

CSE 213 F07 : Quiz 2-Solutions

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1. a) Recall the definition of composition of two functions (see book pg. 195)
 $R \circ S = \{(1,2),(1,4)\}$

To obtain pair (1,2), we should have composed two pairs of the form $(1, a) \in R$ and $(a, 2) \in S$; where **a** is any value in our universe. Similarly, to obtain pair (1,4) we should have had two pairs of the form $(1, b) \in R$ and $(b, 4) \in S$; where **b** is any value in our universe. Therefore, any answer of the form: $\bar{R}=\{(1,a),(1,b)\}$; $S=\{(a,2),(b,4)\}$ is valid.

- b) Yes, because it does not violate the transitivity property.

2. a) Answer= $\{1,3\}$

The diagonal set with respect to R is $D = \{2, 8, 32, 128, \dots\}$ because $2+2, 8+8, 32+32, \dots$ are perfect squares. Its complement will be $\{1, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$. Therefore, the two smallest elements are 1 and 3.

- b) Yes. For any pair, (x, y) such that $x + y$ is a perfect square and since addition has the commutative property we know that $y+x$ is a perfect square also and pair (y, x) can be in set R. Therefore, R is symmetric.

- c) Yes

- d) Recall that for a relation to be equivalent, it must be transitive, symmetric and reflexive. Therefore, we have to show that this is the case.

Transitive

$t(R)$ is transitive by definition or transitive closure.

Symmetric

$t(R)$ is symmetric since R is symmetric and transitivity closure does not affect symmetry property.

Reflexive

$t(R)$ is reflexive. $(1, 3), (3, 1) \in R$, when we obtain $t(R)$, $(1, 1), (3, 3)$ are added to the set. The same will apply for similar pairs, so pair of the form (n, n) will be added when performing the transitive closure.

Precisely, if x is a perfect square, then

$$(1, x - 1) \in R \text{ and } (x - 1, 1) \in R$$

$(2, x - 2) \in R$ and $(x - 2, 2) \in R$

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when we get $t(R)$, we add $(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), \dots, (x - 1, x - 1)$ for every perfect square x , all previous members will be added to $t(R)$. There are infinitely many perfect squares so for all members of $t(R)$ there will be $(a, a) \in t(R)$. Therefore $t(R)$ is reflexive.