

# Exercises and Solutions

## Relations

### Exercise 1.

Given the following sets:

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \{1\} \\ B &= \{2, 3\}\end{aligned}$$

Write down the sets:

1.  $A \times B$
2.  $\mathbb{P}(A) \times B$
3.  $\mathbb{P}(A \times B)$
4.  $(A \times B) \times (A \times B)$

### Exercise 2.

Given the relation

$$\begin{aligned}R &= \{1 \mapsto 1, 2 \mapsto 4, 3 \mapsto 9, 4 \mapsto 16, 5 \mapsto 25\} \\ \text{and the set} \\ S &= \{1, 4, 5\}\end{aligned}$$

Simplify the value of each of the following expressions :

1.  $S \triangleleft R$
2.  $R \triangleright S$
3.  $(S \triangleleft R) \triangleright S$
4.  $(R \triangleright \text{dom } R) \sim \triangleright S$

### Exercise 3.

#### Citing Papers

Given the following:

$$\begin{aligned}[PAPER] \\ \text{cites} : PAPER \leftrightarrow PAPER \\ \text{and that} \\ (paper1, paper2) \in \text{cites} \text{ has the meaning that paper1 cites paper2.}\end{aligned}$$

Write down the following:

1. Write a Z expression for the set of all papers cited directly or indirectly by paper x.
2. Write a Z expression for the set of all papers which cite other papers (directly or indirectly) but themselves are not cites (directly or indirectly).
3. Write a Z expression which states that if any paper cites another (directly or indirectly) the second one must not cite the first (directly or indirectly).
4. Write a Z expression for the number of papers cited directly by paper x.

**Exercise 4.**

**Family Relations**

Given

$[PERSON]$

and  $parent : PERSON \leftrightarrow PERSON$

$male, female : \mathbb{P} PERSON$

and that

$(abe, homer) \in parent$  has the meaning that abe is homer's parent.

1. Write a Z expression for each of the following:
  - (a) The parents of person x.
  - (b) The grandparents of person x.
  - (c) The grandchildren of person x.
  - (d) The descendants of person x.
  - (e) The siblings of person x.
  - (f) The aunts of person x.
2. Give a Z expression for the set of all people in the database who have no relatives in the database.
3. Write an invariant to say that no person can have more than 2 parents.

# Solutions

## Solution 1.

1.  $A \times B$

$$\{(1, 2), (1, 3)\}$$

2.  $\mathbb{P}(A) \times B$

$$\{(\{1\}, 2), (\{1\}, 3), (\{\}, 2), (\{\}, 3)\}$$

3.  $\mathbb{P}(A \times B)$

$$\{\{(1, 2), (1, 3)\}, \{(1, 2)\}, \{(1, 3)\}, \{\}\}$$

4.  $(A \times B) \times (A \times B)$

$$\{((1, 2), (1, 2)), ((1, 2), (1, 3)), ((1, 3), (1, 2)), ((1, 3), (1, 3))\}$$

## Solution 2.

1.  $S \triangleleft R$

$$\{1 \mapsto 1, 4 \mapsto 16, 5 \mapsto 25\}$$

2.  $R \triangleright S$

$$\{3 \mapsto 9, 4 \mapsto 16, 5 \mapsto 25\}$$

3.  $(S \triangleleft R) \triangleright S$

$$\{1 \mapsto 1\}$$

4.  $(R \triangleright \text{dom } R) \sim \triangleright S$

$$\{9 \mapsto 3\}$$

## Solution 3.

- 1.

$$\text{cites}^+ \upharpoonright \{x\}$$

- 2.

$$\text{dom cites}^+ \setminus \text{ran cites}^+$$

3.

$$\forall p, q : PAPER \mid (p, q) \in cites^+ \bullet (q, p) \notin cites^+$$

4.

$$\#(cites \parallel \{x\} \parallel)$$

**Solution 4.**

1. Write a Z expression for each of the following:

(a) The parents of person x.

$$parent \sim \parallel \{x\} \parallel$$

(b) The grandparents of person x.

$$(parent \sim)^2 \parallel \{x\} \parallel$$

(c) The grandchildren of person x.

$$parent^2 \parallel \{x\} \parallel$$

(d) The descendants of person x.

$$parent^+ \parallel \{x\} \parallel$$

(e) The siblings of person x.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} sibling &== (parent \sim ; parent) \setminus \{p : PERSON \bullet (p, p)\} \\ \text{then} \\ sibling &\parallel \{x\} \parallel \end{aligned}$$

(f) The aunts of person x.

$$((parent \sim ; sibling) \triangleright female) \parallel \{x\} \parallel$$

2. Give a Z expression for the set of all people in the database who have no relatives in the database.

$$PERSON \setminus dom parents \setminus ran parents$$

3. Write an invariant to say that no person can have more than 2 parents.

$$\forall p : PERSON \bullet \# parent \sim \parallel \{p\} \parallel \leq 2$$