

► **Problem 2.4-23** Repeat Exercise 21 for $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ and the relation on A defined by $a \sim b$ if and only if $\frac{a}{b}$ is a power of 2, that is, $\frac{a}{b} = 2^t$ for some integer t , positive, negative, or zero.

Solution. (a) The order pairs of \sim are $(1, 1)$, $(1, 2)$, $(1, 4)$, $(2, 1)$, $(2, 2)$, $(2, 4)$, $(3, 3)$, $(3, 6)$, $(4, 1)$, $(4, 2)$, $(4, 4)$, $(5, 5)$, $(6, 3)$, $(6, 6)$, $(7, 7)$.

(b)

$$\bar{1} = \{1, 2, 4\} = \bar{2} = \bar{4};$$

$$\bar{3} = \{3, 6\} = \bar{6};$$

$$\bar{5} = \{5\};$$

$$\bar{7} = \{7\};$$

(c) The set $\{1, 2, 4\}$, $\{3, 6\}$, $\{5\}$, $\{7\}$ partition A , so the given relation is an equivalence relation. □