7z)$ . So  $3x + 7y = 5m$  and  $3y + 7z = 5n$ , for some integers  $m$  and  $n$ .

Adding these two equations together, we get  $3x + 7y + 3y + 7z = 5m + 5n$ . So  $3x + 10y + 7z = 5(m + n)$ . So  $3x + 7z = 5(m + n - 2y)$ .

$m + n - 2y$  is an integer, since  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $y$  are integers. So this means that  $5 \mid 3x + 7z$  and therefore  $x \sim z$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Let  $A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : x \leq y \leq z\}$ . Let's define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  as follows:

$(a, b, c)R(x, y, z)$  if and only if  $a \leq x$  and  $z \leq b$ .

Working directly from this definition, prove that  $R$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:** Let  $(x, y, z)$  and  $(a, b, c)$  be elements of  $A$ . Suppose that  $(x, y, z)R(a, b, c)$  and  $(a, b, c)R(x, y, z)$ .

By the definition of  $R$ ,  $(a, b, c)R(x, y, z)$  implies that  $a \leq x$  and  $z \leq b$ . Similarly,  $(x, y, z)R(a, b, c)$  implies that  $x \leq a$  and  $c \leq y$ .

We have  $a \leq x$  and  $x \leq a$ , so  $x = a$ .

We also have  $z \leq b$  and  $c \leq y$ . But notice that we also know that  $x \leq y \leq z$  and  $a \leq b \leq c$  from the definition of  $A$ . Combining these inequalities, we have

$$b \leq c \leq y \leq z \leq b$$

So  $b = c = y = z$ .

So  $(x, y, z) = (a, b, c)$ , which is what we needed to prove.

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Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ , i.e. pairs of positive integers.

Define a relation  $\gg$  on  $A$  as follows:

$(x, y) \gg (p, q)$  if and only if there exists an integer  $n \geq 1$  such that  $(x, y) = (np, nq)$ .

Prove that  $\gg$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:** Let  $(x, y)$  and  $(p, q)$  be pairs of natural numbers and suppose that  $(x, y) \gg (p, q)$  and  $(p, q) \gg (x, y)$ .

By the definition of  $\gg$ ,  $(x, y) = (np, nq)$  and  $(p, q) = m(x, y)$ , for some positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ . So  $x = np$ ,  $y = nq$ ,  $p = mx$  and  $q = my$ .

Combining these equations, we get  $x = n(mx) = (nm)x$  and  $y = n(my) = (nm)y$ . So  $nm = 1$ . But this means that  $n = m = 1$  since  $n$  and  $m$  are positive integers. So  $x = p$  and  $y = q$ . So  $(x, y) = (p, q)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Let  $A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : x \leq y \leq z\}$ . Let's define a relation R on A as follows:

$(a, b, c)R(x, y, z)$  if and only if  $a \leq x$  and  $z \leq b$ .

Working directly from this definition, prove that R is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(x, y, z)$ ,  $(a, b, c)$ , and  $(p, q, r)$  be elements of  $A$ . Suppose that  $(x, y, z)R(a, b, c)$  and  $(a, b, c)R(p, q, r)$ .

By the definition of  $R$ ,  $(x, y, z)R(a, b, c)$  implies that  $x \leq a$  and  $c \leq y$ . Similarly  $(a, b, c)R(p, q, r)$  implies that  $a \leq p$  and  $r \leq b$ .

So have  $x \leq a$  and  $a \leq p$ , so  $x \leq p$ .

We also have  $c \leq y$  and  $r \leq b$ . Notice that  $a \leq b \leq c$  by the definitino of the set  $A$ . So we have  $r \leq b \leq c \leq y$ , and therefore  $r \leq y$

Since  $x \leq p$  and  $r \leq y$ ,  $(x, y, z)R(p, q, r)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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$$(x, y)T(p, q) \text{ if and only if } (xy)(p + q) = (pq)(x + y)$$

Prove that  $T$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(a, b)$ ,  $(p, q)$ , and  $(m, n)$  be elements of  $A$ . Suppose that  $(a, b)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(m, n)$ . By the definition of  $T$ , this means that  $(xy)(p + q) = (pq)(x + y)$  and  $(pq)(m + n) = (mn)(p + q)$

Since  $m + n$  is positive, we can divide both sides by it, to get  $(pq) = (mn)(p + q)/(m + n)$ . Substituting this into the first equation, we get

$$(xy)(p + q) = (mn)(p + q)/(m + n) \times (x + y)$$

Multiplying both sides by  $(m + n)$ , we get

$$(xy)(p + q)(m + n) = (mn)(p + q)(x + y)$$

Since  $(p + q)$  is positive, we can cancel it from both sides to get

$$(xy)(m + n) = (mn)(x + y)$$

By the definition of  $T$ , this means that  $(a, b)T(m, n)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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**Solution:** Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(p, q)$  be pairs of integers. Suppose that  $(a, b)R(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)R(a, b)$ .

By the definition of  $R$ , this means that  $(a, b)R(p, q)$  means that  $(p+q)T(a+b)$  and  $qTb$ . Similarly,  $(p, q)R(a, b)$  means that  $(a + b)T(p + q)$  and  $bTq$ .

Because  $T$  is antisymmetric,  $qTb$  and  $bTq$  implies that  $q = b$ . Similarly,  $(p + q)T(a + b)$  and  $(a + b)T(p + q)$  implies that  $p + q = a + b$ .

Since  $q = b$  and  $p + q = a + b$ ,  $p = a$ . So  $(p, q) = (a, b)$ , which is what we needed to prove.

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$$(x, y)T(p, q) \text{ if and only if } (xy)(p + q) < (pq)(x + y)$$

Prove that  $T$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(x, y)$ ,  $(p, q)$ , and  $(m, n)$  be elements of  $A$ . Suppose that  $(x, y)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(m, n)$ . By the definition of  $T$ , this means that  $(xy)(p + q) < (pq)(x + y)$  and  $(pq)(m + n) < (mn)(p + q)$ .

Since  $m + n$  and  $x + y$  are both positive, we can multiply the above equations by them to get:  $(xy)(p + q)(m + n) < (pq)(x + y)(m + n)$  and  $(pq)(m + n)(x + y) < (mn)(p + q)(x + y)$ . Combining these two equations, we get  $(xy)(p + q)(m + n) < (mn)(p + q)(x + y)$ .

Since  $(p + q)$  is positive, we can cancel it from both sides to get

$$(xy)(m + n) < (mn)(x + y)$$

By the definition of  $T$ , this means that  $(x, y)T(m, n)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Suppose that  $n$  is some integer  $\geq 2$ . Let's define the relation  $R_n$  on the integers such that  $aR_nb$  if and only if  $a \equiv b + 1 \pmod{n}$ . Prove the following claim

Claim: If  $R_n$  is symmetric, then  $n = 2$ .

You must work directly from the definition of congruence mod  $k$ , using the following version of the definition:  $x \equiv y \pmod{k}$  iff  $x - y = mk$  for some integer  $m$ . You may use the following fact about divisibility: for any non-zero integers  $p$  and  $q$ , if  $p | q$ , then  $|p| \leq |q|$ .

**Solution:** Suppose  $n$  is an integer, with  $n \geq 2$ . Also, suppose  $R_n$  is symmetric, where  $aR_nb$  for integers  $a, b$  iff  $a \equiv b + 1 \pmod{n}$ .

Suppose, then, that  $aR_nb$  for some integers  $a, b$ . Using the above definition of congruence mod  $k$ ,  $a - b - 1 = mn$  for some integer  $m$ . Because  $R_n$  is symmetric,  $bR_na$ , so  $b - a - 1 = jn$  for some integer  $j$ . So  $b = jn + a + 1$ . Substituting this into  $a - b - 1 = mn$ , we get  $a - a - jn - 2 = mn$ . So  $-2 = jn + mn$ , so  $2 = (-j - m)n$ . Therefore,  $n|2$  by definition of divides, since  $j$  and  $m$  are integers. Using the above divisibility fact,  $|n| \leq |2|$ . But we know that  $n \geq 2$ . So  $n = 2$ , which is what we needed to prove.

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Let  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x + y = 10\}$ . Consider the relation  $T$  on  $A$  defined by

$(a, b)T(p, q)$  if and only if  $aq \geq bp$

Prove that  $T$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:** Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(p, q)$  be points in  $A$ . Suppose that  $(a, b)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(a, b)$ .

By the definition of  $T$ ,  $(a, b)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(a, b)$  imply that  $aq \geq bp$  and  $bp \geq aq$ . So  $aq = bp$ .

Since  $(a, b)$  and  $(p, q)$  are in  $A$ , we know that  $a + b = 10$  and  $p + q = 10$ . So  $b = 10 - a$  and  $q = 10 - p$ . Substituting these equations into  $aq = bp$ , we get  $a(10 - p) = (10 - a)p$ . So  $10a - ap = 10p - ap$ . So  $10a = 10p$ . So  $a = p$ . But then  $b = 10 - a = 10 - p = q$ .

Since  $a = p$  and  $b = q$ ,  $(a, b) = (p, q)$ , which is what we needed to prove.

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Prove that  $T$  is transitive.

**Solution:**

Let  $(x, y)$ ,  $(p, q)$  and  $(m, n)$  be pairs of natural numbers. Suppose that  $(x, y)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(m, n)$ . By the definition of  $T$ ,  $(x, y)T(p, q)$  means that  $x < p$  or  $(x = p \text{ and } y \leq q)$ . Similarly  $(p, q)T(m, n)$  implies that  $p < m$  or  $(p = m \text{ and } q \leq n)$ .

There are four cases:

Case 1:  $x < p$  and  $p < m$ . Then  $x < m$ .

Case 2:  $x < p$  and  $p = m$ . Then  $x < m$ .

Case 3:  $x = p$  and  $p < m$ . Then  $x < m$ .

Case 4:  $x = p$  and  $p = m$ . In this case, we must also have  $y \leq q$  and  $q \leq n$ . So  $x = m$  and  $y \leq n$ .

In all four cases,  $(x, y)T(m, n)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Substituting one equation into the other, we get  $a = (a + 2j) + 2k = a + 2(j + k)$ . So  $2(j + k) = 0$ . So  $j + k = 0$ .

Notice that  $j$  and  $k$  are both non-negative. So  $j + k = 0$  implies that  $j = k = 0$ .

So  $a = b$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Because  $T$  is antisymmetric,  $qTb$  and  $bTq$  implies that  $q = b$ . Similarly,  $(p + q)T(a + b)$  and  $(a + b)T(p + q)$  implies that  $p + q = a + b$ .

Since  $q = b$  and  $p + q = a + b$ ,  $p = a$ . So  $(p, q) = (a, b)$ , which is what we needed to prove.

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**Solution:** Let  $(a, b)$ ,  $(p, q)$ , and  $(m, n)$  be elements of  $A$ . Suppose that  $(a, b)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(m, n)$ . By the definition of  $T$ , this means that  $ab \mid p$  and  $pq \mid m$ .

By the definition of divides, we then have  $abx = p$  and  $pqy = m$ , for some integers  $x$  and  $y$ . Substituting the first equation into the second, we get  $(abx)qy = m$ . That is  $(ab)(xqy) = m$ . Since  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $q$  are all integers, so is  $xqy$ . So this implies that  $ab \mid m$ . So  $(a, b)T(m, n)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Let's define a relation R on  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  as follows:

$(a, b, c)R(x, y, z)$  if and only if  $c = x$ ,  $a = y$ , and  $b = z$ .

Working directly from this definition, prove that R is antisymmetric.

**Solution:** Let  $(a, b, c)$  and  $(x, y, z)$  be triples of integers. Suppose that  $(a, b, c)R(x, y, z)$  and  $(x, y, z)R(a, b, c)$ .

By the definition of R,  $(a, b, c)R(x, y, z)$  implies that  $c = x$ ,  $a = y$ , and  $b = z$ .

Also by the definition of R,  $(x, y, z)R(a, b, c)$  implies  $z = a$ ,  $x = b$ , and  $y = c$ .

Chaining these equalities together, we get

$$a = y = c = x = b = z = a$$

So all six integers must be equal. In particular,  $a = x$ ,  $b = y$ , and  $c = z$ . So  $(a, b, c) = (x, y, z)$ .

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$$x \sim y \text{ if and only if } 5 \mid (3x + 7y)$$

Working directly from the definition of divides, prove that  $\sim$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $x, y$ , and  $z$  be integers. Suppose that  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$ .

By the definition of  $\sim$ ,  $5 \mid (3x + 7y)$  and  $5 \mid (3y + 7z)$ . So  $3x + 7y = 5m$  and  $3y + 7z = 5n$ , for some integers  $m$  and  $n$ .

Adding these two equations together, we get  $3x + 7y + 3y + 7z = 5m + 5n$ . So  $3x + 10y + 7z = 5(m + n)$ . So  $3x + 7z = 5(m + n - 2y)$ .

$m + n - 2y$  is an integer, since  $m, n$  and  $y$  are integers. So this means that  $5 \mid 3x + 7z$  and therefore  $x \sim z$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Let's define the relation  $\succeq$  on  $\mathbb{N}^2$  by

$(x, y) \succeq (a, b)$  if and only if  $x - a \geq 2$  and  $y \geq b$ .

Prove that  $\succeq$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(a, b)$ ,  $(x, y)$ , and  $(c, d)$  be elements of  $X$ . Suppose that  $(x, y) \succeq (a, b)$  and  $(a, b) \succeq (c, d)$ .

By the definition of  $\succeq$ ,  $(x, y) \succeq (a, b)$  implies that  $x - a \geq 2$  and  $y \geq b$ . Similarly,  $(a, b) \succeq (c, d)$  implies that  $a - c \geq 2$  and  $b \geq d$ .

Since  $y \geq b$  and  $b \geq d$ ,  $y \geq d$ .

We know that  $x - a \geq 2$  and  $a - c \geq 2$ . Adding these two equations, we get  $(x - a) + (a - c) \geq 4$ . So  $x - c \geq 4$ . So  $x - c \geq 2$ .

Therefore  $x - c \geq 2$  and  $y \geq d$ . This implies that  $(x, y) \succeq (c, d)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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A closed interval of the real line can be represented as a pair  $(c, r)$ , where  $c$  is the center of the interval and  $r$  is its radius. Let  $X = \{(c, r) \mid c, r \in \mathbb{R}, r \geq 0\}$  be the set of closed intervals represented this way.

Now, let's define the interval containment  $\preceq$  on  $X$  as follows

$$(c, r) \preceq (d, q) \text{ if and only if } r \leq q \text{ and } |c - d| + r \leq q.$$

Prove that  $\preceq$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:** Let  $(c, r)$  and  $(d, q)$  be elements of  $X$ . Suppose that  $(c, r) \preceq (d, q)$  and  $(d, q) \preceq (c, r)$ .

By the definition of  $\preceq$ ,  $(c, r) \preceq (d, q)$  means that  $r \leq q$  and  $|c - d| + r \leq q$ . Similarly,  $(d, q) \preceq (c, r)$  means that  $q \leq r$  and  $|d - c| + q \leq r$ .

Since  $r \leq q$  and  $q \leq r$ ,  $q = r$ . Substituting this into  $|c - d| + r \leq q$ , we get  $|c - d| + r \leq r$ . So  $|c - d| \leq 0$ . Since the absolute value of a real number cannot be negative, this means that  $|c - d| = 0$ , so  $c = d$ .

Since  $q = r$  and  $c = d$ ,  $(c, r) = (d, q)$ , which is what we needed to prove.

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Let  $A = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ , i.e. pairs of natural numbers.

Define a relation  $\gg$  on  $A$  as follows:

$(x, y) \gg (p, q)$  if and only if there exists an integer  $n \geq 1$  such that  $(x, y) = (np, nq)$ .

Prove that  $\gg$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(x, y)$ ,  $(p, q)$  and  $(a, b)$  be pairs of natural numbers and suppose that  $(x, y) \gg (p, q)$  and  $(p, q) \gg (a, b)$ .

By the definition of  $\gg$ ,  $(x, y) = (np, nq)$  and  $(p, q) = m(a, b)$ , for some positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ . So  $x = np$ ,  $y = nq$ ,  $p = ma$  and  $q = mb$ .

Combining these equations, we get  $x = np = n(ma) = (nm)a$  and  $y = nq = n(mb) = (nm)b$ . Let  $s = nm$ . Since  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers, so is  $s$ . But  $(x, y) = (sa, sb)$ . So  $(x, y) \gg (a, b)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Suppose that  $T$  is a relation on the integers which is transitive. Let's define a relation  $R$  on pairs of integers such that  $(p, q)R(a, b)$  if and only if  $(a + b)T(p + q)$ . Prove that  $R$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(a, b)$ ,  $(p, q)$ , and  $(m, n)$  be pairs of integers. Suppose that  $(a, b)R(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)R(m, n)$ .

By the definition of  $R$ , this means that  $(a, b)R(p, q)$  means that  $(p + q)T(a + b)$ . Similarly,  $(p, q)R(m, n)$  means that  $(m + n)T(p + q)$ .

Because  $T$  is transitive,  $(m + n)T(p + q)$  and  $(p + q)T(a + b)$  implies that  $(m + n)T(a + b)$ .

By the definition of  $R$ ,  $(m + n)T(a + b)$  implies that  $(a, b)R(m, n)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Let  $T$  be the relation defined on  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  by

$(x, y)T(p, q)$  if and only if  $x < p$  or  $(x = p \text{ and } y \leq q)$

Prove that  $T$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:**

Let  $(x, y)$  and  $(p, q)$  be pairs of integers. Suppose that  $(x, y)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(x, y)$ . By the definition of  $T$   $(x, y)T(p, q)$  means that  $x < p$  or  $(x = p \text{ and } y \leq q)$ . Similarly,  $(p, q)T(x, y)$  means that  $p < x$  or  $(p = x \text{ and } q \leq y)$ .

There are four cases:

Case 1:  $x < p$  and  $p < x$ . This is impossible.

Case 2:  $x < p$  and  $p = x$  and  $q \leq y$ . Also impossible.

Case 3:  $p < x$  and  $x = p$  and  $y \leq q$ . Impossible as well.

Case 4:  $x = p$  and  $y \leq q$  and  $p = x$  and  $q \leq y$ . Since  $y \leq q$  and  $q \leq y$ ,  $x = y$ . So we have  $(x, y) = (p, q)$ .

$(x, y) = (p, q)$  is true, which is what we needed to show.

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Let  $A = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a > 0, b > 0, \text{ and } a + b = 90\}$ . That is, an element of  $A$  is a pair of positive reals that sum to 90 (e.g. the non-right angles in a right triangle). Now, let's define a relation  $\sim$  on  $A$  as follows:

$(a, b) \sim (p, q)$  if and only if  $a = p$  or  $a = q$ .

Prove that  $\sim$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(a, b)$ ,  $(p, q)$ , and  $(m, n)$  be elements of  $A$ . Suppose that  $(a, b) \sim (p, q)$  and  $(p, q) \sim (m, n)$ .

Since  $(a, b) \sim (p, q)$ ,  $a = p$  or  $a = q$ . Since  $(p, q) \sim (m, n)$ ,  $p = m$  or  $p = n$ .

First, notice that  $q = 90 - p$ ,  $n = 90 - m$ , and  $m = 90 - n$ .

There are four cases.

Case 1:  $a = p$  and  $p = m$ . Then  $a = m$

Case 2:  $a = p$  and  $p = n$ . Then  $a = n$ .

Case 3:  $a = q$  and  $p = m$ . Then  $a = 90 - p = 90 - m = n$ . So  $a = n$ .

Case 4:  $a = q$  and  $p = n$ . Then  $a = 90 - p = 90 - n = m$ . So  $a = m$ .

In all four cases,  $a = m$  or  $a = n$ . So, by the definition of  $\sim$ , we have  $(a, b) \sim (m, n)$ , which is what we needed to prove.

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For any two real numbers with  $a \leq b$ , the closed interval  $[a, b]$  is defined by  $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$ . Let  $J$  be the set containing all closed intervals  $[a, b]$ . Let's define the relation  $F$  on  $J$  as follows:

$[s, t]F[p, q]$  if and only if  $q \leq s$

Prove that  $F$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:** Let  $[s, t]$  and  $[p, q]$  be two closed intervals. Suppose that  $[s, t]F[p, q]$  and  $[p, q]F[s, t]$ .

By the definition of  $F$ , this means that  $q \leq s$  and  $t \leq p$ . By the definition of closed interval,  $s \leq t$  and  $p \leq q$ . So we have

$$p \leq q \leq s \leq t \leq p$$

So  $p = q = s = t$  and therefore  $[s, t] = [p, q]$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ , i.e. pairs of positive integers. Consider the relation  $T$  on  $A$  defined by

$(x, y)T(p, q)$  if and only if  $x \leq p$  and  $xy \leq pq$

Prove that  $T$  is antisymmetric.

**Solution:** Let  $(x, y)$  and  $(p, q)$  be elements of  $A$ . Suppose that  $(x, y)T(p, q)$  and  $(p, q)T(x, y)$ .

By the definition of  $T$ ,  $(x, y)T(p, q)$  implies that  $x \leq p$  and  $xy \leq pq$ .

Similarly  $(p, q)T(x, y)$  implies that  $p \leq x$  and  $pq \leq xy$ .

Since  $x \leq p$  and  $p \leq x$ ,  $x = p$ . Since  $xy \leq pq$  and  $pq \leq xy$ ,  $xy = pq$ .

Notice that  $x$  and  $o$  are positive, by the definition of  $A$ . So  $x = p$  and  $xy = pq$  implies that  $y = q$ .

We now know that  $x = p$  and  $y = q$ . So therefore  $(x, y) = (p, q)$ , which is what we needed to show.

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Now, let's define the interval "starts" relation  $\preceq$  on  $X$  as follows

$$(c, r) \preceq (d, q) \text{ if and only if } c + q = d + r \text{ and } c + r \leq d + q$$

Prove that  $\preceq$  is transitive.

**Solution:** Let  $(c, r)$ ,  $(d, q)$ , and  $(f, s)$  be elements of  $X$ . Suppose that  $(c, r) \preceq (d, q)$  and  $(d, q) \preceq (f, s)$ .

By the definition of  $\preceq$ ,  $(c, r) \preceq (d, q)$  means that  $c + q = d + r$  and  $c + r \leq d + q$ . Similarly,  $(d, q) \preceq (f, s)$  means that  $d + s = f + q$  and  $d + q \leq f + s$ .

Since  $c + r \leq d + q$  and  $d + q \leq f + s$ ,  $c + r \leq f + s$ .

We also know that  $c + q = d + r$  and  $d + s = f + q$ . We can rewrite the second equation as  $d = f + q - s$ . Substituting this into the first equation, we get  $c + q = (f + q - s) + r$ . So  $c = f - s + r$ . So  $c + s = f + r$ .

Since  $c + s = f + r$  and  $c + r \leq f + s$ ,  $(c, r) \preceq (f, s)$ , which is what we needed to show.