

Problem 4

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1 4.1

Let Σ be a finite set of alphabets. Then Σ^* is the set of all words that can be created out of the symbols in Σ i.e. Σ^* is the kleene closure of Σ

a):

Let $\preceq \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^* : \{p, w \in \Sigma^*, \exists q \in \Sigma^* : p \preceq w \Rightarrow w = pq \vee w = p\}$

For the relation \preceq on Σ^* to be a partial order it must be reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive on Σ^*

Checking for reflexivity:

for $p \preceq p$

This signifies that:

$p = p\epsilon$ where ϵ is an empty set.

Which is true because we allow such cases to occur in this relation. ($w = p$)

Thus the relation is reflexive.

Checking for antisymmetry:

if $(p, q) \in \preceq$ and $q = pa$

if $(q, p) \in \preceq$ and $p = qb$

The only way this can be true is if a, b is \emptyset and $p = q$.

$p = q$ is allowed for this relation. Thus The relation is antisymmetric.

Checking for transitivity:

for $(p, q) \in \preceq$ and $q = pa$

for $(q, r) \in \preceq$ and $r = qb$

if $(p, q) \in \preceq \wedge (q, r) \in \preceq$

$r = qb$

$r = (pa)b$

$r = pab$

Thus $(p, r) \in \preceq^*$

b)

Let $\prec \subset \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^* : \{p, w \in \Sigma^*, \exists q \in \Sigma^* : p \prec w \Rightarrow w = pq \vee w \neq p\}$

For the relation \prec on Σ^* to be a partial order it must be reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive on Σ^*

Checking for reflexivity:

for $p \preceq p$

This signifies that:

$p = pa$

where a is \emptyset Which is false because we do not allow such cases to occur in this relation. ($w \neq p$)

Thus the relation is irreflexive.

Checking for asymmetry:

if $(p, q) \in \preceq q = pa$

if $(q, p) \in \preceq p = qb$

The only way this can be true is if a, b is \emptyset and $p = q$. but $p = q$ is explicitly not allowed for this relation. Thus The relation is asymmetric.

Checking for transitivity:

for $(p, q) \in \prec q = pa$

for $(q, r) \in \prec r = qb$

if $(p, q) \in \prec \wedge (q, r) \in \prec$

$r = qb$

$r = (pa)b$

$r = pab$

Thus $(p, r) \in \prec^*$

c)

The relation \preceq is not total because for $(a, b) \in \preceq$ and $(b, a) \in \preceq$ if and only if $a = b$ The relation does not allow for all other cases of a and b thus it is not total.

The relation \prec is not total because it does not allow for the case where $a = b\epsilon$ where ϵ is an empty set.

2 4.2

Let A, B and C be sets and let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be two functions

a)

For $g \circ f$ if f is not injective, it means that: $f(a) = f(b)$

which implies that $g \circ f(a) = g \circ f(b)$

Thus $g \circ f$ is not injective thus it is also not bijective.

For $g \circ f$ if g is not surjective, it means that:

$\forall a \nexists g \circ f(a)$

Because if $f(a)$ exists for a , if g is not surjective then $\exists y$ such that $y = f(a) \nexists g(y)$

b)

Let $f : A \rightarrow B \{ \forall a \in A, a = f(a) \}$

Let $g : B \rightarrow C \{ \forall b \in B, b^2 = g(b) \}$

$$g \circ f(a) = g(f(a))$$

$$g \circ f(a) = g(b)$$

$$g \circ f(a) = b^2$$

Here, f is injective and g is surjective but $g \circ f$ is not a bijective.

c)

Let $f : A \rightarrow B \{ \forall a \in A, \sqrt{a} = f(a) \}$

Let $g : B \rightarrow C \{ \forall b \in B, b^2 = g(b) \}$

$$g \circ f(a) = g(f(a))$$

$$g \circ f(a) = g(\sqrt{a})$$

$$g \circ f(a) = (\sqrt{a})^2$$

$$g \circ f(a) = a$$

Here f is not surjective and g is not injective but $g \circ f$ is bijective.