Exercise set #4: Miscellaneous
CSC/MAT 208: Discrete Structures
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These exercises will be due at the beginning of class on Friday, May 6. Please submit your answers in legible hard-copy form. You may use any of the (discrete ...) libraries developed for this course if you wish (with appropriate acknowledgement).

Exercise 4.0: Specify an assignment that satisfies the statement

$$\exists x \forall y \exists z ((P(x) \land \neg P(z)) \land Q(y)).$$

Exercise 4.1: Define a Scheme procedure that takes a non-empty class, universe, and a relation rel such that the left and right domains of rel are subclasses of universe, and determines whether rel is targeted (taking universe as the universe of discourse).

Exercise 4.2: A robot is positioned at the origin (0, 0) of a Cartesian plane. It can move one unit eastwards at any time, or it can move one unit northwards unless that would cause its y-coordinate to exceed its x-coordinate, in which case it will be instantly vaporized. Show that the number of paths along which the robot can safely move to point (n, n) is $C_n$ (the nth Catalan number).

Exercise 4.3: Prove that, if the greatest common divisor of two positive integers $m_0$ and $m_1$ is 1, and $a \equiv b \pmod{m_0}$, and $a \equiv b \pmod{m_1}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m_0 m_1}$.