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Please write in pen and only in the box marked “Answer”.

This is a closed-book exam. No computers or calculators are allowed.

Question 1: [10 marks]

Suppose a computer worm replicates itself once an hour, so that the total number of copies of the worm in a system doubles every hour (assume its growth is unchecked).

Answer:

i) [3 marks] Set up a recurrence relation, W_n , for the number of copies of the worm after n hours have elapsed.

$$W_n = 2 \cdot W_{n-1}$$

ii) [5 marks] Find an explicit formula for the number of copies of the worm after n hours have elapsed if 10 copies of the worm are released initially.

$$W_0 = 10 = 2^0 \cdot 10$$

$$W_1 = 20 = 2^1 \cdot 10$$

$$W_2 = 40 = 2^2 \cdot 10$$

$$W_4 = 80 = 2^3 \cdot 10$$

...

$$W_n = 2^n \cdot 10$$

iii) [2 marks] If 10 copies of the worm are released initially, how many copies of the worm will there be after 10 hours?

$$W_{10} = 2^{10} \cdot 10 = 10,240$$

Question 2: [10 marks]

a) [6 marks] Determine whether the relation R on the set of all real numbers is symmetric, antisymmetric, or transitive where $(x,y) \in R$ if and only if $x = 1$ or $y = 1$. Justify each answer with a brief explanation.

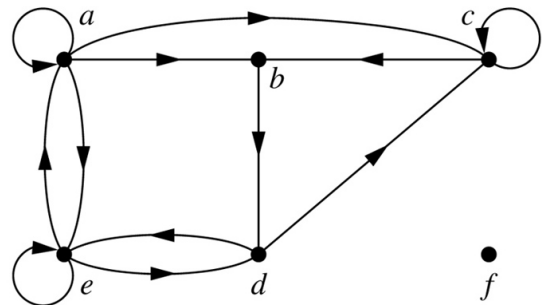
Answer:

R is symmetric since if $x = 1$ or $y = 1$ then $y = 1$ or $x = 1$

Not antisymmetric, since, for example, both $(1,5)$ and $(5,1)$ are in R

Not transitive, since for example $(8,1)$ and $(1,8)$ are in R , but $(8,8)$ is not in R

b) [4 marks] Determine whether the relation R represented by this directed graph is reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric and/or transitive. Justify each answer with a brief explanation.



Answer:

Not reflexive since there is not a loop at every vertex, for example vertices b and d

Not symmetric since, for example, there is an edge from d to c , but no edge from c to d

Not antisymmetric since, for example, there is an edge from a to e and one from e to a

Not transitive since, for example, there is an edge from e to d and from d to c , but there is no edge from e to c

Question 3: [10 marks]

a) [5 marks] Suppose that R and S are reflexive relations on a set \mathcal{A} . Prove that $S \circ R$ is reflexive. Recall that $S \circ R$ is the composite of R and S .

Answer:

By the definition of $S \circ R$, if $(a,b) \in R$ and $(b,c) \in S$, then $(a,c) \in S \circ R$

Therefore, since it is true that for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$, $(a,a) \in R$ and $(a,a) \in S$, since R and S are reflexive, then it is true that for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$, $(a,a) \in S \circ R$

Therefore $S \circ R$ is reflexive.

b) [5 marks] Let S be the set of subroutines of a computer program (i.e., functions in Python, methods in Java). Define the relation R by $P R Q$ if subroutine P contains a call to subroutine Q , so Q might be called during the execution of P .

Answer:

i) [1 mark] For which type of subroutine P does (P,P) belong to R ?

P is recursive

ii) [2 marks] Describe the relation R^2

(P,Q) is in R^2 if subroutine P calls a subroutine that calls subroutine Q , where “calls” means “contains a call to”

ii) [2 marks] Describe the transitive closure of R

(P,Q) is in R^* if there is some sequence of calls such that P calls a subroutine that calls a subroutine that calls ... that calls Q , where “calls” means “contains a call to”

Question 4: [10 marks]

Let R be the following relation on the set $\{3,4,5\}$:

$$\{(3,3), (3,4), (4,5), (5,4)\}$$

Use the **0-1 matrix** representation for relations to find the transitive closure of R . Show the formula used to find the transitive closure of R from its 0-1 matrix representation and show the matrices in the intermediate steps in the algorithm, as well as the result matrix.

Answer:

Since M_R is a 3×3 matrix, the formula for its transitive closure is: $M_{R^*} = M_R \vee M_R^{[2]} \vee M_R^{[3]}$

$$M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad M_R^{[2]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad M_R^{[3]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } M_{R^*} = M_R \vee M_R^{[2]} \vee M_R^{[3]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$