

CS 173, Spring 2016

Examlet 4, Part B

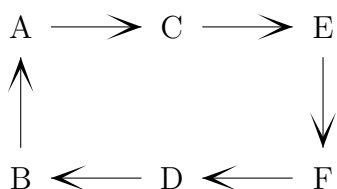
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1. (5 points) Check all boxes that correctly characterize this relation on the set  $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$ .

Reflexive: ☐ Irreflexive: ☒Symmetric: ☐ Antisymmetric: ☒Transitive: ☐

2. (5 points) Suppose that  $R$  is a relation on the integers such  $xRy$  if and only if  $x = y$ . Is  $R$  a partial order?

**Solution:** Yes,  $R$  is a partial order. It's reflexive because elements are always related to themselves. It is anti-symmetric and transitive by vacuous truth.

3. (5 points) Let's define the equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $x \sim y$  if and only  $|x - y| \in \mathbb{Z}$ . List three members of  $[1.7]$ .

**Solution:** For example, 1.7, 2.7, and 1009.7.

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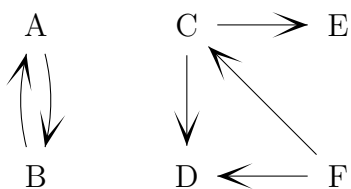
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2. (5 points) Can a relation with at least one related pair (i.e. at least one arrow in a diagram) be irreflexive, symmetric, and also transitive? Either give such a relation or briefly explain why it's not possible to construct one.

**Solution:** No, this is not possible. Suppose  $R$  is our relation and let  $x$  and  $y$  be two elements such that  $xRy$ . Then  $yRx$  because it's symmetric. Then  $xRx$  because it's transitive. But  $xRx$  means that  $R$  can't be irreflexive.

3. (5 points) Suppose that  $R$  is a relation on the integers such  $xRy$  for all integers  $x$  and  $y$ . Is  $R$  a partial order?

**Solution:** No,  $R$  is not a partial order, because it's not anti-symmetric. For example, we have  $2R3$  and  $3R2$  but 2 and 3 aren't equal.

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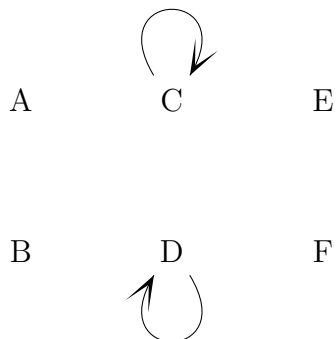
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2. (5 points) Suppose that  $R$  is a relation on a set  $A$ . Using precise mathematical words and notation, define what it means for  $R$  to be antisymmetric.

**Solution:** For any  $x, y \in A$ , if  $xRy$  and  $yRx$ , then  $x = y$ . Or for any  $x, y \in A$ , if  $xRy$  and  $x \neq y$ , then  $y \not R x$ .

3. (5 points) Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $xRy$  if and only if  $|x| + |y| = 2$

Is  $R$  transitive? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

**Solution:** No,  $R$  is not transitive. We have  $0R2$  and  $2R0$ , but not  $0R0$ .

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Symmetric:

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Antisymmetric:

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$B \longrightarrow D \longleftarrow F$

Transitive:

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2. (5 points) A relation is a strict partial order if it has which three properties? (Naming the properties is sufficient. You don't have to define them.)

**Solution:** irreflexive, antisymmetric, transitive

3. (5 points) Let  $R$  be the relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $xRy$  if and only if  $|x| + |y| = 2$

Is  $R$  reflexive? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

**Solution:** No,  $R$  is not reflexive. 2 (for example) is not related to itself.

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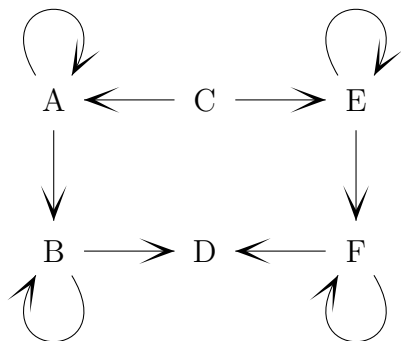
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**Solution:** For any  $x, y, z \in A$ , if  $xRy$  and  $yRz$ , then  $xRz$ .

3. (5 points) Let's define the equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{N}^3$  such that  $(x, y, z) \sim (p, q, r)$  if and only if  $x + y + z = p + q + r$ . List three members of  $[(0, 0, 1)]$ .

**Solution:** The three coordinates need to be non-negative integers that sum to 1. So the only members of this equivalence class are  $(0, 0, 1)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$ , and  $(1, 0, 0)$ .