

Homework 2, March 3, 2022

Answer by complete sentences. Give reasons to all your assertions.

Example 1. Give the properties of the following relation on the set of all natural numbers \mathbb{N} :

$$m R n \quad \text{if and only if } m \cdot n \text{ is even.}$$

Example 2. Given two relations R and S on a set A . Decide whether it is true:

If R and S are transitive, then so is $R \circ S$.

Example 3. Consider the set A of all binary words together with the following relation

$$u \sqsubseteq v \quad \text{iff either } |u| < |v| \text{ or } |u| = |v| \text{ and } u \text{ is lexicographically smaller or equal to } v.$$

Show that (A, \sqsubseteq) is a poset.

Hint: Note that $|u|$ is the length of the binary word u , and $u = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k$ is lexicographically smaller or equal to $v = b_1 b_2 \dots b_k$ if and only if $a_i \leq b_i$ for every $i = 1, \dots, k$.