

Discrete Mathematics (SC612)  
Tutorial 2  
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1. Consider a generic relation defined over any list of positive integers, which says that  $(x, y) \in R$  if and only if,

$$(((x < y) \wedge ((y - x) \leq 200)) \vee ((x - y) \geq 150))$$

This can be instantiated by considering any finite subset of the integers of your choice. When considered over all positive integers determine whether this relation is:

- (a) reflexive/irreflexive or neither
  - (b) symmetric/anti-symmetric or neither
  - (c) transitive
2. Suppose the size of a finite set  $|S|$  divides the size of its power set  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ . What are the possible values of  $|S|$ ?
  3. Construct a relation over a set of 8 elements that takes exactly 5 iterations to reach transitive closure.
  4. Consider the relation  $R = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, d), (d, e), (e, f)\}$  over the set  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ . What is the minimum number of ordered pairs to be added to  $R$  to transform it into a transitive relation? What is the minimum number of pairs to be deleted from  $R$  to transform it into a transitive relation?
  5. Suppose an equivalence relation over a set  $S$  contains exactly 79 ordered pairs. Give the minimum and maximum possible value of  $|S|$  and also state which values in this range are possible.

6. We know that a set is a collection of **well defined, distinct** objects, and there is no further restriction. Thus we could have a set of sets (that is the elements of the set are each sets, which are distinct). Consider such a set  $\mathcal{A}$  of sets  $\{S_1, \dots, S_n\}$ . Let us define a relation  $R$  over  $\mathcal{A}$  where  $(S_i, S_j) \in R$  if and only if  $S_i \subseteq S_j$ . Is the relation  $R$ :
- (a) Reflexive, irreflexive or neither?
  - (b) Symmetric, anti-symmetric or neither?
  - (c) Transitive?
7. Consider a set of sets. We define a relation over this set where two elements are related if and only if their intersection is of size atleast 5.
- (a) This relation is reflexive if and only if \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Is this relation symmetric, anti-symmetric or neither, in general?
  - (c) Is this relation transitive, in general?
8. Let  $S = \{1, \dots, 100\}$ , the set of the first 100 positive integers. Define a relation  $R$  where  $(x, y) \in R$  if and only if

$$((x = y) \vee ((|x - y| \leq 15) \wedge (|x - y| \geq 5)))$$

Find the cardinality of the largest subset  $X$  of  $S$ , such that the relation  $R$  restricted to the subset  $X$  is an equivalence relation. How many such subsets are there in  $S$ ?