

Composition of relations

Let A, B, C be sets and let :

$$R : A \rightarrow B \quad (R \subset A \times B)$$

$$S : B \rightarrow C \quad (S \subset B \times C)$$

There is a relation from A to C denoted by

$$R \circ S \text{ (composition of } R \text{ and } S) : A \rightarrow C$$

$$R \circ S = \{(a, c) : \exists b \in B \text{ for which } (a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in S\}$$

Example : let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$B = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

$$C = \{x, y, z\}$$

$$R = \{(1, a), (2, d), (3, a), (3, d), (3, b)\}$$

$$S = \{(b, x), (b, z), (c, y), (d, z)\}$$

Find $R \circ S$?

Solution :

1) The first way by arrow form

