Computational Thinking Discrete Mathematics

Topic 04 — Relations and Functions

Lecture 01 — Relation Concepts and Definitions

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(remember, empty set is a ...)

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The relation R is defined by

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The set of pairs that qualify for membership of R is

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Definition 6 (Relation on a Set)

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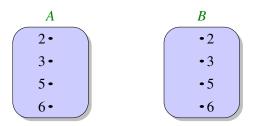
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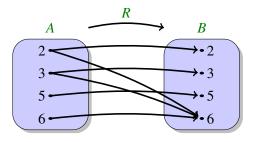


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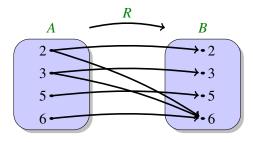


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Things we are interested in seeing ...

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- Is there an arrow to every element in the second set?
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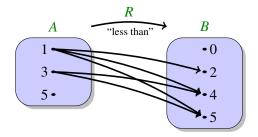
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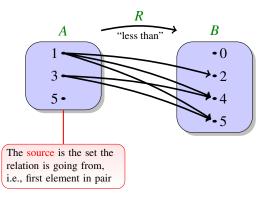
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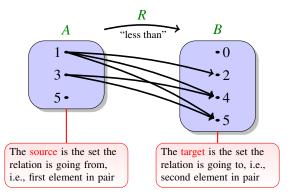
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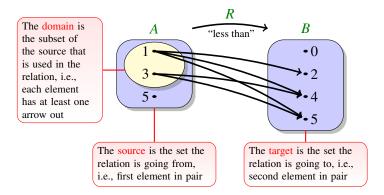
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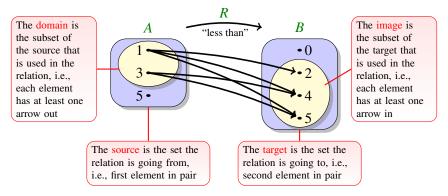
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In python $R = \{ (a,b) \text{ for } a \text{ in } A \text{ for } b \text{ in } B \text{ if } a < b \}$



Relation Terminology

Given relation R from set S to set T we have:

- The source, S, is the set that the relation is going from.
- The target, T, is the set that the relation is going to.
- The domain of R, denoted by Dom(R), is the subset of the source for which there is at least one arrow leaving each element.

$$Dom(R) = \{s \mid s \in S, \exists t \in T((s,t) \in R)\} \subseteq S$$
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Relation Terminology — Into vs. Onto

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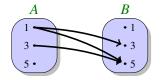


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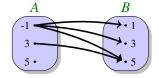
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Relation Terminology — Into vs. Onto

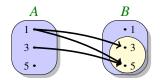
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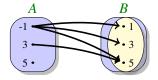
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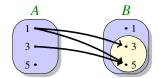


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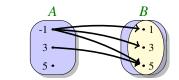
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or

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Relation Terminology — Injective (one-to-one)

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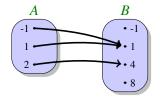
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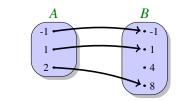
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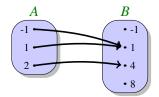


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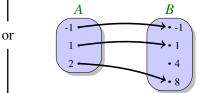
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Review Exercises 1 (Relation Definition)

Question 1:

Consider the sets $A = \{0, 1, ..., 6\}$ and $B = \{0, 1, ..., 12\}$. Draw each of the following relations, and specify the domain and image of R from A to B and whether it is into or onto, and injective or not.

- $(a,b) \in R \text{ iff } a \mid b$
- $(a,b) \in R \text{ iff } a > b$
- $(a,b) \in R$ iff number of primes less than a is equal to number of primes less than b
- $(a,b) \in R$ iff number of factors of a is equal to number of factors of b.
- (a, b) $\in R$ iff number of letters in writing a in English is equal number of letters in writing b in English.

Question 2:

Let *R* be the relation from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} where $(a, b) \in R$ iff b = a + 2. Is *R* onto?

Question 3:

Let *R* be the relation from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{Z} where $(a, b) \in R$ iff b = a + 2. Is *R* onto?

Question 4:

Let *R* be the relation from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} where $(a,b) \in R$ iff $b=a^2$. Is *R* one-to-one?

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Let *R* be the relation from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{Z} where $(a, b) \in R$ iff $b = a^2$. Is *R* one-to-one?