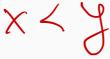


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Infix notation for binary relations

If R is a binary relation then we write xRy whenever $(x,y) \in R$. The predicate xRy is read as x is R-related to y.







Properties of binary relations (1)

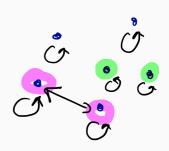
A binary relation R on a set A is

■ reflexive when xRx for all $x \in A$.

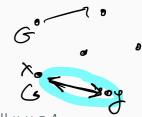
$$\forall x \ A(x) \Longrightarrow xRx$$



$$\forall x, y \ xRy \Longrightarrow yRx$$



Properties of binary relations (2)

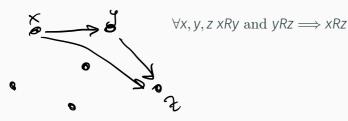


A binary relation R on a set A is

■ antisymmetric when xRy and yRx imply x = y for all $x, y \in A$;

$$\forall x, y \ xRy \ \text{and} \ yRx \Longrightarrow y = x$$

■ transitive when xRy and yRz imply xRz for all $x, y, z \in A$.





Example



- symmetric xRy ⇒ yRx ✓
- \blacksquare antisymmetric xRy, yRx \implies x = y \checkmark
- lacktriangledown transitive xRy, yRz \Longrightarrow xRz $\checkmark \checkmark$

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}.$

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (2,3), (3,2)\}$$

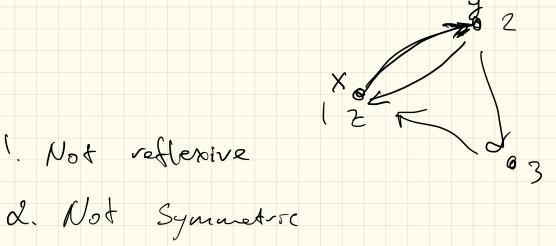
$$R_2 = \{(2,2), (2,3), (3,2), (3,3)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (1,3)\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(1,3), (3,2), (2,3)\}$$







3. Not antisymmetric

4. Not transstore (1,2) ER (2,1) ER

Digraf representation

In the directed graph representation, R is

- reflexive if there is always an arrow from every vertex to itself;
- *symmetric* if whenever there is an arrow from *x* to *y* there is also an arrow from *y* to *x*;
- antisymmetric if whenever there is an arrow from x to y and $x \neq y$, then there is no arrow from y to x;
- *transitive* if whenever there is an arrow from *x* to *y* and from *y* to *z* there is also an arrow from *x* to *z*.

Example



Which of the following define a relation that is reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric or transitive?

- x divides y on the set \mathbb{Z}^+ of positive integers;
- - \blacksquare x has the same age as y on the set of people.

- reflexive, not syman, anti symmetrice transitiva