

Midterm will be after break.

- Either in class or evening.

Remember: Let A be a set.

- A relation on A is a subset $R \subseteq A \times A$

For elements $a, b \in A$, we say aRb
if $(a, b) \in R$.
"a related to b"

Ex: Suppose $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. We want to describe
the relation " $a \equiv b \pmod{2}$ "

	1	2	3
1	✓	✗	✓
2	✗	✓	✗
3	✓	✗	✓

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

This example is an equivalence relation
because.

1. Reflexive: $\forall a \in A, (aRa)$ *not conditional!*
2. Symmetric: $\forall a, b \in A, (aRb \Rightarrow bRa)$ *conditional.*
3. Transitive: $\forall a, b, c \in A, ((aRb \wedge bRc) \Rightarrow aRc)$ *conditional.*

Example: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Suppose $R = \{\}$

- Is R reflexive? This is the same as asking "Does R contain $(1,1)$, $(2,2)$, and $(3,3)$?" NO!
 - Is R symmetric? Yes, because for every a, b aRb is false. So $(aRb \Rightarrow bRa)$ is true.
 - Is R transitive? Yes, for the same reason.
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Proving a relation is an equivalence relation

Prop: Let $A = \mathbb{Z}$. Fix any integer ~~any~~ $n \geq 1$. Then the relation $R = \{(a, b) : a \equiv b \pmod{n}\}$ is an equivalence relation.

Proof: Reflexive: I need to check. " $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, a \equiv a \pmod{n}$ "

~~For every~~ This is equivalent to checking
 $n \mid a - a$
 $n \mid 0$ but this is true because
 $0 = n \cdot 0$.

Symmetric: " $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, (a \equiv b \pmod{n}) \Rightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{n}$ "

Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

Then $n \mid a - b$ (Definition)

Then there is some $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a - b = n \cdot x$

$$b - a = -n \cdot x$$

So $n \mid b - a$. So $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$

Transitive: " $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, ((a \equiv b \pmod{n}) \wedge b \equiv c \pmod{n}) \Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{n}$ "

Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$

$$n \mid a - b$$

$$n \mid b - c$$

$$\exists x \quad a - b = nx, \quad \exists y \quad b - c = ny$$

$$(a - c) = (a - b) + (b - c) = nx + ny = n(x + y)$$

So $n \mid a - c$, so $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$. $\square$

Prove each is an equivalence relation

Exercise 1: $A = \mathbb{R}$, $R = \{(a, b) : a - b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Exercise 2: $A = \mathbb{Z}$, $R = \{(a, b) : 3a + 5b \text{ is even}\}$.

Exercise 3: $A =$ the set of all lines in the Cartesian plane

$R = \{(L_1, L_2) : \text{either } L_1 \text{ and } L_2 \text{ are the same line, or they are parallel.}\}$.

Proof of 3: Reflexive: "For every line L , L is either equal to or parallel to L ."

L is equal to itself.

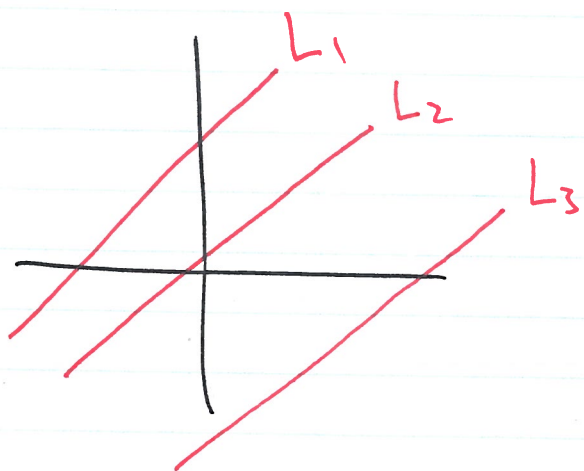
" $\parallel$ " means
parallel)

Symmetric: "For any two lines L_1, L_2 ,

if $L_1 \parallel L_2$ then $L_2 \parallel L_1$
or $L_1 = L_2$ or $L_2 = L_1$ "

This is essentially true by definition

Transitive: "If $L_1 \parallel L_2$ and $L_2 \parallel L_3$,
then $L_1 \parallel L_3$ "



Suppose $L_1 \parallel L_2$. Then they
have the same slope m .

slope $= m \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$
of L_1 and
of L_2

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for vertical lines,
let's say they have
"slope ∞ "

Since $L_2 \parallel L_3$, L_3 has the same slope as L_2 .
So L_3 has slope m .

Therefore, L_1 and L_3 have the same slope m .

So $L_1 \parallel L_3$. ■

Comment: For every possible slope $m \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$,
the set $\{\text{Lines of slope } m\}$ is an equivalence class.

Exercise 1: Reflexive: For every real number a , $a-a=0$ and $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$.
Therefore aRa .

Symmetric: Suppose a, b are real numbers and aRb .

Then $a-b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Write $a-b=n$.

Then $b-a=-n$, which is also an integer. (The negative of an integer is an integer.)

So bRa .

Transitive: Suppose a, b, c are real numbers s.t. aRb and bRc .

Then $a-b \in \mathbb{Z}$ Write $a-b=m$

and $b-c \in \mathbb{Z}$ $b-c=n$.

Then $a-c = (a-b) + (b-c) = m+n$

which is an integer (The sum of two integers is an integer.)

So aRc . ■

Exercise 2: Reflexive: For every ~~real number~~^{integer} a , $3a+5a=8a=2 \cdot (4a)$
which is even.

Symmetric: Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $3a+5b$ is even (ie aRb)

Then $3a+5b=2x$ for some $x \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then $3b+5a = 5b+3a-2b+2a$

$= 2x - 2b + 2a$

$= 2(x-b+a)$ so $3b+5a$ is even. So bRa .

Transitive: Suppose $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $3a+5b$ is even and $3b+5c$ is even.

Then $3a+5c = (3a+5b) + (3b+5c) - 8b$.

Let $3a+5b=2x$ and $3b+5c=2y$ for some $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$3a+5c = 2x + 2y - 8b$

$= 2(x+y-4b)$ is even. So aRc . ■