

Solution: (i) Since $(1,1) \notin \rho$, ρ is not reflexive. Further, we see that whenever $(a,b) \in \rho$, we also have $(b,a) \in \rho$. So, ρ is symmetric. Now, $(3,1) \in \rho$, $(1,3) \in \rho$ but $(3,3) \notin \rho$ and so ρ is not transitive. Finally, $(1,3) \in \rho$, $(3,1) \in \rho$ but $1 \neq 3$. Hence ρ is not antisymmetric. (ii), (iii) and (iv) are homeworks.

1.4.3 The following relations are defined on the \mathbb{R} of real numbers.

Find whether these relations are reflexive, symmetric or transitive.

(i) $a \rho b$ if $|a-b| > 0$ (ii) $a R b$ if $1+ab > 0$ (iii) $a R b$ if $|a| \leq b$

Solution: (i) ρ is not reflexive, since for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $a-a=0$ and hence $|a-a| \not> 0$. So $a \not\rho a$. So, ρ is not reflexive. Again, as $|a-b| = |b-a|$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, we have if $|a-b| > 0$ then $|b-a| > 0$. So, ρ is symmetric as $a \rho b$ implies $b \rho a$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Here ρ is not transitive. For, $0, 1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $|1-0| = |0-1| = 1 > 0$ shows that $1 \rho 0$ and $0 \rho 1$ but $1 \not\rho 1$ as $|1-1| = 0 \not> 0$.

(ii) Since, $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$, $a^2 \geq 0$. So, we have $1+a^2 > 0 \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence, $a \rho a \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$. So, ρ is reflexive. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \rho b$. This implies $1+ab > 0$. As $ab = ba$, we have $1+ba = 1+ab > 0$. So, $b \rho a$. Hence ρ is symmetric. Now, consider $3, -\frac{1}{9}, -6 \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $1+3(-\frac{1}{9}) = 1-\frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} > 0$ shows that $3 \rho (-\frac{1}{9})$ and $1+(-\frac{1}{9})(-6) = 1+\frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3} > 0$ shows that $(-\frac{1}{9}) \rho (-6)$. Now $1+3(-6) = 1-18 = -17 \not> 0$. So, $3 \not\rho (-6)$. Hence ρ is not transitive.

(iii) Let us consider $-2 \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $|-2| = 2 \not\leq -2$. So, $(-2) \not\rho (-2)$.

Hence ρ is not reflexive. Now $(-2) \rho 5$ as $|-2| = 2 \leq 5$.

But $5 \not\rho (-2)$ as $|5| = 5 \not\leq -2$. So, ρ is not symmetric.

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \rho b$ and $b \rho c$. So, $|a| \leq b$ and $|b| \leq c$. Now since $b \geq |a| \geq 0$, we have $|b| = b$.

So, $|a| \leq b \leq c$. So, $|a| \leq c$. So, $a \rho c$. Hence ρ is

transitive.

1.4.4 In each of the following cases, examine whether the relation ρ is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} (the set of all integers):

(i) $\rho = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : |a - b| \leq 3 \}$

(ii) $\rho = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : a - b \text{ is a multiple of } 6 \}$

Solution: Homework

1.4.5 Justify the following statements or else give counter-examples to disprove:

(An example that disproves a statement is called a counterexample)

(i) The intersection of two equivalence relations is again an equivalence relation.

(ii) The union of two equivalence relations is again an equivalence relation.

Solution: (i) We prove that the statement is true.

Let R and S be two ^{equivalence} relations on a non-empty set A .

Let $T = R \cap S$. So, T is a relation on A .

Let $a \in A$. Then $aRa \forall a \in A$ and $aSa \forall a \in A$

That is, $(a, a) \in R \forall a \in A$ and $(a, a) \in S \forall a \in A$

So, $(a, a) \in R \cap S = T \forall a \in A$. So, T is reflexive

Let $a, b \in A$ and aTb . So, $(a, b) \in T = R \cap S$

This implies $(a, b) \in R$ and $(a, b) \in S$. So, $(b, a) \in R$

and $(b, a) \in S$ as R and S are symmetric.

So, $(b, a) \in R \cap S = T$. So, T is symmetric

Let $a, b, c \in A$ and $(a, b) \in T$ and $(b, c) \in T$

So, $(a, b) \in R$ and $(a, b) \in S$. Also, $(b, c) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in S$

So, $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$. This implies $(a, c) \in R$ as R

is transitive. Similarly, as $(a, b) \in S$ and $(b, c) \in S$,

$(a, c) \in S$ as S is transitive. Hence $(a, c) \in R \cap S = T$

So, T is transitive. So, $T = R \cap S$ is an equivalence

relation.

(ii) The statement is false. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. We consider

two equivalence relations R and S on A given by

$R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$ and $S = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (3, 1), (1, 3)\}$

Here $R \cup S = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 1), (1, 3)\}$

Here $(2, 3), (3, 1) \in R \cup S$ but $(2, 1) \notin R \cup S$

So, $R \cup S$ is not transitive. So $R \cup S$ is not an

equivalence relation.

1.4.6 Show that the relation ρ on \mathbb{Z} defined by $x \rho y \Leftrightarrow x^2 - y^2$ is divisible by 5, is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} , $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. What are its equivalence classes

Solution: Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $a^2 - a^2 = 0$ is divisible by 5. So, ρ is reflexive.

So, $a \rho a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a \rho b$

then $a^2 - b^2$ is divisible by 5. So, $a^2 - b^2 = 5k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

So, $b^2 - a^2 = 5(-k)$, $-k \in \mathbb{Z}$. So, $b^2 - a^2$ is

divisible by 5. So, $b \rho a$. So, ρ is symmetric

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a \rho b$ and $b \rho c$. Then $a^2 - b^2$ is divisible by 5 and $b^2 - c^2$ is divisible by 5. So,

$a^2 - b^2 = 5k_1$ and $b^2 - c^2 = 5k_2$, $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. So,

$a^2 - c^2 = (a^2 - b^2) + (b^2 - c^2) = 5k_1 + 5k_2 = 5(k_1 + k_2)$, $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

So, $a^2 - c^2$ is divisible by 5. So, $a \rho c$. So, ρ is transitive. Hence, ρ is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z}

Hence $\rho(0) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \rho 0\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x^2 \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$

Now we know that if a prime p divides ab then p divides a or p divides b .

So, $x \in \rho(0) \Rightarrow 5 \mid x^2$ is divisible by 5

$\Rightarrow 5$ divides x . So, $x = 5k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

So, $\rho(0) = \{5k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

If $x \in \rho(1)$ then $x^2 - 1^2$ is divisible by 5

So, 5 divides $x-1$ or 5 divides $x+1$