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Recall how to multiply a real number α by a 2D point $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$: $\alpha(x, y) = (\alpha x, \alpha y)$.

Let $A = \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$, i.e. pairs of positive real numbers.

Define a relation \gg on A as follows:

$(x, y) \gg (p, q)$ if and only if there exists a real number $\alpha \geq 1$ such that $(x, y) = \alpha(p, q)$.

Prove that \gg is antisymmetric.

Solution: Let (x, y) and (p, q) be elements of A . Suppose that $(x, y) \gg (p, q)$ and $(p, q) \gg (x, y)$.

By the definition of \gg , there are real numbers $\alpha \geq 1$ and $\beta \geq 1$ such that $(x, y) = \alpha(p, q)$ and $(p, q) = \beta(x, y)$.

Substituting the second equation into the first, we get $(x, y) = \alpha\beta(x, y)$. This means that $\alpha\beta = 1$. Since $\alpha \geq 1$ and $\beta \geq 1$, this implies that $\alpha = \beta = 1$. So therefore $(x, y) = (p, q)$, which is what we needed to show.

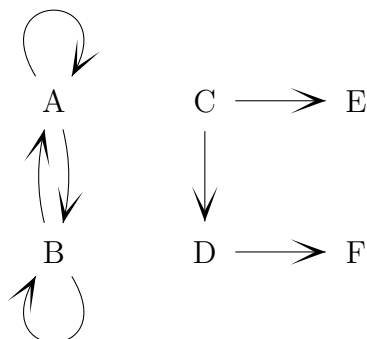
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1. (5 points) Check all boxes that correctly characterize this relation on the set $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$.

Reflexive: ☐ Irreflexive: ☐Symmetric: ☐ Antisymmetric: ☐Transitive: ☐

(That is, no boxes checked.)

2. (5 points) Recall that \mathbb{Z}^2 is the set of all pairs of integers. Let's define the equivalence relation \sim on \mathbb{Z}^2 as follows: $(a, b) \sim (p, q)$ if and only if $aq = bp$. List three members of $[(5, 6)]$.

Solution: $(5, 6)$, $(10, 12)$, $(-5, -6)$

3. (5 points) Let T be the relation on \mathbb{R}^2 such that $(x, y)T(p, q)$ if and only if $(x, y) = \alpha(p, q)$ for some real number α . Is T symmetric? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

Solution: T is not symmetric. We have $(0, 0)T(p, q)$ by setting α to zero but not $(3, 4)T(0, 0)$.