

COMP30026 Models of Computation

Binary Relations and Functions

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Binary Relations

A **binary relation** is a set of pairs, or 2-tuples.

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'Being unflappable', '<', '⊆', 'divides' are all binary relations

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We can express membership of a relation in many ways:

$(x, y) \in \text{Beats}$, $\text{Beats}(x, y)$, or $x \text{ Beats } y$.

Domain and Range of a Relation

The **domain** of R is $dom(R) = \{x \mid \exists y R(x, y)\}$.

The **range** of R is $ran(R) = \{y \mid \exists x R(x, y)\}$.

We say that R is **total** if $dom(R) = A$ and **surjective** if $ran(R) = B$.

A relation

“Being unifiable” is a relation on *Term*.

“ $<$ ” is a relation on integers.

“ \subseteq ” is a relation on $\mathcal{P}(A)$.

“Acted in” is a relation between actors and films.

Identity and Inverse

$A \times B$ is a relation—the full relation from A to B .

\emptyset is a relation.

$\Delta_A = \{ \langle a, a \rangle \mid a \in A \}$ is a relation.

If R is a relation from A to B , $R^{-1} = \{ \langle b, a \rangle \mid \langle a, b \rangle \in R \}$ is a relation from B to A , called the inverse.

Clearly $(R^{-1})^{-1} = R$.

Since relations are sets, all the set operations, such as \cap and \cup , are applicable to relations.

Properties of Relations

Let A be a non-empty set and let R be a relation on A .

R is **reflexive** iff $R(x, x)$ for all x in A .

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R is **asymmetric** iff $R(x, y) \Rightarrow \neg R(y, x)$ f

R is **antisymmetric** iff $R(x, y) \wedge R(y, x)$

R is **transitive** iff $R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \Rightarrow R(x, z)$ for all x, y, z in A .

Reflexive, Symmetric, Transitive Closures

Note that

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1 The full relation is transitive.

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Together, these two properties tell us that for any binary relation R , there is a **unique smallest** transitive relation R^+ .

We call R^+ the **transitive closure** of R .

Similarly we have the (unique) reflexive closure and the (unique) symmetric closure of R .

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Let R_1 and R_2 be relations on A . The composition $R_1 \circ R_2$ is the relation on A defined by

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 $R^{n+1} = R^n$ **edu_assist_pro**

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If R is $<$ on \mathbb{N} , what is R^2 ?

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Transitive Closure Again

The transitive closure of R can be defined in terms of union and composition:

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$(x, y), (y, z) \in R$, and hence $(x, y), (y, z) \in R^+$, but since R^+ is transitive, $(x, z) \in R^+$ (R^2 gives us all such pairs)

$(x, z) \in R^2, (z, w) \in R$, and hence $(x, w) \in R^+$ (R^3 gives us all such pairs)

The reflexive, transitive closure is

$$R^* = R^+ \cup \Delta_A$$

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Quiz: Equivalence Relations?

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Which of these binary relations are equivalence relations?

- \leq

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- “are

- $\{(a, b) \mid |a - b| \leq 3\}$?

- “are compatriots” on the set of all people?

- “are logically equivalent” on the set of propositional formulas?

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R is a **preorder** iff R is transitive and reflexive.

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R is **linear** iff $R(x, y) \vee R(y, x) \vee x = y$

A linear partial order is also called a **total** [Add WeChat edu_assist_pr](#)

In a total order, every two elements from A are **comparable**.

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- The relation \leq on (\mathbb{N}) ?
- The relation “divides” on \mathbb{N} ?

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A function

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 $f(x) = y.$

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Domains and Co-Domains

We say that the function f is from X to Y , or

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 $f : X \rightarrow Y$

if $\text{dom}(f) = X$ and $\text{co-dom}(f) = Y$

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Example: The range of the factorial function is $\{1, 2, 6, 24, \dots\}$, but we normally define it as having co-domain \mathbb{N} .

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The domain/co-domain specification is integral to the definition, as we define functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $f' : X' \rightarrow Y'$ to be **equal** iff $X = X'$, $Y = Y'$, and for all $x \in X$, $f(x) = f'(x)$.

Injectons, Surjections and Bijections

A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is

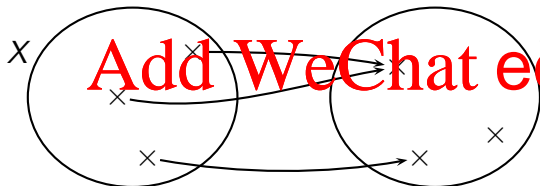
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- **surjective** (or **onto**) iff $\text{ran}(f)$ equals the co-domain of f .

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Examples

$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ defined by $f(n) = n^2$ is neither surjective nor injective.

$g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by $g(n) = |n|$ is surjective but not injective.

$s : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow$

$d : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by

$$d(n) = \begin{cases} 2n-1 & \text{if } n \geq 1 \\ -2n & \text{if } n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

is bijective. It establishes a one-to-one mapping between \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{N} .

Function Composition

The **composition** of $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ is the function $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ defined by

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the composition

Note the unfortunate inconsistency with the use of \circ for composition of relations. For functions, $g \circ f$ is best read as f followed by g .

\circ is associative, and for $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $f \circ 1_X = 1_Y \circ f = f$, where $1_X : X \rightarrow X$ is the identity function on X .