

## Discrete Mathematics II

## Set Theory

DPP-05

**[MSQ]**

1. A binary relation  $R$  on  $N \times N$  is defined as follows:  
 (a, b)  $R$  (c, d) if  $a \geq c$  AND  $b \geq d$ , then consider the below prepositions:  
**P:**  $R$  is reflexive.  
**Q:**  $R$  is not symmetric.  
**S:** The inverse of  $R$  is transitive relation.  
 Then which of the given propositional logic is true?  
 (a)  $P \wedge \sim S$  (b)  $P \wedge Q$   
 (c)  $\sim P \vee S$  (d)  $Q \wedge S$

**[MCQ]**

2. Consider the below statements:  
**I.** A relation defined on an empty set is not a transitive relation.  
**II.** The number of transitive relations on a given set  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  can be calculated using the formula  $2^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$ .  
**III.** The complement of a transitive relation need not be transitive.  
 Then choose the correct options from the following  
 (a) I is true but II and III are false.  
 (b) I and II both are true, III is false.  
 (c) I and II are false, only III is true.  
 (d) I and II are false, only II is true.

**[NAT]**

3. Consider the below relations:  
 **$R_1$ :**  $\{(a, b), (b, c), (b, b), (a, c), (c, b)\}$  defined on set  $A = \{a, b, c\}$

 **$R_2$ :** "Is parallel to" defined on set of lines.

The number of above relations that are transitive are?

**[MCQ]**

4. Consider below given statements and choose the correct combinations from the following  
**I:** The intersection of relation  $R_1 =$  "is a biological sibling" on the set of persons and relation  $R_2 =$  "is elder to" on the set of persons is also a transitive relation.  
**II:** The union of two transitive relations is also transitive.  
 (a) I is true, II is false.  
 (b) I is false, II is true.  
 (c) Both I and II are false.  
 (d) Both I and II are true.

**[NAT]**

5. For the set of 6 elements the number of relations that are only symmetric but not anti-symmetric are \_\_\_\_\_.

**[NAT]**

6. The number of given relations that are not transitive are: \_\_\_\_\_.  
**I.** "Division of" on the set of integers.  
**II.** "Multiple of" on the set of integers  
**III.** "Greatest common divisor" on the set of integers.

## Answer Key

1. (a, b)
2. (c)
3. (1)

4. (a)
5. (2097088)
6. (0)



## Hints and Solutions

### 1. (a, b)

- Checking reflexive property:

$$(a, b)R(a, b) \Rightarrow \underset{\text{True}}{a \geq a} \text{ AND } \underset{\text{True}}{b \geq b}$$

Which is true, therefore reflexive P is true.

- Checking symmetric property:

$$(a_1, b_1)R(b_2, a_2) \Rightarrow \underset{\text{AND}}{a_1 \geq b_2} \text{ R } \underset{\text{AND}}{b_1 \geq a_2}$$

$$(b_2, a_2)R(a_1, b_1) \quad (b_2 \geq a_1) \text{ R } (a_2 \geq b_1)$$

Therefore, not symmetric. Q is true

- Checking transitivity property:

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \text{ and } (c, d)R(e, f) \text{ then } (a, b)R(e, f)$$

$$(a \geq c) \text{ R } (b \geq d) \text{ AND } c \geq e \text{ R } d \geq f \text{ then}$$

$$(a \geq c) \text{ R } (b \geq f) \text{ but we don't know about this.}$$

Therefore, not transitive. S is false.

**Note:** If a relation is transitive then the inverse of the relation is also transitive.

- (a)  $P \wedge \sim S \equiv \text{True} \wedge \sim(\text{False}) = \text{True}.$
- (b)  $P \wedge Q \equiv \text{True} \wedge \text{True} = \text{True}.$
- (c)  $\sim P \vee S \equiv \sim \text{True} \vee \text{False} = \text{False}.$
- (d)  $Q \wedge S \equiv \text{True} \wedge \text{False} = \text{False}.$

### 2. (c)

I is false. A relation defined on an empty set is always a transitive relation.

II is false. There exists no fixed formula to determine the number of transitive relation on a set.

III is true. The complement of a transitive relation need not be transitive.

### 3. (1)

$R_1 = \{(a, b) (b, c) (b, b) (a, c) (c, b)\}$  is not a transitive relation because  $(c, b) \in R_1, (b, c) \in R_1$  but  $(c, c) \notin R_1$ . In order  $R_1$  to be transitive  $(c, c) \in R_1$ .

$R_2 =$  'Is parallel to' defined on a set of lines is a transitive relation. Example if line x is parallel to line y and line y is parallel to line z, then line x is also parallel to line z.

### 4. (a)

In I, relation  $R_1$  is transitive, relation  $R_2$  is transitive and the intersection of two transitive relation  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is also transitive.

The II statement is incorrect because the union of two transitive relations need not be transitive.

### 5. (2097088)

The number of relation that are only symmetric but not antisymmetric can be calculated by the formula:

$$2^n \left( 2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\text{Here } n = 6, 2^6 \left( 2^{\frac{6^2-6}{2}} - 1 \right) \Rightarrow 2^6 \left( 2^{\frac{36-6}{2}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^6 \left( 2^{\frac{30}{2}} - 1 \right) \Rightarrow 2^6 (2^{15} - 1) \Rightarrow 2097088$$

### 6. (0)

"Divisor of" on set of integers is a transitive relation  
 "Multiple of" on set of integers is a transitive relation  
 "Greatest common divisor" on the set of integers is a transitive relations.



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