

Problem:

The binary relation *P*; find its domain and range. Check by the definition whether the relation *P* is reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, transitive.  $P \subseteq Z^2$ ,  $P = \{(x, y) \mid (x + 2 \cdot y) \text{ multiple of } 2\}$ .

Solution:

The domain of *P*:

 $\delta_P = \{x \in Z \mid \exists y \in Z, xPy\}, \Rightarrow \delta_P = \{2k \mid k \in Z\}, \text{ since } 2y \text{ is divisible by 2 for all integer } y.$ 

The range of *P*:

 $\rho_P = \{y \in Z \mid \exists x \in Z, xPy\}, \Rightarrow \rho_P = Z, x + 2x = 3x \text{ is not divisible by 2 for odd } x \Rightarrow P \text{ is not reflexive.}$ 

We see that  $(2,1) \in P$ , but  $(1,2) \notin P \Rightarrow P$  is not symmetric.

We see that  $(2,4) \in P$ ,  $(4,2) \in P$ , but  $2 \neq 4 \Rightarrow P$  is not antisymmetric.

From  $(x, y) \in P, (y, z) \in P \Rightarrow (x + 2y)$  and (y + 2z) are even  $\Rightarrow x$  is even  $\Rightarrow x + 2z$  will also be even  $\Rightarrow (x, z) \in P \Rightarrow P$  is transitive.