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

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

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

Q 1) 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.

Q 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.

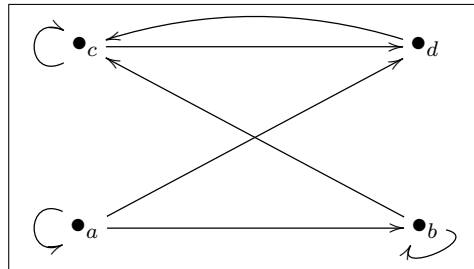
e) $S \circ R$ (S composed with R) is reflexive.

Q 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.

Q 4) Draw the directed graph for the relation defined by the matrix:

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

Example of a digraph:



Q 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 $a \neq b$*

Q 6 Draw the directed graph that represents the relation $ARA = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, c), (c, b), (c, d), (d, a), (d, b)\}$ where $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$.

Q 7 Find the matrix of the relation of ARA from question 6 above.

Q 8 From the directed graph of question 6 above draw the digraph of \bar{R} (the complement of R).

Q 9 Find the matrix of the relation of $A\bar{R}A$ from question 6 above.

Q 10 From the directed graph of question 6 above draw the digraph of R^{-1} (the inverse of R).

Q 11 Find the matrix of the relation of $AR^{-1}A$ from question 6 above.

Q 12 In ARA from question 6 above remove or add the least amount of elements so that ARA represents an equivalence relation.