

Discrete Mathematics Homework 3

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1. (a) In order for a relation to be an equivalence relation, it must be reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.
 - i. In order to prove that R is reflexive, the following must hold true.

$$\forall(a, b) \in A, (a, b)R(a, b) \Leftrightarrow \forall(a, b) \in A, a \times b = b \times a$$

And since multiplication is commutative, we know that $a \times b = b \times a$, therefore $(a, b)R(a, b)$ and R is reflexive.

- ii. Now we must show that R is symmetric. To show symmetry, we must prove that

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \Rightarrow (c, d)R(a, b)$$

We can show this as follows:

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \Rightarrow ad = bc \Rightarrow cb = da \Rightarrow (c, d)R(a, b)$$

Thus we see that R is in fact symmetric.

- iii. Finally, we must show that R is transitive. To prove that R is transitive, it must be shown that if $(a, b)R(c, d)$ and $(c, d)R(e, f)$, then $(a, b)R(e, f)$.

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \Rightarrow a \times d = b \times c \tag{1}$$

$$(c, d)R(e, f) \Rightarrow c \times f = d \times e \tag{2}$$

As shown above, if $(a, b)R(c, d)$ and $(c, d)R(e, f)$ are true, then so are $ad = bc$ and $cf = de$. Therefore we can multiply each side of (1) by a side of (2), to obtain

$$a \times d \times c \times f = b \times c \times d \times e$$

If we assume that $c \times d \neq 0$, then we can divide each side by $c \times d$, and we get

$$a \times f = b \times e \Rightarrow (a, b)R(e, f)$$

However, if $c \times d = 0$, then it must be that $c = 0$ since we know that $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $d \in \mathbb{N}$, so d cannot be 0. Thus it follows that $a = 0$ since if $(a, b)R(0, d)$, then $a \times d = 0 \times b = 0$, and we know that $d \neq 0$. Similarly we know that $e = 0$, since we are also given $(c, d)R(e, f)$. Now that we know that if $c \times d = 0$, then $a = e = 0$, we can also come to the same conclusion as above:

$$a \times f = b \times e \Rightarrow (a, b)R(e, f)$$

- (b) The equivalence class of the element $(-1, 2)$ is:

$$\{(a, b) \in A : 2a = -b\}$$

In order to find the ‘simplest’ representative of any equivalence class in this relation, I would find the element in the equivalence class with the smallest second number. The simplest representative of this equivalent class would be $(-1, 2)$.

- (c) The equivalence class of the element $(0, 5)$ is:

$$\{(a, b) \in A : 5a = 0\} = \{(a, b) \in A : a = 0\}$$

The simplest representative of this equivalent class would be $(0, 1)$.

- (d) The quotient set A/R can be defined using a set we are familiar with, which is the rational numbers \mathbb{Q} . Specifically, each rational number in the set \mathbb{Q} can represent an equivalence class of A , such that if $\frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $b > 0$, then $\frac{a}{b}$ represents the equivalence class of the ordered pair (a, b) . More formally:

$$A/R = \{(a, b) \in A : \frac{a}{b} = x\} : x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

4. Let $A = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$. We define the relation R on A as follows:

$$R = \{((m, n), (p, q)) : m + q = n + p\}$$

- (a) To show that the relation R is an equivalence relation we must show that it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

- i. To show that it is reflexive, we must show that $(a, b)R(a, b)$.

$$(a, b)R(a, b) \Leftrightarrow a + b = b + a$$

We know that $a + b = b + a$ is true due to the commutative property of addition, therefore $(a, b)R(a, b)$ and R is reflexive.

- ii. In order to show that R is symmetric, we must show that if $(a, b)R(c, d)$ then $(c, d)R(a, b)$.

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \Rightarrow a + d = b + c \Rightarrow c + b = d + a \Rightarrow (c, d)R(a, b)$$

- iii. Finally, to show that R is transitive, we must show that if $(a, b)R(c, d)$ and $(c, d)R(e, f)$, then $(a, b)R(e, f)$. Given the following two relationships,

$$(a, b)R(c, d) \Rightarrow a + d = b + c \tag{3}$$

$$(c, d)R(e, f) \Rightarrow c + f = d + e \tag{4}$$

we can add the equations implied by (3) and (4) together, giving us

$$a + d + c + f = b + c + d + e \Rightarrow a + f = b + e \Rightarrow (a, b)R(e, f)$$

- (b) The equivalence class of $(1, 3)$ is

$$\{(a, b) \in A : (a, b)R(1, 3)\} = \{(a, b) \in A : a + 3 = b + 1\} = \{(a, b) \in A : b - a = 2\}$$

- (c) The quotient set A/R can be identified with the set of all integers \mathbb{Z} . Each integer x identifies exactly one equivalence class such that every element (a, b) in said equivalence class satisfies the equation $a - b = x$. Or more formally:

$$A/R = \{(a, b) \in A : a - b = x\} : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

5. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Let $S = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (4, 5)\} \cup I_A$.

- (a) To check if S is an order relation, we must check three properties. Reflexivity, antisymmetry, and transitivity.

- i. It is clear that S is reflexive, since I_A is reflexive, and every element in I_A is also in S .
ii. S is also antisymmetric, since there are no elements in $a, b \in A$ such that aSb and bSa and $a \neq b$. This is clearly visible from the definition of S , since every element $(a, b) \in I_A$ does not satisfy the condition $a \neq b$, and none of the other three ordered pairs $(a, b) \in S$ satisfy aSb and bSa .
iii. S is transitive as well, since every ordered pair in S satisfies the condition ‘if aSb and bSc , then aSc ’.

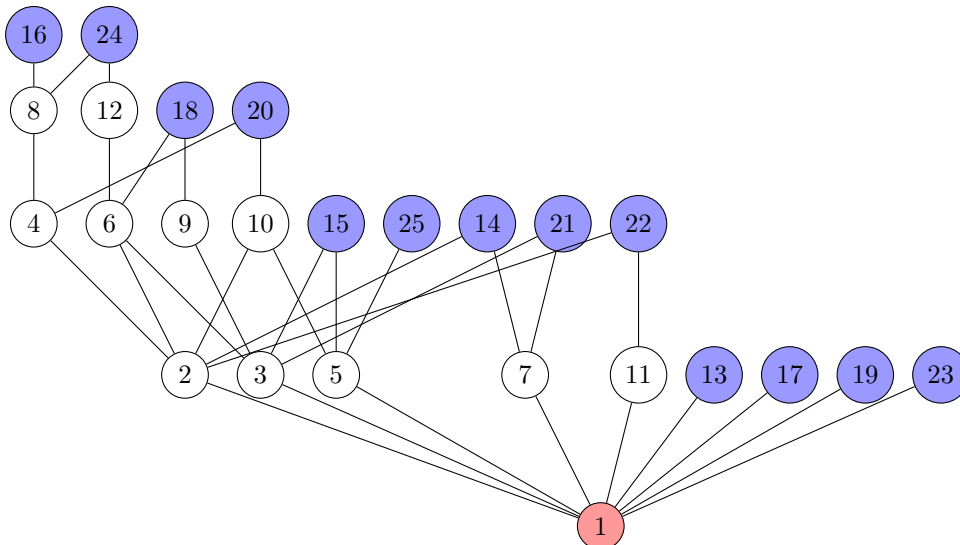
- (b) In order for an order relation to be a total order relation, in addition to the reflexive, symmetric, and transitive properties, it must also have the connexity property, meaning that for all elements $a, b \in A$, either aSb or bSa .

In order to make S a total order relation different from \leq , we must add the following pairs.

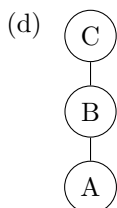
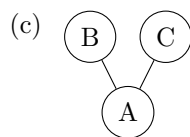
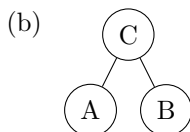
$$(2, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (2, 4), (2, 5), (4, 3), (5, 3)$$

The order obtained after adding the new pairs is 2, 4, 5, 1, 3.

7. (c) Below is the Hasse diagram of the order relation described by the relation “is a divisor of”. Red nodes show minimal elements and blue nodes show maximal elements. 1 is the minimum element. There is no maximum element.



8. These are all the Hasse diagrams for an order relation on a set containing three elements, A, B, C .



9. T is defined as a relation on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ as follows.

$$T = \{((a, b), (c, d)) : a^2 + b^2 \leq c^2 + d^2\}$$

- (a) T is reflexive, since $a^2 + b^2 \leq a^2 + b^2$.
(b) T is antisymmetric since if $a^2 + b^2 < c^2 + d^2$, then $c^2 + d^2 \not\leq a^2 + b^2$.
(c) T is transitive since if $a^2 + b^2 < c^2 + d^2$, and $c^2 + d^2 < e^2 + f^2$, then $a^2 + b^2 < e^2 + f^2$.

Therefore T is an order relation.

10. S is defined as a relation on $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ as follows.

$$S = \{((x, y), (m, n)) : x|m \wedge y|n\}$$

- (a) S is reflexive since every natural number divides itself.
(b) S is antisymmetric since if $a \neq b$ and $a|b$ then $b \nmid a$.
(c) S is transitive since if $a|b$ and $b|c$, then $a|c$. Another way to think about this is as follows. If $a|b$ then $b = a \times k_1$, where $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$. If $b|c$, then $c = b \times k_2$, where $k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore $c = a \times k_1 \times k_2$, so this all implies that a must divide c .

Therefore S is an order relation.

11. (a) Since R is an order relation, it must have the antisymmetric property, which states that $\forall x, y \in A$, if xRy and yRx , then it must be that $x = y$. Therefore, since all elements $(x, y) \in S$ satisfy both xRy and yRx , all element in S must be of the form (x, x) .

S is clearly reflexive, as we just explained. It is also symmetric, si S is clearly reflexive, as we just explained. It is also symmetric, si S is clearly reflexive, as we just explained. It is also symmetric, since elements can only be related to themselves. And for the same reason S must also be transitive.

$$S = R \cap R^{-1}$$

- (b) S is not necessarily an equivalence relation, since we are not guaranteed that it is transitive. For example, if we have R such that aRc and bRc but aRb and bRa , then S must be such that aSc , bSc , cSa , and cSb , but we will not have aSb or bSa .

$$S = R \cup R^{-1}$$

- (c) S not an equivalence relation on A since it is not always transitive. Let a, b, c, d, e be elements of A . If we have R such that aRd and bRd , and we also have bRe and cRe , but $\nexists f \in A$ such that aRf and cRf , then we have a case where aSb and bSd but aSc .

An example where this is the case is as follows. Let A and R be defined as in question 7(c).

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{N}_1 : x \leq 25\}$$

$$R = \{(a, b) \in A \times A : a|b\}$$

Here we have $4R24$ and $6R24$, so $4S6$. We also have $6R18$ and $9R18$, so $6R9$. But there is no element in A such that both 4 and 9 are related to it. Therefore $4S9$.

13. Let R and S be order relations on a set A .

- (a) $R \cap S$ is an order relation on A .

- i. In order for $R \cap S$ to be reflexive, it must contain every element $(a, a) \in A \times A$. But we know that both R and S are reflexive, so they both contain all of those elements, therefore $R \cap S$ also contains them, so $R \cap S$ is reflexive.
- ii. In order for $R \cap S$ to be antisymmetric, it must be true that if it contains an element (a, b) such that $a \neq b$, then it does not contain the element (b, a) . We know, however, that if $R \cap S$ contains (a, b) , then both R and S contain it as well. And since both R and S are antisymmetric, we also know that neither of them can contain (b, a) . Therefore neither does $R \cap S$, so it is antisymmetric.
- iii. In order for $R \cap S$ to be transitive, it must be true that if it contains two elements (a, b) and (b, c) , then it must contain the element (a, c) . We also know that if $R \cap S$ contains both (a, b) and (b, c) , then both R and S contain them as well. And since both R and S are transitive, we also know that both of them must contain (a, c) . Therefore so does $R \cap S$, so it is transitive.

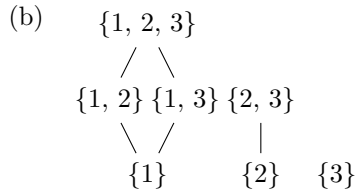
- (d) R^{-1} is an order relation on A .

- i. In order for R^{-1} to be reflexive, it must contain every element $(a, a) \in A \times A$. But we know that R is reflexive, so it contains all of those elements, therefore R^{-1} also contains them because the inverse of (a, a) is also (a, a) , so R^{-1} is reflexive.
- ii. In order for R^{-1} to be antisymmetric, it must be true that if it contains an element (a, b) such that $a \neq b$, then it does not contain the element (b, a) . We know, however, that if R^{-1} contains (a, b) , then R contains (b, a) . And since R is antisymmetric, we also know that it cannot contain (a, b) . Therefore R^{-1} does not contain (b, a) , so it is antisymmetric.
- iii. In order for R^{-1} to be transitive, it must be true that if it contains two elements (a, b) and (b, c) , then it must contain the element (a, c) . We also know that if R^{-1} contains both (a, b) and (b, c) , then R must contain c, b and b, a . And since R is transitive, we also know that it must contain (c, a) . Therefore R^{-1} contains (a, c) , so it is transitive.

- 16 (b) R is reflexive and transitive. If R is *not* an order relation, it must be that R is not antisymmetric. Meaning, it must contain two elements of the form (a, b) and (b, a) such that $a \neq b$. Therefore S would also contain an element (a, b) such that $a \neq b$, so S would not be the identity relation on X .

However if R is an order relation, then it must be antisymmetric, so it does not contain any two elements a, b and b, a such that $a \neq b$. Therefore there is no element $(a, b) \in S$ such that $a \neq b$. Furthermore, since R is reflexive, it must contain the element (a, a) for all $a \in X$, which means that S would also contain those. Therefore S must be the identity relation on X .

17. (a) i. S is reflexive, since every set is a subset of itself, and since they contain the exact same elements they have the same *Min*.
 ii. S is antisymmetric, because if you have two sets A and B , the only way that they can both be subsets of each other is if they are the same set.
 iii. S is transitive, since 'is a subset of' and 'equals' are both transitive relations. So since every two sets related by S must satisfy those two relations, S must be transitive.



19. (a) There are six equivalence classes in \approx .

(b) ${}^5C_2 = {}^5C_3 = 10$

24. (a) i. R is not an order relation, since it is not antisymmetric. If two X and Y are two distinct subsets of A such that they both have the same max, they will both be related to each other. For example, $\{1, 3\}R\{2, 3\}$ and $\{2, 3\}R\{1, 3\}$.
 ii.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Max}(\{2, 5, 7\}) &= 7 \\
 \text{Max}(\{2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}) &= 7 \\
 \Rightarrow \{2, 3, 4, 5, 7\} &R \{2, 5, 7\} \\
 \Rightarrow \{2, 5, 7\} &R^{-1} \{2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) i. R is not an order relation since it is not reflexive.

$$|X| = |X| \Rightarrow |X| \not\prec |X| \Rightarrow X \not R X$$

ii.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{2, 3, 7\} &R \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\
 \{1, 2, 3, 4\} &R \{1, 3, 4, 5, 8\} \\
 \Rightarrow \{2, 3, 7\} &R \circ R \{1, 3, 4, 5, 8\}
 \end{aligned}$$