

## 10 Partial Order Relation

**65.** Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of natural numbers. On  $\mathbb{N}$ , we define a relation  $R$  by:

$$xRy \iff \exists z \in \mathbb{N} : xz = y.$$

Verify that  $R$  is a partial order relation.

**66.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of real numbers. On  $\mathbb{R}$ , we define a relation  $R$  by:

$$aRb \iff \exists k \in \mathbb{N}_0 : b = 2^k a.$$

- (i) Write at least five elements of the relation  $R$ .
- (ii) Is  $R$  a partial order relation?
- (iii) Is  $R$  a linear order relation?

Provide detailed justifications for all answers.

**67.** Consider the divisibility relation  $|$ , defined on the set of positive integers, where  $a|b$  is read as “ $a$  divides  $b$ ”.

- (i) Show that  $|$  is a partial order relation on  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .
- (ii) Show that  $|$  is not a linear order relation on  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**68.** Let  $S = \mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers. On  $S$ , we define a relation  $R$  by:

$$aRb \iff \exists r \in \mathbb{N} : b = a^r.$$

- (a) Is  $R$  a partial order relation?
- (b) Is  $R$  a linear order relation?

**69.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers. On  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we define a relation  $R$  by:

$$xRy \iff \exists n \in \mathbb{N}_0 : x = y + n.$$

Is  $R$  a partial order relation? Is  $R$  a linear order relation? Provide detailed justifications for your answers.

**70.** Let  $B_4$  be the set of natural numbers from 0 to 15. We represent these numbers in binary notation: the number  $b \in B_4$  is written as  $b = b_3b_2b_1b_0$ , where each digit  $b_i$  is either 0 or 1 (specifically,  $b = b_32^3 + b_22^2 + b_12^1 + b_02^0$ , e.g.,  $8 = 1000$ ,  $2 = 0010$ ,  $15 = 1111$ , etc.). On  $B_4$ , we define a relation  $\preceq$  by:

$$a \preceq b \iff \forall i (a_i \leq b_i).$$

- (i) Write at least five elements of the relation  $\preceq$ .
- (ii) Is  $\preceq$  a partial order relation?
- (iii) Is  $\preceq$  a linear order relation?

Provide detailed justifications for all answers.

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