

Question 1: (10 Marks)

Define \preceq on CISC courses by

$x \preceq y$ iff $x = y$ or x is a prerequisite of y

For example $203 \preceq 203$, $121 \preceq 124$, etc

Let S be the following (somewhat reduced) set of CISC courses, and let R be the following set of \preceq connections.

$S = \{ 102, 121, 124, 203, 204, 235 \}$

$R = \{ (102, 203), (102, 204), (121,124), (121,203), (121, 204), (124, 235), (203, 235) \}$

(a) [6 marks] List all the pairs that need to be added to R to make (S, R) a poset

Solution: The missing pairs are

(102,102),(121,121),(124,124),(203,203),(204,204),(235,235),

(102,235),(121,235)

Marking: 3 marks for adding the reflexive pairs

3 marks for adding the transitive pairs

part marks for knowing what types of pairs are missing, but

not getting them right (2 if the error is small, 1 if the error is large)

0 for no answer or not understanding the question

(b) [4 marks] Determine the height and width of the poset

Solution: The height is the size of the largest chain: 3

The width is the size of the largest antichain: 3

Marking: correct height: 2 marks

knowing what height means, but getting the wrong answer: 1

correct width: 2 marks

knowing what width means, but getting the wrong answer: 1

Students are not required to state the meaning of height and width in order to get full marks

Question 2 : (15 marks)

Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and let F be the set of all functions from S to S .

Note that F contains functions which are bijections as well as functions that are not.

We define the relation \preceq on F as follows:

Let f and g be functions in F . $f \preceq g$ iff $f(i) \leq g(i) \quad \forall i \in S$

(where \leq has the standard "less-than-or-equal" meaning)

For example, if f and g are given by this table, then $f \preceq g$

i	$f(i)$	$g(i)$
1	2	3
2	3	3
3	1	2
4	2	4

(a) [3 marks] Find and show two functions f and g such that neither $f \preceq g$ nor $g \preceq f$ is true. (That is, find two incomparable functions.)

Solution (one of many): $f(1) = 1, f(2) = 2, f(3) = 1, f(4) = 1$
 $g(1) = 2, g(2) = 1, f(3) = 1, f(4) = 1$

Marking: Stating two incomparable functions: 3 marks
Knowing what to do but not able to do it: 2 marks
Not clearly knowing what to do: 1 mark
No answer or completely wrong answer: 0 marks

(b) [9 marks] Prove that $P = (F, \preceq)$ is a poset.

Solution:

Reflexive: For any function f , $f(i) \leq f(i) \quad \forall i \in S$

Therefore $f \preceq f$

Thus \preceq is reflexive

Transitive: Suppose $f \preceq g$ and $g \preceq h$

$\Rightarrow \forall i \in S, f(i) \leq g(i)$ and $g(i) \leq h(i)$

$\Rightarrow \forall i \in S, f(i) \leq h(i)$

$\Rightarrow f \preceq h$

Thus \preceq is transitive

Antisymmetric: Suppose $f \preceq g$ and $g \preceq f$

$\Rightarrow \forall i \in S, f(i) \leq g(i)$ and $g(i) \leq f(i)$

$\Rightarrow \forall i \in S, f(i) = g(i)$

$\Rightarrow f = g$

Thus \preceq is antisymmetric

Marking:

3 marks for each property:

for a sound argument 3

for an argument that demonstrates good
understanding of the property 2

for an argument that demonstrates weak
understanding of the property 1

for an argument that demonstrates no
understanding of the property 0

(c) [3 marks] Either find the minimum element of P, or explain why P does not have a minimum element.

Solution:

Consider $f(1) = 1, f(2) = 1, f(3) = 1, f(4) = 1$

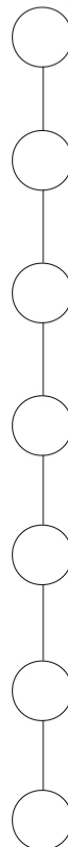
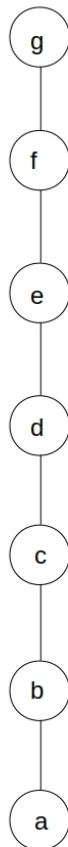
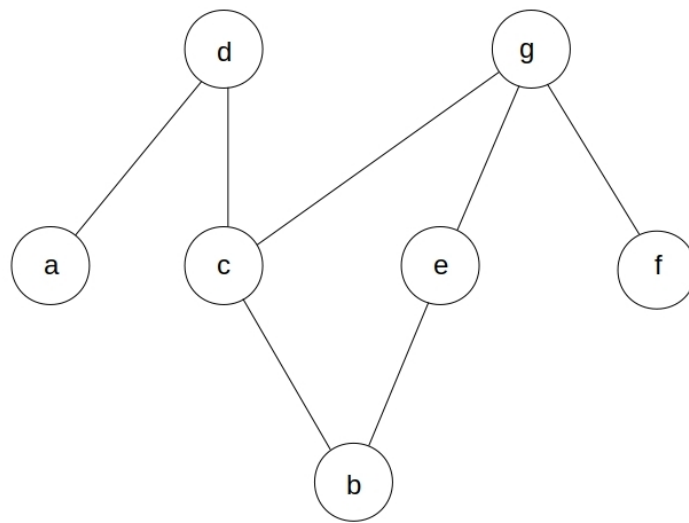
For any function g , $f(i) \leq g(i) \quad \forall i \in S$, so $f \preceq g$

Thus f is the minimum element.

Marking:	Stating the correct minimum :	3
	Correctly defining “minimum” but not correctly finding it	2
	Stating there is no minimum	1
	No answer	0

Question 3: (10 Marks)

Here is a Hasse Diagram representing a poset. Also given is a linear extension of the poset. Find and show another linear extension such that the two linear extensions form a realizer for the poset.



Solution:

In the given linear extension, g is above a and d. It must be below them in the other extension, while still being above b, c, e, and f. This fixes g in the third position from the top.

Similarly, f must be below a,b,c,d,e and g – f must be in the bottom position.

a and d must be above g, so they must occupy the first and second positions. d must be above a, so d must be in the top position.

This leaves b, c and e, and the positions just above the bottom. b must be below the other two, so b must occupy the lowest of these three positions. In the given linear extension e is above c, so in the new extension c must be above e.

This gives the final order as

d
a
g
c
e
b
f

Marking:	Stating the correct linear extension	10
	Stating an incorrect linear extension	1 ... 8
	- depending how close they are to the correct answer	
	No answer or completely wrong answer	0

Students are not required to show how they found a correct solution.

Question 4 : (10 Marks)

Let $P = (X, \preceq)$ and $Q = (Y, \preceq^*)$ be two posets, where X and Y are finite sets, and \preceq and \preceq^* represent two different relations.

Suppose $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$. Prove that $R = (X \cap Y, \preceq \cap \preceq^*)$ is a poset.

(Recall that a relation is a set of ordered pairs, and the intersection of two relations is the set of ordered pairs that belong to both relations.)

Solution:

Reflexive: \preceq is reflexive, so it contains all reflexive pairs for elements of $X \cap Y$. The same is true of \preceq^* . Therefore $\preceq \cap \preceq^*$ contains all these pairs. Thus $\preceq \cap \preceq^*$ is reflexive.

Transitive: Suppose a, b and c are all in $X \cap Y$, and (a, b) and (b, c) are both in $\preceq \cap \preceq^*$. Then both pairs are in \preceq , so $(a, c) \in \preceq$ (because \preceq is transitive). Similarly, both pairs are in \preceq^* so $(a, c) \in \preceq^*$. Thus $(a, c) \in \preceq \cap \preceq^*$. Therefore $\preceq \cap \preceq^*$ is transitive.

Antisymmetric: Suppose (a, b) and (b, a) are both in $\preceq \cap \preceq^*$, with $a \neq b$. This implies both these pairs are in \preceq ... which means \preceq is not antisymmetric. **CONTRADICTION.** Therefore $\preceq \cap \preceq^*$ is antisymmetric

Marking:

Reflexive: sound argument 3 marks

Transitive: sound argument 4 marks

Antisymmetric: sound argument 3 marks

For each part, give part marks based on demonstrated understanding of the properties and the question.

Question 5 : (5 Marks)

In this question we will use the expression $a \preceq b$ where a and b are positive integers to mean “ a divides b ”

For example, $3 \preceq 3$, $13 \preceq 26$, $4 \preceq 12$ etc

Let $S = \{2, 3, 4, 8, 24\}$, and let $P = (S, \preceq)$ You do not have to prove that P is a poset.

Let $T = \{ \{1\} , \{1,2\} , \{3\} , \{1,2,3\} , \{1,2,3,4,5\} , \{5\} \}$, and let $Q = (T, \subseteq)$ You do not have to prove that Q is a poset.

Show that P and Q are isomorphic. (Hint: posets are isomorphic if they have the same Hasse Diagram.)

Solution: This question contains an error

Marking: **Any attempted answer** **5 marks**

S should be $\{2,3,4,5,12,60\}$

IF the question had been stated correctly, a correct answer would have been to draw the Hasse diagrams for the two posets and show that they are identical in structure (which is clear just from looking at them).