

Solution to Midterm Practice

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(i) Defining a relation on X : R is a relation on X is R is a subset of $X \times X$

(ii) Let $X = \{1\}$ and R be the empty set. R is symmetric and transitive but not reflexive.

(iii) A possible condition: For any a, b in X , both aRb and bRa are true.

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(a) There exists a natural number n such that for any integer a , there exists an integer b such that $a = nb$.

It is not true.

(b) For any natural number n , there exists an integer a such that for any integer b , $a=nb$.

It is not true.

(c) There exists a natural number n such that there exists an integer b such that for any integer a , $a=nb$.

It is not true.

(d) For any integer a , there exists a natural number n such that there exists an integer b , $a =nb$.

It is true because we can let $b=a$ and $n=1$ in this case.

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(a)

(i)

$Z/5Z = \{[0], [1], [2], [3], [4]\}$.

f is well defined:

$$f([0]) = [2 \cdot 0] = [0]$$

$$f([1]) = [2]$$

$$f([2]) = [4]$$

$$f([3]) = [6] = [1]$$

$$f([4]) = [8] = [3]$$

All elements in the domain go to a unique element in the range. Therefore, f is well-defined.

(ii) f is injective:

If $f([a]) = f([b])$, then $[2a] = [2b]$, which means that $2a \pmod 5 = 2b \pmod 5$. Therefore, $3 \cdot 2a \pmod 5 = 3 \cdot 2b \pmod 5 \Rightarrow (6 \pmod 5) \cdot (a \pmod 5) = (6 \pmod 5) \cdot (b \pmod 5)$.

Since $6 \pmod 5 = 1 \pmod 5$, we have $a \pmod 5 = b \pmod 5 \Rightarrow [a] = [b]$.

Therefore, $f([a]) = f([b]) \Rightarrow [a] = [b]$, f is injective.

(iii) f is surjective. Consider any $[y]$ in $Z/5Z$. Obviously, $[3y]$ is also an element in $Z/5Z$.

$f([3y]) = [6y] = [y]$. f is surjective.

(b) They are 7 and 7.

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(b) It's $[0, 1]$.