

- Let $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ where

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(a, b) : b \text{ divides } a\}.$$

- Then

$$\mathcal{R}^* = \{(a, b) : a \text{ divides } b\}.$$

- So what is $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{R}^*$?

- All pairs of integers (x, y) such that $x|y$ and $y|x$.
- If $x|y$ then $y = kx$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- If $y|x$ then $x = ly$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- Therefore $x = lkx \implies lk = 1$.
- Two cases: $k = l = 1$ and $k = l = -1$.
- $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{R}^* = \{(a, a) : a \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{(a, -a) : a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.