

COMP9020 Week 2

Binary Relations

- Textbook (R & W) - Ch. 3., Sec. 3.1, 3.4; Ch. 11, Sec. 11.1

Applications in Computer Science

Many relations that appear in CS fall into two broad categories:

Equivalence relations (generalizing “equality”):

- Programs that exhibit the same behaviour
- Logically equivalent statements
- The `.equals()` method in Java

Partial orders (generalizing “less than or equal to”):

- Object inheritance
- Simulation
- Requirement specifications
- The `.compareTo()` method in Java

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- Properties of binary relations
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Binary relations

A **binary relation between S and T** is a subset of $S \times T$: i.e. a set of ordered pairs.

Also: over S and T ; from S to T ; on S (if $S = T$).

Example (Special (Trivial) Relations)

Identity (diagonal, equality) $E = \{ (x, x) : x \in S \}$

Empty \emptyset

Universal $U = S \times S$

Defining binary relations: Set-based definitions

Defining a relation $R \subseteq S \times T$:

- Explicitly listing tuples: e.g. $\{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$
- Set comprehension: $\{(x, y) \in [1, 3] \times [1, 3] : 5 \mid xy - 1\}$
- Construction from other relations:
 $\{(1, 1)\} \cup \{(2, 3)\} \cup \{(2, 3)\}^{\leftarrow}$

Defining binary relations: Matrix representation

Defining a relation $R \subseteq S \times T$:

Rows enumerated by elements of S , columns by elements of T :

Examples

- The relation $\{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2)\} \subseteq [1, 3] \times [1, 3]$:

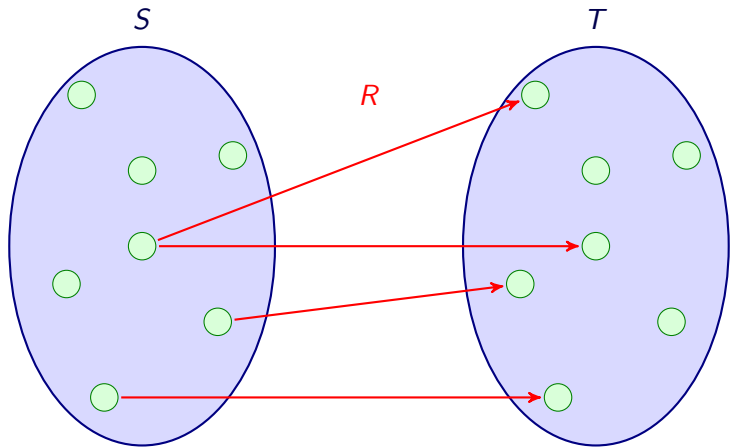
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- The relation $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (3, 2)\} \subseteq [1, 3] \times [1, 4]$:

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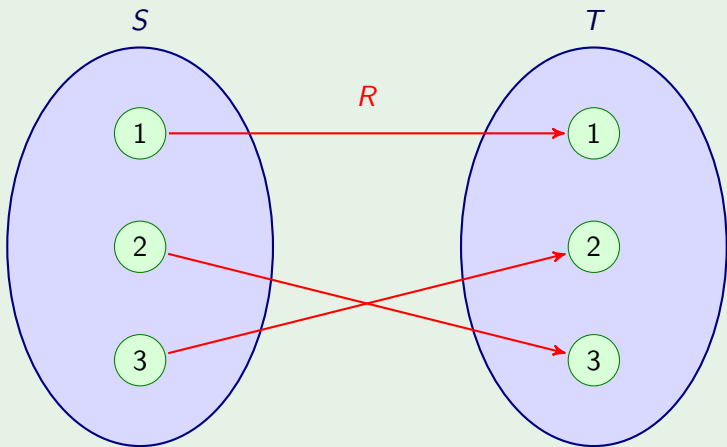
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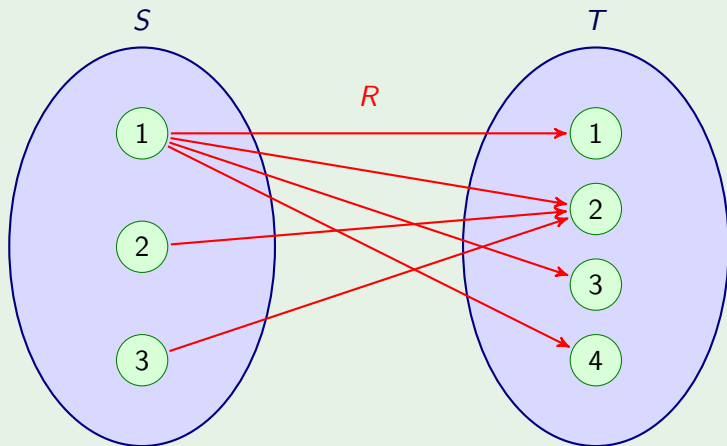
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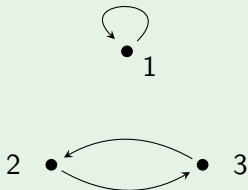
Defining binary relations: Graph representation

If $S = T$ we can define $R \subseteq S \times S$ as a **directed graph** (week 5).

- Nodes: Elements of S
- Edges: Elements of R

Example

$$R = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2)\} \subseteq [1, 3] \times [1, 3]:$$



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Properties of Binary Relations $R \subseteq S \times S$

Definition

(R)	reflexive	For all $x \in S$: $(x, x) \in R$
(AR)	antireflexive	For all $x \in S$: $(x, x) \notin R$
(S)	symmetric	For all $x, y \in S$: If $(x, y) \in R$ then $(y, x) \in R$
(AS)	antisymmetric	For all $x, y \in S$: If (x, y) and $(y, x) \in R$ then $x = y$
(T)	transitive	For all $x, y, z \in S$: If (x, y) and $(y, z) \in R$ then $(x, z) \in R$

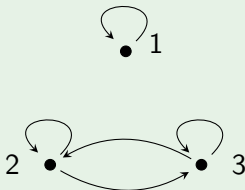
NB

- *Properties have to hold for all elements*
- *(S), (AS), (T) are conditional statements – they will hold if there is nothing which satisfies the 'if' part*

Relation properties: Examples

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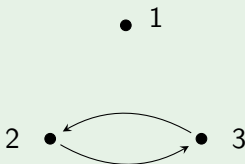
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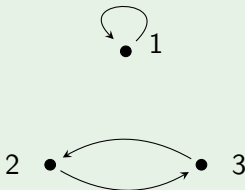


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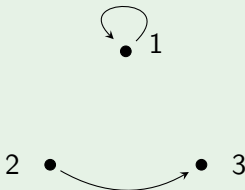


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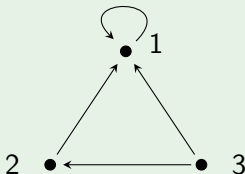


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Interaction of Properties

A relation *can* be both symmetric and antisymmetric. Namely, when R consists only of some pairs $(x, x), x \in S$.

A relation *cannot* be simultaneously reflexive and antireflexive (unless $S = \emptyset$).

NB

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{nonreflexive} \\ \text{nonsymmetric} \end{array} \right\}$ is not the same as $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{antireflexive/irreflexive} \\ \text{antisymmetric} \end{array} \right.$

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Some examples over \mathbb{N} , $\text{Pow}(\mathbb{N})$:

- strict order of numbers $x < y$
- simple (weak) order, but with some pairs (x, x) removed from R
- being a prime divisor
 $(p, n) \in R$ iff p is prime and $p|n$
 - not reflexive: $(1, 1) \notin R, (4, 4) \notin R, (6, 6) \notin R$
 - transitivity is meaningful only for the pairs
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Simplest example - inequality

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(c) Is R transitive? No: Consider $(1, 1)$, $(1, 4)$ and $(2, 4)$.

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Definition

A binary relation $R \subseteq S \times S$ is *equivalence relation* if it satisfies (R), (S), (T).

Example

Partition of \mathbb{Z} into classes of numbers with the same remainder on division by p ; it is particularly important for p prime

$$\mathbb{Z}(p) = \mathbb{Z}_p = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$$

One can define all four arithmetic operations (with the usual properties) on \mathbb{Z}_p for a prime p ; division has to be restricted when p is not prime.

NB

$(\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ are fundamental algebraic structures known as **rings**. These structures are very important in coding theory and cryptography.

Equivalence Classes and Partitions

Suppose $R \subseteq S \times S$ is an equivalence relation

The **equivalence class** $[s]$ (w.r.t. R) of an element $s \in S$ is

$$[s] = \{t : t \in S \text{ and } sRt\}$$

Fact

$s R t$ if and only if $[s] = [t]$.

Equivalence classes: Proof example

Proof

Suppose $[s] = [t]$. Recall $[s] = \{x \in S : (s, x) \in R\}$. We will show that $(s, t) \in R$.

Because R is reflexive, $(t, t) \in R$.

Therefore $t \in [t]$.

Because $[t] = [s]$, it follows that $t \in [s]$.

But then $(s, t) \in R$ by the definition of $[s]$.

Equivalence classes: Proof example

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Take any $x \in [s]$.

By the definition of $[s]$, $(s, x) \in R$.

Since R is symmetric $(x, s) \in R$.

Since R is transitive and $(s, t) \in R$ we have that $(x, t) \in R$.

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Therefore $[t] \subseteq [s]$. □

Partitions

Definition

A **partition** of a set S is a collection of sets S_1, \dots, S_k such that

- S_i and S_j are disjoint (for $i \neq j$)
- $S = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_k = \bigcup_{i=1}^k S_i$

The collection of all equivalence classes $\{[s] : s \in S\}$ forms a partition of S

In the opposite direction, a partition of a set defines the equivalence relation on that set. If $S = S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_k$, then we can define $\sim \subseteq S \times S$ as:

$s \sim t$ exactly when s and t belong to the same S_i .

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(a) It just means that $m = n \pmod{5}$ or $m = -n \pmod{5}$, e.g. $1 = -4 \pmod{5}$. This satisfies (R), (S), (T).

(b) We have

$$[1] = \{1, 4, 6\}$$

$$[2] = \{2, 3, 7\}$$

$$[5] = \{5\}$$

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Partial Order

A **partial order** \preceq on S satisfies (R), (AS), (T).

We call (S, \preceq) a **poset** — partially ordered set

Examples

Posets:

- (\mathbb{Z}, \leq)
- $(\text{Pow}(X), \subseteq)$ for some set X
- $(\mathbb{N}, |)$

Not posets:

- $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$
- $(\mathbb{Z}, |)$

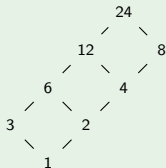
Hasse diagram

Every finite poset (S, \preceq) can be represented with a **Hasse diagram**:

- Nodes are elements of S
- An edge is drawn *upward* from x to y if $x \prec y$ and there is no z such that $x \prec z \prec y$

Example

Hasse diagram for positive divisors of 24 ordered by $|$:



Ordering Concepts

Definition

Let (S, \preceq) be a poset.

- **Minimal** element: x such that there is no y with $y \preceq x$
- **Maximal** element: x such that there is no y with $x \preceq y$
- **Minimum (least)** element: x such that $x \preceq y$ for all $y \in S$
- **Maximum (greatest)** element: x such that $y \preceq x$ for all $y \in S$

NB

- *There may be multiple minimal/maximal elements.*
- *Minimum/maximum elements are the unique minimal/maximal elements if they exist.*
- *Minimal/maximal elements always exist in finite posets, but not necessarily in infinite posets.*

Examples

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- $\text{Pow}(\{a, b, c\})$ with the order \subseteq
 \emptyset is minimum; $\{a, b, c\}$ is maximum
- $\text{Pow}(\{a, b, c\}) \setminus \{\{a, b, c\}\}$ (proper subsets of $\{a, b, c\}$)
Each two-element subset $\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$ is maximal.
 - But there is no maximum

Ordering Concepts

Definition

Let (S, \preceq) be a poset.

- x is an **upper bound** for A if $a \preceq x$ for all $a \in A$
- x is a **lower bound** for A if $x \preceq a$ for all $a \in A$
- The **set of upper bounds** for A is defined as $ub(A) = \{x : a \preceq x \text{ for all } a \in A\}$
- The **set of lower bounds** for A is defined as $lb(A) = \{x : x \preceq a \text{ for all } a \in A\}$
- The **least upper bound** of A , $lub(A)$, is the minimum of $ub(A)$ (if it exists)
- The **greatest lower bound** of A , $glb(A)$ is the maximum of $lb(A)$ (if it exists)

glb and lub

To show x is $\text{glb}(A)$ you need to show:

- x is a lower bound: $x \preceq a$ for all $a \in A$.
- x is the greatest of all lower bounds: If $y \preceq a$ for all $a \in A$ then $y \preceq x$.

Example

$\text{Pow}(X)$ ordered by \subseteq .

- $\text{glb}(A, B) = A \cap B$
- $\text{lub}(A, B) = A \cup B$

Ordering Concepts

Definition

Let (S, \preceq) be a poset.

- (S, \preceq) is a **lattice** if $\text{lub}(x, y)$ and $\text{glb}(x, y)$ exist for every pair of elements $x, y \in S$.
- (S, \preceq) is a **complete lattice** if $\text{lub}(A)$ and $\text{glb}(A)$ exist for every subset $A \subseteq S$.

NB

A finite lattice is always a complete lattice.

Examples

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- $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24\}$ partially ordered by divisibility is a lattice
 - e.g. $\text{lub}(\{4, 6\}) = 12$; $\text{glb}(\{4, 6\}) = 2$
- $\{1, 2, 3\}$ partially ordered by divisibility is not a lattice
 - $\{2, 3\}$ has no lub
- $\{2, 3, 6\}$ partially ordered by divisibility
 - $\{2, 3\}$ has no glb
- $\{1, 2, 3, 12, 18, 36\}$ partially ordered by divisibility
 - $\{2, 3\}$ has no lub ($12, 18$ are minimal upper bounds)

NB

*An infinite lattice need not have a lub (or no glb) for an arbitrary infinite subset of its elements, in particular no such bound may exist for **all** its elements.*

Examples

- (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) : neither $\text{lub}(\mathbb{Z})$ nor $\text{glb}(\mathbb{Z})$ exist
- $(\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{N}), \subseteq)$ [all finite subsets of \mathbb{N}]: lub exists for pairs of elements but not generally for (infinite) sets of elements. glb exists for any set of elements: intersection of a set of finite sets is finite.
- $(\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{N}), \subseteq)$ [all infinite subsets of \mathbb{N}]: glb does not exist for some pairs of elements (e.g. odds and evens). lub exists for any set of elements: union of a set of infinite sets is always infinite.

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11.1.5 Consider poset (\mathbb{R}, \leq)

- (a) Is this a lattice?
- (b) Give an example of a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} that has no upper bound.
- (c) Find $\text{lub}(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < 73\})$
- (d) Find $\text{lub}(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq 73\})$
- (e) Find $\text{lub}(\{x : x^2 < 73\})$
- (f) Find $\text{glb}(\{x : x^2 < 73\})$

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11.1.5 Consider poset (\mathbb{R}, \leq)

- (a) Is this a lattice? Yes
- (b) Give an example of a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} that has no upper bound. $\mathbb{R}_{>0} = \{ r \in \mathbb{R} : r > 0 \}$
- (c) Find $\text{lub}(\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : x < 73 \})$ 73
- (d) Find $\text{lub}(\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq 73 \})$ 73
- (e) Find $\text{lub}(\{ x : x^2 < 73 \})$ $\sqrt{73}$
- (f) Find $\text{glb}(\{ x : x^2 < 73 \})$ $-\sqrt{73}$

Total orders

Definition

A **total order** is a partial order that also satisfies:

(L) *Linearity* (any two elements are comparable):

For all x, y either: $x \leq y$ or $y \leq x$ (or both if $x = y$)

NB

On a finite set all total orders are “isomorphic”

On an infinite set there is quite a variety of possibilities.

Examples

Examples

- \mathbb{Z} with \leq :
(no minimum/maximum element)
- \mathbb{Z} with $\{(x, y) : x < 0 \leq y \text{ or } |x| \leq |y|\}$:
(no maximum element, minimum element is -1)
- \mathbb{Z} with $\{(x, y) : x < 0 \leq y \text{ or } x \geq y\}$:
(minimum element -1, maximum element 0)

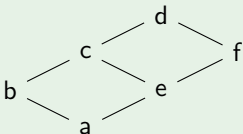
Ordering of a Poset — Topological Sort

Definition

For a poset (S, \preceq) any total order \leq that is consistent with \preceq (if $a \preceq b$ then $a \leq b$) is called a **topological sort**.

Example

Consider



The following all are topological sorts:

$$a \leq b \leq e \leq c \leq f \leq d$$

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Well-Ordered Sets

Definition

A *well-ordered set* is a poset where every subset has a least element.

NB

The greatest element is not required.

Examples

- $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, \dots\}$
- $\mathbb{N}_1 \dot{\cup} \mathbb{N}_2 \dot{\cup} \mathbb{N}_3 \dot{\cup} \dots$, where each $\mathbb{N}_i \simeq \mathbb{N}$
and $\mathbb{N}_1 < \mathbb{N}_2 < \mathbb{N}_3 \dots$

NB

Well-ordered sets are an important mathematical tool to prove termination of programs.

Combining Orders

Product order — can combine any partial orders. In general, it is only a *partial order*, even if combining total orders.

For $s, s' \in S$ and $t, t' \in T$ define

$$(s, t) \preceq (s', t') \quad \text{if } s \preceq s' \text{ and } t \preceq t'$$

Practical Orderings

They are, effectively, *total* orders on the *product* of ordered sets.

- **Lexicographic order** — defined on all of Σ^* . It extends a total order already assumed to exist on Σ .
- **Lenlex** — the order on (potentially) the entire Σ^* , where the elements are ordered first by length.
 $\Sigma^{(1)} \prec \Sigma^{(2)} \prec \Sigma^{(3)} \prec \dots$, then lexicographically within each $\Sigma^{(k)}$. In practice it is applied only to the finite subsets of Σ^* .
- **Filing order** — lexicographic order confined to the strings of the same length.
It defines total orders on Σ^i , separately for each i .

Example

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11.2.5 Let $\mathbb{B} = \{0, 1\}$ with the usual order $0 < 1$. List the elements $101, 010, 11, 000, 10, 0010, 1000$ of \mathbb{B}^* in the

(a) Lexicographic order

(b) Lenlex order

11.2.8 When are the lexicographic order and *lenlex* on Σ^* the same?

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(a) Lexicographic order

$000, 0010, 010, 10, 1000, 101, 11$

(b) Lenlex order

$10, 11, 000, 010, 101, 0010, 1000$

11.2.8 When are the lexicographic order and *lenlex* on Σ^* the same?

Only when $|\Sigma| = 1$.

Exercises

Exercises

11.6.6 True or false?

- (a) If a set Σ is totally ordered, then the corresponding lexicographic partial order on Σ^* also must be totally ordered.
- (b) If a set Σ is totally ordered, then the corresponding lenlex order on Σ^* also must be totally ordered.
- (c) Every finite partially ordered set has a Hasse diagram.

Exercises

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True
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True

Exercises

Exercises

11.6.6 True or false?

- (d) Every finite partially ordered set has a topological sorting.
- (e) Every finite partially ordered set has a minimum element.
- (f) Every finite totally ordered set has a maximum element.
- (g) An infinite partially ordered set cannot have a maximum element.

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Exercises

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True
- ⑦ An infinite partially ordered set cannot have a maximum element.
False