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(9 points) Suppose that  $R$  is a relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  which is reflexive and symmetric, but not transitive. Let's define  $T(n) = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} \mid aRn\}$ . Notice that  $n \in T(n)$  for any integer  $n$ . The collection of all sets  $T(n)$  does not form a partition of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Explain (informally but clearly) why the fact that  $R$  is not transitive can cause one of the partition properties to fail.

**Solution:** For full credit, it's enough to give a well-explained specific example (e.g. using the relation  $|a - b| \leq 10$ ) showing how partial overlap can occur.

Here's a more general (but still informal) argument. Since  $R$  is not transitive, there's three integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  such that  $aRb$  and  $bRc$  but not  $aRc$ . Since  $aRb$ ,  $T(a)$  must contain  $a$  and  $b$ . Since  $bRc$ ,  $T(c)$  must contain  $c$  and  $b$ . So  $T(a)$  and  $T(c)$  overlap. But they can't be the same set because it's not true that  $aRc$ . So there is partial overlap.

Making the above argument full formal would require using the reflexive and symmetric properties of  $R$ .

(6 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

How many ways can I choose 5 bagels from among 10 varieties, if I can have any number of bagels from any type?

$\frac{10!}{5!5!}$         $\frac{14!}{10!4!}$         $\frac{14!}{9!5!}$    
 $\frac{15!}{10!5!}$         $10^5$         $5^{10}$

If  $n \geq k \geq 0$ ,  
then  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$

True       True for some  $n$  and  $k$        False

If  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{Q})$  then  $f(3)$  is

a rational       a power set of rationals   
a set of rationals       undefined

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Graph  $G$  with set of nodes  $V$  is shown below. Recall that  $\deg(n)$  is the degree of node  $n$ . Let's define  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  by  $f(k) = \{n \in V : \deg(n) = k\}$ . Also let  $T = \{f(k) \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

(6 points) Fill in the following values:

$$f(4) =$$

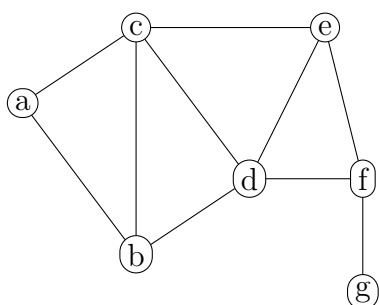
**Solution:**  $\{c, d\}$

$$f(1) =$$

**Solution:**  $\{g\}$

$$|T| =$$

**Solution:** 5. (The distinct members are  $f(0)$ ,  $f(1)$ ,  $f(2)$ ,  $f(3)$ , and  $f(4)$ .)



(7 points) Is  $T$  a partition of  $V$ ? For each of the conditions required to be a partition, briefly explain why  $T$  does or doesn't satisfy that condition.

**Solution:** No, it is not a partition. There is no partial overlap between the sets in  $T$  and they cover all nodes in  $V$ . However,  $T$  contains the empty set (e.g. as the value of  $f(17)$ ).

(2 points) State the definition of  $\binom{n}{k}$ , i.e. express  $\binom{n}{k}$  in terms of more basic arithmetic operations.

**Solution:** 
$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

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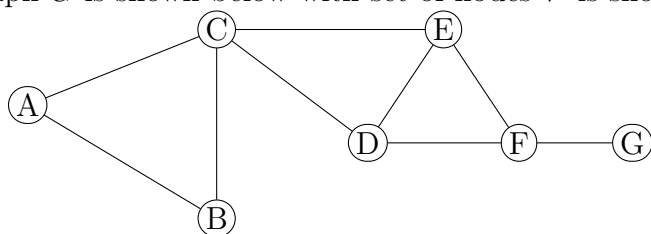
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Graph  $G$  is shown below with set of nodes  $V$  is shown below.



Suppose that  $\deg(n)$  is the degree of node  $n$ . Now let's define a function  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  by  $f(p) = \{n \in V : \deg(n) = \deg(p)\}$ . Then let  $P = \{f(p) \mid p \in V\}$ .

(6 points) Fill in the following values:

$f(A) =$

**Solution:**  $\{A, B\}$

$f(C) =$

**Solution:**  $\{C\}$

$P =$

**Solution:**  $\{\{A, B\}, \{C\}, \{D, E, F\}, \{G\}, \}$

(7 points) Is  $P$  a partition of  $V$ ? For each of the conditions required to be a partition, briefly explain why  $P$  does or doesn't satisfy that condition.

**Solution:** Yes, it is a partition of  $V$ . Every element of  $V$  is in exactly one subset in  $P$ . And  $P$  does not contain the empty set.

(2 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

$|\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(\emptyset))|$     0     1     2     3     4     undefined

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(9 points) Suppose that  $A$  is a set and  $P$  is a collection of subsets of  $A$ . Using precise language and/or notation, state the conditions  $P$  must satisfy to be a partition of  $A$ .

**Solution:**  $P$  cannot contain the empty set. Every element of  $A$  must belong to exactly one element of  $P$ .

The second condition is frequently split into two separate conditions. That is, every element of  $A$  must belong to some element of  $P$ , and two distinct elements of  $P$  cannot overlap.

(6 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

$V$  is the vertex set of a tree with  $n$  edges.  $|\mathbb{P}(V)| =$

$2^{n-1}$	<input type="checkbox"/>	$2^n$	<input type="checkbox"/>	not determined	<input type="checkbox"/>
$2^{n+1}$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$n$	<input type="checkbox"/>		

$\mathbb{P}(A) \cap \mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)$

true for all sets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	true for some sets	<input type="checkbox"/>
false for all sets	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Set  $B$  is a partition of a finite set  $A$ . Then  $|B|$

$\leq 2^{ A }$	<input type="checkbox"/>	$\leq  A $	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  be defined by  $f(x, y) = \{(p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, (p, q) = \alpha(x, y)\}$ .

Let  $T = \{f(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ .

(6 points) Answer the following questions:

$f(0, 0) =$

**Solution:**  $\{(0, 0)\}$

Describe (at a high level) the elements of  $f(0, 36)$ :

**Solution:**  $f(0, 36)$  is the line passing through the origin and  $(0, 36)$ .

Give an element of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}^2) - T$ :

**Solution:** Many possible answers here. For example,  $\emptyset$ , or any finite set or any circle.

(7 points) Is  $T$  a partition of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? For each of the conditions required to be a partition, briefly explain why  $T$  does or doesn't satisfy that condition.

**Solution:** This is not a partition of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . It doesn't contain the empty set (good). And the elements of  $T$  do cover all of the plane (good). However, all the lines contain the origin, so there is partial overlap (bad).

(2 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

[Buggy question: answer depends on whether you assumed  $A$  could be empty.]

Let  $A$  be a set,  $\{A\}$  is a partition of  $A$ .

always  sometimes  never

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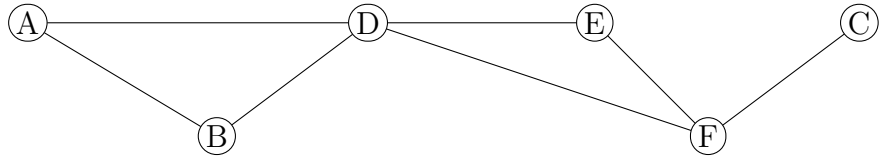
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Graph  $G$  is at right.

$V$  is the set of nodes in  $G$ .

$M = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$



Define  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  by  $f(n) = \{p \in V : d(p, B) < n\}$ , where  $d(a, b)$  is the (shortest-path) distance between  $a$  and  $b$ . Let  $P = \{f(n) \mid n \in M\}$ .

(6 points) Fill in the following values:

$f(0) =$

**Solution:**  $\emptyset$

$f(1) =$

**Solution:**  $\{B\}$

$P =$

**Solution:**  $\{\emptyset, \{B\}, \{A, B, D\}, \{A, B, D, E, F\}\}$

(7 points) Is  $P$  a partition of  $V$ ? For each of the conditions required to be a partition, briefly explain why  $P$  does or doesn't satisfy that condition.

**Solution:** No,  $P$  is not a partition of  $V$ . The subsets do not cover all of  $V$ , because the node  $C$  is missing. There is partial overlap among the subsets. And  $P$  contains the empty set.

(2 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

$\binom{0}{0}$       -1       0       1       2       undefined