

**CS275 GRADED HOMEWORK 4 - PROVISIONAL SOLUTION**

GIVE BACK ON TUESDAY OCTOBER, 19TH 2004 AT BEGINNING OF CLASS

For each question, read **each word** with the greatest care and **without hurrying**. If you have doubts about what is asked, **go back** to the wording of the question until the meaning of the question is clear. Then try to find an answer. If you get stuck, don't hesitate to **contact** your T.A. or me.

Please write your section number on your homework as well as a rough estimate of the time you spent solving it.

**Exercise 1.** In town, there are just 3 restaurants:

- A seafood restaurant serving dishes from a “set”  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- A vegetarian restaurant serving dishes from a “set”  $\mathcal{V}$ .  $\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{V} = \emptyset$ .
- A carnivorous restaurant serving dishes from a “set”  $\mathcal{C}$ .  $\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{V} \cap \mathcal{C} = \emptyset$ .

A dinner consists of one dish or two dishes (the order matters) from the same restaurant and ends with either a cup of coffee, a cup of liquor, a mint or nothing. Let  $\mathcal{E} = \{\text{Coffee, Liquor, Mint, Nothing}\}$  be the set of possible endings.

a) Write in mathematical notation the set of possible dinners.

**Solution:** A dinner could consists of a sequence  $(s, e) \in \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{E}$  consisting of a seafood dish  $s$  and an ending  $e$ ; or a sequence  $(v, v', e) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{E}$  consisting of two vegetarian dishes and an ending; etc. Joining all the possibilities, the set of dinners can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(d, e) \mid d \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{V} \cup \mathcal{C}, e \in \mathcal{E}\} \cup \{(d, d', e) \mid (d, d') \in \mathcal{S}^2 \cup \mathcal{V}^2 \cup \mathcal{C}^2, e \in \mathcal{E}\} \\ = & \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{E} \\ = & (\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{V} \cup \mathcal{C}) \times \mathcal{E} \cup (\mathcal{S}^2 \cup \mathcal{V}^2 \cup \mathcal{C}^2) \times \mathcal{E} \end{aligned}$$

b) What is its cardinal? I.e. in how many different ways can one have dinner?

**Solution:** Since the sets in the union above are two-by-two disjoint, the cardinal of this set, given by the product and sum rules, is:

$$|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{E}| + |\mathcal{S}|^2 \cdot |\mathcal{E}| + |\mathcal{V}| \cdot |\mathcal{E}| + |\mathcal{V}|^2 \cdot |\mathcal{E}| + |\mathcal{C}| \cdot |\mathcal{E}| + |\mathcal{C}|^2 \cdot |\mathcal{E}|.$$

c) What is the cardinal of the set of dinners in which two distinct dishes are served?

**Solution:** There are  $P(|\mathcal{S}|, 2)$  sequences without repetition of two seafood dishes. Altogether, there are

$$(P(|\mathcal{S}|, 2) + P(|\mathcal{V}|, 2) + P(|\mathcal{C}|, 2)) \cdot |\mathcal{E}|$$

dinners in which two distinct dishes are served.

**Exercise 2.** Exercise 8 p. 109 of [1]: Find these values.

- a)  $\lfloor 1.1 \rfloor \dots\dots\dots 1$
- b)  $\lceil 1.1 \rceil \dots\dots\dots 2$
- c)  $\lfloor -0.1 \rfloor \dots\dots\dots -1$
- d)  $\lceil -0.1 \rceil \dots\dots\dots 0$
- e)  $\lceil 2.99 \rceil \dots\dots\dots 3$
- f)  $\lfloor -2.99 \rfloor \dots\dots\dots -2$
- g)  $\lfloor \frac{1}{2} + \lceil \frac{1}{2} \rceil \rfloor \dots\dots\dots \lfloor \frac{1}{2} + 1 \rfloor = 1$
- h)  $\lceil \lfloor \frac{1}{2} \rfloor + \lceil \frac{1}{2} \rceil + \frac{1}{2} \rceil \dots\dots\dots \lceil 0 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \rceil = 2$

**Exercise 3.** For each of the functions below, determine whether it is onto and/or one-to-one.

a)  $f : n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow n + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$

**Solution:** Not onto because 0 isn't the image by  $f$  of a natural number:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n + 1 \neq 0$ .  
One-to-one because  $m \neq n \implies m + 1 \neq n + 1 \iff f(m) \neq f(n)$ .

b)  $f : x \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow x^3 \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Solution:** Not onto because 2 isn't the image by  $f$  of a natural number:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n^3 \neq 2$ .  
One-to-one because  $m \neq n \implies m^3 \neq n^3 \iff f(m) \neq f(n)$ .

c)  $f : x \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow x^3 \in \mathbb{R}$

**Solution:** Onto because  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x = \sqrt[3]{y} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = y$ .  
One-to-one because  $x \neq y \implies x^3 \neq y^3 \iff f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

d)  $f : n \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \lceil n/2 \rceil \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Solution:** Onto because,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n = f(2n)$ .  
Not one-to-one because  $f(2) = f(3) = 1$ .

e)  $f : n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (-1)^n \lfloor n/2 \rfloor \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Solution:** Note:  $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 0, f(2) = 1, f(3) = -1, f(4) = 2, f(5) = -2 \dots$   
Onto because, if  $n \geq 0, n = f(2n)$  and, if  $n < 0, n = f(-2n + 1)$ .  
Not one-to-one because  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $A = \{1 \dots 10\}$  and  $B = \{1 \dots 20\}$  and define the functions

$$\begin{aligned} f : x \in A &\rightarrow 2x \in B \\ g : x \in B &\rightarrow \left\lceil \frac{x}{2} \right\rceil \in A \end{aligned}$$

a) Prove or disprove that  $f$  is onto and that it is one-to-one.

**Solution:** Not onto because,  $1 \in B$  and  $\forall m \in A, 2m \neq 1$ .  
One-to-one because  $m \neq n \implies f(m) \neq f(n)$ .

b) Prove or disprove that  $g$  is onto and that it is one-to-one.

**Solution:** Onto because,  $\forall m \in A, 2m \in B$  and  $\forall g(2m) = m$ .  
Not one-to-one because  $f(1) = f(2)$ .

c) Prove or disprove that  $g \circ f$  is onto and that it is one-to-one.

**Solution:** Note that,  $\forall m \in A, (g \circ f)(m) = \left\lceil \frac{2m}{2} \right\rceil = \lceil m \rceil = m$ .  
This function is clearly onto and one-to-one.

**Exercise 5.** Let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $A$  containing two or more elements. Prove or disprove the following statements

a) If  $R$  is symmetric and transitive, then  $R$  is reflexive.

**Solution:** False: If  $R = \emptyset$ , i.e. no elements verify  $R(x, y)$ , then  $(A, \emptyset)$  is symmetric and transitive (just check the definitions), but not reflexive.

b) If  $R$  is an equivalence relation, then  $R$  is not a total order relation.

**Solution:** True: Proof by contradiction.

Suppose  $R$  is an equivalence relation and a total order.

By assumption, there exist two distinct elements  $x \neq y$  of  $A$ .

Since  $R$  is a total order, either  $R(x, y)$  is true, or  $R(y, x)$  is true. In the first case, since  $R$  is symmetric<sup>1</sup>, one also has  $R(y, x)$ . In the second case, one also has  $R(x, y)$ . Thus, in all cases, both  $R(x, y)$  and  $R(y, x)$  are true.

Since  $R$  is antisymmetric<sup>2</sup>, one has  $x = y$ , which contradicts the initial statement  $x \neq y$ .

<sup>1</sup>Because it is an equivalence relation.

<sup>2</sup>Because  $R$  is an order relation.

- c) If  $R$  is an equivalence relation, then  $R$  is not a partial order relation.  
**Solution:** False: Take  $R = \{(x, x) \mid x \in A\}$ , then  $(A, R)$  is an equivalence relation and also a poset (as seen in class).
- d) If  $R$  is symmetric and antisymmetric, then  $\forall x, y \in A, R(x, y) \implies x = y$ .  
**Solution:** True: If  $R(x, y)$  is true, then, by symmetry,  $R(y, x)$  is also true. Since then,  $R(y, x)$  and  $R(x, y)$  are true, one has, by antisymmetry,  $x = y$ .

**Exercise 6.** For each of the relations below

- a)  $A = \mathbb{Z}, R(x, y) \equiv x = \max\{x, y\}$
- b)  $A = \mathbb{Z}, R = \{(x, y) \mid x \leq y \wedge x^2 - y^2 = 0\}$
- c)  $A = \mathbb{Z}, R = \{(x, y) \mid x \leq y \vee x^2 - y^2 = 0\}$

1): Circle, on the grids<sup>3</sup>  $\{-4, \dots, 4\} \times \{-4, \dots, 4\}$  of Figure 6.1, the points  $(x, y)$  that verify  $R(x, y)$ .

**Solution:** See Figure 6.1.

2): Prove or disprove that  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, transitive. Don't forget that the  $R$  is defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , not just  $\{-4, \dots, 4\}$ .

**Solution:**

- a) Note that  $x = \max\{x, y\}$  iff  $x \geq y$ .  $R$  is reflexive, since  $\forall x, x = \max\{x, x\}$ . Not symmetric, since  $R(2, 1)$ , but not  $R(1, 2)$ . Antisymmetric, since  $x \geq y$  and  $y \geq x$  implies  $x = y$ . Transitive, since  $x \geq y$  and  $y \geq z$  implies  $x \geq z$ .  
 You could also just say that, since  $(\mathbb{Z}, R)$  is the well-known poset  $(\mathbb{Z}, \geq)$ ,  $R$  is reflexive, not symmetric, antisymmetric and transitive.
- b)  $R$  is reflexive, since  $\forall x, x \leq x \wedge x^2 - x^2 = 0$ . Not symmetric, since  $R(-1, 1)$ , but not  $R(1, -1)$ . Antisymmetric, since  $x \geq y$  and  $y \geq x$  implies  $x = y$ . Transitive, since  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \implies x \leq z$  and  $x^2 = y^2 \wedge y^2 = z^2 \implies x^2 = z^2$ .
- c)  $R$  is reflexive, since  $\forall x, x \leq x \vee x^2 - x^2 = 0$ . Not symmetric, since  $R(0, 1)$ , but not  $R(1, 0)$ . Not antisymmetric, since  $R(-1, 1)$  and  $R(1, -1)$ . Transitive, since  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \implies x \leq z$  and  $x^2 = y^2 \wedge y^2 = z^2 \implies x^2 = z^2$ .

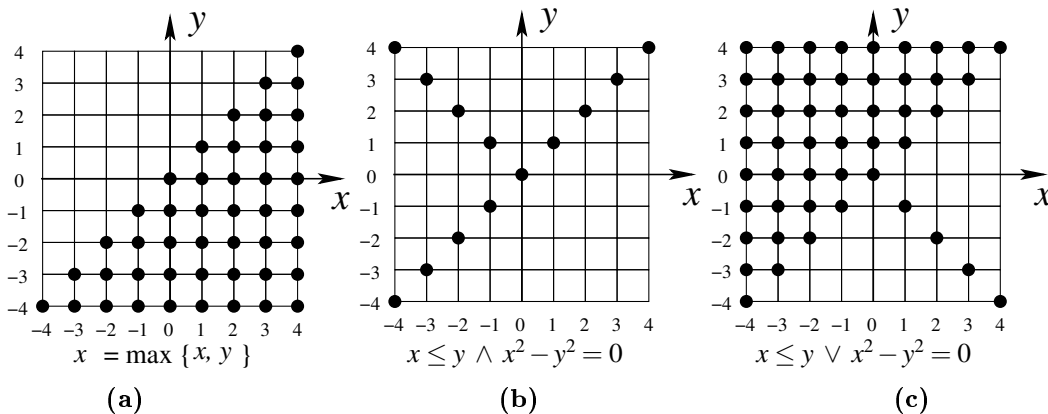


FIGURE 6.1. Grids for Exercise 6. Don't forget that the relations are defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$  and not just  $\{-4 \dots 4\}$ . These grids are here only to illustrate "what the relations look like".

<sup>3</sup>You may copy these grids on any sheet of paper.

**Exercise 7.** Let  $A = \{0,1\}^3 \cup \{0,1\}^4 \cup \{0,1\}^5 \dots$  be the set of bit strings of length 3 or more and let  $R$  be the relation on  $A$  consisting of all pairs  $(x,y)$  such that  $x$  and  $y$  are equal except perhaps in their first three bits.

**Solution:** Notation: we will write  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$  elements of  $A$ . The relation  $R$  can then be written

$$R(x, y) \equiv m = n \wedge \forall i > 3, x_i = y_i.$$

a) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

**Solution:** This proof is trivial:  $R$  is reflexive because  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $x$  is the same length as itself, and  $\forall 3 < i < n$ ,  $x_i = x_i$ . Likewise,  $R$  is symmetric. And it is transitive: if  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_p)$  and  $n = m$  and  $\forall 3 < i \leq n$ ,  $x_i = y_i$  and  $m = p$  and  $\forall 3 < i \leq m$ ,  $y_i = z_i$ , then  $n = p$  and  $\forall 3 < i \leq n$ ,  $x_i = z_i$ .

b) Write in mathematical notation the equivalence classes of the strings

1) 110

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{110} &= \{y \in A \mid R(110, y)\} \\ &= \{(y_1, y_2, y_3) \mid \forall 1 \leq i \leq 3, y_i \in \{0, 1\}\} \\ &= \{0, 1\}^3 \end{aligned}$$

2) 1010

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{1010} &= \{y \in A \mid R(1010, y)\} \\ &= \{(y_1, y_2, y_3, 0) \mid \forall 1 \leq i \leq 3, y_i \in \{0, 1\}\} \\ &= \{0, 1\}^3 \times \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

3) 11110

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{11110} &= \{y \in A \mid R(11110, y)\} \\ &= \{(y_1, y_2, y_3, 1, 0) \mid \forall 1 \leq i \leq 3, y_i \in \{0, 1\}\} \\ &= \{0, 1\}^3 \times \{1\} \times \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

c) Write in lexicographic order 4 elements of each of the equivalence classes above.

**Solution:** Writing  $\preceq$  the lexicographic order, one has e.g.

1)  $000 \preceq 001 \preceq 010 \preceq 011$

2)  $1000 \preceq 1010 \preceq 1100 \preceq 1110$

3)  $00010 \preceq 10010 \preceq 11010 \preceq 11110$

**Note:** This exercise is largely inspired by Exercises 8 p. 513 and 25 p. 514 of [1].

#### REFERENCES

[1] K. H. Rosen. *Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications*. Mc Graw Hill, 5 edition, 2003.