

11.2 Properties of Relations

Defn

we call $R \subseteq A \times A$

- reflexive iff $\forall x \in A$

$$x R x$$

- symmetric iff $\forall x, y \in A$

$$x R y \Rightarrow y R x$$

- transitive iff $\forall x, y, z \in A$

$$x R y \wedge y R z \Rightarrow x R z$$

- antisymmetric iff $\forall x, y \in A$

$$x R y \wedge y R x \Rightarrow x = y$$

Recall standard relations on $\mathbb{Z}$

	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Symm.</u>	<u>Trans.</u>	<u>antisymm.</u>
	$<$	no	no	yes	(yes)
	$\leq$	yes	no	yes	yes
	$>$	no	no	yes	yes
	$\geq$	yes	no	yes	yes
*	$=$	yes	yes	yes	yes
	$\neq$	no	yes	no	no
	$ $	yes	(no)	yes	yes
*	$\equiv_m$	yes	yes	(yes)	no

Exercise

Prove all 32 entries in this table.

- $\equiv_m$ is transitive

must show $x \equiv_m y \wedge y \equiv_m z \Rightarrow x \equiv_m z$ ✓

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x \equiv_m y \Rightarrow m \mid (x-y) \\ y \equiv_m z \Rightarrow m \mid (y-z) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow m \mid (x-y) + (y-z)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid (x-z)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv_m z \quad \blacksquare$$

- $\mid$ is not symmetric.

must show $\forall x, y: x \mid y \Rightarrow y \mid x$ is false

i.e. show $\sim \forall x, y: x \mid y \Rightarrow y \mid x$ is true

i.e. $\exists x, y: x \mid y \wedge y \nmid x$

Let $x=2, y=4$. Then $2 \mid 4$ but $4 \nmid 2$. ■

- $<$ is antisymmetric

must show $\forall x, y: x < y \wedge y < x \Rightarrow x = y$

notice the hypothesis $x < y \wedge y < x$ is a contradiction, never true for any x, y . $\therefore$ implication is true (vacuously).

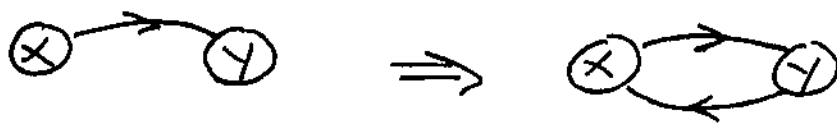
Digraph interpretation

- reflexive: $xRx \quad (\forall x)$

every vertex must have a loop

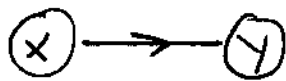


• Symmetric : $xRy \Rightarrow yRx \ (\forall x, y)$



equivalently :

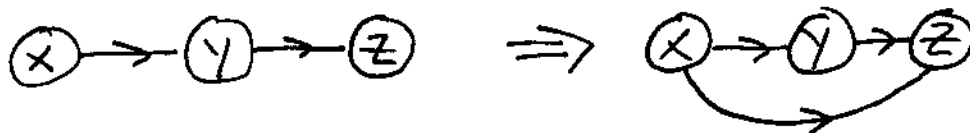
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Possible



• transitive $xRy \wedge yRz \Rightarrow xRz \ (\forall x, y, z)$



if $x = z$, this becomes

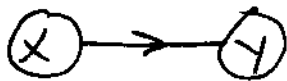


o antisymmetric: $xRy \wedge yRx \Rightarrow x=y$ ($\forall x, y$)

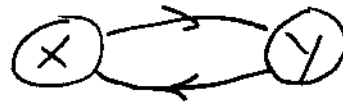


equivalently: given $x \neq y$

Possible



not Possible



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11.2 Equivalence Relations

Defn

A relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ on A is called an equivalence relation iff it is

- (i) reflexive
- (ii) symmetric
- (iii) transitive

The table from 11.2, has only 2 equivalence relations

$$\bullet = \text{on } \mathbb{Z} : \{(x, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\circ \equiv_m \text{ on } \mathbb{Z} : \{(x, y) \mid m \mid (x - y), x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Let's complete proof that $\equiv_m$ is an eq. relation.

• $\equiv_m$ is reflexive: $x \equiv_m x \quad (\forall x)$

$$m \mid 0 \Rightarrow m \mid (x - x) \Rightarrow x \equiv x \pmod{m}$$

• $\equiv_m$ is symmetric: $x \equiv_m y \Rightarrow y \equiv_m x \quad (\forall x, y)$

$$x \equiv y \pmod{m} \Rightarrow m \mid (x - y)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid -(x - y)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid (y - x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \equiv x \pmod{m}$$

note:

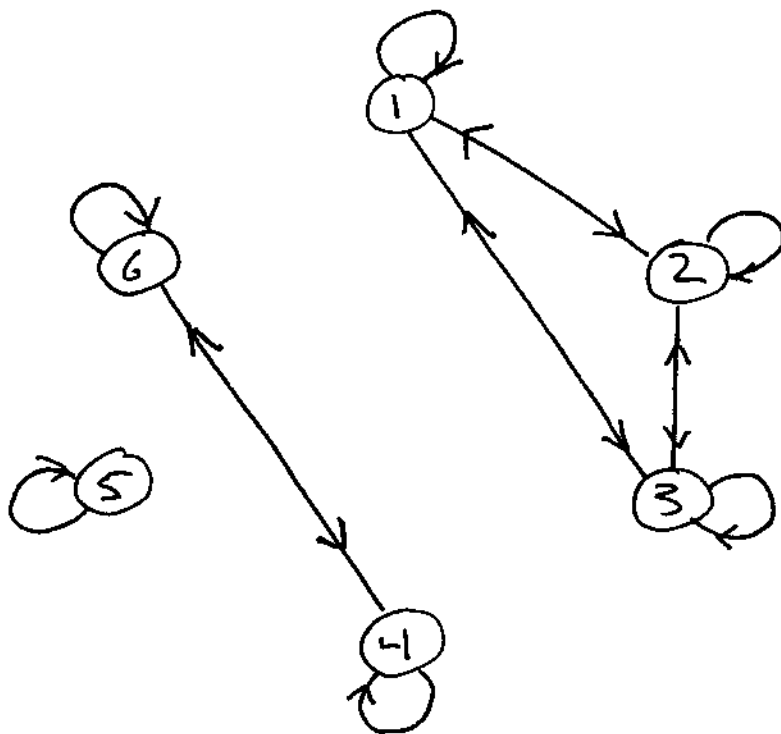
$$m \mid a \Rightarrow m \mid (-a) \quad \text{since } a = km \Rightarrow (-a) = (-k)m$$

• $\equiv_m$ is transitive (prev. proved.)

Ex $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), \\ (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (4, 6), \\ (5, 5), (6, 4), (6, 6)\}$$

Digraph.



one check that i, ii & iii of defn are satisfied.

Defn

Let $R \subseteq A \times A$ be an equivalence relation, and let $a \in A$. The equivalence class containing a , denoted by $[a]$ is the set

$$[a] = \{x \in A \mid x R a\} \subseteq A.$$

i.e. $[a]$ is the set of all elements equivalent to a .

Ex Previous ex. on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$[1] = [2] = [3] = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$[4] = [6] = \{4, 6\}$$

$$[5] = \{5\}$$

Lemma

Let R be an eq. relation on A :
 ($R \subseteq A \times A$ satisfies i, ii & iii.)

Then for any $a, b \in A$

$$a R b \quad \overset{\Rightarrow}{\underset{\Leftarrow}{\text{iff}}} \quad [a] = [b]$$

Proof.

($\Rightarrow$) Suppose $a R b$, it's sufficient to
 show: $x \in [a] \Leftrightarrow x \in [b]$, for then
 $[a] = [b]$.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 x \in [a] \Rightarrow x R a & \text{def.} \\
 \Rightarrow x R a \wedge a R b & \text{hyp.} \\
 \Rightarrow x R b & \text{trans.} \\
 \Rightarrow x \in [b] & \text{def.}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in [b] &\Rightarrow x R b && \text{def.} \\
 &\Rightarrow x R b \wedge a R b && \text{hyp.} \\
 &\Rightarrow x R b \wedge b R a && \text{symm.} \\
 &\Rightarrow x R a && \text{trans} \\
 &\Rightarrow x \in [a] && \text{def.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $[a] = [b]$, as claimed.

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose $[a] = [b]$. Then $a R a$ by reflexivity of R .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore a \in [a] &&& \text{def.} \\
 \therefore a \in [b] &&& \text{hyp.} \\
 \therefore a R b &&& \text{def.}
 \end{aligned}$$



Remark

notice we used all 3 properties
ref., symm. & trans.

For $m \in \mathbb{N}$, what are the eq. classes of $\equiv_m$ on $\mathbb{Z}$.

By last lemma

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in [a] & \text{ iff } x \equiv_m a \\
 & \text{ iff } m \mid (x-a) \\
 & \text{ iff } x-a = km \text{ (some } k \in \mathbb{Z}) \\
 & \text{ iff } x = km + a \quad \quad \quad \text{ " " }
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. $m=2$

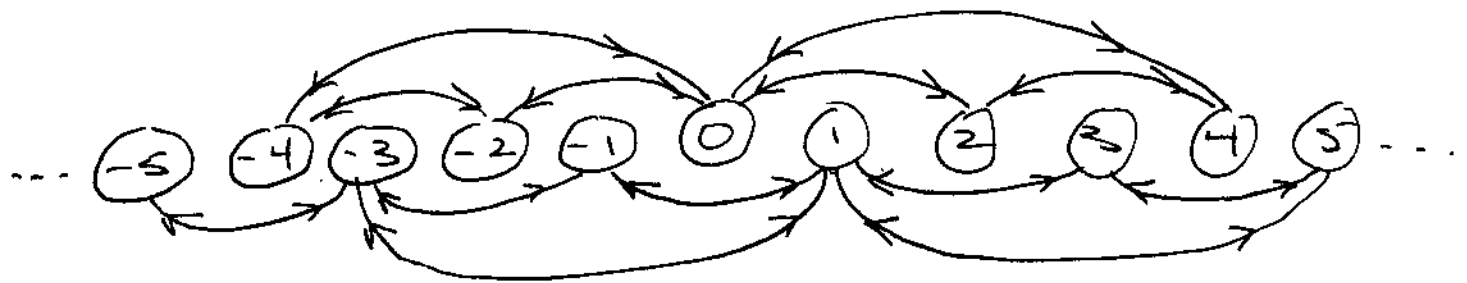
$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in [0] & \text{ iff } x = 2k \text{ iff } x \text{ is even} \\
 x \in [1] & \text{ iff } x = 2k+1 \text{ iff } x \text{ is odd.}
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$[0] = [2] = [4] = \dots = \{\text{even numbers}\}$$

$$[1] = [3] = [5] = \dots = \{\text{odd numbers}\}$$

Diagram



Ex. $m=3$

$$x \in [0] \text{ iff } x = 3k \quad (\text{some } k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$x \in [1] \text{ iff } x = 3k + 1$$

$$x \in [2] \text{ iff } x = 3k + 2$$

so

$$[0] = [3] = [6] = \dots = \{3k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$[1] = [4] = [7] = \dots = \{3k+1 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$[2] = [5] = [8] = \dots = \{3k+2 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

for any $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$x = km + r \quad (0 \leq r < m)$$

by div. alg. this is eq. to

$$x \equiv_m r$$

This is eq. to

$$x \in [r]$$

Thus

$$[r] = [m+r] = [2m+r] = \dots = \{km+r \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

The eq. classes

$$[0], [1], [2], \dots, [m-1]$$

are all of the eq. classes of $\equiv_m$

Problem 11.3 (p. 214) $\nexists$ 2, 4, 6