

Workshop Specification and Testing, Week 4

This workshop is about working with sets and relations. Sets and lists are treated in chapter 4 of “The Haskell Road”. Ordered sets of pairs (HR, 4.5) are the basic ingredients of relations. Relations are treated in chapter 5 of “The Haskell Road”.

If the following exercises are difficult for you, you should study the relevant material (again).

If you still have difficulty with the set theoretic notation: read or reread chapter 4 of "The Haskell Road".

Consider the following relations on the natural numbers. Check their properties. The *successor* relation on \mathbb{N} is the relation given by $\{(n, m) \mid n + 1 = m\}$. The divisor relation on \mathbb{N} is $\{(n, m) \mid n \text{ divides } m\}$. The *coprime* relation C on \mathbb{N} is given by $nCm \equiv \text{GCD}(n, m) = 1$, i.e., the only factor of n that divides m is 1, and vice versa.

| < | ≤ | **successor** | **divisor** | **coprime**

irreflexive

reflexive

asymmetric

antisymmetric

symmetric

transitive

linear

Consider the relation

$$R = \{(0, 2), (0, 3), (1, 0), (1, 3), (2, 0), (2, 3)\}$$

on the set $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

1. Determine R^2 , R^3 and R^4 .
 2. Give a relation S on A such that $R \cup (S \circ R) = S$.
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The transitive closure of a relation R is by definition the smallest transitive relation S such that $R \subseteq S$. Notation: R^+

Consider again the relation

$$R = \{(0, 2), (0, 3), (1, 0), (1, 3), (2, 0), (2, 3)\}$$

on the set $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. What is the transitive closure of R ?

A binary relation R is transitive iff $R \circ R \subseteq R$. You should check this!

Give an example of a transitive relation R for which $R \circ R = R$ is false.

The reflexive transitive closure of a relation R is by definition the smallest transitive and reflexive relation S such that $R \subseteq S$. Notation: R^* .

Give the reflexive transitive closure of the following relation:

$$R = \{(n, n + 1) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

The inverse of a relation R is the relation $\{(y, x) \mid (x, y) \in R\}$. Notation R^{-1} or R^\sim .

1. if S is the successor relation on the natural numbers, what is S^\sim ?
 2. if S is the successor relation on the natural numbers, what is $S \cup S^\sim$?
 3. if S is the successor relation on the natural numbers, what is $(S \cup S^\sim)^*$?
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Suppose a relation R satisfies $R^\sim \subseteq R$.

1. Does it follow from this that R is reflexive?
2. Does it follow from this that R is symmetric?

3. Does it follow from this that R is transitive?

1. Is $R \cup R^\sim$ symmetric for all relations R ? Give a counterexample if your answer is negative.
2. Is $R^* \cup R^{\sim*}$ symmetric for all relations R ? Give a counterexample if your answer is negative.
3. Is $R^* \cup R^{\sim*}$ transitive for all relations R ? Give a counterexample if your answer is negative.
4. Is $(R \cup R^\sim)^*$ an equivalence relation (reflexive, transitive and symmetric) for all relations R ?