

**Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad**  
**Discrete Mathematical Structures**  
**Solution of C1 Review test**

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1. Let us define sets  $A$  and  $B$  as follows:

$$A = \{\text{Your first name}\} \text{ and } B = \{\text{Your last name}\}$$

In the absense of last name, take  $B = \{l, a, s, t, n, m, e\}$

**For example:** if your name is **Peter Massopust**, then  $A = \{p, e, t, r\}$  and  $B = \{m, a, s, o, p, u, t\}$ .

Now,  $C := A \cup B = \{p, e, t, r, m, a, s, o, u\}$  and  $D := A \cap B = \{p, t\}$ . Then

- (I) Construct two distinct partial order relations (name these relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively) on  $C$ . [4]

**Solution:** Let us define a relation on  $C$  as follows:

$$R_1 := \{(p, p), (e, e), (t, t), (r, r), (m, m), (a, a), (s, s), (o, o), (u, u)\}.$$

It is simple to check that  $R_1$  is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive. [2]

Now, we may define another relation on  $C$  as follows:

$$R_2 = \{(p, p), (e, e), (t, t), (r, r), (m, m), (a, a), (s, s), (o, o), (u, u), (p, e), (e, t), (p, t)\}$$

It is plain to see that  $R_2$  is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive. [2]

- (II) Find all maximal and minimal elements of the constructed partial ordered sets  $(C, R_1)$  and  $(C, R_2)$ . [4]

**Solution:** In  $(C, R_1)$  : the set of maximal elements=  $\{p, e, t, r, m, a, s, o, u\}$ , [1]

and the set of minimal elements=  $\{p, e, t, r, m, a, s, o, u\}$ . [1]

In  $(C, R_2)$  : the set of maximal elements=  $\{t, r, m, a, s, o, u\}$ , [1]

and the set of minimal elements=  $\{p, r, m, a, s, o, u\}$ . [1]

- (III) Find the supremum and infimum ( if they exist) of the constructed partial ordered sets  $(C, R_1)$  and  $(C, R_2)$ . [2]

**Solution:** Since there are more than one maximal elements, the partial ordered sets  $(C, R_1)$  and  $(C, R_2)$  have no supremum. [1]

Since there are more than one minimal elements, the partial ordered sets  $(C, R_1)$  and  $(C, R_2)$  have no infimum. [1]

- (IV) Determine whether the following sets are finite, countably infinite (countable) or uncountable: [3]

- (a)  $X$  = the collection of all functions from  $C$  to  $D$ .

**Solution:** Finite (countable) because  $|X| = |D|^{|C|} = 2^9$ . [1]

- (b)  $Y$  = the collection of all functions from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of natural numbers.

**Solution:** Countably infinite because

$$|Y| = |\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}|. \quad [1]$$

- (c)  $Z$  = the collection of all functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $C$ .

**Solution:** Uncountable because  $|Z| \geq 2^{|\mathbb{N}|} = |P(\mathbb{N})|$ . [1]

2. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose we are given real numbers  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq 0$ . Show that Arithmetic mean (AM) =  $\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \geq (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} =$  GM (Geometric mean). [3]

**Solution:**

The above statement, we will prove by mathematical induction. For  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\frac{a_1 + a_2}{2} \geq (a_1 a_2)^{1/2},$$

which can be obtained by following lines: [1]

$$a_1 a_2 \leq \frac{(a_1 + a_2)^2}{4} \text{ iff } (a_1 + a_2)^2 \geq 4a_1 a_2 \text{ iff } (a_1 + a_2)^2 - 4a_1 a_2 \geq 0 \text{ iff } (a_1 - a_2)^2 \geq 0.$$

Suppose the statement is true for  $n - 1$  such numbers, that is,

$$\frac{b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_{n-1}}{n-1} \geq (b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1})^{\frac{1}{n-1}},$$

where  $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_{n-1} \geq 0$ . [1]

Given that  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \dots \geq a_n$ . Since  $G = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{1/n}$ , we have  $a_n \leq G \leq a_1$ .

We claim that  $a_1 + a_n \geq \frac{a_1 a_n}{G} + G$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + a_n - G - \frac{a_1 a_n}{G} &= \frac{a_1}{G} (G - a_n) + (a_n - G) \\ &= \frac{1}{G} (a_1 - G) (G - a_n) \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

the previous claim follows. Using the inductive hypothesis, we have

$$\frac{a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{n-1} + \frac{a_1 a_n}{G}}{n-1} \geq (G^n / G)^{1/n-1}.$$

This yields

$$a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{n-1} + \frac{a_1 a_n}{G} \geq (n-1)G.$$

Now, the above can be written as

$$\frac{a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{n-1} + \frac{a_1 a_2}{G} + G}{n} \geq G.$$

Using  $a_1 + a_n \geq \frac{a_1 a_n}{G} + G$ , we obtain

$$\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n}{n} \geq G,$$

completing the proof. [1]