

### Representation of relations:

If  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets, we list three different ways of picturing a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$ .

#### 1) A coordinate diagram

Represent the elements of  $A$  as points on some horizontal axis, and the elements of  $B$  as points on some vertical axis, the elements of  $A \times B$  are then represented by points of intersection of the vertical lines through the points of  $A$  and the horizontal lines through the points of  $B$ .

#### Example:

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , the relation  $R$  on  $A$  such that:  $aRb \leftrightarrow a > b; a, b \in A$   
 $R = \{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$

