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Is it *transitive*, i.e. if  $(f,g) \in R$  and  $(g,m) \in R$ , does  $(f,m) \in R$ ?

$$(f,g) \in R : \exists C_1 \in \mathbf{Z}, \forall x \in \mathbf{Z}, f(x) - g(x) = C_1$$

$$(g,m) \in R : \exists C_2 \in \mathbf{Z}, \forall x \in \mathbf{Z}, g(x) - m(x) = C_2$$

Hence  $f(x) - m(x) = C_1 + C_2$ , and  $C_1 + C_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$ , thus  $(f,m) \in R$

Therefore, yes *it is transitive*.

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### **Example 2:** bit-strings

Bit-strings are composed of 0s and 1s.

10101

11101

101

...

The length of a bit-string is the number of digits in it.

Let  $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$  and  $S$  be a set of all bit-strings.

Suppose  $R_n$  is a relation on set  $S$  such that  $s R_n t$  iff:

- $s = t$ , or
- both  $s$  and  $t$  have at least  $n$  characters and the first  $n$  characters of  $s$  and  $t$  are the same.

Consider  $n = 4$ , then  $1 R_4 1$ ,  $101 R_4 101$ ,  $1011001 R_4 10111$

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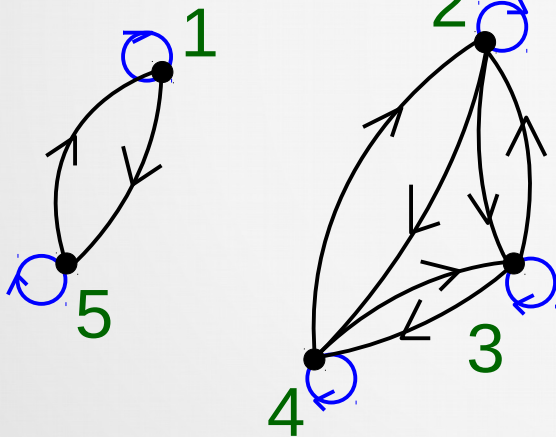
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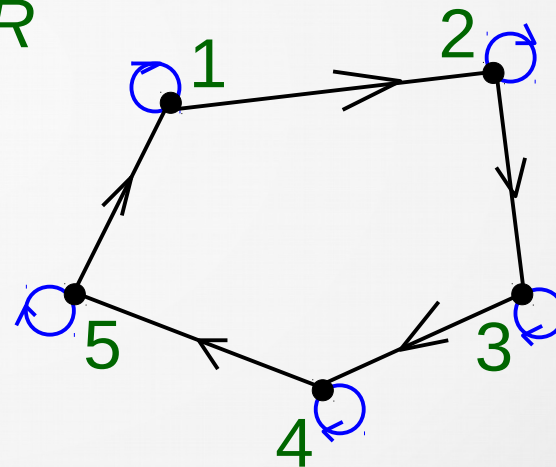
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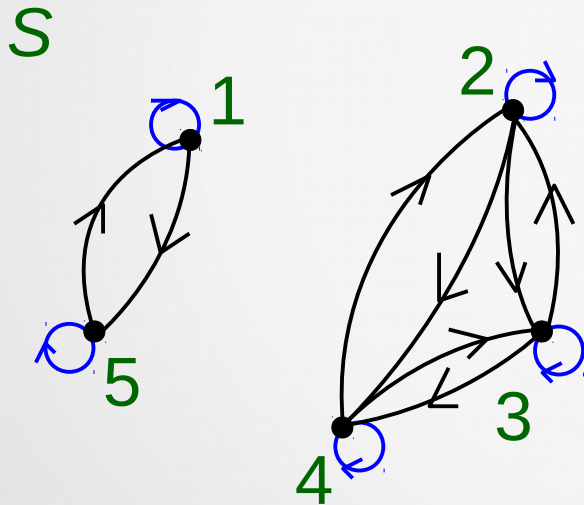


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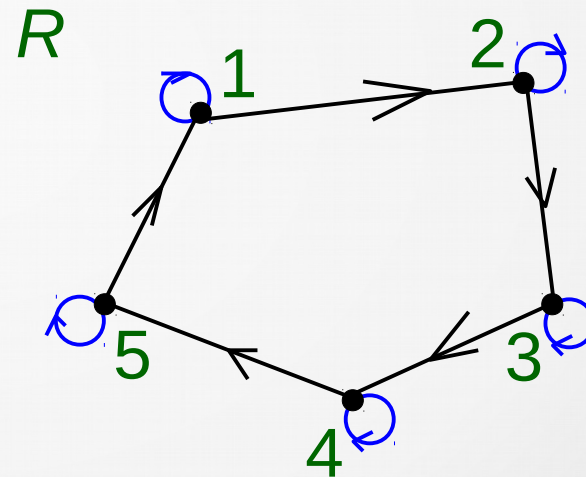


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