Final Review

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 \sim is an equivalence relation if and only if for all $a,b,c\in S$ we have

- (1) Reflexive: $a \sim a$;
- (2) Symmetric: if $a \sim b$, then $b \sim a$;
- (3) Transitive: if $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$, then $a \sim c$.

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Proposition (Proposition 2)

The isomorphism \cong is an equivalence relation.

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