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Problem 7.

Write down 4 sentences for a language $\mathcal{L}$ such that any structure $\mathfrak{U} = \langle X, \leq \rangle$ is a linear ordering if and only if it satisfies those four sentences.

$\forall x\ Pxx$ (reflexive)

$\forall x\ \forall y\ ((Pxy \wedge Pyx) \rightarrow (x = y))$ (antisymmetric)

$\forall x\ \forall y\ \forall z\ ((Pxy \wedge Pyz) \rightarrow Pxz)$ (transitive)

$\forall x\ \forall y\ (Pxy \vee Pyx)$ (total)

Problem 9.

Suppose that X is a set and $\leq$ is a preordering of X. Define a new binary relation on X by

$$x \equiv y \ \leftrightarrow \ (x \leq y \wedge y \leq x).$$

Show that $\equiv$ is an equivalence relation on X, that $\leq$ induces a well-defined relation on equivalence classes, and that this induced relation is a partial ordering of $X/\equiv$.

Claim 9.1. $\equiv$ *is an equivalence relation on* X.

Proof. We need to show that $\equiv$ is reflexive, transitive, and symmetric.

Reflexivity: $x \leq x$ for all $x \in X$, so $x \equiv x$, so the equivalence relation is reflexive.

Transitivity: For $x, y, z \in X$, suppose $x \equiv y$ and $y \equiv z$, then:

$$x \equiv y \ \leftrightarrow \ (x \leq y \wedge y \leq x) \tag{9.2}$$

$$y \equiv z \ \leftrightarrow \ (y \leq z \wedge z \leq y) \tag{9.3}$$

$$\textbf{??} \wedge \textbf{??} \ \leftrightarrow \ (x \leq z \wedge z \leq x) \ \leftrightarrow \ (x \equiv z)$$

Symmetry: For $x, y \in X$, suppose $x \equiv y$, then:

$$x \equiv y \ \leftrightarrow \ (x \leq y \wedge y \leq x)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \ (y \leq x \wedge x \leq y)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \ (y \equiv x)$$

$\square$

Claim 9.4. $\leq$ *induces a well-defined relation on equivalence classes.*

Proof. Let $x, y \in X$ such that $x \equiv y$. Take any $z \in X$ without loss of generality. If $z \equiv x$, then $z \equiv y$ since $x \equiv y$. On the other hand, suppose $z \not\equiv y$. Then it may not be the case that $z \equiv x$, as that would imply that $x \equiv y$ (since $z \equiv x$ and $x \equiv y$). This implies that, for any $z \in X$, either (1) $z \equiv x$, and $z \equiv x_i$ for all $x_i \equiv x$, or (2) $z \not\equiv x$, and $z \not\equiv x_i$ for all $x_i \equiv x$. Therefore, $\leq$ induces a well-defined relation on equivalence classes. $\square$

Claim 9.5. *The induced relation is a partial ordering of $X / \equiv$.*

Proof. We need to show that $\equiv$ is reflexive, transitive, and antisymmetric when applied to equivalence classes of x.

Reflexivity: Suppose $[x]$ and $[y]$ are equivalence classes on X. Suppose $[x] \equiv [y]$. Then $x_i \equiv y_j$ for all $x_i \in [x]$ and $y_j \in [y]$. Since $\equiv$ is symmetric when applied to members of X, $y_j \equiv x_i$ for all $x_i \in [x]$ and $y_j \in [y]$, so $[x] \equiv [y]$ implies $[y] \equiv [x]$.

Transitivity: Suppose $[x] \equiv [y]$ and $[y] \equiv [z]$. Then $x_i \equiv y_j$ for all $x_i \in [x]$ and $y_j \in [y]$, and $y_j \equiv z_k$ for all $y_j \in [y]$ and $z_k \in [z]$, since $\equiv$ is transitive when applied to members of X. Therefore, $x_i \equiv z_k$ for all $x_i \in [x]$ and $z_k \in [z]$, so $[x] \equiv [z]$.

Antisymmetry: Suppose $[x] \equiv [y]$ and $[y] \equiv [x]$. As we saw in the proof to claim **??**, this implies that every $x_i \in [x]$ is equivalent to every $y_j \in [y]$, so everything in $[x]$ is in the equivalence class of everything in $[y]$, which is only possible if $[x] = [y]$. $\square$

Problem 11.

Define the notion of isomorphism between two equivalence relations

$$\mathfrak{A} = X, \vec{\equiv}_X \text{ and } \mathfrak{B} = Y, \vec{\equiv}_Y.$$

Let $f : X \to Y$ be a function. We say that f is an isomorphism between $\mathfrak{A}$ and $\mathfrak{B}$ if f is a bijection and if $f(\alpha) \equiv_Y f(\beta)$ whenever $\alpha \equiv_X \beta$. For instance, take $x \in X$, suppose $f(x) = y \in Y$. If f is an isomorphism, then f maps every element in the equivalence class $[x]$ to some element in the equivalence class $[y]$.