

HW §4.4 Numbers 2,3,6,7,20

2.  
a.  
This is a partial order. In fact, it is a total order.  
b.  
This is not a partial order. For example, it is not anti-symmetric since  $\text{exquisite} R \text{Escort}$  and  $\text{Escort} R \text{Exquisite}$ , but  $\text{Escort} \neq \text{Exquisite}$ .  
c.  
This is a total order.
3.  
a.  
Minimal:  $\{2\}$ .  
Maximal:  $\{3, 4\}$ .  
Smallest:  $\{2\}$ .  
Largest: none.  
l.u.b of  $B$ : none.  
g.l.b of  $B$ :  $\{2\}$ .  
b.  
Minimal:  $\{1\}$ .  
Maximal:  $\{2\}$ .  
Smallest:  $\{1\}$ .  
Largest: none.  
l.u.b of  $B$ :  $\{2\}$   
g.l.b of  $B$ :  $\{1\}$ .  
c.  
Minimal:  $\emptyset$   
Maximal:  $\{a, b, c, d, e \mid a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .  
Smallest:  $\emptyset$ .  
Largest:  $\mathbb{N}$   
l.u.b of  $B$ : None  
g.l.b of  $B$ :  $\emptyset$ .
6.  
a.

**theorem 1.** Suppose  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are partial orders on  $A$ . Then so is  $R_1 \cap R_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are partial orders on  $A$ .

Reflexivity: Let  $a \in A$  be arbitrary. Then, since  $R_1$  is a partial order,  $(a, a) \in R_1$ . Similarly, since  $R_2$  is a partial order,  $(a, a) \in R_2$ . Thus,  $(a, a) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ . Since  $a \in A$  was arbitrary,  $R_1 \cap R_2$  is reflexive.

Anti-Symmetry: Let  $a \in A$  be arbitrary. Let  $b \in A$  be arbitrary. Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1 \cap R_2$  and  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ . Then,  $(a, b) \in R_1$  and  $(b, a) \in R_1$ . Since  $R_1$  is anti-symmetric,  $a = b$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary,  $R_1 \cap R_2$  is anti-symmetric.

Transitivity: Let  $a \in A$  be arbitrary. Let  $b \in A$  be arbitrary. Let  $c \in A$  be

arbitrary. Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1 \cap R_2$  and  $(b, c) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ . Thus,  $(a, b) \in R_1$  and  $(b, c) \in R_1$ . Then, since  $R_1$  is a partial order, and thus transitive,  $(a, c) \in R_1$ . Thus,  $(a, b) \in R_2$  and  $(b, c) \in R_2$ . Then, since  $R_2$  is a partial order, and thus transitive,  $(a, c) \in R_2$ . Thus,  $(a, c) \in R_1 \cap R_2$ . Since  $a, b$ , and  $c$  were arbitrary,  $R_1 \cap R_2$  is transitive.

Since  $R_1 \cap R_2$  is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive it is a partial order.  $\square$

b.

$R_1 \cup R_2$  is **not** necessarily a partial on  $A$ . For example, let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $R_1 = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b)\}$  and  $R_2 = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (b, c)\}$ . Then,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are partial orders. Note, though, that while  $(a, b) \in R_1 \cup R_2$  and  $(b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ ,  $(a, c) \notin R_1 \cup R_2$  and so  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is not transitive and so not a partial order.

7.

a.

**theorem 2.** Suppose that  $R_1$  is a partial order on  $A_1$  and  $R_2$  is a partial order on  $A_2$ . Suppose  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ . Then,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is a partial order on  $A_1 \cup A_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R_1$  is a partial order on  $A_1$  and  $R_2$  is a partial order on  $A_2$ . Suppose  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ .

Reflexivity: Let  $a \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary.

Case 1: Suppose  $a \in A_1$ . Then, since  $R_1$  is a partial order on  $A_1$ ,  $(a, a) \in R_1$ , thus  $(a, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ .

Case 2: Suppose  $a \in A_2$ . Then, since  $R_2$  is a partial order on  $A_2$ ,  $(a, a) \in R_2$ , thus  $(a, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ .

Since in any case  $(a, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2$  and since  $a$  was arbitrary,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is reflexive.

Anti-Symmetry: Let  $a \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Let  $b \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ . Suppose  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ .

Case 1: Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1$ . Then, both  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A_1$ . Since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are elements of  $A_2$ . Thus,  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2$  implies that  $(b, a) \in R_1$ . Since  $R_1$  is a partial order and  $(a, b) \in R_1$  and  $(b, a) \in R_1$ ,  $a = b$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is anti-symmetric.

Case 2: Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_2$ . Then, both  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A_2$ . Since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are elements of  $A_1$ . Thus,  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2$  implies that  $(b, a) \in R_2$ . Since  $R_2$  is a partial order and  $(a, b) \in R_2$  and  $(b, a) \in R_2$ ,  $a = b$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is anti-symmetric.

Thus, in either of these two exhaustive cases,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is anti-symmetric.

Transitivity: Let  $a \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Let  $b \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Let  $c \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ . Suppose  $(b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2$ .

Case 1: Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1$ . Then, both  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A_1$ . Since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are elements of  $A_2$ . Thus, in particular,  $(b, c) \notin R_2$ . Thus,  $(b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2$  implies that  $(b, c) \in R_1$ . Since  $R_1$  is a partial order and  $(a, b) \in R_1$  and  $(b, c) \in R_1$ ,  $(a, c) \in R_1$ . Since  $a, b$  and  $c$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is transitive.

Case 2: Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_2$ . Then, both  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A_2$ . Since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are elements of  $A_1$ . Thus, in particular,  $(b, c) \notin R_1$ . Thus,  $(b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2$  implies that  $(b, c) \in R_2$ . Since  $R_2$  is a partial order and  $(a, b) \in R_2$  and  $(b, c) \in R_2$ ,  $(a, c) \in R_2$ . Since  $a, b$  and  $c$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is transitive.

Thus, in either of these two exhaustive cases,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is transitive.

Since  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive, it is a partial order.  $\square$

b.

**theorem 3.** *Suppose that  $R_1$  is a partial order on  $A_1$  and  $R_2$  is a partial order on  $A_2$ . Suppose  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ . Then,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is a partial order on  $A_1 \cup A_2$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R_1$  is a partial order on  $A_1$  and  $R_2$  is a partial order on  $A_2$ . Suppose  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ .

Reflexivity: Let  $a \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary.

Case 1: Suppose  $a \in A_1$ . Then, since  $R_1$  is a partial order on  $A_1$ ,  $(a, a) \in R_1$ , thus  $(a, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ .

Case 2: Suppose  $a \in A_2$ . Then, since  $R_2$  is a partial order on  $A_2$ ,  $(a, a) \in R_2$ , thus  $(a, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ .

Since in any case  $(a, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  and since  $a$  was arbitrary,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is reflexive.

Anti-Symmetry: Let  $a \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Let  $b \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Suppose  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ .

Case 1: Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1$ . Then, both  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A_1$ . Since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are elements of  $A_2$ . Thus,  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  implies that  $(b, a) \in R_1$ . Since  $R_1$  is a partial order and  $(a, b) \in R_1$  and  $(b, a) \in R_1$ ,  $a = b$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is anti-symmetric.

Case 2: Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_2$ . Then, both  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A_2$ . Since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are elements of  $A_1$ . Thus,  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  implies that  $(b, a) \in R_2$ . Since  $R_2$  is a partial order and  $(a, b) \in R_2$  and  $(b, a) \in R_2$ ,  $a = b$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is anti-symmetric.

Case 3: Suppose  $(a, b) \in A_1 \times A_2$ . Then,  $a \in A_1$  and  $b \in A_2$ . But then  $(b, a)$  cannot be in  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Thus, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is anti-symmetric.

Since in each of these three exhaustive cases,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is anti-symmetric, we have proved that  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is anti-symmetric.

Transitivity: Let  $a \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Let  $b \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Let  $c \in A_1 \cup A_2$  be arbitrary. Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Suppose  $(b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ .

Case 1: Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_1$ . Then, both  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A_1$ . Since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are elements of  $A_2$ . Thus, in particular,  $(b, c) \notin R_2$  and  $(b, c) \notin (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Thus,  $(b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  implies that  $(b, c) \in R_1$ .

Since  $R_1$  is a partial order and  $(a, b) \in R_1$  and  $(b, c) \in R_1$ ,  $(a, c) \in R_1$ . Since  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is transitive.

Case 2: Suppose  $(a, b) \in R_2$ . Then, both  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $A_2$ . Since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are elements of  $A_1$ . Thus, in particular,  $(b, c) \notin R_2$  and  $(b, c) \notin (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Thus,  $(b, c) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  implies that  $(b, c) \in R_1$ . Since  $R_1$  is a partial order and  $(a, b) \in R_2$  and  $(b, c) \in R_1$ ,  $(a, c) \in R_1$ . Since  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is transitive.

Case 3: Suppose  $(a, b) \in A_1 \times A_2$ . Then,  $a \in A_1$  and  $b \in A_2$ . But then  $(b, c)$  cannot be in  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Thus, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is transitive.

Thus, in either of these three exhaustive cases,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is transitive. Since  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive, it is a partial order.  $\square$

c.

It may happen that  $R_1$  is a total order on  $A_1$  and  $R_2$  is a total order on  $A_2$ , that  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , but  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is not a total order on  $A_1 \cup A_2$ . For example, let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$ ,  $a \neq b$  so  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $R_1 = \{(a, a)\}$ , and  $R_2 = \{(b, b)\}$ . They are both, then, total orders. Then neither  $(a, b)$  nor  $(b, a)$  are elements of  $R_1 \cup R_2$ . So it is not a total order.

**theorem 4.** *Suppose that  $R_1$  is a total order on  $A_1$  and  $R_2$  is a total order on  $A_2$ . Suppose  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ . Then,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is a total order on  $A_1 \cup A_2$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R_1$  is a total order on  $A_1$  and  $R_2$  is a total order on  $A_2$ . Suppose  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ . We have already seen that  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is a partial order. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be arbitrary. Suppose  $a \in A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $b \in A_1 \cup A_2$ . Suppose  $(a, b) \notin R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Then  $(a, b) \notin R_1$  and  $(a, b) \notin R_2$  and  $(a, b) \notin (A_1 \times A_2)$ . We consider 4 cases:

Case 1: Suppose  $a \in A_1$  and  $b \in A_1$ . Then, since  $(a, b) \notin R_1$ , and since  $R_1$  is a total order,  $(b, a) \in R_1$ , thus  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary, in this case  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is a total order.

Case 2: Suppose  $a \in A_1$  and  $b \in A_2$ . Then, in this case,  $(a, b) \in A_1 \times A_2$ , contradicting our supposition that  $(a, b) \notin (A_1 \times A_2)$

Case 3: Suppose  $a \in A_2$  and  $b \in A_1$ . Then,  $(b, a) \in A_1 \times A_2$ , thus  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary, in this case,  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is a total order.

Case 4: Suppose  $a \in A_2$  and  $b \in A_2$ . Then, since  $(a, b) \notin R_2$ , and since  $R_2$  is a total order,  $(b, a) \in R_2$ , thus  $(b, a) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary, in this case  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is a total order.

Since  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is a total order in each of these 4 exhaustive cases, we have shown that  $R_1 \cup R_2 \cup (A_1 \times A_2)$  is a total order.  $\square$

20.

**theorem 5.** *Suppose  $R$  is a partial order on a set  $A$ . Suppose  $B \subseteq A$ . Suppose  $b \in B$  is the smallest element of  $B$ . Then,  $b$  is the greatest lower bound of  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $R$  is a partial order on a set  $A$ . Suppose  $B \subseteq A$ . Suppose  $b \in B$  is the smallest element of  $B$ . Let  $x \in B$  be arbitrary. Since  $b$  is the smallest element of  $B$ ,  $(x, b) \in R$ . Suppose  $z$  is a lower bound for  $B$  and  $z \neq b$ . Suppose  $(b, z) \in R$ . Then  $z$  is not a lower bound for  $B$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $(b, z) \notin R$  and so  $b$  is the greatest lower bound.  $\square$

**theorem 6.** *Suppose  $R$  is a partial order on a set  $A$ . Suppose  $B \subseteq A$ . Suppose  $b \in B$  is the largest element of  $B$ . Then,  $b$  is the least upper bound of  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $R$  is a partial order on a set  $A$ . Suppose  $B \subseteq A$ . Suppose  $b \in B$  is the largest element of  $B$ . Let  $x \in B$  be arbitrary. Since  $b$  is the largest element of  $B$ ,  $(x, b) \in R$ . Suppose  $z$  is an upper bound for  $B$  and  $z \neq b$ . Suppose  $(z, b) \in R$ . Then  $z$  is not a greater bound for  $B$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $(z, b) \notin R$  and so  $b$  is the least upper bound.  $\square$