

# Discrete Math (Honor) 2021-Fall Homework-7

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(Please use A4 paper. Do not use exercise book!)

**Problem 1.** (8 Points)

For any relations  $R$  and  $S$ . Prove that  $R \circ S \subseteq S$  if and only if  $t(R) \circ S \subseteq S$ .

**Answer:**

- $\Rightarrow$ , if  $R \circ S \subseteq S$ :  
For any  $\langle x, z \rangle \in t(R) \circ S$ , exists some  $y$  s.t.  $\langle x, y \rangle \in t(R) \wedge \langle y, z \rangle \in S$   
From  $\langle x, y \rangle \in t(R)$ , we have two cases:
  - $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$
  - Exists finite  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k (k \geq 1)$  s.t.  $\langle x, t_1 \rangle \in R \wedge \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle \in R \wedge \dots \wedge \dots \wedge \langle t_k, y \rangle \in R$ .  
Then we have  $\langle t_k, z \rangle \in R \circ S$ , and from  $R \circ S \subseteq S$  we immediately get  $\langle t_k, z \rangle \in S$   
Similarly,  $\langle t_{k-1}, z \rangle \in S, \dots \langle t_1, z \rangle \in S, \langle x, z \rangle \in S$
- $\Leftarrow$ , if  $t(R) \circ S \subseteq S$ :  
For any  $\langle x, z \rangle \in R \circ S$ , exists some  $y$  s.t.  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R \wedge \langle y, z \rangle \in S$   
Then  $\langle x, y \rangle \in t(R)$ , then  $\langle x, z \rangle \in t(R) \circ S$ . Therefore,  $\langle x, z \rangle \in S$

**Problem 2.** (5 Points)

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $R = \{\langle a, a \rangle, \langle a, b \rangle, \langle b, a \rangle, \langle b, b \rangle, \langle c, c \rangle, \langle c, d \rangle, \langle d, c \rangle, \langle d, d \rangle\} \subseteq A \times A$  be a relation on  $A$ . Determine whether or not  $R$  is an equivalence relation; if so, determine the quotient set of  $A$ .

**Answer:**

Yes.

The quotient set of  $A$ :

$\{\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}\}$

**Problem 3.** (15 Points)

Let  $R_1 \subseteq A \times A$  and  $R_2 \subseteq A \times A$  be two non-empty equivalence relations on  $A$ . Determine whether or not each of the following relations is an equivalence relation. If so, prove it; otherwise, provide a counter example.

1.  $(A \times A) - R_1$
2.  $(R_1)^2$
3.  $R_1 - R_2$
4.  $r(R_1 - R_2)$
5.  $t(R_1 \cup R_2)$

**Answer:**

1. No. Suppose  $A = \{a\}, R = \{\langle a, a \rangle\}$
2. Yes. Prove  $R_1^2$  is symmetric, transitive and reflexive respectively

3. No. Suppose any  $R_1 = R_2$
4. No. Suppose  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $R_1 = \{< a, a >, < b, b >, < c, c >, < a, b >, < b, a >, < a, c >, < c, a >, < b, c >, < c, b >\}$ ,  $R_2 = \{< a, a >, < b, b >, < c, c >, < a, b >, < b, a >\}$  then  $R_1 - R_2 = \{< a, c >, < c, a >, < b, c >, < c, b >\}$   
 $r(R_1 - R_2) = \{< a, a >, < b, b >, < c, c >, < a, c >, < c, a >, < b, c >, < c, b >\}$  is not transitive  
 $(< b, c >, < c, a > \in r(R_1 - R_2))$
5. Yes.

**Problem 4.** (8 Points)

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$  and  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle a, c \rangle, \langle a, f \rangle, \langle b, c \rangle, \langle c, d \rangle, \langle c, e \rangle, \langle c, f \rangle, \langle d, e \rangle, \langle e, f \rangle\} \subseteq A \times A$ .

1. Determine if  $s(r(R))$  is a tolerance relation.
2. Find all maximal tolerance classes of  $s(r(R))$ .

**Answer:**

1. Yes.
2.  $\{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, f\}, \{c, d, e\}$ , and  $\{c, f, e\}$

**Problem 5.** (8 Points)

Let  $\langle S, \leq_1 \rangle$  be  $\langle T, \leq_2 \rangle$  be two posets. Prove that  $\langle S \times T, \leq \rangle$  is also a poset, where  $\leq$  is defined by:  
 $\langle s, t \rangle \leq \langle u, v \rangle$  iff  $s \leq_1 u$  and  $t \leq_2 v$ .

**Answer:**

- Reflexive: ... (obvious)
- Transitive: ... (easy)
- Anti-symmetric: For any  $s, t, u, v$  s.t.  $\langle s, t \rangle \leq \langle u, v \rangle$  and  $\langle u, v \rangle \leq \langle s, t \rangle$ . we have  $s \leq_1 u \wedge u \leq_1 s$  and also  $t \leq_2 v \wedge v \leq_2 t$ , so  $s = u$  and  $t = v$ , and  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle s, t \rangle$ .

**Problem 6.** (15 Points)

Read the following definitions carefully and then answer the questions.

Let  $\langle A, \leq \rangle$  be a poset and  $B \subseteq A$  be a subset. We say

- $B$  is a **Chain** if any two elements in  $B$  are comparable. The number of elements in  $B$  is called the *length* of the chain;
- $B$  is a **Anti-Chain** if any two elements in  $B$  are incomparable. The number of elements in  $B$  is called the *length* of the chain.

where “ $x$  and  $y$  are incomparable” means that “neither  $x \leq y$  nor  $y \leq x$ ”.

Now, let  $\langle 2^{\{a, b, c\}}, \subseteq \rangle$  be a poset. Then

1. Write down two different chains with length 4.
2. Write down an anti-chains with length 3.
3. The *lower set* of an anti-chain  $B$  is defined as  $L_B = \{x : x \in A \wedge (\exists y \in B)(x \leq y)\}$ . What is the lower set of the anti-chain you provided in the above problem.

**Answer:**

1.  $\{\} \subseteq \{a\} \subseteq \{a, b\} \subseteq \{a, b, c\}$
2.  $\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}$
3.  $\{\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}$