1. Define  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{x, y, z, w\}$  and define the relation R from A to B by

 $R = \{(1, y), (3, x), (3, z), (2, w), (2, y), (3, y)(1, x)\}$ 

- (a) Is it true that 3Rx? Answer: Yes because  $(3, x) \in R$ .
- (b) Is it true that 2Rx? Answer: No because  $(2, x) \notin R$ .
- (c) List the elements in  $\{n \in A \mid nRx\}$ Answer:  $\{1,3\}$
- (d) List the elements in  $\{\alpha \in B \mid 3R\alpha\}$ Answer:  $\{x, y, z\}$
- 2. Define  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Suppose I start defining the relation  $R = \{(1, 3), (3, 5), (2, 6)\}$ . Add as many elements as necessary to R (but no more than necessary) to make sure that the relation is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. Answer: At the end we have:

$$R = \{(1,3), (3,5), (2,6), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (5,5), (6,6), (3,1), (5,3), (2,6), (1,5), (5,1)\}$$

- 3. Define  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Give an example of a nonempty relation on A which is:
  - (a) Symmetric and reflexive but not transitive. Answer: One answer is  $\{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (1,2), (2,1), (2,3), (3,2)\}$ .
  - (b) Transitive but neither symmetric nor reflexive. Answer: One answer is  $\{(1,2), (2,3), (1,3)\}$ .
- 4. Define a relation R on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $R = \{(x, y) \mid |x y| \ge 1\}$ . Show that R is symmetric but is neither reflexive nor transitive.

Answer:

R is symmetric because if xRy then  $|x - y| \ge 1$  and then  $|y - x| = |x - y| \ge 1$ .

*R* is not reflexive since, for example,  $1 \not R 1$  since  $|1 - 1| \ge 1$ .

*R* is not transitive since, for example, 0*R*1 and 1*R*0 but 0*R*0. In friendlier terms  $|0 - 1| \ge 1$  and  $|1 - 0| \ge 1$  but  $|0 - 0| \ge 1$ .

- 5. Define a relation R on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $R = \{(x, y) \mid 4 \mid (x y)\}$ . Which properties (reflextive, symmetric, transitive) does R have? Provide proofs. Answer: Similar problem tomorrow, no answer given here.
- 6. Suppose A is the set of all students in this class and we define a relation R on A by sRt if students s and t have a birthday in the same month. Let x be you. Find the set  $\{y \in A \mid xRy\}$ . Answer: Not given!