

CS201A : Mathematics for CS - I (Discrete Mathematics)

Assignment 2 Solution

Question 1

(a) Show that the divides relation where $S = \mathbb{N}$ and $a|b$ means a divides b is a partial order but not an equivalence relation.

Reflexive: $\forall a \in S, \frac{a}{a} = 1 \in S \Rightarrow (a, a) \in R$ as $a|a$. So R is Reflexive.

Anti-Symmetric:

Assume that for $a, b, \in S, b|a$ and $a|b$ where $a \neq b$.

$\Rightarrow a = bx$ and $b = ay$, for some $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow a = ayx$

$\Rightarrow xy = 1$

$\Rightarrow a = b$

which is contradictory. Hence, R is Anti-Symmetric.

Transitive:

Let $a, b, c \in S$ and $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$.

$\Rightarrow a | b, b | c$

$\Rightarrow b = ax, c = by$, for some $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow c = axy$, where $xy \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow a | c$

$\Rightarrow R$ is Transitive.

Symmetric:

Let, $a = 5, b = 10$.

Here, a divides b but b does not divide a .

$\Rightarrow (a, b) \in R$ but $(b, a) \notin R$.

R is not Symmetric.

Since R is Reflexive, Anti-Symmetric and Transitive, R is partial order relation.

Since R is not symmetric, R is not equivalence relation.

(b) Give an example of an equivalence relation from Euclidean geometry.

Let A and B are two triangles.

Define relation $R : (A, B) \in R$ if A and B are congruent triangles.

It is easy to check that relation R is Reflexive, Symmetric and Transitive.

Hence, R is an equivalence relation.

(c) Can a relation be both a partial order and an equivalence relation? Justify your answer.

Yes.

Let's define a binary relation R on set \mathbb{N} such that

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}, (a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a = b$.

It is easy to check that relation R is both partial order and equivalence relation.

Example : $R = \{ (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3) \}$

(d) Prove maximum elements are maximal.

Let S be a poset with a relation R . If M is maximum element then $\forall a \in S, aRM$.

If MRa then we have

MRa, aRM (as M is maximum) and R anti-symmetric (as S is poset) $\Rightarrow a = M$

If not MRa then $MRa \Rightarrow a = M$

Hence, Since $\forall a \in S, MRa \Rightarrow a = M$, M is maximal if M is maximum element.

(e) Prove minimum elements are minimal.

Let S be a poset with a relation R . If m is minimum element then $\forall a \in S, mRa$.

If aRm then we have

aRm, mRa (as m is minimum) and R anti-symmetric (as S is poset) $\Rightarrow a = m$

If not aRm then $aRm \Rightarrow a = m$

Hence, Since $\forall a \in S, aRm \Rightarrow a = m$, m is minimal if m is minimum element.

(f) If S has a minimum element then every subset is linked.

Let S has a minimum element (say m) hence $\forall a \in S, mRa$

Consider a subset T of S .

Here, $\forall x, y \in T$, we have mRx, mRy (as m is a minimum element in S) $\Rightarrow x$ and y are compatible. (Which is true $\forall x, y \in T$)

$\Rightarrow T$ is linked.

Above will be true for all subset of S .

Hence, If S has a minimum element then every subset is linked.

(g) There can be at most one maximum element and at most one minimum element.

Let set S is a poset and on the contrary assume that it has two maximum element M_1 and M_2

$\Rightarrow \forall a \in S, aRM_1$ and $\forall a \in S, aRM_2$

$\Rightarrow M_2RM_1$ and M_1RM_2 (choosing ' a ' from set S)

$\Rightarrow M_1 = M_2$ (As S is a poset)

\Rightarrow Set S has at most one maximum element.

Similarly, we can also prove that set S has at most one minimum element.

(h) A maximal element in a linear order is a maximum and minimal element is a minimum.

Let set S is linear order under relation R .

$\Rightarrow S$ is a chain under R .

$\Rightarrow \forall a, b \in S, aRb$ or bRa

Let maximal element is M .

$\Rightarrow aRM$ or MRa (as S is a chain)

If MRa then $a=M$

So, we have $aRM \forall a \in S$

Hence, A maximal element in a linear order is a maximum.

Similarly, we can prove that, A minimal element in a linear order is a minimum.

(i) Give an example of a poset where a unique minimal element need not be a minimum and a unique maximal element need not be a maximum.

Consider a poset $S = \mathbb{Z} \cup \{x\}$ with relation R defined as

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, aRb \Rightarrow a < b$ and xRx otherwise.

Here x is not related to any interger in \mathbb{Z} , hence x is minimal as well as maximal element.

Moreover, x is neither minimum nor maximum.

(j) A partition of set S is a collection of subsets of S , say S_1, S_2 , till S_n such that every element of S belongs to exactly one of S_i . It is clear from the definition that $i \neq j \Rightarrow S_i \cap S_j = \Phi$ and $\bigcup_i S_i = S$. Prove that if R is an equivalence relation on S then it partitions S .

Consider an equivalence relation R on set S .

Define an equivalence class of S as $[s] = \{a \in S | aRs\}$

Define a partition set of S as $P = \{[s] | s \in S\}$.

It is easy to check that R is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Also, they are disjoint as for any $a, b, c \in S$ if $c \in [a]$ and $c \in [b]$ then cRa and cRb .

By symmetric property, aRc and cRb .

By transitivity, aRb . Hence, $[a] = [b]$. So, each element in partition set P of S is pairwise disjoint.

Therefore, R partitions S if R is an equivalence relation on R .

② Defⁿ 1 : countable set :-

① Suppose that there is a set S such that $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}/\mathbb{N}_0$ is an injection from S to \mathbb{N}/\mathbb{N}_0

Let D be a set of images of $s \in S$

$$D = \{f(s) \mid s \in S\}$$

So, $D \subseteq \mathbb{N}/\mathbb{N}_0$

Now there is an injection from S to D

Also D being the set of images of set S , there is an injection from set D to S

$\therefore D \sim S$ (D is equivalent to S)
(bijection)

② Defⁿ 2 :-

If $S \sim T$ where $T \subseteq \mathbb{N}/\mathbb{N}_0$
that is S is equipollent to a subset of \mathbb{N}/\mathbb{N}_0
suppose $f: S \rightarrow T$ is that bijective function

Define $g: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $g(a) = f(a)$
 $\forall a \in S$

\therefore given g is injective because f is injective

$\therefore S \sim T$ where $T \subseteq \mathbb{N}/\mathbb{N}_0$ is equivalent to $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}/\mathbb{N}_0$

SOL 3.

Lemma 1: The set of polynomials $P_n(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ (of arbitrary degree) with rational coefficients is countable.

Proof: The set of all polynomials with rational coefficients is the union of countable collection of sets $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_n, \dots$ where A_n denotes set of all polynomials of degree $\leq n$ with rational coefficients. We know that the union of a finite collection or countable collection of countable sets is a countable set. Therefore we now only need to show that each A_n is countable. For $n=0$, A_n is the set of all rational numbers which is countable. Every element of A_{n+1} can be written in form

$Q(x) + a_{n+1}x^{n+1}$ where $Q(x)$ is polynomial of degree $\leq n$ with rational coefficients (countable by Induction hypothesis) and set of all numbers a_{n+1} is countable.

Since every element of A_{n+1} can be assigned a pair $(Q(x), a_{n+1})$ where $a_{n+1} \neq Q(x)$ range over countable sets and set of all ordered pairs over two countable sets are countable. Therefore A_{n+1} is countable. Therefore Lemma 1 is proved.

Using Lemma 1 set of all polynomials with rational coefficients are countable, but each of these polynomials has only finite number of roots (a polynomial of degree n can have at max n roots). Therefore roots of all polynomial with rational coefficients are countable.

SOL 4.

(A) given $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a surjection, we can construct an injection from $B \rightarrow A$ as follows:

$$h(b) = a \in A \text{ s.t. } f(a) = b \in B$$

If there are more than one such 'a', arbitrarily choose any one.

$\therefore f$ is a surjection, h is defined for all $b \in B$ mapping to unique $a \in A$

Similarly using $g: A \rightarrow B$ we construct an injection from $A \rightarrow B$, let's call it J

$$J(a) = b \in B \text{ s.t. } g(b) = a \in A$$

In case of more than one such 'b', arbitrarily choose any one.

Now we have $h: B \rightarrow A$ and $J: A \rightarrow B$ and both are injections hence using CSB Theorem we conclude $A \sim B$.

(B) $S_b = \{0,1\}^*$ is set of all finite sequences of strings of 0's and 1's

Let B_n be set of sequences of 0's and 1's of length n .

$$S_b = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n$$

Each B_n is finite as $|B_n| = 2^n$

Since union of countable collection of countable or finite sets is countable, Therefore S_b is countable.

(C) Consider most extreme case where S is countably infinite and disjoint from A . Then A has a countably infinite subset $B = \{b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots\}$, since if a set is infinite then it has a countable infinite subset.

Let $S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots\}$.

Define function $f: A \rightarrow A \cup S$

$$f(b_n) = b_{n/2}, \text{ if } n \text{ is even}$$

$$f(b_n) = b_{(n-1)/2}, \text{ if } n \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(x) = x \text{ if } x \in A \setminus \{b_0, b_1, \dots\}$$

Then f maps A one to one onto $A \cup S$.

Ques \rightarrow

Given:- A and B are finite sets

$f: A \rightarrow B$ $g: B \rightarrow A$ are both injections.

a) Sequences given:-

$$A = A_0, A_1 = g(B_0), \dots, A_n = g(B_{n-1}), \dots$$

$$B = B_0, B_1 = f(A_0), \dots, B_n = f(A_{n-1}), \dots$$

We know that, composition of injections is also an injection. So, $A_0, B_1, A_2, B_3, \dots$ for this sequence,

note that, $B_1 = f(A_0)$ i.e. onto function (surjection).

\hookrightarrow as B_1 is range of (A_0) on f .

\hookrightarrow also, B_1, A_2, B_3, \dots all are having 1-1 mapping from A_0 . (due to composition of injections)

so, $A_0 \sim B_1$ forms a bijection.

hence, A_0 & B_1 are equipotent.

Similarly, we can say for $B_1 \sim A_2$.

Hence, we can say that

$$A_0 \sim B_1 \sim A_2 \sim B_3 \sim \dots$$

so, all have same cardinalities

$$|A_0| = |B_1| = |A_2| = \dots$$

Same logic can be applied for the sequence,

$$B_0, A_1, B_2, A_3, \dots$$

g is one-one funcⁿ from B to A

and also $g(B_0) = A_1$ i.e. onto funcⁿ

$$\text{so, } |B_0| = |A_1| = |B_2| = \dots$$

as all has following relations -
 $B_0 \sim A_1 \sim B_2 \sim A_3 \sim \dots$

(b) Here, we know g is a one-one function from B to A

So, we can see that

$$A_1 \subseteq A_0$$

because, $g(B_0) \subseteq A$

as range of a function is a subset to its co-domain

and $A = A_0$ (also)

$$\text{So, } A_1 \subseteq A_0 \text{ --- (1)}$$

by induction we can say,

$$A_{i+1} \subseteq A_i \text{ so, } A_0 \supseteq A_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq A_n$$

Similarly, f is a one-one function from A to B

So, we can see that,

$$B_1 \subseteq B_0$$

because, $f(A_0) \subseteq B$

as range of a function

is a subset of codomain.

and $B = B_0$ (also)

$$\text{So, } B_1 \subseteq B_0 \text{ --- (2)}$$

by induction, we can say,

$$B_{i+1} \subseteq B_i \text{ , so, } B_0 \supseteq B_1 \supseteq B_2 \dots \supseteq B_n$$

(C) Given:- X_i, Y_i (where i ranging \neq over some index set)
 \hookrightarrow Collection of mutually disjoint sets.

and if $X_i \cap Y_i$ then $U_i X_i \cap U_i Y_i$.

Soln:-

As $X_i \cap Y_i$ so, X_i is equipollent to Y_i .

So, $\exists f_i: X_i \rightarrow Y_i \quad \forall i$ (f_i is a bijection)

So, let us define a function f , such that

$f: U_i X_i \rightarrow U_i Y_i$ and $\forall x \in U_i X_i$

there is a unique index i from where this x come from, $x \in X_i$.

and $f(x) = f_i(x) \in Y_i$. [as $X_i \cap Y_i$ and each element of Y_i has a pre-image in X_i]

So, $f(x)$ is onto and 1-1 as each function f_i is a bijection.

and hence, f is a bijection b/w
 $U_i X_i$ and $U_i Y_i$.

Now, we have to prove that, All X_i 's need to be pairwise disjoint, same thing implies for All Y_i 's.

\Rightarrow let us suppose, All X_i 's are not pairwise disjoint,

so, \exists an x s.t. $x \in X_i$
as well as
 $x \in X_j$ and $i \neq j$.

suppose, X_i & X_j are not disjoint but Y_i & Y_j are disjoint.

so, $|X_i \cup X_j| = |X_i| + |X_j| - 1 \rightarrow$ as x is common,

but

$$|Y \cup X_j| = |Y_i| + |X_j|$$

as they are disjoint.

$$\text{but } f_i: X_i \rightarrow Y_i \text{ as } |X_i| = |Y_i|$$

$$f_j: X_j \rightarrow Y_j \text{ as } |X_j| = |Y_j|$$

as both are bijection.

So,

$$\text{Hence } |X_i \cup X_j| \neq |Y_i \cup Y_j|$$

But for ~~$f: \bigcup X_i$~~

$$f: \bigcup X_i \rightarrow \bigcup Y_i \text{ to be}$$

$$\text{bijection, } |\bigcup X_i| = |\bigcup Y_i|$$

but it is giving a contradiction. Hence, disjoint condition is necessary to hold.

d) To define suitable sets A_i^*, B_i^* (based on A_i & B_i) s.t. subset of c holds.

We assume $A_i^* = A_{i-1} - A_i \quad \forall i \geq 1$

$$A_1^* = A_0 - A_1$$

$$A_2^* = A_1 - A_2$$

\vdots

so, we can say $A_1^* \cap A_2^* = \{\}$

Similarly, for $B_i^* = B_{i-1} - B_i \quad \forall i \geq 1$

so, $B_1^* \cap B_2^* = \{\}$.

We know, $A_0 \cup B_1$ and $A_1 \cup B_2$.

$$\Rightarrow A_0 - A_1 \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \Rightarrow A_1^* \cup B_2^*$$

Similarly, $A_2^* \cup B_1^*$.

all A_i^* are disjoint and all B_i^* are disjoint and hence, by (C), union of all A_i^* 's and union of all B_i^* 's are in bijection to each other.

(e) Show that $A = (\cup_i A_i^*) \cup (\cap_i A_i)$ and $B = (\cup_i B_i^*) \cup (\cap_i B_i)$.

Soln :- $A_i^* = A_{i-1} - A_i$ at some point at end we come across a condition that, $A_{n-1} = A_n$, and $A_{n-1} \supseteq A_n$.

$$U_i A_i^* = A - A_n$$

$$\xrightarrow{L} A_0^* \cup A_2^* \cup \dots \cup A_n^*$$

$$A_0 - A_1 + A_1 - A_2 + \dots - A_{n-1} - A_n$$

$$A_0 - A_n$$

and $\boxed{A_0 = A}$ so, $A - A_n = U_i A_i^*$

and $\boxed{\bigcap_i A_i = A_n}$

$$\text{so, } U_i A_i^* \cup \bigcap_i A_i = (A - A_n) \cup A_n$$

$$= A$$

so,

$$\boxed{(U_i A_i^*) \cup (\bigcap_i A_i) = A}$$

similarly, $\underline{(\bigcup_i B_i) \cup (\bigcap_i B_i) = B}$

(f) $f(\bigcap_i A_i) = \bigcap_i B_i$ and

$g(\bigcap_i B_i) = \bigcap_i A_i$

→ as $\bigcap_i A_i = A_n$ from part (e) we have taken it in such a way.

i.e. $A_{n-1} = A_n$ i.e. $A_{n-1} \supseteq A_n$.

$$A_n \sim B_{n-1} \text{ \& } A_{n-1} \sim B_n \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\text{also, } A_{n-1} \sim A_n \text{ [as } A_{n-1} = A_n \text{]} \text{ --- (2)}$$

so, $B_n = f(A_{n-1})$ so, $A_{n-1} \sim B_n$ as f is a bijection

$$A_n = A_{n-1} \text{ from (2),}$$

$$\text{so, } A_n \sim B_n$$

$$\bigcap A_i \sim \bigcap B_i$$

$$f(\bigcap A_i) = \bigcap B_i$$

$$\text{Hence } g(\bigcap B_i) = \bigcap A_i$$

(g) we have observed many things in above parts that are sufficient to prove CSB.

→ $\exists f: \bigcup_i A_i^* \rightarrow \bigcup_i B_i^*$ and f is bijection.
 (say f_1) also, from above parts we have proven,

→ $\exists f_2: \bigcap_i A_i \rightarrow \bigcap_i B_i$ and f_2 is bijection
 (say f_2)

$$\rightarrow \text{also, } (\bigcup_i A_i^*) \cup (\bigcap_i A_i) = A$$

$$(\bigcup_i B_i^*) \cup (\bigcap_i B_i) = B.$$

so, from all above points we see that

A and B are in bijection:

say, $H: A \xrightarrow{\sim} B$ forms a bijection.

(6)

a) $F_n = \{s = \{0,1\}^{\omega} \mid s \text{ has only 0s after } n^{\text{th}} \text{ bit}\}$

if n be the first n bits of infinite binary string, so cardinality of $F_n = 2^n$

b) Let positions of occurrence of 1's be a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k

\Rightarrow we map a string s with function

$f: F \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$f(s) = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \dots \times p_k^{a_k} \text{ where}$$

k & a_i are finite $\forall p \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$

$$\text{Hence } |F| = \aleph_0$$

c)

$S = \{0,1\}^{\omega}$ is uncountable

Proof

Consider the power set of \mathbb{N} , this set is uncountable & we can have bijection from this set to set S by considering a subset of \mathbb{N} & mapping the infinite string to this subset in such a way that if an element of \mathbb{N} is absent in subset then put 0 at its place & 1 otherwise.

Now since power set of \mathbb{N} is uncountable then set S is also uncountable.

Now we will find the cardinality of set T which is a set of binary strings that have ⁱⁿ ~~definitely~~ many 1s.

Sol we can write set $T = \{0, 1\}^{\omega} - F$ where set F is the set from part (b) the set of binary strings with finitely many 1s.

$$T + F = \{0, 1\}^{\omega}$$

Since set on RHS is uncountable F is countable (b) ~~thus~~ set T is uncountable.