

## Examples of Dysfunctional Functions (aka Relations)

Below is a list of relations on various sets. Determine which of these relations are functions. Further try to find all of the properties of the given relations (reflexivity, irreflexivity, symmetry, anti-symmetry, transitivity).

- 1) Let  $R$  be the relation on the reals defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a - b$  is negative.
- 2) Let  $R$  be the relation on the reals defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a - b$  is nonnegative.
- 3) Let  $R$  be the relation on the reals defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a - b$  is rational.
- 4) Let  $R$  be the relation on the reals defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $|a| = b$ .
- 5) Let  $R$  be the relation on the reals defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $|a| = |b|$ .
- 6) Let  $R$  be the relation on the integers defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a - b$  is even.
- 7) Let  $R$  be the relation on the reals defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $|a - b| < 1$ .
- 8) Let  $R$  be the relation on the positive integers defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a$  divides  $b$  (ie  $a$  goes evenly into  $b$ ).
- 9) Let  $R$  be the relation on the integers where for every pair  $(a, b)$  we have  $(a, b) \in R$ . (This is called the total relation).
- 10) Let  $R$  be the relation on the integers where for every pair  $(a, b)$  we have  $(a, b) \notin R$ . (This is called the empty relation).
- 11) Let  $R$  be the empty relation on the empty set.
- 12) Let  $R$  be the relation on the set of all people defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a$  has exactly the same first name as  $b$ .
- 13) Let  $R$  be the relation on the set of all people defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a$  speaks at least one language in common with  $b$ .
- 14) Let  $R$  be the relation on the set of all people defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a$  is in love with  $b$ .
- 15) Let  $R$  be the relation on the set of all people defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a$  has biological father  $b$ .
- 16) Let  $R$  be the relation on the set of all people defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a$  is the sister of  $b$ .
- 17) Let  $R$  be the relation on the set of all women defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  whenever  $a$  is the sister of  $b$ .