

Practice Problems (Partial Order Relation)

- Let be a relation R is defined as all even number are less than all odd numbers and the usual ordering is applied between the evens and the odds. Is R a total ordering relations. Also, give the order of the elements.
- xRy iff one of the following condition holds
 $x=0$, x is positive and y is negative, x and y both are positive and $x \leq y$, x and y both are negative and $|x| \leq |y|$
- $|x| < |y|$ or $|x| = |y|$ and $x \leq y$ (0, -1, 1, -2, 2)
- Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ be partially ordered by the division relation (that is, for $a, b \in A$, we say that $a R b$ if a is a divisor of b). How many maximal elements are there for this partial order relation?
 (A) 5 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4
- Which relation is a total order relation?

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 \text{(A)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &
 \text{(B)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &
 \text{(C)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &
 \text{(D)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

- Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Which of the following is a partial order relation on A ?
 (A) $R = \{(a, b) \mid b \bmod a = 3\}$ (B) $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \bmod b = 0\}$
 (C) $R = \{(a, b) \mid a + b \text{ is even}\}$ (D) $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \bmod 3 = b\}$
- For which sets A of $P(A)$ with set inclusion (\subseteq) a total ordering?
 (i) \emptyset (ii) $\{a\}$ (iii) $\{a, b\}$ (iv) $\{a, b, c\}$
 (A) i & ii (B) ii and iii (C) iii and iv (D) i, ii, iii, iv
- Let (S, \leq) be a partial order with two minimal elements a and b , and a maximum element c . Let $P : S \rightarrow \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$ be a predicate defined on S . Suppose that $P(a) = \text{True}$, $P(b) = \text{False}$ and $P(x) \Rightarrow P(y)$ for all $x, y \in S$ satisfying $x \leq y$, where \Rightarrow stands for logical implication. Which of the following statements CANNOT be true?
 (A) $P(x) = \text{True}$ for all $x \in S$ such that $x \neq b$
 (B) $P(x) = \text{False}$ for all $x \in S$ such that $x \neq a$ and $x \neq c$
 (C) $P(x) = \text{False}$ for all $x \in S$ such that $b \leq x$ and $x \neq c$
 (D) $P(x) = \text{False}$ for all $x \in S$ such that $a \leq x$ and $b \leq x$

9. A relation R is defined on ordered pairs of integers as follows $(x, y) R(u, v)$ if $x < u$ and $y > v$. Then R is

Equivalence relation, Total Order relation, Partial Order relation

10. Consider the set $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Consider the following 4 partitions $\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4$, on

$$S : \pi_1 = \{\overline{abcd}\}, \pi_2 = \{\overline{ab}, \overline{cd}\}, \pi_3 = \{\overline{abc}, \overline{d}\}, \pi_4 = \{\overline{a}, \overline{b}, \overline{c}, \overline{d}\}$$

Let $<$ be the partial order on the set of partitions $S' = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4)$ defined as follows: $\pi_i < \pi_j$ if and only if π_i refines π_j . The poset diagram for $(S', <)$ is

11. Draw the hasse diagram of relation $R = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (5,5), (3,1), (1,4), (5,1), (3,4), (5,4)\}$
12. In a partially ordered set, a chain is a totally ordered subset. For example, in the set 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, the divisibility relation is a partial order and 1, 2, 4 and 1, 3, 6 are chains. What is the longest chain on the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ using the divisibility relation?
13. What is the longest chain on the power set of a set A with $|A| = n$ with the \subseteq relation?