MATH 263: Discrete Mathematics 2

Practice Exam 1

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Problem 1

Let $R = R : A \to A$ be a relation from a set A to itself, then:

$$R^n = \overbrace{R \circ R \circ \cdots \circ R \circ R}^{n}$$

That is, R^n is the composition of R with itself n times.

Give a counter example or prove the following assertions:

a. If R is reflexive then R^n is reflexive.

b. If R is symmetric then R^n is symmetric.

c. If R is transitive then R^n is transitive.

Solution

Problem 2

Suppose that R and S are reflexive relations on a set A. Prove or disprove each of these statements.

a) $R \cup S$ is reflexive.

b) $R \cap S$ is reflexive.

c) $R \oplus S$ is irreflexive.

d) $R - S$ is irreflexive.

e) $S \circ R$ (S composed with R) is reflexive.

Solution

Problem 3

Find the matrix that represents the relation R on $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$, where aRb means $a|b$. Use elements in the order given to determine rows and columns of the matrix.

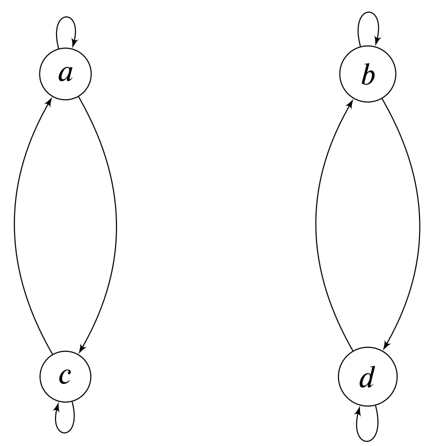
Solution

Problem 4

Draw the directed graph for the relation defined by the matrix:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution



Problem 5

A Lemma in the book states: *Let A be a set with n elements, and let R be a relation on A. If there is a path of length at least one in R from a to b, then there is such a path with length not exceeding n. Moreover, when $a \neq b$, if there is a path of length at least one in R from a to b, then there is such a path with length not exceeding $n-1$.* The book proves for the case that $a = b$. Find the proof for the case that $a \neq b$.

Solution

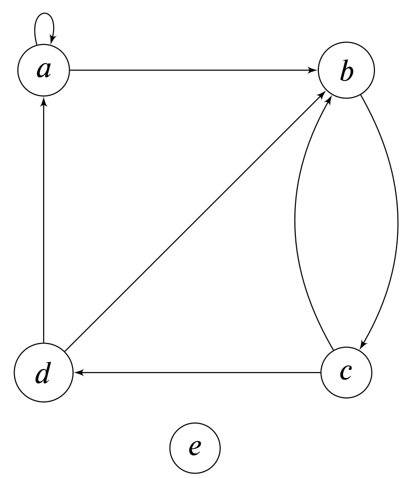
Problem 6

Draw the directed graph that represents the relation:

$$A\mathcal{R}A = \{(a,a),(a,b),(b,c),(c,b),(c,d),(d,a),(d,b)\}$$

where $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

Solution



Problem 7

Find the matrix of the relation of $A\mathcal{R}A$ from Question 6 above.

Solution

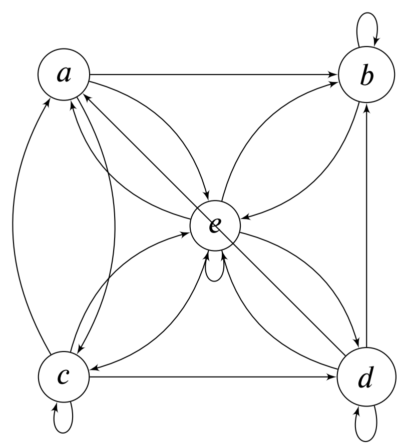
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 8

From the directed graph of question Question 6 above draw the digraph of $\bar{R}$ (the complement of R).

Solution

$$\overline{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Problem 9

From the directed graph of question Question 6 above draw the digraph of R^{-1} (the inverse of R).

Solution

Problem 10

Find the matrix of the relation of $A\bar{R}A$ from question Question 6 above.

Solution

Problem 11

Find the matrix of the relation of $A\mathcal{R}^{-1}A$ from question Question 6 above.

Solution

Problem 12

In $A\mathcal{R}A$ from question Question 6 above remove or add the least amount of elements so that $A\mathcal{R}A$ represents an equivalence relation.

Solution