

Solution to 4: Reflexive: NOT reflexive,

because does not contain (y,y)
and (z,z) .

• symmetric: Yes: (x,y) and (y,x) appear
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• transitive: NOT transitive: $(x,y) \in R$ but $(x,z) \notin R!$
 $(y,z) \in R$

Def: Suppose A is a set, R is
an equivalence relation on A .

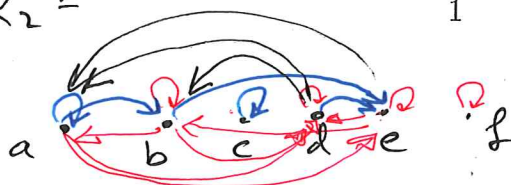
Then we say that R partitions A
into equivalence classes:

~~each~~ the equivalence class of
an element $a \in A$ is the set
 $E_a = \{ b \in A \mid a R b \}$.

Worksheet 12: Cartesian product, indexed collections, relations

- Let $A_n = [0, \frac{1}{n}] \times [0, n]$. Draw the picture representing $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ and $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$. (Both should be subsets of \mathbb{R}^2).
- Let R be the relation $a \equiv b \pmod{3}$ on the set $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Write this relation as a subset of $A \times A$.
- Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, and let $B = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Let $R = \{(1, a), (2, b), (2, c), (3, a), (3, d)\}$ - a relation from A to B . Draw a diagram representing this relation.
- Let $A = \{x, y, z, w\}$ and let $R = \{(x, x), (x, y), (y, z), (w, w), (y, x), (z, y)\}$. Is this relation symmetric? Is it reflexive? is it transitive?
- Let $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ and let $R_1 = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, e), (c, c), (d, e)\} \subset A \times A$. Find R_2 - the smallest relation containing R_1 that is an equivalence relation. Then find the partition of A into equivalence classes according to R_2 .

$R_2 =$



$x \rightarrow y$ - in R_1 .
 $x R_1 y$.

add: $(b, b), (d, d), (e, e), (f, f)$ - becomes reflexive.

$(b, a), (e, b), (e, d)$ - becomes symmetric

$(b, d), (a, e), (a, d)$ - becomes transitive - not symmetric anymore.

$(e, a), (d, a), (d, b)$ - now fine.

Recall: Relation on a set A : subset of $A \times A$
which means, a set of pairs (a_1, a_2)
 $a_1, a_2 \in A$
 $a_1 R a_2$ means $(a_1, a_2) \in R$
↑
our relation.

Equivalence relation:
• R - reflexive
 $(x, x) \in R$ for every $x \in R$

• R is symmetric: $(x, y) \in R \Rightarrow (y, x) \in R$

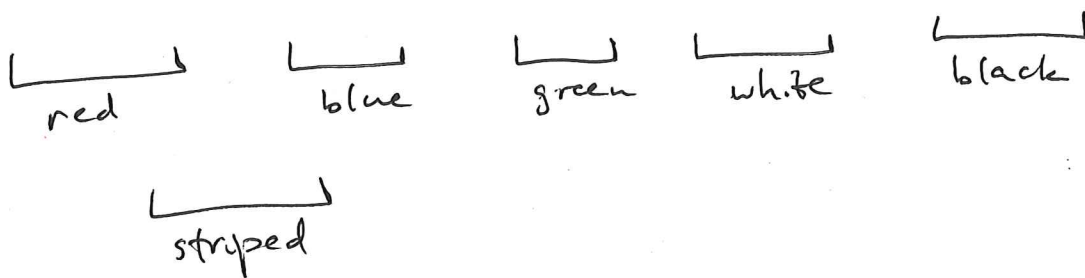
• R transitive: $(x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$.

Equivalence classes: $\{a, b, d, e\}$ — equivalence classes.
 $\{c\}, \{f\}$ —

Example: cities in North America
equivalence relation: connected by rail
Equivalence classes:



collection of socks.
relation: being of the same colour.



Partition: 1) The union of all equivalence classes is A
2) Two equivalence classes are either the same, or have empty intersection.

Each equivalence class is a subset of A .

Let R be an equivalence relation on A
For every $a \in A$, let E_a be the equivalence class of a .

$$\text{Then } A = \bigcup_{a \in A} E_a \quad \text{and} \quad E_a \cap E_b = \emptyset \text{ if } E_a \neq E_b.$$

R is an equivalence relation, so:

$a \in E_a$ (reflexive)

and the reason that $E_a \cap E_b = \emptyset$ if $E_a \neq E_b$ is that R is symmetric and transitive.

Prove: if R is an equivalence relation
then if $E_a \neq E_b$, then
 $E_a \cap E_b = \emptyset$.

Example: in our question 5, we had:

$$A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\} = \{a, b, d, e\} \cup \{c\} \cup \{f\}$$

$$\text{here: } E_a = E_b = E_d = E_e = \{a, b, d, e\}$$

$$E_c = \{c\}$$

$$E_f = \{f\}$$

Proving our statement: try contrapositive

Suppose $E_a \cap E_b \neq \emptyset$. Then there exists $y \in E_a \cap E_b$.

This means, $y R a$ (because $y \in E_a$)
and $y R b$ (because $y \in E_b$)

Now, because R is symmetric, we also
have $b R y$.

Now: $b R y$ and $y R a$

Since R is transitive, we must have $b R a$.

Then $b \in E_a$.

Now let $x \in E_b$. Then $x R b$ but $b R a$ ^{we proved}

Then $x R a$.

We proved: $E_b \subseteq E_a$.

WLOG, this proves $E_a \subseteq E_b$ as well.

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could rename a and b .

Then $E_a = E_b$.

Congruence of integers (section 11.4)

Proposition: let $d \in \mathbb{N}$.

Congruence mod d is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} .

Proof: Need to prove: reflexive, symmetric, transitive.

1) $a \equiv a \pmod{d}$ for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$
(because $d \mid 0$)

2) $a \equiv b \Rightarrow b \equiv a$ (because $d \mid a-b \Rightarrow d \mid b-a$)

3) Transitive: $\begin{cases} a \equiv b \pmod{d} \\ b \equiv c \pmod{d} \end{cases} \Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{d}$.

$$a - c = (a - b) + (b - c)$$

Then if $d \mid a-b$ and $d \mid b-c$, then $d \mid a-c$.

Congruence classes: $[a]_d$ - class of a mod d
 $= \{ b \in \mathbb{Z} \mid b \equiv a \pmod{d} \}$

Example: $d = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} [3]_5 &= \{ \dots, -7, -2, 3, 8, 13, 18, \dots \} \\ &= \{ n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \} \end{aligned}$$

~~Def~~ Def: $\mathbb{Z}_d =$ set of congruence classes mod d
 $= \{ [0], [1], [2], \dots, [d-1] \}$.

Arithmetic operations work on congruence classes:

if a_1, a_2 are in the same class mod d
 b_1, b_2 — / —

Then $a_1 b_1$ and $a_2 b_2$ are in the same class.