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### Assignment-5 (*Relations and Functions*)

**Question 1** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be relations on  $A$ . Prove each of the following.

- $r(R_1 \cup R_2) = r(R_1) \cup r(R_2)$
- $s(R_1 \cup R_2) = s(R_1) \cup s(R_2)$
- $t(R_1 \cup R_2) \supset t(R_1) \cup t(R_2)$
- Show by counter example that  $t(R_1 \cup R_2) \not\subset t(R_1) \cup t(R_2)$

**Solution:**

a. By definition  $r(R) = R \cup E$ .  $r(R_1) = R_1 \cup E$ ,  $r(R_2) = R_2 \cup E$ .

$$r(R_1) \cup r(R_2) = R_1 \cup E \cup R_2 \cup E = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup E = r(R_1 \cup R_2)$$

b. By definition  $s(R) = R \cup R^c$ .  $s(R_1) = R_1 \cup R_1^c$ ,  $s(R_2) = R_2 \cup R_2^c$ .

$$s(R_1) \cup s(R_2) = R_1 \cup R_1^c \cup R_2 \cup R_2^c = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (R_1 \cup R_2)^c = s(R_1 \cup R_2)$$

c.  $R_1 \subset t(R_1 \cup R_2)$ . For every  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R_1$ ,  $(a, c) \in t(R_1)$ . It follows that  $(a, c) \in t(R_1 \cup R_2)$ . Similar arguments hold for  $R_2$ . Therefore  $t(R_1) \cup t(R_2) \subset t(R_1 \cup R_2)$

d.  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $R_1 = \{(1, 2)\}$ ,  $R_2 = \{(2, 3)\}$

$$t(R_1 \cup R_2) = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (1, 3)\}, t(R_1) = \{(1, 2)\}, t(R_2) = \{(2, 3)\} \text{ and } t(R_1) \cup t(R_2) = \{(1, 2), (2, 3)\}$$

here  $t(R_1 \cup R_2) \not\subset t(R_1) \cup t(R_2)$

**Question 2** Show that if  $R$  is a quasi order then  $R$  is always antisymmetric.

**Solution:**

Given:  $R$  is transitive and irreflexive.

For any pair  $a, b \in R$ , if  $(a, b) \in R$  then  $(b, a) \notin R$  (Suppose if  $(a, b), (b, a) \in R$  then by transitivity  $(a, a) \in R$ , which is a contradiction to irreflexive property). Thus,  $R$  is asymmetric and hence  $R$  is antisymmetric.

**Question 3** Let  $(A, R)$  be a poset and  $B$  a subset of  $A$ . Prove the following

- If  $b$  is a greatest element of  $B$ , then  $b$  is a maximal element of  $B$
- If  $b$  is a greatest element of  $B$ , then  $b$  is lub of  $B$

**Solution:**

a. An element  $b \in B$  is a greatest element of  $B$  if for every  $b' \in B$ ,  $b' \preceq b$ . An element  $b \in B$  is

a maximal element of  $B$  if  $b \in B$  and there does not exist  $b' \in B$  such that  $b \neq b'$  and  $b \preceq b'$ . Therefore if  $b$  is a greatest element, then there does not exist  $b' \in B$  such that  $b \neq b'$  and  $b \preceq b'$ , implies that  $b$  is a maximal element.

b. An element  $b \in A$  is upper bound for  $B$  if for every element  $b' \in B$ ,  $b' \preceq b$ . An element  $b \in A$  is a least upper bound (lub) for  $B$  if  $b$  is an upper bound and for every upper bound  $b'$  of  $B$ ,  $b \preceq b'$ . Therefore, if  $b$  is a greatest element, then  $b$  is clearly an upper bound. Since  $b \in B$ , it must be the case that  $b \preceq b'$  for every upper bound  $b'$ . Therefore,  $b$  is lub.

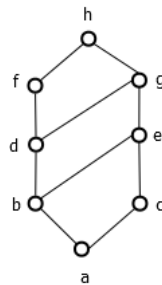
**Question 4** Construct examples of the following sets:

- A non-empty linearly ordered set in which some subsets do not have a least element.
- A non-empty partially ordered set which is not linearly ordered and in which some subsets do not have a greatest element. Construct both finite and infinite examples.
- A partially ordered set with a subset for which there exists a glb but which does not have a least element. Construct both finite and infinite examples.
- A partially ordered set with a subset for which there exists an upper bound but not a least upper bound. Construct both finite and infinite examples.

**Solution:**

(a)  $(I, \leq)$

(b) **Example: Finite set** The poset given in Figure 1 is not a linearly ordered set and the



**Fig. 1.**

subset  $\{d, e\}$  does not have the greatest element.

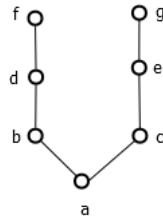
**Example: Infinite Set**  $(N \setminus \{0\}, |)$ , where  $a \mid b$  denotes  $a$  divides  $b$ . The set itself does not have the greatest element.

(c) **Example: Finite set** The poset given in Figure 1, has a subset  $\{d, e\}$  for which there exists a glb,  $\{b\}$ , but which does not have a least element.

**Example: Infinite Set**  $(N \setminus \{0\}, |)$ , where  $a \mid b$  denotes  $a$  divides  $b$ . The subset  $\{4, 6\}$  has a glb,  $\{2\}$ , but does not have a least element.

(d) **Example: Finite set** The poset given in Figure 2, has a subset  $\{a\}$  for which there exists an upper bound,  $\{b, c, d, e, f, g\}$  but no least upper bound.

**Example: Infinite set** Set:  $R$ , Subset:  $(0, 1)$ , Relation: less than. Upper bound  $\{x \mid x \geq 1\}$ , however the subset has no least upper bound.



**Fig. 2.**

**Question 5** Construct a bijection from  $A$  to  $B$

- a.  $A = I, B = N$
- b.  $A = N, B = N \times N$
- c.  $A = [0, 1), B = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}]$
- d.  $A = R, B = (0, \infty)$

**Solution:**

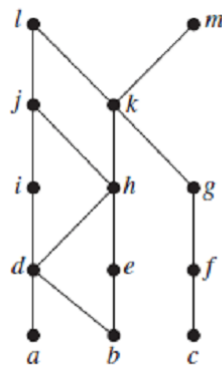
(a).  $f(x) = 2|x|$  if  $x \geq 0$   
 $f(x) = 2|x| + 1$  if  $x < 0$

(b). Construct  $N \times N$  matrix and enumerate in a systematic way,  
 i.e.  $(0, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 1), (2, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), \dots$  This shows that there is one-one correspondence between every element of  $N$  and an element of  $N \times N$  matrix.

(c).  $f(x) = \frac{2-x}{4}$

(d).  $f(x) = e^x$

**Question 6** For the following hasse diagram, find



(a) Find the maximal elements.

**Solution:**  $\{l, m\}$

b) Find the minimal elements.

**Solution:**  $\{a, b, c\}$

c) Is there a greatest element?

**Solution:** No

d) Is there a least element?

**Solution:** No

e) Find all upper bounds of  $\{a, b, c\}$ .

**Solution:**  $\{k, l, m\}$

f) Find the least upper bound of  $\{a, b, c\}$ , if it exists.

**Solution:**  $\{k\}$

g) Find all lower bounds of  $\{f, g, h\}$ .

**Solution:** NIL

h) Find the greatest lower bound of  $\{f, g, h\}$ , if it exists.

**Solution:** NIL

**Question 7** Using PIE (principle of inclusion and exclusion), Find the number of positive integers not exceeding 100 that are either odd or the square of an integer

**Solution:**

Number of odd numbers =  $|O| = 50$

Number of square numbers =  $|S| = 10$

Number of odd square numbers =  $|O \cap S| = 5$

$|O \cup S| = |O| + |S| - |O \cap S|$

$= 50 + 10 - 5 = 55$

**Question 8** Using PIE, How many bit strings (binary) of length eight do not contain six consecutive 0's.

**Solution:**

Number of bit strings of length 8 do not contain six consecutive 0's = Total number of bit strings of length 8 - Number of bit strings containing 6 consecutive 0's.

Note that the total number of bit strings of length 8 =  $2^8 = 256$

**Number of bit strings containing 6 consecutive 0's**

Let  $k$  denote the substring with six zeroes and  $a, b$  are the other two bits.

Number of bit strings containing 6 consecutive 0's = number of bit strings of length 8 of the form  $kab$  + number of bit strings of length 8 of the form  $abk$  + number of bit strings of length 8 of the form  $akb$  - number of bit strings of length 8 of the form  $kab$  and  $abk$  - number of bit strings of length 8 of the form  $abk$  and  $akb$  - number of bit strings of length 8 of the form  $kab$  and  $akb$  + number of bit strings of length 8 of the form  $kab$ ,  $abk$  and  $akb$ .

$= 4 + 4 + 4 - 1 - 2 - 2 + 1 = 8$

Therefore, number of bit strings of length 8 do not contain six consecutive 0's =  $256 - 8 = 248$ .

**Question 9** Using PIE, count the number of primes between 2 and 100

**Solution:**

Consider the prime factors 2, 3, 5, 7.  $P_i$  represents number of elements in the range 2-100 that are divisible by  $i$ .

$|P_i P_k \dots P_j|$  represents the number of elements in the range 2-100 that are divisible by  $i \times k \times \dots \times j$   
 Number of primes between 2 and 100 = 99 - number of numbers that are multiples of 2, 3, 5, 7 + 4 (the numbers 2, 3, 5, 7).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of prime numbers (excluding 2, 3, 5, 7)} &= 99 - |P_2| - |P_3| - |P_5| - |P_7| \\ &+ |P_2 P_3| + |P_3 P_5| + |P_5 P_7| + |P_2 P_5| + |P_2 P_7| + |P_3 P_7| - |P_2 P_3 P_5| - |P_2 P_3 P_7| - |P_3 P_5 P_7| \\ &- |P_2 P_5 P_7| + |P_2 P_3 P_5 P_7| \\ &= 99 - 50 - 33 - 20 - 14 + 16 + 10 + 7 + 6 + 4 + 2 - 3 - 2 - 1 - 0 + 0 = 21 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the total number of primes in the range 2-100 = 21 + 4 = 25.

**Question 10** Using PIE, the number of solutions to  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 10$  with  $x_1 \leq 2, x_2 \leq 2, x_3 \leq 3$ .

**Solution:**

Number of solutions = Number of solutions without any constraints - Number of solutions with  $(x_1 \geq 3 \vee x_2 \geq 3 \vee x_3 \geq 4)$

**Generic Approach:** Let  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = r$  such that  $x_i \geq 0$ . The number of solutions to this equation is the number of ways distributing  $r$  balls into 3 boxes, which is equivalent to introducing two 0's into  $r$ -bit string consisting of all 1's. In other words, the number of permutations (reorderings) of a string containing  $r$  ones and 2 zeros. Let  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = r$  such that  $x_i \geq 1$ . The number of solutions to this equivalent to the number of solutions to  $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = r - 3$  such that  $y_i \geq 0$ . Using this approach we shall now do the counting.

Number of solutions without any constraints = Number of reorderings of 10 ones and 2 zeroes =  $12C_2 = 66$

Let  $A$  denotes  $x_1 \geq 3$ ,  $B$  denotes  $x_2 \geq 3$  and  $C$  denotes  $x_3 \geq 4$ .

Number of solutions with  $(x_1 \geq 3 \vee x_2 \geq 3 \vee x_3 \geq 4) = n(A \cup B \cup C) = n(A) + n(B) + n(C) - n(A \cap B) - n(B \cap C) - n(A \cap C) + n(A \cap B \cap C)$

$n(A) = n(B) =$  Reordering 7 one's and 2 zeroes (as three one's are already fixed) =  $9C_2 = 36$

$n(C) =$  Reordering 6 one's and 2 zeroes (as four one's are already fixed) =  $8C_2 = 28$

$n(A \cap B) =$  Reordering 4 one's and 2 zeroes (as six one's are already fixed) =  $6C_2 = 15$

$n(A \cap C) = n(B \cap C) =$  Reordering 3 one's and 2 zeroes (as seven one's are already fixed) =  $5C_2 = 10$

$n(A \cap B \cap C) =$  Reordering zero one's and 2 zeroes (as all the 10 one's are fixed) =  $2C_2 = 1$

Number of solutions with  $(x_1 \geq 3 \vee x_2 \geq 3 \vee x_3 \geq 4) = 36 + 36 + 28 - 15 - 10 - 10 + 1 = 66$

Therefore, the number of solutions =  $66 - 66 = 0$ .