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Discrete Mathematics Assignment
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Q1) Let $S = \{a, b, c\}$, Show that $(P(S), \subseteq)$ forms a poset, where $P(S)$ is power set of S . Also, draw Hasse Diagram representing this poset.

Given $S = \{a, b, c\}$

$$P(S) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, a\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$$

(i) Reflexivity :- ($\forall a \in S, aRa$)

Since every set is a subset of itself,

we can say, $\forall a \in S, a \subseteq a$ or $a = a$.

∴ Each element of this powerset satisfies this condition

∴ It is reflexive — (i)

(ii) Anti-Symmetric :- ($\forall x, y \in S, xRy \& yRx$
implies $x = y$)

So, we know if $a \subseteq b$ & $b \subseteq a$, then $a = b$,
so by this property, we can say that,
 $\forall a, b \in S, a$ if $a \subseteq b$ & $b \subseteq a$, then $a = b$

∴ It is anti-symmetric

(iii) Transitive :- ($\forall x, y, z \in S, xRy \& yRz$, then xRz)

We know if $a \subseteq y$ & $y \subseteq z$, then $a \subseteq z$
due to its property

$\forall a, b, c \in S$, where $a \subseteq b$ & $b \subseteq c$ then
 $a \subseteq c$.

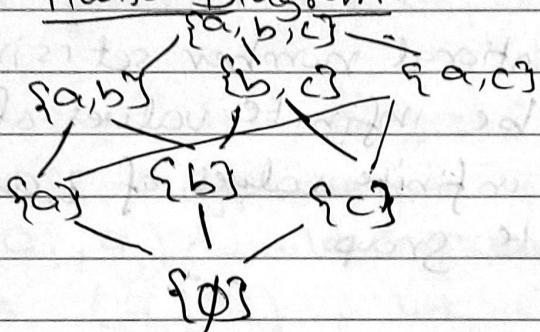
∴ It is transitive — (iii)

From ①, ② & ③, we can say $(P(S), \geq)$ forms a poset.

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- Q2) Prove that the set $G = \{(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta) : \theta \in \mathbb{Q}\}$, where θ runs over all rational numbers, forms an infinite abelian group with respect to ordinary multiplication.

* Hasse Diagram



Solution ① $\rightarrow G = \{(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta) : \theta \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Using Euler's formula, $\cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ can be written as $e^{i\theta}$.

$$\therefore G = \{e^{i\theta} : \theta \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Now the group is (G, \times) .

for any $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$, $z_1 = e^{i\theta_1}$ and $z_2 = e^{i\theta_2}$
where $z_1, z_2 \in G$.

$$\therefore z_1 \times z_2 = e^{i\theta_1} \times e^{i\theta_2} = e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

Similarly,

$$z_2 \times z_1 = e^{i\theta_2} \times e^{i\theta_1} = e^{i(\theta_2 + \theta_1)}$$

Now $\theta_2 + \theta_1$ also belongs to Θ ,

$\therefore z_1 z_2$ and $z_2 z_1$ also belongs to G .

$$e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} = e^{i(\theta_2 + \theta_1)}, \text{ therefore } \dots \quad (58)$$

$$z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1$$

\therefore The graph is abelian, or it follows commutative law.

Now, since the rational number set is infinite,

then there will be infinite values of θ_1 and θ_2

\therefore There will be infinite values of z_1 and z_2

\therefore It is an infinite graph.

(Q3) How many symmetric relations are possible on set A with n elements?

The Cartesian product of $A \times A$ will look like this:

$$(a_1, a_1), (a_1, a_2), (a_1, a_3) \dots (a_1, a_n)$$

$$(a_2, a_1), (a_2, a_2), (a_2, a_3) \dots (a_2, a_n)$$

$$(a_3, a_1), (a_3, a_2), (a_3, a_3) \dots (a_3, a_n)$$

\vdots

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$$(a_n, a_1), (a_n, a_2), (a_n, a_3) \dots (a_n, a_n)$$

From the above representation, it is clear that the diagonal elements would be present in the symmetric relation.

There are n elements in the diagonal.

∴ There are 2^n possible assignments.

Now, for non diagonal elements, (a_i, a_j) would be present iff (a_j, a_i) is present.

Except the diagonal elements, there are $n^2 - n$ elements present, but since (a_i, a_j) would represent the same assignment as (a_j, a_i) , we should only count them once.

∴ There would be $\frac{n^2 - n}{2}$ elements present and $2^{\frac{n^2 - n}{2}}$ ways to assign them.

∴ Total possible ways to assign them

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \\ &= 2^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \text{ possible ways.} \end{aligned}$$

Q4) In how many ways a graph containing n edges can be decomposed into a pair of subgraphs?

We have n edges that either go in subgraph G_1 or subgraph G_2 .

So, we have two choices for each edge.

∴ There are 2^n possible choices, assignments.

But, in this way of assignment, we are counting cases like $e_1 \rightarrow G_1, e_2 \rightarrow G_2$ and $e_2 \rightarrow G_1, e_1 \rightarrow G_2$, which we can see refer to the same assignment.

∴ We must remove duplicates,

$$\frac{2^n}{2} = 2^{n-1}$$
 possible assignment.

We have considered (G_1, G_2) and (G_2, G_1) as same, for example,

$e_1, e_2 \rightarrow G_1$ and $e_3 \rightarrow G_2$ is considered same as

$e_1, e_2 \rightarrow G_2$ and $e_3 \rightarrow G_1$.