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LARSON—MATH 750—SAGE WORKSHEET 06
Mobius Functions and Mobius Inversion

1. Create a Sage/Cocalc account.
 - (a) Start the Chrome browser.
 - (b) Go to `http://cocalc.com`
 - (c) Login. You should see an existing Project for our class. Click on that.
 - (d) Click “New”, then “Worksheets”, then call it **s06**.

The goal of today’s lab is to investigate the built-in mobius function poset methods in Sage, and run some experiments on Mobius inversion.

We have 3 posets now to experiment with: P_1 , the poset $(\mathcal{P}([3]), \subseteq)$ of the subsets of $[3]$ with inclusion; P_2 , the poset $([10], |)$ of the integers $[10]$ with the divisibility relation; and P_3 , the poset of all connected subgraphs of the cycle on 5 vertices.

2. Instead of regenerating these I’ve put the initialization code in the file `posets.sage` in your Handouts folder. Copy that to your main folder (the Handouts version will change when I change it. The version in your main directory will only change when you change it).
3. In your s06 worksheet, run: `load('posets.sage')`.
4. Run: `P1` to check that you have a poset object with that name. Repeat for P_2 and P_3 .
5. For any poset P we can not only view the poset in CoCalc but we can also get the latex code to put this diagram in our homework, research papers, etc. Run: `latex(P)` for each of our posets. Copy the output into a LaTeX document. You will need to add the line

```
\usepackage{tikz}
```

to the header of your LaTeX source.

6. This file also contains definitions for L_1 , L_2 and L_3 , the default linear extensions of these posets. Run `L1`, `L2`, and `L3` to confirm.
7. Last week we defined and tested the following code to calculate the mobius function of a pair of elements x and y of a poset P . Test it for our 3 posets.

```
def mobius(P, x, y):  
    return P.moebius_function(x,y)
```

8. We proved that the mobius function of a power set with inclusion is given by a simple formula. Try it for a few sets to see how it works then use the following script that will test it for ever subset in $P1$.

```
def mobius_power_set_theorem(A,B):
    if not A.issubset(B):
        return 0
    else:
        return (-1)^(B.cardinality()-A.cardinality())

for A in L1:
    for B in L1:
        print A, B, conjectured_mobius(A,B), mobius(P1, A, B)
```

9. Our goal is to harness the power of mobius inversion to find estimates of the independence number of a graph in terms of subgraphs of various types. Here's our independence number function. Try it for a few graphs. Following that is a function that will calculate the independence number of a subgraph of a graph g defined by specific edges.

```
def independence_number(g):
    return g.independent_set(value_only = True)

def alpha(g, x):
    return independence_number(g.subgraph(vertices=vertices(x), edges=x))
```

10. Here is a function that calculates the G defined in class.

```
def mobius_G(g, P, F, x):
    return sum([F(g,y) for y in P if P.is_lequal(y,x)])
```

Run `mobius_G(c5,P3, alpha, Set([(3,4)]))` to try it. Test it on other edge sets.

11. Here is a function that calculates the mobius inversion of a given function F , for a given graph g and graph poset P and set of edges x , followed by code that computes this for our alpha function on (the connected subgraphs defined by) every subset of edges of $c5$.

```
def graph_mobius_inversion(g, P, F, x):
    return sum([P.moebius_function(y,x)*mobius_G(g, P, F, y) for y in P])

for x in P3:
    print x, alpha(c5,x),graph_mobius_inversion(c5,P3,alpha,x)
```

12. Now experiment with these functions for other (small) graph. You'll have to define the graph g and corresponding poset yourself, imitating what we've done.