

## 6.5 Graph powers and the transitive closure

### The Graph power theorem

- Let  $G$  be a directed graph. Let  $u$  and  $v$  be any 2 vertices in  $G$ . There is an edge from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $G^k$  i.f.f. there is a walk of length  $k$  from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $G$ .
- The relation  $R^+$  is the transitive closure of  $R$  and is the smallest relation that is both transitive and includes all pairs of  $R$ .

$$G^+ = G^1 \cup G^2 \cup G^3 \cup \dots \cup G^n$$

- $G^+$  contains every edge in  $G^1, \dots, G^n$ .
- $G^+$  is the transitive closure of  $G$ .
- Procedure to find the transitive closure of a relation  $R$  on a set  $A$ .
  - Repeat following step until no pair is added to  $R$ .
    - If there are three elements  $x, y, z \in A$  such that  $(x, y) \in R$ ,  $(y, z) \in R$  and  $(x, z) \notin R$ , then add  $(x, z)$  to  $R$ .

## 6.6 Matrix multiplication and graph powers

### Adjacency matrix



- The entry is 1 if there is an edge from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ .

## Theorem

- Let  $G$  be a directed graph with  $n$  vertices and let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix for  $G$ . Then for any  $k \geq 1$ ,  $A^k$  is the adjacency matrix of  $G^k$ , where Boolean addition and multiplication are used to compute  $A^k$ .

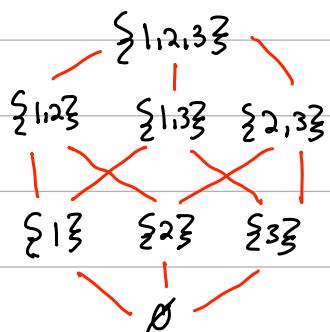
## Theorem

- Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two directed graphs with the same vertex set. Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix for  $H$ . Then the adjacency matrix for  $GH$  is  $A+B$ , where Boolean addition is used on the entries of matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

## 6.7 Partial Orders

- A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is a partial order if it is reflexive, transitive, and anti-symmetric.
  - Partial order notation:  $a \leq b$ , is used to express  $aRb$ 
    - read "a is at most b"
  - The domain along with a partial order defined on it is denoted  $(A, \leq)$  and is called a partially ordered set or poset.
  - Two elements of a partially ordered set,  $x$  and  $y$ , are comparable if  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ . Otherwise the elements are incomparable.
  - A partial order is a total order if every two elements in the domain are comparable.
  - An element  $x$  is a minimal element if there is no  $y \neq x$  such that  $y \leq x$ .
  - An element  $x$  is a maximal element if there is no  $y \neq x$  such that  $x \leq y$ .
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- minimal elements: a and d because there are no arrows pointing into them except the ones from themselves.
- maximal element: e and f because the only edges leaving e and f point to themselves.

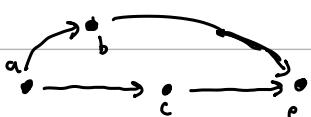
- An upward drawing or Hasse diagram is a useful way to depict a partial order on a finite set.



## 6.8 Strict orders and directed acyclic graphs

- A relation  $R$  is a strict order if  $R$  is transitive and anti-reflexive.
- Strict order notation  $a \prec b$  is used to express  $aRb$ 
  - Read "a is less than b"
- The domain along with a strict order defined on it is denoted  $(A, \prec)$

- Two elements  $x$  and  $y$  are comparable if  $x \prec y$  or  $y \prec x$ . Otherwise, the elements are incomparable.
- A strict order is a total order if every distinct pair of elements is comparable.
- An element  $x$  is minimal if there is no  $y$  such that  $y \prec x$ .
- An element  $x$  is maximal if there is no  $y$  such that  $x \prec y$ .



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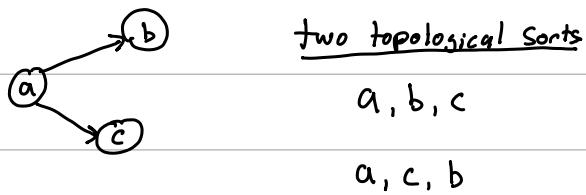
maximal elements: e and f because there are no arrows out of e or f.

- A directed acyclic graph (DAG) is a directed graph that has no cycles.

## Theorem

- Let  $G$  be a directed graph.  $G$  has no cycles i.f.f.  $G^+$  is a strict order.

- A topological sort for a DAG is an ordering of the vertices that is consistent with the edges in the graph. That is, if there is an edge  $(u,v)$ , then  $u$  appears earlier than  $v$  in the topological sort.



## 6.9 Equivalence relations

- A relation  $R$  is an equivalence relation if  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.
- Notation:  $a \sim b$  is used to express  $aRb$ 
  - Read " $a$  is equivalent to  $b$ "

- If  $A$  is the domain of an equivalence relation and  $a \in A$ , then  $[a]$  is defined to be the set of all  $x \in A$  such that  $a \sim x$ .
  - The set  $[a]$  is called an equivalence class.

## Theorem

Consider an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . Let  $x, y \in A$ .

- If  $x \sim y$ , then  $[x] = [y]$
- If it is not the case that  $x \sim y$ , then  $[x] \cap [y] = \emptyset$

- A set of sets is pairwise disjoint if the intersection of any pair of the sets is empty.