

Discrete Math

Relations

1) List the ordered pairs in the relation R from

$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ to $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, where $(a, b) \in R$ if and only if

a) $a = b$.

b) $a + b = 4$.

c) $a > b$.

Answer:

a) $R = \{ (0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3) \}$

b) $R = \{ (1,3), (2,2), (3,1), (4,0) \}$

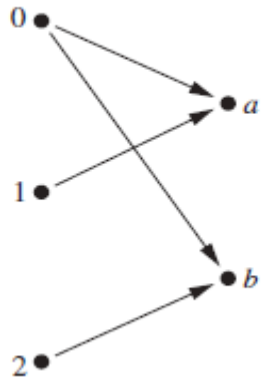
c) $R = \{ (1,0), (2,1), (2,0), (3,2), (3,1), (3,0), (4,3), (4,2), (4,1), (4,0) \}$

2) Let $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $B = \{a, b\}$.

Then $\{(0, a), (0, b), (1, a), (2, b)\}$ is a relation from A to B .

Using arrows to represent ordered pairs and represent this relation is to use a table.

Answer:



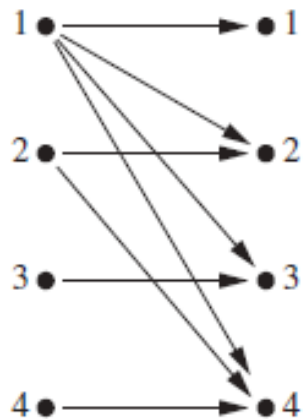
R	a	b
0	×	×
1	×	
2		×

3) Let A be the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Which ordered pairs are in the relation $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \text{ divides } b\}$?

Using arrows to represent ordered pairs and represent this relation is to use a table.

Answer:

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



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

- 4) Consider the relation $R=\{(a,b)|a \text{ divides } b\}$ on the set $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$
- (a) List all the ordered pairs in R .
 - (b) Draw the digraph of R

Assignment

Properties of Relations

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

Consider the following relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$R_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\},$$


$$R_3 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_4 = \{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\},$$

$$R_5 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_6 = \{(3, 4)\}.$$

Which of these relations are reflexive?

Solution: The relations R_3 and R_5 are reflexive because they both contain all pairs of the form (a, a) , namely, $(1, 1)$, $(2, 2)$, $(3, 3)$, and $(4, 4)$. The other relations are not reflexive because they do not contain all of these ordered pairs. In particular, R_1 , R_2 , R_4 , and R_6 are not reflexive because $(3, 3)$ is not in any of these relations. 

Symmetric/Antisymmetric Relations

A relation R on a set A is called *symmetric* if $(b, a) \in R$ whenever $(a, b) \in R$, for all $a, b \in A$.
A relation R on a set A such that for all $a, b \in A$, if $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, a) \in R$, then $a = b$ is called *antisymmetric*.

Consider the following relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$R_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\},$$

$$R_3 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_4 = \{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\},$$

$$R_5 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_6 = \{(3, 4)\}.$$

**Which of the relations are symmetric and
Which are antisymmetric?**

Solution:

The relations **R2 and R3 are symmetric**, because in each case (b, a) belongs to the relation whenever (a, b) does.

For R2, the only thing to check is that both $(2, 1)$ and $(1, 2)$ are in the relation.

For R3, it is necessary to check that both $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$ belong to the relation, and $(1, 4)$ and $(4, 1)$ belong to the relation.

R4, R5, and R6 are all antisymmetric.

For each of these relations there is no pair of elements a and b with $a \neq b$ such that both (a, b) and (b, a) belong to the relation.

Transitive Relations

A relation R on a set A is called *transitive* if whenever $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$, then $(a, c) \in R$, for all $a, b, c \in A$.

Consider the following relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

$$R_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\},$$

$$R_3 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 1), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_4 = \{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\},$$

$$R_5 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 4)\},$$

$$R_6 = \{(3, 4)\}.$$

Which of the relations in are transitive?

Solution:

R4, R5, and R6 are transitive.

R4 is transitive, because $(3, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$, $(4, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$, $(4, 3)$ and $(3, 1)$, and $(4, 3)$ and $(3, 2)$ are the only such sets of pairs, and $(3, 1)$, $(4, 1)$, and $(4, 2)$ belong to R4.

R1 is not transitive because $(3, 4)$ and $(4, 1)$ belong to R1, but $(3, 1)$ does not.

R2 is not transitive because $(2, 1)$ and $(1, 2)$ belong to R2, but $(2, 2)$ does not.

R3 is not transitive because $(4, 1)$ and $(1, 2)$ belong to R3, but $(4, 2)$ does not.

5) For each of these relations on the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, decide whether it is **reflexive**, whether it is **symmetric**, whether it is **antisymmetric**, and whether it is **transitive**.

a) $\{(2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$

b) $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}$ “reflexive, symmetric, transitive”

c) $\{(2, 4), (4, 2)\}$

d) $\{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)\}$

Assignment

- 6) Let $R1 = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)\}$ and $R2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$ be relations from $\{1, 2, 3\}$ to $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

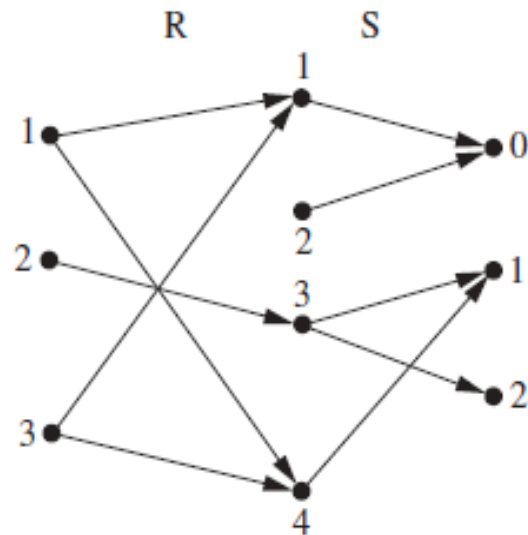
- Find a) $R1 \cup R2$ “union”
b) $R1 \cap R2$ “intersect”
c) $R1 - R2$ “subtract”
d) $R2 - R1$ “subtract”

Answer:

- a) $R_1 \cup R_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$
- b) $R_1 \cap R_2 = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)\}$
- c) $R_1 - R_2 = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)\} - \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)\}$
 $= \emptyset$
- d) $R_2 - R_1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)\} - \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)\}$
 $= \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$

- 7) What is the **composite of the relations R and S**, find **$S \circ R$**
 where R is the relation from $\{1, 2, 3\}$ to $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 4)\}$
 and S is the relation from $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ to $\{0, 1, 2\}$ with $S = \{(1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1)\}$?

Answer:



$1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0$	$(1, 0)$
$1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 1$	$(1, 1)$
$2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$	$(2, 1)$
$2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2$	$(2, 2)$
$3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0$	$(3, 0)$
$3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 1$	$(3, 1)$

$$S \circ R = \{(1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 0), (3, 1)\}.$$

- 8) Let $R=\{(1,3),(2,2),(3,2)\}$ and $S=\{(2,1),(3,2),(2,3)\}$ be two relations on set $A=\{1,2,3\}$. Find $R \circ S$ is equal

$$R \circ S = \{(2,3), (3,2), (2,2)\}$$

Assignment

Powers of a Relation

Let R be a relation on the set A . The powers R^n , $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, are defined recursively by

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

The definition shows that $R^2 = R \circ R$, $R^3 = R^2 \circ R = (R \circ R) \circ R$, and so on.

Example: Let $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 2), (4, 3)\}$. Find the powers R^n , $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

Solution:

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


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

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

- 9) 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: Because $R = \{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$, the matrix for R is

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

The 1s in \mathbf{M}_R show that the pairs $(2, 1)$, $(3, 1)$, and $(3, 2)$ belong to R . The 0s show that no other pairs belong to R . 

- 10) Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ and $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$. Which ordered pairs are in the relation R represented by the matrix

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

Solution: Because R consists of those ordered pairs (a_i, b_j) with $m_{ij} = 1$, it follows that

$$R = \{(a_1, b_2), (a_2, b_1), (a_2, b_3), (a_2, b_4), (a_3, b_1), (a_3, b_3), (a_3, b_5)\}.$$



11) Represent each of these relations on $\{1, 2, 3\}$ with a matrix (with the elements of this set listed in increasing order).

a) $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3)\}$

b) $\{(1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

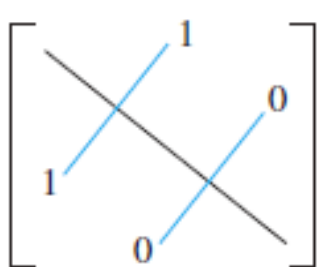
c) $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$

a)

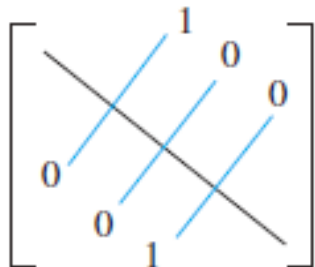
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(B,C)Assignment

The zero-one matrices for symmetric and antisymmetric relations



(a) Symmetric

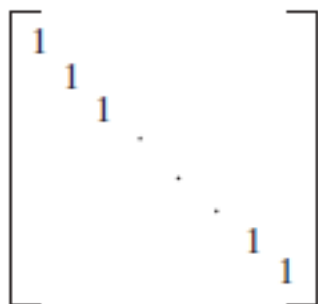


(b) Antisymmetric

Let R be a binary relation on a set and let M be its zero-one matrix. R is symmetric if and only if $M = M^t$. In other words, $M_{ij} = M_{ji}$ for all i and j .

Let R be a binary relation on a set and let M be its zero-one matrix. R is antisymmetric if and only if $M_{ij} = 0$ or $M_{ji} = 0$ for all $i \neq j$.

The zero-one matrix for a reflexive relation.



Let R be a binary relation on a set and let M be its zero-one matrix. R is reflexive if and only if $M_{ii} = 1$ for all i . In other words, all elements are equal to 1 on the main diagonal.

12) Determine whether the relations represented by the matrices are **reflexive**, **symmetric**, **antisymmetric**.

(a) $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Reflexive, Symmetric

(b) $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) Antisymmetric

(c) $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c) Symmetric

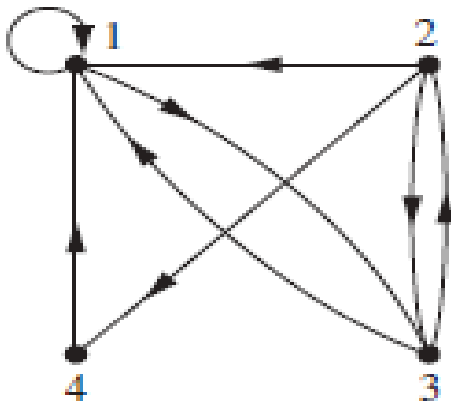
Representing Relations Using Digraphs

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

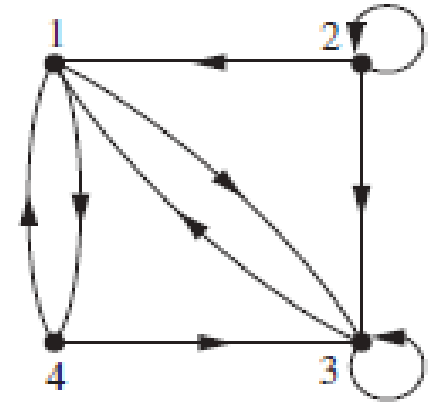
An edge of the form (a, a) is represented using an arc from the vertex a back to itself. Such an edge is called a **loop**.

Example: The directed graph of the relation $R1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1)\}$ on the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Solution:



Example: What are the ordered pairs in the relation R_2 represented by the directed graph?



Solution: $R_2 = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 3), (4, 1), (4, 3)\}.$

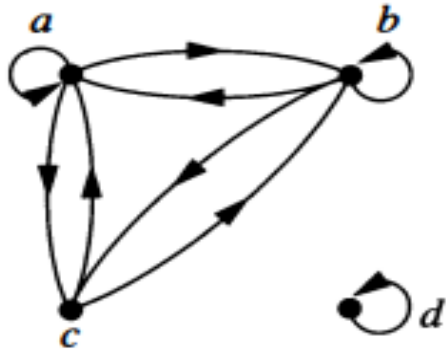
Example: Draw the directed graphs representing each of the relations

a) $\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$

b) $\{(1, 1), (1, 4), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 1)\}$

(B,C)Assignment

Example: List the ordered pairs in the relation R represented by the directed graph?



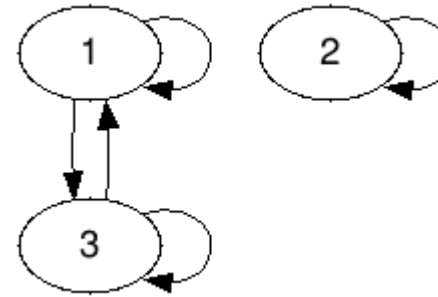
(B,C)Assignment

Example: Draw the directed graph representing each of the relations

(a) $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

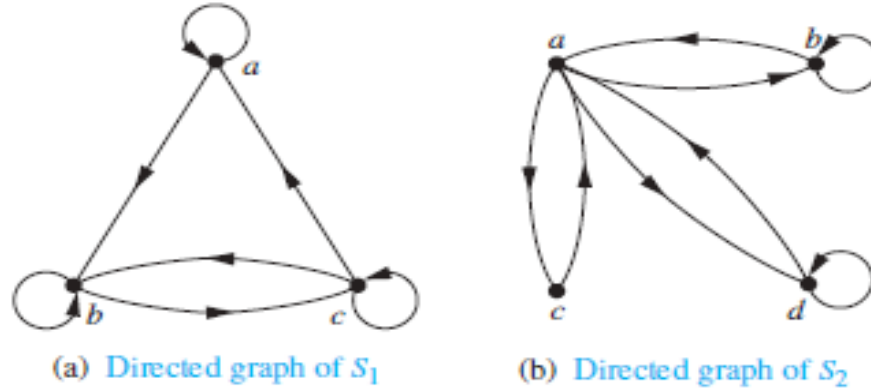
Direct graph:



(b) $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(B)Assignment

Example: Determine whether the relations for the directed graphs of S_1 and S_2 are reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and/or transitive.



Solution: **S_1 Relation:**

It is reflexive, Because there are loops at every vertex.

It is neither symmetric nor antisymmetric, Because there is an edge from a to b but not one from b to a , but there are edges in both directions connecting b and c .

It is not transitive, Because there is an edge from a to b and an edge from b to c , but no edge from a to c .

(B) Assignment

Equivalence Relations

A relation on a set A is called an *equivalence relation* if it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Two elements a and b that are related by an equivalence relation are called *equivalent*. The notation $a \sim b$ is often used to denote that a and b are equivalent elements with respect to a particular equivalence relation.

Example: Which of these relations on $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ are equivalence relations? Determine the properties of an equivalence relation that the others lack.

a) $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

b) $\{(0, 0), (0, 2), (2, 0), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$

c) $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

d) $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$

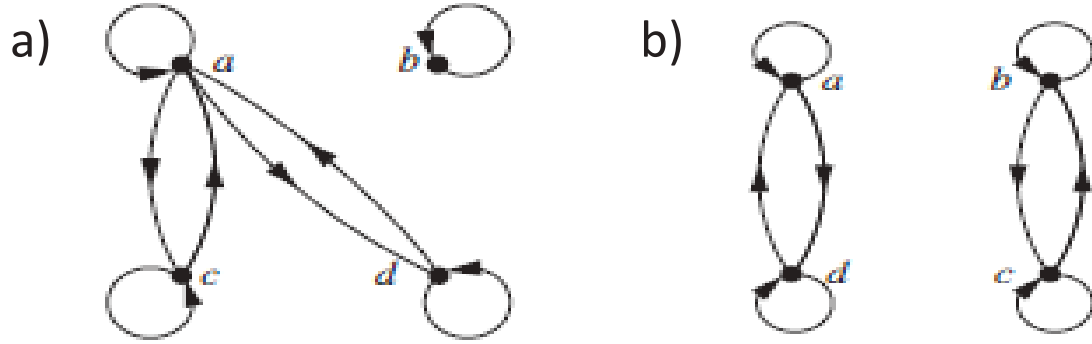
Solution:

a) This is an equivalence relation because it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

b) This is not an equivalence relation because it is neither reflexive nor transitive. Missing $(1, 1)$ for reflexive and missing $(0, 3)$ for the path $(0, 2), (2, 3)$ for transitive.

(C,D) Assignment

Example: Determine whether the relation with the directed graph shown is an equivalence relation.



Solution:

- a) - As there is a loop at every vertex of the directed graph, so this relation is **reflexive**.
- Also for every edge that appears in the directed graph, there is an edge involving the same two vertices but pointing in the opposite direction. So the relation is **symmetric**.
 - But this relation is **not transitive** because there is an edge from vertex c to vertex a, and an edge from vertex a to vertex d in the directed graph, but no edge from vertex c to vertex d.

Hence, this relation is **not** an equivalence relation.

(B) Assignment