

# Wiskunde-bijles - graphs

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# Graphs

## Denition and notation

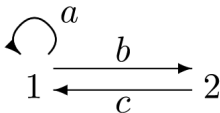
- A graph is made of **nodes** and **arrows**.
- Each arrow has a **source** (domain) and **target** (codomain).
- The notation ' $f : a \longrightarrow b$ ' means that  $f$  is an arrow and  $a$  and  $b$  are its source and target, respectively.
- There may be one or more arrows – or none at all – with given nodes as source and target
- An arrow with the same source and target node will be called an **endoarrow** or **endomorphism** of that node.

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- We will denote the collection of nodes of a graph  $\mathcal{G}$  by  $G_0$  and the collection of arrows by  $G_1$ , and similarly with other letters ( $\mathcal{H}$  has nodes  $H_0$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  has nodes  $C_0$ , and so on).
- In literature it is often the case that a graph  $\mathcal{G}$  is denoted as a pair  $(V, E)$  where  $V$  is a finite set and  $E$  is a binary relation on  $V$ . The set  $V$  is called **vertex set** of  $\mathcal{G}$  (and its elements are called **vertices**). The set  $E$  is called **edge set** of  $\mathcal{G}$  (and its elements are called **edges**).

## Example

- Let  $G_0 = \{1, 2\}$
- Let  $G_1 = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  
 $\text{source}(a) = \text{target}(a) = \text{source}(b) = \text{target}(c) = 1 \wedge$   
 $\text{target}(b) = \text{source}(c) = 2$
- Then we can represent  $\mathcal{G}$  as



## Small and large graphs

- A graph that has a set of nodes and arrows is a **small graph**; otherwise, it is a **large graph**.

## Discrete graph

- A graph is called **discrete** if it has no arrows.
- The empty graph, with no nodes and no arrows, is discrete.
- A small discrete graph is essentially a set

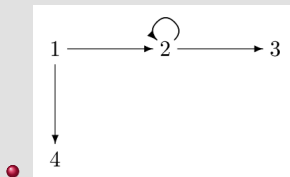
## Finite graph

- A graph is **nite** if the number of nodes and arrows is nite.



## Example

- It is often convenient to picture a relation on a set as a graph.
- Let  $A = \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $B = \{2,3,4\}$  and  $\alpha = \{ (1,2), (2,2), (2,3), (1,4) \}$
- Then  $\alpha$  can be pictured as



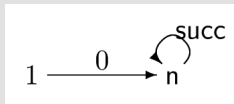
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- The resulting picture has an arrow from each element  $x$  of the domain to  $f(x)$  so it is not the graph of the function in the sense used in calculus.

## Example

- Sometimes one can represent a data structure by a graph. The following graph represents the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers in terms of zero and the successor function (adding 1):



- The name '1' for the left node is the conventional notation to require that the node denote a **singleton set**, that is, a set with exactly one element.

## Example in C#

- And now some practical example on the computer
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- Types and casting

## In conclusion

- Graphs offer a powerful tool for abstracting computation details in favor of high-level transformations.
- By defining arrows over nodes, interesting properties can be deduced such as composition.
- Sometimes it is easier to reason in terms of graphs, so in terms of transformations, rather than thinking about actual implementations (see types transformations).
- ...Next class homomorphisms of graphs that is a structure-preserving map between two algebraic structures (in our case two graphs)

The best of luck, and thanks for the  
attention!