

# E0 221 Discrete Structures / August-December 2012

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**Lectures :** Monday and Wednesday ; 11:30–13:00      **Venue:** CSA, Lecture Hall (Room No. 117)

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**1-st Midterm :** Saturday, September 22, 2012; 10:00 -12:00

**2-nd Midterm :** Saturday, October 27, 2012; 10:00 -12:00

**Final Examination :** December ??, 2012, 10:00 -13:00

**Evaluation Weightage :** Assignments : 20%      **Midterms (Two) :** 30%      **Final Examination :** 50%

Range of Marks for Grades (Total 100 Marks)						
	Grade S	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade F
Marks-Range	> 90	76–90	61–75	46–60	35–45	< 35

## 2. Relations

**2.1** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be relations from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$ .

(a) Show that  $R \cup S$  is a relation from  $X$  to  $Y$  and compute  $\text{Dom}(R \cup S)$  and  $\text{Rng}(R \cup S)$ .

(b) Construct relations  $R$  and  $S$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  such that  $\text{Rng}(R \cap S) \neq \text{Rng}(R) \cap \text{Rng}(S)$ .

(c) Express  $(R \cup S)^{-1}$  and  $(R \cap S)^{-1}$  in terms of  $R^{-1}$  and  $S^{-1}$ .

**2.2** Let  $R$  and  $S, T$  be relations from  $X$  to  $Y$  and from  $Y$  to  $Z$ , respectively. Does the equality  $(T \cup S) \circ R = (T \circ R) \cup (S \circ R)$  holds? What happens if union is replaced by intersection?

**2.3** Let  $I := [0, 1] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$  be a closed interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $R := \{(x, y) \in I \times I \mid x < y\}$ . Draw the pictures of  $I \times I, R, \delta_I, R \cup \Delta_I$  and  $R \cap \Delta_I$ .

**2.4** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A non-empty subset  $\mathfrak{A}$  of the set of all relations  $\text{Rel}(X)$  is called a **u n i f o r m i t y** on  $X$  if the following properties hold:

- (1) If  $R \in \mathfrak{A}$ , then  $\Delta_X \subseteq R$ .
- (2) If  $R \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $S \in \mathfrak{A}$ , then  $R \cap S \in \mathfrak{A}$ .
- (3) If  $R \in \text{Rel}(X)$  and  $S \in \mathfrak{A}$  with  $S \subseteq R$ , then  $R \in \mathfrak{A}$ .
- (4) If  $R \in \mathfrak{A}$ , then  $R^{-1} \in \mathfrak{A}$ .
- (5) If  $R \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $S \in \mathfrak{A}$ , then  $S \circ R \in \mathfrak{A}$ .

For each positive real number  $r > 0$ , let  $R_r := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid |x - y| < r\}$  and let

$$\mathfrak{A} := \{S \in \text{Rel}(\mathbb{R}) \mid R_r \subseteq S \text{ for some positive real numebr } r\}.$$

Show that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a uniformity on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Below one can see auxiliary results and (simple) Test-Exercises.**

## Auxiliary Results/Test-Exercises

Roughly speaking, a “relation” is a rule for assigning to certain sets certain other sets. For example, to each natural number greater than 2 each natural number greater than it.

**T2.1 (Relations)** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets. A (binary) relation<sup>1</sup>  $R$  from  $X$  and  $Y$  is a subset  $R \subseteq X \times Y$ , i.e. an element  $R \in \mathfrak{P}(X \times Y)$ . For the expression “ $(x, y) \in R$ ” we shall write “ $xRy$ ” and say that “ $x$  is related to  $y$  with respect to  $R$ ”,  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ . The set of relations  $\mathfrak{P}(X \times Y)$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  is also denoted by  $\text{Rel}(X, Y)$  and its elements are also denoted by the symbols  $\sim$ ,  $\cong$ ,  $\equiv$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $\preceq$   $\dots$ . In the case  $Y = X$ , we put  $\text{Rel}(X) = \text{Rel}(X, X) = \mathfrak{P}(X \times X)$  and its elements are called relation on  $X$ .

Let  $R$  be a relation from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$ . The subset  $\{x \in X \mid \text{there exists } y \in Y \text{ such that } (x, y) \in R\}$  of  $X$  of all first coordinates of  $R$  is called the **domain** of  $R$  and is usually denoted by  $\text{Dom}(R)$ . The subset  $\{y \in Y \mid \text{there exists } x \in X \text{ such that } (x, y) \in R\}$  of  $Y$  of all second coordinates of  $R$  is called the **range** or **image** of  $R$  and is usually denoted by  $\text{Rng}(R)$  or  $\text{Im}(R)$ . In particular,  $R \subseteq \text{Dom}(R) \times \text{Rng}(R)$ , but this inclusion may be strict (see parts (c) and (d) below)

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets.

(a) The empty set (called the **empty relation**)  $\emptyset$  is a relation from  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $\text{Dom}(\emptyset) = \emptyset = \text{Rng}(\emptyset)$ . The product  $X \times Y$  is also a relation from  $X$  to  $Y$  and if  $X \times Y \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\text{Dom}(X \times Y) = X$  and  $\text{Rng}(X \times Y) = Y$ .

(b) The diagonal subset  $\Delta_X := \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\}$  is a relation on  $X$  and is called the **diagonal** or **identity** relation on  $X$ .

(c) The subset  $\{(x, A) \in X \times \mathfrak{P}(X) \mid x \in A\}$  is a relation from  $X$  to  $\mathfrak{P}(X)$ , called the **element-hood** relation, its domain is  $X$  and range is  $\mathfrak{P}(X) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ .

(d) The subset  $\{(A, B) \in \mathfrak{P}(X) \times \mathfrak{P}(X) \mid A \subseteq B\}$  is a relation on  $\mathfrak{P}(X)$ , called the **inclusion** relation.

(e) The subset  $< := \{(m, n) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \mid m < n\}$  is a relation, called the **strict order** relation on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Further,  $\text{Dom}(<) = \mathbb{N}$  and  $\text{Rng}(<) = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . In particular,  $< \subsetneq \text{Dom}(<) \times \text{Rng}(<)$ .

(f) If  $S$  are relation from  $X$  to  $Y$  and if  $R \subseteq S$ , then  $R$  is also a relation from  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $\text{Dom}(R) \subseteq \text{Dom}(S)$  and  $\text{Rng}(R) \subseteq \text{Rng}(S)$ . In particular, if  $R$  and  $S$  are relations from  $X$  to  $Y$ , then  $R \cap S$  is also relation from  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $\text{Dom}(R \cap S) \subseteq \text{Dom}(R) \cap \text{Dom}(S)$  and  $\text{Rng}(R \cap S) \subseteq \text{Rng}(R) \cap \text{Rng}(S)$ .

**T2.2 (Composite and Inverse relations)** Let  $R$  be a relation from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Then the subset

$$R^{-1} := \{(y, x) \in Y \times X \mid (x, y) \in R\} \subseteq Y \times X$$

is a relation from  $Y$  to  $X$ , called the **inverse** (or **opposite** or **reverse**) of the relation  $R$  and is usually denoted by  $R^{-1}$ .

Further, if  $S$  be a relation from  $Y$  to  $Z$ . Then the subset

$$S \circ R := \{(x, z) \in X \times Z \mid \text{there exists } y \in Y \text{ such that } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in S\} \subseteq X \times Z$$

is a relation from  $X$  to  $Z$ , called the **composition** (or **composite** or **product**) relation and is usually denoted<sup>2</sup> by  $S \circ R$ .

<sup>1</sup>More generally, for every positive integer  $n$ , one can define  $n$ -ary relation as a subset of  $X^n := X \times \dots \times X$  ( $n$ -times). We shall rarely consider  $n$ -ary relation for  $n \neq 2$  and so by relation from now on we shall mean a binary relation unless otherwise specified.

<sup>2</sup>Despite of our habit of reading/writing from left to right, the definition of  $S \circ R$  suggests “first  $R$ , then  $S$ .” Although, it might therefore seem natural to denote the composition of  $S$  and  $R$  by  $R \circ S$ , the notation adopted here is justified by its traditional usage in the case of relations which are “functional.”

For example,  $(\Delta_X)^{-1} = \Delta_X$ ,  $(<)^{-1} = \{(n, m) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \mid n > m\}$  is the inverse relation of the strict order relation on  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $(X \times Y)^{-1} = Y \times X$ . The inverse relation of the constant relation  $R_c := \{(x, c) \mid x \in X\}$ ,  $c \in Y$  is  $R_c^{-1} = \{(c, x) \mid x \in X\}$ .

(1) Let  $R$  be a relation from  $X$  to  $Y$  and let  $S$  be a relation from  $Y$  to  $Z$ . Then

(a)  $\text{Dom}(R^{-1}) = \text{Rng}(R)$ ,  $\text{Rng}(R^{-1}) = \text{Dom}(R)$  and  $(R^{-1})^{-1} = R$ .

(b)  $\text{Dom}(S \circ R) = \text{Dom}(R)$ ,  $\text{Rng}(S \circ R) = \text{Rng}(S)$  and  $(S \circ R)^{-1} = R^{-1} \circ S^{-1}$ .

(c)  $\Delta_{\text{Dom}(R)} \subseteq R^{-1} \circ R$  and  $\Delta_{\text{Rng}(R)} \subseteq R \circ R^{-1}$ .

(2) Let  $R$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  be relations from  $X$  to  $Y$ , from  $Y$  to  $Z$  and from  $Z$  to  $W$ , respectively. Then

(a) (Associativity of composition)  $T \circ (S \circ R) = (T \circ S) \circ R$ .

(b)  $R \circ \Delta_X = R = \Delta_Y \circ R$ .