

HOMEWORK 7

Question 1. Let E_1 be an equivalence relation on the set A_1 and let E_2 be an equivalence relation on the set A_2 . Let R be the relation on the set $A_1 \times A_2$ defined by

$$(a_1, a_2) R (b_1, b_2) \quad \text{iff} \quad a_1 E_1 b_1 \text{ and } a_2 E_2 b_2.$$

Prove that R is an equivalence relation on $A_1 \times A_2$.

Question 2. Let R be the relation on $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ defined by

$$(a, b) R (c, d) \quad \text{iff} \quad a \leq c \text{ or } b \leq d.$$

Determine whether R is a partial ordering of $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$.

Question 3. Let $|$ be the partial ordering of \mathbb{N} defined by $a | b$ iff a is a (not necessarily proper) divisor of b . For each of the following statements, either give a proof or give a counterexample.

- (a) In the poset $(\mathbb{N}, |)$, each element has infinitely many immediate successors.
- (b) If $\emptyset \neq K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, then K is bounded above iff K is a finite subset.