

## Equivalence Relations

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Given a binary rel.  $\sim R$  on A  
R is an equ. rel. if it is  
refl, symmetric & transitive

e.g.)  $a=b$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$   
(integers)

$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$

$a$  is relative of  $b$  on the set of inde's.

e.g., Consider R on  $\mathbb{Z}$   $aRb$  where  
 $ab > 0$ . Is R an equ. rel.? No!

-refl.  $a \cdot a = a^2 > 0 \vee a \in \mathbb{Z}$

-sym.  $a \cdot b > 0 \rightarrow b \cdot a > 0 \vee$

-trans.  $a > 0, b = 0, c < 0 \leftarrow$  counter example  
 $a \cdot b > 0 \quad b \cdot c > 0 \quad \text{but}$   
 $a \cdot c < 0 \times$

$R$  is an equ. rel. on  $A$

$[a]_R = \{ b \mid a R b \}$  equivalence class of  $a$

e.g.:

- $[2]_{\text{mod } 5} = \{ \dots -13, -8, -3, 2, 7, 12, 17, \dots \}$

- $[a]_R = \{a\}$

→ countably inf.

5 equ. classes

equ. rel. = on  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$A = B$$

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$$A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$$

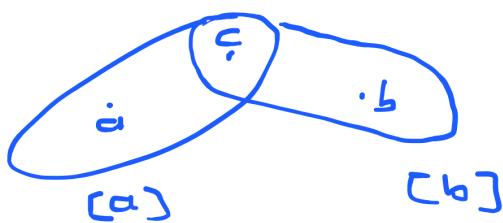
$$\forall y (y \in A \rightarrow y \in B) \wedge$$

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Theorem

$$[a]_R \cap [b]_R \neq \emptyset \rightarrow [a]_R = [b]_R$$

Proof



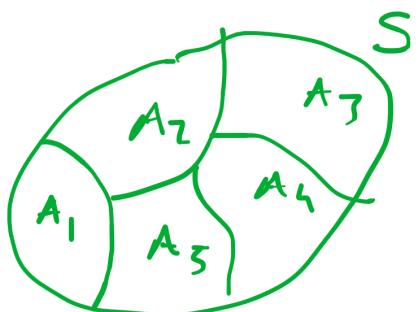
$$\forall x ([x \in [a] \leftrightarrow x R a \leftrightarrow x R c \leftrightarrow x R b \leftrightarrow x \in [b]) \quad \square$$

### Defn (Partition of a set)

Given a set  $S$ , a partition of  $S$  is a collection  $A_i \subseteq S$ ,  $A_i \neq \emptyset$  s.t

$$1) A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j$$

$$2) \bigcup_i A_i = S$$



e.g.,  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$\left\{ \underbrace{\{1, 2\}}_{A_1}, \underbrace{\{3\}}_{A_2}, \underbrace{\{4, 5, 6\}}_{A_3} \right\} \quad \left\{ \overline{12}, \overline{3}, \overline{456} \right\}$$

↑  
a block

Relation (equ)  $\rightarrow$  two objects in the same block are related

(no two objects in two diff. blocks are related)

$$R = \underbrace{\{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2\}}_{\{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2)\}} \cup \underbrace{\{3\} \times \{3\}}_{\{(3,3)\}} \cup \underbrace{\{4, 5, 6\} \times \{4, 5, 6\}}_{\{(4,4), (4,5), (4,6), (5,4), (5,5), (5,6), (6,4), (6,5), (6,6)\}}$$

↳ equ. rel.

Thm Every position specifies an equ. rel.  
 $aRb \Leftrightarrow a, b \in A_i \text{ for some } i$

## Proof

Show that  $R$  is an equiv. rel.

- ref?  $aRa$ , since  $a \in A_i$  for some  $i$

- Symm?  $aRb \rightarrow aEA_i \wedge bEA_i$  for some  $i$

$$\rightarrow b, a \in A; \rightarrow b \neq a \vee$$

- transitive ?  $aRb \rightarrow a, b \in A_i$   
 $bRc \rightarrow b, c \in A_j$  }  $\Rightarrow A_i = A_j$

e.g., congr. rel. ( $\text{mod } 3$ )

forms a  
partition of

$$[0] = \{ \dots -8, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9 \dots \} \quad \text{7}$$

$$[1] = \{ \dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots \}$$

$$\{z\} = \{-\dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots\}$$

## Partial Orderings

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A binary relation  $R$  on  $A$  is called partial ordering rel. if it is refl., antisym. & transitive.

$$aRb \rightsquigarrow a \leq b$$

$(a,b)$

e.g. ①  $x \leq y$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a partial order

-ref  $x \leq x$

-antisymm  $x \neq y \rightarrow x \leq y \rightsquigarrow y \leq x$

-transitive  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \rightarrow x \leq z$

②  $x|y$  on positive integers

$$(2,8) \in R$$

$2|8$

$$(3,5) \notin R$$

$3 \nmid 5$

③  $x \subseteq y$  on  $x, y \subseteq A$

partial order? two obj's are either related or not!

$(S, \leq)$  is a total order (a linear order) if every two elements in  $S$  are comparable

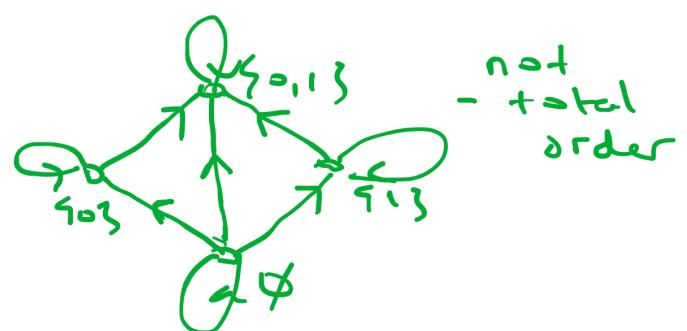
$(a, b \in S \text{ are comparable if either } a \leq b \text{ or } b \leq a.)$

$(A, R) \rightarrow \text{partially ordered set (POSET)}$

$\uparrow \quad \nwarrow$   
the base set      a partial ordering rel.

$(S, \leq)$  is well-ordered if it is a partially ordered & every nonempty subset of  $S$  has a least element

e.g.,  $(P(\{0,1\}), \subseteq)$   
 $\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{1\}, \{0,1\}$





## Hasse Diagrams

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- Compact graphical representation of poset's

eliminate

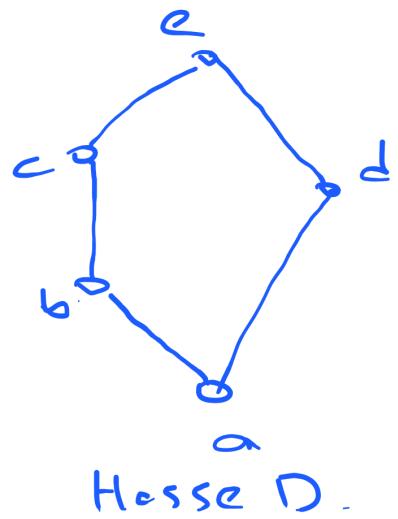
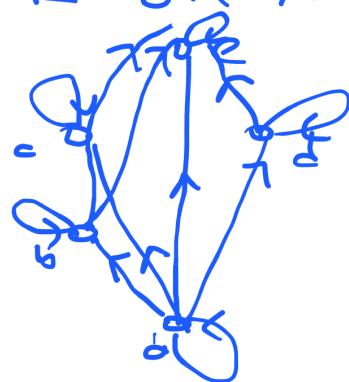
1) loops

2) directed arc's that can be inferred

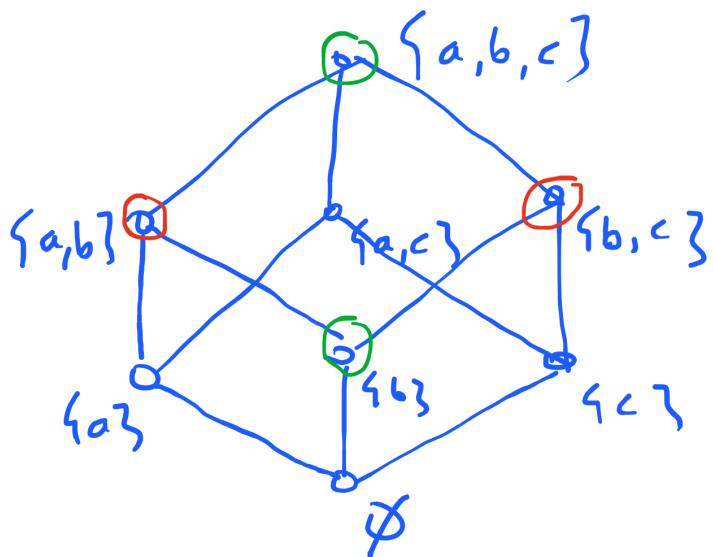
3) directions on arcs by introducing  
bottom to top ordering

e.g., Partial order rel. R on A  $(A, R)$

$$M_R = \begin{bmatrix} & a & b & c & d & e \\ a & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ b & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ c & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ d & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ e & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



e.g.,  $(P(\{a, b, c\}), \subseteq) \leftarrow \text{a POSET}$   
Hasse D.



$\{a, b\} \& \{b, c\}$   
are not related!

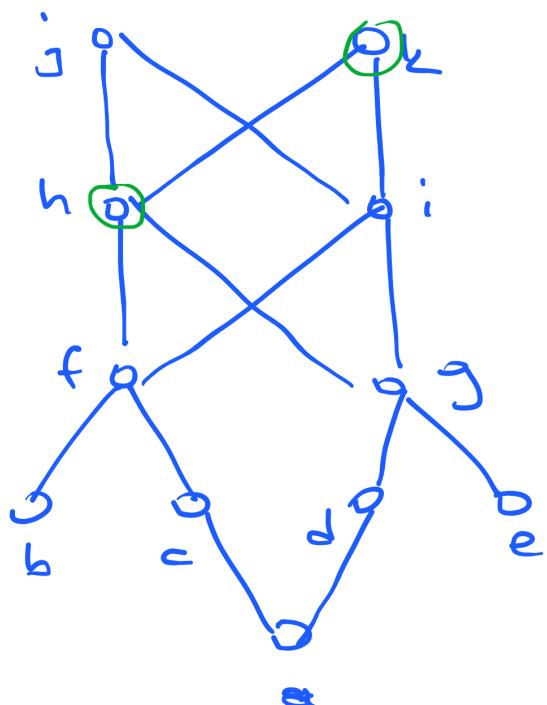
Hasse D.

Maximal  
element

a is maximal if no  $b \neq a$   $a \leq b$

minimal  
element

a is minimal if no  $b \neq a$   $b \leq a$



maximal elements  $\rightarrow j, k$   
 minimal elements  $\rightarrow b, a, e$

Upper bound of  $x \& y$  is  $z$   
 if  $x \leq z$  &  $y \leq z$

e.g.,  $f, g \rightarrow h, i, j, k$  ub's  
 $k, i \rightarrow k$

Least UB of  $x, y$  is  $z$  s.t.  
 $z$  is an UB & no  $z'$   $z' \leq z$

e.g., LUB of  $f \& g \rightarrow h, i$

lower bounds, greater  $c \& d \rightarrow h, i$

lower bound defined similarly

(GLB)

GLB of

e.g., GLB of  $h, i \rightarrow f, g$   $c \& d \rightarrow a$   $h \& k \rightarrow h$

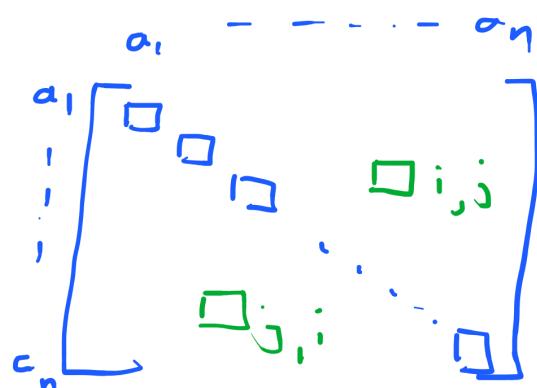
What's the # of antisym. rel's on a set with  $n$  elements?

$$(A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\})$$

$$(R \subseteq A \times A)$$

$$a \neq b$$

$$a R b \rightarrow b \not R a$$



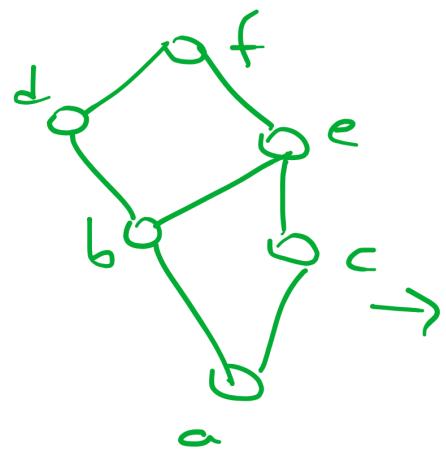
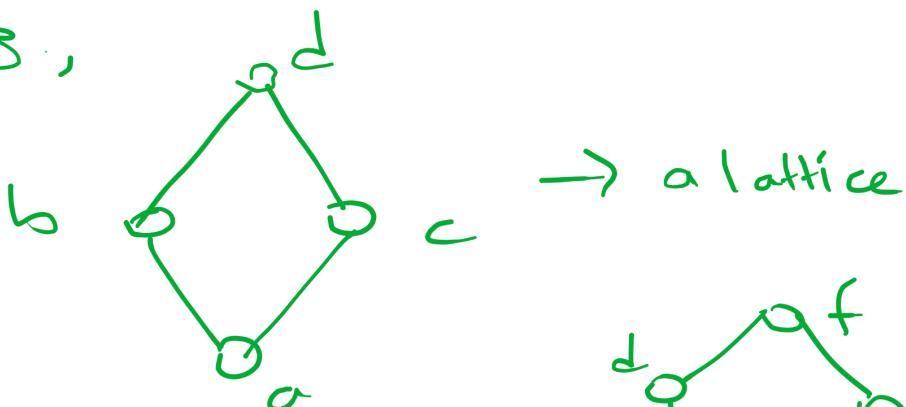
$$2^n \cdot 3^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$$

<u>i,j</u>	<u>j,i</u>
0	0
0	-
not antisym.	1

Three possibilities for each pair

A partial order rel. is a lattice  
if for every pair of elements there is  
a unique LUB & a unique GLB.

e.g.,



$$P \rightarrow q \vdash \neg P \vee q$$

1.  $P \rightarrow q$  premise

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2. & \neg(\neg P \vee q) \text{ Assumed} \\ 3. & \boxed{\begin{array}{ll} P & \text{Assumed} \\ q & \rightarrow e, 1, 3 \\ \neg P \vee q & \vee i \ 4 \\ \perp & \neg e, 2, 5 \end{array}} \\ 4. & \neg P \quad \neg i \ 3-6 \\ 5. & \neg P \vee q \quad \vee i \ 7 \\ 6. & \perp \quad \neg e, 2, 8 \\ 7. & \neg \neg(\neg P \vee q) \quad \neg i \ 2-9 \\ 8. & \neg P \vee q \quad \neg \neg e, 10 \quad \text{II} \\ 9. & \end{array}$$