

# Math 322

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## Relations

If  $R$  is a subset of  $A \times B$  it is a binary relation or just relation

Notation:  $(a, b) \in R$      $a R b$   
 $(a, b) \notin R$      $a \not R b$

Note: If  $R$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ ...

How many possible relations are there?

→ How many subsets of  $A \times B$ ?

Remember  $P(S) =$  set of all subsets

→ Find  $|P(S)| = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2 = 2^{|S|}$

$$S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$$

$\swarrow \searrow$   
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Ans:  $2^{|A \times B|} = 2^{|A| \cdot |B|}$

ex. How many relations from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

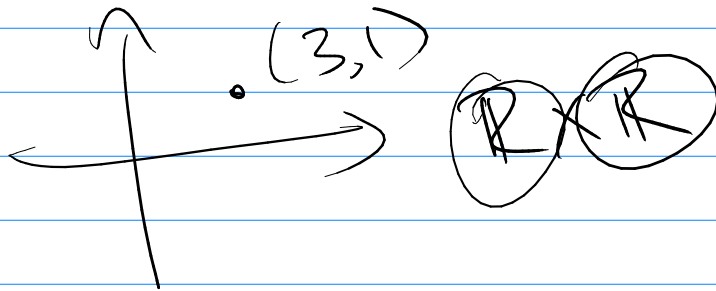
$$|A| = 20 \quad |B| = 10$$

ex  $R_1 = \{(c, 9), (c, 7), (d, 0)\}$

total:  $2^{20 \cdot 10} = 2^{200}$

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If  $R$  is a subset of  $A \times A$ .



Say  $R$  is a relation on  $A$ .

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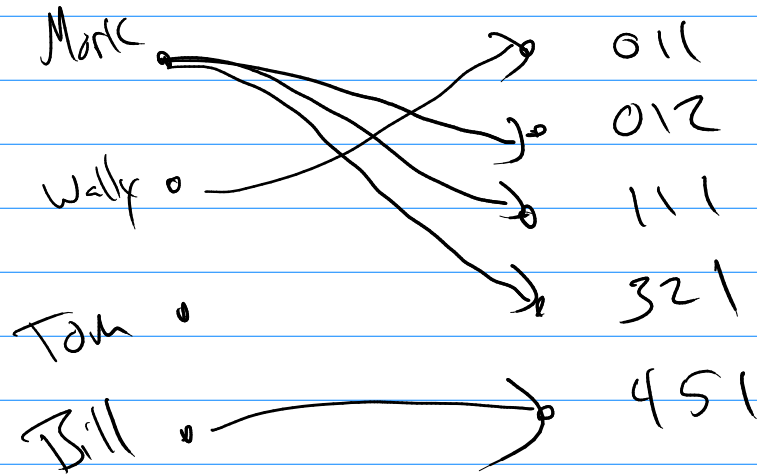
Visualization

① List the pairs (tuples)

$$R = \{(Mark, Math321), (Wally, Math011)\}$$

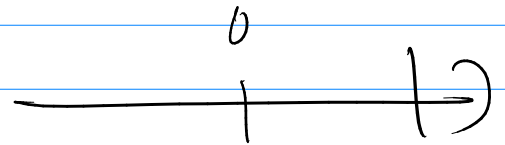
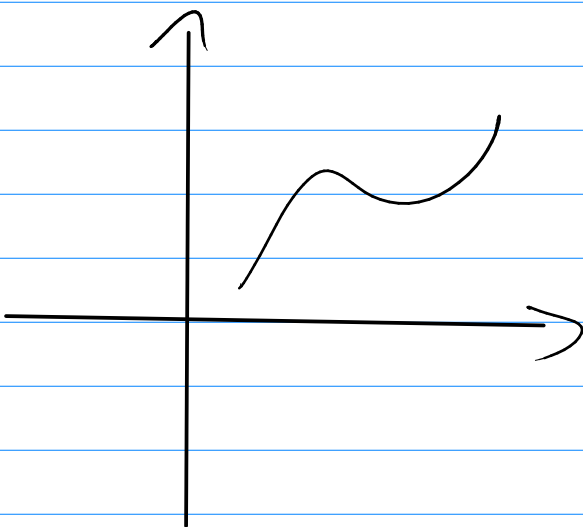
② Set builder notation  $\{(a, b) \mid P(a, b)\}$

### ③ Arrow diagram



### ④ Table

	011	012	321	322
Mark			X	X
Wally	X	X		
Tom				



Function:  $F: A \rightarrow B$   
 $\uparrow$  domain  $\uparrow$  codomain

obviously  $F \in \text{Relations}$ .

Types

$R$  a relation on set  $A$  ( $|A| = n$ )

there are  $2^{1 \times 1^2} = 2^{n^2}$  notation

①  $\forall a (aRa)$

$R$  is reflexive.

$\left[ (a,b) \in R \mid aRb \right]$

ex.  $A$  is set of all web pages.

$R_1 = \{ (a,b) \mid \text{everyone who has visited } a \text{ has visited } b \}$

? Reflexive:  $\boxed{\forall a (aR_1)} \stackrel{?}{=} T$

ex For all webpages  $a$ , everyone who has visited  $a$  has visited  $a$ .

True

$R_2 = \{ (a,b) \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ have a common link} \}$

$$\forall a (a R_2 a)$$

for all webpages  $a$ ,  $a$  and  $a$   
have a common link.

$\boxed{\begin{matrix} \langle \text{html} \rangle \\ \langle / \text{html} \rangle \end{matrix}}$   $\leftarrow$  counter example

so  $R_2$  is not reflexive.

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②  $\forall a (a R_1 a)$  irreflexive.

$R_1$  not irreflexive.

$$A = \{a, b\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(a, a)\}$$

$(b, b)$  so  
not reflexive.

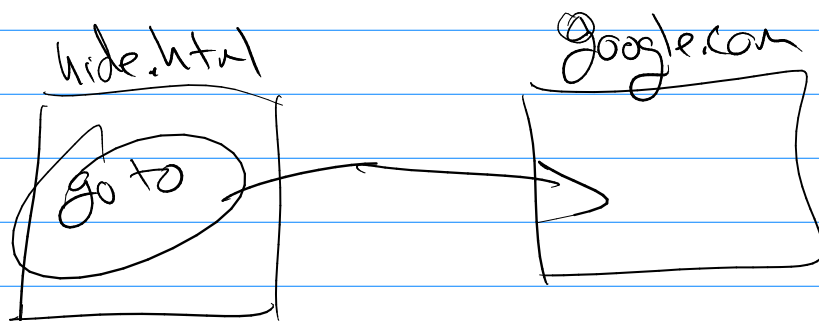
b/c  $(a, a)$  then  
not irreflexive.

③ Symmetric

$H_a H_b (a R b \rightarrow b R a)$

$R_1 = \{ (a, b) \mid \text{everyone who has visited } a \text{ has visited } b \}$

ex



(hide, google)

Counterexample.

Not Symmetric

Note:  $(F \rightarrow P) \equiv \neg$

ex  $R = \{ \}$  on  $A = \{a, b\}$

not ref.  
is irref.  
is sym.

sym  $H_a H_b (a R b \rightarrow b R a)$

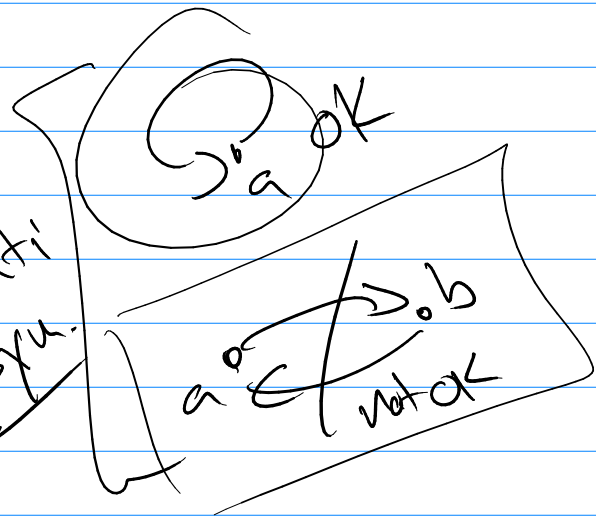
④ Antisymmetric

$$\forall a \forall b (aRb \wedge bRa \rightarrow a=b)$$

$$\equiv \forall a \forall b (a \neq b \rightarrow [aRb \vee bRa])$$

$$\equiv \forall a \forall b (a \neq b \rightarrow \neg(aRb \wedge bRa))$$

Anti  
sym.



$$(p \rightarrow q) \equiv (\neg p \vee q)$$

$$\equiv \neg(p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\equiv \forall a \forall b \neg(aRb \wedge bRa \wedge a \neq b)$$

$$\equiv \neg \exists a \exists b (aRb \wedge bRa \wedge a \neq b)$$

⑤ Asymmetric

$$\forall a \forall b (aRb \rightarrow b \not R a)$$

irreflexive and antisym.

$$R = \{ \}$$

① Not reflexive

② IS irreflexive

③ IS sym.

④ IS antisym

⑤ IS asym

} Vacuous.

⑥ Transitive

$$\forall a, b, c (aRb \wedge bRc \rightarrow aRc)$$

ex  $R = \{ \}$  is transitive!

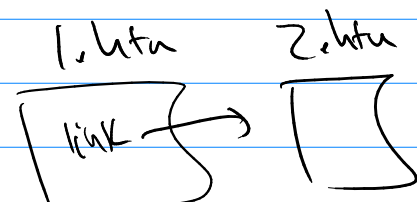
ex  $R = \{ (a, b) \mid \text{there is a page that has links to } a \text{ and } b \}$

Reflexive?  $\forall a (aRa)$

No. Counterexample: a page no one links to.

Irreflexive?  $\forall a (a \not R a)$

No. Counterexample



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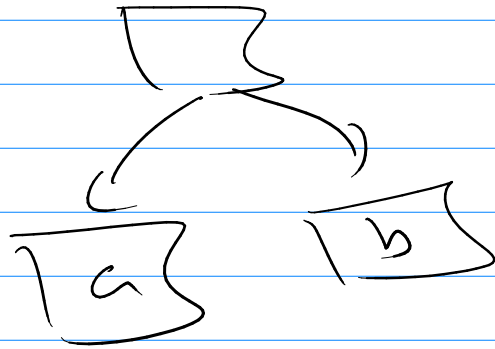
Sym?  $\forall a, b (aRb \rightarrow bRa)$

$f(a, b)$   $\begin{matrix} \swarrow \searrow \\ \boxed{a} \quad \boxed{b} \end{matrix}$  Yes



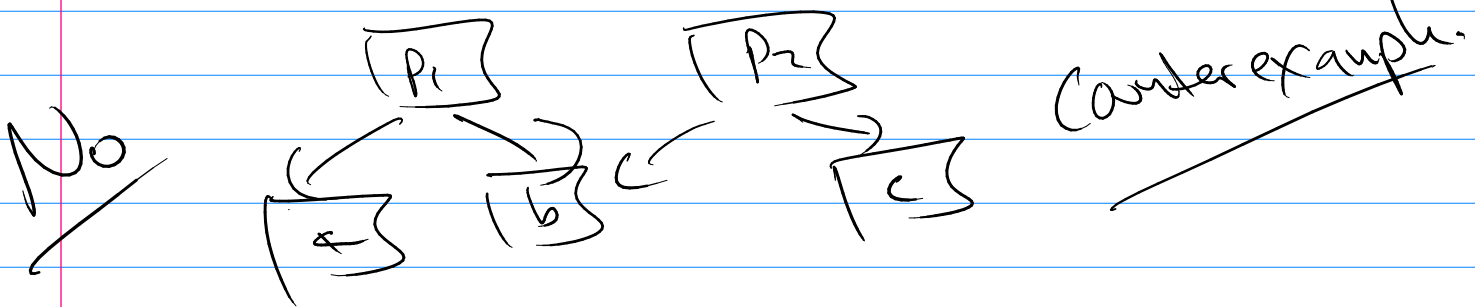
antisym?  $\forall a \forall b (aRb \wedge bRa \rightarrow a=b)$   
 $\equiv \forall a \forall b (a \neq b \rightarrow \neg(aRb \wedge bRa))$

No. counter example.



asym? No (not irr., not antisym)

trans?  $\forall a \forall b \forall c (aRb \wedge bRc \rightarrow aRc)$



Note:  $R$  is a set.

all set ops. apply!

$\cup, \cap, -, \oplus$

plus composition!