

PART A:

1. Consider the set of strings using letters of the alphabet. For each of the relations, below determine if the relation is reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and or transitive

- a.  $\{(a,b) \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ have no vowels in common}\}$   
*Not Reflexive, nor Irreflexive – counter example for Reflexive: let  $\alpha = 'aeiou'$ ; counter example for Irreflexive: let  $\alpha = 'x'$ .*  
*Symmetric –  $\forall (\alpha, \beta) \in R$  implies  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$  if  $\alpha$  has different vowels than  $\beta$  then  $\beta$  will have different vowels from  $\alpha$*   
*Not Antisymmetric -  $\forall (\alpha, \beta) \in R$  and  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$  does not imply that  $\alpha = \beta$ ; counter example: let  $\alpha = 'ab'$  and  $\beta = 'e'$*   
*Not transitive- by counter example: let  $\alpha = \text{dead}$ ,  $\beta = \text{cstrifourtiin}$ ,  $\chi = \text{beef}$  (the  $e$  is in common)*
- b.  $\{(a,b) \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ have different lengths}\}$   
*Irreflexive – because  $\forall \alpha \in R$  implies  $(\alpha, \alpha) \notin R$  (the same word will always have the same number of letters)*  
*Symmetric – for all  $(\alpha, \beta) \in R$  implies  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$  if  $\alpha$  has a different length than  $\beta$  then  $\beta$  will have a different length from  $\alpha$*   
*Not Antisymmetric -  $\forall (\alpha, \beta) \in R$  and  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$  does not imply that  $\alpha = \beta$ ; counter example: let  $\alpha = 'ab'$  and  $\beta = 'e'$*   
*Not transitive- by counter example: let  $\alpha = \text{dead}$ ,  $\beta = \text{cstrifourtiin}$ ,  $\chi = \text{beef}$   $(\alpha, \beta) \in R \wedge (\beta, \chi) \in R$  does not imply  $(\alpha, \chi) \in R$*
- c.  $\{(a,b) \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ end with the same letter}\}$   
*Reflexive – because  $\alpha \in R$  implies  $(\alpha, \alpha) \in R$  (the same word will always have the same last letter)*  
*Symmetric –  $\forall (\alpha, \beta) \in R$  implies  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$  if  $\alpha$  ends with the same letter as  $\beta$ , then  $\beta$  must end with the same letter as  $\alpha$*   
*Not Antisymmetric -  $\forall (\alpha, \beta) \in R$  and  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$  does not imply that  $\alpha = \beta$ ; counter example: let  $\alpha = 'ae'$  and  $\beta = 'e'$*   
*Transitive- For any  $\alpha, \beta, \chi \in R$  if  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \chi)$  hold then the last letter of  $\alpha$  must be the same as the last letter of  $\beta$ , similarly the last letter of  $\beta$  is the same as the last letter of  $\chi$ , therefore since equality is transitive this relation is transitive.*
- d.  $\{(a,b) \mid \text{every letter in } a \text{ also appear in } b\}$   
*Reflexive – because  $\forall \alpha \in R$  implies  $(\alpha, \alpha) \in R$  ( $\alpha$  will always have the same letters of itself. The letters of  $\alpha$  is always  $\alpha$  subset of itself.*

*Not Symmetric: let  $\alpha = \text{dead}$ ,  $\beta = \text{deadbeef}$ ; Not Antisymmetric: counter example: let  $\alpha = \text{kleinberg}$ ,  $\beta = \text{rebelking}$  so  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$  but  $\alpha \neq \beta$   
 Transitive- Objective: For any  $\alpha, \beta, \chi$  if  $(\alpha, \beta) \in R$  and  $(\beta, \chi) \in R$  then  $(\alpha, \chi) \in R$ . Let  $A$  be the set formed by the letters in  $\alpha$ , and  $B$  be the set formed by the letters of  $\beta$  and  $C$  be a set formed by the letters of  $\chi$ . Since  $((A \subseteq B) \subseteq C)$  the relation must be transitive. The letters in  $\chi$  will contain the letters in  $\alpha$ .*

2.  $R = \{(a, a), (a,b), (b,c), (c,b), (c,c), (c,d)\}$  is a relation on  $A = \{a,b,c,d\}$ .

a. What is the symmetric closure of  $R$ ?

*Symmetric closure  $R$  is defined as such: if  $(\alpha, \beta) \in R$  then  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$*

*Construct a matrix  $A$ :*

	A	B	C	D
A	1	1	0	0
B	0	0	1	0
C	0	1	1	1
D	0	0	0	0

*So when Symmetric closure is satisfied the matrix will be symmetric along the diagonal. We must add  $(b,a)$  and  $(d,c)$*

b. What is the transitive closure of  $R$

*$\forall \alpha, \beta, \chi \in R$  we need to check if  $(\alpha, \beta) \in R$  and  $(\beta, \chi) \in R$  then  $(\alpha, \chi) \in R$   
 $(a,c), (b,b), (a,d),$  and  $(b,d)$*

c. What is the symmetric and transitive closure of  $R$ ?

	A	B	C	D
A	1	1	1	1
B	1	1	1	1
C	1	1	1	1
D	1	1	1	1

*Symmetric closure of symmetry and transitivity is a relation in which symmetry and transitivity hold among all elements. We therefore have to include the answers obtained from part a and part b.  $\{(b,a), (d,c), (a,c), (b,b), (a,d), (b,d)\}$  and then include the new symmetries and transitives that are added to the set.  $\{(c,a), (d,a), (d,b), (d,d)\}$ . The union of these relations gives a full matrix.*

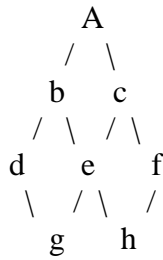
d. What is the reflexive, symmetric closure of  $R$ ?

*Once again we have to include all the symmetric closures of part a:  $\{(b,a), (d,c)\}$ . We also have to include the diagonals:  $\{(b,b), (d,d)\}$*

	A	B	C	D
A	1	1	0	0
B	1	1	1	0
C	0	1	1	1
D	0	0	1	1

PART B:

3. Consider the following Hasse diagram:



a. Which elements are maximal?

*An element  $\alpha$  is maximal if there exists no  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha < \beta$ .*

*Therefore a is the only maximal element: {a}*

b. Which are minimal?

*An element  $\alpha$  is minimal if there exists no  $b$  such that  $b < \alpha$ . Therefore g and h are the only minimal elements. {g,h}*

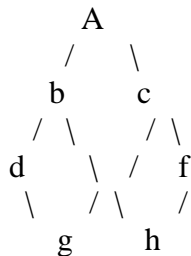
c. Find the upper bounds of {d,e}: *Upper Bound is defined as such: If  $v \in S$  such that  $\alpha \leq v$  for all elements  $\alpha \in S$  it is an upper bound. Therefore the upper bounds are a and b. {a, b}*

*>>Is there a least upper bound? The least upper bound must be unique. It must be less than all the other upper bounds. Therefore b is a least upper bound. {b}*

d. Find the lower bounds of {b,c}: *Lower Bounds is defined as such: If  $\lambda \in S$  such that  $\alpha \geq \lambda$  for all elements  $\alpha \in S$  it is a lower bound. Therefore {e,g,h} fit this criteria. Note f and d are not lower bounds because d there is no relation between c and d or f and b.*

*>>Is there a greatest lower bound? The greatest lower bound must be unique. It must be greater than all other lower bounds. Therefore e is a greatest lower bound. {e}.*

4. Consider the following Hasse diagram. No node e. B connects to h and c connects to g.



a. Find the lower bounds of {b,c}. {g,h} Is there a greatest lower bound? *No*

b. Find the upper bounds of {g,h}. {b,c,a} Is there a least upper bound? *No*

c. Find the lower bounds of {d,c}. {g} Is there a greatest lower bound? *Yes, g.*

d. Find the lower bounds of {a,b}. {d,g,h,b} Is there a greatest lower bound? *Yes, b.*

Part C:

5. Consider two relations R and S on some set A. Define two relations T and U on A.

$$T = \{(a,b) \mid (a,b) \text{ in } R \text{ and } (a,b) \text{ in } S\}$$

$$U = \{(a,b) \mid (a,b) \text{ in } R \text{ or } (a,b) \text{ in } S\}$$

- a. Suppose R and S are equivalence relations.

- Is T an Equivalence Relation?

- Reflexive:  $\forall \alpha \text{ in } T \ (\alpha, \alpha) \in R \text{ and } (\alpha, \alpha) \in S$  because R and S are equivalence relations, therefore  $(\alpha, \alpha) \in T$
- Symmetry: Assume  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T$  holds so  $(\alpha, \beta) \in R$  and  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S$  hold. Therefore by the definition of an equivalence relation  $(\beta, \alpha) \in R$  and  $(\beta, \alpha) \in S$ . Hence  $(\beta, \alpha) \in T$ .
- Transitive: Assume  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \gamma) \in T$ . Therefore  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \gamma) \in S$  and  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \gamma) \in R$ , because S and R are equivalence relations  $(\alpha, \gamma) \in S$  and  $(\alpha, \gamma) \in R$ . Therefore  $(\alpha, \gamma) \in T$ .
- So T is an equivalence relation.

- Is U an equivalence Relation?

- Counter example to disprove transitivity: let  $R = \{(\alpha, \beta), (\beta, \alpha), (\alpha, \alpha), (\beta, \beta)\}$  and  $S = \{(\beta, \delta), (\delta, \delta), (\delta, \beta), (\beta, \beta)\}$ . So U consists of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \delta)$  but it doesn't have  $(\alpha, \delta)$  therefore transitivity fails.
- U is not an equivalence relation.

- b. Suppose R and S are partially ordered

- Is T a partial order?

- Reflexive:  $\forall \alpha \text{ in } T \ (\alpha, \alpha) \in R \text{ and } (\alpha, \alpha) \in S$  because R and S are equivalence relations, therefore  $(\alpha, \alpha) \in T$
- Antisymmetry: Assume  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \alpha) \in T$ . Therefore  $(\alpha, \beta) \in R$  and  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S$ . Hence, by the definition of a partial order  $\alpha = \beta \in R$  and  $\alpha = \beta \in S$ . Therefore Antisymmetry holds for T.
- Transitive: Assume  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \gamma) \in T$ . Therefore  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \gamma) \in S$  and  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \gamma) \in R$ , because S and R are equivalence relations  $(\alpha, \gamma) \in S$  and  $(\alpha, \gamma) \in R$ . Therefore  $(\alpha, \gamma) \in T$ .
- So T is a partial order.

- Is U a partial order?

- Counter example to disprove transitivity: let  $R = \{(\alpha, \beta), (\beta, \alpha), (\alpha, \alpha), (\beta, \beta)\}$  and  $S = \{(\beta, \delta), (\delta, \delta), (\delta, \beta), (\beta, \beta)\}$ . So U consists of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \delta)$  but it doesn't have  $(\alpha, \delta)$  therefore transitivity fails.
- U is not a partial order.

6. Suppose we build a simple graph on 10 vertices by flipping an unbiased coin to determine which edges are present. In other words, each possible edge  $e$  appears with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

a. What is the expected number of edges for such a graph?

*Total number of possible edges =  $(10 * 9)/2$*

*There are 10 vertices so 9 edges between them we must divide by two to eliminate directed edges.*

*Let  $X(i)$  be the random variable associated with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  edge. Where  $0 \leq i \leq 45$ . Therefore  $E(x) = \text{Sum}(p(i) * X(i)) = (.5 * 1) * 45 = 22.5$*

b. What is the expected degree of a vertex?

*We can analyze one vertex. Let  $X(i)$  be the random variable associated to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  edge coming into the vertex.. The probability of having an edge is .5 so  $E(x) = 9 * (.5 * 1) = 4.5$*