

MATH 250 HANDOUT 17 - EQUIVALENCE RELATIONS

- (1) Which of the following are equivalence relations? (Which are reflexive, symmetric, or transitive?)
- (a) Let S be the collection of all sets and say that $A \sim B$ if there is a bijection from A to B .
 - (b) Let S be the collection of all sets and say that $A \sim B$ if there is a surjection from A to B .
 - (c) Let S be the collection of all sets and say that $A \sim B$ if there is an injection from A to B .
 - (d) Let S be the collection of all sets and say that $A \sim B$ if $A \cap B$ is empty.
 - (e) Let x and y be real numbers and define $x \sim y$ if $x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$.
 - (f) Let x and y be real numbers and define $x \sim y$ if $x = 1$ or $y = 1$.
 - (g) Let x and y be real numbers and define $x \sim y$ if $x = 1$ or $y = -1$.
 - (h) Let $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ be the set of polynomials with rational coefficients. Say that $f \sim g$ if their derivatives are equal.
 - (i) Say that $f \sim g \in \text{Fun}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ are equivalent if there exists an interval (a, b) such that $a < 0 < b$ and such that $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in (a, b)$.
 - (j) Say that $f \sim g \in \text{Fun}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ are equivalent if there exists an interval (a, b) such that $a < b$ and $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in (a, b)$.
 - (k) Say that $f \sim g \in \text{Fun}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ are equivalent if there exists an interval (a, b) such that $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in (a, b)$.

Answers (please circle):

- (a) R S T
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- (c) R S T
- (d) R S T
- (e) R S T
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- (k) R S T