

Review Questions on Relations from Section 6.11

6. Answer each question true or false, and briefly explain your reasoning.

(a) If $|A| = 4$, then there are exactly 2^{16} relations on A .

True. If $|A|=4$, then $|A \times A| = 4 \times 4 = 16$.
Any relation on A is a subset of $A \times A$.
 $A \times A$ has 2^{16} subsets

(b) If \mathcal{R} is an anti-symmetric relation on \mathbb{Z} and $(1, 2) \notin \mathcal{R}$, then $(2, 1) \in \mathcal{R}$.

False. \emptyset is an anti-symmetric relation on any set.

(c) For any set A , there is exactly one relation on A which is reflexive, symmetric, transitive and anti-symmetric.

True. If the relation is reflexive it must contain all pairs (x, x) , $x \in A$.
It can't contain any other pairs and be both symmetric & anti-symmetric.

(d) The relation \sim on $\{2, 3\}$, defined by $x \sim y$ if and only if xy is odd, is reflexive.

False. $2 \cdot 2 = 4$ is even
 $\therefore 2 \not\sim 2$
 $\therefore \sim$ is not reflexive.

(e) The set of all relations from A to B is $\mathcal{P}(A \times B)$.

True. A relation from A to B is a subset of $A \times B$. The power set of $A \times B$ is the set of all subsets of $A \times B$.

(f) For the set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, if the relation \mathcal{R} on A is anti-symmetric and $(1, 3) \in \mathcal{R}$, then \mathcal{R} is not symmetric.

True. Since \mathcal{R} is anti-symmetric &
 $(1, 3) \in \mathcal{R}$, $(3, 1) \notin \mathcal{R}$
 $\therefore \mathcal{R}$ is not symmetric.

- (g) For any set A , there is a relation \mathcal{R} on A that is both symmetric and anti-symmetric.

True. \emptyset is a relation A that is symmetric & anti-symmetric.

12. Suppose that \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{S} are relations on a non-empty set A . Determine if each of the following statements is true or false. Prove each true statement. For each false statement, give a counterexample using $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

- (a) If \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{S} are both anti-symmetric, then $\mathcal{R} \setminus \mathcal{S}$ is anti-symmetric.

True. Suppose $(x, y), (y, x) \in \mathcal{R} \setminus \mathcal{S}$
 $\therefore (x, y), (y, x) \in \mathcal{R}$
 Since \mathcal{R} is anti-symmetric, $x = y$
 $\therefore \mathcal{R} \setminus \mathcal{S}$ is anti-symmetric.

- (b) If neither \mathcal{R} nor \mathcal{S} is symmetric, then $\mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{S}$ is not symmetric.

Let $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2)\}$ & $\mathcal{S} = \{(2, 1)\}$
 Then neither \mathcal{R} nor \mathcal{S} is symmetric.
 But $\mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{S} = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ is symmetric.

- (c) If \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{S} are both equivalence relations, then so is $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{S}$.

True.

reflexive. Take any $x \in A$.
 Since \mathcal{R} is reflexive, $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$
 " \mathcal{S} " " " " $(x, x) \in \mathcal{S}$
 $\therefore (x, x) \in \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{S}$ $\therefore \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{S}$ is reflexive.

Symmetric: Suppose $(x, y) \in R \cap S$

$\therefore (x, y) \in R$ and $(x, y) \in S$

Since R & S are symmetric

$(y, x) \in R$ and $(y, x) \in S$

$\therefore (y, x) \in R \cap S \quad \therefore R \cap S$ is symmetric

transitive Suppose $(x, y), (y, z) \in R \cap S$,

$\therefore (x, y), (y, z) \in R$ and $(x, y), (y, z) \in S$

Since R & S are transitive $(x, z) \in R$

and $(x, z) \in S \quad \therefore (x, z) \in R \cap S$

$\therefore R \cap S$ is transitive

$\therefore R \cap S$ is an equivalence relation.

23. Take it as given that the relation \mathcal{R} on $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 46\}$ defined by $x \mathcal{R} y$ if and only if $x - y$ is a multiple of 10 is an equivalence relation.

(a) How many of the equivalence classes $[6], [13], [16], [28], [38], [46]$ are different? Why? Explain in at most two sentences.

3. We know $[6] = [16] = [46]$ b/c any two of 6, 16, 46 are related. Similarly $[28] = [38]$. No two of 6, 13 & 28 are related, so $[6], [28], [13]$ are all disjoint.

(b) How many subsets belong to the partition of A determined by \mathcal{R} ? Why?

Ten. Two numbers are related if they have the same last digit, and there are 10 possibilities.