

Lecture 26.

Def 4.5. $R \subseteq A \times A$

R is equivalence relation

if it is symmetric, reflex and transitive.

e.g. $E_A = \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$.

$W = \{\text{all English words}\}$

$R_1 = \{(x, y) \mid \text{start with same letter}\}$ xRx $xRy \rightarrow yRx$ $xRy, yRz \rightarrow xRz$
reflexive symmetric transitive

$R_2 = \{(x, y) \mid \text{have a letter in common}\}$ reflexive symmetric transitive \times

$R_3 = \{(x, y) \mid \text{have same number of elements}\}$ reflexive symmetric transitive

Def 4.5.9. Fix $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ \sim_m is equivalence if $m \mid (x - y)$.

i.e. $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, x - y = km \Rightarrow x \equiv_m y$ or $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$.

e.g. $4 \equiv_3 1$, $2 \equiv_{10} 12$ $5 \not\equiv_2 2$

Def. 4.5.10 For each $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, \equiv_m is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} .

Proof: reflexive: Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $x - x = 0$, $0 = 0 \cdot m$,

so $m \mid (x - x)$. so $x \equiv_m x$

symmetric: Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. Assume $x \equiv_m y$. so $m \mid (x - y)$.

so there exist $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ $x - y = km$. $y - x = -km$.

Since $-k$ is also an integer, thus $y \equiv_m x$.

transitive: -----

Def 4.5.3. For $x \in A$, the equivalence class of $x \in R$ is.

$[x]_R = \{y \in A \mid xRy\}$.

write $[x]_R$ if R is understood.

$A/R = \{[x]_R \mid x \in A\}$.

e.g. \equiv_3 on \mathbb{Z}

$[0] = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \equiv_3 y\} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 3 \mid 0 - y\} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 3 \mid y\}$.

which is an infinite set $\{-3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}$.

$[1] = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \equiv_3 y\} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 3 \mid 1 - y\} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 3 \mid y - 1\}$.

etc.

$[3] = [0]$, $3 \equiv_3 0$.

$\mathbb{Z}/\equiv_3 = \{[0], [1], [2]\}$.

$$= \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\{-6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}, \\ &\{-5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}, \\ &\{-4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots\} \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

Notice: $x \in [x]$. $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ Since it is a reflexive relation

disjoint: $[0] \cap [1] = \emptyset$

$[1] \cap [2] = \emptyset \Rightarrow [a], [b]$ are either equal or disjoint.

$[2] \cap [0] = \emptyset$.

$$[0] \cup [1] \cup [2] = \mathbb{Z}$$

For $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, $[x] = [y] \iff x \equiv_3 y \iff y \in [x]$.

e.g. $W = \{\text{English words}\}$.

$R_1 = \{\text{same first letter}\}$.

$W/R_1 = \{[ant], [bat], [cat], \dots, [200]\}$. ≈ 26 elements.
 $[bat] = [boy]$ $[bat] R_1 [boy]$.

Lemma 4.5.5. $R \subseteq A \times A$, equivalence

1. $\forall x \in A, x \in [x]_R$

2. $\forall x, y \in A, y \in [x]_R \iff [y] = [x]$.

Proof = 1: $x \in A$. Since R is reflexive, $x R x$, so $x \in [x]_R$.

2: Let $x, y \in A, y \in [x]_R \iff x R y$.

So $x R y \rightarrow [x] = [y]$.

To show $[x] \subseteq [y]$, $z \in [x] \rightarrow x R z \rightarrow z R x$ (symmetric).

$\rightarrow z R y$ (transitive).

$\rightarrow y R z$ (symmetric).

$\iff z \in [y]$.