Because loops are not present at all the vertices of the directed graph of S, this relation is not reflexive. It is symmetric and not antisymmetric, because every edge between distinct vertices is accompanied by an edge in the opposite direction. It is also not hard to see from the directed graph that S is not transitive, because (c, a) and (a, b) belong to S, but (c, b) does not belong to S. ◀

Exercises

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

2. Represent each of these relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with a matrix (with the elements of this set listed in increasing order).

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

3. List the ordered pairs in the relations on $\{1, 2, 3\}$ corresponding to these matrices (where the rows and columns correspond to the integers listed in increasing order).

a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ **b)** $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

4. List the ordered pairs in the relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ corresponding to these matrices (where the rows and columns correspond to the integers listed in increasing order).

a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ **b)** $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

5. How can the matrix representing a relation R on a set A be used to determine whether the relation is irreflexive?

6. How can the matrix representing a relation R on a set A be used to determine whether the relation is asymmetric?

7. Determine whether the relations represented by the matrices in Exercise 3 are reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and/or transitive.

8. Determine whether the relations represented by the matrices in Exercise 4 are reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and/or transitive.

9. How many nonzero entries does the matrix representing the relation R on $A = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots, 100\}$ consisting of the first 100 positive integers have if R is

a) $\{(a, b) \mid a > b\}$? **b)** $\{(a, b) \mid a \neq b\}$?
c) $\{(a, b) \mid a = b + 1\}$? **d)** $\{(a, b) \mid a = 1\}$?
e) $\{(a, b) \mid ab = 1\}$?

10. How many nonzero entries does the matrix representing the relation R on $A = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots, 1000\}$ consisting of the first 1000 positive integers have if R is

a) $\{(a, b) \mid a \leq b\}$?
b) $\{(a, b) \mid a = b \pm 1\}$?
c) $\{(a, b) \mid a + b = 1000\}$?
d) $\{(a, b) \mid a + b \leq 1001\}$?
e) $\{(a, b) \mid a \neq 0\}$?

11. How can the matrix for $\overline{R}$, the complement of the relation R, be found from the matrix representing R, when R is a relation on a finite set A?

12. How can the matrix for R^{-1}, the inverse of the relation R, be found from the matrix representing R, when R is a relation on a finite set A?

13. Let R be the relation represented by the matrix

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

Find the matrix representing

a) R^{-1}. **b)** $\overline{R}$. **c)** R^2.

14. Let R_1 and R_2 be relations on a set A represented by the matrices

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

Find the matrices that represent

a) $R_1 \cup R_2$. **b)** $R_1 \cap R_2$. **c)** $R_2 \circ R_1$.
d) $R_1 \circ R_1$. **e)** $R_1 \oplus R_2$.

15. Let R be the relation represented by the matrix

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

Find the matrices that represent

a) R^2. **b)** R^3. **c)** R^4.

16. Let R be a relation on a set A with n elements. If there are k nonzero entries in $\mathbf{M}_R$, the matrix representing R, how many nonzero entries are there in $\mathbf{M}_{R^{-1}}$, the matrix representing R^{-1}, the inverse of R?

17. Let R be a relation on a set A with n elements. If there are k nonzero entries in $\mathbf{M}_R$, the matrix representing R, how many nonzero entries are there in $\mathbf{M}_{\overline{R}}$, the matrix representing $\overline{R}$, the complement of R?

18. Draw the directed graphs representing each of the relations from Exercise 1.

19. Draw the directed graphs representing each of the relations from Exercise 2.

20. Draw the directed graph representing each of the relations from Exercise 3.

21. Draw the directed graph representing each of the relations from Exercise 4.

22. Draw the directed graph that represents the relation $\{(a, a), (a, b), (b, c), (c, b), (c, d), (d, a), (d, b)\}$.

In Exercises 23–28 list the ordered pairs in the relations represented by the directed graphs.

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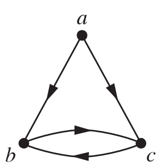

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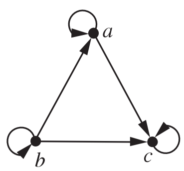

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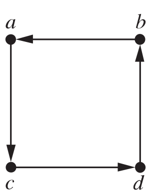

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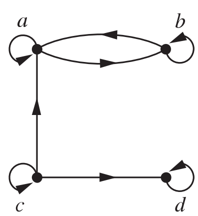

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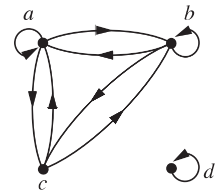

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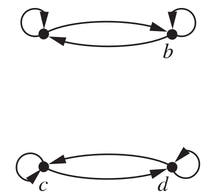

29. How can the directed graph of a relation R on a finite set A be used to determine whether a relation is asymmetric?

30. How can the directed graph of a relation R on a finite set A be used to determine whether a relation is irreflexive?

31. Determine whether the relations represented by the directed graphs shown in Exercises 23–25 are reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and/or transitive.

32. Determine whether the relations represented by the directed graphs shown in Exercises 26–28 are reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, asymmetric, and/or transitive.

33. Let R be a relation on a set A. Explain how to use the directed graph representing R to obtain the directed graph representing the inverse relation R^{-1}.

34. Let R be a relation on a set A. Explain how to use the directed graph representing R to obtain the directed graph representing the complementary relation $\overline{R}$.

35. Show that if $\mathbf{M}_R$ is the matrix representing the relation R, then $\mathbf{M}_R^{[n]}$ is the matrix representing the relation R^n.

36. Given the directed graphs representing two relations, how can the directed graph of the union, intersection, symmetric difference, difference, and composition of these relations be found?

9.4 Closures of Relations

Introduction

A computer network has data centers in Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, New York, and San Diego. There are direct, one-way telephone lines from Boston to Chicago, from Boston to Detroit, from Chicago to Detroit, from Detroit to Denver, and from New York to San Diego. Let R be the relation containing (a, b) if there is a telephone line from the data center in a to that in b. How can we determine if there is some (possibly indirect) link composed of one or more telephone lines from one center to another? Because not all links are direct, such as the link from Boston to Denver that goes through Detroit, R cannot be used directly to answer this. In the language of relations, R is not transitive, so it does not contain all the pairs that can be linked. As we will show in this section, we can find all pairs of data centers that have a link by constructing a transitive relation S containing R such that S is a subset of every transitive relation containing R. Here, S is the smallest transitive relation that contains R. This relation is called the **transitive closure** of R.

In general, let R be a relation on a set A. R may or may not have some property $\mathbf{P}$, such as reflexivity, symmetry, or transitivity. If there is a relation S with property $\mathbf{P}$ containing R such that S is a subset of every relation with property $\mathbf{P}$ containing R, then S is called the **closure**