

1) Prove that if  $A \times B$  and  $C \times D$  are disjoint, then either  $A$  and  $C$  are disjoint or  $B$  and  $D$  are disjoint.

[This was a HW problem.]

*Proof.* We do the contrapositive: assume that neither  $A$  and  $C$  are disjoint nor  $B$  and  $D$  are disjoint. [Need to show that  $A \times B$  and  $C \times D$  are not disjoint.]

Since  $A$  and  $C$  are not disjoint, there is  $a \in A \cap C$ . Since  $B$  and  $D$  are not disjoint, there is  $b \in B \cap D$ . So,  $(a, b) \in A \times B$  [as  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ ] and  $(a, b) \in C \times D$  [as  $a \in C$  and  $b \in D$ ]. So,  $(a, b) \in (A \times B) \cap (C \times D)$ , and so  $A \times B$  and  $C \times D$  are not disjoint.  $\square$

2) [20 points] Let  $R$  be a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  and  $S$  be a relation from  $B$  to  $C$ . Prove that if  $\text{Ran}(R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(S)$ , then  $\text{Dom}(R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(S \circ R)$ .

[This was a *part of* a HW problem.]

*Proof.* Let  $a \in \text{Dom}(R)$ . [Need  $a \in \text{Dom}(S \circ R)$ .] Then, there is  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in R$ . So,  $b \in \text{Ran}(R)$ . Since  $\text{Ran}(R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(S)$ , we have that  $b \in \text{Dom}(S)$ , i.e., there is  $c \in C$  such that  $(b, c) \in S$ . Since  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in S$ , we have that  $(a, c) \in S \circ R$ . So,  $a \in \text{Dom}(S \circ R)$ .  $\square$

**3)** Let  $A$  be the set of all people and  $R$  be the relation such that for  $a, b \in A$ , we have that  $aRb$  iff  $a$  and  $b$  have at least one common parent. Answer the questions below. [If the answer is affirmative, explain. If not, *give a counterexample!*]

(a) Is  $R$  reflexive?

*Solution.* Yes, since a person has the same parents as herself/himself. □

(b) Is  $R$  symmetric?

*Solution.* Yes, if  $a$  has a common parent with  $b$ , then  $b$  has a common parent with  $a$  [the same one]. □

(c) Is  $R$  transitive?

*Solution.* No, as person  $a$  might have the same father as person  $b$  [so  $aRb$ ], but different mother, while  $b$  might have the same mother as  $c$  [so  $bRc$ ], but a different father. In this case we do not have that  $aRc$ . □

(d) Is  $R$  antisymmetric?

*Solution.* No, if  $a$  and  $b$  are siblings [with  $a \neq b$ ], then  $aRb$  and  $bRa$ , but  $a \neq b$ . □

4) [20 points] Let  $A = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ ,

$$B = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}\}$$

and consider the ordering on  $A$  given by [the usual] " $\subseteq$ ". [No need to justify your answers here!]

(a) List all minimal elements of  $B$ . [If none, just say so.]

*Solution.*  $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}$  and  $\{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ .

(b) List all maximal elements of  $B$ . [If none, just say so.]

*Solution.*  $\{4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ .

(c) Give the greatest lower bound for  $B$ . [If none, just say so.]

*Solution.* It is  $\bigcap B = \emptyset$ .

(d) Give the least upper bound for  $B$ . [If none, just say so.]

*Solution.* It is  $\bigcup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

5) [20 points] Let  $R$  be an ordering relation on  $A$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . Prove that if there is  $b \in B$  which is a lower bound for  $B$ , then it is also the smallest element of  $B$  and the greatest lower bound of  $B$  in  $A$ .

[So, there are two parts, but they are *really* simple and short!]

*Proof.* [As usual, since  $R$  is a partial order, I will denote  $xRy$  by  $x \preceq y$ .]

Let  $x \in B$ . Since  $b$  is a lower bound for  $B$ , we have that  $b \preceq x$  [by definition of lower bound]. Then, since  $b \in B$ , we have that  $b$  is the least element of  $B$  [by definition of smallest element of  $B$ ].

Now let  $y \in A$  be a lower bound for  $B$ . [Need  $y \preceq b$ .] Since  $b \in B$  and  $y$  is a lower bound for  $B$ , we have that  $y \preceq b$ . So,  $b$  is the greatest lower bound for  $B$ . □

**Scratch:**