

## MA 225 Problem Set 7

### facts and definitions

**Definition 1.** We call a relation  $E$  on the set  $A$  *right-Euclidean* if for any  $x, y, z \in A$ ,  $x E y$  and  $x E z$  together guarantee  $y E z$ .

**Definition 2.** We call a relation  $E$  on the set  $A$  *Euclidean* if for any  $x, y, z \in A$ ,  $x E y$  and  $x E z$  together guarantee  $y E z$ , and  $y E x$  and  $z E x$  together guarantee  $y E z$ .

**Definition 3.** We call a relation  $E$  on the set  $A$  *antisymmetric* if for any  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x E y$  and  $y E x$  together guarantee  $x = y$ .

We call a relation  $E$  on the set  $A$  *asymmetric* if for any  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x E y$  guarantees  $y \not E x$ .

**exercises** These problems don't require you to write proofs.

1. Write a blueprint for a proof of *If blah and yadda yadda, then  $E$  is right-Euclidean.*

**Claim 1.** *If blah and yadda yadda, then  $E$  is right-Euclidean*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, z \in A$  and  $x E y$  and  $x E z$ .

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So  $y E z$  is guaranteed. Therefore  $E$  is Right-Euclidian. □

2. Write a blueprint for a proof of *If blah and so on, then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition of  $A$ .*

**Claim 2.** *If blah and so on, then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \mathcal{P}$ .

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Therefore  $x \neq \emptyset$

Let  $m \in A$  ...

Therefore  $m \in \bigcup \mathcal{P}$ . Let  $J, Y \in \mathcal{P}$ .

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So  $J \cap Y = \emptyset$ . So  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition of  $A$ . □

3. " $R$  is antisymmetric" means something different from " $R$  is not symmetric". Give an example to demonstrate and then explain in terms of logic.  $R$  is antisymmetric means that for any relation on set  $A$  with  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x R y$  guarantees  $y R x$  is false, while not symmetric means there exists an  $x, y \in A$  that  $x R y$  doesn't guarantee  $y R x$ . This means  $(R \text{ is antisymmetric}) \Rightarrow (R \text{ is not symmetric})$
4. " $R$  is asymmetric" means something different from " $R$  is not symmetric". Give an example to demonstrate and then explain in terms of logic.  $R$  is asymmetric means that for any relation on set  $A$  with  $x, y \in A$ , if  $x R y$  and  $y R x$  are true, then  $x = y$ , while not symmetric means there exists an  $x, y \in A$  that  $x R y$  doesn't guarantee  $y R x$ . This means  $(R \text{ is asymmetric}) \Rightarrow (R \text{ is not symmetric})$

**proofs** Write a complete proof for each of the following statements.

1. Let  $R$  be a relation on the set  $A$ .
  - (a)  $(\star)$  If  $\text{Domain}(R) = A$ , and  $R$  is symmetric and transitive, then  $R$  is reflexive.

**Claim 3.** *If  $\text{Domain}(R) = A$ , and  $R$  is symmetric and transitive, then  $R$  is reflexive.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in R$ . So  $x = (a, b)$  where  $a, b \in A$  ( $R$  is a relation on set  $A$  and  $a \in A$  is given.). Since  $R$  is symmetric,  $(b, a) \in R$ . Since  $x \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ , and  $R$  is transitive,  $(a, a) \in R$ . Therefore  $R$  is reflexive.  $\square$

- (b)  $(\star)$  Explain, both by giving an example and in general, why the assumption  $\text{Domain}(R) = A$  is necessary.

The assumption  $\text{Domain } R = A$  is required because these properties will not hold when using an element for the Domain that is not in  $A$  as  $R$  is on the relationship  $A$ . For instance, if  $g \in R$  and  $g = (x, y)$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$   $xy = yx$ , this would not work if you were to use an element of a set of horses (what does it mean to multiply a horse?). Therefore  $\text{Domain } R = A$  is required.

2. Let  $R$  and  $S$  be equivalence relations on a set  $A$ . Show that  $S \cap R$  is an equivalence relation.

**Claim 4.**  $S \cap R$  is an equivalence relation on the set  $A$  if  $S$  and  $R$  are equivalence relationships.

*Proof.* (Reflexive) Let  $x \in S \cap R$ . Then  $x = (a, a)$  where  $a \in A$ . Therefore  $x \in S$  and  $x \in R$  (We know this because elements are related to themselves in equivalence classes). Therefore  $S \cap R$  is Reflexive.

(Symmetric) Let  $j \in S \cap R$ . Then  $j = (c, d)$  where  $c, d \in A$ . Since  $j \in S$  and  $S$  is an equivalence relationship,  $(d, c) \in S$ . Since  $j \in R$ , and  $R$  is an equivalence relationship,  $(d, c) \in R$ . Therefore  $S \cap R$  is symmetric.

(Transitive) Let  $k, i \in S \cap R$ . So  $k = (e, f)$  and  $i = (f, g)$  where  $e, f, g \in A$ . So  $k, i \in S$  and  $k, i \in R$ . Since  $S$  is an equivalence class and is transitive,  $i$  and  $k$  imply  $(e, g)$ . Since  $R$  is an equivalence class and is transitive,  $i$  and  $k$  imply  $(e, g)$ . Therefore  $S \cap R$  is transitive. So  $S \cap R$  is an equivalence class.  $\square$

3.  $(\star)$  Consider the relation on  $\mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})$  given by

$$(m, n) \text{CP}(r, s) \text{ means } ms = nr$$

Show that  $CP$  is an equivalence relation. **You may not use fractions anywhere in your proof!**

**Claim 5.**  $CP$  is an equivalence class.

*Proof.* (Reflexive) Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})$ . Then  $x, y = (a, b)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $ab = ba$  (Used definition of CP and commutative property),  $xCPy$  is true and since  $x = y$ ,  $xCPx$  is true and CP is reflexive.

(Symmetric) Let  $j \in CP$ . Then  $j = ((a, b), (c, d))$  where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore  $ad = bc$ . So  $bc = ad$  (equals in symmetric). So  $cb = da$  (multiplication is commutative over multiplication). So  $((c, d), (a, b)) \in CP$  therefore  $CP$  is symmetric.

(Transitive) Let  $k, r \in CP$ . Then  $k = (g, o)CP(s, t)$ ,  $r = (s, t)CP(e, h)$ . So  $gt = so$ , and  $sh = et$ . Multiplying by the inverse of  $s$  on both sides gives us:  $h = ets^{-1}$  and  $o = gts^{-1}$ .  $he^{-1} = ts^{-1}$  and  $og^{-1} = ts^{-1}$  (Multiplied both sides by inverse). So  $he^{-1} = og^{-1}$  (the equal sign is transitive). So  $(g, o)CP(e, h) \in CP$ . Therefore, since all of the relationships in  $CP$  are equivalence relationships,  $CP$  is an equivalence class.  $\square$

4. We write  $\frac{m}{n}$  for  $[(m, n)]_{CP}$ . Verify that  $\frac{10}{5} = \frac{6}{3} = \frac{2}{1}$ .

**Claim 6.**  $\frac{10}{5} = \frac{6}{3} = \frac{2}{1}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $[(m, n)]_{CP} = \frac{m}{n}$  We can rewrite  $\frac{10}{5} = \frac{6}{3}$  as  $(10, 5)CP(6, 3)$ . This means that  $10 * 3 = 6 * 5$ . Since this statement is true,  $\frac{10}{5} = \frac{6}{3}$ . We can now verify  $\frac{6}{3} = \frac{2}{1}$  by using  $6 * 1 = 2 * 3$  (Used definition of CP), which is valid. So  $\frac{10}{5} = \frac{6}{3} = \frac{2}{1}$ .  $\square$

5. Define  $(m, n) \oplus (p, q) = (mq + pn, nq)$ .

(a) Show that if  $(m, n) \text{ CP}(r, s)$  and  $(p, q) \text{ CP}(t, s)$ , then  $(m, n) \oplus (p, q) \text{ CP}(r, s) \oplus (t, s)$ .

**Claim 7.** *If  $(m, n) \text{ CP}(r, s)$  and  $(p, q) \text{ CP}(t, s)$ , then  $(m, n) \oplus (p, q) \text{ CP}(r, s) \oplus (t, s)$ .*

*Proof.*  $ms = nr$  and  $ps = qt$  (According to the definition of  $CP$ ). Furthermore,  $(m, n) \oplus (p, q) \text{ CP}(r, s) \oplus (t, s)$  is equivalent to  $(mq + pn, np) \text{ CP}(rs + st, ts)$ . We will show that if  $ms = nr$  and  $ps = qt$ , then  $(mq + pn)ts = (rs + st)np$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(mq + pn)ts &= (rs + st)np \\mqst + pnst &= nprs + npts \\ms(qt) + (ps)nt &= (nr)ps + (ps)nt \\msps + qtnt &= msps + qtnt\end{aligned}$$

(Used fact that  $ms = nr$  and  $ps = qt$ )

So if  $(m, n) \text{ CP}(r, s)$  and  $(p, q) \text{ CP}(t, s)$ , then  $(m, n) \oplus (p, q) \text{ CP}(r, s) \oplus (t, s)$ . □

(b) Rewrite the claim in part (a) using the fraction notation introduced in problem 4. If  $\frac{m}{n} = \frac{r}{s}$ , then and  $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{t}{s}$  then  $\frac{mq+np}{nq} = \frac{rs+st}{s^2}$

6. Let  $S$  and  $T$  be equivalence relations on a set  $A$ . Assume that  $S \subseteq T$ .

(a)  $S \subseteq T$  means that the condition  $xSy$  is easier/harder to satisfy than the condition  $xTy$ . (Pick one and explain your answer.)

**Claim 8.** *The condition  $xSy$  is easier to satisfy than  $xTy$*

*Proof.* This is because for  $xTy$  to be true,  $xSy$  must also be true, while for  $xSy$  to be true, only  $xSy$  must be true. □

(b) Let  $a \in A$ . What is the relationship between  $[a]_S$  and  $[a]_T$ ? Prove your answer.

**Claim 9.**  $[a]_S \subseteq [a]_T$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in [a]_S \subseteq [a]_T$ . So  $x \subseteq S$  (equivalence relations are made up of specific relations in another set of relation). So  $x \in T$ . Since  $x$  is an equivalence class an equivalence relation,  $x \in [a]_S$ . So  $[a]_S \subseteq [a]_T$ . □

(c)  $(\star)$  What is the relationship between  $A/S$  and  $A/T$ ? Prove your answer.

7. Let  $A$  be a set with at least three elements.

(a) If  $\mathcal{P} = \{B_1, B_2\}$  is a partition of  $A$ , and  $B_1 \neq B_2$ , what can you say about  $B_1^c$  and  $B_2^c$ ? Prove your answer.

**Claim 10.** *If  $\mathcal{P} = \{B_1, B_2\}$  is a partition of  $A$ , and  $B_1 \neq B_2$ ,  $B_1 \subseteq B_2^c$  and  $B_2 \subseteq B_1^c$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in B_1$ . So  $x \notin B_2$  (By definition of a partition since  $B_1 \neq B_2$ ). So  $B_1 \subseteq B_2^c$ . Let  $x \in B_2$ . So  $x \notin B_1$  (By definition of a partition since  $B_1 \neq B_2$ ). So  $B_2 \subseteq B_1^c$ . □

(b) If  $\mathcal{P} = \{B_1, B_2\}$  is a partition of  $A$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_1$  is a partition of  $B_1$ , and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  is a partition of  $B_2$ , and  $B_1 \neq B_2$ , show that  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$  is a partition of  $A$ .

**Claim 11.**  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$  is a partition of  $A$ .

*Proof.*  $B_1 \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{C}_1$  and  $B_2 \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{C}_2$  (according to the definition of a partition). So  $B_1 \cup B_2 \subseteq \bigcup (\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2)$ . Since  $A \subseteq B_1 \cup B_2$ ,  $A \subseteq \bigcup (\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2)$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  are partitions,  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$ . So  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$  is a partition of  $A$  (By rules of partitions). □

- (c) Why did we assume  $A$  has at least three elements? We assumed  $A$  had at least three elements because partitions  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  cannot be empty (by definition of partitions) and cannot overlap. Therefore there must be two elements which fill those partitions. Furthermore, since all sets contain the empty set and partitions can't contain this, we know that the empty set is in  $A$ , making a total of three elements.

8. Show that any asymmetric relation must be antisymmetric.

**Claim 12.** *Any asymmetric relation must be antisymmetric.*

*Proof.*

□

9. (★) Let  $S$  be a reflexive relation. Show that if  $S$  is right-Euclidean, then  $S$  is an equivalence relation.

**Claim 13.** *If  $S$  is right-Euclidean, then  $S$  is an equivalence relation.*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in S$  where  $x = (a, b)$  and  $y = (a, c)$ . So  $(c, b) \in S$  (Right-Euclidian property). So  $(c, a) \in S$  (Right-Euclidian property with  $(c, b)$  and  $x$ ). Therefore  $S$  is symmetric. Then  $(b, b) \in S$  (Right-Euclidian property on  $(c, b)$  and  $(c, b)$ ). Therefore  $S$  is reflexive. Then, since  $(a, c) \in S$  and  $(c, b) \in S$  guarantees  $(a, b)$ ,  $S$  is transitive. Since  $S$  is reflexive, transitive, and symmetric,  $S$  is an equivalence relation. □

10. (★) Show that if  $E$  is transitive and Euclidean, then  $E$  is symmetric.

**Claim 14.** *Show that if  $E$  is transitive and Euclidean, then  $E$  is symmetric.*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in E$  where  $x = (a, b)$   $y = (b, c)$ . So  $(a, c) \in E$  (Transitive property). So  $(b, a) \in E$  (left euclidian property on  $x$  and  $(a, c)$ ). So  $(c, a) \in E$  (Left euclidian property on  $y$  and  $(b, a)$ ). So  $(c, b) \in E$  (Right Euclidian property on  $(a, c)$  and  $x$ ). Therefore  $E$  is symmetric. □