

PMT Revision (Week 10)

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1 Logic

[See handout: C140 2016 Q1c]

2 Relations

1. [C142 2015 Q1d.v] Let $R \subseteq A^2$. Prove that if R is symmetric, then $R \circ R$ is also symmetric.
2. [C142 2005 Q2b.ii] Let R be a binary relation on the natural numbers defined by xRy if and only if $y = 2x$. Describe the transitive closure of R .
3. [C142 2005 Q2b.iii] A binary relation R is antisymmetric if and only if $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, a) \in R$ implies $a = b$. How many binary relations on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ are both symmetric and antisymmetric? Justify your answer.
[Bonus: What about an arbitrary set?]

3 Functions

[C142 2002 Q1c] Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be functions. Prove the following (otherwise give a counterexample):

1. f surjective implies $g \circ f$ surjective;
2. $g \circ f$ injective implies f injective;
3. $g \circ f$ injective implies g injective;
4. f, g surjective implies $g \circ f$ surjective.

Note: these solutions are only outlines.

4 Solution to Alternative Elimination

1. I would argue that (2-4) are sufficient for $A \rightarrow B$. From here, we can use EM to get $A \vee \neg A$, and $\vee E$ to get B .
2. First use $\vee I$ to get $A \vee B \vee C$. Assume A to get C then $B \vee C$ (using $\vee I$). Now use $Alt \vee E$ to get $B \vee C$. Use $Alt \vee E$ again to get C .
3. Observe that $\vee E$ essentially follows from the previous part. (Say: if we have ..., then get $\vdash^a C$)
4. \vdash^a is complete if every valid statement expressed in propositional logic can be proven using only the rules of \vdash^a . It is sound if every statement that can be proven under the system is valid.
5. We know from the lectures that \vdash is sound and complete. Since $Alt \vee E$ is a derived rule of \vdash , soundness is preserved (we can't prove anything new, hence nothing invalid). Since $\vee E$ is a derived rule of \vdash^a , completeness is preserved (we can prove at least the same things that \vdash can).

5 Solutions to Relations

1. Suppose that R is symmetric, i.e. $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$. Recall that $R \circ R = \{(a, c) : (\exists b)((a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in R)\}$.
Fix $(a, c) \in R \circ R$. To show: $(c, a) \in R \circ R$. But this is clear as $\exists b(a, b), (b, c) \in R$, so $(b, a), (c, b) \in R$ by symmetry, and $(c, a) \in R \circ R$.
2. $x \bar{R} y$ if and only if $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0} : y = 2^n x$.
3. R is symmetric if and only if $(b, a) \in R$ whenever $(a, b) \in R$. Let R be both symmetric and antisymmetric. Suppose $(a, b) \in R$. Then $(b, a) \in R$, so $a = b$.
We easily see that the possible relations R are those which only contain pairs of the form (a, a) . So 16.

6 Solutions to Functions

1. False, let $C = \{0, 1\}$ and $g(x) = 0...$ (write a surjective f and sets)
2. We show the contrapositive. Suppose f not injective. Then $\exists a_1, a_2 \in A : f(a_1) = f(a_2) \in B$. Clearly $g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$ (as g is a well-defined function), so $g \circ f$ is not injective.
3. False, let $A = \{0, 1\}, B = \{0, 1, 2\}, C = \{0, 1\}, f = \text{id}, g(0) = g(2) = 0, g(1) = 1$.
4. Suppose f, g surjective, i.e. $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A : f(a) = b$ and $\forall c \in C \exists b \in B : g(b) = c$.
Fix $c \in C$. Want: $\exists a \in A : g(f(a)) = c$. We have $b \in B$ s.t. $g(b) = c$. Similarly $\exists a \in A : f(a) = b$, which is what was required.