

# Assignment5

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## Q1.

Suppose  $R$  is an antisymmetric relation,  $S$  is a subset of  $R$

Because  $R$  is antisymmetric

Thus  $(a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R \rightarrow (a = b)$

Therefore  $(a, b) \in R \wedge (a \neq b) \rightarrow (b, a) \notin R$

Because  $S \subseteq R$

Therefore  $(a, b) \notin R \rightarrow (a, b) \notin S$

Then  $(a, b) \in S \wedge (a \neq b) \rightarrow (b, a) \notin S$

This equals  $(a, b) \in S \wedge (b, a) \in S \rightarrow (a = b)$

Therefore the subset of antisymmetric relation is also antisymmetric

## Q2.

$R$  is symmetric

$$R^* = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R^k$$

If  $(a, b) \in R^*$ , then there exist  $(a, v_1) \in R, (v_1, v_2) \in R, \dots, (v_k, b) \in R$

Because  $R$  is symmetric

Therefore there also exist  $(b, v_k) \in R, \dots, (v_2, v_1) \in R, (v_1, a) \in R$

Therefore  $(b, a) \in R$

Therefore  $R^*$  is also symmetric

## Q3.

$$R^2 = R \circ R$$

For every  $(a, b) \in R$

Because  $R$  is reflexive, there exist  $(b, b) \in R$

Therefore  $(a, b) \in R^2$

Therefore  $R \subseteq R^2$

## Q4.

Yes

Because  $R$  is a symmetric relation on a set  $A$

Then  $(a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \in R$

Therefore  $(a, b) \notin R \rightarrow (b, a) \notin R$

Thus  $(a, b) \in \overline{R} \rightarrow (b, a) \in \overline{R}$

Therefore the  $\overline{R}$  is symmetric

### Q5.

(a) Yes

Because for  $n_i > 0, \prod_{k=0}^i n_i \geq \sum_{k=0}^i n_i$

Therefore  $n \preceq n, (n, n) \in R$

Therefore this relation is reflective

(b) No

e.g.

$75 \preceq 14$  because  $3 + 5 \leq 2 * 7$

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(c) No

e.g.

$26 \preceq 22$  because  $2 + 13 \leq 2 * 11$

$22 \preceq 14$  because  $2 + 11 \leq 2 * 7$

But  $26 \not\preceq 14$  because  $2 + 13 > 2 * 7$

### Q6.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R^* = R \cup R^2 \cup R^3$$

### Q7.

(1)  $R$  is reflective because everyone have the same sign of zodiac with himself  $(x, x) \in R$

$R$  is symmetric because  $x$  and  $y$  have the same sign of the zodiac then  $y$  and  $x$  have the same sign of the zodiac  
 $(x, y) \in R \wedge (y, x) \in R$

$R$  is transitive because  $x$  and  $y$  have the same sign of the zodiac and  $y$  and  $z$  have the same sign of the zodiac  
then  $x$  and  $z$  have the same sign of the zodiac  $(x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R \rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

Therefore this is a equivalence relation

(2)  $R$  is reflective because everyone was born in the same year with himself  $(x, x) \in R$

$R$  is symmetric because  $x$  and  $y$  were born in the same year then  $y$  and  $x$  was born in the same year

$$(x, y) \in R \wedge (y, x) \in R$$

$R$  is transitive because  $x$  and  $y$  were born in the same year and  $y$  and  $z$  were born in the same year then  $x$  and  $z$  were born in the same year  $(x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R \rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

Therefore this is a equivalence relation

(3)  $R$  is not transitive

e.g.  $x, y$  have been in Shanghai,  $y, z$  have been in Beijing, but  $x$  have not been in Beijing

In this case  $(x, y) \in R, (y, z) \in R$  but  $(x, z) \notin R$

Therefore  $R$  is not equivalence

## Q8.

$R$  is reflective  $\forall x \in R, x - x = 0 \in Q$

$R$  is symmetric  $x - y \in Q \rightarrow (y - x) = -(x - y) \in Q$  because  $Q$  is close under negative

$R$  is transitive  $x - y \in Q, y - z \in Q$

$$\text{Thus } (x - y) + (y - z) = x - z \in Q$$

Therefore  $R$  is transitive

$$[1] = k, k \in Q$$

$$[\frac{1}{2}] = k, k \in Q$$

$$[\pi] = k + \pi, k \in Q$$

## Q9.

(a) No

$\propto$  is not symmetric e.g.  $n = O(n^2)$  but  $n^2 \neq O(n)$

(b) Yes

$\propto$  is reflective  $f \leq \frac{1}{2}f, f = O(f)$

$\propto$  is antisymmetric

If  $f = O(g), f \neq g$ , there exist  $f \leq Cg$

There doesn't exist  $g \leq C'f$

Therefore  $\propto$  is antisymmetric

$\propto$  is transitive

If  $f \leq C_1g, g \leq C_2h$

Then  $f \leq C_1C_2h$

$$f = O(h)$$

Therefore  $\propto$  is transitive

Thus  $\propto$  is partial ordering

(c) Yes

Every function is either  $f \propto g$  or  $g \propto f$

Therefore  $\propto$  is a total ordering

## Q10.

$\preceq$  is reflective

Because  $R \subseteq R$  for every  $R \in R(S)$

$\preceq$  is antisymmetric

Because if  $R_1 \subseteq R_2, R_1 \neq R_2$ , then  $R_2 \not\subseteq R_1$

$\preceq$  is transitive

Because if  $R_1 \subseteq R_2, R_2 \subseteq R_3$

Then  $R_1 \subseteq R_3$

Therefore  $(R(S), \preceq)$  is a poset

## Q11.

(a) There exists a nonempty  $R \subseteq P(N)$  with no maximal element.

Assume set  $R = \{\{1\}, \{1, 2\}, \dots, \{1, 2, \dots, k\}\}, n \in N$

$\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is the maximal element in  $R$

Because  $N$  is an infinite set

We can always find  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}, n \in N$  in  $R$

Which means we can not find a maximal value in  $R$

Therefore there exists a nonempty  $R \subseteq P(N)$  with no maximal element

(b) There exists a nonempty  $R \subseteq P(N)$  with no minimal element.

Assume set  $R = \{\{k, \dots, n\}, \{k+1, \dots, n\}, \dots\}, k \in N, n \in N, k < n$

Because  $n \in N, N$  is an infinite set

We can always find  $\{x+1, \dots, n\} \subseteq \{x, \dots, n\}$

Which means we can not find a minimal value in  $R$

Therefore there exists a nonempty  $R \subseteq P(N)$  with no minimal element

(c) There exists a nonempty  $T \subseteq P(N)$  that has neither minimal nor maximal elements.

Set  $\{p, \dots, q\} \in T$  is the minimal element of  $T, \{j, \dots, k\} \in T$  is the maximal element of  $T$  and  $j < p < q < k$

Because  $p, q, j, k \in N, N$  is an infinite set

Therefore we can always find  $\{p+1, \dots, q-1\} \subseteq \{p, \dots, q\}, \{j, \dots, k\} \subseteq \{j-1, \dots, k+1\}$  as new minimal and maximal element

Thus, there exists a nonempty  $T \subseteq P(N)$  that has neither minimal nor maximal elements.

## Q12.

(a)  $n$

(b)  $a, b, c$

(c) Yes  $n$

(d) No

(e)  $l, n$

(f)  $l$

(g) There is no lower bound of  $\{f, g, h\}$

(h) None