

Solutions, exercise set 4

Chapter 4, exercise 1 To simplify life, we take all relations relative to the set N of all natural numbers.

- (1) Symmetric, transitive, reflexive on N : $R = \{(n, n) : n \in N\}$.
- (2) Symmetric, transitive, not reflexive on N : $R = \{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}$.
- (3) Symmetric, not transitive, reflexive on N : $R = \{(0, 1), (1, 2), (1, 0), (2, 1)\} \cup \{(m, m) : m \in N\}$.
- (4) Symmetric, not transitive, not reflexive on N : $R = \{(0, 1), (1, 2), (1, 0), (2, 1)\}$.
- (5) Not symmetric, transitive, reflexive on N : $\{(m, n) : m, n \in N, m \leq n\}$.
- (6) Not symmetric, transitive, not reflexive on N : $\{(m, n) : m, n \in N, m < n\}$.
- (7) Not symmetric, not transitive, reflexive on N : $R = \{(m, m) : m \in N\} \cup \{(0, 1), (1, 2)\}$.
- (8) Not symmetric, not transitive, not reflexive on N : $R = \{(0, 1), (1, 2)\}$.

Chapter 4, exercise 5 \Rightarrow : Assume that $R \subseteq S$, and suppose that $x \in A/R$. So we can write $x = [a]_R$ for some $a \in A$. If $b \in x$, then $(a, b) \in R$, hence $(a, b) \in S$, hence $b \in [a]_S$. Thus $x \subseteq [a]_S$, as desired.

\Leftarrow : Assume that every member of A/R is a subset of some member of A/S . Suppose that $(a, b) \in R$. Choose $[c]_S \in A/S$ such that $[a]_R \subseteq [c]_S$. Now $b \in [a]_R$, so $b \in [c]_S$, and hence $(b, c) \in S$. But also $a \in [a]_R$, hence $a \in [c]_S$, so $(a, c) \in S$. Hence $(a, b) \in S$. This shows that $R \subseteq S$.

Chapter 5, exercise 5 If $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, then we cannot have $(a, b) \ll (a, b)$, since $a \not\prec a$ (another reason is that $b \not\prec b$). Suppose that $(a, b) \ll (c, d) \ll (e, f)$. Then $a < c < e$ and $b < d < f$, so $a < e$ and $b < f$, hence $(a, b) \ll (e, f)$. Thus $(A \times B, \ll)$ is a partial order.

Chapter 5, exercise 6 We can take both A and B to be the natural numbers $0, 1, 2, \dots$ under the usual order. Note that $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$ are not comparable under the order of exercise 5.