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Math 61 : Discrete Structures  
Midterm 1  
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You have 50 minutes.

No notes, books or calculators are allowed.  
Do not use your own scratch paper.

1. (2 points each) **Multiple choice:** Circle the right answer. You do NOT need to justify your answers.

If  $\alpha$  is a string of length two, what is the number of substrings of  $\alpha$ ?

- (A) 2; (B) 3; (C) 4; (D) 5; (E) It depends on the string.

$ab \rightarrow a, b, ab$   
 $\quad \quad \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$

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In how many ways can we distribute 12 (identical) copies of the same book to 5 people: Alice, Bob, Casey, David and Emily?

- (A)  $12^5$ ; (B)  $5^{12}$ ; (C)  $C(12, 5)$ ; (D)  $C(16, 4)$ ; (E)  $C(16, 11)$ .

A...A | B...B | C...C | D...D | E...E  
 $\underbrace{\quad \quad \quad}_{12 \text{ books}} \quad ||||$   
 choose 4 bars out of 16 positions  $C(16, 4)$

✓

In how many ways can we distribute 12 distinct books to 5 people: Alice, Bob, Casey, David and Emily?

- (A)  $12^5$ ; (B)  $5^{12}$ ; (C)  $C(12, 5)$ ; (D)  $C(16, 4)$ ; (E)  $C(16, 11)$ .

book  $\frac{5}{1} \frac{5}{2} \frac{5}{3} \dots \frac{5}{12} = 5^{12}$

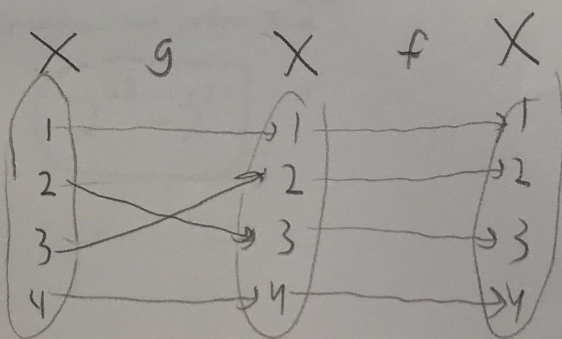
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Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  be the set of all natural numbers. If  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  are two functions such that  $f \circ g$  is bijective, then:

onto  
one-to-one

- (A)  $f$  has to be bijective, but  $g$  does not have to be bijective;  
 (B)  $g$  has to be bijective, but  $f$  does not have to be bijective;  
 (C) Both  $f$  and  $g$  have to be bijective;  
 (D) Neither  $f$  nor  $g$  have to be bijective.

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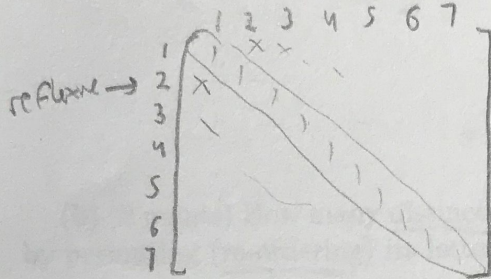
$$2^{n^2-n}$$

# of spds - diagonal =  $n^2 - n$   
 # reflexive =  $2^{n^2-n}$

2. Write down the answer to each question. You do NOT need to justify your answers. Also, you do not need to simplify expressions such as  $2^6$ ,  $6!$ ,  $C(6, 3)$ , etc.

(a) Consider the set  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 7\}$ .  $n=7$

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are NOT reflexive? =

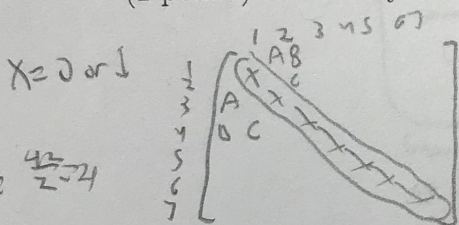


• to be reflexive, all diagonals must be 1  
 • # reflexive relationships =  $2^{n^2-n} = 2^{49-7} = 2^{42}$   
 • all relationships =  $2^{n^2} = 2^{49}$

$$2^{49} - 2^{42}$$

← answer

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are symmetric?



look at pairs  
 2 options for each pair  
 $-\frac{n^2-n}{2}$  pairs

$$2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}} \cdot 2^n = 2^{21} \cdot 2^7$$

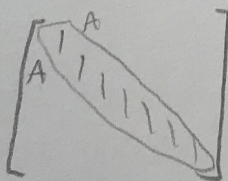
$$2^{28}$$

← answer

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are symmetric OR reflexive (i.e. either symmetric, or reflexive, or both)?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{symmetric} &= 2^{28} \\ \text{reflexive} &= 2^{42} \\ \text{both} &= 2^{21} \end{aligned}$$

symmetric and reflexive



$$2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}} = 2^{21}$$

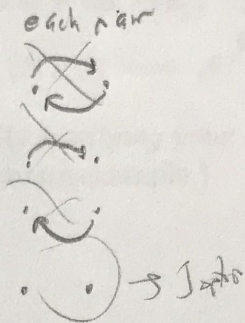
$$2^{28} + 2^{42} - 2^{21}$$

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are symmetric but NOT reflexive?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{symmetric} &= 2^{28} \\ \text{symmetric and reflexive} &= 2^{21} \end{aligned}$$

$$2^{28} - 2^{21}$$

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are both symmetric AND antisymmetric?



$$2^7$$

only freedom is diagonal

(b) (2 points) How many distinct strings can be obtained from the string AAAABCCDD by permuting (re-ordering) its letters?

$$\frac{9!}{4! 2! 2!}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$   $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$   $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$   
 A's C's D's

3. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of all integers, and  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$  the power set of  $\mathbb{Z}$  (consisting of all subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ). Consider the following relation  $R$  on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ :

$$(A, B) \in R \iff A \overset{\text{intersect}}{\cap} B = \emptyset. \quad \text{A and B have no elements in common}$$

Answer the following questions, fully justifying your answers. (If an answer is YES, explain why. If an answer is NO, give a counterexample.)

(a) (2 points) Is  $R$  reflexive?

No.

Counterexample:  $A = \{1\}$

$$(A, A) \notin R \text{ since } \{1\} \cap \{1\} = \{1\} \neq \emptyset$$

(b) (2 points) Is  $R$  symmetric?

Yes.

Intersection is commutative.  $A \cap B$  is the same thing as  $B \cap A$ . Both will contain the elements that they both contain. Therefore, if  $(A, B) \in R$ ,  $(B, A) \in R$  as well.

(c) (3 points) Is  $R$  transitive?

No.

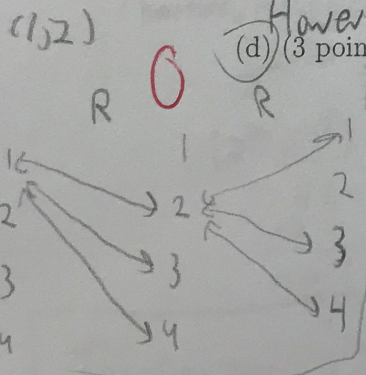
Counterexample:  $A = \{1\}$ ,  $B = \{2\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 3\}$

$$\bullet (A, B) \in R \text{ since } \{1\} \cap \{2\} = \emptyset$$

$$\bullet (B, C) \in R \text{ since } \{2\} \cap \{1, 3\} = \emptyset$$

$$\text{However, } (A, C) \notin R \text{ since } \{1\} \cap \{1, 3\} = \{1\} \neq \emptyset$$

(d) (3 points) Prove that  $(A, B) \in R \circ R$  for all  $A$  and  $B$ .



Say  $(A, B) \in R$ . That means  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  (A and B have no elements in common). So now,  $R \circ R$  will test if  $(A \cap B) \cap (A \cap B)$  is  $\in R$ . Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , and  $\emptyset \cap X = \emptyset$ , where X is any possible set, then  $R \circ R$  will always be  $\emptyset$ , which proves  $(A, B) \in R \circ R$  for all A and B.

$$\emptyset \cap X = \emptyset$$

4. (10 points) Prove by induction on  $n$  that:

$$2^{2n} \leq (n+2)!,$$

for any integer  $n \geq 1$ .

Use Mathematical Induction

Base Case

$$n=1$$

$$2^{2 \cdot 1} \leq (1+2)!$$

$$2^2 \leq 3!$$

$$4 \leq 6 \rightarrow \text{true, Base Case is true.}$$

Inductive Step

$$S(n): \text{ Assume } 2^{2n} \leq (n+2)! \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

$$S(n+1): \text{ Then } 2^{2(n+1)} \leq (n+1+2)!$$

we want  
to prove

$$\rightarrow 2^{2n+2} \leq (n+3)!$$

$$\text{Note: } (n+3)! = (n+3)(n+2)!$$

$$2^{2n+2} \leq (n+3)(n+2)!$$

• If we multiply both sides of the assumption by  $(n+3)$ , we get

$$(n+3)2^{2n} \leq (n+3)!$$

Therefore, it suffices to show:

$$2^{2n+2} \leq (n+3)2^{2n}$$

$$(2^{2n})(2^2) \leq (n+3)2^{2n}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \leq n+3 \\ -3 \quad -3 \end{array}$$

$$n \geq 1 \rightarrow \text{true since } n \geq 1 \text{ for this inequality}$$

Therefore, since  $2^{2n+2} \leq (n+3)2^{2n} \leq (n+3)!$ , that means  $2^{2n+2} \leq (n+3)!$ , so

$S(n+1)$  is true for  $n \geq 1$ , which proves  $S(n)$  is true for any integer  $n \geq 1$ .

any integer

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16	1	4	out of 8 points
	2	12	out of 12 points
17	3	7	out of 10 points
	4	10	out of 10 points
	Total	33	out of 40 points