

Try a few of your own

Decide whether each of these relations are Reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and transitive.

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Symmetry: for all $a, b \in S$, $[(a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \in R]$

\geq on \mathbb{Z}

Antisymmetry: for all $a, b \in S$, $[(a, b) \in R \wedge a \neq b \rightarrow (b, a) \notin R]$

$>$ on \mathbb{R}

Transitivity: for all $a, b, c \in S$, $[(a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in R \rightarrow (a, c) \in R]$

$|$ on \mathbb{Z}^+

Reflexivity: for all $a \in S$, $[(a, a) \in R]$

$|$ on \mathbb{Z}

$\equiv (\text{mod } 3)$ on \mathbb{Z}

Two Prototype Relations

A lot of fundamental relations follow one of two prototypes:

Equivalence Relation

A relation that is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive is called an "equivalence relation"

Partial Order Relation

A relation that is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive is called a "partial order"

Directed Graphs

$$G = (V, E)$$

V is a set of vertices (an underlying set of elements)

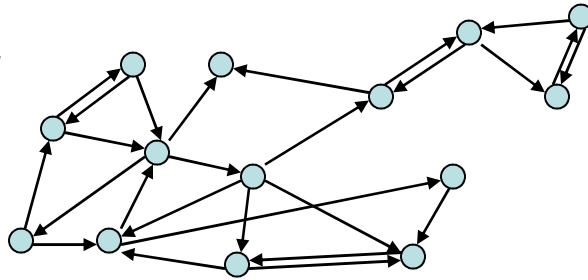
E is a set of edges (ordered pairs of vertices; i.e. connections from one to the next).

Path v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k such that $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$

Simple Path: path with all v_i distinct

Cycle: path with $v_0 = v_k$ (and $k > 0$)

Simple Cycle: simple path plus edge (v_k, v_0) with $k > 0$



Relations and Graphs

Describe how each property will show up in the graph of a relation.

Reflexive

Symmetric

Antisymmetric

Transitive