

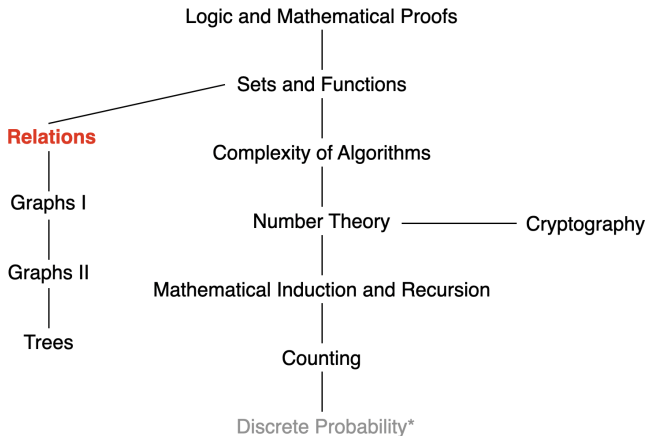
Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science

Lecture 15: Relation

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This Lecture



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Cartesian Product

Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ and $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$, the Cartesian product $A \times B$ is the set of pairs

$$\{(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_1, b_n), \dots, (a_m, b_n)\}.$$

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

A **subset** R of the Cartesian product $A \times B$ is called a **relation** from the set A to the set B .

Binary Relation

Definition: Let A and B be two sets. A **binary relation** from A to B is a subset of a Cartesian product $A \times B$.

Let $R \subseteq A \times B$ denote R is a set of **ordered pairs** of the form (a, b) where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

We use the notation aRb to denote $(a, b) \in R$, and $a \not R b$ to denote $(a, b) \notin R$.

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

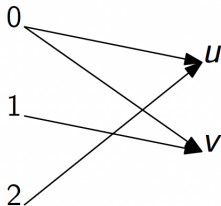
- Is $R = \{(a, 1), (b, 2), (c, 2)\}$ a relation from A to B ?
- Is $Q = \{(1, a), (2, b)\}$ a relation from A to B ?
- Is $P = \{(a, a), (b, c), (b, a)\}$ a relation from A to A ?

Representing Binary Relations

We can **graphically** represent a binary relation R as:

if aRb , then we draw an arrow from a to b : $a \rightarrow b$

Example: Let $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $B = \{u, v\}$, and
 $R = \{(0, u), (0, v), (1, v), (2, u)\}$. ($R \subseteq A \times B$)



Representing Binary Relations

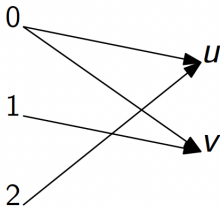
We can also represent a binary relation R by a **table** showing the ordered pairs of R .

Example: Let $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $B = \{u, v\}$, and $R = \{(0, u), (0, v), (1, v), (2, u)\}$. ($R \subseteq A \times B$)

R	u	v
0	×	×
1	×	
2		×

Representing Binary Relations

Relations represent **one to many relationships** between elements in A and B .



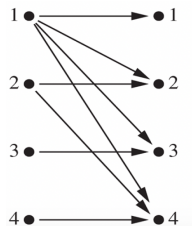
What is the difference between a relation and a function from A to B ?

Relation on the Set

Definition: A relation on the set A is a relation from A to itself.

Example: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $R_{div} = \{(a, b) : a \text{ divides } b\}$. What does R_{div} consist of?

$$R_{div} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}.$$



R	1	2	3	4
1	×	×	×	×
2		×		×
3			×	
4				×



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Number of Binary Relations

Theorem: The number of binary relations on a set A , where $|A| = n$, is 2^{n^2} .

Proof: If $|A| = n$, then the cardinality of the Cartesian product $|A \times A| = n^2$.

R is a binary relation on A if $R \subseteq A \times A$ (R is subset).

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

Properties of Relations

- Reflexive Relation
- Irreflexive Relation
- Symmetric Relation
- Antisymmetric Relation
- Transitive Relation

Properties of Relations: Reflexive Relation

Reflexive Relation: A relation R on a set A is called **reflexive** if $(a, a) \in R$ for **every** element $a \in A$.

Example: Assume that $R_{div} = \{(a, b) : a \text{ divides } b\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$R_{div} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}.$$

Is R_{div} reflexive?

Yes. $(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4) \in R_{div}$.

Reflexive Relation

Example: Assume that $R_{div} = \{(a, b) : a \text{ divides } b\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$R_{div} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}.$$

Is R_{div} reflexive?

Yes. $(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4) \in R_{div}$.

Relation Matrix (binary matrix):

$$MR_{div} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

A relation R is reflexive if and only if MR has 1 in **every** position on its **main diagonal**.



Examples

Consider the set of integers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Which of these relations reflexive?

R_1 , R_3 , and R_4 .

Number of Reflexive Relations

Theorem: The number of reflexive relations on a set A with $|A| = n$ is $2^{n(n-1)}$.

Proof: A reflexive relation R on A must contain all pairs (a, a) for every $a \in A$.

All other pairs in R are of the form (a, b) with $a \neq b$, s.t. $a, b \in A$.

How many of these pairs are there? $n(n-1)$

How many subsets on $n(n-1)$ elements are there? $2^{n(n-1)}$

Properties of Relations: Irreflexive Relation

Irreflexive Relation: A relation R on a set A is called **irreflexive** if $(a, a) \notin R$ for **every** element $a \in A$.

Example: Assume that $R_{\neq} = \{(a, b) : a \neq b\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Is R_{\neq} irreflexive?

$$R_{\neq} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 4), \\ (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\}.$$

Yes. $(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4) \notin R_{\neq}$.

Irreflexive Relation

Example: Assume that $R_{\neq} = \{(a, b) : a \neq b\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Is R_{\neq} irreflexive?

$$R_{\neq} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 4), \\ (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\}.$$

$$MR = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

A relation R is **irreflexive** if and only if MR has 0 in **every** position on its **main diagonal**.

Examples

Consider the set of integers:

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

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

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

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

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

Which of these relations irreflexive?

R_2 and R_5 .

Properties of Relations: Symmetric Relation

Symmetric Relation: A relation R on a set A is called **symmetric** if $(b, a) \in R$ **whenever** $(a, b) \in R$ for all $a, b \in A$.

Example: Assume that $R_{div} = \{(a, b) : a \text{ divides } b\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

$$R_{div} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}.$$

Is R_{div} symmetric?

No. $(1, 2) \in R_{div}$ but $(2, 1) \notin R$.

Symmetric Relation

Example: Assume that $R_{\neq} = \{(a, b) : a \neq b\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

$$R_{\neq} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 4), \\ (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\}.$$

Is R_{\neq} symmetric?

Yes. If $(a, b) \in R_{\neq}$ then $(b, a) \in R_{\neq}$.

$$MR = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

A relation R is **symmetric** if and only if MR is **symmetric**.

Examples

Consider the set of integers:

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

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

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

Which of these relations symmetric?

R_3 , R_4 , and R_6 .

Properties of Relations: Antisymmetric Relation

Antisymmetric Relation: A relation R on a set A is called **antisymmetric** if $(b, a) \in R$ and $(a, b) \in R$ **implies** $a = b$ for all $a, b \in A$.

Example: Assume that $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Is R antisymmetric? Yes.

$$MR = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

A relation R is **antisymmetric** if and only if $m_{ij} = 1$ **implies** $m_{ji} = 0$ for $i \neq j$.

Examples

Consider the set of integers:

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

Which of these relations antisymmetric?

R_1 , R_2 , R_4 and R_5 .

Symmetric Relation

The number of **symmetric relations** on set A , where A has n elements, is $2^{n(n+1)/2}$.

Proof: When relation R is symmetric, it contains two types of elements (or pair of elements) from $A \times A$:

- (a, a) with $a \in A$: n such tuples in $A \times A$
- both (a, b) and (b, a) , with $a, b \in A$ and $a \neq b$: $C(n, 2)$ such tuples in $A \times A$

Each of these elements (or pair of elements) can be either in R or not. Thus, there are $2^{n(n-1)/2+n} = 2^{n(n+1)/2}$ symmetric relations.

Antisymmetric Relation

The number of **antisymmetric relations** on set A , where A has n elements, is $2^n 3^{n(n-1)/2}$.

Proof: Consider the following two types of elements in $A \times A$:

- (a, a) with $a \in A$: There are n such tuples in $A \times A$. Each tuple can be either in R or not in R . Thus, there are 2^n possibilities.
- (a, b) or (b, a) , with $a, b \in A$ and $a \neq b$: There are $C(n, 2)$ pairs of a and b . For each of such pairs, there are three cases:
 - ▶ $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, a) \notin R$;
 - ▶ $(a, b) \notin R$ and $(b, a) \in R$;
 - ▶ $(a, b) \notin R$ and $(b, a) \notin R$.

Thus, there are $3^{n(n-1)/2}$ possibilities.

Using product rule, there are $2^n 3^{n(n-1)/2}$ such relations.

Properties of Relations: Transitive Relation

Transitive Relation: A relation R on a set A is called **transitive** if $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$ **implies** $(a, c) \in R$ for all $a, b, c \in A$.

Example: Assume that $R_{div} = \{(a, b) : a \text{ divides } b\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$R_{div} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}.$$

Is R_{div} transitive?

Yes. If $a|b$ and $b|c$, then $a|c$.

Transitive Relation

Example: Assume that $R_{\neq} = \{(a, b) : a \neq b\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

$$R_{\neq} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 4), \\ (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\}.$$

Is R_{\neq} transitive?

No. $(1, 2), (2, 1) \in R_{\neq}$ but $(1, 1) \notin R_{\neq}$.

Transitive Relation

Example: Assume that $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$ on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Is R transitive?

Yes.

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Which of these relations transitive?

R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 .

Summary on Properties of Relations

- **Reflexive Relation:** A relation R on a set A is called reflexive if $(a, a) \in R$ for every element $a \in A$.
- **Irreflexive Relation:** A relation R on a set A is called irreflexive if $(a, a) \notin R$ for every element $a \in A$.
- **Symmetric Relation:** A relation R on a set A is called symmetric if $(b, a) \in R$ whenever $(a, b) \in R$ for all $a, b \in A$.
- **Antisymmetric Relation:** A relation R on a set A is called antisymmetric if $(b, a) \in R$ and $(a, b) \in R$ implies $a = b$ for all $a, b \in A$.
- **Transitive Relation:** A relation R on a set A is called transitive if $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$ implies $(a, c) \in R$ for all $a, b, c \in A$.

Combining Relations

Since relations are sets, we can **combine relations** via set operations.

Set operations: union, intersection, difference, etc.

Example: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{u, v\}$, and
 $R_1 = \{(1, u), (2, u), (2, v), (3, u)\}$,
 $R_2 = \{(1, v), (3, u), (3, v)\}$

What is $R_1 \cup R_2$, $R_1 \cap R_2$, $R_1 - R_2$, $R_2 - R_1$?

Combining Relations

Example: $R_1 = \{(x, y) | x < y\}$ and $R_2 = \{(x, y) | x > y\}$. What are $R_1 \cup R_2$, $R_1 \cap R_2$, $R_1 - R_2$, $R_2 - R_1$, and $R_1 \oplus R_2$?

- $R_1 \cup R_2 = \{(x, y) | x \neq y\}$
- $R_1 \cap R_2 = \emptyset$
- $R_1 - R_2 = R_1$
- $R_2 - R_1 = R_2$
- $R_1 \oplus R_2 = \{(x, y) | x \neq y\}$

Composite of Relations

Definition: Let R be a relation from a set A to a set B and S be a relation from B to C . The composite of R and S is the relation consisting of the ordered pairs (a, c) where $a \in A$ and $c \in C$ and for which there is a $b \in B$ such that $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in S$.

We denote the composite of R and S by $S \circ R$.

Example: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{0, 1, 2\}$, and $C = \{a, b\}$:

- $R = \{(1, 0), (1, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$
- $S = \{(0, b), (1, a), (2, b)\}$
- $S \circ R = \{(1, b), (3, a), (3, b)\}$

Power of a Relation

Definition: Let R be a relation on A . The **powers** R^n , for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, is defined inductively by

$$R^1 = R \text{ and } R^{n+1} = R^n \circ R$$

Example: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, and $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3)\}$

- $R^1 = R$
- $R^2 = R \circ R = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$
- $R^3 = R^2 \circ R = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$
- $R^4 = R^3 \circ R = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$
- $R^k = ?$ for $k > 3$

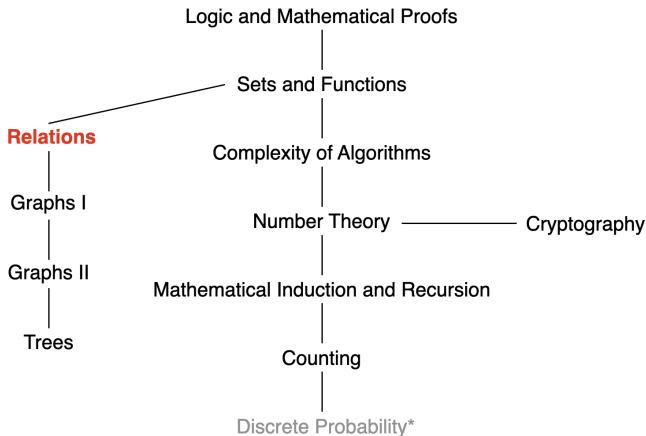
Transitive Relation and R^n

Theorem: The relation R on a set A is transitive if and only if $R^n \subseteq R$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Proof:

- “if” part: In particular, $R^2 \subseteq R$. If $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$, then by the definition of composition, we have $(a, c) \in R^2 \subseteq R$.
- “only if” part: by induction.
 - ▶ $n = 1$: $R^1 \subseteq R$
 - ▶ Suppose $R^n \subseteq R$:
 - ★ Consider $(a, c) \in R^{n+1} \triangleq R^n \circ R$: there is a $b \in A$ such that $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R^n \subseteq R$
 - ★ Since R is transitive, $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R^n \subseteq R$ implies that $(a, c) \in R$.
 - ★ Thus, $R^{n+1} \subseteq R$

This Lecture



Relation, *n*-ary Relations, Representing Relations, Closures of Relations, ...

n -ary Relations

Definition: An n -ary relation R on sets A_1, \dots, A_n , written as $R : A_1, \dots, A_n$, is a subset $R \subseteq A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$.

- The sets A_1, \dots, A_n are called the **domains** of R .
- The **degree** of R is n .

Relational Databases

A **relational database** is essentially an n -ary relation R .

A domain A_i is a **primary key** for the database if the value of the n -tuple from this domain determines the n -tuple.

- no two n -tuples in the relation have the same value from this domain.

Which domains are primary keys for the n -ary relation, assuming that no n -tuples will be added in the future?

<i>Student_name</i>	<i>ID_number</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>GPA</i>
Ackermann	231455	Computer Science	3.88
Adams	888323	Physics	3.45
Chou	102147	Computer Science	3.49
Goodfriend	453876	Mathematics	3.45
Rao	678543	Mathematics	3.90
Stevens	786576	Psychology	2.99

Student name, student ID.

Relational Databases

A **composite key** for the database is a set of domains $\{A_i, A_j, \dots\}$ such that R contains at most 1 n -tuple $(\dots, a_i, \dots, a_j, \dots)$ for each composite value $(a_i, a_j, \dots) \in A_i \times A_j \times \dots$.

Example: Is the domain of **major fields of study** and the domain of **GPA**s a composite key for the n -ary relation, assuming that no n -tuples are ever added?

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Yes.

Selection Operator

Let A be any n -ary domain $A = A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n$, and let $C : A \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ be any condition (predicate) on elements (n -tuples) of A .

The **selection operator** s_C is the operator that maps any (n -ary) relation R on A to the n -ary relation of **all** n -tuples from R that satisfy C .

$$\forall R \subseteq A, s_C(R) = R \cap \{a \in A \mid s_C(a) = T\} = \{a \in R \mid s_C(a) = T\}.$$

Selection Operator: Example

Suppose that we have a domain

$$A = \text{StudentName} \times \text{Standing} \times \text{SocSecNos}$$

Suppose that we have a condition

$$\begin{aligned} &UpperLevel(name, standing, ssn) \\ &:\equiv [(standing = junior) \vee (standing = senior)] \end{aligned}$$

Then, $s_{UpperLevel}$ is the selection operator that takes any relation R on A (database of students) and produces a relation consisting of just the juniors and seniors.

Projection Operator

Let $A = A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n$ be any n -ary domain, and let $\{i_k\} = (i_1, \dots, i_m)$ be a sequence of indices all falling in the range 1 to n . That is, where $1 \leq i_k \leq n$ for all $1 \leq k \leq m$.

Then the **projection operator** on n -tuples

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

is defined by

$$P_{i_k}(a_1, \cdots, a_n) = (a_{i_1}, \cdots, a_{i_m})$$

Projection Operator: Example

Suppose that we have a domain

$$Cars = Model \times Year \times Color (n = 3)$$

Consider the index sequence $\{i_k\} = (1, 3) (m = 2)$.

Then the **projection** $P_{\{i_k\}}$ simply maps each tuple $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (model, year, color)$ to its image:

$$(a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}) = (a_1, a_3) = (model, color)$$

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**.

Projection Operator: Example

What is the table obtained when the projection $P_{1,2}$ is applied to the relation as follows?

<i>Student</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Course</i>
Glauser	Biology	BI 290
Glauser	Biology	MS 475
Glauser	Biology	PY 410
Marcus	Mathematics	MS 511
Marcus	Mathematics	MS 603
Marcus	Mathematics	CS 322
Miller	Computer Science	MS 575
Miller	Computer Science	CS 455

<i>Student</i>	<i>Major</i>
Glauser	Biology
Marcus	Mathematics
Miller	Computer Science

Join Operator

Puts two relations together to form a sort of **combined relation**.

If the tuple (A, B) appears in R_1 , and the tuple (B, C) appears in R_2 , then the tuple (A, B, C) appears in the join $J(R_1, R_2)$.

A, B, C can also be **sequences of elements** rather than single elements.

Join Operator: Example

Suppose that R_1 is a teaching assignment table, relating Professors to Courses.

Suppose that R_2 is a room assignment table relating Courses to Rooms and Times.

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

Join Operator: Example

<i>Professor</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Course_number</i>
Cruz	Zoology	335
Cruz	Zoology	412
Farber	Psychology	501
Farber	Psychology	617
Grammer	Physics	544
Grammer	Physics	551
Rosen	Computer Science	518
Rosen	Mathematics	575

<i>Department</i>	<i>Course_number</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Time</i>
Computer Science	518	N521	2:00 P.M.
Mathematics	575	N502	3:00 P.M.
Mathematics	611	N521	4:00 P.M.
Physics	544	B505	4:00 P.M.
Psychology	501	A100	3:00 P.M.
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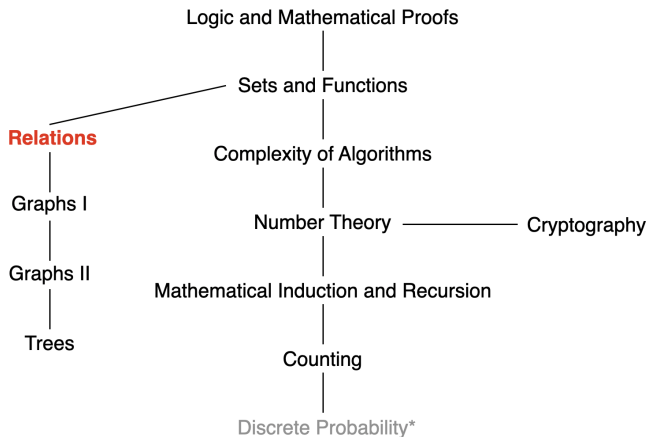
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Relation, n -ary Relations, **Representing Relations**,
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Representing Relations

Some ways to represent n -ary relations:

- with an **explicit list** or **table** of its tuples
- with a **function** from the domain to $\{T, F\}$

Some special ways to represent **binary relations**:

- with a zero-one matrix
- with a directed graph

Zero-One Matrix

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & (a_i, b_j) \in R \\ 0, & (a_i, b_j) \notin R \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

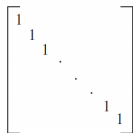
Example: Suppose that $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{1, 2\}$. Let R be the relation from A to B containing (a, b) if $a \in A$, $b \in B$, and $a > b$.

What is the matrix representing R if $a_1 = 1$, $a_2 = 2$, and $a_3 = 3$, and $b_1 = 1$ and $b_2 = 2$?

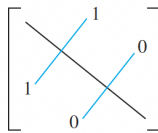
Solution: $R = \{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$

$$\mathbf{M}_R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

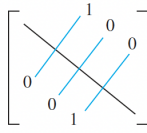
Zero-One Matrix


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

Reflexive


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

Symmetric


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

Antisymmetric

Example: Suppose that the relation R on a set is represented by the matrix

$$\mathbf{M}_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is R reflexive, symmetric, and/or antisymmetric?

Reflexive, symmetric. Not antisymmetric.

Zero-One Matrix: Join and Meet

Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ be $m \times n$ zero-one matrices.

The **join** of A and B is the zero-one matrix with (i, j) -th entry $a_{ij} \vee b_{ij}$.
The join of A and B is denoted by $A \vee B$.

The **meet** of A and B is the zero-one matrix with (i, j) -th entry $a_{ij} \wedge b_{ij}$.
The meet of A and B is denoted by $A \wedge B$.

Zero-One Matrix: Join and Meet

Consider relations R_1 and R_2 on a set A :

$$M_{R_1 \cup R_2} = M_{R_1} \vee M_{R_2}$$

$$M_{R_1 \cap R_2} = M_{R_1} \wedge M_{R_2}$$

Example: Suppose that the relations R_1 and R_2 on a set A are represented by the matrices

$$\mathbf{M}_{R_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M}_{R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

What are the matrices representing $R_1 \cup R_2$ and $R_1 \cap R_2$?

Zero-One Matrix: Composite of Relations

Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times k$ zero-one matrix and $B = [b_{ij}]$ be a $k \times n$ zero-one matrix. Then, **the Boolean product of A and B** , denoted by $A \odot B$, is the $m \times n$ matrix with (i, j) -th entry c_{ij} where

$$c_{ij} = (a_{i1} \wedge b_{1j}) \vee (a_{i2} \wedge b_{2j}) \vee \cdots \vee (a_{ik} \wedge b_{kj}).$$

Example:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} (1 \wedge 1) \vee (0 \wedge 0) & (1 \wedge 1) \vee (0 \wedge 1) & (1 \wedge 0) \vee (0 \wedge 1) \\ (0 \wedge 1) \vee (1 \wedge 0) & (0 \wedge 1) \vee (1 \wedge 1) & (0 \wedge 0) \vee (1 \wedge 1) \\ (1 \wedge 1) \vee (0 \wedge 0) & (1 \wedge 1) \vee (0 \wedge 1) & (1 \wedge 0) \vee (0 \wedge 1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \vee 0 & 1 \vee 0 & 0 \vee 0 \\ 0 \vee 0 & 0 \vee 1 & 0 \vee 1 \\ 1 \vee 0 & 1 \vee 0 & 0 \vee 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Zero-One Matrix: Composite of Relations

Suppose that R is a relation from A to B and S is a relation from B to C :

$$M_{S \circ R} = M_R \odot M_S.$$

The ordered pair (a_i, c_j) belongs to $S \circ R$ **if and only if** there is an element b_k such that (a_i, b_k) belongs to R and (b_k, c_j) belongs to S .

Example:

$$\mathbf{M}_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}_S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{S \circ R} = \mathbf{M}_R \odot \mathbf{M}_S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

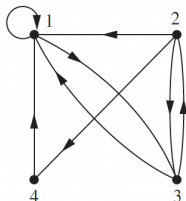
Directed Graph

A **directed graph**, or digraph, consists of a set V of **vertices** together with a set E of ordered pairs of elements of V called **edges**.

The vertex a is called the **initial vertex** of the edge (a, b) , and the vertex b is called the **terminal vertex** of this edge.

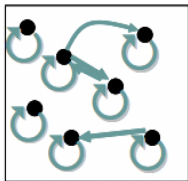
Example: Relation R is defined on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

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

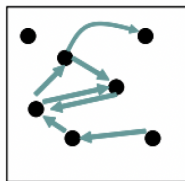


Directed Graph

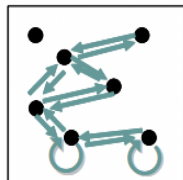
Reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric?



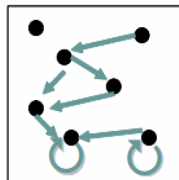
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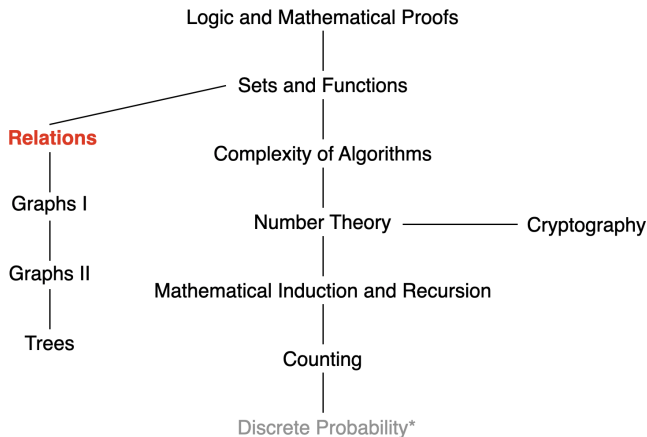


symmetric



antisymmetric

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