

4.1)

a) Let $\leq \subset \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$ be a reflexive such that $p \leq w$ for $p, w \in \Sigma^*$ if p is a prefix of w . Show that \leq is a partial order

In order to show that \leq is a partial order, it should be reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive

- Reflexive: $\forall p, p \in \Sigma^*$

$$(p, p) \in \Sigma^* \quad w = p$$

A prefix p can be a prefix of itself.
eg. $p = \text{university}$ $w = \text{university}$

- Antisymmetric

$$\forall p, w \in \Sigma^*$$

$$((p, w) \in \Sigma^* \wedge (w, p) \in \Sigma^*)$$

\Rightarrow We take q to be an empty set,
so $p = w$ and $w = p$

eg. $w = \text{university}$, $p = \text{university}$, $q = ''$

Transitive

Take w as a prefix of y

$\forall p, w \in \Sigma^*$. $(p, w) \in Z^*$ p is a prefix of w
 $p \leq w$ [$w = pq$]
 $\rightarrow p = w$

$\forall w, y \in \Sigma^*$. $\forall w, y \in Z^*$ p is a prefix of y
 $w \leq y$ [$y = w \cdot r$]
 $\rightarrow y = r$

We obtain

$$p \cdot q \cdot r = y \Rightarrow p \leq y \text{ and } [p = y]$$

b) Let $\leq \subset \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$ be a relation such that for $p \leq w$, for $p, w \in \Sigma^*$ if p is a proper prefix of w . Show that \leq is a strict partial order

In order to show that $<$ is a strict partial order on Σ^* , it should be irreflexive, asymmetric and transitive.

• Irreflexive

Because of the condition in the question $p \neq w$. The prefix p will always be different than w .

Example: Consider the word 'university'
 $\text{uni} < \text{university}$ (uni is a prefix of university)
However university cannot be a prefix of uni.

• Asymmetric

Again by the definition, $p \neq w$.

Assume $p < w$ is true

But $w < p$ is not true, as w cannot be the prefix of p .

Hence the relation is asymmetric.

• Transitive

$\forall p, w \in \Sigma^*$ p is a proper prefix of w
 $p < w$ $pq = w$
 $\rightarrow p \neq w$

$\forall w, y \in \Sigma^*$ w is a proper prefix of y
 $w < y$ $y = w \cdot r$
 $\rightarrow w \neq y$

We have $p \cdot q \cdot r = y$
 $p < y$ except when $p = w$ and $w = y$

Example :

$ab < abc$, $abc < abcd \Rightarrow ab < abcd$

c) The two order relations $<$ and \leq are not total

Example: $p = \text{"lion"}$
 $w = \text{"tiger"}$

$(p, w) \notin \prec$ and $(w, p) \notin \prec$

$(p, w) \notin \leq$ and $(w, p) \notin \leq$

4.2)

a) If $g \circ f$ is bijective, then f is injective and g is surjective.

By definition, if $g \circ f$ is bijective, it is also injective and surjective.

• If $g \circ f$ is injective, then f is injective.

Proof

Let $x, y \in B$ such that $f(x) = f(y)$.

Since g is a function, we have

$g(f(x)) = g(f(y))$, and since $g \circ f$ is injective, this implies $x = y$. Thus

$f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$, or we just say that f is injective.

- If $g \circ f$ is surjective, then g is surjective

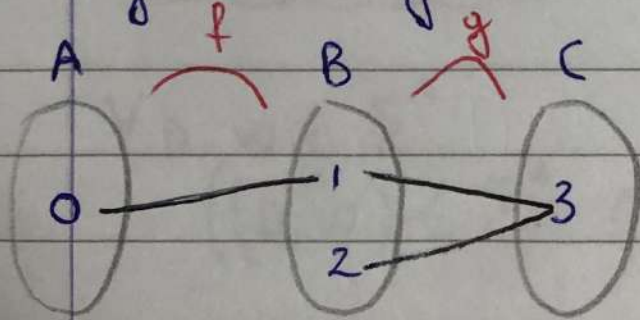
Proof

Let $y \in C$. Since $g \circ f$ is surjective, $\exists x \in A$ such that $g(f(x)) = y$. Since $f(x) \in B$ is in the domain of g , we say that g is surjective



In this way we proved that if $g \circ f$ is bijective, then f is injective and g is surjective

b) $g \circ f$ is not bijective, but f is injective and g is surjective



$f \rightarrow$ injective because every element of the function's codomain is the image of at most one element of its domain

$g \rightarrow$ surjective because at least one element is mapped onto co domain C.

$g \circ f \rightarrow$ not bijective because "3" is mapped by more than one element.

c) $g \circ f$ is bijective, but f is not surjective and g is not injective

Define $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x, y) = x$
 $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $g(x) = (x, 0)$

Then $g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bijective.
but g is not injective and f is not surjective.