

Relation

What is relation

Relation or Binary relation R from set A to B is a subset of $A \times B$ which can be defined as

$$aRb \leftrightarrow (a,b) \in R \leftrightarrow R(a,b).$$

A Binary relation R on a single set A is defined as a subset of $A \times A$. For two distinct set, A and B with cardinalities m and n , the maximum cardinality of the relation R from A to B is mn .

Domain and Range

If there are two sets A and B, and relation R have order pair (x, y) , then –

- The **domain** of R, $\text{Dom}(R)$, is the set $\{x \mid (x, y) \in R \text{ for some } y \text{ in } B\}$
- The **range** of R, $\text{Ran}(R)$, is the set $\{y \mid (x, y) \in R \text{ for some } x \text{ in } A\}$

Let, $A = \{1, 2, 3, 9\}$ and $B = \{1, 3, 7\}$

- Case 1 - If relation R is 'equal to' then $R = \{(1, 1), (3, 3)\}$

$$\text{Dom}(R) = \{1, 3\}, \text{Ran}(R) = \{1, 3\}$$

- Case 2 - If relation R is 'less than' then $R = \{(1, 3), (1, 7), (2, 3), (2, 7)\}$

$$\text{Dom}(R) = \{1, 2\}, \text{Ran}(R) = \{3, 7\}$$

- Case 3 - If relation R is 'greater than' then

$$R = \{(2, 1), (9, 1), (9, 3), (9, 7)\}$$

$$\text{Dom}(R) = \{2, 9\}, \text{Ran}(R) = \{1, 3, 7\}$$

Representation of Relations

- Matrices
- Directed Graphs

Matrix Representation

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots a_m\}$$

$$B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots b_n\}$$

M_R : $m \times n$ matrix

$$m_{ij} = 1 \quad ; \quad \text{if } (a_i, b_j) \in R$$

$$= 0 \quad ; \quad \text{if } (a_i, b_j) \notin R$$

Matrix representation of the relations R_1 and R_2 is given by ,

$$M_{R_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } M_{R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. If matrix representation of R_1 is $[a_{ij}]$ and matrix representation of R_2 is $[b_{ij}]$. Then the matrix representation of $R_1 \cup R_2$ is $[\max\{a_{ij}, b_{ij}\}]$.

Hence for the given two relation matrix representation of $R_1 \cup R_2$ of given two relation is ,

$$M_{R_1 \cup R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \max\{0, 0\} & \max\{1, 1\} & \max\{0, 0\} \\ \max\{1, 0\} & \max\{1, 1\} & \max\{1, 1\} \\ \max\{1, 1\} & \max\{0, 1\} & \max\{0, 1\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{R_1 \cup R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence the required matrix for the relation $R_1 \cup R_2$ is ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer :

Representing Relations Using Matrices

- **Example 2:** Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ and $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$
Which ordered pairs are in the relation R represented by the matrix:

$$M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

- **Solution:**

$$R = \{(a_1, b_2), (a_2, b_1), (a_2, b_3), (a_2, b_4), (a_3, b_1), (a_3, b_3), (a_3, b_5)\}$$

Composition of Relations -

Let A, B and C be sets.

Let R is the relation from A to B i.e. $R \subseteq A \times B$

S is the relation from B to C i.e. $S \subseteq B \times C$

The composition of R and S , denoted by $R \circ S$, where

$$R \circ S = \{ (a, c) \in A \times C : \text{for some } b \in B, (a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in S \}$$

Eg: let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{p, q, r\}$, $C = \{x, y, z\}$

$$R = \{(1, p), (1, r), (2, p), (2, q)\}$$

$$S = \{(p, y), (q, x), (q, y), (r, z)\}$$

compute ROS .

Given $R = \{(1, p), (1, r), (2, p), (2, q)\}$

$$S = \{(p, y), (q, x), (q, y), (r, z)\}$$

$$ROS = \{(1, y), (1, z), (2, y), (2, x)\}$$

Solⁿ: Given $R = \{(1,2), (3,4), (2,2)\}$
 $S = \{(4,2), (2,5), (3,1), (1,3)\}$

$$R = \{(1,2), (3,4), (2,2)\}$$
$$R = \{(1,2), (3,4), (2,2)\}$$

(i) $R \circ S = \{(1,5), (3,2), (2,5)\}$

(iv) $R \circ R = R^2$
 $= \{(1,2), (2,2)\}$

(ii) $S \circ R = \{(4,2), (3,2), (1,4)\}$

(v) $S \circ S = S^2$
 $S = \{(4,2), (2,5), (3,1), (1,3)\}$
 $S = \{(4,2), (2,5), (3,1), (1,3)\}$

(iii) $R = \{(1,2), (3,4), (2,2)\}$
 $S \circ R = \{(4,2), (3,2), (1,4)\}$

$$R \circ (S \circ R) = \{(3,2)\}$$

$$S \circ S = \{(4,5), (3,3), (1,1)\}$$

matrix representation

- A relation can be represented by an $m \times n$ zero-one matrix.
- Ex 7.17. Consider $\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, x), (2, x), (3, y), (3, z)\}$ and $\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(w, 5), (x, 6)\}$. What is $\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2$?

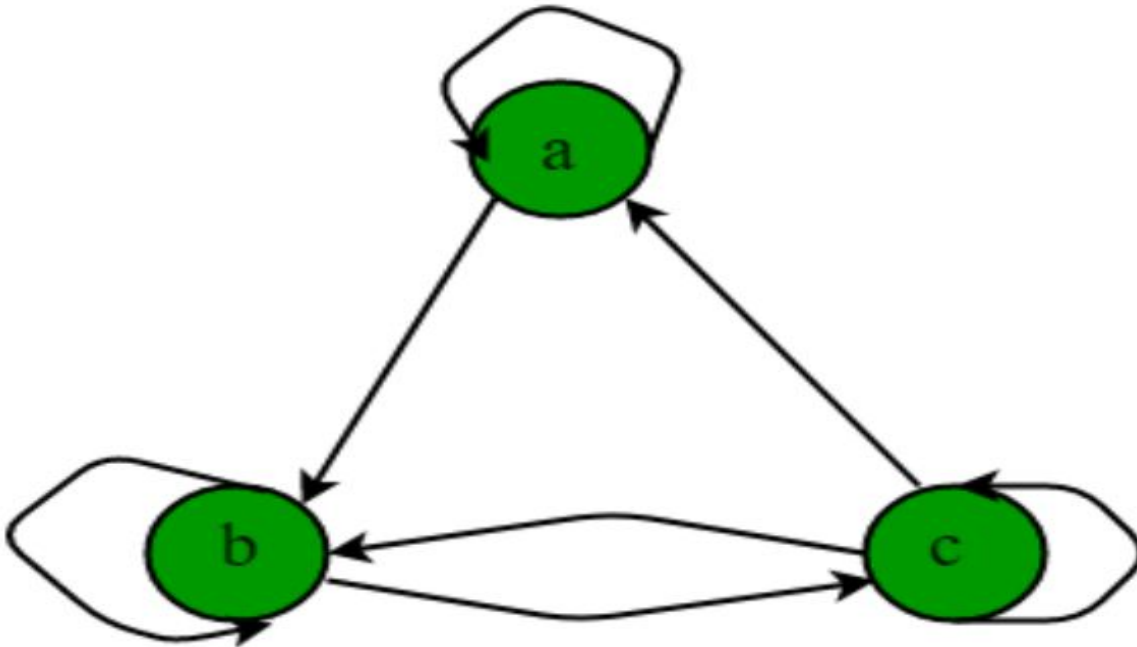
$$M(\mathcal{R}_1) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (w) & (x) & (y) & (z) \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} (1) \\ (2) \\ (3) \\ (4) \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix},$$

$$M(\mathcal{R}_2) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (5) & (6) & (7) \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} (w) \\ (x) \\ (y) \\ (z) \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$M(\mathcal{R}_1) \cdot M(\mathcal{R}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (5) & (6) & (7) \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} (1) \\ (2) \\ (3) \\ (4) \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} = M(\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2).$$

Matrix as Directed graph

The directed graph of relation $R = \{(a,a), (a,b), (b,b), (b,c), (c,c), (c,b), (c,a)\}$ is represented as :



Relations

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Example: Consider these relations on the set of integers:

$$R_1 = \{(a,b) \mid a \leq b\},$$

$$R_4 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b\},$$

$$R_2 = \{(a,b) \mid a > b\},$$

$$R_5 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b + 1\},$$

$$R_3 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b \text{ or } a = -b\},$$

$$R_6 = \{(a,b) \mid a + b \leq 3\}.$$

Which of these relations contain each of the pairs

$(1,1)$, $(1,2)$, $(2,1)$, $(1,-1)$, and $(2,2)$?

Solution: Note that these relations are on an infinite set and each of these relations is an infinite set. Checking the conditions that define each relation, we see that

$(1,1)$ is in R_1 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_6 :

$(1,2)$ is in R_1 and R_6 :

$(2,1)$ is in R_2 , R_5 , and R_6 :

$(1,-1)$ is in R_2 , R_3 , and R_6 :

$(2,2)$ is in R_1 , R_3 , and R_4 .

Properties of relations

Let R be a relation on E , and let $x, y, z \in E$.

A relation R is ...	if ...	A relation R is ...	if ...
<i>reflexive</i>	xRx	<i>irreflexive</i>	xRy implies $x \neq y$
<i>symmetric</i>	xRy implies yRx	<i>antisymmetric</i>	xRy and yRx implies $x=y$
<i>transitive</i>	xRy and yRz implies xRz		

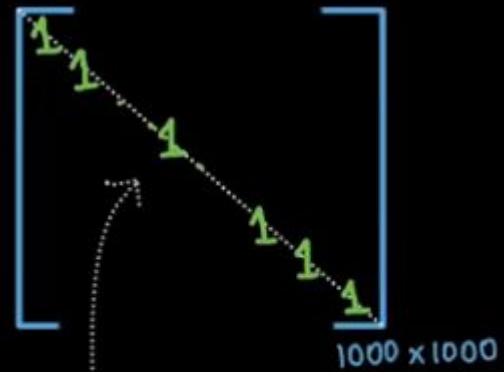
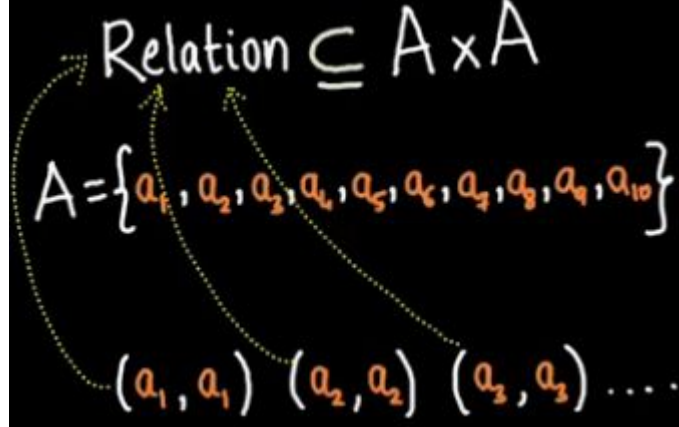
Examples using $=$, $<$, and \leq on integers:

- $=$ is reflexive ($2=2$)
- $=$ is symmetric ($x=2$ implies $2=x$)
- $<$ is transitive ($2<3$ and $3<5$ implies $2<5$)
- $<$ is irreflexive ($2<3$ implies $2 \neq 3$)
- \leq is antisymmetric ($x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$ implies $x=y$)

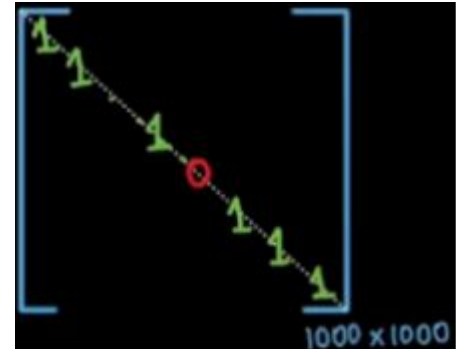
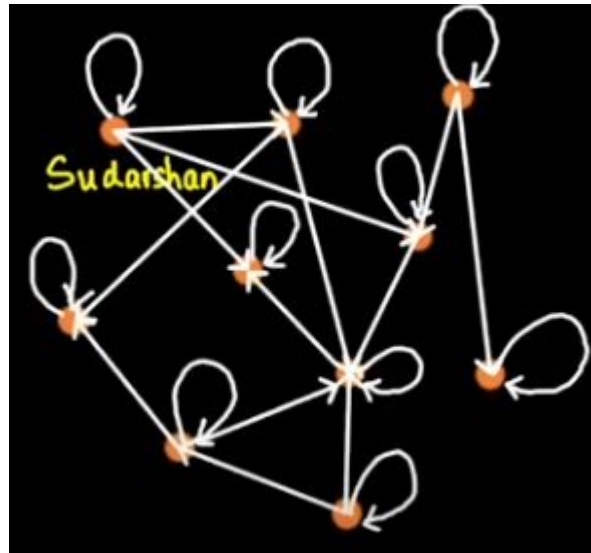
Reflexive Relation

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if a relation contains all possible (x, x) for all values of x from A .



(i, i) entry = 1
for every i



Not a reflexive

Non diagonal entries may or may not be 1 but all diagonal entries have to be 1

Reflexive Relation

Q.1: A relation R is on set A (set of all integers) is defined by “ $x R y$ if and only if $2x + 3y$ is divisible by 5”, for all $x, y \in A$. Check if R is a reflexive relation on A .

Solution: Let us consider $x \in A$.

Now $2x + 3x = 5x$, which is divisible by 5.

Therefore, xRx holds for all ' x ' in A

Hence, R is reflexive.

Reflexive Relation

Q.2: A relation R is defined on the set of all real numbers N by ' $a R b$ ' if and only if $|a-b| \leq b$, for $a, b \in N$. Show that the R is not reflexive relation.

Solution: The relation is not reflexive if $a = -2 \in R$

But $|a - a| = 0$ which is not less than $-2(= a)$.

Therefore, the relation R is not reflexive.

Reflexive Relation

Q.3: A relation R on the set A by “ $x R y$ if $x - y$ is divisible by 5” for $x, y \in A$. Check if R is a reflexive relation on set A .

Solution: Let us consider, $x \in A$.

Then $x - x$ is divisible by 5.

Since $x R x$ holds for all x in A

Therefore, R is reflexive.

Reflexive Relation

Q.4: Consider the set A in which a relation R is defined by ' $x R y$ if and only if $x + 3y$ is divisible by 4, for $x, y \in A$. Show that R is a reflexive relation on set A .

Solution: Let us consider $x \in A$.

So, $x + 3x = 4x$, is divisible by 4.

Since $x R x$ holds for all x in A .

Therefore, R is reflexive.

Empty relation is reflexive?

For a relation to be reflexive: For all elements in A , they should be related to themselves.

$(x R x)$. Now in this case there are no elements in the Relation and as A is non-empty no element is related to itself hence the empty relation is not reflexive.

Reflexive Relation

$$1. A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \quad \mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(\boxed{1, 1}), (1, 4), (\boxed{2, 2}), (2, 3), (\boxed{3, 3}), (3, 1), \\ (\boxed{4, 4}), (\boxed{5, 5}), (5, 1)\}$$

Is \mathcal{R} a reflexive relation?

Ans: \mathcal{R} is reflexive

$$(a, a) \in$$

Reflexive Relation

$$2. \mathcal{R} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{N}, b = a^2\}$$

Is \mathcal{R} reflexive?

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 1), (2, 4), (3, 9), (4, 16), (5, 25), \dots\}$$

$$(1, 1) \in \mathcal{R}$$

$$(2, 2) \notin \mathcal{R}$$

\mathcal{R} is not reflexive.

Example: The following relations on the integers are reflexive:

$$R_1 = \{(a,b) \mid a \leq b\},$$

$$R_4 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b\}.$$

The following relations are not reflexive:

$$R_2 = \{(a,b) \mid a > b\} \text{ (note that } 3 \not> 3),$$

$$R_5 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b + 1\} \text{ (note that } 3 \neq 3 + 1),$$

$$R_6 = \{(a,b) \mid a + b \leq 3\} \text{ (note that } 4 + 4 \not\leq 3).$$

Reflexive Relation

$$S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$$

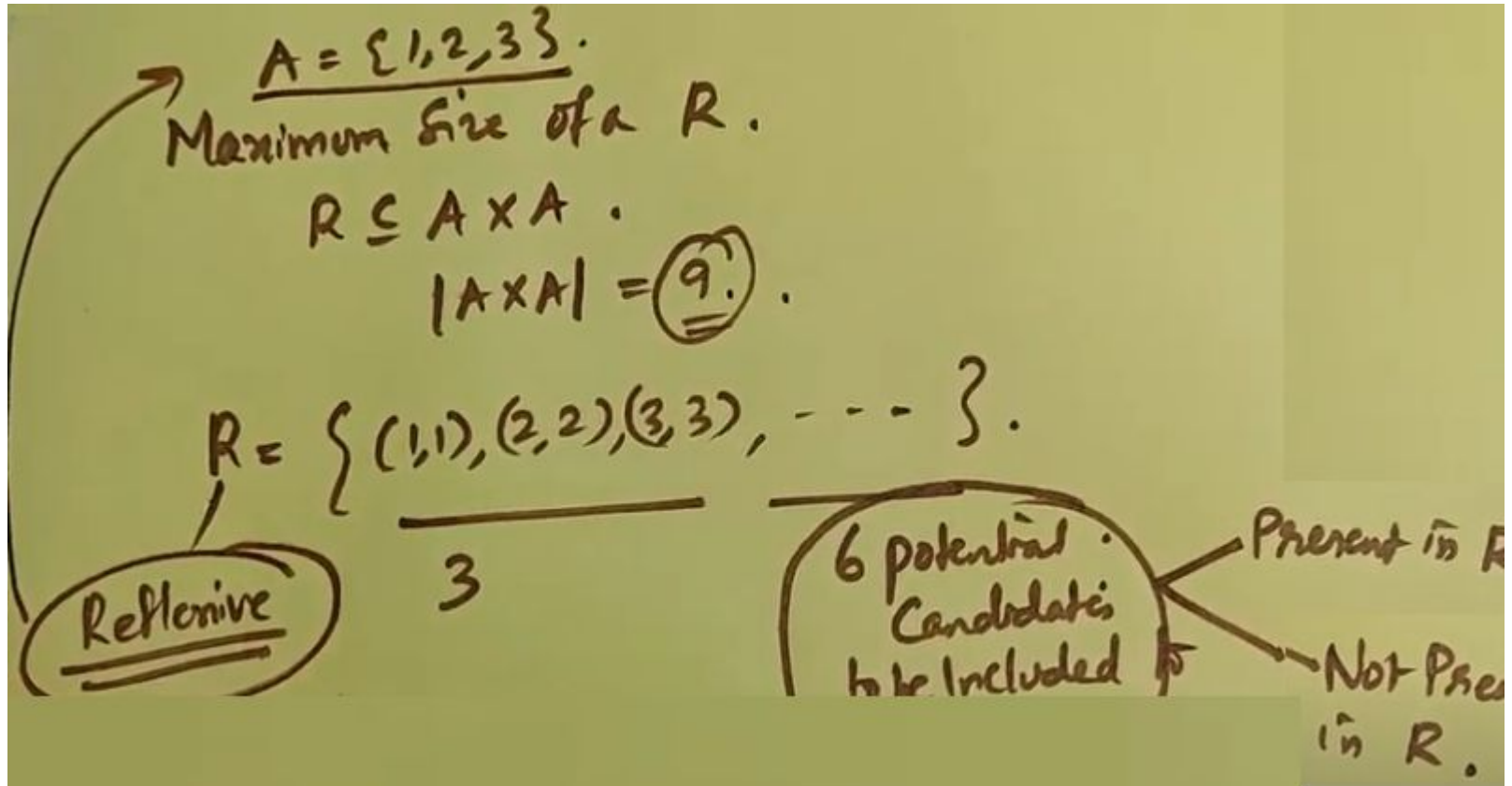
What are the total number of reflexive relations on S ?

$$\mathcal{R} \subseteq S \times S$$

Not all subsets are valid reflexive relations.

$$\underbrace{\{(a_1, a_1), (a_2, a_2), \dots, (a_n, a_n)\}}_{n \text{ elements}}$$

Reflexive Relation



The total number of reflexive relations on a finite set having n elements is _____.

Consider a set A with n elements

Say $A = \{1, 2, \dots, n^{-1}, n\}$

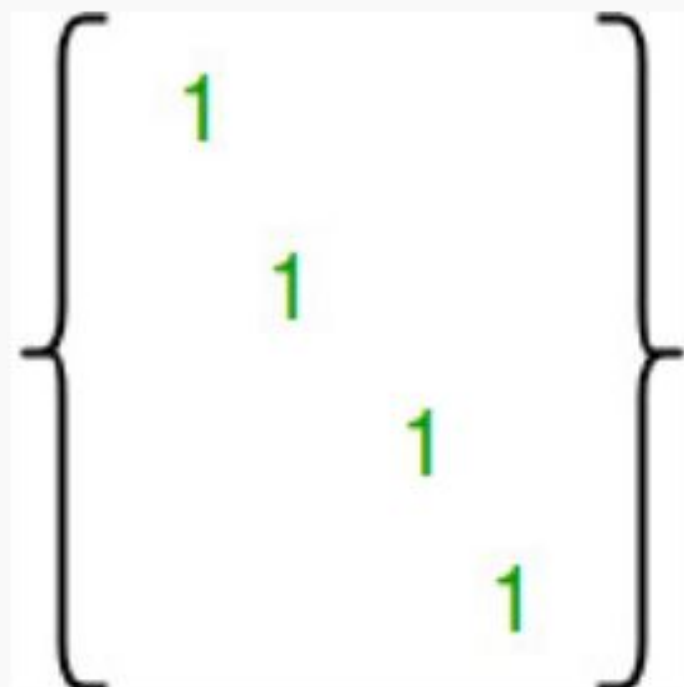
out of n^2 elements n elements are compulsory for relation to be reflexive.

i.e $(1, 1) (2, 2) (3, 3) \dots (n, n)$

and for remaining $n^2 - n$ elements, we have choice of filling i.e either they are present or absent.

Hence, Total number of reflexive relation are $2^{n^2 - n}$.

A relation R is reflexive if the matrix diagonal elements are 1.



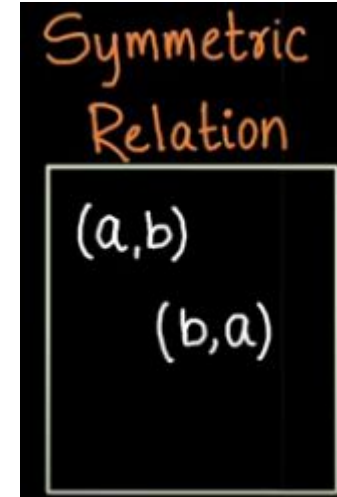
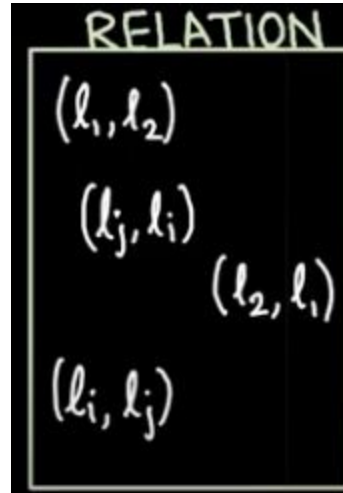
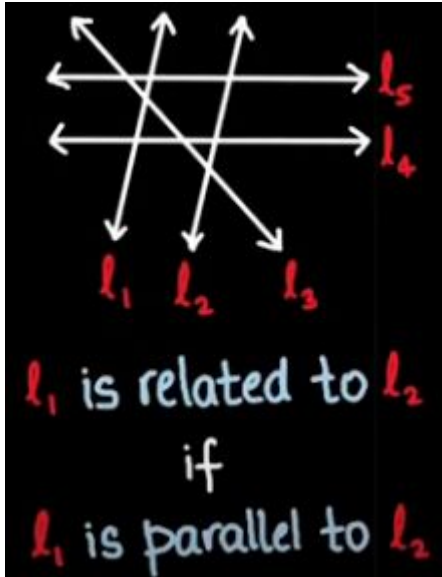
A diagram of a 4x4 matrix enclosed in large square brackets. The matrix is represented by four rows and four columns. The diagonal elements, from top-left to bottom-right, are green '1's. The other elements in the matrix are empty, representing 0.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we take a closer look the matrix, we can notice that the size of matrix is n^2 . The n diagonal entries are fixed. For remaining $n^2 - n$ entries, we have choice to either fill 0 or 1. So there are total $2^{n(n-1)}$ ways of filling the matrix.

Symmetric Relation

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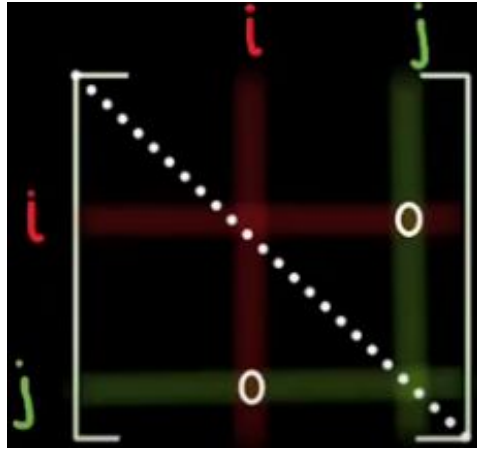
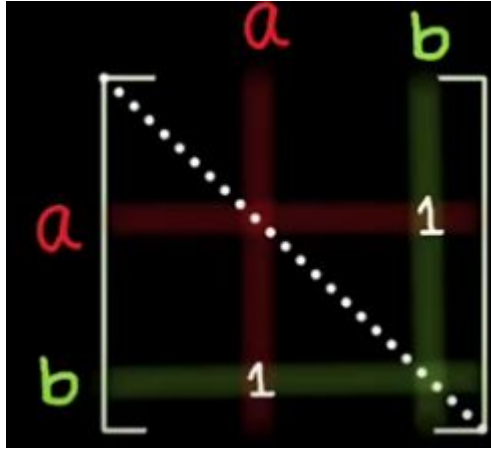
3. Consider a relation natural numbers.

$R = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{N}, a \cdot b = 14\}$. Is R symmetric?

$$R = \{(\underline{1}, \underline{14}), (\underline{2}, \underline{7}), (\underline{7}, \underline{2}), (\underline{14}, \underline{1})\}$$

$\therefore R$ is symmetric.

If a relation is symmetric, then it is symmetric across the diagonal



Definition: A relation R on a set A is **symmetric** if whenever aRb then bRa , i.e., if whenever $(a, b) \in R$ then $(b, a) \in R$.

Thus R is **not symmetric** if there exists $a, b \in A$ such that $(a, b) \in R$ but $(b, a) \notin R$.

Example: Consider the following relations on the set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$:

$$R_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 2)\}$$

Determine which relation is symmetric.

Example 1: Suppose R is a relation on a set A where $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (3,1)\}$. Check if R is a symmetric relation.

Solution: As we can see $(1, 2) \in R$. For R to be symmetric $(2, 1)$ should be in R but $(2, 1) \notin R$.

Hence, R is not a symmetric relation.

Answer: $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (3,1)\}$ is not a symmetric relation.

Example 2: Suppose R is a relation on a set A where $A = \{a, b, c\}$ and $R = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (c, a)\}$. Determine the elements which should be in R to make R a symmetric relation.

Solution: To make R a symmetric relation, we will check for each element in R .

$$(a, a) \in R \Rightarrow (a, a) \in R$$

$$(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R, \text{ but } (b, a) \notin R$$

$$(a, c) \in R \Rightarrow (c, a) \in R$$

$$(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (c, b) \in R, \text{ but } (c, b) \notin R$$

Hence, (b, a) and (c, b) should belong to R to make R a symmetric relation.

Answer: (b, a) and (c, b) should belong to R to make R a symmetric relation.

Q.1 A relation R is defined on the set of integers as:

$(x, y) \in R$ if and only if x is a multiple of y .

Is R a symmetric relation?

☐ Yes

☒ No



Example 2: Let Z be the set of two female kids in a family and R be a relation defined on the set Z as;

$R = \text{"is the sister of"}$.

Verify whether R is symmetric or not.

Given a number n , find out the number of Symmetric Relations on a set of first n natural numbers $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Examples:

Input : $n = 2$

Output : 8

Given set is $\{1, 2\}$. Below are all symmetric relation.

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$\{(1, 1)\},$

$\{(2, 2)\},$

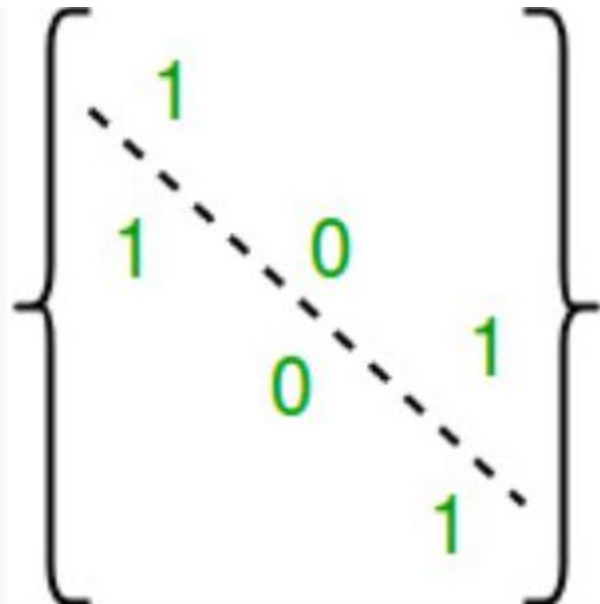
$\{(1, 1), (2, 2)\},$

$\{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$

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$\{(2, 2), (1, 2), (2, 1)\},$

$\{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 1), (1, 2)\}$



There are n diagonal values, total possible combination of diagonal values $= 2^n$

There are $n^2 - n$ non-diagonal values. We can only choose different value for half of them, because when we choose a value for cell (i, j) , cell (j, i) gets same value.

So combination of non-diagonal values $= 2^{(n^2 - n)/2}$

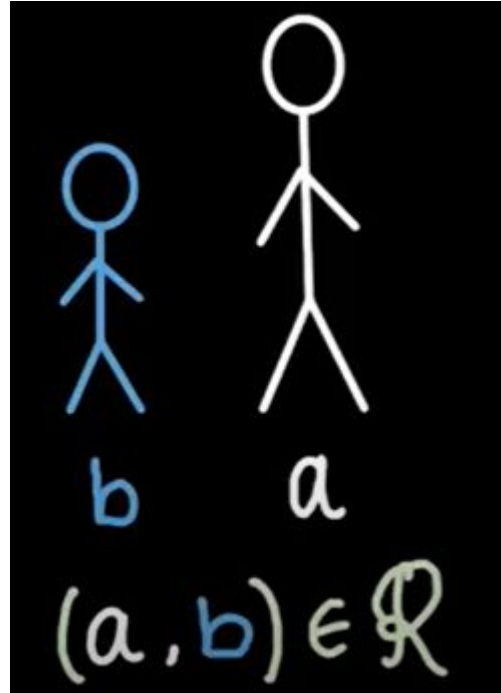
*Overall combination $= 2^n * 2^{(n^2 - n)/2} = \underline{2^{n(n+1)/2}}$*

Total number of symmetric relations is $2^{n(n+1)/2}$.

Anti Symmetric Relation

Height of any 2 students in a class is an example of anti symmetric relation

If $(a,b) \in \mathcal{R}$, then
 $(b,a) \notin \mathcal{R}$ unless
 $a=b$



Consider a relation R on \mathbb{N} .

$$R = \{(n, n+1) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$R = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5), \dots, \}$$

$$(1, 2) \in R \quad (2, 1) \notin R$$

$$n = 2 \quad n+1 = 3$$

$$\text{If } (3, 4) \in R \quad (4, 3) \notin R$$

$$\text{If } (n, n+1) \in R, \quad (n+1, n) \notin R$$

$\therefore R$ is anti-symmetric

Antisymmetric is not same as not symmetric

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \quad R = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 4)\}$$

R is not symmetric because $(3, 4) \in R$
but $(4, 3) \notin R$

R is not antisymmetric. $(1, 2) \in R$ but $(2, 1) \in R$

Antisymmetric Relation

In **set theory**, the relation R is said to be antisymmetric on a set A , if xRy and yRx hold when $x = y$. Or it can be defined as, relation R is antisymmetric if either $(x,y) \notin R$ or $(y,x) \notin R$ whenever $x \neq y$.

A relation R is not antisymmetric if there exist $x,y \in A$ such that $(x,y) \in R$ and $(y,x) \in R$ but $x \neq y$.

Note: If a relation is not symmetric that does not mean it is antisymmetric.

Q.1: Which of these are antisymmetric?

(i) $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$

(ii) $R = \{(1,1), (1,3), (3,1)\}$

(iii) $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,1), (4,4)\}$

Solution:

(i) R is not antisymmetric here because of $(1,2) \in R$ and $(2,1) \in R$, but $1 \neq 2$.

(ii) R is not antisymmetric here because of $(1,3) \in R$ and $(3,1) \in R$, but $1 \neq 3$.

(iii) R is not antisymmetric here because of $(1,2) \in R$ and $(2,1) \in R$, but $1 \neq 2$ and also $(1,4) \in R$ and $(4,1) \in R$ but $1 \neq 4$.

Q.2: If $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$ and R is the relation on set A , then find the antisymmetric relation on set A .

Solution: The antisymmetric relation on set $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$ will be;

$$R = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4)\}$$

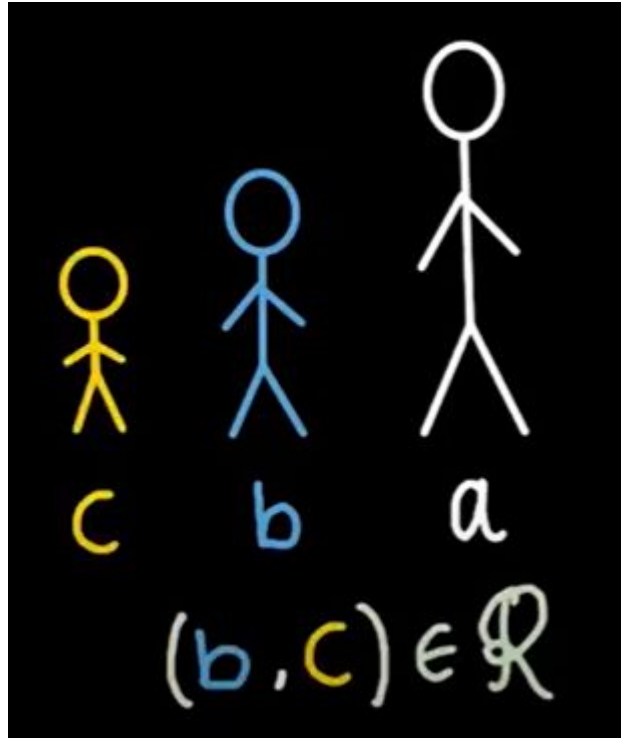
Transitive Relation

If $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ and
 $(b, c) \in \mathcal{R}$, then

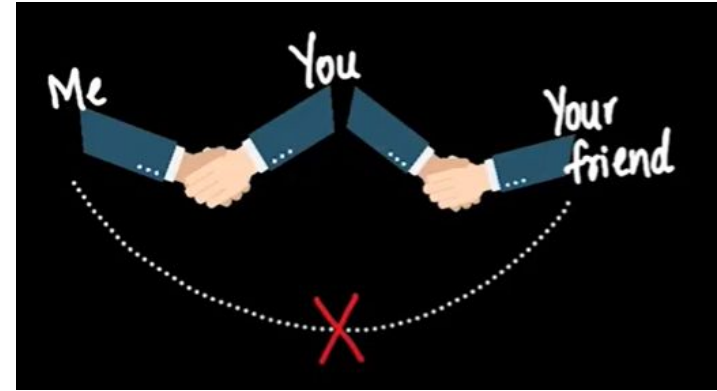
$$(a, c) \in \mathcal{R}$$

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Transitive Relation



Non Transitive Relation



1. Consider a relation on the set of integers as

$$R = \{(a, b) \mid a + b = 0\}.$$

$$R = \{(0, 0), (1, -1), (-1, 1), (2, -2), (-2, 2), \dots\}$$

Is R transitive?

Ans: R is symmetric.

$$(1, -1) \in R \quad (-1, 1) \in R \quad (1, 1) \in R \quad ? \text{ NO}$$

$$(1, 1) \notin R$$

R is not transitive.

$$2. \mathcal{R} = \{(a, b) \mid \sin a = \sin b\}$$

$$\sin 0 = 0 \quad \sin \pi = 0$$

$$(0, \pi) \in \mathcal{R} \quad (0, 2\pi) \in \mathcal{R} \quad (0, n\pi) \in \mathcal{R}$$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1, \quad \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} = -1 \quad \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \notin \mathcal{R}$$

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

$$\sin a = \sin b \quad \sin b = \sin c$$

$$\sin a = \sin c \quad (a, c) \in \mathcal{R}$$

$\therefore \mathcal{R}$ is transitive.

Equivalence Relation

A relation R on a set A is an equivalence relation iff R is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$R_1 = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

Is R_1 an equivalence relation?

Yes.

$$R_2 = \{(0, 0), (0, 2), (2, 0), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

Is R_2 an equivalence relation?

Is R_2 reflexive?

No. Because $(1, 1)$ is not a member of R_2 .

$$R_3 = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

Is R_3 an equivalence relation? Ask yourself: Is R_3 reflexive? Yes

Is R_3 symmetric? Yes

Is R_3 transitive? Yes

$R_4 = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

Is R_4 an equivalence relation? Ask yourself: Is R_4 reflexive? Yes
Is R_4 symmetric? No

Therefore, R_4 is not an equivalence relation.

$R_5 = \emptyset$ Is R_5 an equivalence relation?
Ask yourself: Is R_5 reflexive? No
Is R_5 symmetric?

Therefore, R_5 is not an equivalence relation.

$R_6 = AXA$ Is R_6 an equivalence relation?
Ask yourself: Is R_6 reflexive? Yes
Is R_6 symmetric? Yes
Is R_6 transitive? Yes

Therefore, R_6 is an equivalence relation.

Closure of a Relation

Definition: Reflexive closure of a binary relation R on a set A is the smallest reflexive relation of the set A that contains R .
Reflexive closure of R is usually denoted by R_r^+ .

$$R_r^+ = R \cup \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$$

Let say we have a binary relation R .

$R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3)\}$ defined on a set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

The relation R is not reflexive.

Smallest reflexive relation that contains R must include the ordered pair $(3, 3)$.

$$R_{\text{New}} = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3)\}$$

Problem: Let R be the relation on the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ containing the ordered pairs $(0, 1)$, $(1, 1)$, $(1, 2)$, $(2, 0)$, $(2, 2)$, and $(3, 0)$. Find the reflexive closure of R .

Solution: $R = \{(0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 2), (3, 0)\}$
 $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

Reflexive closure of R

$$R_r^+ = R \cup \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\} \quad R_r^+ = \{(0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 2), (3, 0), (0, 0), (3, 3)\}$$

Transitive closure

Find the transitive closure of R defined in Example 3.

Solution:

$$W_0 = M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here we have $n = 4$.

To find W_1 , $k = 1$. We can see that W_0 has 1's in column 1 at location 2, and in row 1 at location 2. Thus W_1 has a new 1 at position (2, 2).

$$W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For W_2 , $k = 2$. W_1 has 1's in column 2 at locations 1 and 2, and in row 2 at locations 1, 2 and 3. So the new 1's would go to positions (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2) and (2, 3) (if not already there).

$$W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For W_2 , $k = 2$. W_1 has 1's in column 2 at locations 1 and 2, and in row 2 at locations 1, 2 and 3. So the new 1's would go to positions (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2) and (2, 3) (if not already there).

$$W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For W_3 , $k = 3$. W_2 has 1's in column 3 at locations 1 and 2, and in row 3 at location 4. So the new 1's would come at positions (1, 4) and (2, 4) (if not already there).

$$W_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For W_4 , $k = 4$. W_3 has 1's in column 4 at locations 1, 2 and 3 but no 1's in row 4. So no new 1's are added. Hence $W_4 = W_3$. This gives us the matrix representation of

Use Warshall's algorithm to find the transitive closure of these relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

a) $\{(1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 1)\}$

$$W_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \color{red}{1} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & \color{red}{1} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \color{red}{1} & 1 & \color{red}{1} & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \color{red}{1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad W_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \color{red}{1} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \color{red}{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \color{red}{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \color{red}{1} & \color{red}{1} & \color{red}{1} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) $\{(2, 1), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 3)\}$

$$W_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad W_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \color{red}{1} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \color{red}{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \color{red}{1} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Partially Ordered Set - POSET

A binary relation R on a set S is called a **partial ordering**, or partial order if and only if it is:

- Reflexive
- Antisymmetric
- Transitive

“divisibility” is a partial order relation on A

$$R = \{(a, b) \in A \times A \mid a \mid b\} \quad A \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Reflexive:

if for all $a \in A$, $(a, a) \in R$

$a \mid a$ and $a \in A$

Antisymmetric:

if $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, a) \in R$ then $a = b$

$a \mid b$ then $b \mid a$ only if $a = b$

Transitive:

if $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$ then $(a, c) \in R$

$a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$ then $a \mid c$

Partial Order Relations

Now, the three fundamental partial order relations are:

1. Less Than Or Equal To
2. Subset
3. Divisibility

If (S, R) is an arbitrary poset, then it is represented as (S, \leq)

❖ $a \leq b$: represents that $(a, b) \in R$

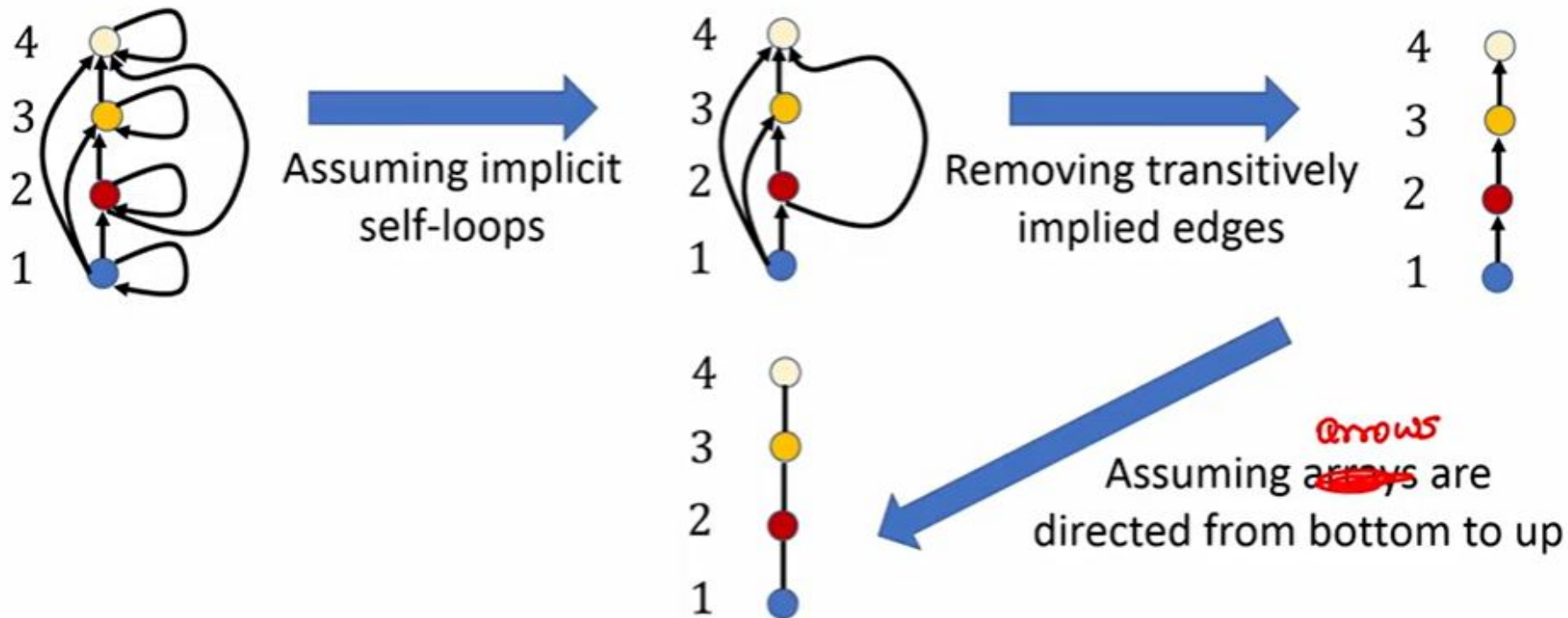
➤ Ex: In the poset $(\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$, we have $2 \leq 4$, but $2 \not\leq 3$

❖ $a < b$: represents that $(a, b) \in R$ and a, b are distinct ($a \neq b$)

➤ Ex: In the poset $(\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$, we have $2 < 4$, but $2 \not< 2$

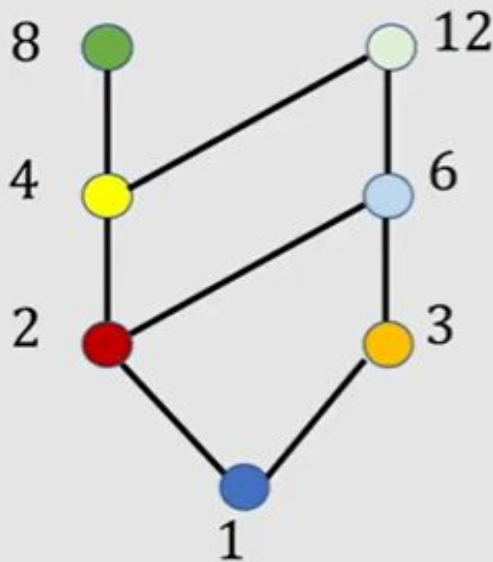
Hasse Diagrams for Representing Posets

□ Consider $(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \leq)$, where \leq is the “less-than or equal-to” relation



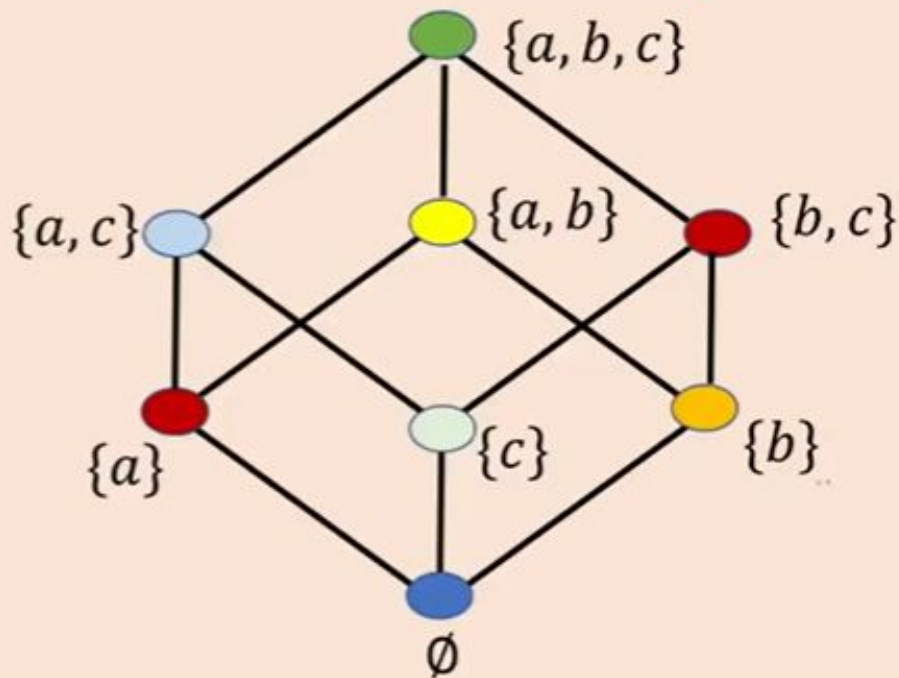
Hasse Diagram: Examples

□ $(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}, \leq)$, where \leq is the "divide" relation



Hasse Diagram: Examples

- $(P(S), \leq)$, where \leq is the "subset" relation and $S = \{a, b, c\}$ $|P(S)| = 8$



Maximal and Minimal Element

□ Let (S, \leq) be an arbitrary poset and $a \in S$

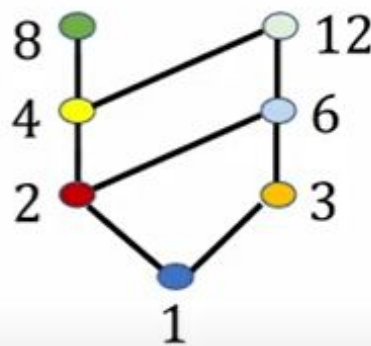
❖ a is called a **maximal element**, if it has no cover

➤ There is **no** $b \in S$, with $a < b$

➤ Ex: 8, 12 are the maximal elements

❖ a is called a **minimal element**, if it covers no element

➤ There is **no** $b \in S$, with $b < a$



□ Every poset has **at least one** maximal and one minimal element

□ An element of a poset can be **both** maximal as well as a minimal element

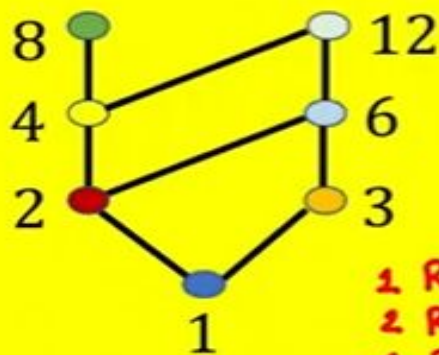
❖ Ex: (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) , where \leq is the “**equal-to**” relationship

Greatest and Least Element

□ Let (S, \leq) be an arbitrary poset and $\underline{a} \in S$

❖ a is called the **greatest element** if $\underline{b \leq a}$, for every $b \in S$

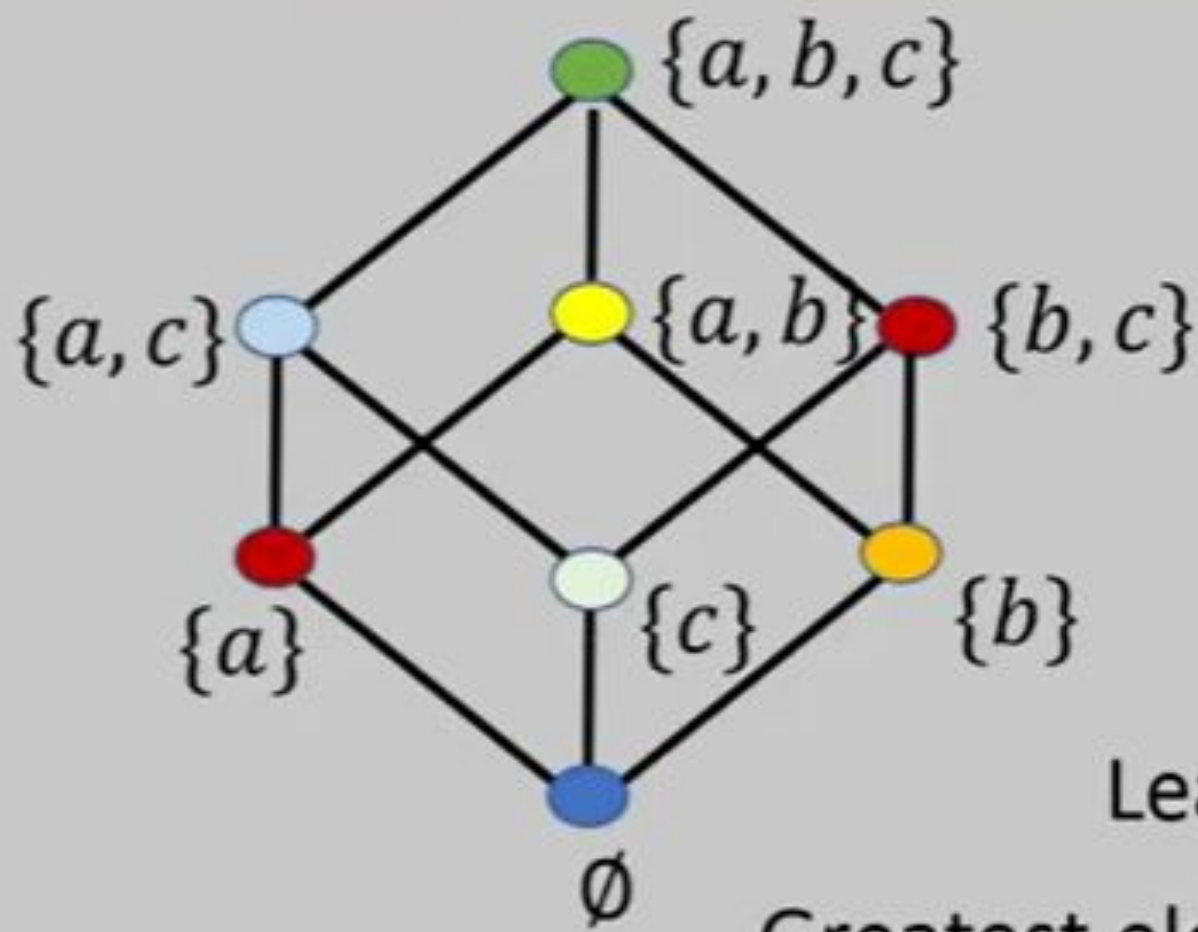
❖ a is called the **least element** if $a \leq \underline{b}$, for every $b \in S$



Least element: 1

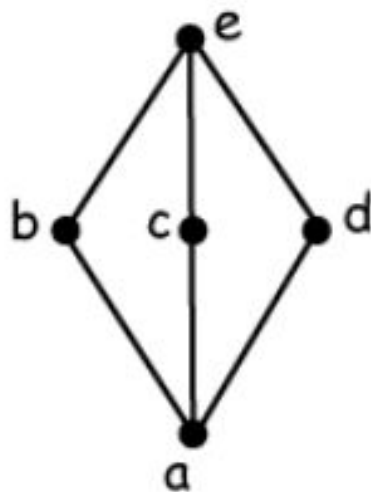
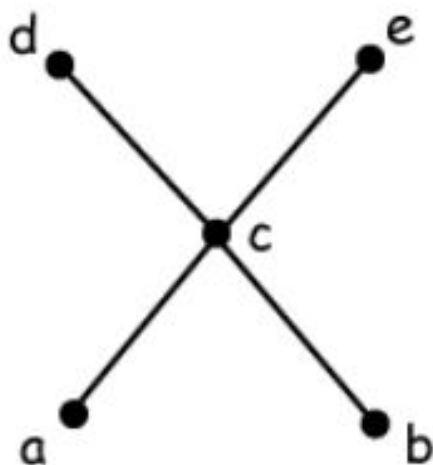
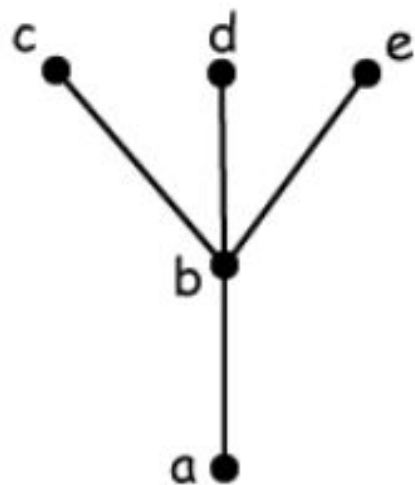
No greatest element

1 R 2
1 R 3
1 R 4
1 R 8
1 R 6
1 R 12



Least element: \emptyset

Greatest element: $\{a, b, c\}$



Maximal: c, d, e

Greatest: none

Minimal: a

Least: a

Maximal: d, e

Greatest: none

Minimal: a, b

Least: none

Maximal: e

Greatest: e

Minimal: a

Least: a

Greatest Lower Bound and Least Upper Bound
of a subset of a given poset

A poset $\langle \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 24, 36, 72\}, |\rangle$, with $|$ being the divides relation find the least upper bound and greatest lower bound of the subset $\{4, 6\}$?

Example 1: Find the greatest lower bound and the least upper bound of $\{b, d, g\}$ if they exist in the poset with the Hasse diagram shown below:



Solution: Upper bounds of $\{b, d, g\}$ are g and h because b is related to g , d is related to g and g is related to g . Also, b is related to h , d is related to h , and g is related to h .

Out of g and h , minimum element is g . Therefore, g is the least upper bound of $\{b, d, g\}$.



Solution: Lower bounds of $\{b, d, g\}$ are a and b .

Out of a and b , greatest element is b . Therefore, b is the greatest lower bound of $\{b, d, g\}$.

Example 2: Consider the following Hasse diagram



Find the least upper bound of $\{a, b, c\}$ and the greatest lower bound of $\{f, g, h\}$, if they exist.

Solution:

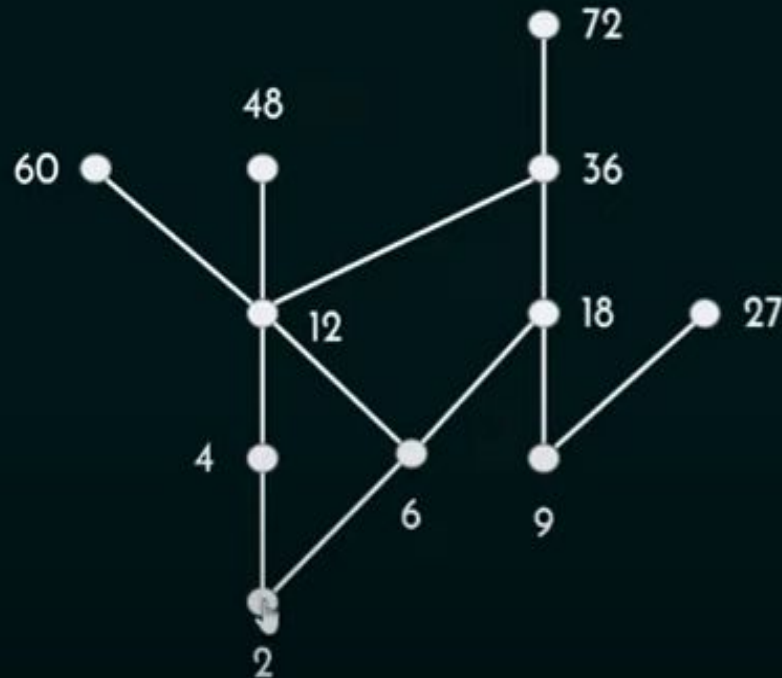
Upper bounds of $\{a, b, c\}$ are k, l , and m .
Least upper bound of $\{a, b, c\}$ is k .

Lower bound of $\{f, g, h\}$ is \emptyset .

Greatest lower bound of $\{f, g, h\}$ is \emptyset .

Example 3: Find the least upper bound of $\{2, 9\}$ and the greatest lower bound of $\{60, 72\}$ for the poset $(\{2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 27, 36, 48, 60, 72\}, |)$

Solution:



Upper bounds of $\{2, 9\}$ are 18, 36, 72.
Least upper bound of $\{2, 9\}$ is 18.

Lower bounds of $\{60, 72\}$ are 2, 4, 6, 12.
Greatest lower bound of $\{60, 72\}$ is 12.