

CS 330 : Discrete Computational Structures  
Spring Semester, 2014  
ASSIGNMENT #8 SOLUTIONS  
Due Date: Tuesday, Apr 1

**Suggested Reading:** Rosen 9.1 and 9.5, LLM 9.4

These are the problems that you need to turn in. For more practice, you are encouraged to work on the other problems. **Always explain your answers and show your reasoning.**

1. [40 Pts Xiyuan] For each of these relations on the set of real numbers decide whether it is reflexive, anti-reflexive, symmetric, anti-symmetric and transitive. Justify your answers.

- (a)  $(x, y) \in R_1$  if and only if  $x + y = 5$

*Solution:*

**not reflexive** because  $(1, 1) \notin R_1$ .

**not antireflexive** because  $(2.5, 2.5) \in R_1$ .

**symmetric** because  $x + y = y + x$ , so if  $(x, y) \in R_1$ , then  $(y, x) \in R_1$ .

**not antisymmetric** because  $(5, 0) \in R_1$  and  $(0, 5) \in R_1$ .

**not transitive** because  $(1, 4) \in R_1$  and  $(4, 1) \in R_1$ , but  $(1, 1) \notin R_1$ .

- (b)  $(x, y) \in R_2$  if and only if  $x = 2y$

*Solution:*

**not reflexive** because  $(1, 1) \notin R_2$ .

**not antireflexive** because  $(0, 0) \in R_2$ .

**not symmetric** because  $(2, 1) \in R_2$  but  $(1, 2) \notin R_2$ .

**antisymmetric** because  $x = 2y \Rightarrow y \neq 2x$  except when  $x = y = 0$ .

**not transitive** because  $(4, 2) \in R_2$  and  $(2, 1) \in R_2$ , but  $(4, 1) \notin R_2$ .

- (c)  $(x, y) \in R_3$  if and only if  $x = 1$  or  $y = 1$

*Solution:*

**not reflexive** because  $(2, 2) \notin R_3$ .

**not antireflexive** because  $(1, 1) \in R_3$ .

**symmetric** because if  $(x, y) \in R_3$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 1$ ,  
which implies  $(y, x) \in R_3$ .

**not antisymmetric** because  $(1, 4) \in R_3$  and  $(4, 1) \in R_3$ .

**not transitive** because  $(4, 1) \in R_3$  and  $(1, 4) \in R_3$ , but  $(4, 4) \notin R_3$ .

- (d)  $R_4 = \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R}$

*Solution:*

**reflexive** because  $(x, x) \in R_4$ .

**not antireflexive** because  $(x, x) \in R_4$ .

symmetric because if  $(x, y) \in R_4$ , then  $(y, x) \in R_4$ .

not antisymmetric because  $(1, 2) \in R_4$ , and  $(2, 1) \in R_4$ .

transitive because if  $(x, y) \in R_4$ , and  $(x, y) \in R_4$ , then  $(x, z) \in R_4$ .

2. [18 Pts Zhenbi] Prove that these relations on the set of all functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  are equivalence relations. Describe the equivalence classes.

- (a)  $\{(f, g) \mid f(0) = g(0) \text{ and } f(1) = g(1)\}$

*Solution:* We show this relation on functions is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. This will prove it is an equivalence relation.

**Reflexive:** Since  $f(0) = f(0)$  and  $f(1) = f(1)$  for any function  $f$  from integers to integers,  $(f, f)$  is a member of the relation, for any  $f$ , so the relation is reflexive.

**Symmetric:** Suppose  $(f, g)$  is in the relation. Then  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(1) = g(1)$ . Since equality is symmetric,  $g(0) = f(0)$  and  $g(1) = f(1)$ , so  $(g, f)$  is in the relation also. This is true for arbitrary choice of  $f, g$  so the relation is symmetric.

**Transitive:** If  $(f, g)$  and  $(g, h)$  are in the relation, then  $f(0) = g(0)$ ,  $f(1) = g(1)$ ,  $g(0) = h(0)$  and  $g(1) = h(1)$ . Since equality is transitive,  $f(0) = h(0)$  and  $f(1) = h(1)$ . Hence,  $(f, h)$  is in the relation for arbitrary  $f, g, h$  and the relation is transitive.

Now we consider the equivalence classes. Each equivalence class is naturally defined by an ordered pair  $(x, y)$ , and contains the functions  $g$  where  $g(0) = x$  and  $g(1) = y$ . More formally, for each  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  there is an equivalence class:

$$\{g \mid g(0) = x \text{ and } g(1) = y\}$$

- (b)  $\{(f, g) \mid \exists C \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, f(x) - g(x) = C\}$

As with (a), we prove this relation is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, which will prove it is an equivalence relation.

**Reflexive:** For any integer  $a$ ,  $a - a = 0$ . So, for any function  $f$  from integers to integers, it is true that, for all  $x$ ,  $f(x) - f(x) = 0$ . So for any  $f$ ,  $(f, f)$  is in the relation, with  $C = 0$ , hence the relation is reflexive.

**Symmetric:** Suppose, for any  $f, g$ ,  $(f, g)$  is in the relation. Then there is a  $C$  such that, for all  $x$ ,  $f(x) - g(x) = C$ . Then, for all  $x$ ,  $g(x) - f(x) = -C$ . Therefore  $(g, f)$  is in the relation as well, and the relation is symmetric.

**Transitive:** Suppose, for any  $f, g, h$ , that  $(f, g)$  and  $(g, h)$  are both in the relation. Then there are  $C$  and  $C'$  such that, for all  $x$ ,  $f(x) - g(x) = C$  and  $g(x) - h(x) = C'$ . Then, by simple algebra, for all  $x$ ,  $(f(x) - g(x)) + (g(x) - h(x)) = C + C'$ , which simplifies to  $f(x) - h(x) = C + C'$ . Let  $D = C + C'$ . We have shown that, for all  $x$ ,  $f(x) - h(x) = D$ , for some integer  $D$ , so  $(f, h)$  is in the relation, and therefore the relation is transitive.

Now we consider the equivalence classes. The equivalence class for a function  $f$  is all the rigid translations of  $f$  along the  $y$ -axis. Phrased another way, start with the graph of  $f$ , and then move it up or down as far as you want, without moving it side-to-side or squishing it out of shape. This movement is a vertical rigid translation, and will give you the graph of another function  $g$  that is in  $[f]$ . In set builder notation, the equivalence class of any function  $f$  is:

$$[f] = \{g \mid \exists C \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, f(x) - g(x) = C\}$$

3. [18 Pts Zhenbi] Show that these relations on the set of all functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  are not equivalence relations. Argue which properties are not satisfied.

- (a)  $\{(f, g) \mid f(0) = g(0) \text{ or } f(1) = g(1)\}$

*Solution:* This is not an equivalence relation, lacking in transitivity. For example, let  $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1, g(0) = 0, g(1) = 2, h(0) = 3$  and  $h(1) = 2$ , then  $(f, g) \in R$  and  $(g, h) \in R$ , but  $(f, h) \notin R$ .  $R$  is clearly reflexive and symmetric.

- (b)  $\{(f, g) \mid f(x) - g(x) = 1 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

*Solution:* This is not an equivalence relation, lacking in reflexivity, symmetry and transitivity. Let  $f(x) = x, g(x) = x + 1$  and  $h(x) = x + 2$ . In this case  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, f(x) - f(x) = 0$ , so  $(f, f) \notin R$ , which means  $R$  is not reflexive.  $(g, f) \in R$ , since  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, g(x) - f(x) = x + 1 - x = 1$ , but on the other hand,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, f(x) - g(x) = x - (x + 1) = -1$ , so  $(f, g) \notin R$ . So it is not symmetric. Finally,  $(g, f) \in R$  and  $(h, g) \in R$ , but  $(h, f) \notin R$ . So it is not transitive.

4. [12 Pts Elliott] Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  where  $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$  if and only if  $a - c = b - d$ .

- (a) Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

*Solution:* For reflexivity,  $((a, b), (a, b)) \in R$  because  $a - a = b - b$ .

If  $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$  then  $a - c = b - d$ , which also means that  $c - a = d - b$ , so  $((c, d), (a, b)) \in R$ ; this tells us that  $R$  is symmetric.

Finally, if  $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$  and  $((c, d), (e, f)) \in R$  then  $a - c = b - d$  and  $c - e = d - f$ . So,  $(a - c) + (c - e) = (b - d) + (d - f)$ , implying  $a - e = b - f$ . Therefore,  $((a, b), (e, f)) \in R$ ; this tells us that  $R$  is transitive.

- (b) Define a function  $f$  such that  $f(a, b) = f(c, d)$  if and only if  $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$ .

*Solution:*

$f(x, y) = x - y$  since  $a - c = b - d$  implies  $a - b = c - d$ .

- (c) Define the equivalence class containing  $(1, 1)$  and list 2 elements in the class.

*Solution:*

$$[(1, 1)] = \{(x, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$$

Two elements:  $(2, 2), (3, 3)$

- (d) Describe each equivalence class. How many classes are there and how many elements in each class?

*Solution:*

*The number of equivalence classes is countably infinite, and each class contains a countably infinite number of elements. For example:  $[(a, b)] = \{(c, d) \mid a - b = c - d \text{ where } c, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Example:  $[(2, 3)] = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5), \dots\}$ .*

5. [4 Pts Xiang] Describe all the equivalence classes for the relation *congruence modulo 5* over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , using set-builder notation. What is the equivalence class  $[2]$ ?

*Solution:*

*There are five equivalence classes, one for each possible remainder when an integer is divided by five. In other words:*

$$[0] = \{5n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$[1] = \{5n + 1 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$[2] = \{5n + 2 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$[3] = \{5n + 3 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$[4] = \{5n + 4 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\text{The equivalence class } [2] = \{5n + 2 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

6. [8 Pts Xiang] LLM Problem 9.10 (a)

*Solution:*

*By performing breadth-first search on the diagram from top to bottom, we can obtain the following ordering: 8, 18, 9, 11, 10, 4, 6, 8*

7. [Extra Credit Xiang] LLM Problem 9.10 (b) (c) (d)



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1. a)  $(x, y) \in R$ , iff  $xy = 4$

Reflexive:  $(1, 1) \notin R$ , NO

Anti-Reflexive: NO,  $(2, 2) \in R$ ,

Sym: Yes, because  $xy = yx$  so if  $(x, y) \in R$ , then  $(y, x) \in R$ ,

anti sym: NO, because  $(4, 1) \in R$ , and  $(1, 4) \in R$ ,

transitive: NO,  $(1, 4) \in R$ , and  $(4, 1) \in R$ , but  $(1, 1) \notin R$ .

b)

R:

A:

S:

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T:

Look at solution

c)

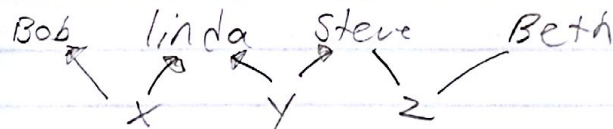
R: Trivial true since I have same BP as myself

A: NO.  $(x, x)$  have same BP

S: Yes. If  $x$  shares BP w/  $y$ . Then  $y$  shares BP w/  $x$ .

A: No. Because of symmetry

T: NO. If  $x$  shares BP with  $y$  and  $y$  shares BP with  $z$ .  $x$  has a chance to not be related to  $z$ .



2.  $x/y = \mathbb{Q}$

Reflective: Yes.  $2/2 = 1 \in \mathbb{Q}$

Anti: NO. Because  $3/3 = 1 \in \mathbb{Q}$

Sym. Yes.  $(3, 4) = 3/4$  and  $(4, 3) = 4/3$ .  $3/4$  and  $4/3 \in \mathbb{Q}$

Anti sym. No, because symmetry

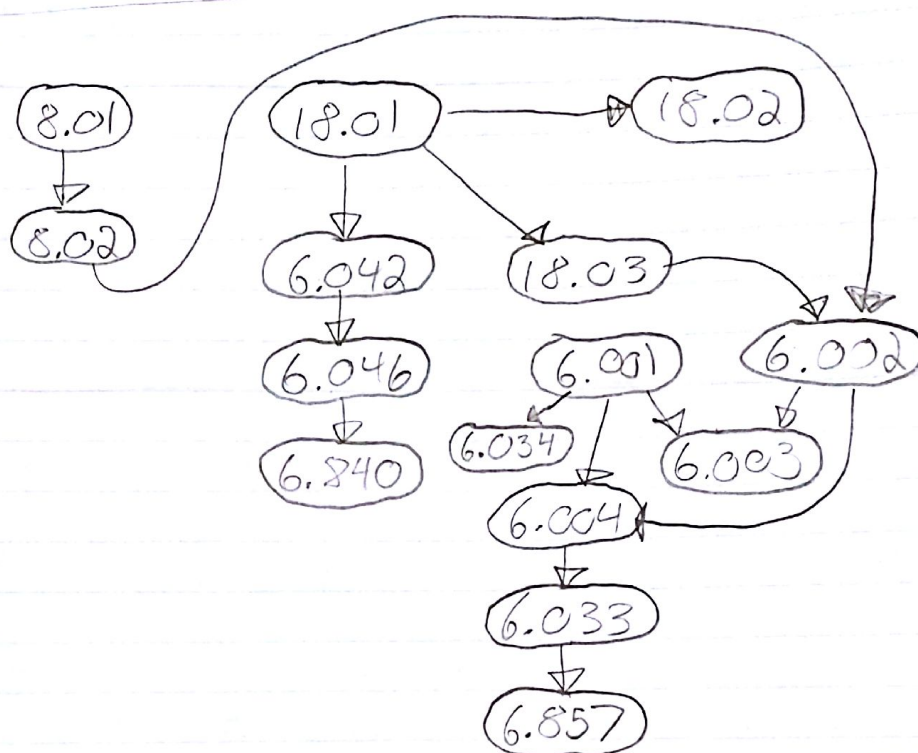
Transitive: Yes.  $(1, 2) = 1/2$ ,  $(2, 3) = 2/3$ ,  $(1, 3) = 1/3$   
all  $\in \mathbb{Q}$ .

By def, is a equiv. relation because it is Reflexive, Sym, and Transitive.

$$[2]_R = \{ \theta_n \in R^+ \mid \frac{2}{n} \text{ or } \frac{n}{2} \}$$

$$[\pi]_R = \{ \theta_n \in R^+ \mid \frac{\pi}{n} \text{ or } \frac{n}{\pi} \}$$

5. c)



4.

$$[0] = \{ 6n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$[1] = \{ 6n+1 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$[2] = \{ 6n+2 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$[3] = \{ 6n+3 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$[4] = \{ 6n+4 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$[5] = \{ 6n+5 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$