

# Foundations of Computer Science

## Comp109

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## Recap: Matrix of a relation.

- A relation  $R$  is represented by the  $n$  by  $m$  matrix  $M(i, j)$  where

$$M(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (a_i, b_j) \in R \\ 0 & \text{if } (a_i, b_j) \notin R \end{cases}$$

- Matrix product  $P = MN$  is given by

$$P(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \exists l, 1 \leq l \leq m, \text{ such that } M(i, l) = 1 \ \& \ N(l, j) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Ordering of elements is important, for example it allows to improve the search:

*binary (half-interval) search* is quicker, but also allows to perform other useful operations like ranking and finding the nearest neighbor.

- *Infix notation*  $xRy$  whenever  $(x, y) \in R$  for a binary relation  $R$ .

## Detour recap: Boolean multiplication in Python numpy

```
import numpy as np
a = np.array([[0, 0, 1],
              [1, 0, 1]], dtype=bool)
b = np.array([[1, 0],
              [0, 1],
              [0, 0]], dtype=bool)

print(1*np.dot(a,b))
```

Why is there multiplication by 1 in the last line?

Answer: relational matrices can be represented as boolean (logic true/false) types, for example:

```
print(a)
```



```
[[False False  True]
 [ True False  True]]
```

Multiplication by 1 converts it back to the 0/1 binary form.

## Detour: ordering sets in Python

Matrix will depend on the order of elements in sets.

Consider relation  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \{\text{Days of the week}\}$  defined by “ $x$  hours to work on the  $y$  day of the week”.

What would be the order of the set that defines days of the week?

Answer: for weekdays even numeric order is not well-defined: the first day can be Sunday or Monday. In Python, order of

`{'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday'}` is not the same as of `{'M', 'T', 'W', 'T', 'F', 'S', 'S'}`.

Can you predict auto-order for each of those sets in Python? Try it! (Hint: codes for sets were in Lecture 12.)

Then try to predict ordering of sets  $\{2, 3, 1, 8\}$  and  $\{1, 2, 3, 8, 9\}$ .

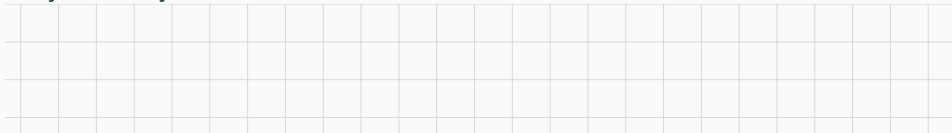
Warning: do not rely on the auto-ordering of sets! For a relation matrix, clearly define the order.

## Recap: ordering strings

Consider relations  $R$ ,  $S$  and  $L$  on the set of all strings:

- $L$ —Lexicographic ordering:
  - first we define a *totally ordered* alphabet,
  - for two different words of the *same length*, their order follows the alphabetic order of the symbols in the first place where the two words differ,
  - for two words of *different lengths*, usually the shorter one is padded with "blanks" which are smaller than every alphabet symbol.
- $uSv$  if, and only if,  $u$  is a Substring of  $v$ ;
- $uNv$  if, and only if,  $\text{len}(u) \leq \text{len}(v)$ .

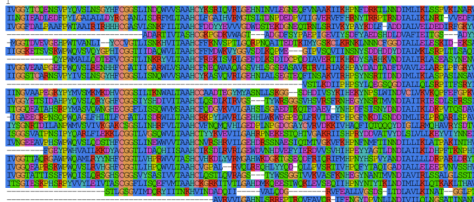
Why so many relations?



Answer: Each of those relations have their own use and limitations:

1. What is the first element in the infinite sequence  $b, ba, baa, baaa, \dots$ ?  
(Compare to 2, 21, 211, 2111, ...) Lexicographic ordering works well only for *same length* sequences.
2. For  $\text{len}(u) \leq \text{len}(v)$  relation:  $\text{len}(v) \leq \text{len}(u)$  does not mean  $u = v$  (unlike for the other two mentioned relations).
3. Substrings are important in bioinformatics (for protein alignment), but it's not clear which subset to take: how would you align “banana” and “anaconda”?

```
TRV2_RAT/24-239
Q16J82_ASDR/136-374
F11390_ACSR/205-435
E25698_PCCR/63-253
E1C2M0_LJNO/57-271
E1C8L4_CHICK/169-393
Q7Q9S0_AJOG/385-625
B2B5F4_MJOS/239-467
Q9M959_XENTR/21-236
B4DMF2_JUMN/59-227
B0V7X0_FEBR/70-294
TR08_DROME/31-249
A9UMF4_XENTR/21-243
R0U9_JERAN/23-244
B3NVS5_PJDR/42-273
B5SE7Q_TRISP/38-297
Q1W2L1_DANRE/34-256
B4LSL7_PJDM/934-1172
A7SN7J_JEMR/3-230
G6F8E8_HJMN/31-267
B5B0C8_PJDR/31-249
E2R087_CANFA/21-229
B4K2V9_SALME/48-245
B2MUD5_JUMN/1-167
```



# Properties of binary relations

A binary relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is

- *reflexive* when  $xRx$  for all  $x \in A$ .

$$\forall x \ A(x) \implies xRx$$

- *symmetric* when  $xRy$  implies  $yRx$  for all  $x, y \in A$ ;

$$\forall x, y \ xRy \implies yRx$$

- *antisymmetric* when  $xRy$  and  $yRx$  imply  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in A$ ;

$$\forall x, y \ xRy \text{ and } yRx \implies x = y$$

- *transitive* when  $xRy$  and  $yRz$  imply  $xRz$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

$$\forall x, y, z \ xRy \text{ and } yRz \implies xRz$$

## Example

- *reflexive*  $\forall x : xRx$
- *symmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy \implies yRx$
- *antisymmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy, yRx \implies x = y$
- *transitive*  $\forall x, y, z : xRy, yRz \implies xRz$

Which of the following define a relation that is reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric or transitive?

- $x$  divides  $y$  on the set  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  of positive integers  
Answer: reflexive, transitive, antisymmetric; not symmetric.
- $x \neq y$  on the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers  
Answer: symmetric; not reflexive, transitive or antisymmetric.
- $x$  has the same age as  $y$  on the set of people  
Answer: reflexive, symmetric, transitive; not antisymmetric.



## Digraph representation

- *reflexive*  $\forall x : xRx$
- *symmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy \implies yRx$
- *antisymmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy, yRx \implies x = y$
- *transitive*  $\forall x, y, z : xRy, yRz \implies xRz$

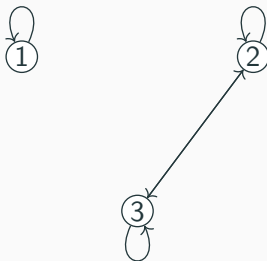
In the directed graph representation,  $R$  is

- *reflexive* if there is always an arrow from every vertex to itself;
- *symmetric* if whenever there is an arrow from  $x$  to  $y$  there is also an arrow from  $y$  to  $x$ ;
- *antisymmetric* if whenever there is an arrow from  $x$  to  $y$  and  $x \neq y$ , then there is no arrow from  $y$  to  $x$ ;
- *transitive* if whenever there is an arrow from  $x$  to  $y$  and from  $y$  to  $z$  there is also an arrow from  $x$  to  $z$ .

## Example 1

- *reflexive*  $\forall x : xRx$
- *symmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy \implies yRx$
- *antisymmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy, yRx \implies x = y$
- *transitive*  $\forall x, y, z : xRy, yRz \implies xRz$

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

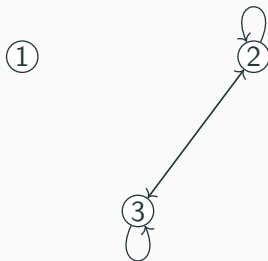


Answer: reflexive, symmetric, transitive, not antisymmetric.

## Example 2

- *reflexive*  $\forall x : xRx$
- *symmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy \implies yRx$
- *antisymmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy, yRx \implies x = y$
- *transitive*  $\forall x, y, z : xRy, yRz \implies xRz$

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $R_2 = \{(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$

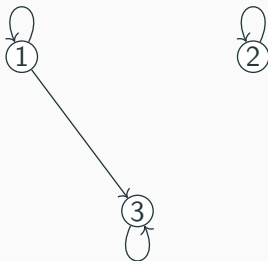


Answer: symmetric, transitive, not reflexive or antisymmetric.

## Example 3

- *reflexive*  $\forall x : xRx$
- *symmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy \implies yRx$
- *antisymmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy, yRx \implies x = y$
- *transitive*  $\forall x, y, z : xRy, yRz \implies xRz$

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

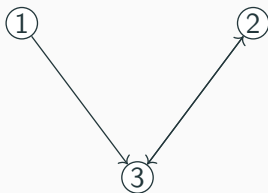


Answer: reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive, not symmetric.

## Example 4

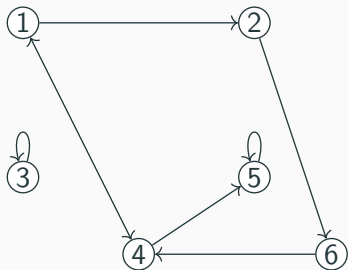
- *reflexive*  $\forall x : xRx$
- *symmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy \implies yRx$
- *antisymmetric*  $\forall x, y : xRy, yRx \implies x = y$
- *transitive*  $\forall x, y, z : xRy, yRz \implies xRz$

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



Answer: none of those properties.

## Example: Reachability relation



Which nodes can reach node 5?

Answer: 1, 2, 6 and 4 can reach each other, so form a looped component, all of them can reach 5.

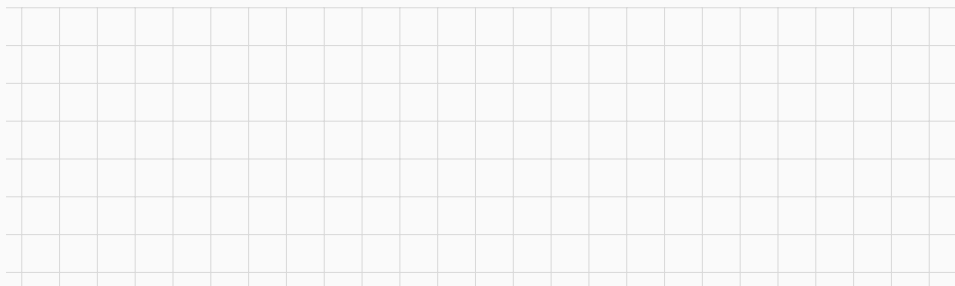
Given a binary relation  $R$  on a set  $A$ , the *transitive closure*  $R^*$  of  $R$  is the (uniquely determined) relation on  $A$  with the following properties:

- $R^*$  is transitive;
- $R \subseteq R^*$ ;
- If  $S$  is a transitive relation on  $A$  and  $R \subseteq S$ , then  $R^* \subseteq S$ .

## Example

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Find the transitive closure of

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



Answer: add  $(3, 2)$ ,  $(2, 1)$ ,  $(3, 3)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ .



## Transitivity and composition

A relation  $S$  is transitive if and only if  $S \circ S \subseteq S$ .

This is because

$$S \circ S = \{(a, c) \mid \text{exists } b \text{ such that } aSb \text{ and } bSc\}.$$

Let  $S$  be a relation. Set  $S^1 = S$ ,  $S^2 = S \circ S$ ,  $S^3 = S \circ S \circ S$ , and so on.

**Theorem** Denote by  $S^*$  the transitive closure of  $S$ . Then  $xS^*y$  if and only if there exists  $n > 0$  such that  $xS^n y$ .

## DIY Transitive closure in matrix form

The relation  $R$  on the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  is represented by the matrix

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

Is  $R$  transitive?

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

$$R \circ R = \{(a, c) \mid \text{exists } b \in A \text{ such that } aRb \text{ and } bRc\}.$$

There are pairs  $(a, c)$  that are in  $R \circ R$  but not in  $R$ . Hence,  $R$  is not transitive.

## DIY Detour: Warshall's algorithm

```
def warshall(a):  
    n = len(a)  
    for k in range(n):  
        for i in range(n):  
            for j in range(n):  
                a[i][j] = (a[i][j] or  
                           (a[i][k] and a[k][j]))  
    return a  
  
print(warshall([[1,0,0,1,0],  
                [0,1,0,0,1],  
                [0,0,1,0,0],  
                [1,0,1,0,0],  
                [0,1,0,1,0]]))
```

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- **Reflexivity:**  $\forall x A(x) \implies xRx$
- **Symmetry:**  $\forall x, y xRy \implies yRx$
- **Antisymmetry:**  $\forall x, y xRy \text{ and } yRx \implies y = x$
- **Transitivity:**  $\forall x, y, z xRy \text{ and } yRz \implies xRz$
- The **transitive closure**  $R^*$  of a relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is the smallest relation on  $A$  that contains  $R$  and is transitive.
- $xR^*y \iff \exists n > 0 \text{ such that } xR^n y.$