

1. Let  $P(X)$  be the power set of a non-empty set  $X$ . For any two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , define the relation  $A \bowtie B$  on  $P(X)$  to mean that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  (the empty set). Justify your answer to each of the following.

(a) Is  $\bowtie$  reflexive? Explain.

*Solution:*  $A \bowtie A$  is generally false. Since  $X$  is non-empty,  $\exists$

*No:*  $A \cap A = \emptyset$  implies that  $A = \emptyset$ . This need not be true since  $X$  is non-empty.

(b) Is  $\bowtie$  symmetric? Explain.

*Solution:* Yes: If  $A \bowtie B$  then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . From this it follows that  $B \cap A = \emptyset$ . Consequently,  $B \bowtie A$ .

(c) Is  $\bowtie$  transitive? Explain.

*Solution:*

*No:* Let  $p \in X$ . Such a  $p$  must exist since  $X$  is non-empty. Then  $P(X)$  must include  $\emptyset$  and  $\{p\}$ . Let  $A = C = \{p\}$  and  $B = \emptyset$ . Then  $A \bowtie B$  since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $B \bowtie C$  since  $B \cap C = \emptyset$ . However,  $A \cap C = \{p\}$ , so  $A \bowtie C$  is false.

2. Let  $X$  be set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose entries are either 0 or 1. Define  $M \oplus N$  if the sum of the four entries of  $M$  = the sum of the four entries of  $N$ . Show that this defines an equivalence relation on  $X$ . How many equivalence classes are there? List the elements of each equivalence class.

*Solution:*

There are 16  $2 \times 2$  binary matrices. Clearly  $M \oplus M$  for  $M \in X$ .

Now  $M \oplus N$  means that matrix  $M$  has the same number of 0s as  $N$ . Thus  $N \oplus M$ .

Next, if  $A \oplus B$  and  $B \oplus C$  then clearly  $A \oplus C$ .

There are 5 equivalence classes, viz.

Sum is 0:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$\text{Sum is 1: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Sum is 2: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Sum is 3: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Sum is 4: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

3. Let  $X$  be the set of all continuous functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

For  $f, g \in X$ , define the relation  $\boxtimes$  as follows:

$$f \boxtimes g \text{ if } \int_0^1 f(x)dx \geq \int_0^1 g(x)dx$$

(a) Is  $\boxtimes$  reflexive? Explain.

*Solution:* Yes: Since  $\int_0^1 f(x)dx \geq \int_0^1 f(x)dx$ , it follows that  $f \boxtimes f$ .

(b) Is  $\boxtimes$  symmetric? Explain.

*Solution:* No: Let  $f = 1$  be a constant function and let  $g = 0$  be a constant function.

Then  $\int_0^1 f(x)dx = 1$  and  $\int_0^1 g(x)dx = 0$ . Thus  $f \boxtimes g$  and yet  $g \boxtimes f$  is false.

(c) Is  $\boxtimes$  transitive? Explain.

*Solution:* Yes: Assume that  $f \boxtimes g$  and  $g \boxtimes h$  for  $f, g$ , and  $h \in C$ . Then

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx \geq \int_0^1 g(x)dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 g(x)dx \geq \int_0^1 h(x)dx$$

Consequently,

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx \geq \int_0^1 h(x)dx \quad \text{and so } f \boxtimes h.$$

### Extra Credit:

Let  $Z$  be the set of all integers, and let  $X$  be the set of all polynomials in one variable with integer coefficients.

Define  $H: X \rightarrow Z$  as follows:

For  $p \in X$ , let  $H(p) = p(1) + p'(2) + p''(3)$

(a) Explain why  $H$  is well-defined.

*Solution:* Yes,  $H$  is well-defined because, for every polynomial  $p(x)$  with integer coefficients,  $p(1)$ ,  $p'(2)$ ,  $p''(3)$  are integers, and the set of integers is closed under multiplication.

So  $H(p) = p(1) + p'(2) + p''(3) \in Z$ .

(a) Is  $H$  surjective? Give proof or counter-example

*Solution:* Yes: Let  $k \in Z$ . Define  $p(x) \in X$  as follows: For all  $x \in X$  let  $p(x) = k$ , the constant function.

Then  $H(p) = p(1) + 0 + 0 = k$ . So  $H$  is surjective.

(b) Is  $H$  injective? Give proof or counter-example.

*Solution:* No: Let  $p_1(x) = 13$ , a constant function. Next, let  $p_2(x) = 13 + (x - 1)^4$

Then  $p_2(1) = 13$ ,  $p_2'(1) = 0$  and  $p_2''(1) = 0$ . Hence  $H(p) = 13$ .

Thus  $p_1 \neq p_2$  and yet  $H(p_1) = H(p_2)$ .

So  $H$  is not injective.

(c) Is  $H$  surjective? Give proof or counter-example.

*Solution:* Yes: Let  $k \in Z$ . Define  $p(x) \in X$  as follows:

For all  $x \in X$ , let  $p(x) = k$ , the constant function.

Then  $H(p) = p(1) + 0 + 0 = k$ . So  $H$  is surjective.

*Numbers are the highest degree of knowledge. It is knowledge itself.*

- Plato