

Lecture 5: Operations on Relations

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① Relations and Digraphs

- Product sets and partitions
- Binary relations and their digraphic form
- Paths in relations
- Representing relations

② Equivalence Relation

- Properties of relations
- Equivalence relations and equivalence classes
- Equivalence relations and partitions

1 Basic Operations on Relations

- Set operations on relations
- Inverse
- Composition
- Closure of Relation

2 Computer Representation and Warshall's Algorithm

- Representation of Relations in Computer
- Transitive closure and Warshall's Algorithm

Operations on Relations: Set Operations

Set operations

Relations are sets, so all the operations on sets are applicable for relations.

Example (Operations on relations on \mathbb{N})

- " $<$ " \cup " $=$ " = " \leq "
- " \leq " \cap " \geq " = " $=$ "
- " $<$ " \cap " $>$ " = " \emptyset "

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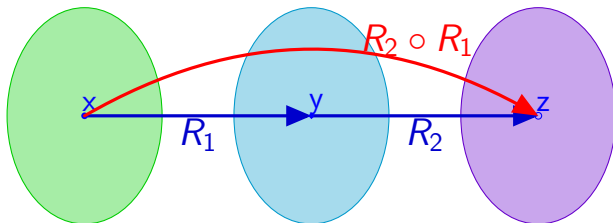
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } (x, y) \in (R_1 \cup R_2)^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow (y, x) \in R_1 \cup R_2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (y, x) \in R_1 \text{ or } (y, x) \in R_2 \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in R_1^{-1} \text{ or } (x, y) \in R_2^{-1} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in R_1^{-1} \cup R_2^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Operations on Relations: Composition

If $R_1 \subseteq A \times B$, $R_2 \subseteq B \times C$, (A, B, C are sets).

then: the composition of R_1 and R_2 , written as $R_2 \circ R_1$, is a relation from A to C , and $R_2 \circ R_1 =$

$$\{(x, z) | x \in A \wedge z \in C \wedge \exists y (y \in B \wedge (x, y) \in R_1 \wedge (y, z) \in R_2)\}$$



Operations on Relations: Composition

Example

Let $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$, R_1, R_2 are relations on A :

- $R_1 = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, d)\}$
- $R_2 = \{(a, d), (b, c), (b, d), (c, b)\}$

then:

- $R_2 \circ R_1 = \{(a, d), (a, c)\}$
- $R_1 \circ R_2 = \{(c, d)\}$
- $R_1 \circ R_1 = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, d)\}$
- $(R_1 \circ R_1) \circ R_1 = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, d)\}$

Power of Composition

$$\begin{cases} R^0 &= I_A \\ R^{n+1} &= R \circ R^n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}) \end{cases}$$

R^n corresponds to the relation defined by the path of length n in Digraph of R .

Properties of Relation Composition: Association

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$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in D \wedge \exists s (s \in B \wedge xR_1s \wedge s(R_3 \circ R_2)y)$$

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Properties of Relation Composition: Distribution

Theorem (Distribution Law)

$$(G \cup H) \circ F = G \circ F \cup H \circ F$$

$$(G \cap H) \circ F \subseteq G \circ F \cap H \circ F$$

where $F \subseteq A \times B$, $H, G \subseteq B \times C$.

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Why the equality doesn't hold?

A wrong proof:

$$(x, y) \in G \circ F \cap H \circ F$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in G \circ F \wedge (x, y) \in H \circ F$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in C \wedge \exists t(t \in B \wedge xFt \wedge tGy) \wedge \exists t(t \in B \wedge xFt \wedge tHy)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y \in A \wedge x \in C \wedge \exists t(t \in B \wedge xFt \wedge t(G \cap H)y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in (G \cap H) \circ F$$

Perations and Relation Matrix

Let $M_R = |r_{ij}|$, where $r_{ij} = 1$ if $(i, j) \in R$, and 0 otherwise.

$$M_{R \cap S} = M_R \wedge M_S$$

$$M_{R \cup S} = M_R \vee M_S$$

$$M_{R^{-1}} = (M_R)^T$$

Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$, $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_p\}$, $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$
 $R \subseteq A \times B$, $S \subseteq B \times C$, then $M_{S \circ R} = M_R \odot M_S$

Suppose that $M_R = |r_{ij}|$, $M_S = |s_{ij}|$, $M_{S \circ R} = |t_{ij}|$ then $t_{ij} = 1$ if and only if $(i, t) \in R$, $(t, j) \in S$ for some $t \in B$. So, $r_{ij} = 1$, $s_{tj} = 1$, which results in $M_R \odot M_S[i, j] = 1$.

Connectivity Relation

Connectivity relation R^∞ on some set A is defined as:

$\forall x, y \in A, (x, y) \in R^\infty \iff$ there is some path in R from x to y .

Note: $R^\infty = R \cup R^2 \cup R^3 \cup \dots = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R^n$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} M_{R^\infty} &= M_R \vee M_{R^2} \vee M_{R^3} \vee \dots \\ &= M_R \vee (M_R)_{\odot}^2 \vee (M_R)_{\odot}^3 \vee \dots \end{aligned}$$

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Transitivity: $\forall x, y, z, \text{ if } (x, y) \in R_1^{-1}, (y, z) \in R_1^{-1}, \text{ then } (y, x) \in R_1, (z, y) \in R_1, \text{ since } R_1 \text{ is transitive, } (z, x) \in R_1, \therefore (x, z) \in R_1^{-1}$

Composition Keeping Properties of Relation

Reflexivity: $\forall x, \because (x, x) \in R_1, (x, x) \in R_2, \therefore (x, x) \in R_2 \circ R_1.$

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Summary of Keeping Properties

	reflexivity	irreflexivity	symmetry	anti-symmetry	transitivity
R^{-1}	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$R_1 \cap R_2$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$R_1 \cup R_2$	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
$R_1 \circ R_2$	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

Closure – the Idea



an object



The orange circle:

1. circle (property)
2. contain the object
3. if there is a green circle which satisfies above 1 and 2, it must contain the orange



The purple square:

1. square (property)
2. contain the object
3. any square containing the object contains the purple square as well.

Closure: the Generic Definition

Let R be a relation on A , \mathcal{P} is some property, R_1 is called \mathcal{P} **closure** of R if

- R_1 has property \mathcal{P}
- $R \subseteq R_1$
- If there is some relation R' on A has property \mathcal{P} and includes R as well, the $R_1 \subseteq R'$

Reflexive Closure

Reflexive closure of R is $R \cup I_A$.

- For any $x \in A$, $(x, x) \in I_A$, so $(x, x) \in R \cup I_A$
- $R \subseteq R \cup I_A$
- Let R' be a reflexive relation on A , and $R \subseteq R'$, then for any $(x, y) \in R \cup I_A$, $(x, y) \in R$, or $(x, y) \in I_A$, in both cases $(x, y) \in R'$, so $R \cup I_A \subseteq R'$.

Symmetric Closure

Symmetric closure of R is $R \cup R^{-1}$

- For any $x, y \in A$, if $(x, y) \in R \cup R^{-1}$, then $(x, y) \in R$ or $(x, y) \in R^{-1}$, it follows that $(y, x) \in R^{-1}$ or $(y, x) \in R$, so $(y, x) \in R \cup R^{-1}$
- $R \subseteq R \cup R^{-1}$
- Let R' be a symmetric relation on A and $R \subseteq R'$, then for any $(x, y) \in R \cup R^{-1}$, $(x, y) \in R$ or $(x, y) \in R^{-1}$.
 - case 1: $(x, y) \in R$, then $(x, y) \in R'$
 - case 2: $(x, y) \in R^{-1}$, then $(y, x) \in R$, then $(y, x) \in R'$. Since R' is symmetric, $(x, y) \in R'$.

So, $R \cup R^{-1} \subseteq R'$

Transitive Closure

Theorem

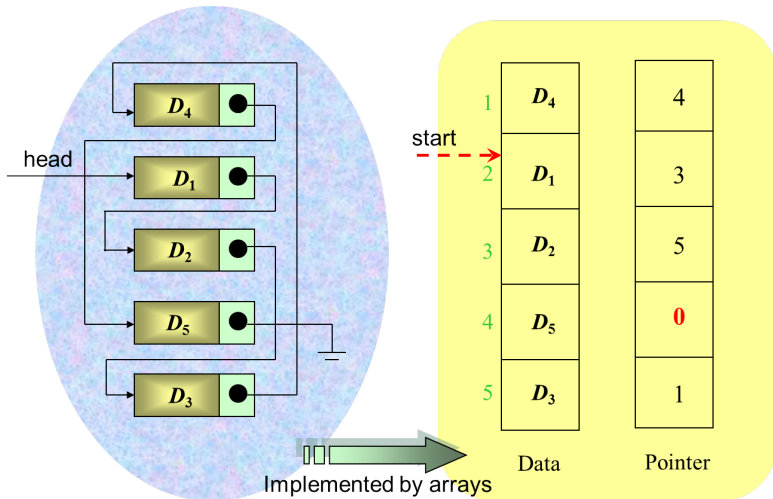
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Proof.

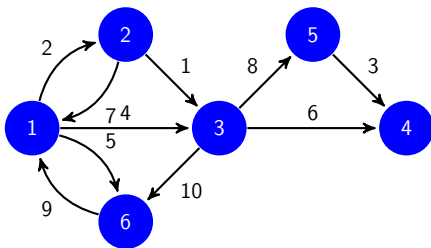
- ① if $xR^\infty y$ and $yR^\infty z$, then there exists s_1, s_2, \dots, s_j and t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k such that $xRs_1, s_1Rs_2, \dots, s_jRy$, $yRt_1, t_1Rt_2, \dots, t_kRz$, so $xR^\infty z$.
- ② $R \subseteq R^\infty$
- ③ Let R' be a transitive relation on A , and $R \subseteq R'$. If $(x, y) \in R^\infty$, then there exists t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k such that $xRt_1, t_1Rt_2, \dots, t_kRy$, then $xR't_1, t_1R't_2, \dots, t_kR'y$. Since R' is transitive, $xR'y$. So $R^\infty \subseteq R'$.



Linked List and Its Implementation



Representing a Diagraph as a matrix

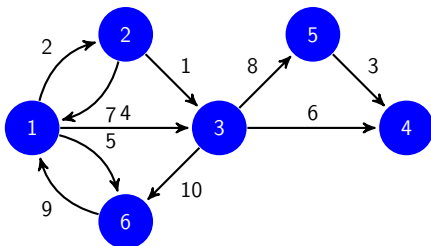


A relation with 10 ordered pairs.

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

Matrix as 2-dimensional array
 $A[][]$.

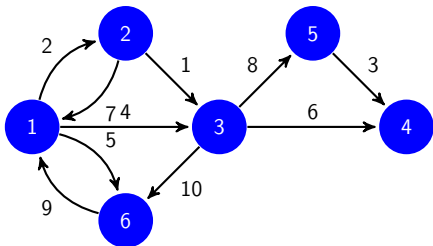
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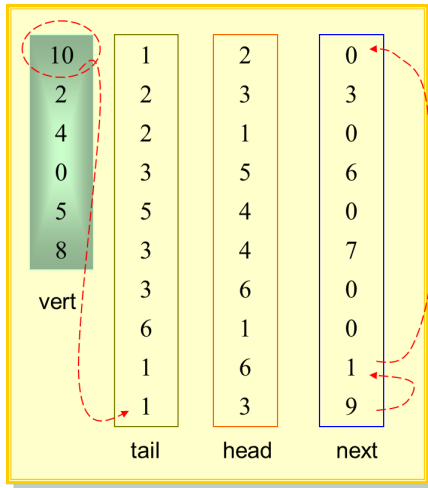
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2	1	3	9
start	2	3	10
	2	1	4
	3	5	8
	5	4	1
	3	4	3
	3	6	0
	6	1	7
	1	6	6
	1	2	5
	tail	head	next

Indexed by Vertices



A relation with 10 ordered pairs.



Adding a New Edge: A Comparison

Adding a pair (i, j) to a relation R :

Using matrix:

Simply: $MAT[i, j] \leftarrow 1$

Using linked list:

$P \leftarrow P + 1$ $TAIL[P] \leftarrow I$

$HEAD[P] \leftarrow J$

$NEXT[P] \leftarrow VERT[I]$

$VERT[I] \leftarrow P$

(insert the new inter in front of the list of vertex i)

Checking Transitivity Using Matrix

Determine whether a relation with p ordered pairs is transitive or not.

$RESULT \leftarrow T$

for $I \leftarrow 1$ **to** N **do**

for $J \leftarrow 1$ **to** N **do**

if $MAT[I, J] = 1$ **then** N^2 different $MAT[I, J]$, among which P are "1"

for $K \leftarrow 1$ **to** N **do** executes P times at most

if $MAT[J, K] = 1$ and $MAT[I, K] = 0$ **then**

$RESULT = F$

end

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end

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        if  $MAT[J, K] = 1$  and  $MAT[I, K] = 0$  then
          |  $RESULT = F$ 
        end
      end
    end
  end
end
```

So, the total steps executed $T_A = PN + (N^2 - P)$.
Let $P = kN^2$, then $T_A = kN^3 + (1 - k)N^2$

Checking Transitivity Using Linked List

```
RESULT  $\leftarrow$  T
for  $I \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do  $N$  times
     $X \leftarrow \text{VERT}[I]$ 
    while  $X \neq 0$  do about  $D = P/N$  times
         $J \leftarrow \text{HEAD}[X], Y \leftarrow \text{VERT}[J]$ 
        while  $Y \neq 0$  do about  $D$  times
             $K \leftarrow \text{HEAD}[Y], \text{TEST} \leftarrow \text{EDGE}[I, K]$   $\text{EDGE}$  takes  $\sim D$  steps
            if  $\text{TEST} = 1$  then
                 $Y \leftarrow \text{NEXT}[Y]$ 
            else
                 $\text{RESULT} \leftarrow \mathbf{F}, Y \leftarrow \text{NEXT}[Y]$ 
            end
        end
    end
     $X \leftarrow \text{NEXT}[X]$ 
end
end
```

Checking Transitivity Using Linked List

```
RESULT ← T
for I ← 1 to N do N times
  X ← VERT[I]
  while X ≠ 0 do about D = P/N times
    J ← HEAD[X], Y ← VERT[J]
    while Y ≠ 0 do about D times
      K ← HEAD[Y], TEST ← EDGE[I, K] EDGE takes ~ D steps
      if TEST = 1 then
        Y ← NEXT[Y]
      else
        RESULT ← F, Y ← NEXT[Y]
      end
    end
  end
  X ← NEXT[X]
end
end
```

The total steps is ND^3 averagely.
Assuming $P = kN^2$ ($0 \leq k \leq 1$),

$$T_L = N \left(\frac{kN^2}{N} \right)^3 = k^3 N^4$$

Transitive Closure on Finite Set

if $A = n$, then the transitive closure of R is

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n R^i = R \cup R^2 \cup \dots \cup R^n$$

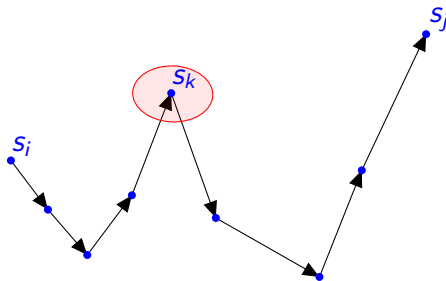
Since the total of elements in A is n , if there is a path of length m from x to y , and $m > n - 1$, then all the nodes on the path cannot be distinct. The segment between two identical nodes can be deleted, which means that: if $xR^\infty y$, then for some k , $1 \leq k \leq n$, such that $xR^k y$.

Warshall's Algorithm

```
CLOSURE  $\leftarrow$  MAT
for  $K \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do //K is the intermediate vertex between I, J
|   for  $I \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do
|   |   for  $J \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do
|   |   |    $CLOSURE[I, J] \leftarrow CLOSURE[I, J] \vee$ 
|   |   |        $(CLOSURE[I, K] \wedge CLOSURE[K, J])$ 
|   |   |   end
|   |   end
|   end
end
```

Highest-Numbered Intermediate Vertex

We assume that there is a total order for all vertices (e.g., numbered from 1 to N). s_k is called the **highest-numbered intermediate vertex** in a simple path p from s_i to s_j if it is greater than any other **intermediate** vertex in p (note that neither s_i nor s_j is an intermediate vertex).



Correctness of Washall's Algorithm

Notation: the value of r_{ij} changes during the execution of the body of the "**for** K " loop

- After initialisations: $r_{ij}^{(0)}$
- After the k -th time of execution: $r_{ij}^{(k)}$

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Proof by induction.

Base case: $r_{ij}^{(0)} = 1$ if and only if $s_i R s_j$.

Hypothesis: the conclusion holds for $h < k$ ($h \geq 0$)

Induction: the simple $s_i s_j$ -path can be divided into $s_i s_k$ -path and $s_k s_j$ -path, with the indices h_1, h_2 as their highest-numbered intermediate vertices, respectively. Because $h_1 < k$ and $h_2 < k$, $r_{ik}^{(h_1)} = 1$ and $r_{kj}^{(h_2)} = 1$, then $r_{ik}^{(k-1)} = 1$ and $r_{kj}^{(k-1)} = 1$ (Remember, false to true can not be reversed), So $r_{ij}^{(k)} = 1$.



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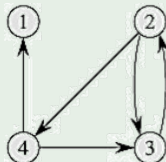
Proof.

if $r_{ij} = 1$, then there are only two cases:

- r_{ij} is set by initialisation, then $s_i R s_j$
- Otherwise, r_{ij} is set during the k -th execution of "**for** K " when $r_{ik}^{(k-1)} = 1$ and $r_{kj}^{(k-1)} = 1$, which, recursively, leads to the conclusion of the existence of a $s_i s_j$ -path. (Note, if a $s_i s_j$ -path exists, there exist a simple $s_i s_j$ -path)



Example



$$T^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Home Assignments

To be checked

Ex 4.6: 2,3,4,6,8,12

Ex 4.7: 7, 8, 12, 14, 19, 20, 23-24, 26-28, 30-31, 36-37

Ex 4.8: 8,10,12,14,18, 20, 23-25

The End