

## Proof of part 2.

Let  $(A_n)_{n \in I}$  be a partition of  $X$ , and we say  $x \mathcal{R} y$  if and only if there is a single  $A_n$  such that  $x, y$  both in  $A_n$ .

We will show that  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation.

- **refl.** Let  $x \in X$ . Then  $x \in A_n$  for some  $n$ , and thus  $x \mathcal{R} x$ .
- **sym.** Let  $x \mathcal{R} y$ . Then by definition there is an  $n$  such that  $x, y \in A_n$ , but then  $y, x \in A_n$  and  $y \mathcal{R} x$ .
- **trans.** Let  $x \mathcal{R} y$  and  $y \mathcal{R} z$ .
  - Since  $x \mathcal{R} y$ , there is  $A_k$  with  $x, y \in A_k$ .
  - Since  $y \mathcal{R} z$ , there is  $A_\ell$  with  $y, z \in A_\ell$ .
  - Since  $y \in A_k$  and  $y \in A_\ell$ ,  $y \in A_k \cap A_\ell$  and thus  $A_k \cap A_\ell \neq \emptyset$ .
  - Thus  $A_k = A_\ell$  (partition!!) and  $x, y, z \in A_k$  so  $x \mathcal{R} z$ .

