

# Don't forget!

Quiz 1 on Friday, February 23.

Practice problems will be posted on Canvas this week

Syllabus includes everything up to today's lecture

Next Monday (Feb 19) is a holiday

Monday schedule next Wednesday

CAs will lead a review session

No Problem Set next week

# Relations

A relation  $R$  with domain  $A$  and range  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$

A relation  $R$  over a set  $A$  is a subset of  $A \times A$ .

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 $(\text{ORD, DEN}), (\text{LAX, BOS}), (\text{MIA, SFO})\}$

$(\text{DEN, LAX}), (\text{DCA, MIA}), (\text{SFO, EWR}),$

# Properties of Relations

A relation  $R$  over a set  $A$  is:

- **Reflexive** if  $\forall x \in A: (x, x) \in R$

$$DIVIDES = \{(a, b): a, b \in \mathbb{N} \wedge a \mid b\}$$

- **Anti-Reflexive** if  $\forall x \in A: (x, x) \notin R$

$$GREATER = \{(a, b): a, b \in \mathbb{N} \wedge a > b\}$$

# Properties of Relations

A relation  $R$  over a set  $A$  is:

- **Symmetric** if  $\forall x, y \in A: (x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow (y, x) \in R$

$$CLOSEBY = \{ (a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{N} \wedge |a - b| \leq 2 \}$$

- **Anti-Symmetric** if  $\forall x, y \in A: ((x, y) \in R \wedge (y, x) \in R) \Rightarrow (x = y)$

$$DIVIDES = \{ (a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{N} \wedge a \mid b \}$$

# Properties of Relations

A relation  $R$  over a set  $A$  is:

- **Transitive** if  $\forall x, y, z \in A: ((x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R) \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$

$$DIVIDES = \{(a, b): a, b \in \mathbb{N} \wedge a \square b\}$$

$$IMPLIES = \{(P, Q): P \Rightarrow Q\}$$

# Equivalence Relations

A relation  $R$  over a set  $A$  that is reflexive, symmetric and transitive is called an ***equivalence*** relation.

Examples:

$$\{(P, Q): P \Leftrightarrow Q\}$$

$$\{(a, b): \text{rem}(a, 3) = \text{rem}(b, 3)\}$$

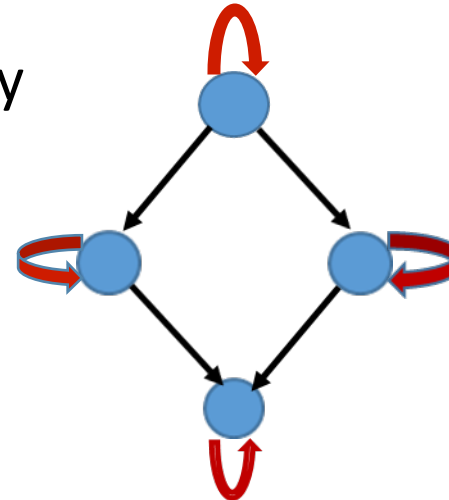
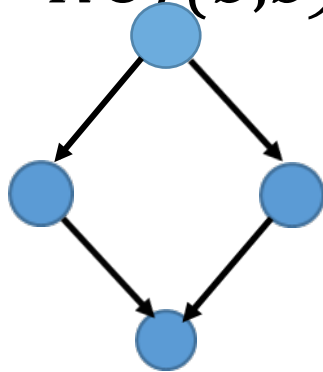
# Reflexive Closure

The **reflexive closure** of relation  $R$  is the smallest reflexive relation  $r(R)$ :  $r(R) \supseteq R$ .

Example:

$$R = \{(a,a), (a,b), (b,c)\}$$

$$r(R) = R \cup \{(b,b), (c,c)\} = R \cup I, \text{ where } I \text{ is the identity}$$



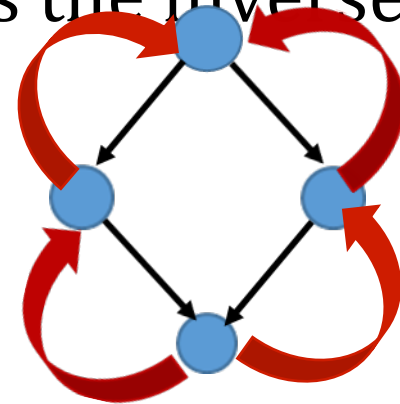
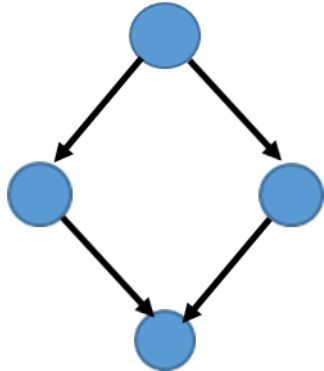
# Symmetric Closure

The ***symmetric closure*** of relation  $R$  is the smallest symmetric relation  $s(R): s(R) \supseteq R$ .

Example:

$$R = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, c)\}$$

$$s(R) = R \cup \{(b, a), (c, b)\} = R \cup R^{-1} \quad \text{where } R^{-1} \text{ is the inverse of } R$$





# Transitive Closure

The **transitive closure** of relation  $R$  is the smallest transitive relation  $R^+ \supseteq R$ .

Example:

$$R = \{(a,a), (a,b), (b,c)\}$$

$$R^+ = R \cup \{(a,c)\}$$



# Composing Relations

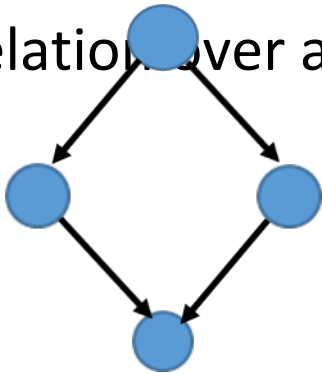
Given two relations  $R:A \rightarrow B$ ,  $S:B \rightarrow C$

we define the composition

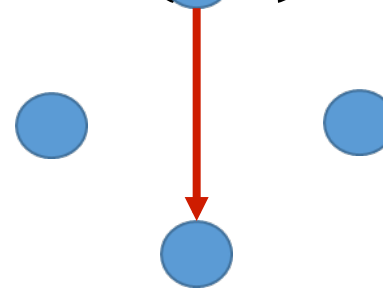
$S \circ R:A \rightarrow C$  as

$$\{(a,c): a \in A \wedge c \in C \wedge \exists b \in B: (a,b) \in R \wedge (b,c) \in S\}$$

If  $R$  is a relation over a set  $A$  then  $R \circ R = \{(a,b): \exists x \in A (x) \in R \wedge (x,b) \in R\}$



$R$ : direct flights



$R \circ R$ : one-stop flights

## Composing Relations

If  $R$  is a relation over a set  $A$  then  $R \circ R = \{(a, b) : \exists x \in A (a, x) \in R \wedge (x, b) \in R\}$

$$R \circ (R \circ R) = \{(a, b) : \exists x, y \in A (a, x) \in R \wedge (x, y) \in R \wedge (y, b) \in R\}$$

$R$ : direct flights

$R \circ R = R \uparrow 2$  : one-stop flights

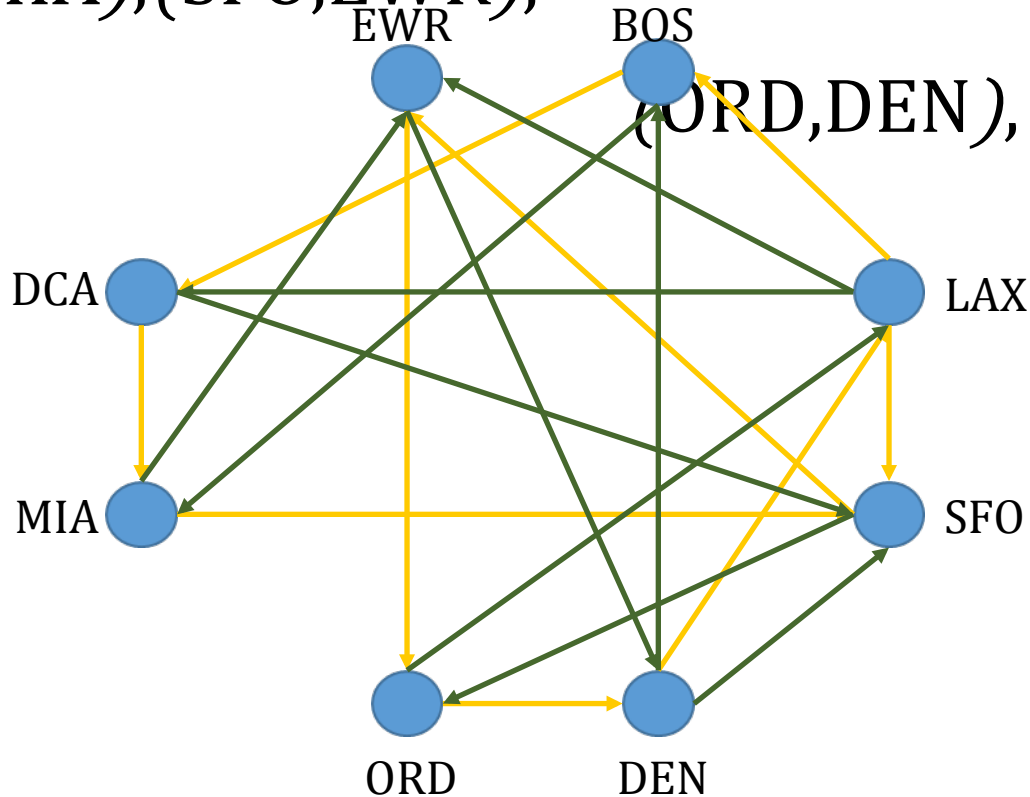
$R \circ R \circ R = R \uparrow 3$  : two-stop flights

In general:  $(a, b) \in R \uparrow k$  iff there is a sequence of  $k$  flights from  $a$  to  $b$ .

## Our little airline

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 $(DCA, MIA), (SFO, EWR),$   
 $(ORD, DEN), (LAX, BOS), (MIA, SFO)\}$



## Composing Relations

Suppose  $A$  consists of  $n$  cities and that one can fly (directly or indirectly) from  $a$  to  $b$

Then there is a sequence of  $k$  flights where  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . (Why not  $n-1$ ?)

In other words,  $(a,b) \in R \cup R^2 \cup R^3 \cup \dots \cup R^n$

**Theorem:** For any relation  $R$  over a set  $A$ ,  $|A|=n$ ,

$$R^+ = R \cup R^2 \cup R^3 \cup \dots \cup R^n$$

Corollary: If  $R$  is reflexive then  $R^+ = R^n$