

Theory of Computation (CIT3006)

Tutorial Sheet (no. 1)

1. Examine the following formal descriptions of sets so that you understand which members they contain. Write a short informal English description of each set.

- $\{-2, 4, -8, 16, \dots\}$ – the number in -2 power of k (-2^k), where $k \in \mathbb{N}$
- $\{1, 1, 2, 3, 5, \dots\}$ – fibonacci numbers
- $\{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$ – odd numbers
- $\{n \mid n = 2m \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ – even natural numbers
- $\{w \mid w \text{ is a string of 0's and 1's and } w \text{ equals the reverse of } w\}$ – palindrome
- $\{n \mid n \text{ is an integer and } n = n + 1\}$ – sum of arithmetic series

2. Write formal descriptions of the following sets.

- The set containing the numbers 1, 10 and 100. – $A = \{n \mid n = 10^m \text{ for } m \in \{0, 1, 2\}\}$
- The set containing all integers that are greater than 5. – $A = \{n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n > 5\}$
- The set containing all natural numbers that are less than 5. – $A = \{n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n < 5\}$
- The set containing all natural numbers less than -2 . – $A = \{\epsilon\}$

3. Let A be the set $\{x, y, z\}$ and B be the set $\{x, y\}$

- Is A a subset of B ? FALSE
- Is B a subset of A ? TRUE
- What is $A \cup B$? A
- What is $A \cap B$? B
- What is $A \times B$? $\{(x, x), (x, y), (y, x), (y, y), (z, x), (z, y)\}$
- What is the power set of B ? $\{\emptyset, (x), (y), (x, y)\}$

4. Let X be the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and Y be the set $\{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$. The unary function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and the binary function $g: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ are described in the following tables.

n	f(n)	g	6	7	8	9	10
1	6	1	10	10	10	10	10
2	7	2	7	8	9	10	6
3	6	3	7	7	8	8	9
4	7	4	9	8	7	6	10
5	6	5	6	6	6	6	6

- What is the value of $f(2)$? 7
- What are the range and domain of f ? $R = \{6, 7\}$ $D = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- What is the value of $g(2, 10)$? 6
- What are the range and domain of g ? $R = \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ $D = \{(1, 6), (1, 7), (1, 8), (1, 9), (1, 10), \dots, (5, 10)\}$
- What is the value of $g(4, f(4))$? 8

5. Let A be the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ let two binary functions f and g , using $A \times A$ as their domain, be described as follows:

- f : addition
- g : addition modulo 4

What is the closure property for each operation?

f	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	3	4	5
3	3	4	5	6

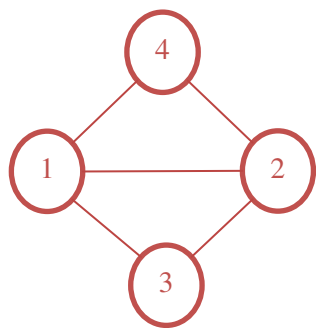
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f	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

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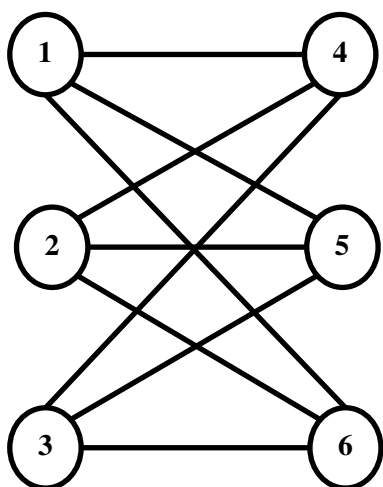
6. For each part, give a relations that satisses the condition.
- a. Reflexive and symmetric but not transitive
- iRj where i;jare people and they share at least one biological parent**
- reflexive, everyone has their own parents forparents.
 - symmetric, if personxshares a parent with persony, then personyshares that same parent with personx
 - not transitive. Assume a personmwhoshares exactly one parent (a mother) with persongand exactly oneparent with persons(a father).g's father is nots's father, andg'smother is nots's mother. Hence, whilegRmandmRsare true,gRsis false.
- b. Reflexive and transitive but not symmetric
- iRj where i;j∈ Nandi-j ≤ 0**
- reflexive, because x-x = 0.
 - transitive, because ifxRythenx≥yand ifyRztheny≥z,thusxRzbecausex≥y≥z.
 - not symmetric, because 5-3≥0, but3-5<0.
- c. Symmetric and transitive but not reflexive
- iRj where i;j∈ Zandi*j >0 Set={0,1}**
- symmetric, because multiplication is symmetric.
- transitive, as well, since ifxRythen neitherxnoryis zero andifyRz, then neitherynorzis zero, thusxRzbecause neitherxnorzis zero.
- not reflexive, because 0*0 = 0

7. Consider the undirected graph G = (V,E) where V, the set of nodes, is {1, 2, 3, 4} and E, the set of edges, is {{1,2}, {2,3}, {1,3}, {2,4}, {1,4}}. Draw the graph G. What is the degree of node 1? of node 3? Indicate a path from node 3 to node 4 on your drawing of G.



node1 degree=3, node3 degree=2, 3-2-4 or 3,1,4

8. Write a formal description of the following graph



$$G = \{\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}, \{\{1,4\}, \{1,5\}, \{1,6\}, \{2,4\}, \{2,5\}, \{2,6\}, \{3,4\}, \{3,5\}, \{3,6\}\}\}$$

9. Find the error in the following proof that $2 = 1$.

Consider the equation $a=b$.

- Multiply both sides by a to obtain $a^2=ab$.
- Subtract b^2 from both sides to get $a^2-b^2=ab-b^2$.
- Now factor each side, $(a+b)(a-b) = b(a-b)$, and
- Divide each side by $(a-b)$, to get $a+b=b$.
- Finally, let a and b equal 1, which shows that $2 = 1$.

Dividing by $(a - b)$ is illegal, because $a = b$ hence $a - b = 0$ and division by 0 is undefined

10. Find the error in the following proof that all horses are the same colour.

Claim: In any set of h horses, all horses are the same colour.

Basis: For $h = 1$. Then all horses are clearly of the same colour.

Induction step: For $k \geq 1$ assume that the claim is true for $h = k$ and prove that it is true for $h = k+1$.

- Take any set H of $k+1$ horses. Remove one horse from the set to obtain a new set H_1 with k horses. Hypothesis, all the horses in H_1 are of the same colour.
- Now replace the removed horse and remove a different one to obtain set H_2 . By the same argument, all horses in H_2 are the same colour.
- Therefore, all horses in H must be of the same colour, and the proof is complete.

The error is in the two statements “all horses in H_1 are the same colour” and “all horses in H_2 are the same colour”.

For our choice of H_1 and H_2 , imply that all the horses in $H = H_1 \cup H_2$ are the same colour only if $H_1 \cap H_2$ is nonempty, but for H contains exactly two horses ($h = 2$). Then H_1 and H_2 each will consist of exactly one of the two horses. Obviously the single horse in H_1 has its own colour and the single horse in H_2 has its own colour but this gives us no means to conclude that they both have the same colour.