

1. Consider the relation \sim on \mathbb{Z} defined by $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a - b$ is odd.

(a) Determine whether and why \sim is reflexive.

Proof ^{Suppose \sim is reflexive.} $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a - a = 0 = 2n + 1$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Then $n = -\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$

Then by the closure of integers for multiplication, $n(-1) = \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$

Assuming $\frac{1}{2}$ is not an integer, our supposition is not true and thus \sim is not reflexive. \square

Good.

(b) Determine whether and why \sim is symmetric.

Proof ^{Suppose} $a \sim b$.

Then $a - b = 2n + 1$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Then $(a - b) = -(2n + 1) = -a + b = -2n - 1 = b - a = 2(-n - 1) + 1$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

As $n, -1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $-n - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ by the closure of the integers for addition and multiplication.

Then $b - a = 2m + 1$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ($m = -n - 1$)

Then $b - a$ is odd.

Then $b \sim a$.

Then $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$ and thus the relation is symmetric. \square

Good

(c) Determine whether and why \sim is transitive.

Counter Example. $1 \sim 0$ ($1 - 0 = 1 = 2(0) + 1$ and $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ by definition).

$0 \sim 1$ ($0 - 1 = -1 = 2(-1) + 1$ and $-1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ by definition).

$1 - 1 = 0$ which assuming $\frac{1}{2}$ is not an integer, \sim above, is not odd

$1 \not\sim 1$

$\therefore a \sim b \wedge b \sim c \not\Rightarrow a \sim c$ and thus the relation is not transitive

Nice.

2. Consider the relation on some collection of sets defined by $A \approx B \Leftrightarrow \exists$ a bijection $f: A \rightarrow B$.

(a) Determine whether and why \approx is reflexive.

$A \approx A$ iff \exists a bijection $f: A \rightarrow A$.
 The identity function is a bijection $f: A \rightarrow A$.
 Therefore, $A \approx A$, so the relation is reflexive.

Excellent!

(b) Determine whether and why \approx is symmetric.

Suppose $A \approx B$, so \exists a bijection $f: A \rightarrow B$.
 We know that bijections have inverses that are also bijections, so \exists a bijection $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$.

Great! So $B \approx A$, and the relation is symmetric.

(c) Determine whether and why \approx is transitive.

Suppose $A \approx B$ and $B \approx C$, so \exists a bijection $f: A \rightarrow B$
 and a bijection $g: B \rightarrow C$.

We know the composition of two bijections is
 also a bijection, so \exists a bijection $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$.

So $A \approx C$ and the relation is transitive.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall b \in B, \exists a \in A \rightarrow f(a) = b & \qquad \forall c \in C, \exists a \in A \rightarrow g(f(a)) = c \\ \forall (a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2) \in f, b_1 = b_2 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 & \qquad \Rightarrow \forall (a_1, c_1), (a_2, c_2) \in g \circ f, \\ \forall c \in C, \exists b \in B \rightarrow g(b) = c \text{ the same } b? & \qquad c_1 = c_2 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 \\ \forall (b_1, c_1), (b_2, c_2) \in g, c_1 = c_2 \Rightarrow b_1 = b_2 & \end{aligned}$$

$g \circ f$ is surjective + injective
 \therefore bijective.

3. Let $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$, and that $\sim = \{(a, a), (b, b), (b, c), (c, b), (c, c), (d, d)\}$.

(a) Give the equivalence classes of \sim .

$$[a] = \{a\}$$

$$[b] = \{b, c\}$$

$$[c] = \{b, c\}$$

$$[d] = \{d\}$$

These are the equivalence classes of \sim .

Correct

(b) Give the partition associated with \sim .

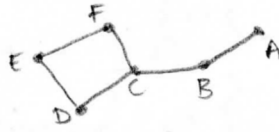
Let π be a partition associated with \sim .

$$\text{then } \pi = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}.$$

4. Suppose that G is a graph with at least one cycle. We say that two vertices v_1 and v_2 of a graph G are **on a common cycle of G** $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ a cycle including v_1 and v_2 .

(a) The relation of being on a common cycle of a graph is reflexive.

False.



Consider the graph:

G has at least one cycle, but A and A are not on a common cycle, because there is no cycle with distinct vertices starting and ending at A .

Excellent!

(b) The relation of being on a common cycle of a graph is symmetric.

Suppose v_1 and v_2 are on a common cycle. $(v_1 \sim v_2)$

Then there exists a cycle including v_1 and v_2 .

The very same cycle includes v_2 and v_1 , so

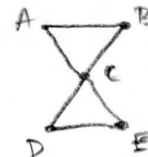
v_2 and v_1 are on a common cycle. $(v_2 \sim v_1)$

Great

\therefore The relation is symmetric.

(c) The relation of being on a common cycle of a graph is transitive.

False. Consider the following graph:



A and C are on a common cycle

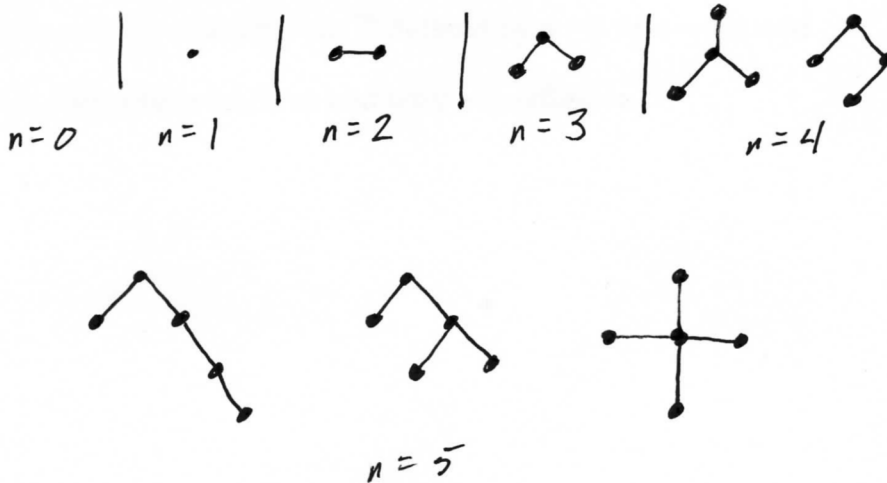
and C and E are on a common cycle,

but A and E are not on a common cycle because there is no cycle including

A and E that crosses C only once.

Nice

5. (a) Give all trees with $n \leq 5$ vertices.



(b) The minimum number of vertices with degree 1 in a tree with n vertices is

$$\underline{2 \text{ for } n \geq 2, 0 \text{ for } n < 2.}$$

The examples above suffice for $n=0$ and $n=1$.

Then induct, using $n=2$ as a base case, where there are at most two vertices of degree 1 as shown above.

So suppose it's true for some $n=k$ vertices, with $n \geq 2$. Consider a tree with $k+1$ vertices. One possibility is a single chain with two endpoints of degree 1 and a string of degree 2 vertices between them, so the minimum cannot be more than 2. Now suppose our tree with $k+1$ vertices has exactly 1 vertex of degree 1; then removing it and the edge adjoining it leaves a tree with k vertices and 0 or 1 vertices of degree 1, contradicting our hypothesis. Now instead suppose our tree with $k+1$ vertices has exactly 0 vertices of degree 1; then all vertices have at least degree 2. Remove one, along with its adjoining edges. We now have a tree with k vertices, so two of the vertices that used to be adjacent to our removed vertex must be connected by a walk. But then we had a cycle in our tree with $k+1$ vertices, another contradiction. \square