

a) Let G be a digraph.

Given that the vertices are on linear partial order
let us prove that:

for any set of vertices \exists a path through them.

Proof: Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$
be a set of vertices.

$\forall i, j$ s.t. $i \neq j$

\exists a relation b/w a_i & a_j

\Rightarrow either $a_i R a_j$ or $a_j R a_i$

$\Rightarrow (a_i) \rightarrow (a_j)$ or $a_j \rightarrow a_i$

Now we need to prove that the path is unique.

Proof:

Suppose

$a_1 \rightarrow a_2 \rightarrow a_3 \dots \rightarrow a_n$ is one
of the paths

Now let us assume that there exists ^{another} path
~~also~~ in which a_m & a_n occur in diff. order.

i.e. In our 1st path we have something like
 $a_m \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_n$

And in 2nd path we have something like
 $a_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_m$

//_

For 1st path
 Now, $a_m \rightarrow a_k \rightarrow a_{k+1} \dots a_{k+r} \rightarrow a_n$
 $\Rightarrow a_m R a_k, a_k R a_{k+1} \dots a_{k+r} R a_n$
 $\therefore a_m R a_n$ (by transitive property)
 — (1)

For 2nd (near) path.

$a_n \rightarrow a_p \rightarrow a_{p+1} \dots a_{p+q} \rightarrow a_m$
 $\Rightarrow a_n R a_p, a_p R a_{p+1} \dots a_{p+q} R a_m$
 $\therefore a_n R a_m$ (by transitive property)
 — (2)

(1) & (2) violates the asymmetric property of strict order.

Hence proved path is unique

b) Claim:
~~Proof~~ we need to prove that $\nexists i, j$ st. $i \neq j$
 $a_i R a_j$ OR $a_j R a_i$

Proof: By unique path property we can ~~prove~~ say that $a_i R a_j$
 or $a_j R a_i$. hence proved.

Claim: We need to prove transitivity

Proof: Given: $a_i R a_j$ & $a_j R a_k$.
 combining these walks there is a walk from a_i to a_k
 $\Rightarrow a_i R a_k$.

Also, positive length paths are there

$\Rightarrow a_i R a_i$ \therefore irreflexive
 $\therefore G$ is a linear strict partial order.