

Discrete Mathematics II

Set Theory

DPP-04

[NAT]

1. Consider a set $x = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. The number of symmetric relations for the given set are?

[MCQ]

2. Consider the cross product of a set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, set $B = \{x, y, z\}$ and set C . The resultant cross product is ϕ . Then the elements of set C is?
- (a) $\{a, b\}$ (b) $\{0\}$
 (c) ϕ (d) None of these

[MCQ]

3. If the number of reflexive relations for a set is 64 then what is the cardinality of the set?
- (a) 3 (b) 4
 (c) 6 (d) 16

[MCQ]

4. Consider the following relations R_1 and R_2 on set $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$
 $R_1: \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (c, a)\}$
 $R_2: \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (b, a), (c, b), (c, a)\}$
 Choose the correct statement from the following:
- (a) R_1 is a symmetric relation but not R_2 .
 (b) R_2 is a symmetric relation but not R_1 .
 (c) Both R_1 and R_2 are symmetric.
 (d) Neither R_1 nor R_2 is symmetric.

[MCQ]

5. Consider the following relation:
- I. Relation $R_1 = \text{"Has the same birthday"}$ defined on the set of people.
 II. Relation $R_2 = \text{"Has the same absolute value"}$ defined on the set of real number.
 III. Relation $R_3 = \text{"Congruence module } n(\equiv)"$ defined on the set of integers.
- Choose the correct statement regarding the given relations.
- (a) Only R_1 and R_2 are equivalence relations.
 (b) Only R_2 and R_3 are equivalence relations.
 (c) Only R_1 and R_3 are equivalence relations.
 (d) All R_1, R_2 and R_3 are equivalence relations.

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6. Consider the given statements:
- I: Every reflexive relation is always symmetric.
 II: "Is a subset of" is a transitive relation defined on a power set of sets.
 III. The inverse of a transitive relation is a transitive relation.
- The number of incorrect statements are?

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7. For a set a with cardinality 7, what is the total number of reflexive and symmetric relations?

Answer Key

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| 1. (32768) | 5. (d) |
| 2. (c) | 6. (0) |
| 3. (a) | 7. (2097152) |
| 4. (b) | |



Hints and Solutions

1. (32768)

The number of symmetric relations $\Rightarrow 2^n \cdot 2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$ or $2^{n(n+1)/2}$.

Therefore, $2^{5(5+1)/2} \Rightarrow 2^{\frac{5 \cdot 6}{2}}$
 $\Rightarrow 2^{3 \times 5} = 2^{15} = 32768$

2. (c)

If the cross product of given sets is empty or ϕ then atleast one of the set involved in the cross product is empty.

3. (a)

The total number of reflexive relations $= 2^{n^2-2}$
 Given, the total number of reflexive relations $= 64$

Therefore, $2^{n^2-n} = 64$

$$2^{n^2-n} = 2^6$$

Substituting $n = 3$ we get

$$2^{(3)^2-3} \Rightarrow 2^{9-3} = 2^6 = 64.$$

The cardinality of set $= 3$.

4. (b)

R₁: $\{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (c, a)\}$ is not symmetric because (b, a) and (c, b) should be a part of R to make it symmetric.

R₂: $\{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (c, a), (b, a), (c, b)\}$ is a symmetric relation. It is R_1 relation including (b, a) and (c, b) .

5. (d)

All the given relations are equivalence relations.

$R_1 =$ 'Has the same birthday'

$R_2 =$ 'Has the same absolute value'

$R_3 =$ "Congruence module $n(\equiv)$ " defined on the set of integers.

6. (0)

All the given statement are correct.

I. Every reflexive relations is also a symmetric relation.

II. If $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$, then $A \subseteq C$, therefore "Is a subset is transitive relation".

III. The inverse of a transitive relations is also transitive for example "is less than" is a transitive relation, then the inverse "Is greater than" is also a transitive relation.

7. (2097152)

Total number of reflexive and symmetric

relations for a set of n elements $\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$

Here, cardinality $= 7 = n$

$$\therefore 2^{\frac{7^2-7}{2}} \Rightarrow 2^{\frac{49-7}{2}}$$

$$2^{\frac{42}{2}} = 2^{21}$$

$$= 2097152.$$



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