

**Exam 2**  
**Discrete Mathematics II**

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The second exam covers sections 11.3 and 6.1-6.5, 6.7, 6.9 in zybook.

- 11.3 The pigeon-hole principle (PHP). Structure of a PHP argument and the generalized PHP (some pigeon-hole has at least  $\lceil p/h \rceil$  pigeons for  $p$  pigeons and  $h$  pigeonholes), how many pigeons are needed to ensure some hole has at least  $d$  pigeons.
- 6.1 Binary relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$ , arrow diagrams, matrix representations, list representations. Digraph representation when  $A = B$ .
- 6.2 Relations  $R$  on a domain  $A$  that are reflexive ( $\forall x \in A (xRx)$ ), anti-reflexive ( $\forall x \in A (\neg xRx)$ ), symmetric ( $\forall x, y \in A (xRy \Rightarrow yRx)$ ), anti-symmetric ( $\forall x, y \in A (x \neq y \Rightarrow \neg(xRy \wedge yRx))$ ): or equivalently,  $\forall x, y \in A (xRy \wedge yRx \Rightarrow x = y)$ , and finally transitive property ( $\forall x, y, z \in A (xRy \wedge yRz \Rightarrow xRz)$ ). Be able to work with these definitions.
- 6.3 Directed graph language: vertices and directed edges, head and tail of edge, self-loops, in-degree and out-degree, open and closed walks, length of walks, trails, circuits, paths and cycles.
- 6.4 Definition of composition  $S \circ R$  of relations  $R$  and  $S$  on a set  $A$ .
- 6.5 Relation powers  $R^k$  given by  $(x, y)$  is an edge of  $R^k \iff$  there is a walk from  $x$  to  $y$  of length  $k$ , transitive closure  $R^+ = \bigcup_k R^k$ .
- 6.7 Partial orders (reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive) and posets, Hasse diagrams (remove redundant edges, such as self-loops).
- 6.9 Equivalence relations (reflexive, symmetric, transitive), associated equivalence classes  $[a]$  form a partition of  $A$ .

Suggestions: Look over homework, quizzes, and examples from class. Checking book problems not assigned is a good idea, because I will look at them when I write the exam.