

Grading Key for Homework 7

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**Problem 1 (6 points)**

**Problem 2 (11 points)**

- Subdivision (a) to (c) carry 2 points each
- Subdivisions (d) and (e) carry 2.5 points each

**Problem 3 (10 points)**

- Subdivision (a) carries 3 points
- Subdivision (b) carries 7 points
  - (i) carries 2 points
  - (ii) and (iii) carry 2.5 points each

**Problem 4 (8 points)**

- Each subdivision carries 2 points

**Problem 5 (5 points)**

## Common Mistakes

- For problem 1, since you are asked to prove an iff statement you need to argue both directions to give a complete proof.
- For problem 2, a relation being symmetric does not imply that it is not antisymmetric. Asymmetry is different from antisymmetry. Relations 2 and 4 are both symmetric and anti-symmetric. Hence, in order to conclude that a relation is not an order, you need to explicitly prove that it is not antisymmetric. Stating that it is symmetric and hence not ordered is not a valid argument.
- For problem 2, part (b), some students only considered the case where  $x$  denotes the empty set for determining reflexivity, and thus came to an incorrect conclusion that the relation is reflexive.
- For problem 2 part (c), some students stated that the relation was antisymmetric using  $|x| = |y|$  as the antecedent for the antisymmetric condition instead of  $x = y$ .
- For problem 2, parts (d) and (e), in addition to proving that they are equivalence relations you also need to give the equivalence classes.
- For problem 3, several people did not take the if and only if into consideration, which led to ignoring the set of strings with more than  $k$  ones as an equivalence class in part (iii).