

CSE 321: Discrete Structures  
Assignment #8  
December 3, 2004  
Due: Friday, December 10

**Reading Assignment:** Read Sections 8.1 – 8.5.

**Problems:**

1. Suppose that relation  $R$  is reflexive. Show that the transitive closure of  $R$  is also reflexive.
2. Section 7.4, exercise 26 part c). Show the matrices after each step.
3. Section 7.5, exercise 44 part a).  
**Extra credit:** Part b).
4. A relation  $R$  is called *circular* if  $aRb$  and  $bRc$  imply that  $cRa$  for every  $a, b$ , and  $c$ . Prove that  $R$  is reflexive and circular if and only if it is an equivalence relation.
5. Section 8.2, exercise 28. If no such graph exists, explain why.
6. Section 8.3, exercises 34, 36, 38, 40, 42.
7. **Extra Credit:** Prove that if an undirected graph  $G$  is not connected, then its complement is connected.