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Instructions: Answer ALL questions. Numerals in righthand margin indicate marks. No query on this question paper will be entertained in the examination hall.

(1) Answer ALL parts.

2×6=12

- (a) Let  $R$  be a relation on the set of all integers defined by  $x R y$  if and only if  $x \geq y^2$ . Whether  $R$  is reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, asymmetric, and/or transitive?
- (b) Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be relations on  $A$  defined by:  $R_1 = \{(a, a), (a, c), (b, a), (b, b)\}$  and  $R_2 = \{(a, b), (c, a), (b, c), (c, c)\}$ . Find the matrix representation of  $R_2 \circ R_1$ .
- (c) Let  $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 7\}$ . Determine an equivalence relation  $R$  on  $A$  with  $|R| = r$ ,  $r = 8, 11$ , or explain why no such relation exists.
- (d) Whether the posets  $(D_{40}, |)$  and  $(D_{42}, |)$  are isomorphic? Justify your answer.
- (e) Prove that every element in a totally ordered set has at the most one immediate predecessor.
- (f) Applying the rules of Boolean algebra simplify the following expression:

$$(z' + x) \cdot ((x \cdot y) + z) \cdot (z' + y)$$

(2) Answer ALL parts.

3×6=18

- (i) Let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$ . Prove that  $(x, y) \in R^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , if and only if there is a walk of length  $n$  from  $x$  to  $y$  (in the digraph of  $R$ ).

- (ii) Using Warshall's algorithm find the transitive closure of a relation  $R$  on  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ , where  $R = \{(a, b), (a, c), (a, e), (b, a), (b, c), (c, a), (c, b), (d, a), (e, d)\}$ .
- (iii) Let  $(S_1, R_1)$  and  $(S_2, R_2)$  be posets. Define the lexicographical ordering  $R$  on  $S_1 \times S_2$  and then prove that  $R$  is a partial ordering.
- (iv) Consider the poset  $(A, R)$  where  $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$  and  $R$  is the divisibility relation. Then answer the following:
- (a) How many maximal elements does  $(A, R)$  have ?
  - (b) How many minimal elements does  $(A, R)$  have ?
  - (c) Find all lower and upper bounds of  $B = \{6, 12, 18, 24\}$ . Also find the least upper bound and greatest lower bound of  $B$ , if exist.
- (v) Consider the poset  $(A, R)$ , where  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (e, e), (a, b), (a, c), (a, d), (b, c), (b, d), (c, d), (e, c), (e, d)\}$ . Then
- (a) Draw Hasse diagram of  $(A, R)$
  - (b) Applying topological sorting find a totally ordered relation on  $A$  that contains  $R$ .
- (vi) Let  $A$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  Boolean matrices and  $R$  be a relation on  $A$  defined as  $M R N$  if and only if  $m_{ij} \leq n_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$  (with the convention that  $0 < 1$ ). Is  $(A, R)$  a lattice ? Justify.

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