

Tutorial II

Discrete Structures (CS21001)

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1. Suppose there is a relation on a set with n elements.
 - (a) How many different relations are there?
 - (b) How many symmetric relations are there?
 - (c) How many relations are there that are both reflexive and symmetric?
2. Show that the relation $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \equiv b \pmod{m}\}$ is an equivalence relation. What are the equivalence classes of R ?
3. Show that the relation R on a set A is symmetric iff $R = R^{-1}$, where R^{-1} is the inverse relation.
4. Suppose the relation R is symmetric. Show that R^* is symmetric. (Hint : first show $(R \cup S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cup S^{-1}$)
5. Let R be a relation on a set A . Show that R^n is
 - (a) reflexive if R is reflexive.
 - (b) transitive if R is transitive.