

Definition 0.1. If M is a matroid, then there exists a bijection from the ground set of M_i to the ground set of M_j , such that a set is independent in the first matroid if and only if it is independent in the second matroid, then M_i and M_j are said to be isomorphic

Excercise: 2.4

Let E be a set, $\{1, 2, 3\}$

i) Show there are exactly eight non-isomorphic matroids on E .

ii) How many non-isomorphic matroids are there on a 4-element set?

Let I be the set of subsets as defined above.

Solution:

i)

$$\{\emptyset\}$$

$$\{\{\emptyset\}, \{1\}\} \cong \{\{\emptyset\}, \{2\}\} \cong \{\{\emptyset\}, \{3\}\}$$

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$$\{\{\emptyset\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\} \cong \{\{\emptyset\}, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}\} \cong \{\{\emptyset\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{2, 3\}\}$$

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ii)

$$E = \{\emptyset\}; |I| = 2^0 = 1$$

$$E = \{1\}; |I| = 2^1 = 2$$

$$E = \{1, 2\}; |I| = 2^2 = 4$$

$$E = \{1, 2, 3\}; |I| = 2^3 = 8$$

$$E = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}; |I| = 2^4 = 16$$

So $|I|$ is bounded above by 2^n for $n \in \mathbb{N}$