

Recall the properties of relations  $R$  on a set  $A$  (i.e., relations from  $A$  to  $A$ ):

- **Reflexive:**  $\forall a \in A. aRa$ .
- **Irreflexive:**  $\forall a \in A. \neg(aRa)$ .
- **Transitive:**  $\forall a, b, c \in A. aRb \wedge bRc \Rightarrow aRc$ .
- **Symmetric:**  $\forall a, b \in A. aRb \Rightarrow bRa$ .
- **Asymmetric:**  $\forall a, b \in A. aRb \Rightarrow \neg(bRa)$ .
- **Antisymmetric:**  $\forall a, b \in A. aRb \wedge bRa \Rightarrow a = b$ .

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is:

- a *partial order* if  $R$  is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive.
- a *total order* if  $R$  is a partial order and for all distinct  $a, b \in A$ ,  $aRb$  or  $bRa$ .
- an *equivalence relation* if  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

1. Consider the relation  $R$  on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  is an equivalence relation:

$$R = \{(1, 1), (1, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4), (5, 5), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

- (a) Verify  $R$  is an equivalence relation.
- (b) What is the equivalence class of 3,  $[3]$ ?
- (c) What is the partition induced by  $R$ ?

2. Consider the relation  $R$  on set  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq n \leq 10\}$ :

$$R = \{(x, y) \in A \times A \mid x = y \vee (x \text{ is odd} \wedge x < y)\}$$

- (a) Verify that  $R$  is a partial order.
- (b) What is the size of the largest chain in  $R$ ?
- (c) What is the size of the largest antichain in  $R$ ?
- (d) At least how many chains must any chain decomposition of  $R$  have?

3. Let  $A$  be a non-empty set and let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$ .

- (a) Prove or disprove that there exists an equivalence relation  $S$  on  $A$  such that  $R \subseteq S$ .
- (b) Prove or disprove that there exists a partial order  $S$  on  $A$  such that  $S \subseteq R$ .

4. Let  $f : A \rightarrow A$  and  $g : A \rightarrow A$  be functions on a set  $A$ . On HW5, you showed that if  $g \circ f$  is a bijection and  $A$  is **finite**, then  $g$  and  $f$  are bijections.

Prove that does not extend to the case when  $A$  is **infinite**. That is, show that there exists an infinite set  $A$  and functions  $f, g$  on  $A$  such that  $g \circ f$  is a bijection but at least one of  $g$  and  $f$  are **not** bijections.

5. Prove that the set of even integers is *countably infinite* by showing a bijection from the set of positive integers. (A surjection suffices to show it is countably infinite, but make it injective as well.)
6. Show that  $|\mathbb{R}| = |\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}|$  by proving that the following function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  is a bijection. Recall that  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  denotes the set of all non-negative integers.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

7. Let  $D$  be the set of odd integers. Show that  $|\mathbb{R}| = |\mathbb{R} \setminus D|$  by proving there exists a bijection  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus D$ . (Hint: Unlike the previous, we now have a countably infinite number of “holes” to avoid. Use the fact from problem 5 that the evens (and similarly, the odds) are countably infinite to map all integers differently than to themselves.)
8. Let  $A$  be a countably infinite set, and let  $R$  be any infinite relation on  $A$ ; that is,  $R \subseteq A \times A$ . Prove that  $R$  is countably infinite by exhibiting a bijection from  $A$  to  $R$ .

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$$R = \{(x, y) \in A \times A \mid x = y \vee (x \text{ is odd} \wedge x < y)\}$$

- (a) Verify that  $R$  is a partial order. *ref + Antisym + Trans*  
 (b) What is the size of the largest chain in  $R$ ?  
 (c) What is the size of the largest antichain in  $R$ ?  
 (d) At least how many chains must any chain decomposition of  $R$  have?

(a) ① Reflexive:  $\forall x \in A, x = x \Rightarrow xRx$  ✓

② Antisymmetric: Assume  $(x, y) \in R, (y, x) \in R$  (wts:  $x = y$ )

1)  $x = y$  . trivially done

2)  $x \neq y$   $x$  is odd,  $x < y$   
 $y$  is odd,  $y < x$  ✗

By 1), 2),  $x = y$  ✓

③ Transitivity: Assume  $(x, y) \in R, (y, z) \in R$  (wts:  $(x, z) \in R$ )

1)  $x = y, y = z \Rightarrow x = z \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

2)  $x = y, y \neq z \Rightarrow x = y, y \text{ odd}, y < z$   
 $\Rightarrow x \text{ odd}, x < z \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

3)  $x \neq y, y = z \Rightarrow x \text{ odd}, x < y = z \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

4)  $x \neq y, y \neq z \Rightarrow x \text{ odd}, x < y, y \text{ odd}, y < z$   
 $\Rightarrow x \text{ odd}, x < y < z \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

(b) Every pair of distinct elements is comparable under  $R$

$$C = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10\} \Rightarrow |C| = 6 \quad (o, m) \in R$$

Proof of why  $\nexists$  longer chain:

A has 5 odd and 5 even numbers  
 $\Rightarrow$  If  $|C| \geq 7$ , C has more than 2 even numbers  
 $\Rightarrow$  not comparable

(c) Any two distinct even numbers are incomparable

$$D_1 = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 9\} \quad D_2 = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |D_1| = |D_2| = 5$$

+ 10 to  $D_1$  ( $9 R 10$ ) + odd number to  $D_2$  ( $10 R 9$ )

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(d) Dilworth's thm: min # of chains in the chain decomposition  
= the size of longest antichain = 5

(Each element in  $D_1/D_2$  forces its own chain)

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Classic example:  $A = \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

Define  $f(n) = n+1$ .  $g(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n=0 \\ n-1 & n \geq 1 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow f$  not surjective. no  $n$  s.t.  $f(n) = 0$

$g$  not injective.  $g(0) = g(1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow f$  &  $g$  not bijective.

but  $(g \circ f)(n) = g(f(n)) = g(n+1) = (n+1) - 1 = n$  (identity func)

which is clearly bijective.



6. Show that  $|\mathbb{R}| = |\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}|$  by proving that the following function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  is a bijection. Recall that  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  denotes the set of all non-negative integers.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

pf: ①  $f$  surjective:  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \exists x \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $f(x) = y$

- 1)  $y \notin \mathbb{Z}^+$ , let  $x = y \notin \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and  $x = y \neq 0$ ,  $f(x) = x = y$
- 2)  $y \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , let  $x = y-1 \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $f(x) = x+1 = y-1+1 = y$

②  $f$  injective: Suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$  w.t.s:  $x = y$

1)  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $x+1 = y+1 \Rightarrow x = y$

2)  $x, y \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $x = y$

3) wlog,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $y \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $x+1 = y$ .

$\Rightarrow x+1$  is a positive integer, but  $y$  is not.  ~~$x \neq y$~~

$\Rightarrow x = y$

By ① & ②,  $f$  is bijective.



8. Let  $A$  be a countably infinite set, and let  $R$  be any infinite relation on  $A$ ; that is,  $R \subseteq A \times A$ . Prove that  $R$  is countably infinite by exhibiting a bijection from  $A$  to  $R$ .

pf:  $A$  countably infinite  $\Rightarrow \exists$  bijection  $b: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow A$   
 $\Rightarrow$  construct an infinite matrix whose  $(i,j)$ -entry is  
 $(b(i), b(j)) \in A \times A$

	$b(1)$	$b(2)$	$b(3)$	
$b(1)$	1,1	1,2	1,3	—
$b(2)$	2,1	2,2	2,3	—
$b(3)$	3,1	3,2	3,3	—
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	

$\Rightarrow A \times A$  countable.

Since  $R \subseteq A \times A$ ,  $R$  countable

Also,  $R$  infinite  $\Rightarrow R$  countably infinite