

## RELATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

### ► Cartesian product

- An ordered pair  $(a, b)$  is defined as an ordered collection of two elements  $a$  and  $b$  such that it satisfies the axiom:

$$(a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2) \Leftrightarrow a_1 = a_2 \wedge b_1 = b_2.$$

- Ordered pairs can be represented as sets:

$$(a, b) = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$$

Then ordered pair equality corresponds to set equality.

- Let  $A, B$  be two sets. We define the cartesian product  $A \times B$  as:

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$$

The corresponding belonging condition is:

$$x \in A \times B \Leftrightarrow \exists a \in A : \exists b \in B : x = (a, b).$$

however, in practice we find it more useful to use the following statement

$$(a, b) \in A \times B \Leftrightarrow a \in A \wedge b \in B.$$

- We also define  $A^2 = A \times A$ .

- It is easy to see that

$$\emptyset \times A = \emptyset$$

$$A \times \emptyset = \emptyset.$$

## EXAMPLES

a) For  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3\}$ , evaluate  $A \times B$ ,  $B \times A$  and  $A^2$ .

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}A \times B &= \{1, 2\} \times \{2, 3\} = \\&= \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}B \times A &= \{2, 3\} \times \{1, 2\} = \\&= \{(2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}A^2 &= A \times A = \{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2\} = \\&= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}\end{aligned}$$

b) Let  $A, B, C$  be sets. Show that

$$A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$$

Solution

Since,

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) \in A \times (B \cup C) &\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in B \cup C \\&\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge (y \in B \vee y \in C) \\&\Leftrightarrow (x \in A \wedge y \in B) \vee (x \in A \wedge y \in C) \\&\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in A \times B \vee (x, y) \in A \times C \\&\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in (A \times B) \cup (A \times C),\end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C).$$

c) Show that; for sets  $A, B, C$ :

$$(C \neq \emptyset \wedge A \times C = B \times C) \Rightarrow A = B.$$

Solution

Assume that  $C \neq \emptyset$  and  $A \times C = B \times C$ .

Since  $C \neq \emptyset$ , choose a  $y \in C$ .

Let  $x \in A$  be given. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A \wedge y \in C &\Rightarrow (x, y) \in A \times C \quad [\text{definition}] \\ &\Rightarrow (x, y) \in B \times C \quad [A \times C \subseteq B \times C] \\ &\Rightarrow x \in B \wedge y \in C \quad [\text{definition}] \\ &\Rightarrow x \in B \end{aligned}$$

and therefore:

$$(\forall x \in A : x \in B) \Rightarrow A \subseteq B. \quad (1)$$

Let  $x \in B$  be given. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x \in B \wedge y \in C &\Rightarrow (x, y) \in B \times C \\ &\Rightarrow (x, y) \in A \times C \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in C \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$(\forall x \in B : x \in A) \Rightarrow B \subseteq A. \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2):  $A = B$ .

d) Let  $A, B$  be sets with  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$ . Show that  
 $A \times B = B \times A \Rightarrow A = B$ .

Solution

Assume that  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$  and  $A \times B = B \times A$ .

Let  $x \in A$  be given.

Since  $B \neq \emptyset$ , choose a  $y \in B$ . Then

$$x \in A \wedge y \in B \Rightarrow (x, y) \in A \times B$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) \in B \times A \quad [\text{via } A \times B \subseteq B \times A]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B \wedge y \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in B.$$

and therefore:

$$(\forall x \in A : x \in B) \Rightarrow A \subseteq B. \quad (1)$$

Let  $x \in B$  be given.

Since  $A \neq \emptyset$ , choose a  $y \in A$ . Then

$$x \in B \wedge y \in A \Rightarrow (x, y) \in B \times A$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) \in A \times B \quad [\text{via } B \times A \subseteq A \times B]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A.$$

and therefore

$$(\forall x \in B : x \in A) \Rightarrow B \subseteq A. \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2):  $A = B$ .

e) Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ ,  $\{B_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be indexed set collections  
and let  $G$  be a set. Show that

$$G \times \left[ \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (A_\alpha - B_\alpha) \right] \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} [(G \times A_\alpha) - (G \times B_\alpha)]$$

Solution

Since

$$(x, y) \in G \times \left[ \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (A_\alpha - B_\alpha) \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in G \wedge y \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (A_\alpha - B_\alpha) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in G \wedge \exists \alpha \in I : y \in A_\alpha - B_\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in G \wedge \exists \alpha \in I : (y \in A_\alpha \wedge y \notin B_\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in I : (x \in G \wedge y \in A_\alpha \wedge y \notin B_\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in I : [(x \in G \wedge y \in A_\alpha) \wedge (\underline{x \notin G \vee y \notin B_\alpha})] \quad (!!!)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in I : ((x, y) \in G \times A_\alpha \wedge (\underline{x \in G \wedge y \in B_\alpha}))$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in I : ((x, y) \in G \times A_\alpha \wedge (x, y) \notin G \times B_\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in I : (x, y) \in (G \times A_\alpha) - (G \times B_\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} [(G \times A_\alpha) - (G \times B_\alpha)]$$

it follows that:

$$G \times \left[ \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (A_\alpha - B_\alpha) \right] \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} [(G \times A_\alpha) - (G \times B_\alpha)]$$

→ Note that the (!!!) step is valid but cannot be reversed.

## EXERCISES

① Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq x \leq 3\}$

$$B = \{3x - 1 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge 0 < x \leq 4\}$$

List the elements of  $A \times B$ .

② Prove that for  $A, B, C$  sets

$$A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C)$$

③ Prove the following

a)  $A \times B = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow A = \emptyset \vee B = \emptyset$

b)  $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$

c)  $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow A \cap C = \emptyset \vee B \cap D = \emptyset$ .

④ Prove the following.

a)  $(A \times B) \cup (C \times D) \subseteq (A \cup C) \times (B \cup D)$

b)  $\{p, q\} \subseteq A \Rightarrow (A \times \{p\}) \cup (\{q\} \times A) \subseteq A \times A$

⑤ Prove the following:

a)  $A \times B = B \times A \Leftrightarrow A = \emptyset \vee B = \emptyset \vee A = B$

b)  $A \neq \emptyset \neq B \wedge (A \times B) \cup (B \times A) = C \times C \Rightarrow A = B = C$ .

⑥ Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  and  $\{B_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be indexed set collections and let  $C$  be a set. Prove the following:

$$a) \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \right) \times C = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (A_\alpha \times C)$$

$$b) \left( \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \right) \times C = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (A_\alpha \times C)$$

$$c) \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (A_\alpha \times B_\alpha) = \left( \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \right) \times \left( \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha \right)$$

⑦ Show that for  $A, B$  sets

$$\bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{P}(A)} \left[ \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{P}(B)} \{S \times T\} \right] \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A \times B)$$

## Relations

- Let  $A, B$  be two sets with  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$ . We define the set of all relations from  $A$  to  $B$  via the following belonging condition:

$$R \in \text{Rel}(A, B) \Leftrightarrow R \subseteq A \times B$$

- If  $R \in \text{Rel}(A, B)$ , we say that  $R$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ .
- Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A, B)$  be a relation and let  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ . Then we define the statements  $x R y$  and  $x \not R y$  as follows:

$$\forall x \in A : \forall y \in B : (x R y \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in R)$$

$$\forall x \in A : \forall y \in B : (x \not R y \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \notin R)$$

We say that:

$x R y$ :  $x$  is related with  $y$  via relation  $R$ .

$x \not R y$ :  $x$  is NOT related with  $y$  via relation  $R$ .

## EXAMPLE

Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $B = \{d, e, f, g, h\}$ . Then

$$R = \{(a, e), (b, d), (c, g), (b, h), (c, d)\}$$

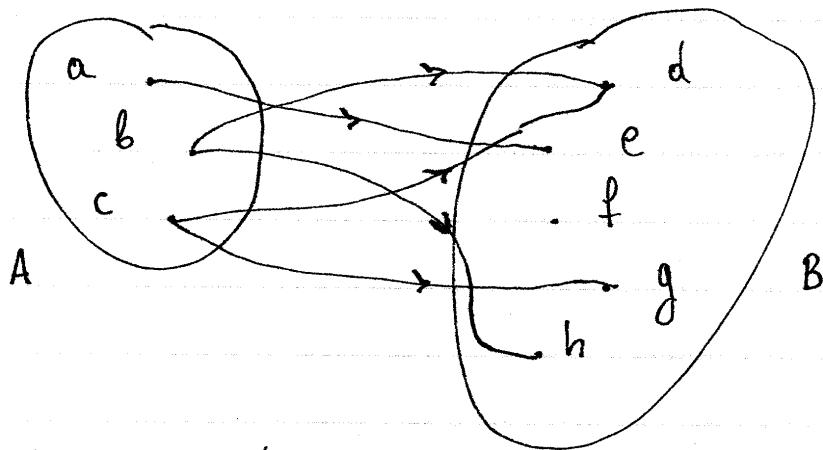
is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  (i.e.  $R \in \text{rel}(A, B)$ ). Then

$$(a, e) \in R \Rightarrow a R e \quad (b, h) \in R \Rightarrow b R h$$

$$(b, d) \in R \Rightarrow b R d \quad (c, d) \in R \Rightarrow c R d$$

$$(c, g) \in R \Rightarrow c R g$$

→ The relation  $R$  can be represented geometrically using a Venn diagram, as follows:



Each ordered pair  $(x,y)$  is represented by an arrow from  $x$  to  $y$ .

→ Domain and range of a relation

- Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A, B)$  be a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ . We define the domain  $\text{dom}(R)$  and range  $\text{ran}(R)$  of  $R$  as:

$$\text{dom}(R) = \{x \in A \mid \exists y \in B : x R y\} \subseteq A$$

$$\text{ran}(R) = \{y \in B \mid \exists x \in A : x R y\} \subseteq B$$

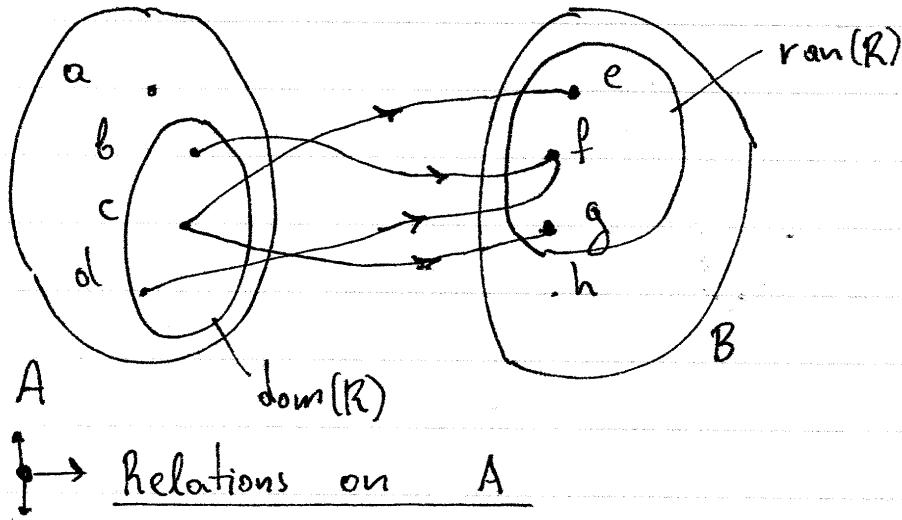
- $\text{dom}(R)$  contains all the elements of  $A$  that are related with some element of  $B$ . In terms of Venn diagrams,  $\text{dom}(R)$  has all the elements of  $A$  that have an outgoing arrow.
- $\text{ran}(R)$  contains all the elements of  $B$  that are related with some element of  $A$ . In terms of Venn diagrams,

$\text{ran}(R)$  has all the elements of  $B$  that have an incoming arrow.

### EXAMPLE

For  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{e, f, g, h\}$ , let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A, B)$  be a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  with  
 $R = \{(b, f), (c, e), (d, f), (c, g)\}$ .

Then:  $\text{dom}(R) = \{b, c, d\}$  and  
 $\text{ran}(R) = \{e, f, g\}$



We define  $\text{Rel}(A) = \text{Rel}(A, A)$ . Then:

$$R \in \text{Rel}(A) \Leftrightarrow R \subseteq A \times A$$

and we say that  $R$  is a relation on  $A$ .

## ► Equivalence relations

- Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A)$  be a relation on  $A$  with  $A \neq \emptyset$ .

We say that

$$R \text{ reflexive} \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in A : xRx$$

$$R \text{ symmetric} \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in A : (xRy \Rightarrow yRx).$$

$$R \text{ transitive} \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y, z \in A : ((xRy \wedge yRz) \Rightarrow xRz)$$

and:

$$R \text{ equivalence} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} R \text{ reflexive} \\ R \text{ symmetric} \\ R \text{ transitive} \end{cases}$$

## EXAMPLE

- a) Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  such that

$$xRy \Leftrightarrow 11x - 5y \text{ even.}$$

Show that  $R$  is an equivalence.

### Proof

#### • Reflexive

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  be given. Then:

$$11x - 5x = 6x = 2(3x)$$

and therefore, for  $\mu = 3x$ :

$$(\exists \mu \in \mathbb{Z} : 11x - 5x = 2\mu) \Rightarrow 11x - 5x \text{ even}$$
$$\Rightarrow xRx$$

It follows that:  $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} : xRx) \Rightarrow R \text{ reflexive. (1)}$

• Symmetric

Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  be given. Assume that  $xRy$ . Then

$$xRy \Rightarrow 11x - 5y \text{ even}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}: 11x - 5y = 2k$$

Choose  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $11x - 5y = 2k$ . Then, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 11y - 5x &= -5y + 16y + 11x - 16x = (11x - 5y) + (16y - 16x) \\ &= 2k + (16y - 16x) = 2(k + 8y - 8x) \end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $\mu = k + 8y - 8x \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\exists \mu \in \mathbb{Z}: 11y - 5x = 2\mu) &\Rightarrow 11y - 5x \text{ even} \\ &\Rightarrow yRx \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}: (xRy \Rightarrow yRx)) \Rightarrow R \text{ symmetric. } (2)$$

• Transitive

Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$  be given. Assume that  $xRy$   $yRz$ . Then

$$xRy \Rightarrow 11x - 5y \text{ even}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}: 11x - 5y = 2k$$

$$yRz \Rightarrow 11y - 5z \text{ even}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}: 11y - 5z = 2\lambda$$

Choose  $k, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $11x - 5y = 2k$  and  $11y - 5z = 2\lambda$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 11x - 5z &= (11x - 5y) + (11y - 5z) - 6y \\ &= 2k + 2\lambda - 6y = 2(k + \lambda - 3y) \end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $\mu = k + \lambda - 3y \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\exists \mu \in \mathbb{Z}: 11x - 5z = 2\mu) &\Rightarrow 11x - 5z \text{ even} \\ &\Rightarrow xRz \end{aligned}$$

It follows that:  $(\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}: ((xRy \wedge yRz) \Rightarrow xRz)) \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow R$  transitive. (3)

From (1), (2), (3):

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R \text{ reflexive} \end{array} \right.$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R \text{ symmetric} \Rightarrow R \text{ equivalence.} \end{array} \right.$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R \text{ transitive} \end{array} \right.$

b) Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A)$  be a relation on  $A$ . Show that

$R$  reflexive  $\Rightarrow \text{dom}(R) = A$

Proof

Assume that  $R$  reflexive. Since

$$\text{dom}(R) = \{x \in A \mid \exists y \in A : xRy\} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{dom}(R) \subseteq A} \quad (1)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Sufficient to show that  $A \subseteq \text{dom}(R)$ .

Let  $x \in A$  be given. Then:

$R$  reflexive  $\Rightarrow xRx$

$$\Rightarrow \exists y \in A : xRy \quad (\text{for } y=x)$$

It follows that since:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in A \\ \exists y \in A : xRy \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \underline{x \in \text{dom}(R)}.$$

$\exists y \in A : xRy$

and therefore

$$(\forall x \in A : x \in \text{dom}(R)) \Rightarrow \underline{A \subseteq \text{dom}(R)} \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{dom}(R) \subseteq A \\ A \subseteq \text{dom}(R) \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \underline{\text{dom}(R) = A}.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \subseteq \text{dom}(R) \end{array} \right.$$

$\hookrightarrow$  For  $R \in \text{Rel}(A, B)$  note the belonging conditions:

$$x \in \text{dom}(R) \Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge (\exists y \in B : x R y)$$

$$y \in \text{ran}(R) \Leftrightarrow y \in B \wedge (\exists x \in A : x R y)$$

These belonging conditions are used in the proofs above.

c) Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A)$ . We define

$$R \text{ circular} \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y, z \in A : ((x R y \wedge y R z) \Rightarrow z R x)$$

Show that:

$$(R \text{ transitive} \wedge R \text{ symmetric}) \Rightarrow R \text{ circular}$$

Proof

Assume that  $R$  transitive  $\wedge R$  symmetric.

Let  $x, y, z \in A$  be given and assume that  $x R y \wedge y R z$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} x R y \Rightarrow x R z & [R \text{ is transitive}] \\ y R z \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow z R x \quad [R \text{ is symmetric}]$$

From the above, it follows that

$$\forall x, y, z \in A : ((x R y \wedge y R z) \Rightarrow z R x)$$

$\Rightarrow R$  circular.

## EXERCISES

(8) Show that the following relations are equivalences:

- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow a+b$  even
- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{N}^*)$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow a^2+b^2$  even
- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow 3|a-7b$  even
- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow 3|(a+2b)$
- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow 4|(a^3-b^3)$
- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow 5|(2a+3b)$

(9) Show that the following relations on  $\mathbb{R}^* \times \mathbb{R}^*$

are equivalences:

- $(x_1, y_1) R (x_2, y_2) \Leftrightarrow x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 = 0$
- $(x_1, y_1) R (x_2, y_2) \Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^* : \begin{cases} x_1 = \lambda x_2 \\ y_1 = \lambda y_2 \end{cases}$

(Recall that  $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ ).

(10) Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A)$  be a relation on A. Show that

- $R$  reflexive  $\Rightarrow \text{ran}(R) = A$
- $R$  symmetric  $\Rightarrow \text{dom}(R) = \text{ran}(R)$
- $(R$  circular  $\wedge R$  symmetric)  $\Rightarrow R$  transitive
- $R$  equivalence  $\Leftrightarrow (R$  reflexive  $\wedge R$  circular)

→ We use the definition:

$$R \text{ circular} \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y, z \in A : ((xRy \wedge yRz) \Rightarrow zRx)$$

(11) Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A)$  be a relation on  $A$ . Write the definitions, using quantifiers for the following statements:

- a)  $R$  is not reflexive
- b)  $R$  is not symmetric
- c)  $R$  is not transitive.

## ▼ Equivalence classes

- Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A)$  be an equivalence relation on  $A$ , and let  $a \in A$ . We define the equivalence class  $R(a)$  as:

$$R(a) = \{x \in A \mid xRa\}$$

The belonging condition of  $R(a)$  is given by:

$$x \in R(a) \Leftrightarrow x \in A \mid xRa$$

- The set of all possible equivalence classes of  $R$  is denoted as  $A/R$ :

$$A/R = \{R(a) \mid a \in A\}$$

## → Properties of equivalence classes

- Let  $R \in \text{Rel}(A)$  be an equivalence relation. Then

$$1) \forall a, b \in A: R(a) = R(b) \Leftrightarrow aRb$$

$$2) \forall a, b \in A: R(a) \cap R(b) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow a \not R b$$

### Proof of (1)

Let  $a, b \in A$  be given.

( $\Rightarrow$ ): Assume that  $R(a) = R(b)$ . Then.

$R$  equivalence  $\Rightarrow R$  reflexive [definition]

$\Rightarrow aRa$  [definition]

$\Rightarrow a \in R(a)$  [belonging condition]

$\Rightarrow a \in R(b)$  [hypothesis  $R(a) = R(b)$ ]

$\Rightarrow aRb$  [belonging condition].

$(\Leftarrow)$  : Assume that  $aRb$ . Let  $x \in R(a)$  be given. Then  
 $x \in R(a) \Rightarrow xRa$  [belonging condition]  
 $\Rightarrow xRb$  [ $aRb \wedge R$  transitive]  
 $\Rightarrow x \in R(b)$  [belonging condition]

It follows that  $(\forall x \in R(a) : x \in R(b)) \Rightarrow R(a) \subseteq R(b)$ . (1)

Let  $x \in R(b)$  be given. Then

$x \in R(b) \Rightarrow xRb$  [belonging condition]  
 $\Rightarrow bRx$  [ $R$  symmetric]  
 $\Rightarrow aRx$  [ $aRb \wedge R$  transitive]  
 $\Rightarrow xRa$  [ $R$  symmetric]  
 $\Rightarrow x \in R(a)$  [belonging condition]

It follows that:

$(\forall x \in R(b) : x \in R(a)) \Rightarrow R(b) \subseteq R(a)$  (2)

From (1) and (2):

$$\begin{cases} R(a) \subseteq R(b) \\ R(b) \subseteq R(a) \end{cases} \Rightarrow R(a) = R(b).$$

From the above argument it follows that

$\forall a, b \in A : (R(a) = R(b) \Leftrightarrow aRb)$ .

### Proof of (2)

Let  $a, b \in A$  be given.

$(\Rightarrow)$  : Assume that  $R(a) \cap R(b) = \emptyset$ . To show that  $aRb$ , assume that  $aRb$ . Then:

$$aRb \Rightarrow a \in R(b) \quad (1)$$

and

$R$  equivalence  $\rightarrow R$  reflexive  $\Rightarrow aRa$   
 $\Rightarrow a \in R(a) \quad (1)$

From (1) and (2):

$$a \in R(a) \wedge a \in R(b) \Rightarrow a \in R(a) \cap R(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(a) \cap R(b) \neq \emptyset \leftarrow \text{Contradiction}$$

because by hypothesis:  $R(a) \cap R(b) = \emptyset$ .

It follows that  $a \not\sim b$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Assume that  $a \not\sim b$ . To show that  $R(a) \cap R(b) = \emptyset$ , assume that  $R(a) \cap R(b) \neq \emptyset$ . We may therefore choose some  $x \in R(a) \cap R(b)$ . Then:

$$x \in R(a) \cap R(b) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \in R(a) \\ x \in R(b) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} xRa \\ xRb \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} aRx \\ xRb \end{cases}$$
$$\Rightarrow aRb \leftarrow \text{Contradiction},$$

because by hypothesis  $a \not\sim b$ .

It follows that  $R(a) \cap R(b) = \emptyset$ .

From the above argument it follows that

$$\forall a, b \in A : (R(a) \cap R(b) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow a \not\sim b).$$

## EXAMPLE

We have previously shown that the relation  $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  defined as:

$xRy \Leftrightarrow 11x - 5y \text{ even}$   
is an equivalence. Find the equivalence classes of  $R$ .

→ For this type of problem it is useful to know and use the following previously proven statements:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}: ab \text{ even} \Leftrightarrow (a \text{ even} \vee b \text{ even})$$

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}: ab \text{ odd} \Leftrightarrow (a \text{ odd} \wedge b \text{ odd}).$$

### Solution

$$\text{Try } R(0) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid xR0\}.$$

$$x \in R(0) \Leftrightarrow xR0 \Leftrightarrow 11x - 5 \cdot 0 \text{ even} \Leftrightarrow 11x \text{ even}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 11 \text{ even} \vee x \text{ even}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \text{ even}$$

$$\text{and therefore } R(0) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \text{ even}\}.$$

$$\text{Try } R(1) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid xR1\}. \text{ Let } x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ be given.}$$

$$x \in R(1) \Leftrightarrow xR1 \Leftrightarrow 11x - 5 \cdot 1 \text{ even} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}: 11x - 5 = 2k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}: 11x = 2k + 5 = 2k + 4 + 1 = 2(k+2) + 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}: 11x = 2\lambda + 1 \quad (\text{for } \lambda = k+2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 11x \text{ odd} \Leftrightarrow 11 \text{ odd} \wedge x \text{ odd} \Leftrightarrow x \text{ odd}$$

and therefore

$$R(1) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \text{ odd}\}.$$

Since  $R(0) \cup R(1) = \mathbb{Z}$ , it follows that we have all equivalence classes and therefore

$$A/R = \{R(0), R(1)\}$$

## EXERCISE

⑯ The following relations were previously shown to be equivalences. Find the corresponding equivalence classes.

- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow a+b$  even
- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{N}^*)$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow a^2+b^2$  even
- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow 3a-7b$  even
- $R \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $aRb \Leftrightarrow 3 \mid a+2b$

## ▼ Methodology for writing proofs

### → Proving implications

① → To prove  $p \Rightarrow q$

#### ► Direct Method

Assume  $p$  is true.

[Prove  $q$ ]

#### ► Contraposition Method

We will show that  $\bar{q} \Rightarrow \bar{p}$

Assume  $\bar{q}$  is true.

[Prove  $\bar{p}$ ]

It follows that  $p \Rightarrow q$

#### ► Contradiction Method

Assume  $p$  is true.

To derive a contradiction, assume  $\bar{q}$ .

[Prove  $r$ , using  $p \wedge \bar{q}$ ]

[Prove  $\bar{r}$ ] ← Contradiction.

It follows that  $q$  is true.

② → To prove  $p \Leftrightarrow q$

( $\Rightarrow$ ): Assume  $p$  is true  
[Prove  $q$ ]

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Assume  $q$  is true  
[Prove  $p$ ]

→ Proofs involving sets

Let  $A, B$  be two sets.

① → To prove  $A \subseteq B$

[We prove  $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$ ]

② → To prove  $A = B$

[We prove  $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$ ]

It follows that  $A \subseteq B$  (1)

[We prove  $x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A$ ]

It follows that  $B \subseteq A$  (2)

From (1) and (2):  $A = B$ .

For proofs involving sets, we recall that

$$x \in A \cap B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge x \in B$$

$$x \in A \cup B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \vee x \in B$$

$$x \in A - B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge x \notin B$$

$$x \in \{x \in A \mid p(x)\} \Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge p(x)$$

$$x \in \{q(x) \mid x \in A \wedge p(x)\} \Leftrightarrow \exists y \in A : (q(y) = x \wedge p(y))$$

→ Proofs involving identities

Let  $a, b$  be two expressions.

To prove  $a = b$ .

► Direct Method

$$a = \dots = \dots =$$

$$= \dots = \dots = b$$

► Indirect Method

$$a = \dots = \dots = c \quad (1)$$

$$b = \dots = \dots = c \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2):  $a = b$ .

→ Proofs involving quantified statements

① → To prove  $\forall x \in A : p(x)$

Let  $x \in A$  be given.

[Prove  $p(x)$ ]

It follows that  $\forall x \in A : p(x)$ .

② → To prove  $\exists x \in A : p(x)$

► 1st method

[Define an  $x \in A$ ]

[Prove that  $p(x)$  is true]

It follows that  $\exists x \in A : p(x)$

(Note that  $x$  can be indirectly defined by deducing a statement of the form  $\exists x \in B : r(x)$  via a theorem or by constructing it from other variables that have been indirectly defined via existential statements)

► 2nd method

$$p(x) \Leftrightarrow \dots \Leftrightarrow \dots \Leftrightarrow x \in S$$

Choose an  $x \in S$ . Show that  $x \in A \lambda p(x)$ .

It follows that  $\exists x \in A : p(x)$ .