

Exercises from Sally's book. 1.6.2, 1.6.15, 1.6.16

Other (also mandatory) exercises.

- Given a partition \mathcal{C} of a set X , it was proven in class that the binary relation $E_{\mathcal{C}}$ on X is an equivalence relation. Prove this again on your own very carefully (without skipping any steps). Just in case, we recall the definition of $E_{\mathcal{C}}$: for any $x, y \in X$,

$$xE_{\mathcal{C}}y \Leftrightarrow \exists A \in \mathcal{C} \text{ such that } x, y \in A.$$

- Conversely, given an equivalence relation E on a set X , it was proven in class that the set of E -classes form a partition \mathcal{C} of X and that $E_{\mathcal{C}}$ is exactly E . Prove this again on your own following the steps below.
 - Prove that for each $x, y \in X$, xEy if and only if $[x]_E = [y]_E$.
 - Prove that $\bigcup_{x \in X} [x]_E = X$.
 - Prove that for each $x, y \in X$, if $[x]_E \cap [y]_E \neq \emptyset$ then $[x]_E = [y]_E$.
 - Conclude that $E_{\mathcal{C}} = E$.

- Let $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be defined by $f(z) := z^2$. Define the relation E_f on \mathbb{Z} by putting

$$xE_fy \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(y).$$

It was proven in class (for any function on any set) that this is an equivalence relation. Explicitly describe and list all E_f -equivalence classes.

- Let $G := (V, E)$ be an undirected graph with no loops, i.e. V is the set of vertices and $E \subseteq V^2$ is the set of edges, which is irreflexive and symmetric. For vertices $x, y \in V$, we say that y is *adjacent* to x (or y is a *neighbor* of x) if there is an edge $(x, y) \in E$. Assuming that V is finite, the *degree* of each vertex $v \in V$, denoted by $\deg_G(v)$, is the number of neighbors of x . Prove that the sum of all degrees, i.e. $\sum_{v \in V} \deg_G(v)$, has to be an even number.
- There was a party of 170 people in which every person shook some other people's hands (at most one hand per person). It is possible that a person didn't shake anyone's hand. Prove that there are two people that shook equal number of hands.

HINT: Prove by contradiction. Use the statement of Question 4.