

## Lecture 12-1348

Exams will be returned at DGD's, you must go to correct one. Avg ~~17.03~~  $\frac{17.03}{24} = 71\%$

Last time Section 7.1

Relations A relation from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  is a subset  $R \subseteq A \times B$ .

Lots of examples last time.

~~Def~~ Notation if  $(a, b) \in R$ , write  $a R b$ .

Properties Reflexive  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is reflexive if  $\forall a \in A, a R a$  (slogan: Everything is related to itself.)

Symmetric  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is symmetric if  $\forall a, b \in A, a R b \Rightarrow b R a$

Transitive  
 $\forall a, b, c \in A, a R b, b R c \Rightarrow a R c$

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Consider these relations on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$a R_0 b \quad \text{if} \quad a = b$$

$$a R_1 b \quad \text{if} \quad a \leq b$$

$$a R_2 b \quad \text{if} \quad a > b$$

$$a R_3 b \quad \text{if} \quad a - b > 3$$

$$a R_4 b \quad \text{if} \quad a + b > 3$$

$$a R_5 b \quad \text{if} \quad \text{NEVER (empty relation)}$$

Q: Which of these are transitive?

$$R_0 - \quad \text{if} \quad a = b \text{ and } b = c, \text{ does } a = c? \text{ Yes}$$

$$R_1 - \quad \text{if} \quad a \leq b \text{ and } b \leq c, \text{ ~~is~~ is } a \leq c? \text{ Yes}$$

$$R_2 - \quad \text{if} \quad a > b \text{ and } b > c, \text{ is } a > c? \text{ Yes}$$

$$R_3 - \quad \text{if} \quad ~~a - b > 3~~ a - b > 3 \text{ and } b - c > 3, \text{ is } a - c > 3?$$

$$\text{Not necessarily } a = 5, b = 4, c = 2$$

So  $R_3$  is not transitive

$$R_4 - \quad \text{No } a = 0, b = 4, c = 0$$

As usual, to show some thing is not transitive, or reflexive or symmetric, it suffices to give 1 counter example.

There are many properties one can discuss about relations. There are whole books full of them

## Sample test question

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A relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is asymmetric if

$a R b \Rightarrow b \not R a$ , when  $b R a$  means  $(b, a) \in R$ .

Note - You do not need to memorize this defn, but you do need to be able to write the other 3.

Q: Which of the 6 relations discussed previously is asymmetric?

$R_0$  - NO, obviously

$R_1$  - NO, ex  $3 R_1 3$

$R_2$  - Yes

$R_3$  - If  $a - b > 3$ , then  $b - a < -3$ . So Yes

$R_4$  No  $2 R_4 3$  and  $3 R_4 2$

$R_5$  Yes

## Section 8.5

Defn 1, p555 A relation on a set  $A$  is an equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric & transitive.

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Note This is one of the most important  
defs in the course. Guarantee a test question.

~~Def'n~~ Def'n 2. Let  $A$  be a set. Let  $R$  be an  
ER on  $A$ . If  $(a, a') \in R$ , write  $a \sim a'$ .

So the rules for an ER are:

- 1)  $\forall a \in A, a \sim a$
- 2)  $\forall a, b \in A \quad a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$
- 3)  $\forall a, b, c \in A \quad a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$

Ex: 1) Let  $A$  be any set. Say that  $a R b$  if  $a = b$ .

This is the trivial ER

2) Let  $R$  be the real #'s. Define a relation  $S$  by  
 $s R s'$  if  $s - s'$  is an integer.

Check 3 properties

3) Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers. ~~Def'n~~ Pick  $n$  an  
integer greater than 1.

Say  $a R b$  if  $a - b$  is divisible by  $n$ .

This is an ER. This is

Integers modulo  $n$ .

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Defn 3 Let  $R$  be an ER on  $A$ . Let  $a \in A$ .

The set of all  $a' \in A$  with  $aRa'$  is called the equivalence class of  $a$ , denoted  $[a]_R$  or just  $[a]$ .

Last example, what are  ~~$R$~~  Equivalence classes.

Thm: Let  $R$  be an ER on  $A$ . The following statements are equivalent.

- 1)  $aRa'$
- 2)  $[a] = [a']$
- 3)  $[a] \cap [a'] \neq \emptyset$