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## LEC 12: Relations, Partial Orders, and Scheduling.

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### Relations

def A Relation from a set  $A$  to set  $B$   
is a subset of  $A \times B$       $R \subseteq A \times B$

Ex:  $R = \{(a, b) : \text{student } a \text{ is taking class } b\}$

or  $(a, b) \in R; a R b, a \sim_R b$

A relation on  $A$  is a subset  $R \subseteq A \times A$

Ex:  $A = \mathbb{Z} : x R y \text{ iff } x \equiv y \pmod{5}$

$A = \mathbb{N} : x R y \text{ iff } x \mid y$  *notation of relation*

$A = \mathbb{N} : x R y \text{ iff } x \leq y$

Set  $A$  together with  $R$  is a directed graph

$G = (V, E)$  with  $V = A, E = R$

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## Properties:

A relation  $R$  on  $A$  is:

\* reflexive: if  $xRx$  for all  $x$  in  $A$

\* symmetric: if  $xRy \Rightarrow yRx$  for all  $x, y \in A$

\* anti-symmetric: if  $xRy \wedge yRx \Rightarrow x=y$

\* transitive: if  $xRy \wedge yRz \Rightarrow xRz$

	refl?	Symm?	AntiSy?	Trans?
Ex: $x \equiv y \pmod{5}$	T	T	F	T
$x \mid y$	T	F	T	T
$x \leq y$	T	F	T	T

## Equivalence relations

## Partial orders

Def: An equivalence relation is reflexive, symm, Trans

Ex: equality (=) itself,  $x \equiv y \pmod{n}$

The equivalence class of  $x \in A$  is the set of all elements in  $A$  related to  $x$  by  $R$ : denoted by

$[x]$

$$[x] = \{y : xRy\}$$





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$$\text{Ex: } x \equiv y \pmod{5}$$

$$[7] = \{ \dots, -3, 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, \dots \}$$

$$[7] = [12] = [17] = [22] = \dots$$

(划分)

Def A partition of  $A$  is a collection of  $A$  is joint, non-empty sets

$A_1, \dots, A_n \subseteq A$ , whose union is  $A$

Ex

partition {

- $\{ \dots -5, 0, 5, 10, \dots \}$  equivalence classes
- $\{ \dots -4, 1, 6, 11, \dots \}$  ✓
- $\{ \dots -3, 2, 7, 12, \dots \}$
- $\{ \dots -2, 3, 8, 13, \dots \}$
- $\{ \dots -1, 4, 9, 14, \dots \}$

Theorem: The equivalence class of an equivalence relation on a set  $A$  form a partition of  $A$

A relation is a (weak) partial order if it is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive



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A partial order relation is denoted with

$\leq$  instead of  $R$

$$R \Rightarrow \leq$$

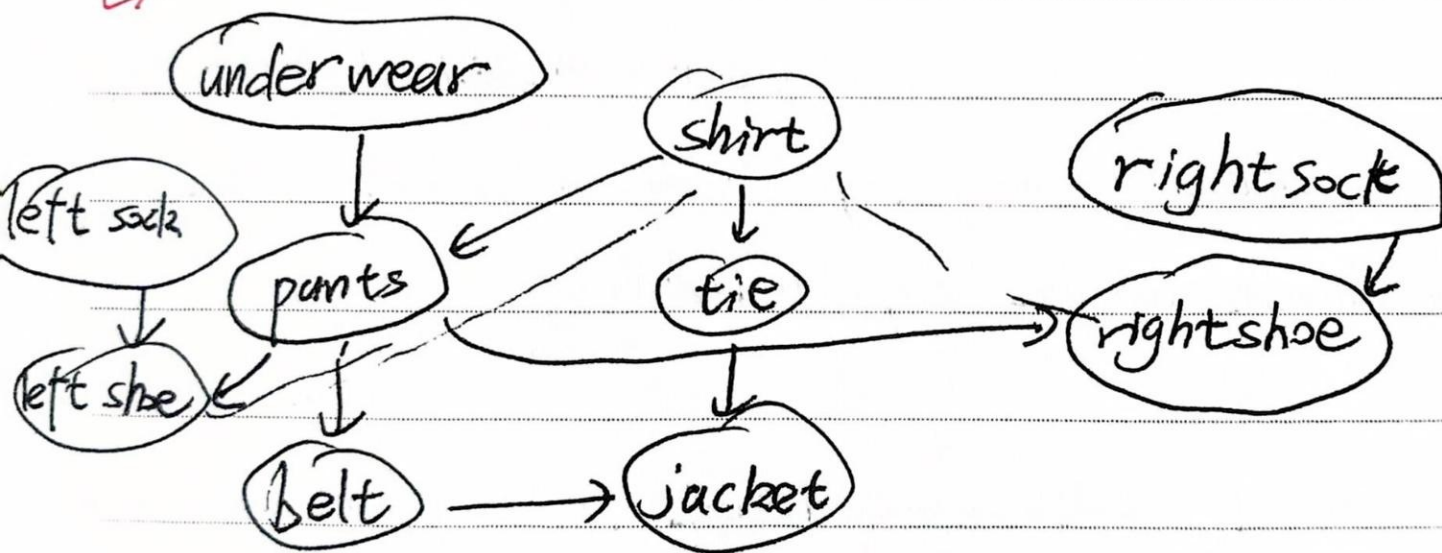
$$x R y \Rightarrow x \leq y$$

(vertex, edge)

$(A, \leq)$  is called a partially order set or poset

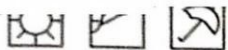
A poset is a directed graph with vertex set  $A$  and edge set  $\leq$

EX:



A Hesse diagram ~~is~~ for a poset  $(A, \leq)$  is a directed graph which vertex set  $A$  and edge set  $\leq$  minus all self-loops and edges implied by transitivity just one direction





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Theorem A poset has no directed cycle other than self loops

Pf (By contradiction)

Suppose  $\exists n \geq 2$ , distinct elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  such that  $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3 \leq \dots \leq a_{n-1} \leq a_n \leq a_1$

$\underbrace{a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3}_{a_1 \leq a_3}$

$\underbrace{a_1 \leq a_3}_{a_1 \leq a_3} \quad \vdots$

use induction  $\Rightarrow a_1 \leq a_n$

(anti-symmetric)  $a_1 \neq a_n$   $\times$

So, deleting self loop from a poset make a direct acyclic graph (DAG)

$a$  and  $b$  are incomparable if neither  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$

comparable if  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$

A total order is a partial order in which every pair of elements is comparable





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A total order consistent with a partial order called a topological sort. A top sort of a poset  $(A, \leq)$  is a total order  $(A, \leq_T)$  such that  $\leq \subseteq \leq_T$

Theorem Every finite poset has a topological sort

$x \in A$  is called minimal if  $\nexists y \in A, y \neq x$  s.t.  
 $y \leq x$

$x \in A$  is called maximal if  $\nexists y \in A, y \neq x$  s.t.  
 $x \leq y$

$(\mathbb{Z}, \leq)$

Lemma: Every finite poset has a min elem

Def A chain is a sequence of distinct elements

$a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3 \leq \dots \leq a_t$  length

Pf