

# Announcements

Quiz today!

Midterm 2 grades released + solns posted

Mean: 62.0/85

Median: 63.5/85

Std. dev.: 12.1

Q1: 72%

Q2: 89%

Q3: 97%

Q4: 87%

Q5: 65%

Q6: 48%

Gradelines:

A/A-: 67-85

B+/B/B-: 52-66

C+/C/C-: 34-51

D+/D/D-: 20-33

} out of 85

Gradeline  
calculator  
updated

Regrade requests open for 1 week

Recall: An equivalence relation on  $A$  is a rel'n on  $A$  which is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive

Some more examples: ( $A = \mathbb{Z}$ )

a)  $a \sim b$  if  $a|b$       No (not symmetric)

b)  $a \sim b$  if  $a \leq b$       No (not symmetric)

c)  $a \sim b$  if  $a = b$       Yes

d)  $a \sim b$  if  $a - b$  is a mult. of 10 Yes

e)  $a \sim b$  if  $a - b$  is a mult. of 17 Yes

f)  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $R = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, a), (b, b), (c, c)\}$  Yes

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Every equivalence rel'n corresponds to a set partition (and vice-versa)

Def: A set partition of  $A$  is a set of subsets  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  s.t.

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots = A$$

i.e. every elt. of  $A$  is in exactly one  $A_i$

The  $A_i$  correspond to the equiv. classes of an equiv. rel'n.

equiv. rel'n  $\longleftrightarrow$  equiv. classes  $\stackrel{=}{\equiv}$  set partition

Ex 4 (cont.):  $A = \{\text{binary strings}\} = \{\emptyset, 0, 1, 00, 01, \dots\}$

$a \sim b$  if  $a$  and  $b$  have the same length

The set partition corresp. to this equiv. rel'n is

$$A = A_0 \cup A_1 \cup \dots \quad \text{where } A_i = \{\text{strings of length } i\}$$

Ex 15: Let  $A = \{\text{binary strings of length 12}\}$ .

Set partition

$A_{000} = \{\text{strings starting w/ 000}\}$

$A_{001} = \{\text{" " w/ 001}\}$

$\vdots$

$A_{111} = \{\text{" " w/ 111}\}$

} set partition into  
8 sets

Corresp. equiv. rel'n:

$a \sim b$  if and only if  $a$  and  $b$  have the same  
first 3 digits

Ex 13: Let  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$  be a set partition with

$A_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$   $A_2 = \{4, 5\}$   $A_3 = \{6\}$

Class activity: Find the corresp. equiv. rel'n.

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If time:

Midterm 2 #6: Using a combinatorial argument, prove the following identity:

$$\binom{n+1}{2k+1} = \sum_{j=k}^{n-k} \binom{j}{k} \binom{n-j}{k}$$