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Assignment 2

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Let \mathcal{R} be the set of all binary relations on the set $\{1,2,3\}$. Suppose a relation is chosen from \mathcal{R} at random. The probability that the chosen relation is reflexive is?

Solution

Let A be a set of n numbers. No. of pairs formed from elements of A:

$${}^{n}C_{1} \times {}^{n}C_{1} = n^{2}$$
 (0.0.1)

For each pair we have 2 choices, whether to include it in the relation or not.

:. Number of binary relations on A:

$$2 \times 2 \times ... \ n^2 \text{ times } = 2^{n^2}$$
 (0.0.2)

Definition 1. A reflexive relation is one in which every element maps to itself, i.e., a relation R on set A is reflexive if $(a, a) \in R \ \forall \ a \in A$.

In a reflexive relation, out of the n^2 pairs (0.0.1), n have to be included (n pairs of the form (a,a)) which means there is only 1 way to include them. For the remaining $n^2 - n$ pairs we have 2 choices, whether to include it in the relation or not.

:. Number of reflexive relations are:

$$1 \times 2^{n^2 - n} = 2^{n^2 - n} \tag{0.0.3}$$

Let $X \in \{0, 1\}$ be a random variable where 0 represents reflexive relation chosen from \mathcal{R} and 1 represents non-reflexive relation chosen from \mathcal{R} . In this case, n=3.

$$\Pr(X = 0) = \frac{2^{n^2 - n}}{2^{n^2}}$$

$$= \frac{2^6}{2^9}$$
 (0.0.4)

$$\therefore \text{ Answer } = \frac{1}{8} \tag{0.0.5}$$