# Logic and the set theory Lecture 16: Relations in How to Prove It. 

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See Figures 1,2,3 in pages 206-207 in HTP.

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hint: Take intersections of all transitive relations containing $R$.

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## Main aim

An equivalence relation $\leftrightarrow$ a partition of a set.

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- For all $x \in A, x \in[x]_{R}$.
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