

Recall the following:

- The notation  $RS$  is the *composition* of  $R$  and  $S$ , i.e.

$$RS = \{(x, z) \mid \exists y. (x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in S\}$$

- $R^n$  is  $R$  composed with itself  $n$  times, i.e.  $R^0 = \{(x, x) \mid x \in A\}$  (the identity relation),  $R^1 = R$ ,  $R^{n+1} = RR^n$

1) Consider an arbitrary relation  $R$  on set  $X$ .

- a) Prove that for a *finite*  $X$ , there are natural numbers  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i < j$ , such that,  $R^i = R^j$ .
- b) Find a relation  $R$  on a finite set  $X$  such that  $R^n \neq R^{n+1}$  for all  $n > 0$ .
- c) Show that the point a) above does not need to hold when  $X$  is *infinite*. This means, find a relation  $R$  on an infinite set  $X$  such that for all  $i \neq j$  we have  $R^i \neq R^j$ .

2) Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a digraph and define a relation  $\preceq$  on its vertices such that  $u \preceq v$  iff there exists a path from  $u$  to  $v$ . This relation is clearly reflexive and transitive (a so-called *preorder*).

- a) What are the minimal and maximal elements of  $\preceq$ ?
- b) What conditions does  $G$  have to fulfil in order for  $\preceq$  to be a partial order? Prove your answer!

Let  $A$  be a finite set. We now define a relation  $\preceq \subseteq 2^A \times 2^A$  such that  $X \preceq Y$  iff there exists an injective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . We also define  $X \sim Y$  iff  $X \preceq Y$  and  $Y \preceq X$ .

- c) Prove that  $\preceq$  is a preorder, but not a partial order.
- d) What are the minimal and maximal elements of  $\preceq$ ?
- e) When is  $X \sim Y$ ?

3) For a Turing machine  $M$ , let  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  be the set of words that  $M$  accepts. We say that a set of words  $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is decidable if there exists a total Turing machine  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(M) = A$ . In the following, you may assume that all Turing machines in this exercise operate on the same alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and the same tape symbols  $\Gamma = \{0, 1, \sqcup, \vdash\}$  for simplicity.

- a) Show that  $\emptyset$  and  $\Sigma^*$  are decidable by drawing corresponding Turing machines.
- b) Show that if  $A$  is decidable, then so is its complement  $\Sigma^* \setminus A$ .
- c) Show that any finite set  $A$  is decidable by giving a corresponding Turing machine.
- d) Given two Turing machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  whose functions are  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ , construct a Turing machine whose function is the composition of  $f$  and  $g$ , i.e.  $f \circ g$ . (Reminder:  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ )
- e) For a word  $w = w_1 \dots w_n$ , let  $w^R = w_n \dots w_1$  be the reverse word, e.g.  $(wibk)^R = kbiu$ . Similarly, for a set of words  $A$ , let  $A^R = \{w^R \mid w \in A\}$ . Show that if  $A$  is decidable, then  $A^R$  is decidable.

In all cases, if you have to give a Turing machine, an informal sketch is sufficient.