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1. Problems: 15 points each

DO ALL (4) QUESTIONS. QUESTIONS ARE EQUALLY WEIGHTED.

SA1. **REQUIRED:** Carefully explain how to construct a binary matrix to represent a binary relation. (Be completely explicit; e.g., start by providing the *definition* of a binary relation.) Carefully explain how to use boolean matrix operations to produce a representation of the reflexive

closure, symmetric closure, and transitive closure of a binary relation R. (That is, do not just show the operations, but explain why they accomplish the goal.)

Consider the following binary matrices:

	1	1	0		0	0	1		0	0	0
A =	0	0	1	B =	0	1	0	C =	1	0	0
	0	0	1		1	0	0	C =	1	1	0

For each of the binary matrices,

- write down the represented binary relation (R). (Call the elements x, y, and z, in that order.) Draw a simple graph plot of each relation. Produce a simple graph plot of each inverse relation.
- Create the reflexive closure, symmetric closure, and transitive closure of R. (Produce any needed transformations with *explicit* matrix operations, explaining what is needed, and showing any relevant matrix work.) Draw the related graphs.
- Create the transitive closure of the reflexive closure. (Use matrix operations, and show any relevant matrix work.)

Doing things intelligently is valued; e.g., don't do clearly unnecessary matrix operations.

SA2. **REQUIRED:** Nonlinear Comparative Statics:

Consider a very simple representation of a Classical IS-LM model. The structural equations are IS: Y = A(r, F)

LM: $m = L(r + \pi, Y)$

The endogenous variables are the real interest rate (r) and the real money supply (m). The exogenous variables are therefore real income (Y), expected inflation (π) , and the fiscal policy stance (F). All function responses (partial derivatives) have the usual signs, with $A_F > 0$.

- Totally differentiate the two equations. Provide an intuitive interpretation of the differentials.
- Prepare for the Classical comparative statics experiments by setting up a matrix representation of this system.
- Produce the inverse of the coefficient matrix. Prove that you have an inverse.
- Use your inverse matrix to solve for dr and dm in terms of the exogenous changes.
- Let us focus on one comparative-statics experiment: find and sign $\partial r/\partial F$. Desribe how you get from the previous step to this result.
- Provide a graphical illustration of this comparative-statics experiment.

SA3. **REQUIRED:** Bivariate Optimization:

Consider the function $f(x, y) = 13 - 6x + x^2 - 4y + y^2$.

- Sketch the partially applied functions, first for x = 0, and then for y = 0. (This does not need to be a detailed drawing, but it should clearly illustrate these function.)
- For each partially applied function, find the stationary points (if any), and show how to determine whether each stationary point represents a maximum or a minimum.

- Find the stationary points (if any) for the bivariate function. For each stationary point, determine whether you have a minimum or a maximum by examining the Hessian of the function. Be sure to show all your work and to explain what you are doing in each step.
- Explain in detail the relation between your univariate results and your bivariate result. (One paragraph.)
- SA4. **REQUIRED:** On a set finite X, consider a transitive binary relation R. (Do not assume any other properties.) Let I denote the symmetric component and P the asymmetric component. Prove the following.
 - given any walk (x_n, \ldots, x_0) , we know $x_n R x_0$. (Use induction.)
 - R satisfies AAC
 - I and P are transitive
 - $(x P y \land y I z) \implies x P z$
 - $(x I y \land y P z) \implies x P z$

2. Multiple Choice: 2 points each

DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUALLY WEIGHTED. (Please write the question number and answer letter in your bluebook.)

MC1. The antiderivative of sin(x) is

- (a) $\cos(x)$
- (b) $-\cos(x)$
- (c) $\tan(x)$
- (d) $-\tan(x)$
- (e) none of the above

MC2. The antiderivative of $\cos(x)$ is

- (a) $\sin(x)$
- (b) $-\sin(x)$
- (c) $\tan(x)$
- (d) $-\tan(x)$
- (e) none of the above

MC3. The value of the definite integral $\int_0^1 e^x$ is

- (a) e 1
- (b) $e^x 1$
- (c) $\ln(1)$
- (d) $\ln(x)$
- (e) undefined

MC4. The Kolmogorov probability axioms stipulate that a probability measure is

- (a) positive semi-definite
- (b) normalized
- (c) sigma-additive
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

The rest of this exam is missing.