

Lec 16

Closures of Relations

1. The set S is called the reflexive closure of R if it:
 - contains R
 - is reflexive
 - is minimal (is contained in every reflexive relation Q that contains R ($R \subseteq Q$), i.e., $S \subseteq Q$)
2. **Definition:** Let R be a relation on a set A . A relation S on A with property P is called the closure of R with respect to P if S is subset of every relation Q ($S \subseteq Q$) with property P that contains R ($R \subseteq Q$).
3. *Find Transitive Closure*
 - Finding a transitive closure corresponds to finding all pairs of elements that are connected with a directed path
 - **Method:** Path in Directed Graphs
 - Let R be relation on a set A . There is a path of length n from a to b **if and only** if $(a, b) \in R^n$.
 - proof : (by induction)
 - i.h. there is a path of length n from a to b if and only if $(x, b) \in R^n$
 - i.s. there is a path of length $n+1$
 - iff $(a, x) \in R$; iff $(a, b) \in R^n$

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Connectivity Relation

1. **Lemma:** Let A be a set with n elements, and R a relation on A . If there is a path from a to b with $a \neq b$, then there exists a path of length $\leq n - 1$.

$$R^* = \bigcup_{k=1}^n R^k \implies R^* = \bigcup_{k=1}^n R^k$$

For upper is n is $a = b$;

We also can use 0 1 Matrix

$$M_{R^*} = M_R \vee M_R^{[2]} \vee M_R^{[3]} \vee \dots \vee M_R^{[n]}$$

Procedure :

- transClosure (M_R : zero-one $n \times n$ matrix)
 - // computes R^* with zero-one matrices
 - $A := B := M_R$;
 - for $i := 2$ to n
 - $A := A \odot M_R$
 - $B := B \vee A$

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return B
// B is the zero-one matrix for R^*

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- $O(n^4)$
  - improve algorithm
    - **procedure**

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Warshall (MR: zero-one $n \times n$ matrix)
// computes R^* with zero-one matrices
 $W := M_R$;
for $k := 1$ to n
 for $i := 1$ to n
 for $j := 1$ to n
 $w_{ij} := w_{ij} \vee (w_{ik} \wedge w_{kj})$
 return W

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    - Time Complex:  $O(n^3)$
    - $w_{ij} = 1$  means there is a path from  $i$  to  $j$  going only through nodes  $\leq k$ .

$$W_{ij}^{[k]} = W_{ij}^{[k-1]} \vee (W_{ik}^{[k-1]} \wedge W_{kj}^{[k-1]})$$

2. **Lemma:** The transitive closure of a relation  $R$  equals the connectivity relation  $R^*$ .

3. **Theorem:** The transitive closure of a relation  $R$  equals the connectivity relation  $R^*$ .

**Proof:**

- $R^*$  is transitive
- $R^* \subseteq S$  whenever  $S$  is a transitive relation containing  $R$ 
  - If  $(a, b) \in R^*$  and  $(b, c) \in R^*$ , then there are paths from  $a$  to  $b$  and from  $b$  to  $c$  in  $R$ . Thus, there is a path from  $a$  to  $c$  in  $R$ . This means that  $(a, c) \in R^*$ .
  - Suppose that  $S$  is a transitive relation containing  $R$   
 Then  $S^n$  is also transitive and  $S^n \subseteq S$ .  
 We have  $S^* \subseteq S$ . Thus,  $R^* \subseteq S^* \subseteq S$ 
    - $S^* = \bigcup_{k=1}^n S^k$   
 $R \subseteq S \rightarrow R^* \subseteq S^*$

## Equivalence Relation

1. **Definition:** A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called an **equivalence relation** if it is *reflexive*, *symmetric*, and *transitive*.

### 2. Equivalence Class

1. **Definition:** Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . The set of all elements that are related to an element  $a$  of  $A$  is called the equivalence class of  $a$ , denoted by  $[a]_R$ . When only one relation is considered, we use the notation  $[a]$ .

$$[a]_R = \{b : (a, b) \in R\}$$

*Example :*

- $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   
 $R = \{(a, b) : a \equiv b \pmod{3}\}$   
 $[0] = [3] = [6] = \{0, 3, 6\}$   
 $[1] = [4] = \{1, 4\}$   
 $[2] = [5] = \{2, 5\}$
- "Strings  $a$  and  $b$  have the same length."  
 $[a]$  = the set of all strings of the same length as  $a$
- "Integers  $a$  and  $b$  have the same absolute value."  
 $[a]$  = the set  $\{a, -a\}$
- "Real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  have the same fractional part (i.e.,  $a - b \in \mathbf{Z}$ )."  
 $[a]$  = the set  $\{\dots, a - 2, a - 1, a, a + 1, a + 2, \dots\}$

2. **Theorem :** Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $a R b$
  - (ii)  $[a] = [b]$
  - (iii)  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii)  $\rightarrow$  (i)

(i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii)

$$a R b \quad (a, b) \in R \quad [a] \subseteq [b] \quad [b] \subseteq [a]$$

$$x \in [a] \quad (a, x) \in R \quad (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow ((b, x) \in R \quad x \in [b])$$

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii)

$$[a] = [b] \quad [a] \cap [b] \quad [a] \neq \emptyset$$

$$(a, a) \in R \quad a \in [a] \quad [a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$$

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (i)

$$\text{Suppose } [a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset \quad c \in [a] \cap [b]$$

$$(a, c) \in R \quad \text{and} \quad (b, c) \in R$$

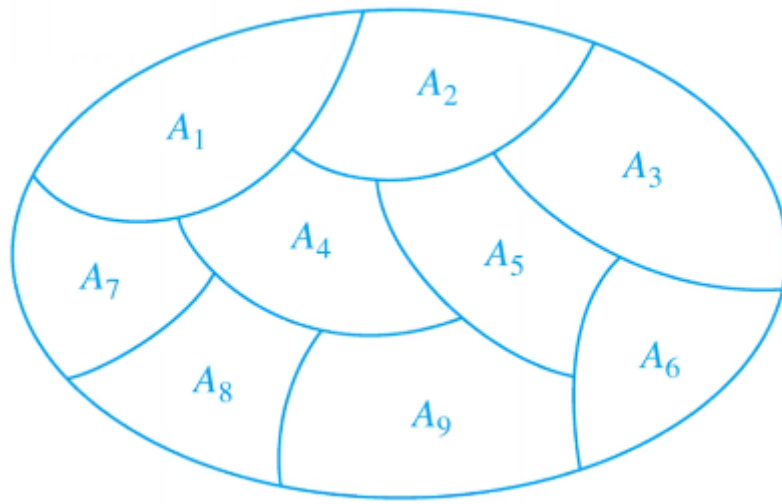
$$\text{from } (b, c) \in R \text{ by symmetric we have } (c, b) \in R$$

$$\text{by transitive we have } (a, b) \in R$$

## Partition of a Set S

1. **Definition:** Let  $S$  be a set. A collection of nonempty subsets of  $S$   $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_k$  is called a partition of  $S$  if:

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, \quad i \neq j \quad \text{and} \quad S = \bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i$$



2. *Example :*

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$A_1 = \{0, 3, 6\}, A_2 = \{1, 4\}, A_3 = \{2, 5\}$$

## Equivalence Classes and Partitions

1. **Theorem :** Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . Then union of all the equivalence classes of  $R$  is  $A$ :

$$A = \bigcup_{a \in A} [a]_R$$

2. **Theorem:** The equivalence classes form a partition of  $A$ .
3. **Theorem:** Let  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_i, \dots$  be a partition of  $S$ . Then there is an equivalence relation  $R$  on  $S$ , that has the sets  $A_i$  as its equivalence classes.

*Equivalence relation  $\longrightarrow$  Equivalence classes  $\longrightarrow$  partition of  $A \longrightarrow$  Equivalence relation*