

CS172: COMPUTER SYSTEMS II

Lecture 10

Representing and Classifying Relations

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Relations: summary so far

- Given two sets A and B , a **relation** from A to B is a subset of $A \times B$.
- Relations can be defined by *enumeration* or by *comprehension*.
- The main relational operations are
 - composition ($R \circ S$)
 - inverse (R^{-1})
- Since a relation is just a (special kind of) set, the usual set-theory operations (union, intersection, difference) also work with relations.

Some notation

- Given some n -ary relation R , we denote *membership* of that relation by saying something like $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R$
- Sometimes it is more convenient to use **prefix** notation: if we want to express that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are related by the relation R we might just write $R(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- When we are dealing with a binary relation, we might choose to write the relation symbol **infix**, as in xRy .

The usual integer relations ($<$, $>$, etc.) are examples of binary relations that are typically written using infix notation.

Part I:

Representing relations
using an
adjacency matrix

Adjacency Matrix

- One way of representing a (finite) binary relation is as an **adjacency matrix**.
- Each entry in the adjacency matrix is a boolean value.
- Given any finite binary relation $R \subseteq A \times B$, we can construct its adjacency matrix M_R as follows:
 - We index the rows and columns of the matrix by the elements of A and B respectively (assumed to be in some fixed order).
 - For any $(a, b) \in (A \times B)$ we set the entry M_R for row a and column b to true iff $(a, b) \in R$

Adjacency Matrix: example 1

- Tudors = {Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, Elizabeth I }
- Relation: **is-a-parent-of** \subseteq Tudors \times Tudors

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Henry VII	F	T	F	F	F
Henry VIII	F	F	T	T	T
Edward VI	F	F	F	F	F
Mary I	F	F	F	F	F
Elizabeth I	F	F	F	F	F

Adjacency Matrix: example 2

- Tudors = {Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, Elizabeth I}
- Relation: **lived-longer-than** \subseteq Tudors \times Tudors

	Henry VII	Henry VIII	Edward VI	Mary I	Elizabeth I
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Henry VIII	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>
Edward VI	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>
Mary I	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>
Elizabeth I	<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>

Questions:

- How many elements in the relation?
- Who did Henry VII live longer than?
- Who lived longer than Mary I?

Adjacency Matrix: relational operations

The relational operations map quite nicely to matrix operations:

- relational application: matrix multiplication
- relational composition: matrix multiplication
- relational inverse: transpose of a matrix
- relational union: (point-wise) disjunction of the matrices
- relational intersection: (point-wise) conjunction of the matrices

For matrix multiplication:

- addition is disjunction, multiplication is conjunction.
- if you prefer, use 1 and 0 with the rule that $1 + 1 = 1$

Adjacency Matrix: examples of operators

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Adjacency Matrix: examples of operators (inverse)

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{is-a-child-of} \\ = \text{is-a-parent-of}^T \end{array} \quad \{HenryVIII\}$$

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Adjacency Matrix: examples of operators (composition)

The relation is-a-grandparent-of = is-a-parent-of ; is-a-parent-of:

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is-a-parent-of after is-a-parent-of = is-a-grandparent-of

Adjacency Matrix: examples (inverse and composition)

What happens if I compose a relation with its inverse?

For example: is-a-parent-of ; is-a-child-of:

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is-a-child-of

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is-a-parent-of

=

is-a-sibling-of

- Maps a person to their *siblings* (including themselves).

Part II:

Classifying Relations

- reflexive
- symmetric
- transitive
- partial/total order
- equivalence relation

Kinds of relations: reflexive

- If A is a set, then the relation $I = \{a \in A \bullet (a, a)\}$ is called the **identity relation** on A .

That is, the identity relation just maps every object to itself.

- Any binary relation R that has the property that $I \subseteq R$ called a **reflexive** relation.

That is, a reflexive relation *at least* maps every object to itself, and maybe to some other objects too.

- Any binary relation R that has the property that $I \cap R = \emptyset$ called an **irreflexive** relation.

That is, an *irreflexive* relation *never* maps any object to itself.

Kinds of relations: symmetric

- Any binary relation R that has the property that $R^{-1} \subseteq R$ is called **symmetric**.
i.e. whenever it contains the pair (a, b) it also contains the pair (b, a) .
- An **antisymmetric** relation is a binary relation with the property that if it ever contains both (a, b) and (b, a) then we must have $a = b$.
i.e. an antisymmetric relation can be reflexive, but is not otherwise symmetric.
- Aside: A relation that is both antisymmetric and also irreflexive is called *asymmetric*.

Examples: reflexivity and symmetry over $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$

reflexive: for all x , $R(x, x)$ irreflexive: for all x , $\neg R(x, x)$

symmetric: for all x, y , $R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$

antisymmetric: for all x, y , $(R(x, y) \wedge R(y, x)) \rightarrow x = y$

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Transitive Relations

- Any binary relation R that has the property that whenever $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$ then $(x, z) \in R$ is called **transitive**.
- Any binary relation that is reflexive, transitive and also *antisymmetric* is called a **partial order**.
(no cycles)
If, in addition, for every two objects x, y we have either $(x, y) \in R$ or $(y, x) \in R$, then we call it a **total order**.
(a chain)
- Any binary relation that is reflexive, transitive and also *symmetric* is called an **equivalence relation**.

Examples: Tudors

Relation	reflexive	symmetric	transitive
is-a-parent-of			
was-succeeded-by*			
lived-longer-than			

* assuming was-*immediately*-succeeded-by

Relation	reflexive	symmetric	transitive
sibling-of			
is-an-ancestor-of			
lived-in-reign-of			
same-gender-as			
different-gender-to			

Examples: Numeric relations

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$, and suppose the following relations are all defined as sets of tuples $(x, y) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$:

Relation	reflexive	symmetric	transitive
$x < y$			
$x \leq y$			
$x = y$			
$y = \sqrt{x}$			
$y = x \% 2$			
$y \% 2 = x \% 2$			

Equivalence relations and partitions

- Given any set S , a **partition** of S is a set of subsets that are *collectively exhaustive* and *mutually exclusive*.

That is, sets S_1, \dots, S_n are a partition of S if:

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- Any *equivalence relation* over some set S automatically partitions S into a set of **equivalence classes**.
(- sometimes called the *quotient set* of S)
- Example: using *equality* as the equivalence relation we partition a set into subsets each with exactly one element.

Equivalence relations: modulo example

Suppose we take the set of natural numbers, \mathbb{N} .

Then we can form a partition of \mathbb{N} using e.g. modulo 3, getting three equivalence classes:

- $S_0 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \% 3 = 0\}$
 $= \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, \dots\}$
- $S_1 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \% 3 = 1\}$
 $= \{1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, \dots\}$
- $S_2 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \% 3 = 2\}$
 $= \{2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, \dots\}$

Thus $\{S_0, S_1, S_2\}$ is a partition of \mathbb{N}