

Task 1. (*) Let p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n be a finite sequence of natural numbers, $0 \leq p_1 \leq p_2 \leq \dots \leq p_n$. Let $p'_k = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i$. Prove that a tournament with outdegree p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n exists if and only if $p'_k \geq \binom{k}{2}$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$ and $p'_n = \binom{n}{2}$.

Task 2. Let T be a tournament where everyone loses at least one match ($\delta^-(T) > 0$).

(i) Prove that given king x , there exists another king $y \in V(T)$ such that $y \rightarrow x$.

(ii) Prove (using (i)) that T has at least 3 kings.

Task 3. Check whether the following structures are posets. If so, find all minimal elements and all maximal ones, and the minimum element and the maximum one (provided they exist). Check whether an infinite chain and antichain exist.

(i) $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \subseteq)$, where \mathcal{P} denotes the power set: $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{N}\}$.

(ii) $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \supseteq)$

(iii) $(\mathbb{N}^+, |)$, where $|$ is a divisibility relation, i.e. $a|b$ means that a divides b .

(iv) $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, \preceq)$, where $(a_1, a_2) \preceq (b_1, b_2)$ iff $(a_1 \leq b_1) \wedge (a_2 \leq b_2)$.

Task 4. Draw Hasse diagrams, find all minimal and maximal elements as well as the minimum and the maximum one (provided they exist) and determine the length ℓ and the width w of the following posets. Show that they are covered by w chains and by ℓ antichains, with respective values of w and ℓ .

(i) $(\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}) \setminus \{\emptyset\}, \subseteq)$

(ii) $(\{3, 4, \dots, 16\}, |)$

(iii) $(\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \times \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \preceq)$, where $(a_1, a_2) \preceq (b_1, b_2)$ wtw. $(a_1 \leq b_1) \wedge (a_2 \leq b_2)$.

Task 5. (*) Prove Mirski's Theorem: The length of a finite poset (X, \preceq) is equal to the minimum number of antichains that cover all elements of X .

Task 6. Prove that every finite partial order has a linear extension.