

## Discrete Mathematics II

## Set Theory

DPP-06

[NAT]

1. Consider the following statement about relations on a set  $A$ , where  $|A| = n$ . How many of the following statements are TRUE?

- I. If  $R$  is a relation on  $A$  and  $|R| \geq n$ , then  $R$  is reflexive.
- II. If  $R_1, R_2$  are relations on  $A$  and  $R_2 \supseteq R_1$ , then  $R_1$  is reflexive  $\Rightarrow R_2$  is reflexive
- III. If  $R_1, R_2$  are relations on  $A$  and  $R_2 \supseteq R_1$ , then  $R_1$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow R_2$  is symmetric
- IV. If  $R_1, R_2$  are relations on  $A$  and  $R_2 \supseteq R_1$ , then  $R_1$  is anti-symmetric  $\Rightarrow R_2$  is anti-symmetric
- V. If  $R_1, R_2$  are relations on  $A$  and  $R_2 \supseteq R_1$ , then  $R_1$  is transitive  $\Rightarrow R_2$  is transitive
- VI. If  $R_1, R_2$  are relations on  $A$  and  $R_2 \supseteq R_1$ , then  $R_2$  is reflexive  $\Rightarrow R_1$  is reflexive
- VII. If  $R_1, R_2$  are relations on  $A$  and  $R_2 \supseteq R_1$ , then  $R_2$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow R_1$  is symmetric
- VIII. If  $R_1, R_2$  are relations on  $A$  and  $R_2 \supseteq R_1$ , then  $R_2$  is anti-symmetric  $\Rightarrow R_1$  is anti-symmetric
- IX. If  $R_1, R_2$  are relations on  $A$  and  $R_2 \supseteq R_1$ , then  $R_2$  is transitive  $\Rightarrow R_1$  is transitive
- X. If  $R$  is an equivalence relation  $A$ , then  $n \leq |R| \leq n^2$

[MSQ]

2. Consider  $A = \{w, x, y, z\}$ , then which of the following options is/are correct for the given set?
- (a) The number of symmetric relations is  $2^{10}$
  - (b) The number of symmetric relations which contain  $(x, y)$  is  $2^9$

- (c) The number of relations which is anti-symmetric and contain  $(x, y)$  is  $2^4 \cdot 3^5$
- (d) The number of relations which is reflexive, symmetric and anti-symmetric is 1

[MCQ]

3. Let  $A$  be a set with  $|A| = n$ , and let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$  that is antisymmetric, then which of the following option is correct?
- (a) The maximum value for  $|R|$  is  $(n^2 + n)/2$ .
  - (b) The number of anti-symmetric relations have size  $|R|$  is  $2^{(n^2+n)/2}$ .
  - (c) Both a and b
  - (d) None of these.

[MCQ]

4. Let  $A$  be a set with  $|A| = n$ , and let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $A$  with  $|R| = r$ . Which of the following is TRUE for the given relation  $R$ ?
- (a)  $r - n$  will be always even.
  - (b)  $r - n$  will be always odd.
  - (c) Both a and b
  - (d) None of these.

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5. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ . How many symmetric relations on  $A$  contain exactly four ordered pairs?

## Answer Key

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| 1. (3)          | 4. (a)    |
| 2. (a, b, c, d) | 5. (1232) |
| 3. (c)          |           |



## Hints and Solutions

1. (3)

(a) False: Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ .

(b) (i) Reflexive: True

(ii) Symmetric: False. Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  
 $R_1 = \{(1, 1)\}$ ,  $R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2)\}$ .

(iii) Antisymmetric and Transitive: False.

Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $R_1 = \{(1, 2)\}$ ,  
 $R_2 = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ .

(c) (i) Reflexive: False. Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  
 $R_1 = \{(1, 1)\}$ ,  $R_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}$ .

(ii) Symmetric: False. Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  
 $R_1 = \{(1, 2)\}$ ,  $R_2 = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ .

(iii) Antisymmetric: True

(iv) Transitive: False. Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  
 $R_1 = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ ,  
 $R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$ .

2. (a, b, c, d)

**Option a: True.**

The number of symmetric relations is  $2^{10}$

**Option b: True.**

The number of symmetric relations which contain  $(x, y)$  is  $2^9$

**Option c: True.**

The number of relations which is anti-symmetric and contain  $(x, y)$  is  $2^4 \cdot 3^5$

**Option d: True.**

The number of relations which is reflexive, symmetric and anti-symmetric is 1

3. (c)

**Option a:**

There are  $n$  ordered pairs of the form  $(x, x)$ ,  $x \in A$ . For each of the  $(n^2 - n)/2$  sets  $\{(x, y), (y, x)\}$  of ordered pairs where  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \neq y$ , one element is chosen. This results in a maximum value of  $n + (n^2 - n)/2 = (n^2 + n)/2$ .

**Option b:**

The number of anti-symmetric relations have size  $|R|$  is  $2^{(n^2+n)/2}$ .

Hence, both option a and b is correct.

4. (a)

$r - n$  counts the elements in  $R$  of the form  $(a, b)$ ,  $a \neq b$ . Since  $R$  is symmetric,  $r - n$  will be always even.

5. (1232)

An element of your relation can come from one of the following two ways:

1. Choice of an unordered pair  $\{i, j\}$ , which gives you two elements of your relation, namely the ordered pairs  $(i, j)$  and  $(j, i)$  (to maintain symmetry). The number of unordered pairs to choose from is  $\binom{8}{2} = 28$
2. A singleton  $\{i\}$ , which gives you only one element of your relation, namely  $(i, i)$ . The number of singletons to choose from is obviously 8.

One can get 4 elements in the relation in one of the following three ways:

1. Choice of 2 unordered pairs, 0 singletons in  $\binom{28}{2} \binom{8}{0}$  ways
2. Choice of 1 unordered pair, 2 singletons in  $\binom{28}{1} \binom{8}{2}$  ways
3. Choice of 0 unordered pairs, 4 singletons in  $\binom{28}{0} \binom{8}{4}$  ways

So, the total is  $\binom{28}{2} \binom{8}{0} + \binom{28}{1} \binom{8}{2} + \binom{28}{0} \binom{8}{4}$   
 $= 1232$



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