

# BINARY RELATIONS

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# LOGISTICS

- HW8 – Due Friday, July 10 at 11:59pm
  - HW9 – Released, due next Monday, July 13 at 11:59pm
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- Midterm Review 3 this Thursday
  - **Midterm 3 on next Tuesday, July 14.**

# BINARY RELATIONS

A binary relation between two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is a subset  $R$  of  $A \times B$ . The two sets  $A$  and  $B$  may or may not be equal. For  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , the fact that  $(a, b) \in R$  is denoted by  $aRb$ .

Recap (lecture 1):

$$A = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}, \quad B = \{ x, y \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \times B &= \{ (a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B \} \\ &= \{ (1, x), (1, y), (2, x), (2, y), (3, x), (3, y) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$B \times A = \{ (x, 1), (x, 2), (x, 3), (y, 1), (y, 2), (y, 3) \}$$

# REPRESENTATION

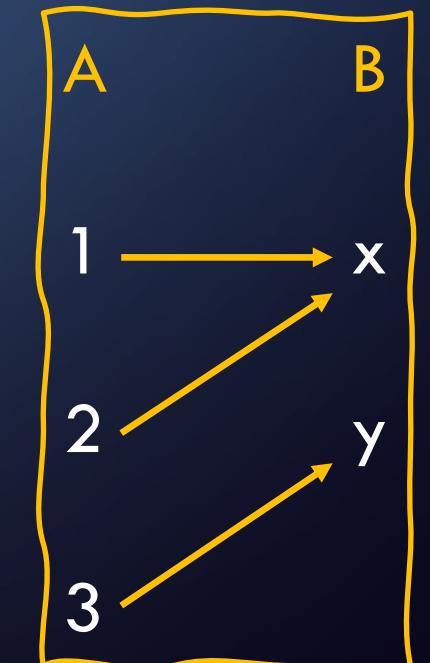
- Set
- Matrix
- Graph – directed graph

A binary relation between two sets A and B is a **subset R** of  $A \times B$ .

$$A = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}, \quad B = \{ x, y \}$$

Define:  $R = \{ (1, x), (2, x), (3, y) \}$

	x	y
1	1	0
2	1	0
3	0	1



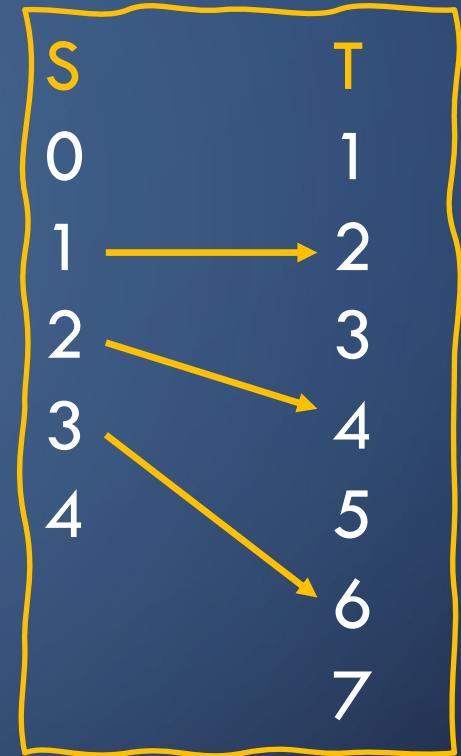
### Example:

1. Enumerate the relationship
2. Draw the directed graph
3. Create the matrix

$$S = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \}, \quad T = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \}$$

$xRy$  if  $2x = y$ , where  $x \in S$  and  $y \in T$

$$R = \{ (1, 2), (2, 4), (3, 6) \}$$



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

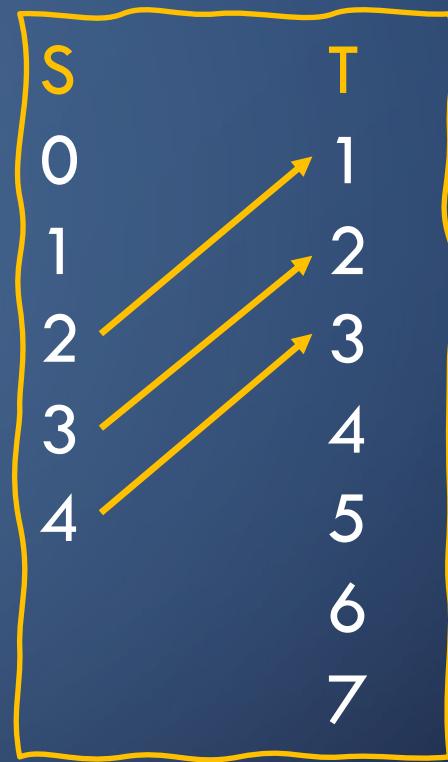
**Example:**

1. Enumerate the relationship
2. Draw the directed graph
3. Create the matrix

$$S = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \}, \quad T = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \}$$

$xRy$  if  $x = y + 1$ , where  $x \in S$  and  $y \in T$

$$R = \{ (2, 1), (3, 2), (4, 3) \}$$



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

# PROPERTIES OF BINARY RELATIONS

- Reflexive
- Irreflexive / anti-reflexive
- Transitive
- Symmetric
- Anti-symmetric
- Asymmetric

# REFLEXIVE RELATIONS

$\forall x \in S, xRx.$

ALL elements are related to themselves

Example 1



Example 2



# IRREFLEXIVE/ANTI-REFLEXIVE RELATIONS

$\forall x \in S, xRx$

NONE of the elements in the set relate to themselves

Example 1

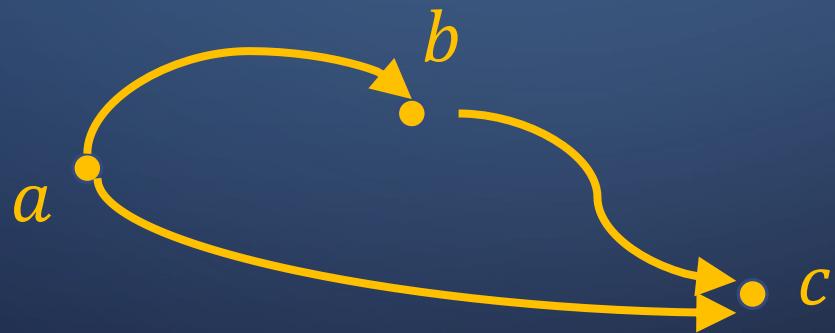


Example 2



# TRANSITIVE RELATIONS

$$xRy \wedge yRz \rightarrow xRz.$$



# SYMMETRIC RELATIONS

$$xRy \rightarrow yRx.$$

Example 1



Example 2



# ANTI-SYMMETRIC RELATIONS

Only zero or one of  $xRy$  and  $yRx$  is true when  $x \neq y$

In other words,  $xRy \wedge yRx \rightarrow x = y$

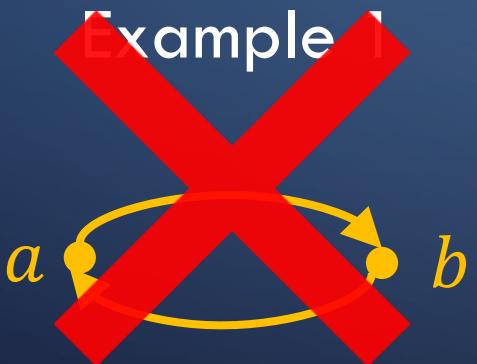


Example 2



# ASYMMETRIC RELATIONS

$xRy \rightarrow yRx.$



**Q:** Determine if following binary relations are ...

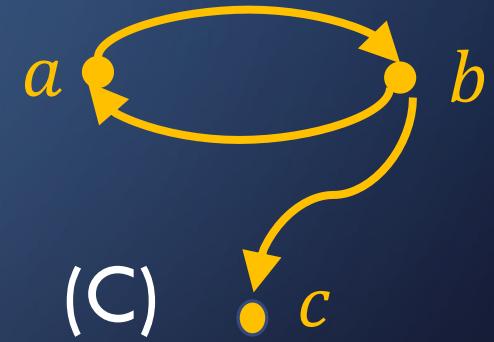
- 1) Reflexive, 2) Irreflexive, 3) Transitive, 4) Symmetric, 5) Anti-symmetric, 6) Asymmetric



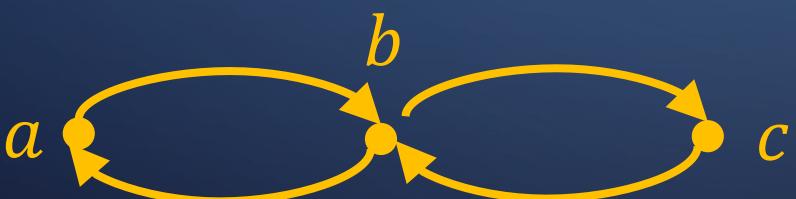
(A)



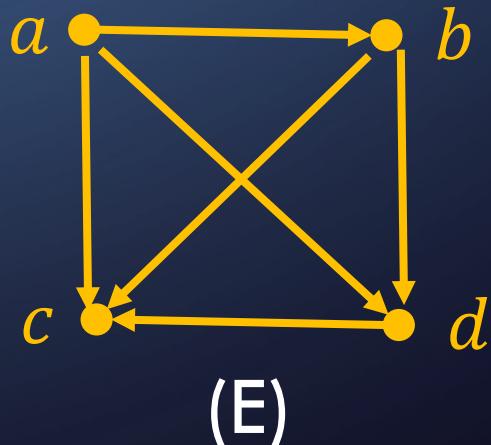
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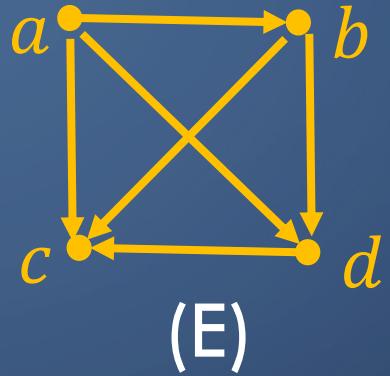
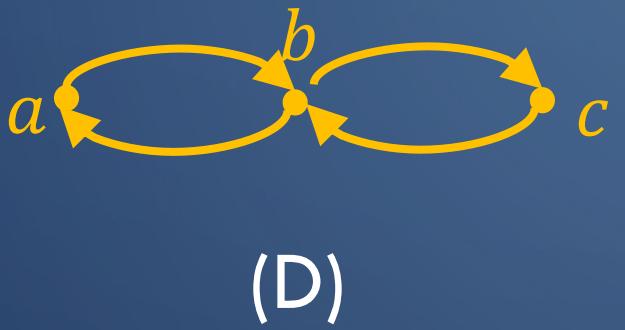
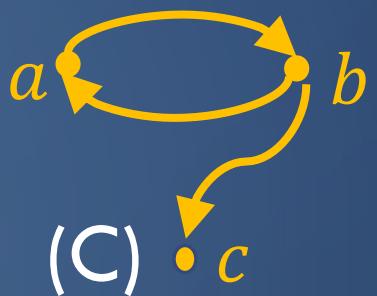
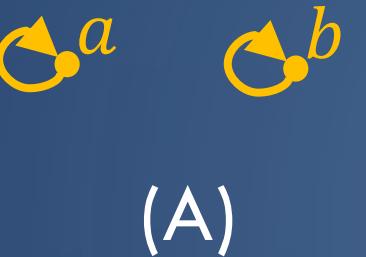
(C)



(D)



(E)



	Reflexive	Irreflexive	Transitive	Symmetric	Anti-symmetric	Asymmetric
A	✓		✓	✓	✓	
B			✓	✓	✓	
C		✓				
D		✓		✓		
E		✓	✓		✓	✓