

# On the Isomorphism between Finite Chains

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The articles [12], [10], [15], [13], [1], [3], [17], [14], [16], [6], [7], [4], [5], [11], [9], [8], and [2] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

A relational structure is said to be a chain if:

(Def. 1) It is a connected non empty poset or it is empty.

Let us mention that every relational structure which is empty is also reflexive, transitive, and antisymmetric.

Let us note that every chain is reflexive, transitive, and antisymmetric.

Let us note that there exists a chain which is non empty.

Let us mention that every non empty chain is connected.

Let  $L$  be a 1-sorted structure. We say that  $L$  is countable if and only if:

(Def. 2) The carrier of  $L$  is countable.

Let us mention that there exists a chain which is finite and non empty.

Let us note that there exists a chain which is countable.

Let  $A$  be a connected non empty relational structure. Observe that every non empty relational substructure of  $A$  which is full is also connected.

Let  $A$  be a finite relational structure. One can verify that every relational substructure of  $A$  is finite.

One can prove the following proposition

- (1) For all natural numbers  $n, m$  such that  $n \leq m$  holds  $\langle n, \subseteq \rangle$  is a full relational substructure of  $\langle m, \subseteq \rangle$ .

Let  $L$  be a relational structure and let  $A, B$  be sets. We say that  $A, B$  form upper lower partition of  $L$  if and only if:

(Def. 3)  $A \cup B =$  the carrier of  $L$  and for all elements  $a, b$  of  $L$  such that  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  holds  $a < b$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (2) Let  $L$  be a relational structure and  $A, B$  be sets. If  $A, B$  form upper lower partition of  $L$ , then  $A$  misses  $B$ .
- (3) Let  $L$  be an upper-bounded antisymmetric non empty relational structure. Then (the carrier of  $L$ )  $\setminus \{\top_L\}, \{\top_L\}$  form upper lower partition of  $L$ .

- (4) Let  $L_1, L_2$  be relational structures and  $f$  be a map from  $L_1$  into  $L_2$ . Suppose  $f$  is isomorphic. Then
- (i) the carrier of  $L_1 \neq \emptyset$  iff the carrier of  $L_2 \neq \emptyset$ ,
  - (ii) the carrier of  $L_2 \neq \emptyset$  or the carrier of  $L_1 = \emptyset$ , and
  - (iii) the carrier of  $L_1 = \emptyset$  iff the carrier of  $L_2 = \emptyset$ .
- (5) Let  $L_1, L_2$  be antisymmetric relational structures and  $A_1, B_1$  be subsets of  $L_1$ . Suppose  $A_1, B_1$  form upper lower partition of  $L_1$ . Let  $A_2, B_2$  be subsets of  $L_2$ . Suppose  $A_2, B_2$  form upper lower partition of  $L_2$ . Let  $f$  be a map from  $\text{sub}(A_1)$  into  $\text{sub}(A_2)$ . Suppose  $f$  is isomorphic. Let  $g$  be a map from  $\text{sub}(B_1)$  into  $\text{sub}(B_2)$ . Suppose  $g$  is isomorphic. Then there exists a map  $h$  from  $L_1$  into  $L_2$  such that  $h = f \uparrow g$  and  $h$  is isomorphic.
- (6) Let  $A$  be a finite chain and  $n$  be a natural number. If  $\overline{\overline{\overline{A}}} = n$ , then  $A$  and  $\langle n, \subseteq \rangle$  are isomorphic.

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