

Relations

Discrete Mathematics

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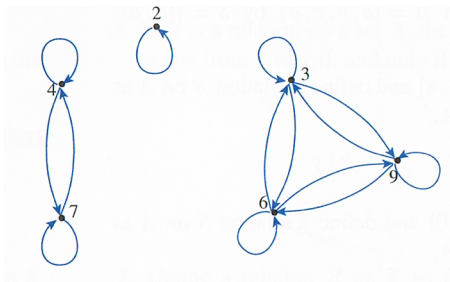
When R is a relation $x R y$

$$R \subseteq \{(y, x) \in B \times A\}$$

R^{-1} is the inverse of the relation R

$$R^{-1} = \{(y, x) \in B \times A \mid (x, y) \in R\}$$

$$A = \{2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9\}$$



$$x, y \in A, x R y \iff 3 \mid (x - y)$$

R is a relation on the set A
 R is **reflective** if, and only if:

$$\forall x \in A, x R x$$

$$\forall x \in A, (x, x) \in R$$

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 R is **symmetric** if, and only if:

$$\forall x, y \in A, x R y \rightarrow y R x$$

$$\forall x, y \in A, (x, y) \in R \rightarrow (y, x) \in R$$

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R is **transitive** if, and only if:

$$\forall x, y, z \in A, x R y \wedge y R z \rightarrow x R z$$

$$\forall x, y, z \in A, (x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R \rightarrow (x, z) \in R$$

$$x R y \iff x = y$$

- Reflexive $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x R x$:

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- Symetric $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x R y \rightarrow y R x$:

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$$x R y \iff 3 \mid (x - y)$$

- Reflexive $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x R x$:

$$3 \mid (x - x) \implies 3 \mid 0 \text{ is true}$$

- Symetric $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x R y \rightarrow y R x$:

$3 \mid (x - y) \rightarrow 3 \mid (y - x)$ is true because $\exists k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$3 \mid (x - y) \iff x - y = 3k \iff y - x = -3k \iff 3 \mid (y - x)$$

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R is a relation on the set A . The transitive closure of R is the relation R^t , also on A , that is:

- R^t is transitive
- $R \subseteq R^t$
- If S is any transitive relation that contains R , then $R^t \subseteq S$

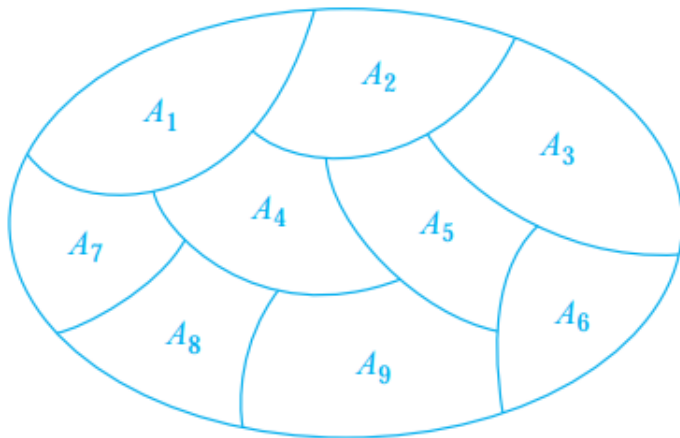
Define the term “reflective closure” of a relation R

Sets A and B are disjoint if

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

Partions $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n\}$ of set A

- $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$
- $\forall a, b \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}, a \neq b \implies A_a \cap A_b = \emptyset$



$$A = \bigcup_{i=1}^9 A_i$$

Consider a set A partitioned in $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$
 R is the **relation induced by partition** of the set A

$$x R y \iff \exists A_i, x \in A_i \wedge y \in A_i$$

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$$\exists A_j, y \in A_j \wedge z \in A_j \quad \text{by definition of } y R z$$

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \vee A_i = A_j$$

$$y \in A_i \wedge y \in A_j \iff y \in A_i \cap A_j \implies A_i \cap A_j \neq \emptyset$$

$$A_i = A_j \implies x \in A_i \wedge z \in A_i \quad \text{the definition of } x R z$$

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 - $i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}, A_i = \{i, -i\}$

A relation R on a set A is an **equivalence relation** if, and only if, R is

- Reflective ($x R x$)
- Symetric ($x R y \rightarrow y R x$)
- Transitive ($x R y \wedge y R z \rightarrow x R z$)

$x, y, z \in A$

$$[a] = \{x \in A \mid x R a\}$$

$$\forall x \in A, x \in [a] \iff x R a$$

A relation R on a set A is **antisymmetric** if, and only if,

- $\forall a, b \in A, a R b \wedge b R a \rightarrow a = b$

And it is **not** antisymmetric if, and only if

- $\exists a, b \in A, a R b \wedge b R a \wedge a \neq b$

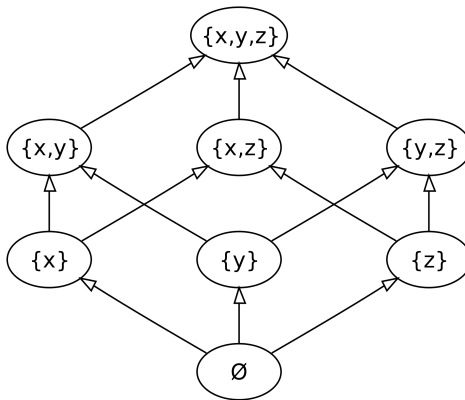
A relation R on a set A is a **partial order relation** if, and only if, R is

- Reflective ($x R x$)
- Antisymmetric ($\forall a, b \in A, a R b \wedge b R a \rightarrow a = b$)
- Transitive ($x R y \wedge y R z \rightarrow x R z$)

$x, y, z \in A$

Partial Ordered Set

Hasse diagram



$$U, V \in \mathcal{P}(\{x, y, z\}), U R V \iff U \subseteq V$$

\preceq is a partial order relation on a set A

- a and b of A are **comparable** if, and only if,
either $a \preceq b$ or $b \preceq a$, same as: $(a, b) \in \preceq \vee (b, a) \in \preceq$

- a and b of A are **noncomparable** otherwise

We will use $a \not\preceq b$ and $b \not\preceq a$

$$a, b \in A$$

Let A be the partially ordered set with respect to a relation \preceq

- $a \in A$ is the maximum element of A if, and only if,

$$\forall b \in A, b \preceq a \vee b \not\preceq a$$

- $a \in A$ is the greatest element of A if (\top of A), and only if,

$$\forall b \in A, b \preceq a$$

- $a \in A$ is the minimum element of A if, and only if,

$$\forall b \in A, a \preceq b \vee a \not\preceq b$$

- $a \in A$ is the least element of A if (\perp of A), and only if,

$$\forall b \in A, a \preceq b$$