

## EXERCISE 1.2

**1. Show that the relation R defined by  $R = \{(a, b) : a - b \text{ is divisible by } 3; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an equivalence relation.**

**Solution:**

Given  $R = \{(a, b) : a - b \text{ is divisible by } 3; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a relation

To prove equivalence relation it is necessary that the given relation should be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Let us check these properties on R.

**Reflexivity:**

Let a be an arbitrary element of R.

$$\text{Then, } a - a = 0 = 0 \times 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a - a \text{ is divisible by } 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

So, R is reflexive.

**Symmetry:**

Let

$$\Rightarrow a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = 3p$$

$$\Rightarrow b - a = -3p$$

Here,  $-3p = 3(-p)$

$$\Rightarrow b - a \text{ is divisible by } 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

So, R is symmetric on Z.

**Transitivity:**

Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a - b \text{ and } b - c \text{ are divisible by } 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = 3p \text{ for some } p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{And } b - c = 3q \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Adding the above two equations, we get

$$a - b + b - c = 3p + 3q$$

$$\Rightarrow a - c = 3(p + q)$$

Here,  $p + q \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow a - c \text{ is divisible by } 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R \text{ for all } a, c \in \mathbb{Z}$$



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So, R is transitive on Z.

Therefore R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Hence, R is an equivalence relation on Z.

**2. Show that the relation R on the set Z of integers, given by  $R = \{(a, b): 2 \text{ divides } a - b\}$ , is an equivalence relation.**

**Solution:**

Given  $R = \{(a, b): 2 \text{ divides } a - b\}$  is a relation defined on Z.

To prove equivalence relation it is necessary that the given relation should be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Let us check these properties on R.

Reflexivity:

Let a be an arbitrary element of the set Z.

Then,  $a \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a - a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R$$

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$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - b)/2 = p \text{ for some } p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b - a)/2 = -p$$

Here,  $-p \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } b - a$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

So, R is symmetric on Z

Transitivity:

Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } a - b \text{ and } 2 \text{ divides } b - c$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - b)/2 = p \text{ and } (b - c)/2 = q \text{ for some } p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Adding the above two equations, we get

$$(a - b)/2 + (b - c)/2 = p + q$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - c)/2 = p + q$$

Here,  $p + q \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } a - c$$



$\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$  for all  $a, c \in Z$

So, R is transitive on Z.

Therefore R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Hence, R is an equivalence relation on Z.

**3. Prove that the relation R on Z defined by  $(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a - b$  is divisible by 5 is an equivalence relation on Z.**

**Solution:**

Given relation R on Z defined by  $(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a - b$  is divisible by 5

To prove equivalence relation it is necessary that the given relation should be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Let us check these properties on R.

Reflexivity:

Let a be an arbitrary element of R. Then,

$\Rightarrow a - a = 0$

$\Rightarrow a - a$

$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R$

So,

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Let

$\Rightarrow a - b$

$\Rightarrow a - b = 5p$  for some  $p \in Z$

$\Rightarrow b - a = 5(-p)$

Here,  $-p \in Z$  [Since  $p \in Z$ ]

$\Rightarrow b - a$  is divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$  for all  $a, b \in Z$

So, R is symmetric on Z.

Transitivity:

Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$\Rightarrow a - b$  is divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow a - b = 5p$  for some  $p \in Z$

Also,  $b - c$  is divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow b - c = 5q$  for some  $q \in Z$

Adding the above two equations, we get

$a - b + b - c = 5p + 5q$

$\Rightarrow a - c = 5(p + q)$



$\Rightarrow a - c$  is divisible by 5

Here,  $p + q \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$  for all  $a, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

So,  $R$  is transitive on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Therefore  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Hence,  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**4. Let  $n$  be a fixed positive integer. Define a relation  $R$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  as follows:**

**$(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a - b$  is divisible by  $n$ .**

**Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .**

**Solution:**

Given  $(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a - b$  is divisible by  $n$  is a relation  $R$  defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

To prove equivalence relation it is necessary that the given relation should be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Let us check the properties on  $R$ .

Reflexivity:

Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

Here,

$\Rightarrow a - a = 0$

$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R$

$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R$

So,  $R$  is reflexive on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Symmetry:

Let  $(a, b) \in R$

Here,  $a - b$  is divisible by  $n$

$\Rightarrow a - b = n p$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow b - a = n (-p)$

$\Rightarrow b - a$  is divisible by  $n$   $[ p \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow -p \in \mathbb{Z} ]$

$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$

So,  $R$  is symmetric on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Transitivity:

Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

Here,  $a - b$  is divisible by  $n$  and  $b - c$  is divisible by  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow a - b = n p$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$

And  $b - c = n q$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$

$a - b + b - c = n p + n q$



$$\Rightarrow a - c = n(p + q)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R \text{ for all } a, c \in Z$$

So, R is transitive on Z.

Therefore R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Hence, R is an equivalence relation on Z.

**5. Let Z be the set of integers. Show that the relation  $R = \{(a, b): a, b \in Z \text{ and } a + b \text{ is even}\}$  is an equivalence relation on Z.**

**Solution:**

Given  $R = \{(a, b): a, b \in Z \text{ and } a + b \text{ is even}\}$  is a relation defined on R.

Also given that Z be the set of integers

To prove equivalence relation it is necessary that the given relation should be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Let us check these properties on R.

Reflexivity:

Let a be any element of Z.

Then

Clearly,  $a + a = 2a$  for all  $a \in Z$ .

$$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R$$

So, R

Symmetry:

Let  $(a, b) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a + b \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow b + a \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R \text{ for all } a, b \in Z$$

So, R is symmetric on Z.

Transitivity:

Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a + b \text{ and } b + c \text{ are even}$$

Now, let  $a + b = 2x$  for some  $x \in Z$

And  $b + c = 2y$  for some  $y \in Z$

Adding the above two equations, we get

$$a + 2b + c = 2x + 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow a + c = 2(x + y - b), \text{ which is even for all } x, y, b \in Z$$

Thus,  $(a, c) \in R$

So, R is transitive on Z.

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Therefore R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.  
Hence, R is an equivalence relation on Z

**6. m is said to be related to n if m and n are integers and  $m - n$  is divisible by 13. Does this define an equivalence relation?**

**Solution:**

Given that m is said to be related to n if m and n are integers and  $m - n$  is divisible by 13  
Now we have to check whether the given relation is equivalence or not.

To prove equivalence relation it is necessary that the given relation should be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Let  $R = \{(m, n) : m, n \in \mathbb{Z} : m - n \text{ is divisible by } 13\}$

Let us check these properties on R.

Reflexivity:

Let m be an arbitrary element of Z.

Then,  $m - m = 0$

$\Rightarrow m - m = 0$

$\Rightarrow m - m = 0$

$\Rightarrow (m, m) \in R$

Symmetry:

Let  $(m, n) \in R$

Then,  $m - n = 13p$

$\Rightarrow m - n = 13p$

Here,  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow n - m = 13(-p)$

Here,  $-p \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow n - m$  is divisible by 13

$\Rightarrow (n, m) \in R$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

So, R is symmetric on Z.

Transitivity:

Let  $(m, n)$  and  $(n, o) \in R$

$\Rightarrow m - n$  and  $n - o$  are divisible by 13

$\Rightarrow m - n = 13p$  and  $n - o = 13q$  for some  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$

Adding the above two equations, we get

$m - n + n - o = 13p + 13q$

$\Rightarrow m - o = 13(p + q)$

Here,  $p + q \in \mathbb{Z}$

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$\Rightarrow m - o$  is divisible by 13

$\Rightarrow (m, o) \in R$  for all  $m, o \in Z$

So,  $R$  is transitive on  $Z$ .

Therefore  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Hence,  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $Z$ .

**7. Let  $R$  be a relation on the set  $A$  of ordered pair of integers defined by  $(x, y) R (u, v)$  if  $xv = yu$ . Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.**

**Solution:**

First let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$

It is given that set  $A$  of ordered pair of integers defined by  $(x, y) R (u, v)$  if  $xv = yu$

Now we have to check whether the given relation is equivalence or not.

To prove equivalence relation it is necessary that the given relation should be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Reflexivity:

Let  $(a, b)$  be an element of the set  $A$ .

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Symmetry:

Let  $(x, y) R (u, v)$  such that  $(x, y) R (u, v)$ . Then,

$$xv = yu$$

$$\Rightarrow vx = uy$$

$$\Rightarrow uy = vx$$

$$\Rightarrow (u, v) R (x, y)$$

So,  $R$  is symmetric on  $A$ .

Transitivity:

Let  $(x, y), (u, v)$  and  $(p, q) \in R$  such that  $(x, y) R (u, v)$  and  $(u, v) R (p, q)$

$$\Rightarrow xv = yu \text{ and } uq = vp$$

Multiplying the corresponding sides, we get

$$xv \times uq = yu \times vp$$

$$\Rightarrow xq = yp$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) R (p, q)$$

So,  $R$  is transitive on  $A$ .

Therefore  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.



Hence, R is an equivalence relation on A.

**8. Show that the relation R on the set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}; 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$ , given by  $R = \{(a, b): a = b\}$ , is an equivalence relation. Find the set of all elements related to 1.**

**Solution:**

Given set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}; 0 \leq x \leq 12\}$

Also given that relation  $R = \{(a, b): a = b\}$  is defined on set A

Now we have to check whether the given relation is equivalence or not.

To prove equivalence relation it is necessary that the given relation should be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

**Reflexivity:**

Let a be an arbitrary element of A.

Then,  $a \in R$

$\Rightarrow a = a$  [Since, every element is equal to itself]

$\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R$

So, R is reflexive.

**Symmetry:**

Let

$\Rightarrow a = b$

$\Rightarrow b = a$

$\Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$

So, R is symmetric.

**Transitivity:**

Let  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c) \in R$

$\Rightarrow a = b$  and  $b = c$

$\Rightarrow a = b = c$

$\Rightarrow a = c$

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

So, R is transitive on A.

Hence, R is an equivalence relation on A.

Therefore R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

The set of all elements related to 1 is  $\{1\}$ .

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