Task 1. Determine whether the given relation is an equivalence relation on the set:

(a) nRm in R if $n \ge m$.

Solution. (a) This relation is not symmetric. For example, $2 \ge 1$, but $1 \not\ge 2$. Therefore, it cannot be an equivalence relation. By the way, this is an example of reflexive, transitive, but not symmetric relation.