

Solutions 4

Excercise 1: Relations and functions

Let $A = \{a, b, c\}$ and $B = \{1, 2\}$.

- How many distinct relations are there from A to B ?

Each member of the three members of A can relate to only one of the two members of B (two different possibilities), to both, or to none. This means that there are $4^3 = 64$ different relations. Alternatively, one may recall that for a relation R from A to B it holds that $R \subseteq A \times B$. The number of all such relations is $|\wp(A \times B)|$, which, in the present case, is 64.

- How many of these relations are total functions from A to B ?

The total functions are those relations that map every member of A to one member of B (for which there are two possibilities, 1 and 2). This means that there are $2^3 = 8$ such functions.

- How many of these total functions are onto (surjective)?

A function F from A to B is onto if every member of B is in the range of F . There are only two functions among the 8 total functions from above for which this is not the case: $F_1 = \{\langle a, 1 \rangle, \langle b, 1 \rangle, \langle c, 1 \rangle\}$ and $F_2 = \{\langle a, 2 \rangle, \langle b, 2 \rangle, \langle c, 2 \rangle\}$. This means that 6 of the 8 functions from above are onto.

- How many of these total functions are one-to-one (injective)?

Since there are more members in A than in B , and since the functions under consideration are total, it follows that none of them can be one-to-one: two members of A always have to be mapped to one and the same member of B .

- Do any of these functions have inverses that are also total functions?

For the inverse F^{-1} of a function F to also be a function, F must be one-to-one. Since this is not the case for any of the functions under consideration (see previous question), their inverses are not functions.

- Answer the same questions for all relations from B to A .

Every of the two members of B can relate in 8 different ways to members of A (it can relate to a , to b , to c , to a and b , to a and c , etc., or to nothing, which makes 8 possibilities). The total number of relations is therefore $8^2 = 64$. The number of total functions among these relations is $3^2 = 9$. None of them are onto (since there are more members in A than in B). There are three functions that are not one-to-one ($F_1 = \{\langle 1, a \rangle, \langle 2, a \rangle\}$, $F_2 = \{\langle 1, b \rangle, \langle 2, b \rangle\}$, $F_3 = \{\langle 1, c \rangle, \langle 2, c \rangle\}$), which leaves 6 of the 9 functions being one-to-one. Since none of the functions are onto, this means that none of them has an inverse that also is a *total* function.

Excercise 2: Composition

- Let R_1 and R_2 be the following two relations in $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

- (1) a. $R_1 = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle\}$
b. $R_2 = \{\langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle\}$

- Form the composites $R_2 \circ R_1$ and $R_1 \circ R_2$. Are they equal?

- (2) a. $R_2 \circ R_1 = \{\langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle\}$

- b. $R_1 \circ R_2 = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle\}$
 - c. $R_2 \circ R_1 \neq R_1 \circ R_2$
 - Show that $R_1^{-1} \circ R_1 \neq id_A$ and that $R_2^{-1} \circ R_2 \not\subseteq id_A$.
- (3) a. $R_1^{-1} \circ R_1 = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle\} \neq id_A = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle\}$
- b. $R_2^{-1} \circ R_2 = \{\langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle\} \not\subseteq id_A$

Excercise 3: Composition and the inverse

- Let F and G in (4-a,b) be functions from $A = \{a, b, c\}$ to $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and from $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ to $D = \{p, q, r\}$, respectively. Show that $(G \circ F)^{-1} = F^{-1} \circ G^{-1}$.
- (4) a. $F = \{\langle a, 1 \rangle, \langle b, 3 \rangle, \langle c, 3 \rangle\}$
 b. $G = \{\langle 1, p \rangle, \langle 2, q \rangle, \langle 3, q \rangle, \langle 4, r \rangle\}$
- (5) a. $G \circ F = \{\langle a, p \rangle, \langle b, q \rangle, \langle c, q \rangle\}$
 b. $(G \circ F)^{-1} = \{\langle p, a \rangle, \langle q, b \rangle, \langle q, c \rangle\}$
- (6) a. $F^{-1} = \{\langle 1, a \rangle, \langle 3, b \rangle, \langle 3, c \rangle\}$
 b. $G^{-1} = \{\langle p, 1 \rangle, \langle q, 2 \rangle, \langle q, 3 \rangle, \langle r, 4 \rangle\}$
 c. $F^{-1} \circ G^{-1} = \{\langle p, a \rangle, \langle q, b \rangle, \langle q, c \rangle\} = (5-b)$

Excercise 4: Reflexivity and symmetry

- Give the status for the two relations “is a child of” and “is a brother of” (in the set of human beings) with respect to reflexivity and symmetry. Only name the strongest relevant property if the relation in question has more than one (e.g., a relation that is irreflexive is also non-reflexive, but not vice versa: irreflexivity is stronger than non-reflexivity).
- (7) a. “is a child of”: irreflexive, asymmetric
 b. “is a brother of”: irreflexive, non-symmetric

Excercise 5: More reflexivity and symmetry

- Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.
 - Describe the properties of each relation R_i in A below, of its inverse (R_i^{-1}), and of its complement (R_i^c) with respect to reflexivity and symmetry.
- (8) a. $R_1 = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle\}$:
 reflexive, anti-symmetric
- b. $R_1^{-1} = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle\}$:
 reflexive, anti-symmetric
- c. $R_1^c = \{\langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle\}$:
 irreflexive, non-symmetric
- (9) a. $R_2 = \{\langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle\}$:
 irreflexive, asymmetric
- b. $R_2^{-1} = \{\langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle\}$:
 irreflexive, asymmetric

- c. $R'_2 = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle\}$:
reflexive, anti-symmetric
- (10) a. $R_3 = \{\langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle\}$:
non-reflexive, symmetric
- b. $R_3^{-1} = \{\langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle\}$:
non-reflexive, symmetric
- c. $R'_3 = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle\}$:
non-reflexive, symmetric
- (11) a. $R_4 = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle\}$:
reflexive, symmetric
- b. $R_4^{-1} = \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 4, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle\}$:
reflexive, symmetric
- c. $R'_4 = \{\langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle\}$:
irreflexive, symmetric