

# ECE108 Assignment 1

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## 1 Set Operation

a)  $R \subseteq S \iff R \subseteq ((S - T) \cup (R \cap T))$

This statement is false because the implication is only unidirectional.

Proving  $R \subseteq S \rightarrow R \subseteq ((S - T) \cup (R \cap T))$

$R \subseteq ((S - T) \cup (R \cap T))$  can be simplified to using distributivity

$R \subseteq (((S - T) \cup R) \cap ((S - T) \cup T))$  where

$(S - T) \cup R$  gives you a set  $X$  such that  $R \subseteq X$

$(S - T) \cup T$  gives you  $S$  ...

So... we get  $R \subseteq (X \cap S)$  since  $R \subseteq X$  and from our assumption  $R \subseteq S$

The intersection gives at least  $R$  as an answer

Therefore  $R \subseteq R$  is true

The opposite way cannot be proved because  $R$  doesn't have to be  $\subseteq S$   $R \subseteq T$   
will suffice the counter-example

Counter-example  $S = \{4\}$   $R = \{1, 3, 5\}$   $T = R = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$S - T = \{4\}$   $R \cap T = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$R \subseteq (S - T) \cup (R \cap T) = \{1, 3, 4, 5\}$  true in this case  $R$  is definitely not a subset of  $S$

**(b)**  $(A \cap C) \subseteq (B \cap C) \rightarrow A \subseteq B$

proof: let  $x \in A \cap B$  we can conclude that...

by the definition of intersection,  $\forall x \in A, x \in C$   
we deduce that  $x$  must be in both  $A$  and  $C$

by the definition of subset,  $\forall x \in (A \cap C), x \in (B \cap C)$   
we can say  $\forall x \in A, x \in (B \cap C)$

which means by the definition of intersection that  
 $\forall x \in A, x \in B \wedge x \in C$   
So...  $\forall x \in A, x$  must be  $\in B$   
which is the definition of  $A \subseteq B$

**(c)**  $A \in B \wedge B \in C \rightarrow A \in C$

this statement is obviously false since

let  $A = \{3\}$  let  $B = \{\{3\}, 4\}$  let  $C = \{\{\{3\}, 4\}, 5\}$

we can see that  $A \in B \wedge B \in C$   
but  $A \notin C$

**(d)**  $A \in B \wedge B \in C \rightarrow A \subseteq C$

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but  $A \not\subseteq C$

**(e)**  $A \in B \wedge B \subseteq C \rightarrow A \in C$

proof:

if  $B \subseteq C$

that means  $\forall x \in B, x \in C$

now  $A \in B$  means that  $A$  is an element of  $B$  represented by  $\forall x$

replacing  $\forall x$  by  $A$

we can then conclude  $A \in B$  means  $A \in C$

**(f)**  $A \in B \wedge B \subseteq C \rightarrow A \subseteq C$

this is obviously false since we proved that  $A \in C$  is true let  $A = \{3\}$  let  
 $B = \{\{3\}, 4\}$  let  $C = \{\{\{3\}, 4\}, 5\}$

we can see that  $A \in B \wedge B \subseteq C$   
but  $A \not\subseteq C$

## 2 Set operations

Given sets  $A$  and  $B$  under what condition does  $A - B = B - A$   
need to prove that  $A = B \iff A - B = B - A$

Proof:

starting with  $A = B \rightarrow A - B = B - A$

if  $A = B$ , then  $A - B = B - A = \emptyset$

continuing with  $A = B \leftarrow A - B = B - A$  Proof:

the definitions for differences are:

$$A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$$

$$B - A = \{x \mid x \in B \wedge x \notin A\}$$

if  $A - B = B - A$

then it means that  $\exists x \in A \mid x \notin B$

because of the equality,

but the same  $x$  must exist in  $B$  not in  $A$

we can see that no element

We can then conclude that

$$A - B = \emptyset \wedge B - A = \emptyset$$

using the definition of difference we can see that

in order for  $A - B = \emptyset$ , that means that  $A \subseteq B$

in order for  $B - A = \emptyset$ , that means that  $B \subseteq A$

therefore  $A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$

this is the definition of equality  $A = B$ .

## 3 Functions

(a)

(i) if  $f$  is injective, we don't know anything about the relation between  
co-domain and image ok i lied...

we only know about that  $\text{image} \subseteq \text{co-domain}$

(ii)  $\text{image} = \text{co-domain}$  when it is surjective

(iii)  $\text{image} = \text{co-domain}$  when it is bijective

(b)

(i) if  $f$  is injective, it means that the function is invertible and we can map the  
image ( $\neq$  co-domain) back to its domain

so  $f^{-1}$  has image the full codomain of  $f$

$\text{image}(f^{-1}) = \text{dom}(f)$

(ii) turns out that if  $f$  is not injective, it cannot be inverted

since  $f^{-1}$  does not exist,

(iii)  $\text{image}(f^{-1}) = \text{dom}(f)$  when it is bijective

## 4 Functions

**I assume that both X and Y are not empty sets....**

(a) there exists an injection  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

Proof:

if  $X \subseteq Y$ , this means

$\forall a(a \in X \rightarrow a \in Y)$

a "same" function can be applied that maps all the values in X to its same value, but in Y

$f : X \rightarrow Y$

$x \mapsto x$

Since all values in X is present in Y,  
and every single value in X maps to one value inside of Y  
and sets don't have duplicates  
we've got an injective "equivalence" function

(b) there exists a surjection  $g : Y \rightarrow X$

**this is false if I didn't assume non-empty sets since if  $X = \emptyset$ , it is no longer a function**

**else,**

well we know that  $X \subseteq Y$

so  $\text{cardinality}(X) \leq \text{cardinality}(Y)$

I can conclude that my domain will be either equal or bigger than my codomain

Therefore I can guarantee that my function will not be injective if my function is surjective

so I can have a function that

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \in (X \cap Y) \\ \text{any Value in Y,} & \text{if } x \in (Y - X) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

the mapping to any value will make sure that our function definition maps all

the domain to satisfy the definition of a function

## 5 Functions.. Even more

(a)  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  where  $f : x \mapsto x$

Since the dom = codom, and the function maps the value to itself we can conclude that:

function is injective because all values of the domain is mapped to a unique value in the codomain

function is surjective because all values of the codomain is being mapped to (range = codomain)

therefore, the function is bijective

(b)  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  where  $g : x \mapsto x^2$

in this case, the function maps all the values in the domain to the square of itself.

since all values in the domain has a unique square value in the codomain, the function is injective

since range  $\neq$  codomain because  $3 \in \mathbb{N}$  but 3 is not mapped by any value in the domain, the function is **NOT** surjective

therefore not bijective

(c)  $h : \mathbb{Q}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$  where  $h : x \mapsto 1/x$

**I assume that the function maps x to the inverse of its unsimplified version**

so the function  $h$  can be described as doing this:

$$\forall_{xy} \in \mathbb{N} \frac{x}{y} \mapsto \frac{y}{x}$$

we can then say that every value in the codomain has its corresponding value in the domain

since we can map all  $\frac{x}{y}$  to an unique  $\frac{y}{x}$ , it is injective

since we can represent all values of  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  with  $y$  and  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  and that there is no value that cannot be mapped by the domain, it is surjective

therefore  $h$  is bijective too

(d) possible to compose  $f \circ g$   $f \circ h$   $g \circ h$

in order to have a correct composition  $J \circ K$  also knowns as  $K(J(x))$

We know that  $\text{codom}(J) \subseteq \text{dom}(K)$  since the domain of K can be restricted to = codom(J)

therefore:

$\text{cod}(f) = \mathbb{N}$  and  $\text{dom}(g) = \mathbb{N}$  therefore possible

$g(f(x)) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  where  $x \mapsto x^2$

$\text{cod}(f) = \mathbb{N}$  and  $\text{dom}(h) = \mathbb{Q}^+$  therefore possible

$h(f(x)) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$  where  $x \mapsto \frac{1}{x}$

$\text{cod}(g) = \mathbb{N}$  and  $\text{dom}(h) = \mathbb{Q}^+$  therefore possible

$h(g(x)) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$  where  $x \mapsto \frac{1}{x^2}$

## 6 Closure

a strict partial order is asymmetric and transitive  
a partial order is reflective, antisymmetric and transitive

if we take the reflective closure of the relation  $<$  (the new set is referred as  $R$  from now on)

then we have added all the  $xRx$ .

More precisely:

$$\forall x < y, \exists (xRy \wedge xRx \wedge yRy)$$

where  $x \neq y$  since it is part of a strict poset

prove that transitivity is kept with the newly added elements:

as we see, for any arbitrary  $xRy \in R$ , we now have  $xRx$  and  $yRy$ :  
using the definition of transitivity,

$$xRy \wedge yRy \rightarrow xRy$$

$$xRx \wedge xRy \rightarrow xRy$$

then we see that  $xRy$  is required to be in the set for it to be transitive  
and indeed  $xRy$  is in the set from our assumption.

prove that the newly created set is antisymmetric:

the new set  $R$  now satisfies the new condition

$$\forall x \forall y ((xRy \Rightarrow \neg yRx) \vee (x = y))$$

this means that for an arbitrary  $xRy$ , there cannot be  $yRx$  unless  $x = y$

this is the less formal definition of antisymmetric relations

The proof for reflective is trivial since we had to take a reflective closure of the  $<$  set.

Therefore, the new set  $R$  is a poset since it satisfies the 3 conditions

## 7 Hass Diagram

$$INC \geq F \text{ actually } INC > F$$

$$INC \geq D$$

$$A > INC$$

$$WD > F$$

$$WD > D$$

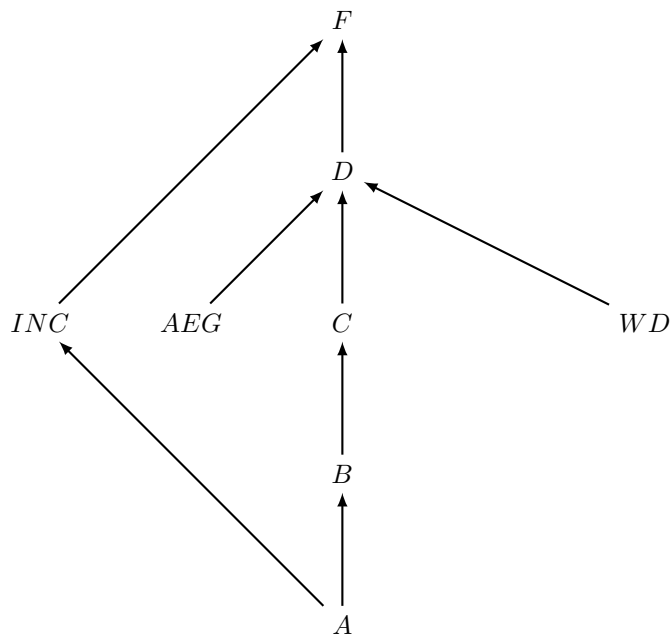
$$B \geq WD$$

$$AEG > F$$

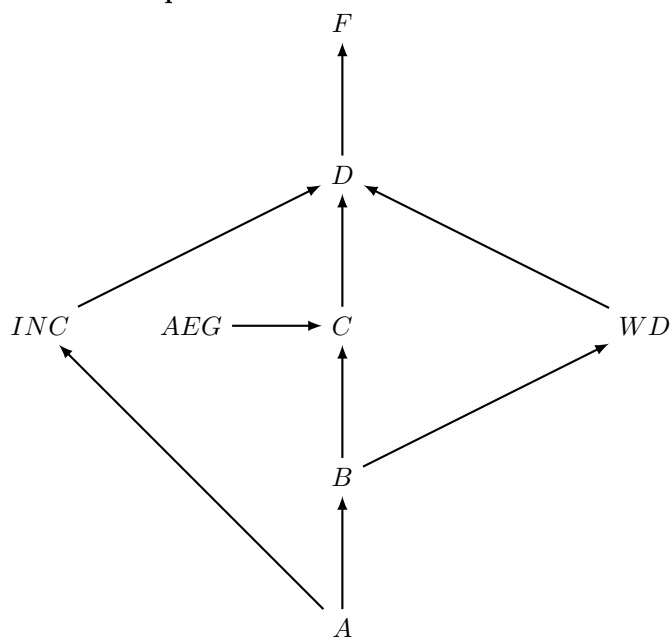
$$AEG > D$$

$$AEG \geq C$$

**better relation** only transitive



**better or equal relation** transitive and reflective



(c)

so better than is not a poset because it is not reflective, therefore I cannot find GLD and LUB

$GLB$  for better or equal relation does not exist because  $A$  is not related to  $AEF$

therefore not satisfying the condition to be a lower bound

$LUB$  for better or equal relation is  $F$  since  $\forall x \in GxRF$

(d)

Again, only considering the better than equal relation since it is a poset and maximal and minimal elements apply on posets

over the  $G - \{A, F\}$

**I will call the poset relation  $\leq$  so i don't confuse myself with the definitions of minimal and maximal**

the maximal element is  $D$ , since  $\nexists y$  in the subset  $>$  than  $D$

the minimal element are  $B, INC, AEF$  since they are not related to each other, but  $\nexists y$  in the subset  $<$  than these values.

(e)

only the better than equal relation is a poset, since it is reflective (equal),

transitive, and antisymmetric and can be shown with a Hass Diagram

the better than relation is not a poset because it is irreflexive by definition

the assumption we make is that  $INC, AEF$  and  $WD$  have no relation with each other in order for the "better than equal relation

to qualify as a partial order

## 8 Equivalent Relationship

need to show that  $T$  is reflective, symmetric and transitive

we first need to determine the set relation between  $T$  and  $RS$

Define  $T \subseteq A^2$  such that  $xTy \iff (xRy \wedge xSy)$

we see that for any arbitrary  $xTy$ , there exists  $xRy$  and  $xSy$

we can conclude that for any element in  $T$ , the same element exists in  $S$  and  $R$

mathematically, this is written as  $T = R \cap S \subseteq T \subseteq S$

which implies  $\subseteq (R \cap S)$

if  $T = \emptyset$ , then  $T$  would be an equivalent relation since all the assumptions

become false and implications become true

so for our proof, we are going to assume that there exists at least 1 element inside the relation  $T$

proof for reflective:

if  $T$  is not reflective, then  $\exists x(\neg xTx)$

so it means by double implication (iff) that  $\exists x((\neg xRx) \vee (\neg xSx))$



but  $R$  and  $S$  are all equivalent relations  
 Contraction occurs since both  $R$  and  $S$  are reflexive and  
 $\forall x(xRx \wedge xSx)$   
 we conclude that  $T$  has to be reflexive

Same logic follows for the 2 other conditions:

proof for symmetric:

if  $T$  is not symmetric, then  $\exists x \exists y (xTy \wedge \neg yTx)$   
 so it means by double implication (iff) that  $\exists x \exists y (xRy \wedge \neg yRx) \vee (xSy \wedge \neg ySx)$   
 but  $R$  and  $S$  are all equivalent relations  
 Contraction occurs since both  $R$  and  $S$  are symmetric  
 we conclude that  $T$  has to be symmetric

proof for transitive:

if  $T$  is not transitive, then  $\exists x \exists y \exists z (xTy \wedge yTz \wedge \neg xTz)$   
 so it means by double implication (iff) that the same  $xSz$  or  $xRz$  doesn't exist  
 $\exists x \exists y \exists z ((xRy \wedge yRz \wedge \neg xRz) \vee (xSy \wedge ySz \wedge \neg xSz))$   
 but  $R$  and  $S$  are all equivalent relations  
 Contraction occurs since both  $R$  and  $S$  are transitive, so both  $xRz$  and  $xSz$   
 exists  
 we conclude that  $T$  has to be transitive

We finally conclude that  $T$  is an equivalent relation...  $\square$

## 9 Posets

(a)  $x \geq y \iff y \leq^{-1} x$   
 $x \geq y$  can be rewritten as  $y \leq x$   
 since  $y \leq x \neq y \leq^{-1} x$   
 for when  $y \neq x$   
 false

(b)  $x \geq y \iff y \leq' x$   
 $x \geq y$  can be rewritten as  $y \leq x$   
 since  $y \leq x \neq y \leq' x$   
 because  $y \leq' x = y > x$  by definition of complement  
 false

(c)  $x < y \iff y \leq' x$   
 prove that  $x < y \Rightarrow y \leq' x$   
 $x < y$  can be rewritten as  $y > x$   
 and the complement of  $y > x$  is  $y \leq' x$

therefore  $y > x = y \leq' x$

since I have proven they are equal,  $\iff$  is proven

**(d)**  $x > y \iff y(\leq^{-1})' x$

$x > y$  can be rewritten as  $y < x$

$y < x$  's inverse is  $x <^{-1} y$

$x <^{-1} y$  can now be rewritten as  $y >^{-1} x$

taking the complement might not be obvious, so let's split  $X$  into  $\leq^{-1}, >^{-1}$  sets

taking the complement we get the set we don't have

$y(\leq^{-1})' x$

we conclude that  $x > y = y(\leq^{-1})' x$

therefore the bidirection is proven since they are equal

**(e)**  $x > y \iff y(\leq')^{-1} x$

I doubt this is true, since **(d)** is true... turns out it is true

taking the complement we get  $x > y = x \leq' y$

if we then take the inverse we get  $y(\leq')^{-1} x$

indeed we just have to swap  $x$  and  $y$  to get the inverse

we conclude that  $x > y = y(\leq')^{-1} x$

therefore the bidirection is proven since they are equal

## 10 More Posets

$X \subseteq N$

$\forall x, y \in N xRy \iff \exists z \in X x + z = y$

**(a)**  $0 \in X$

let us assume that set  $X$  has at least one element  $a$

therefore, by the  $aRa$  must exist since  $R$  is a poset and has to be symmetric

that implies that there must exist in  $X$  to replace  $z$  that will make the equation

$x + z = y$

with  $x = a$  and  $y = a$

$a + z = a$

we conclude that  $z$  must be  $= 0$  and thus  $0 \in X$

**(b)** I modify the question  $a = x$  and  $b = y$  so it becomes

$$\forall a, b (a \in X \wedge b \in X) \Rightarrow a + b \in X$$

we know from part **(a)** and assumption

$0, a, b \in X$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are just arbitrary values  $\in X$

we then know that because  $R$  is a poset (symmetrical)

$0R0, aRa, bRb$  exists in the poset

we are trying to prove that  $a + b \in X$   
 let  $x = y = (a + b)$   
 we know that  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}$   
 so we need to show that  $(a + b) \in \mathbb{N}$   
 since  $(a \wedge b) \in X \wedge X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$   
 we can deduce that  $(a \wedge b) \in \mathbb{N}$  by applying what we found in **question 1**  
 therefore since both  $a$  and  $b$  are  $\in \mathbb{N}$   
 because addition is closed under  $\mathbb{N}$   
 we conclude that the substitution is possible and  $a + b \in \mathbb{N}$

therefore by setting  $z = 0$  since  $0 \in X$   
 we get  $(a + b) + 0 = (a + b)$  which is true  
 this then implies by our assumption (  $\iff$  statement) that  $(a + b)R(a + b)$   
 exists, which implies that  $a + b$  is part of the base set since the poset is  
 reflective  
 (there must be  $xRx \forall x \in X$ )

## 11 posets until posets

**(a)** Proof that minimum element is unique  
 PBC let's assume  $a$  and  $b$  are the minimum elements of the subset  $Y$   
 then by the  $\iff$  statement,  
 $\forall y \in Y a \leq y$  (eq1)  
 $\forall y \in Y b \leq y$   
 and both  $a \wedge b \in Y$   
 there is a contradiction here since we have  $\forall y \in Y$   
 $y$  can take the value of  $a$  and  $b$   
 so it must be true that by manipulating (eq1) that  
 $b \in Y a \leq b$   
 which is saying that  $a$  is  $\leq b$  but  $b$  cannot be smaller than any value because  $b$   
 is a minimum

therefore a minimum element is unique  $\square$

**(b)**  
 Proof that minimum element  $\Rightarrow$  minimal element

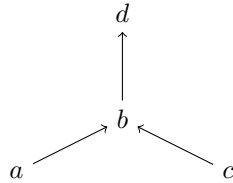
let  $a$  be the minimum element  
 then we know that  $a \in Y \wedge \forall_{b \in Y} a \leq b$   
 PBC minimum element  $\wedge \neg$  minimal element  
 so if  $a$  is not a minimal element, then  $\exists_{z \in Y} z < a$   
 in plain english, there exists a value  $z \in Y$  such that  $z$  is  $<$  than  $a$   
 but will know from the definition of minimum element that all values of set  $Y$   
 is  $\geq a$   
 therefore contradiction occurs

minimum element  $\Rightarrow$  minimal element  $\square$

(c)

this is false,

consider the poset  $R = \{(a, b), (c, b)(b, d)\}^{trans\ refl}$



then let  $Y = R$

the minimal element is  $a$  and  $c$

the minimum element doesn't exist since  $a$  is not related to  $c$

$\forall_{y \in Y} x \leq y$  is not satisfied

we see that minimal element doesn't have to be the minimum element

(d)

since totally ordered means connected partial order

$\forall_x \forall_y (xRy \vee yRx \vee x = y)$

We claim that there exists a minimum no matter which subset of the base set  $X$  we take.

This means every single element inside the base set will become at least once a minimum element

Lets start with a subset  $Y = X$  with minimum value  $a$  then by the definition of minimum,  $a$  interacts with the entire set by being  $\leq Y$   $a$  is connected all the values in  $X$

we then remove  $a$  from  $Y$  to create a set  $Y' \subseteq X$

let's say  $b$  is now the minimum, so  $b$  is connected to every element in  $X$  except for the element  $a$ , but  $a$  is already connected to  $b$  previously

we then remove  $b$  from  $Y'$  to create a new subset  $Y''$

we don't have to worry about  $a$  and  $b$  since both of them are connected

now let's say  $c$  is the new minimum, then  $c$  is not connected to every single elements in  $X$  including  $a$  and  $b$  done previously.

If we repeat this recursive process, we will find that all the elements are connected since every time we remove a minimum from the subset, the new minimum element is connected to all the values in  $X$ .

This is the proof that it is a total order

## 12 Functions, Relations and Cardinality

(a)

to be a function every single value inside of  $A$  needs to map to some value of the  $\text{cod}(A)$  let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  aa-ba-ca is an obvious one if  $a$  always maps to  $a$ , aa-ba-ca x3 aa-ba-cb aa-ba-cc  
aa-bb-ca aa-bb-cb aa-bb-cc  
aa-bc-ca aa-bc-cb aa-bc-cc  
ab-ba-ca x9  
ac-ba-ca x9  
seems like the answer is  $N^N$

(b)

Assuming  $A$  is not infinite,  
in order to get a surjective mapping, all values in the domain must map to something different since  $\text{Dom} = \text{Cod}$  indeed  $A = A$   
this means that in order to get a surjective mapping, the function needs to be injective  
by being both injective and surjective, the function is bijective  
possible bijective functions for 3 elements  
aa-bb-cc aa-bc-cb ab-ba-cc ab-bc-ca ac-ba-cb ac-bb-ca  
by going through them one by one,  
I conclude that the amount of bijective relation is  $N!$   
therefore the amount of injective and surjective is also  $N!$

(c)

well let's brute force through all the possible relations:  
if 0 element  $\rightarrow \{\}$   $\binom{0}{0}$   
if 1 element  $\rightarrow \{\}, \{a, a\}$   $\binom{1}{0 \text{ to } 1}$  the size is 2  
if 2 elements we get  $\emptyset, aa, ab, ba, bb$ , so  $\binom{4}{0 \text{ to } 4}$  the size is 16  
if 3 elements we get  $\emptyset, aa, ab, ac, ba, bb, bc, ca, cb, cc$  so  $\binom{9}{0 \text{ to } 9}$  the size is 512  
so we can conclude in general we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N^2} \binom{N^2}{k}$$

is there a way to simplify?

ya...

$$2^{N^2}$$

(d)

to be both antisym and sym it means that the function needs to satisfy  
 $\forall x \forall y ((xRy \Rightarrow yRx) \wedge ((xRy \wedge yRx) \Rightarrow x = y))$   
this basically means that only  $xRx$  relation can exist inside of the set;  
attempt to prove:  
since if  $xRy$  exists, then  $yRx$  exists by symmetric definition

but by the antisymmetric definition,  $xRy \wedge yRx \Rightarrow x = y$   
therefore  $xRy = yRx$  therefore  
 $R = \{(x, x)\}$

by going through the similar process we realize its the sum of N choose K if 0  
element  $\rightarrow \{\} \binom{0}{0}$   
if 1 element  $\rightarrow \{\}, \{a, a\} \binom{1}{0 \text{ to } 1}$  the size is 2  
if 2 elements we get  $\emptyset, aa, bb$ , so  $\binom{2}{0 \text{ to } 2}$

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k}$$

simplified to  $2^N$

(e)

now  $R = \{\forall x \in A(xRx)\}$

if 0 element  $\rightarrow \{\}$

if 1 element  $\rightarrow \{(a, a)\}$

if 2 elements we get ,  $\{(a, a), (b, b)\}$

we see that since it's for all x, the amount of set is 1 for all values of N

(f)

it is now reflective, symmetric, transitive

then if  $f$  is referring to  $e$ , the amount of set is 1 for all  $N$  because all set in  $\mathbf{e}$  is transitive

**the next page is just going to be me struggling to find the solution if it is refering to all possible relations**

e else it is very challenging...  
 if 0 element  $\rightarrow \{\}$   
 if 1 element  $\rightarrow \{\}, \{(a, a)\}$   
 if 2 elements we get  $\emptyset, \{(a, a), (b, b)\}$   $aa - bb - ab - ba$   
 if 3 elements we get  $\emptyset, aa - bb - cc$   
 also we get aa-bb-cc-ab-ba seems like 3 choose 2 aa-bb-cc-ac-ca aa-bb-cc-cb-bc  
 aa-bb-cc-ab-ba-ac-ca-cb-bc  
 if 4 elements we get  
 aa-bb-cc-dd  
 aa-bb-cc-dd  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-ab-ba with ab  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-ac-ca with ac  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-ad-da with ad  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-bc-cb with cb  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-bd-db with bd  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-cd-dc with cd  
 $\binom{4}{2}$   
 aa-bb-cc-dd-ab-ba-bc-cb  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-ac-ca-bd-db  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-ad-da-bc-cb  
 for num = 2 this step gives you 0  
 for num = 3 this step gives you 1  
 for num = 4 this step gives you 3  
 for num = 5 this step gives you 8  
 I ve come to a conclusion that it is  $(N - 3) * (N - 1)$   
 aa-bb-cc-dd-ab-ba-bc-cb-ac-ca  
 aa-bb-cc-dd-bc-cb-cd-dc-bd-db with acd

it seems to me that it is 2 and  $\binom{N}{1}$  then it looks like it is  $\binom{N}{2}$  where the the 2  
 elements from the base set must not be adjacent to each other because if we  
 take ab ba and