

Partial orders

Worksheet 13

A partial ordering on set X is a relation which is reflexive, transitive, and antisymmetric.

Show that the following relations define partial orderings on the underlying sets.

1. $\{(n, m) : n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } n - m \geq 0\}$.
2. $\{((a, b), (c, d)) : (a, b), (c, d) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that either } a < c \text{ or } a = c \text{ and } b \leq d\}$.
3. $\{((a, b), (c, d)) : (a, b), (c, d) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that either } b < d \text{ or } b = d \text{ and } a \leq c\}$.
4. If S is a set then $\{(A, B) : A, B \in P(S) \text{ with } A \subseteq B\}$.

A partial ordering P on X is a total ordering if given any $x, y \in X$ either $(x, y) \in P$ or $(y, x) \in P$.

Which of the preceding partial orderings are total orderings?