

CSCE 222 [Sections 503, 504] Discrete Structures for Computing  
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**Problem Set 9**

**Due dates:** Electronic submission of *yourLastName-yourFirstName-hw9.tex* and *yourLastName-yourFirstName-hw9.pdf* files of this homework is due on **Friday, 11/15/2019 before 10:00 p.m.** on <http://ecampus.tamu.edu>. You will see two separate links to turn in the .tex file and the .pdf file separately. Please do not archive or compress the files. **If any of the two submissions are missing, you will likely receive zero points for this homework.**

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**Resources.** Peer Teacher Central, Discrete Math and Its Applications

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Total 100 + 10 (extra credit) points.

**Problem 1.** (10 pts  $\times$  3 = 30 points) Section 8.2, Exercise 4 b), c) and d) page 551. For each subproblem, find the closed form solution for  $a_n$  by answering the following step by step:

1. (2 points) What is the characteristic equation of the recurrence relation?
2. (2 + 2 points) What are the roots of the characteristic equation? Express  $a_n$  in a generic form in terms of the roots you found. For (d), you will get only one root; refer Theorem 2 in page 544 for the generic form in this case.
3. (4 points) Find the closed form solution for  $a_n$  using the initial conditions. Show your work.

**Solution.** b) 1)  $c_x \implies x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$

2)  $(x - 5)(x - 2) = 0 \implies x_1 = 5, x_2 = 2$

$$a_n = \alpha(5)^n + \beta(2)^n$$

3)  $n = 0 : a_0 = \alpha(5)^0 + \beta(2)^0 \implies \alpha + \beta = 2 \implies \beta = 2 - \alpha$

$$n = 1 : a_1 = \alpha(5)^1 + \beta(2)^1 \implies 5\alpha + 2\beta = 1$$

$$\implies 5\alpha + 2(2 - \alpha) = 1 \implies 5\alpha - 2\alpha + 4 = 1 \implies 3\alpha = -3 \implies \alpha = -1$$

$$-1 + \beta = 2 \implies \beta = 3$$

$$a_n = -1(5)^n + 3(2)^n \implies a_n = 3(2)^n - 5^n$$

c) 1)  $c_x \implies x^2 - 6x + 8 = 0$

2)  $(x - 4)(x - 2) = 0, x_1 = 4, x_2 = 2$

$$a_n = \alpha(4)^n + \beta(2)^n$$

3)  $n = 0 : a_0 = \alpha(4)^0 + \beta(2)^0 \implies \alpha + \beta = 4 \implies \beta = 4 - \alpha$

$$n = 1 : a_1 = \alpha(4)^1 + \beta(2)^1 \implies 4\alpha + 2\beta = 10$$

$$4\alpha + 2(4 - \alpha) = 10 \implies 4\alpha - 2\alpha + 8 = 10 \implies 2\alpha = 2 \implies \alpha = 1$$

$$1 + \beta = 4 \implies \beta = 3$$

$$a_n = 4^n + 3(2)^n$$

d) 1)  $c_x \implies x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$

2)  $(x - 1)^2 = 0, x_1 = 1$

$$a_n = \alpha(1)^n + \beta n(1)^n \implies a_n = \alpha + \beta n$$

3)  $n = 0 : a_0 = \alpha + \beta(0) \implies \alpha = 4$

$$n = 1 : a_1 = \alpha + \beta(1) \implies 1 = 4 + \beta \implies \beta = -3$$

$$a_n = 4 - 3n$$

**Problem 2.** (5 points  $\times$  3 = 15 points) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

- a) List all the ordered pairs in the relation  $R = \{(a, b) \mid a + b = 5\}$  on  $A$ .
- b) List all the ordered pairs in the relation  $R = \{(a, b) \mid a < b\}$  on  $A$ .
- c) List all the ordered pairs in the relation  $R = \{(a, b) \mid a < b\}$  from  $A$  to  $B$ .

**Solution.** a)  $(1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 1)$

b)  $(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 5)$

c)  $(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)$

**Problem 3.** (8 points  $\times$  3 = 24 points) Section 9.1, Exercise 6 a), b) and d), page 608

**Solution.** a) Reflexive: No,  $x+x=0$  only holds when  $x=0$ , but  $x$  is the set of all real numbers.

Symmetric: Yes, if  $x+y=0$ , then  $y+x=0$

Antisymmetry: No, for  $x+y=0$  to hold,  $y=-x$  must hold, but  $x \neq -x$

Transitive: No, say that  $x=-1$ ,  $y=1$ ,  $z=-1$ .  $x+y=0$ , and  $y+z=0$ , but  $x+z=-2$

b) Reflexive: No,  $x=-x$  does not hold

Symmetric: Yes, if  $x = \pm y$ , then  $y = \pm x$

Antisymmetric: No, say that  $5=-(-5)$  and  $-5=-5$ , but  $5 \neq -5$

Transitive: Yes,  $x = \pm y$ , and  $y = \pm z$ , so  $x = \pm(\pm z)$ , or  $x = \pm z$

d) Reflexive: No,

Symmetric: No,

Antisymmetric: Yes,

Transitive: No,

**Problem 4.** (5 points  $\times$  2 = 10 points) Let  $A$  be the set of all people and  $(x, y) \in A \times A$ . Is each of the following an equivalence relation? For each subproblem, explain which of the three properties of an equivalence relation – reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity – are satisfied and which are not, by explaining why or why not. Then, answer whether it is an equivalence relation.

a)  $R_1 = \{(x, y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ have the same parents}\}$

b)  $R_2 = \{(x, y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ have a common grandparent}\}$

**Solution.** a) Reflexive:  $x$  has the same parents as  $x$ , so reflexivity holds.

Symmetric: Say that  $x$  has the same parents as  $y$ . That would also mean that  $y$  has the same parents as  $x$ . Therefore, symmetry holds.

Transitive: Say that  $x$  has the same parents as  $y$ , and say that  $y$  has the same parents as  $z$ . It would reason that  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  all have the same parents, and therefore  $x$  and  $z$  have the same parents. Thus, transitivity holds.

$\therefore R_1$  is an equivalence relation

b) Reflexive:  $x$  has a common grandparent with  $x$ , so reflexivity holds.

Symmetric: Say that  $x$  has a common grandparent with  $y$ . It would reason that  $y$  also has a common grandparent with  $x$ . Therefore, symmetry holds.

Transitive: Say that  $x$  and  $y$  have a common grandparent, and that  $y$  and  $z$  have a common grandparent. This does not imply that  $x$  and  $z$  have a common grandparent, and therefore transitivity does not apply.

$\therefore R_2$  is not an equivalence relation because it is not transitive

**Problem 5.** (10 points) We define on the set  $\mathbf{N}_1 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  of positive integers a relation  $\sim$  such that two positive integers  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $x/y = 2^k$  for some integer  $k$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

**Solution.** Reflexive: Say that  $y=x$ , and therefore  $x/x = 2^k$ , where  $k$  is some integer. Thus,  $1 = 2^k, 1 = 2^0$ .  $0$  is an integer, and so reflexivity holds.

Symmetric: For  $\sim$  to be symmetric, we must show that if  $x/y = 2^k$ , then  $y/x = 2^l$  holds. Take  $x/y = 2^k$ . By the laws of negative exponents, this would mean that  $y/x = 2^{-k}$ . Because  $-k$  is an integer,  $\sim$  is symmetric.

Transitive: For  $\sim$  to be transitive,  $x/y = 2^k$  and  $y/z = 2^l$  implies that  $x/z = 2^m$ . If you multiply  $x/y$  and  $y/z$ , you get that  $x/z = 2^{k+l}$ . When you add two integers  $k$  and  $l$  you are left with an integer, and therefore  $\sim$  is transitive.

$\therefore x \sim y$  is an equivalence relation

**Problem 6.** (7 points  $\times$  3 = 21 points) Section 9.6, Exercise 2 b), c) and e), page 662. For each subproblem, explain which of the three properties of a partial ordering – reflexivity, antisymmetry, and transitivity – are satisfied and which are not, by explaining why or why not. Then, answer whether it is a partial ordering.

**Solution.** b) Reflexive: For every element  $a \in A$ ,  $(a, a)$  is in  $R$ . For example,  $0 \in A$ , and  $(0, 0) \in R$ . Thus, reflexivity holds.

Antisymmetry: If  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ , then  $a = b$  must hold. We have that, for example,  $(0, 0)$  is in  $R$ , and  $0=0$ , so antisymmetry holds for this. As a counterexample, we have that  $(0, 2)$  is in  $R$ , but  $(2, 0)$  is not in  $R$ . Because  $a \neq b$ , antisymmetry holds. Thus, antisymmetry holds.

Transitive: If  $(a, b)$  is in  $R$ , and  $(b, c)$  is in  $R$ , then  $(a, c)$  must also be in  $R$ . Most elements fall into the category of  $a=b=c$ , where  $(a, b)$ ,  $(b, c)$ , and  $(a, c)$  are all the same element. The elements  $(2, 0)$  and  $(2, 3)$  do not fall under this category. For both of these,  $a=2$  and  $b=0$  or  $b=3$ . For transitivity to hold, the sets  $b=c$  for  $(b, c)$  must hold. Because the sets  $(0, 0)$  and  $(3, 3)$  are in  $R$ , transitivity holds.

$\therefore$  The set is a partial ordering

c) Reflexive: For every element  $a \in A$ ,  $(a, a) \in R$ . Thus, reflexivity holds.

Antisymmetry: If  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ , then  $a = b$  must hold. The sets  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ ,  $(3, 3)$  are all in  $R$  and satisfy the conditional. For all sets  $(a, b)$  where  $a \neq b$  and  $(a, b)$  is in  $R$ ,  $(b, a)$  is not in  $R$ . Therefore, antisymmetry holds.

Transitive: We have that  $(3, 1)$  is in  $R$ , and that  $(1, 2)$  is in  $R$ . However, the element  $(3, 2)$  is not in  $R$ . The conditional statement  $(a, b)$  in  $R$  and  $(b, c)$  in  $R$  implies that  $(a, c)$  is in  $R$ , does not hold. Thus transitivity does not hold.  $\therefore$  the set is not a partial ordering because it is not transitive.

e) Reflexive: For every element  $a \in A$ ,  $(a, a) \in R$ . Thus, reflexivity holds.

Antisymmetry: If  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ , then  $a = b$  must hold. However,  $(0, 1)$  is in  $R$ , and  $(1, 0)$  is in  $R$ , but  $0 \neq 1$ . Thus antisymmetry does not hold.

Transitive: If  $(a, b)$  is in  $R$ , and  $(b, c)$  is in  $R$ , then  $(a, c)$  must also be in  $R$ . However,  $(2, 0)$  is in  $R$ , and  $(0, 3)$  is in  $R$ , but  $(2, 3)$  is not in  $R$ . Thus, transitivity does not hold.

$\therefore$  the set is not a partial ordering because it is not transitive or antisymmetric.



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