

# Discrete Mathematics

## Set Theory

DPP-04

[NAT]

1. Consider a set  $x = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . The number of symmetric relations for the given set are?

[MCQ]

2. Consider the cross product of a set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , set  $B = \{x, y, z\}$  and set  $C$ . The resultant cross product is  $\phi$ . Then the elements of set  $C$  is?
- (a)  $\{a, b\}$  (b)  $\{0\}$   
 (c)  $\phi$  (d) None of these

[MCQ]

3. If the number of reflexive relations for a set is 64 then what is the cardinality of the set?
- (a) 3 (b) 4  
 (c) 6 (d) 16

[MCQ]

4. Consider the following relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  on set  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$   
 $R_1: \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (c, a)\}$   
 $R_2: \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (b, a), (c, b), (c, a)\}$   
 Choose the correct statement from the following:
- (a)  $R_1$  is a symmetric relation but not  $R_2$ .  
 (b)  $R_2$  is a symmetric relation but not  $R_1$ .  
 (c) Both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are symmetric.  
 (d) Neither  $R_1$  nor  $R_2$  is symmetric.

[MCQ]

5. Consider the following relation:
- I. Relation  $R_1 = \text{"Has the same birthday"}$  defined on the set of people.  
 II. Relation  $R_2 = \text{"Has the same absolute value"}$  defined on the set of real number.  
 III. Relation  $R_3 = \text{"Congruence module } n(\equiv)\text{"}$  defined on the set of integers.
- Choose the correct statement regarding the given relations.
- (a) Only  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are equivalence relations.  
 (b) Only  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are equivalence relations.  
 (c) Only  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  are equivalence relations.  
 (d) All  $R_1, R_2$  and  $R_3$  are equivalence relations.

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6. Consider the given statements:
- I: Every reflexive relation is always symmetric.  
 II: "Is a subset of" is a transitive relation defined on a power set of sets.  
 III. The inverse of a transitive relation is a transitive relation.
- The number of incorrect statements are?

[NAT]

7. For a set  $a$  with cardinality 7, what is the total number of reflexive and symmetric relations?

## Answer Key

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| 1. (32768) | 5. (d)       |
| 2. (c)     | 6. (0)       |
| 3. (a)     | 7. (2097152) |
| 4. (b)     |              |



## Hints and Solutions

### 1. (32768)

The number of symmetric relations  $\Rightarrow 2^n \cdot 2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$  or  $2^{n(n+1)/2}$ .

Therefore,  $2^{5(5+1)/2} \Rightarrow 2^{\frac{5 \cdot 6}{2}}$   
 $\Rightarrow 2^{3 \times 5} = 2^{15} = 32768$

### 2. (c)

If the cross product of given sets is empty or  $\phi$  then atleast one of the set involved in the cross product is empty.

### 3. (a)

The total number of reflexive relations  $= 2^{n^2-2}$   
 Given, the total number of reflexive relations  $= 64$

Therefore,  $2^{n^2-n} = 64$

$$2^{n^2-n} = 2^6$$

Substituting  $n = 3$  we get

$$2^{(3)^2-3} \Rightarrow 2^{9-3} = 2^6 = 64.$$

The cardinality of set  $= 3$ .

### 4. (b)

**R<sub>1</sub>:**  $\{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (c, a)\}$  is not symmetric because  $(b, a)$  and  $(c, b)$  should be a part of  $R$  to make it symmetric.

**R<sub>2</sub>:**  $\{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (c, a), (b, a), (c, b)\}$  is a symmetric relation. It is  $R_1$  relation including  $(b, a)$  and  $(c, b)$ .

### 5. (d)

All the given relations are equivalence relations.

$R_1 =$  'Has the same birthday'

$R_2 =$  'Has the same absolute value'

$R_3 =$  "Congruence module  $n(\equiv)$ " defined on the set of integers.

### 6. (0)

All the given statement are correct.

I. Every reflexive relations is also a symmetric relation.

II. If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $A \subseteq C$ , therefore "Is a subset is transitive relation".

III. The inverse of a transitive relations is also transitive for example "is less than" is a transitive relation, then the inverse "Is greater than" is also a transitive relation.

### 7. (2097152)

Total number of reflexive and symmetric

relations for a set of  $n$  elements  $\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$

Here, cardinality  $= 7 = n$

$$\therefore 2^{\frac{7^2-7}{2}} \Rightarrow 2^{\frac{49-7}{2}}$$

$$2^{\frac{42}{2}} = 2^{21}$$

$$= 2097152.$$



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