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1. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(A)$  be the power set of  $A$

Let  $R$  be the relation on  $A$  defined by:

$$\text{For all } X, Y \in \mathcal{P}, X R Y \iff |X \cup Y| \leq |X \cup \{1, 2\}|.$$

(a) Is  $R$ :

(i) Reflexive?  $R$  is reflexive. We must prove that for all  $X \in \mathcal{P}, X R X$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $X \in \mathcal{P}$  and that  $X$  has  $x$  elements.

So  $|X \cup X| = |X| = x$ .

Note that  $|X \cup \{1, 2\}| = x + 2 - |X \cap \{1, 2\}|$ . We can see this through summing the size of both sets, and then subtracting their intersection since it will be counted twice.

For an element to be in  $|X \cap \{1, 2\}|$ , it must be 1 or 2. So the set  $X \cap \{1, 2\}$  has between 0 and 2 elements.

Since  $0 \leq |X \cap \{1, 2\}| \leq 2$ , we can say that  $|X \cup \{1, 2\}| = x + n$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq n \leq 2$ .

$$|X \cup X| = x \leq x + n = |X \cup \{1, 2\}|$$

Therefore, for all  $X \in \mathcal{P}, X R X$  ■

(ii) Symmetric?

$R$  is not symmetric. Or, there exist  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $X R Y$  but  $Y \not R X$ .

**Proof:** Choose the following sets  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}$ .

$$X = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$Y = \emptyset$$

Note the following:

$$X \cup Y = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

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$$Y \cup \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2\}$$

$$|X \cup Y| = 3 \leq 3 = |X \cup \{1, 2\}|$$

So,  $X R Y$ . However,

$$|X \cup Y| = 3 > 2 = |Y \cup \{1, 2\}|$$

So,  $Y \not R X$ . Therefore, there exist  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $X R Y$  but  $Y \not R X$ , and  $R$  is not symmetric. ■

(iii) Antisymmetric?

$R$  is not antisymmetric. We must prove that there exist  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $X R Y$  and  $Y R X$  but  $Y \neq X$ .

**Proof:** Choose the following sets  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}$ :

$$X = \{1\}$$

$$Y = \emptyset$$

So,

$$X \cup Y = \{1\}$$

$$X \cup \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2\}$$

$$Y \cup \{1, 2\} = \{1, 2\}$$

$$|X \cup Y| = 1 \leq 2 = |X \cup \{1, 2\}|$$

$$|X \cup Y| = 1 \leq 2 = |Y \cup \{1, 2\}|$$

So  $Y R X$  and  $X R Y$ .

But since  $1 \in X$  and  $1 \notin Y$ ,  $Y \neq X$ .

Therefore, there exist  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $X R Y$  and  $Y R X$  but  $Y \neq X$ , and  $R$  is not antisymmetric. ■

(iv) Transitive?

$R$  is not transitive. So we must find some  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $X R Y$  and  $Y R Z$ , but  $X \not R Z$ .

**Proof:** Choose the following sets  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{P}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \emptyset \\ Y &= \{3, 4\} \\ Z &= \{3, 4, 5\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can see that:

$$\begin{aligned} X \cup Y &= \{3, 4\} \\ Y \cup Z &= \{3, 4, 5\} \\ X \cup Z &= \{3, 4, 5\} \\ X \cup \{1, 2\} &= \{1, 2\} \\ Y \cup \{1, 2\} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ |X \cup Y| &= 2 \leq 2 = |X \cup \{1, 2\}| \\ |Y \cup Z| &= 3 \leq 4 = |Y \cup \{1, 2\}| \end{aligned}$$

So  $X R Y$  and  $Y R Z$ .

$$|X \cup Z| = 3 > 2 = |X \cup \{1, 2\}|$$

So we know that  $X \not R Z$ .

Therefore there exist sets  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $X R Y$  and  $Y R Z$ , but  $X \not R Z$ . ■

(b) How many  $S \in \mathcal{P}$  are there so  $\{3\} R S$ ?

Note that  $|\{3\} \cup \{1, 2\}| = 3$ , so:

$$\{3\} R S \iff |\{3\} \cup S| \leq 3$$

To create a set  $S$  so that  $\{3\} R S$ , we first can select whether or not  $3 \in S$ . Whether this is the case or not will not change if  $\{3\} R S$ . There are 2 ways to do this.

Then, we choose 2 elements from  $A$  excluding 3, without replacement. There are  $\binom{9}{2}$  ways to do this. (We cannot choose 3, but we can choose to not add anything to  $S$ ).

So there are  $2\binom{9}{2} = 72$  ways to choose a set  $S \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $\{3\} R S$ .

(c) How many  $S \in \mathcal{P}$  are there so  $S R \{3\}$ ?

To count the number of sets  $S$  so that  $S R \{3\}$ , first we must separate into two cases.

Case 1:  $3 \in S$ .

If 3 is in  $S$ , then we can choose any elements from  $A$  to put in  $S$  and it will still be related to  $\{3\}$ .

So, if  $3 \in S$ , there are  $2^8$  ways to choose the rest of  $S$  so that  $S R \{3\}$ .

Case 2:  $3 \notin S$ .

If 3 is not in  $S$ , then at most one of  $\{1, 2\}$  can be in  $S$ .

So first we choose whether  $1 \in S$ ,  $2 \in S$ , or neither. There are 3 ways to do this.

Then for each remaining element of  $A$ , we can choose if it is in or out. There are  $2^6$  ways to do this.

Therefore, there are  $3(2^6)$  ways to choose a set  $S$  so that  $S R \{3\}$  when  $3 \notin S$ .

So the total number of ways to choose a set  $S \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $S R \{3\}$  is  $2^8 + 3(2^6) = 448$ .

2. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all functions from  $A$  to  $A$ . Define a relation  $R$  on  $\mathcal{F}$  as follows:

$$\forall f, g \in \mathcal{F}, f R g \iff \forall i \in A, f(i) \leq g(i)$$

(a) Is  $R$ :

(i) Reflexive?

$R$  is reflexive.

**Proof:** Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Notice that  $\forall i \in A, f(i) = f(i)$  since  $f$  is a function.

So  $f(i) \leq f(i)$ .

So  $f R f$  and  $R$  is reflexive. ■

(ii) Symmetric?

$R$  is not symmetric. So, there exist  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$  so that  $f R g$  but  $g \not R f$ .

**Proof:** Choose  $f = \{(x, 1) : x \in A\}$  and  $g = \{(x, 2) : x \in A\}$

So,  $\forall i \in A, f(i) = 1$  and  $g(i) = 2$ .

$$f(i) = 1 \leq 2 = g(i)$$

So  $f R g$

But,  $\forall i \in A,$

$$g(i) = 2 > 1 = f(i)$$

So  $f \not R g$ .

Therefore, there exist  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$  so that  $f R g$  but  $g \not R f$ , and  $R$  is not symmetric. ■

(iii) Antisymmetric?

$R$  is antisymmetric. So,  $\forall f, g \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $i \in A$ , if  $f R g$  and  $g R f$ , then  $g = f$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $g, f \in \mathcal{F}$  and that  $f R g$  and  $g R f$ .

So, for all  $i \in A, f(i) \leq g(i), g(i) \leq f(i)$

So we have:

$$f(i) \leq g(i) \leq f(i)$$

So  $f(i) = g(i)$  and  $f = g$ .

Therefore,  $R$  is antisymmetric. ■

(iv) Transitive?

$R$  is transitive. So, for all  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{F}$ , if  $f R g$  and  $g R h$ , then  $f R h$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Further suppose that  $f R g$  and  $g R h$ .

So for all  $i \in A, f(i) \leq g(i)$  and  $g(i) \leq h(i)$

$$f(i) \leq g(i) \leq h(i)$$

$$f(i) \leq h(i)$$

So  $f R h$ .

Therefore, for all  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{F}$ , if  $f R g$  and  $g R h$ ,  $f R h$  and  $R$  is transitive. ■

(b) Prove or disprove: For all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ , there exists  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  so that  $f R g$

**Proof:** Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Choose  $g = f$ .

So, for all  $i \in A, f(i) = g(i)$ .

This satisfies the condition for the relation, so  $f R g$ . ■

- (c) Prove or disprove: There exists  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  so that for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $f R g$ .

**Proof:** Choose  $g = \{(a, 5) : a \in A\}$

Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ .

So, for all  $i \in A$ ,  $g(i) = 5$ .

Note that since all values in  $A$  are between 0 and 5,  $0 \leq f(i) \leq 5$ .

Since  $g(i) = 5$ ,  $f(i) \leq g(i)$ .

So,  $f R g$ .

Therefore, there exists  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  so that for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $f R g$ . ■

Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  be the function  $f = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3), (4, 1), (5, 5)\}$ .

- (d) How many functions  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  are there so that  $f R g$ ? Explain.

We can count the number of functions  $g$  so that  $f R g$  by counting the number of functions where  $g(i)$  is greater than or equal  $f(i)$  for each  $i \in A$ .

First,  $f(1) = 3 \leq g(1)$ . So  $g$  must equal 3, 4, or 5. (3 ways to choose  $g(1)$ ).

The same applies for 2, 3 since  $3 = f(3) = f(2)$  so there are 3 ways each to choose  $g(2)$ ,  $g(3)$ .

There are 5 ways to choose  $g(4)$  since  $f(4) = 1 \leq g(4)$  so  $g(4)$  can be any element of  $A$ .

Finally, there is only one way to choose  $g(5)$  since it must equal 5 in order for it to be greater than or equal to  $f(5) = 5$ .

So there are  $3^3 \times 4 = 108$  ways to choose a function  $g$  so that  $f R g$ .

- (e) How many functions  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  are there so that  $g R f$ ? Explain.

We can count the number of functions  $g$  so that  $g R f$  by counting the number of functions where  $g(i) \leq f(i)$  for each  $i \in A$ .

First we choose values for  $g(1)$ ,  $g(2)$ , and  $g(3)$ . (Like in the last case, these all have the same number of options since  $f(1) = f(2) = f(3) = 3$ ). There are 3 ways to choose all of these since each can equal 1, 2, or 3.

There is only one way to choose  $g(4)$  since it must equal 1 in order to be less than or equal to  $f(4) = 1$ .

Finally, there are 5 ways to choose  $g(5)$  since all 5 elements of  $A$  are less than or equal to  $5 = f(5)$ .

So there are  $3^3 \times 4 = 108$  ways to choose a function  $g$  so that  $g R f$ .

3. Prove or disprove the following statements by using the definitions of “congruence modulo  $n$ ” and “divides.”

- (a) For all positive integers  $a, x$  and  $y$ , if  $(a + x) \equiv (a + y) \pmod{12}$ , then  $x \equiv y \pmod{12}$

**Proof:** Suppose  $x, y, a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and that  $a + x \equiv a + y \pmod{12}$ .

Then  $12k = (a + x) - (a + y)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

So  $12k = a - y$

Therefore,  $x \equiv y \pmod{12}$ . ■

- (b) For all positive integers  $a, x$  and  $y$ , if  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{12}$ , then  $x \equiv y \pmod{12}$

The statement is false. The negation is: “There exist positive integers  $a, x$  and  $y$  so that  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{12}$ , but  $x \not\equiv y \pmod{12}$ ”

**Proof:** Choose  $a = 12, x = 2, y = 1$ .

Note that  $12(2) \equiv 12(1) \pmod{12}$  since  $12|24 - 12$  because  $12 = (1)(12)$ .

However,  $1 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{12}$  since  $12 \nmid 2 - 1$ , because  $12 > 1$ .

Therefore, there exist positive integers  $a, x$  and  $y$  so that  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{12}$ , but  $x \not\equiv y \pmod{12}$ . ■

- (c) There exists a positive integer  $a > 1$  so that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{12}$ , then  $x \equiv y \pmod{12}$

**Proof:** Choose  $a = 7$ , and suppose that  $7x \equiv 7y \pmod{12}$ .

So  $12|7x - 7y$ .

It will prove helpful to check that  $\gcd(12, 7) = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(12, 7) &= \gcd(7, 5) \\ &= \gcd(5, 2) \\ &= \gcd(2, 1) \\ &= \gcd(1, 0) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

By Euclid’s Lemma, since  $\gcd(12, 7) = 1$  and  $12|7(x - y)$ , we know that  $12|x - y$  and  $x \equiv y \pmod{12}$ .

Therefore, there exists a positive integer  $a > 1$  so that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{12}$ , then  $x \equiv y \pmod{12}$ . ■

- (d) For all positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{12}$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{12}$ .

The statement is false. The negation is: “There exist positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{12}$  but  $a \not\equiv b \pmod{12}$ .”

**Proof:** Choose  $a = 12, b = 6$ .

Then  $144 \equiv 36 \pmod{12}$  since  $12|144 - 36$ , because  $12(9) = 108$ .

However,  $12$  is not congruent to  $6$  modulo  $12$  because  $12 \nmid 12 - 6$  since  $12 > 6$ .

Therefore, there exist positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  so that

$a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{12}$  but  $a \not\equiv b \pmod{12}$ . ■