

# "Set - Theory"

Sets :- A set is a well defined collection of distinct objects. By well defined means, there should be no any confusion regarding the inclusion or exclusion of an element of the set.

- The objects of a sets are called as Element of a set or Member of a set.
- Sets are usually denoted by Capital letters, and elements of a set are usually denoted by small letters.
- $a \in X$  which means 'a' is an element of set 'X'.

Subset :- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two sets, we say that  $A$  is subset of  $B$  if every element of  $A$  is also an element of set  $B$ . i.e.  $A \subseteq B$

- Empty set is always a subset of every set.
- If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \neq B$  then  $A \subset B$  or  $A \subsetneq B$  "A is proper subset of  $B$ ".

Equality of two sets :- Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be equal if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . If every element of  $A$  belongs to  $B$  and every element of  $B$  belongs to  $A$ .  
Symbolically,  $A = B$  iff  $\forall a \in A \Rightarrow a \in B$ .

Power Set :- Let  $A$  be any set, then the collection of all the subsets of  $A$  is called the power set of  $A$  and denoted by  $P(A)$ .

$$\therefore P(A) = \{X \mid X \subseteq A\}$$

$$(iv) A = \{1, 2, \{3, 4\}, \{2, 3\}\}$$

e.g. (i)  $A = \{3\}$  or  $\emptyset$

$$P(A) = \{\emptyset\}$$

(ii)  $A = \{\emptyset\}$

$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$$

(iii)  $A = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$

$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$$

$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{\{3, 4\}\}, \{\{2, 3\}\}, \{1, 2\}, \\ \{1, \{3, 4\}\}, \{1, \{2, 3\}\}, \{2, \{3, 4\}\}, \\ \{2, \{2, 3\}\}, \{\{3, 4\}, \{2, 3\}\}, \{1, 2, \{3, 4\}\}, \\ \{1, 2, \{2, 3\}\}, \{1, 2, \{3, 4\}, \{2, 3\}\}\}.$$

Note :  $\emptyset \notin A$ ,  $3 \notin A$ ,  $\emptyset \subseteq A$ ,  $\{3, 4\} \in A$   
 $\{3, 4\} \notin A$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Number of subsets of a set} &= \text{Number of elements in power set of a set} \\
 &= 2^n = (1+1)^n \\
 &= {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $1 \leq r \leq n$

${}^nC_r = \# (\text{r-elemented subset of a set that has exactly } n \text{ elements})$

Q. Let A be a set having exactly  $2n+1$  elements where ( $n \geq 1$ ) then the number of subsets of A having more than n elements is?

- a)  $2^{2n}$
- b)  $2^{2n-1}$
- c)  $2^{n+1}$
- d)  $2^{2n+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 |A| &= 2n+1 \\
 |P(A)| &= 2^{2n+1} = {}^{2n+1}C_0 + {}^{2n+1}C_1 + \dots + {}^{2n+1}C_{2n+1} \\
 2^{2n+1} &= 2[{}^{2n+1}C_0 + \dots + {}^{2n+1}C_{2n+1}] \\
 \Rightarrow {}^{2n+1}C_0 + {}^{2n+1}C_1 + \dots + {}^{2n+1}C_{2n+1} &= \frac{2^{2n+1}}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow {}^{2n+1}C_0 + {}^{2n+1}C_{n+1} + \dots + {}^{2n+1}C_{2n+1} &= \boxed{2^n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

### Operations on Sets :-

(i) Union → The union of sets A and B denoted by  $A \cup B$ , is defined as the set of those elements which either belongs to A or to B.

Symbolically,  $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$ .

(ii) Intersection → The intersection of two sets A and B denoted by  $A \cap B$ , is defined as the set of those elements which belongs to both A and B.

Symbolically,  $A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$ .

Difference of two sets:- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two sets then the difference of  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A-B$  and it is defined as the set which contains only those elements of  $A$  which do not belongs to  $B$ .

Symbolically,  $A-B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$

and  $B-A = \{x : x \in B \text{ and } x \notin A\}$

Symmetric difference:- Let  $A$  and  $B$  any two sets then the symmetric difference of  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A \Delta B$  ( $A \oplus B$ ) and it is defined as the set

$$A \Delta B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \text{ but } x \notin A \cap B\}$$

$$\Rightarrow A \Delta B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$$

$$= (A-B) \cup (B-A)$$

# Cartesian Product :- Let  $A$  and  $B$  any two sets. The Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A \times B$  and it is defined as the set consisting ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .  
 Symbolically,  $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ .

• Cartesian Product is also called as Direct Product.

e.g.  $A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{x, y\}$

$$A \times B = \{(1, x), (1, y), (2, x), (2, y)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{(x, 1), (y, 1), (x, 2), (y, 2)\}$$

•  $(a, b) = (c, d)$

$$\Leftrightarrow a = c \text{ and } b = d.$$

•  $|A| = m, |B| = n$

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$$

$$B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$$

$$|A \times B| = m \times n = |A| \times |B|$$

$$\Rightarrow |A \times B| = |A| \times |B|.$$

\* Properties of Cartesian Product :-

(i) In general  $A \times B \neq B \times A$ . In fact  $A \times B = B \times A$  iff either  $A = \emptyset$  or one of the  $A$  or  $B$  is empty.

$$(ii) (A \cup B) \times C = (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$$

$$(iii) (A \cap B) \times C = (A \times C) \cap (B \times C)$$

$$(iv) (A - B) \times C = (A \times C) - (B \times C)$$

$$(v) (A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$$

Q.  $|A \cap B| = 50$  then find  $|(A \times B) \cap (B \times A)|$   
 a) 50    b)  $50^2$     c)  $2^{50}$     d) 100

Soln:  $|(A \times B) \cap (B \times A)| = |(A \cap B) \times (B \cap A)| = (50 \times 50) = \boxed{50^2}$

Q. Let  $W = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{10}) : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{10} \in \{1, 2, 3\}, a_i + a_{i+1} \text{ is even}\}$   
then the number of elements in the set  $W$  is:

- a)  $2^{10} + 1$    b)  $2^{10}$    c)  $3^{10}$    d)  $3^9$

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let  $a_1 = 2$ .

$$W = \{(2, 2, 2, \dots, 2) : a_i + a_{i+1} \text{ is even}\} = 1 \text{ element}$$

let  $a_1 = 1 \text{ or } 3$

$$W = \left\{ \underbrace{(1, 1, \dots, 1)}_{3 \times 3}, \underbrace{(3, 3, \dots, 3)}_{3 \times 3} \right\} = 2^{10} \text{ elements.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Total no. of elements} = \underline{\underline{2^{10} + 1}}.$$

# Relations :- Let  $A$  and  $B$  any two sets then a relation are from  $A$  to  $B$   
is any subset of  $A \times B$ .

i.e. Every subset of  $A \times B$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  and conversely.

\* let  $|A| = m$  and  $|B| = n$ .  
then, Number of relation from  $A \rightarrow B$  = the number of subsets of  $(A \times B)$

$$= |P(A \times B)| = 2^{|A \times B|} = 2^{|A||B|}$$

$$\text{Number of relation from } A \rightarrow B. = 2^{mn}$$

\* Types of relations →

(i) Empty Relation :- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two sets then  $\emptyset \subseteq A \times B$   
 $\Rightarrow \emptyset$  is relation from  $A$  to  $B$  and it is called empty relation.

(ii) Universal Relation :- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two sets then  $A \times B \subseteq A \times B$   
 $\Rightarrow R = A \times B$  is also a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ , this is called universal relation.

(iii) Identity Relation :- Let  $A$  be any set then the identity relation on  $A$  is denoted by  $I_A$  and it is defined as

$$I_A = \{(a, a) | a \in A\}$$

(iv) Reflexive Relation:- A relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is said to be reflexive relation if  $I_A \subseteq R$

i.e.  $(a,a) \in R \forall a \in A$

$\Rightarrow$  every element of  $A$  is related to itself by relation  $R$ .

e.g.  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,3), (2,3), (2,2)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,3), (3,2), (2,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4)\}$$

$R_2$  is reflexive on  $A$  but  $R_1$  is not reflexive.

(v) Irreflexive relation:- A relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is said to be irreflexive if  $I_A \cap R = \emptyset$ .

i.e.  $(a,a) \notin R \forall a \in A$ .

e.g.  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (3,2), (3,4)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,2), (2,1), (3,2), (3,1)\}$$

$R_2$  is irreflexive on  $A$  but  $R_1$  is not irreflexive.

(vi) Symmetric Relation:- A relation  $R$  on  $A$  is said to be a symmetric relation if whenever  $(a,b) \in R$  we must have  $(b,a) \in R$ .

Symbolically, if  $(a,b) \in R \Rightarrow (b,a) \in R$ .

e.g.  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (3,1)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (2,2)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(1,3), (3,1), (3,2), (2,3)\}$$

$R_2$  and  $R_3$  are symmetric relation while  $R_1$  is not symmetric relation.

(vii) Asymmetric Relation:- A relation  $R$  on  $A$  is said to be asymmetric relation if whenever  $(a,b) \in R$  then we have  $(a,b) \notin R$ .  
i.e.  $(a,b) \in R \Rightarrow (a,b) \notin R$ .

iii) Antisymmetric Relation:- A relation  $R$  is said to be antisymmetric relation if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ . then  $a$  and  $b$  are equal i.e.  $(a, b) \notin (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow a = b$ .

e.g. On set of +ve integer ( $\mathbb{Z}^+$ ) define  $aRb \Leftrightarrow a$  divides  $b$ .  
 then  $aRb$  and  $bRa$   
 $\Rightarrow a|b$  and  $b|a$   
 $\Rightarrow a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$   
 $\Rightarrow a = b$

x) Equivalence Relation:- A relation  $R$  is said to be equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive relation.

1) Transitive Relation:- A relation  $R$  on  $A$  is said to be transitive relation. if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$  then  $(a, c) \in R$ .  
 i.e. if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$ . then  $R$  is transitive.

e.g. On  $\mathbb{Z}$ , define  $R$  as  $(a, b) \in R$  if  $a - b$  is even  
 let  $(a, b) \in R$  &  $(b, c) \in R$   
 $a - b$  is even &  $b - c$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow (a - b) + (b - c)$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow (a - c)$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow (a - c) \in R$  thus  $R$  is transitive Relation.

2). On set of  $\mathbb{Z}$  define a relation  $R$  as  $(a, b) \in R$  if and only if  $a^2 + b$  is even.  
 a)  $R$  is equivalence    b)  $R$  is symmetric but not transitive  
 c)  $R$  is symmetric but not an equivalence    d)  $R$  is transitive but not equivalence.

Qn:- (i) Reflexive:  $a^2 + a$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow a(a+1)$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow (a, a) \in R \forall a \in A$   
 $R$  is reflexive.

(ii) Let  $(a, b) \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow a^2 + b$  is even     $\therefore (b, a) \in R$   
 $\therefore (b, a) \in R$  thus  $R$  is symmetric.  
 $\begin{cases} a^2, b \text{ is even} \\ a^2, b^2 \text{ is even} \end{cases} \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 \text{ is even}$   
 $\begin{cases} a^2 \text{ is odd} \\ b^2 \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 \text{ is odd}$

(iii) Transitivity :- Let  $(a,b) \in R$  and  $(b,c) \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow a^2+b$  is even &  $b^2+c$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow a^2+b+b^2+c$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow a^2 + \underbrace{b(b+1)}_{\text{even}} + c$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow (a^2+c) + \underbrace{b(b+1)}_{\text{even}}$  is even  
 $\Rightarrow a^2+c$  must be even.  
 $\Rightarrow (a,c) \in R \therefore R$  is transitive.

Hence,  $R$  is Equivalence Relation.

# Equivalence Class :- Let  $R$  be equivalence class on any non-empty set  $A$ .  
 is denoted  $C(a)$  or  $[a]$  or  $\bar{a}$  is equivalence class of  $a$   
 and it is defined as the set

$$C(a) = \{x \in A \mid (x,a) \in R\}$$

e.g. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$R$  be relation s.t.  $(a,b) \in R \Leftrightarrow 3$  divides  $(a-b)$ .

$$C(1) = \{x \in A \mid (x,1) \in R\}$$

$$= \{x \in A \mid 3 \text{ divides } (x-1)\}$$

$$= \{1, 4\} = C(4)$$

$$C(2) = \{x \in A \mid (x,2) \in R\} = \{x \in A \mid 3 \text{ divides } (x-2)\}$$

$$= \{2, 5\} = C(5)$$

$$C(3) = \{x \in A \mid (x,3) \in R\} = \{x \in A \mid 3 \text{ divides } (x-3)\}$$

$$= \{3, 6\} = C(6).$$

Distinct equivalence classes =  $C(1), C(2), C(3)$   
 or  $C(4), C(5), C(6)$

Quotient Set :- Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $A$  then the Quotient space or set is denoted by  $A/R$  and it is the collection of all distinct classes of  $A$ .

e.g.  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  9.  
 $\text{cl}(1) = \text{cl}(4), \text{cl}(2) = \text{cl}(5), \text{cl}(3) = \text{cl}(6)$   
 $A/R = \{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\} = \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}\} = \{\bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6}\}$ .

# Properties of Equivalence Class → Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $A \neq \emptyset$ .

- (i)  $\forall a \in A \Rightarrow a \in \bar{a}$
- (ii)  $\bar{a} = \bar{b} \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in R$
- (iii)  $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$  or  $\bar{a} \cap \bar{b} = \emptyset$ .
- (iv) If  $\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_n$  are distinct classes of set  $A$ .  
 then  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{a}_i$

# Partition of a Set :- Let  $X$  be any non-empty set. A collection  $T$  of some subsets of  $X$  is said to be a partition of  $X$

- if : (i)  $\forall A \in T \Rightarrow A \neq \emptyset$   
(ii) If  $A, B \in T$  s.t.  $A \neq B$  then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$   
(iii)  $\bigcup_{A \in T} A = X$

e.g. (i)  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  (iii)  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $\Rightarrow T = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\}$   $T_1 = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\}$   
(ii)  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$   $T_2 = \{\{1\}, \{2, 3\}\}$   
 $T_1 = \{\{1\}, \{2\}\}$   $T_3 = \{\{3\}, \{1, 2\}\}$   
 $T_2 = \{\{1, 2\}\}$   $T_4 = \{\{2\}, \{1, 3\}\}$   
 $T_5 = \{\{1, 2, 3\}\}$

Fundamental theorem of Equivalence Relation :- There are as many as equivalence relations on a set  $A$  as there are partitions of the set  $A$ .

i.e. No. of equivalence Relations = No. of partitions of set  $A$  on set  $A$ .

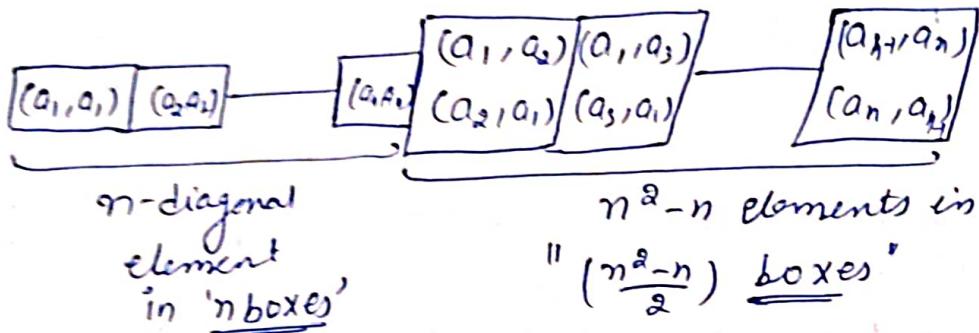
# Counting of Relation:- Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$

$$A \times A = \left\{ (a_1, a_1), (a_1, a_2), (a_1, a_3), \dots, (a_1, a_n) \right. \\ \left. (a_2, a_1), (a_2, a_2), \dots, (a_n, a_n) \right\} \\ \vdots \\ (a_n, a_1), (a_n, a_2), \dots, (a_n, a_n)$$

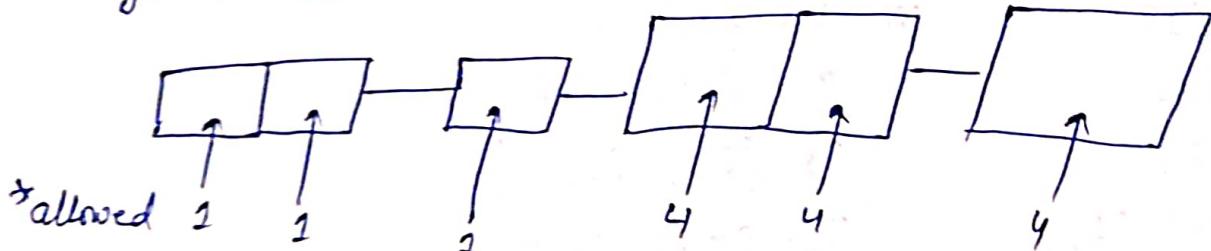
Total elements  $(A \times A) = n^2$

No. of diagonal elements =  $n = \{(a_1, a_1), (a_2, a_2), \dots, (a_n, a_n)\}$

\* Identity Relation:- Total no. of identity relation = 1.



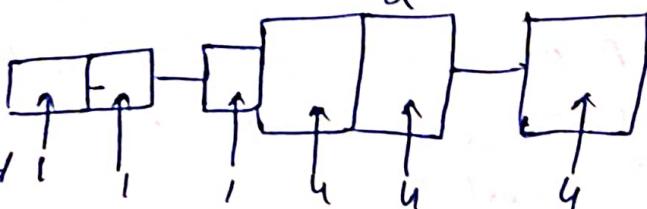
\* Reflexive Relation:-



$$\text{Total No. of reflexive Relation} = (1. 1. 1. \dots. 1) (4. 4. 4. \dots. 4) \\ \text{ntimes} \quad \left(\frac{n^2-n}{2}\right) \text{times}$$

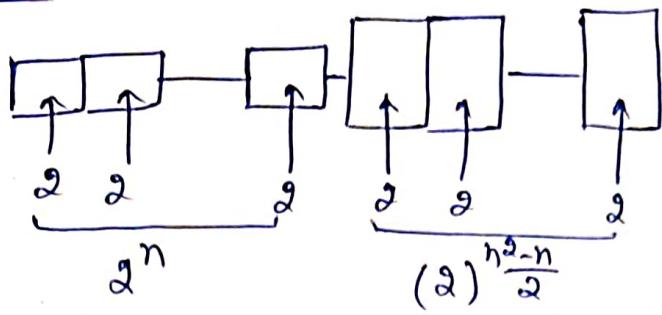
$$= 4^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}} = ((2)^2)^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$$

$$\text{No. Reflexive Relation} = 2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$$



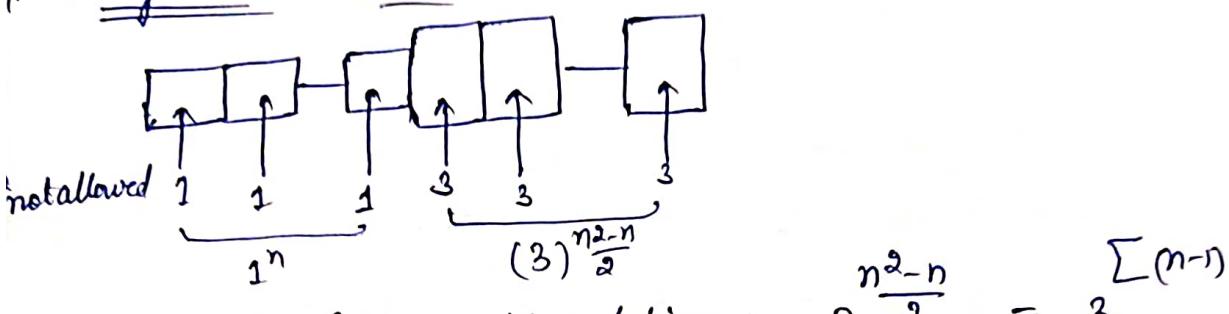
$$\text{No. of Irreflexive Relation} = 2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$$

\* Symmetric Relation:-



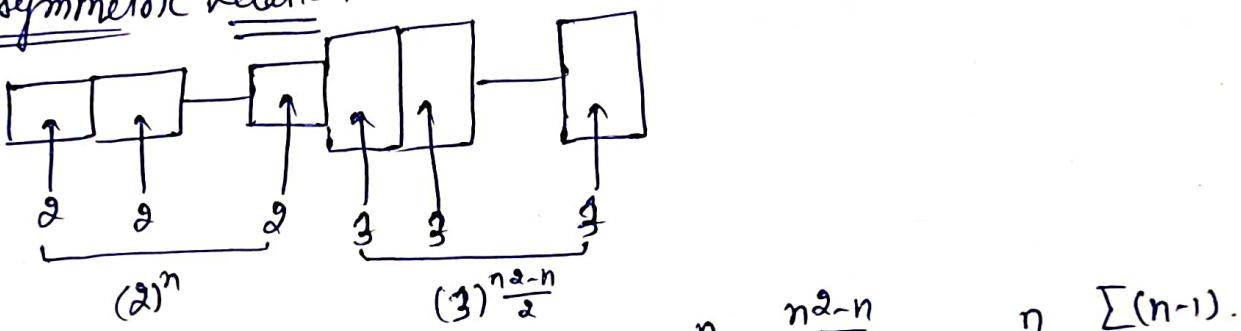
$$\text{No. of symmetric Relation} = 2^n \cdot 2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}} = 2^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}} = 2^{\sum n}$$

\* Asymmetric Relation:-



$$\text{No. of Asymmetric relation} = 3^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}} = 3^{\sum(n-1)}$$

\* Antisymmetric Relation:-



$$\text{No. of Anti-Symmetric relation} = 2^n \cdot 3^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}} = 2^n \cdot 3^{\sum(n-1)}$$