**Discrete Structure** 

Relations

Example 1:

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Define a relation R on A by writing  $(x, y) \in R$  if x < y. Then

 $R = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$ 

Example 2:

let  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  and  $R = \{(1,2), (1,3), (3,2)\}$ . Then R is a relation on A sin ce it is asubset of AXA with respect to this relation:

1R2, 1R3, 3R2 but  $(1,1)\notin R \& (2,1)\notin R$ 

The domain of R is  $\{1,3\}$  and

The range of R is  $\{2,3\}$ 

Example 3:

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Define a relation R on A by writing  $(x, y) \in R$ , such that  $a \ge b$ , list the element of R

 $aRb \leftrightarrow a \ge b$  ,  $a, b \in A$ 

 $\therefore R = \{(1,1), (2,1), (2,2), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3)\}$