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Books that are to be followed:

1. Higher Algebra (Abstract and Linear) - S. K. Mapa
2. Higher Algebra (Classical) - S. K. Mapa
3. Advanced Higher Algebra - J. G. Chakravorty & P. R. Ghosh
4. Linear Algebra - K. Hoffman & R. Kunze
5. Elementary Number Theory - D. M. Burton

The portion of the syllabus we start with is:

[Unit-2 • Well-ordering property of positive integers; Principles of Mathematical induction, division algorithm, divisibility and Euclidean algorithm. Prime numbers and their properties, Euclid's theorem. Congruence relation between integers, Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic. Chinese remainder theorem. Arithmetic functions, some arithmetic functions such as  $\phi$ ,  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma$  and their properties.]

but before that I think, it would be better to start with this portion:

[Unit-2 • Relation: equivalence relation & partition, partial order relation, poset, linear order relation]. as this portion is familiar to you in your H.S. course.

1. Relation (Definition): Let  $S \neq \emptyset$  (null set), If  $R \subset S \times S$  then  $R$  is said to be a relation on  $S$ .

Example 1: Let  $S = \{a, b, c\}$ . Here  $S \times S = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, a), (b, b), (b, c), (c, a), (c, b), (c, c)\}$

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Note 1: We use the notation  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  for the set of all positive integers or natural numbers and the set of all integers respectively.

Note 2: Let  $o(S) = n$  ( $o(S)$  is the number of elements in  $S$ ). Then  $o(S \times S) = n^2$ . So, number of subsets of  $S \times S$  is  $2^{n^2}$ . So we can define a relation on  $S$  for each subset of  $S \times S$ . So, we can define  $2^{n^2}$  relation on  $S$ .  $\emptyset$  is called the null relation and  $S \times S$  is called the universal relation on  $S$ .

Note 3 Let  $R$  be a relation on  $S$ . If  $(a, b) \in R$  then  $a$  is said to be related to  $b$  and is expressed by the symbol  $a R b$ . If  $(a, b) \notin R$  then  $a$  is said to be not related to  $b$  and is expressed by  $a \not R b$ .

Example 2: Let  $R$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : x + y \text{ is even}\}$ . Then  $R$  is a relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Here  $1 R 3$  but  $2 \not R 3$ .

Example 3: Let  $R$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : x - y \text{ is divisible by } 3\}$ .  $R$  is a relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  $5 R 2$  but  $5 \not R 3$ .

i.1. Equivalence relation (Definition): Let  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $R$  be a relation on  $S$ .

The relation  $R$  is said to be

- (i) reflexive if  $a R a$  for all  $a \in S$
- (ii) symmetric if  $a R b \Rightarrow b R a$  for  $a, b \in S$
- (iii) transitive if  $a R b, b R c \Rightarrow a R c$  for  $a, b, c \in S$ .



$R$  is said to be an equivalence relation on  $S$  if  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive

Examples : 1. A relation  $R$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  is defined by  $aRb$  if and only if  $a-b$  is divisible by 5 i.e.,  $R = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : x-y \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$ .

Examine if  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$

Solution : Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $a-a=0=0 \cdot 5$ . So  $a-a$  is divisible by 5. So,  $aRa \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$  ( $\forall$  means for all).

So  $R$  is reflexive.

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $aRb$ . Then  $a-b$  is divisible by 5. So,

$\exists$  ( $\exists$  means there exists) an integer  $k$  such that  $a-b = 5k$ .

So,  $b-a = 5(-k)$  and  $-k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So,  $b-a$  is divisible by 5.

So,  $bRa$ . Hence,  $R$  is symmetric.

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $aRb$  and  $bRc$ . So,  $\exists k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

such that  $a-b = 5k_1$ ,  $b-c = 5k_2$ .

So,  $a-c = a-b + b-c = 5k_1 + 5k_2 = 5(k_1+k_2) = 5k$  where

$k = k_1+k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So,  $a-c$  is divisible by 5. So,  $aRc$ .

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

Home work : HW1 : Let  $m$  be a fixed positive integer. Show that

$R = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : x-y \text{ is divisible by } m\}$   $R = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : x-y \text{ is divisible by } m\}$

is an equivalence relation

Note:  $R$  in HW1. is called the relation of congruence (mod  $m$ )

HW2 : Let  $R = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : xy > 0\}$ . Examine  $R$  is (i) reflexive,

(ii) symmetric and (iii) transitive.

1.2 Equivalence classes (Definition): Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a non-empty set  $S$ . The ~~subset~~ ~~of~~  ~~$S$~~  let  $a \in S$ .

The subset  $\{x \in S : x R a\}$  of  $S$  is said to be equivalence class of  $a$  and denoted by  $\bar{a}$  or  $cl(a)$ . So,

$cl(a) = \{x \in S : x R a\}$  is the equivalence class of  $a$ .

$$cl(a) \neq \emptyset \text{ as } a \in cl(a)$$

For example, in Example 1 of Page-3,

$$cl(6) = \{0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \dots\}$$

Theorem 1.2.1 Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a <sup>non-empty</sup> set  $S$  and  $a, b \in S$ . Then  $cl(a) = cl(b)$  if and only if  $a R b$ .

[Note: If  $p, q$  be two statements then  $p$  if and only if  $q$  means  $p \Leftrightarrow q$  i.e.,  $p \Rightarrow q$  and  $q \Rightarrow p$ .

So,  $cl(a) = cl(b)$  (statement  $p$ )  $\Rightarrow a R b$  and  $a R b$  (statement  $q$ )  $\Rightarrow cl(a) = cl(b)$ .]

Proof: Let  $cl(a) = cl(b)$ . Let  $x \in cl(a) = cl(b)$ .

So,  $x R a$  and  $x R b$ . So,  $a R x$  and  $x R b$  as  $R$  is symmetric.

So,  $a R b$  as  $R$  is transitive.

Conversely, let  $a R b$ . Let  $x \in cl(a)$ .

$\Rightarrow x R a$  and as  $a R b$ . So  $x R b$  as  $R$  is transitive.

So,  $x \in cl(b) \Rightarrow cl(a) \subset cl(b)$ .

Similarly,  $cl(b) \subset cl(a)$ . So,  $cl(a) = cl(b)$ .

Hence  $cl(a) = cl(b)$  if and only if  $a R b$ .