

Math 2283 - Introduction to Logic

Quiz #24 - 2016.03.21 Solutions

Let $U = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, and consider the relation R which holds true only for the following pairs (x, y) , where x is the element from the domain, and y from the counter-domain.

$$\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 1), (1, 2)\}$$

Determine whether the relation R has any of the properties: reflexive, irreflexive, symmetrical, asymmetrical, transitive, intransitive, and connected.

reflexive: the relation R is reflexive, since $0R0$, $1R1$, $2R2$, and $3R3$, which takes care of all $x \in U$.

irreflexive: since R is reflexive, it cannot be irreflexive.

symmetrical: we know xRx , for $x \in U$, $xRx \rightarrow xRx$. We also have $2R1 \rightarrow 1R2$, and $1R2 \rightarrow 2R1$. Since we have no other xRy , with $x \neq y$, the hypothesis is only satisfied with $x = 1$ or $x = 2$. Thus, the relation is symmetrical.

asymmetrical: since R is symmetrical, it cannot be asymmetrical.

transitive: so remember the definition of transitive is $xRy \wedge yRz \rightarrow xRz$. This holds for all $x = y = z$, we also need to look at any other combinations of x, y, z 's which make the hypothesis true:

$$1R1 \wedge 1R2 \rightarrow 1R2,$$

$$1R2 \wedge 2R1 \rightarrow 1R1,$$

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$$2R2 \wedge 2R1 \rightarrow 2R1,$$

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These all hold, thus the relation is indeed transitive.

intransitive: since the relation is transitive, it cannot be intransitive.

connected: the relation R is not connected, since, for example, $\sim 2R3$ and $\sim 3R2$.