



CS201 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Cartesian product defines a set of all **ordered** arrangements of elements in the two sets.



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Example: Let $A = \{a, b, c\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$

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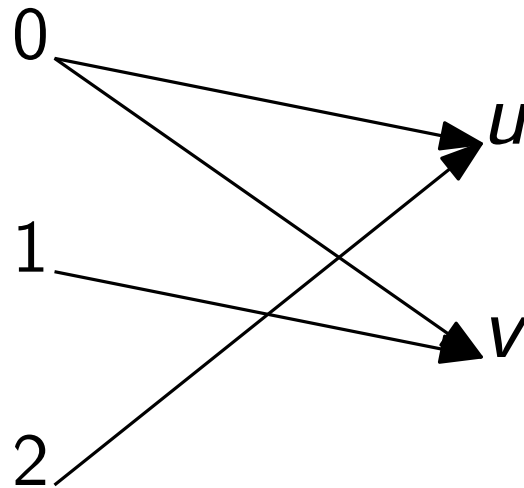
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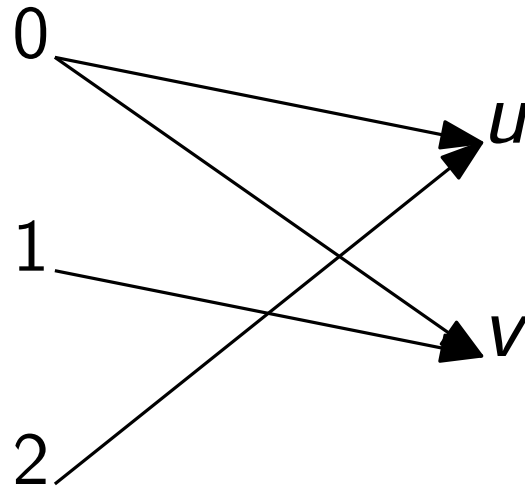
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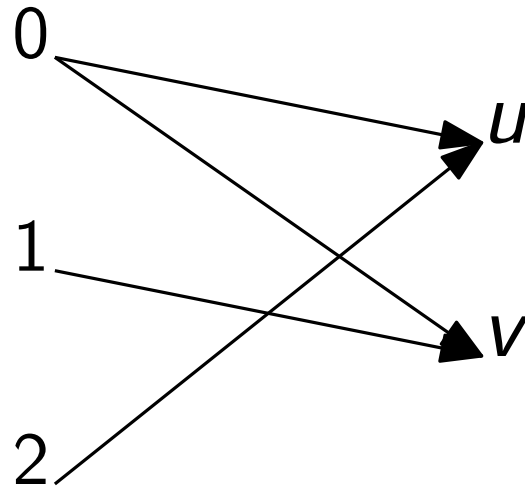
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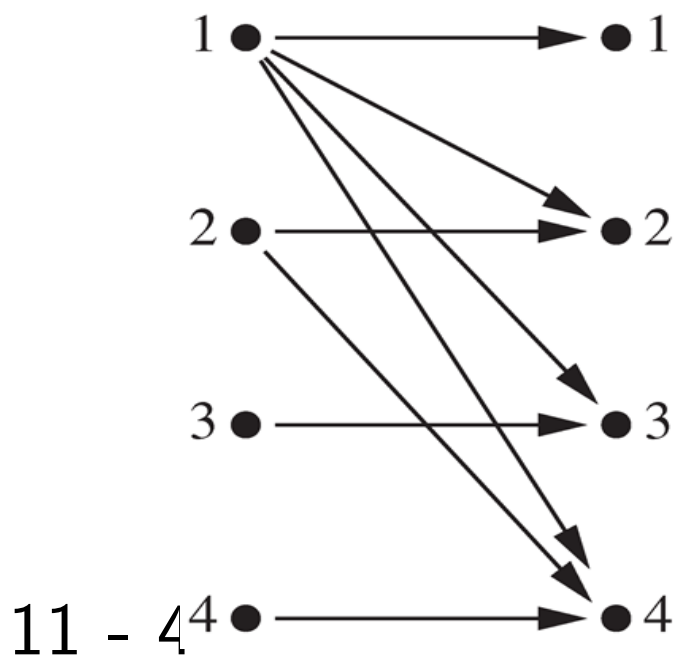


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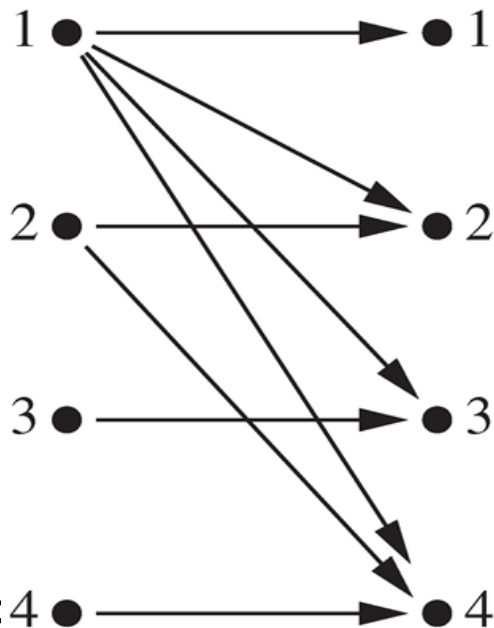


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The number of subsets of a set with k elements is 2^k



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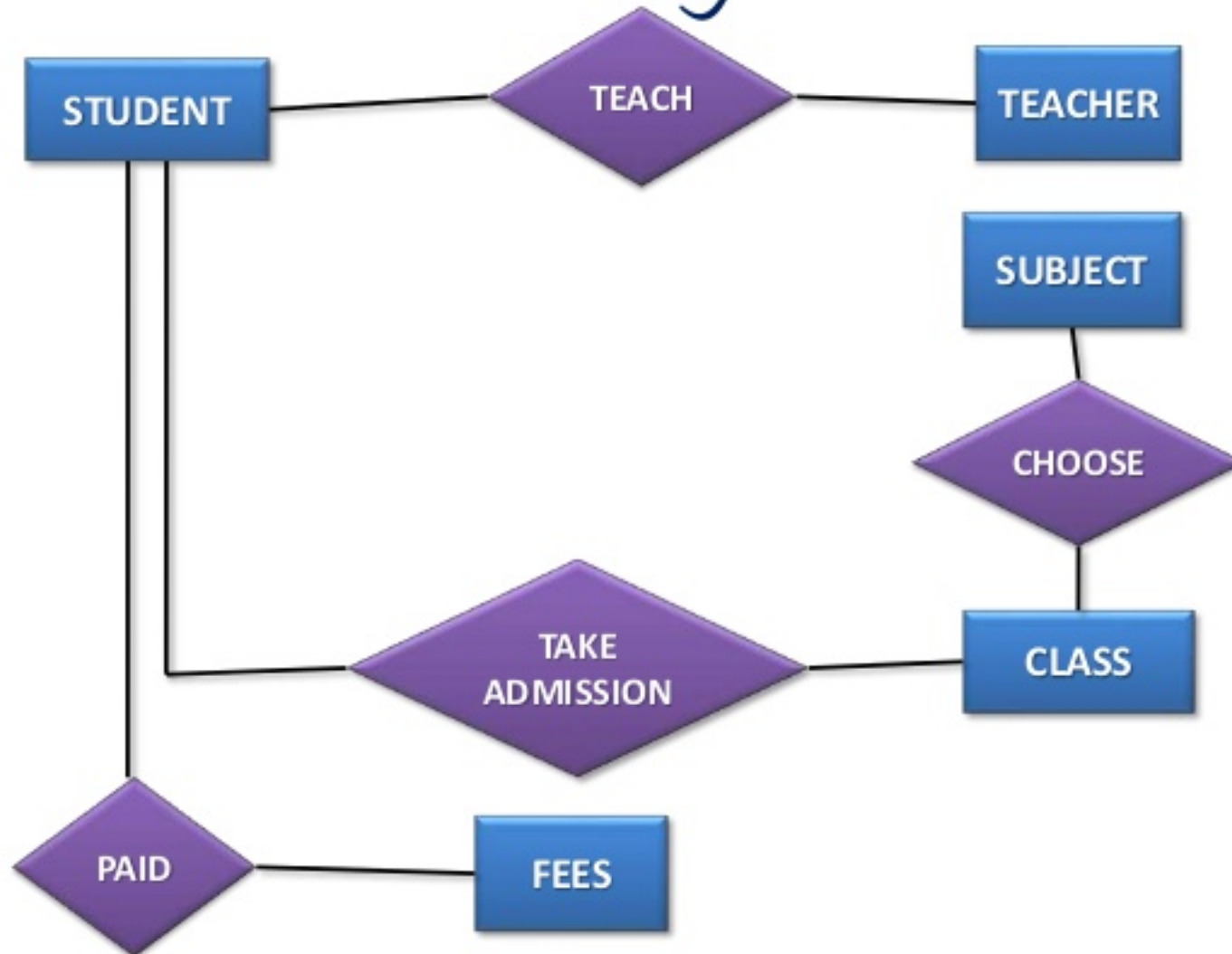
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$$- \forall R \subseteq A,$$

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- Then, $\textit{SUpperLevel}$ is the selection operator that takes any relation R on A (database of students) and produces a relation consisting of just the upper-level classes (juniors and seniors).



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- Then the *projection operator* on n -tuples

$$P_{\{i_k\}} : A \rightarrow A_{i_1} \times \cdots \times A_{i_m}$$

is defined by

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- This operator can be usefully applied to a whole relation $R \subseteq Cars$ (database of cars) to obtain a list of *model/color* combinations available.



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- Then $J(R_1, R_2)$ is like your **class schedule**, listing *(professor, course, room, time)*.



Next Lecture

- relation II ...

