

# **Chapter Summary**

- Relations and Their Properties
- Representing Relations
- Closures of Relations
- Equivalence Relations
- Partial Orderings

# Relations and Their Properties Section 9.1

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- Relations and Functions
- Properties of Relations
  - Reflexive Relations
  - Symmetric and Antisymmetric Relations
  - Transitive Relations
- Combining Relations

# Social Relationships

- There are many kinds of relationships in the world:
- Relative: Relationship by blood or by a common ancestor.
- Friendship: boyfriend and girlfriend
- Relations between Teachers and students
- Relations between bosses and employees

# Social Relationships

- Relations between war and peace
- Relations between city and village
- Relations between God and mankind
- Relations between mankind and their environment
- Relations between obama and osama (bin laden)
- And so on...

# **Abstract Relationships**

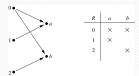
- The question is how to represent relationship in mathematical methods
- N-ary relationships (complex ): relationships among many objects.
- But most of the relationship can be formalized in the idea of binary relation.
- Binary relation is the simplest relation, it is what we will study in this course.

# **Binary Relations**

**Definition:** A *binary relation* R from a set A to a set B is a subset  $R \subseteq A \times B$ .

### **Example:**

- Let  $A = \{0,1,2\}$  and  $B = \{a,b\}$
- $\{(0, a), (0, b), (1,a), (2, b)\}$  is a relation from A to B.
- We can represent relations from a set *A* to a set *B* graphically or using a table:



Relations are more general than functions. A function is a relation where exactly one element of *B* is related to each element of *A*.

# Binary Relation on a Set

**Definition:** A binary relation R on a set A is a subset of  $A \times A$  or a relation from A to A.

### Example:

- Suppose that  $A = \{a,b,c\}$ . Then  $R = \{(a,a),(a,b),(a,c)\}$  is a relation on A.
- Let A = {1, 2, 3, 4}. The ordered pairs in the relation R = {(a,b) | a divides b} are
  (1,1), (1, 2), (1,3), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 3), and (4, 4).

# Binary Relation on a Set (cont.)

**Question**: How many relations are there on a set *A*?

**Solution**: Because a relation on A is the same thing as a subset of  $A \times A$ , we count the subsets of  $A \times A$ . Since  $A \times A$  has  $n^2$  elements when A has n elements, and a set with m elements has  $2^m$  subsets, there are  $2^{|A|^2}$  subsets of  $A \times A$ . Therefore, there are  $2^{|A|^2}$  relations on a set A.

# Binary Relations on a Set (cont.)

**Example**: Consider these relations on the set of integers:

$$R_1 = \{(a,b) \mid a \le b\},\$$
  $R_4 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b\},\$   $R_2 = \{(a,b) \mid a > b\},\$   $R_5 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b + 1\},\$   $R_6 = \{(a,b) \mid a + b \le 3\}.$ 

Note that these relations are on an infinite set and each of these relations is an infinite set.

Which of these relations contain each of the pairs

$$(1,1)$$
,  $(1,2)$ ,  $(2,1)$ ,  $(1,-1)$ , and  $(2,2)$ ?

**Solution**: Checking the conditions that define each relation, we see that the pair (1,1) is in  $R_1$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ , and  $R_6$ : (1,2) is in  $R_1$  and  $R_6$ : (2,1) is in  $R_2$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $R_6$ : (1,-1) is in  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_6$ : (2,2) is in  $R_1$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$ .

# Reflexive (自反) Relations

**Definition:** *R* is *reflexive* iff  $(a,a) \in R$  for every element  $a \in A$ . Written symbolically, R is reflexive if and only if

$$\forall x [x \in U \longrightarrow (x,x) \in R]$$

**Example**: The following relations on the integers are reflexive: If  $A = \emptyset$  then the empty relation is

reflexive vacuously. That is the empty relation on an empty set is reflexive!

$$R_1 = \{(a,b) \mid a \le b\},\$$

$$R_3 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b \text{ or } a = -b\},\$$

$$P = \{(a,b) \mid a=b\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b\}.$$

The following relations are not reflexive:

$$R_2 = \{(a,b) \mid a > b\}$$
 (note that  $3 \ge 3$ ),

$$R_5 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b+1\}$$
 (note that  $3 \neq 3+1$ ),

$$R_6 = \{(a,b) \mid a+b \le 3\}$$
 (note that  $4 + 4 \le 3$ ).

# **Symmetric Relations**

**Definition:** R is *symmetric* iff  $(b,a) \in R$  whenever  $(a,b) \in R$  for all  $a,b \in A$ . Written symbolically, R is symmetric if and only if

 $\forall x \forall y [(x,y) \in R \longrightarrow (y,x) \in R]$ 

**Example**: The following relations on the integers are symmetric:

 $R_3 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b \text{ or } a = -b\},\$ 

 $R_4 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b\},\$ 

 $R_6 = \{(a,b) \mid a+b \le 3\}.$ 

The following are not symmetric:

 $R_1 = \{(a,b) \mid a \le b\}$  (note that  $3 \le 4$ , but  $4 \le 3$ ),

 $R_2 = \{(a,b) \mid a > b\}$  (note that 4 > 3, but  $3 \ge 4$ ),

 $R_5 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b+1\}$  (note that 4 = 3+1, but  $3 \neq 4+1$ ).

# **Antisymmetric Relations**

**Definition**:A relation R on a set A such that for all  $a,b \in A$  if  $(a,b) \in R$  and  $(b,a) \in R$ , then a = b is called *antisymmetric*. Written symbolically, R is antisymmetric if and only if  $\forall x \forall y \ [(x,y) \in R \land (y,x) \in R \longrightarrow x = y]$ 

• **Example**: The following relations on the integers are antisymmetric:

 $R_1 = \{(a,b) \mid a \le b\},$  For any integer, if a  $a \le b$  and  $R_2 = \{(a,b) \mid a > b\},$   $a \le b$ , then a = b.

 $R_4 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b\},\$ 

 $R_5 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b+1\}.$ 

The following relations are not antisymmetric:

 $R_3 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b \text{ or } a = -b\}$ 

(note that both (1,-1) and (-1,1) belong to  $R_3$ ),

 $R_6 = \{(a,b) \mid a+b \le 3\}$  (note that both (1,2) and (2,1) belong to  $R_6$ ).

# **Transitive Relations**

**Definition:** A relation R on a set A is called transitive if whenever  $(a,b) \in R$  and  $(b,c) \in R$ , then  $(a,c) \in R$ , for all  $a,b,c \in A$ . Written symbolically, R is transitive if and only if

 $\forall x \forall y \ \forall z [(x,y) \in R \land (y,z) \in R \longrightarrow (x,z) \in R]$ 

• **Example**: The following relations on the integers are transitive:

 $R_1 = \{(a,b) \mid a \le b\},$  For every integer,  $a \le b$  and  $b \le c$ , then  $a \le c$ .  $R_3 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b \text{ or } a = -b\},$ 

 $R_4 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b\}.$ 

The following are not transitive:

 $R_5 = \{(a,b) \mid a = b+1\}$  (note that both (3,2) and (4,3) belong to  $R_5$ , but not (3,3)),

 $R_6 = \{(a,b) \mid a+b \le 3\}$  (note that both (2,1) and (1,2) belong to  $R_6$ , but not (2,2)).

### **Question:**

Symmetric, transitive  $\Rightarrow$  reflexive?

$$(a,b) \in R$$

$$R \text{ is symmetric} \} \Rightarrow (b,a) \in R$$

$$R \text{ is transitive} \} \Rightarrow (a,a) \in R$$

This argument makes an assumption that  $\forall a \exists b(a,b) \in R$ 

Therefore, symmetry and transitivity are not enough to infer reflexivity

# **Combining Relations**

- Given two relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , we can combine them using basic set operations to form new relations such as  $R_1 \cup R_2$ ,  $R_1 \cap R_2$ ,  $R_1 R_2$ , and  $R_2 R_1$ .
- **Example**: Let  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  and  $B = \{1,2,3,4\}$ . The relations  $R_1 = \{(1,1),(2,2),(3,3)\}$  and  $R_2 = \{(1,1),(1,2),(1,3),(1,4)\}$  can be combined using basic set operations to form new relations:

$$R_1 \cup R_2 = \{(1,1),(1,2),(1,3),(1,4),(2,2),(3,3)\}$$
  
 $R_1 \cap R_2 = \{(1,1)\}$   $R_1 - R_2 = \{(2,2),(3,3)\}$   
 $R_2 - R_1 = \{(1,2),(1,3),(1,4)\}$ 

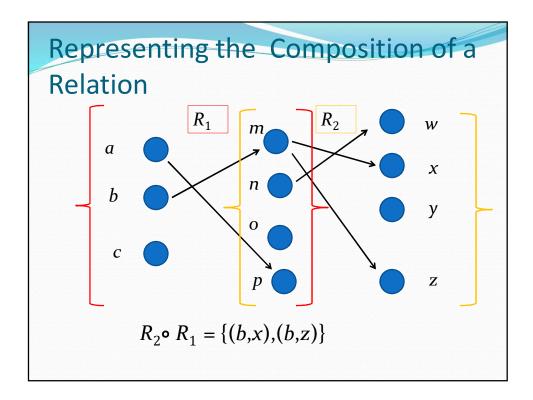
# Composition

**Definition:** Suppose

- $R_1$  is a relation from a set A to a set B.
- $R_2$  is a relation from B to a set C.

Then the *composition* (or *composite*) of  $R_2$  with  $R_1$ , is a relation from A to C where

• if (x,y) is a member of  $R_1$  and (y,z) is a member of  $R_2$ , then (x,z) is a member of  $R_2$ •  $R_1$ .



# relational composition

- Let *M* be the relation "is mother of"
- Let *F* be the relation "is father of"
- What is *M* ∘ *F*?
  - If  $(a,b) \in F$ , then a is the father of b
  - If  $(b,c) \in M$ , then b is the mother of c
  - Thus, *M* ∘ *F* denotes the relation "maternal grandfather" (外公)
- What is *F* ∘ *M*?
  - If  $(a,b) \in M$ , then a is the mother of b
  - If  $(b,c) \in F$ , then b is the father of c
  - Thus,  $F \circ M$  denotes the relation "paternal grandmother" (奶奶)
- What is *M* ∘ *M*?
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  - If  $(b,c) \in M$ , then b is the mother of c
  - Thus,  $M \circ M$  denotes the relation "maternal grandmother" (外婆)
- Note that *M* and *F* are not transitive relations!!!

# Powers of a Relation

**Definition:** Let R be a binary relation on A. Then the powers  $R^n$  of the relation R can be defined inductively by:

- Basis Step:  $R^1 = R$
- Inductive Step:  $R^{n+1} = R^n \circ R$
- Example:  $R = \{(1,1),(2,1),(3,2),(4,3)\}$

Find  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$ 

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

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

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

# Example

- R={(a,b), a is parent of b or vice versa}
- R<sup>2</sup>= {(a,b), a is grandparent of b or vice versa}
- N-generations blood relationship: if (a,b)  $\in$  R<sup>n</sup>, we say a and b have n-generations blood relationship

# Theorem 1

- Then relation R on a set A is transitive if and only if  $R^n \subseteq R.(n=1,2,3,...)$
- If part:  $R^n \subseteq R$ ,  $R^2 \subseteq R$ . if  $(a,b) \in R$  and  $(b,c) \in R$  for any  $a,b,c \in A$ , then  $(a,c) \in R^2$ , hence,  $(a,c) \in R$ , R is transitive.
- Only if part: if R is transitive,  $(a,c) \in R^2$ , then there exist  $b \in A$  such that  $(a,b) \in R$  and  $(b,c) \in R$ . Hence  $(a,c) \in R$
- This implies that  $R^2 \subseteq R$

## Cont...

- Further more,  $R^3 = R^2 \circ R \subseteq R \circ R = R^2 \subseteq R$
- Then for any n=1,2,3,...
- $R^n = R^{n-1} \circ R \subseteq \dots \subseteq R \circ R = R^2 \subseteq R$
- *Inverse Relation:* Let R be a relation from set A to set B, the inverse of R is a relation from B to A such that :
- $R^{-1} = \{(a,b) | (b,a) \in R\}$

# Homework

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# Representing Relations Section 9.3

# **Section Summary**

- Representing Relations using Matrices
- Representing Relations using Digraphs

# Representing Relations Using Matrices

- A relation between finite sets can be represented using a zero-one matrix.
- Suppose *R* is a relation from  $A = \{a_1, a_2, ..., a_m\}$  to  $B = \{b_1, b_2, ..., b_n\}$ .
  - The elements of the two sets can be listed in any particular arbitrary order. When A = B, we use the same ordering.
- The relation R is represented by the matrix  $M_R = [m_{ii}]$ , where

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } (a_i, b_j) \in R, \\ 0 \text{ if } (a_i, b_j) \notin R. \end{cases}$$

• The matrix representing R has a 1 as its (i,j) entry when  $a_i$  is related to  $b_j$  and a 0 if  $a_i$  is not related to  $b_j$ .

# Examples of Representing Relations Using Matrices

**Example 1**: Suppose that  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  and  $B = \{1,2\}$ . Let R be the relation from A to B containing (a,b) if  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$ , and a > b. What is the matrix representing R (assuming the ordering of elements is the same as the increasing numerical order)?

**Solution:** Because  $R = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2)\}$ , the matrix is

$$M_R = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

# Examples of Representing Relations Using Matrices (cont.)

**Example 2**: Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  and  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$ . Which ordered pairs are in the relation R represented by the matrix

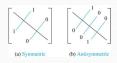
$$M_R = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]?$$

**Solution:** Because R consists of those ordered pairs  $(a_i,b_i)$  with  $m_{ij}=1$ , it follows that:

$$R = \{(a_1,b_2),\, (a_2,b_1), (a_2,b_3),\, (a_2,b_4), (a_3,b_1),\, \{(a_3,b_3),\, (a_3,b_5)\}.$$

# Matrices of Relations on Sets

- If R is a reflexive relation, all the elements on the main diagonal of  $M_R$  are equal to 1.
- R is a symmetric relation, if and only if  $m_{ij} = 1$  whenever  $m_{ji} = 1$ . R is an antisymmetric relation, if and only if  $m_{ij} = 0$  or  $m_{ji} = 0$  when  $i \neq j$ .



# Example of a Relation on a Set

**Example 3**: Suppose that the relation *R* on a set is represented by the matrix

$$M_R = \left[ \begin{array}{rrr} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

Is R reflexive, symmetric, and/or antisymmetric? **Solution**: Because all the diagonal elements are equal to 1, R is reflexive. Because  $M_R$  is symmetric, R is symmetric and not antisymmetric because both  $m_{1,2}$  and  $m_{2,1}$  are 1.

# Representing Relations Using Digraphs

**Definition**: A directed graph, or digraph, consists of a set V of vertices (or nodes) together with a set E of ordered pairs of elements of V called edges (or arcs). The vertex a is called the *initial vertex* of the edge (a,b), and the vertex b is called the *terminal vertex* of this edge.

• An edge of the form (*a*,*a*) is called a *loop*.

**Example 7**: A drawing of the directed graph with vertices a, b, c, and d, and edges (a, b), (a, d), (b, b), (b, d), (c, a), (c, b), and (d, b) is shown here



# Examples of Digraphs Representing Relations

**Example 8**: What are the ordered pairs in the relation represented by this directed graph?



**Solution**: The ordered pairs in the relation are (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 3), (4, 1), and (4, 3)

# Determining which Properties a Relation has from its Digraph

- *Reflexivity*: A loop must be present at all vertices in the graph.
- *Symmetry*: If (x,y) is an edge, then so is (y,x).
- Antisymmetry: If (x,y) with  $x \neq y$  is an edge, then (y,x) is not an edge.
- *Transitivity*: If (x,y) and (y,z) are edges, then so is (x,z).

# Determining which Properties a Relation has from its Digraph – Example 1



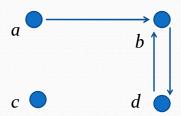






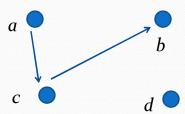
- Reflexive? No, not every vertex has a loop
- Symmetric? Yes (trivially), there is no edge from one vertex to another
- Antisymmetric? Yes (trivially), there is no edge from one vertex to another
- Transitive? Yes, (trivially) since there is no edge from one vertex to another

# Determining which Properties a Relation has from its Digraph – Example 2



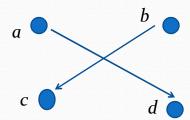
- Reflexive? No, there are no loops
- Symmetric? No, there is an edge from a to b, but not from b to a
- Antisymmetric? No, there is an edge from *d* to *b* and *b* to *d*
- *Transitive?* No, there are edges from *a* to *c* and from *c* to *b*, but there is no edge from *a* to *d*

# Determining which Properties a Relation has from its Digraph – Example 3



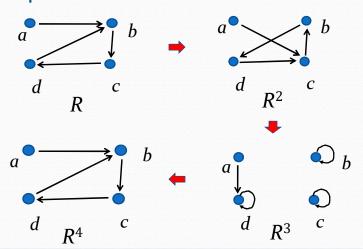
Reflexive? No, there are no loops
Symmetric? No, for example, there is no edge from c to a Antisymmetric? Yes, whenever there is an edge from one vertex to another, there is not one going back
Transitive? No, there is no edge from a to b

# Determining which Properties a Relation has from its Digraph – Example 4



- Reflexive? No, there are no loops
- *Symmetric?* No, for example, there is no edge from *d* to *a*
- Antisymmetric? Yes, whenever there is an edge from one vertex to another, there is not one going back
- *Transitive?* Yes (trivially), there are no two edges where the first edge ends at the vertex where the second edge begins

# Example of the Powers of a Relation



The pair (x,y) is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if there is a path of length n from x to y in  $\mathbb{R}$  (following the direction of the arrows).

### **Inverse relation**

$$R = \{(a,b) \mid a \in A, b \in B, aRb\}$$

The inverse relation from **B** to A:  $R^{-1}(R^c)$ 

$$\{(b,a) \mid (a,b) \in R, a \in A, b \in B\}$$

### **Question:**

How to get  $R^{-1}$ ?

(1) Using the definition directly

For example, 
$$R = \{(a,b) \mid a \mid b, a, b \in Z^+\}$$
  
 $R^{-1} = \{(a,b) \mid b \mid a, a, b \in Z^+\}$ 

- (2) Reverse all the arcs in the digraph representation of R
- (3) Take the transpose  $M_R^T$  of the connection matrix  $M_R$  of R.

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### The properties of relation operations

Suppose that R, S are the relations from A to B, T is the relation from B to C, P is the relation from C to D, then

(1) 
$$(R \cup S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cup S^{-1}$$

$$\forall (x,y) \in (R \bigcup S)^{-1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$
  $(y,x) \in R \cup S$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow (y,x) \in R \text{ or } (y,x) \in S$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$
  $(x,y) \in R^{-1}$  or  $(x,y) \in S^{-1}$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow$$
  $(x, y) \in R^{-1} \cup S^{-1}$ 

### The properties of relation operations

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$$(R \cup S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cup S^{-1}$$

(2) 
$$(R \cap S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

(3) 
$$(\overline{R})^{-1} = \overline{R^{-1}}$$

(4) 
$$(R-S)^{-1} = R^{-1} - S^{-1}$$

**(5)** 
$$(A \times B)^{-1} = B \times A$$

**Proof:** 

$$\forall (x,y) \in (A \times B)^{-1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (y,x) \in A \times B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$
  $(x, y) \in B \times A$ 

### The properties of relation operations

Suppose that R, S are the relations from A to B, T is the relation from B to C, P is the relation from C to D, then

(1) 
$$(R \cup S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cup S^{-1}$$

(2) 
$$(R \cap S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cap S^{-1}$$

$$(3) \quad (\overline{R})^{-1} = \overline{R^{-1}}$$

**(4)** 
$$(R-S)^{-1} = R^{-1} - S^{-1}$$

$$(5) \quad (A \times B)^{-1} = B \times A$$

$$(6) \quad \overline{R} = A \times B - R$$

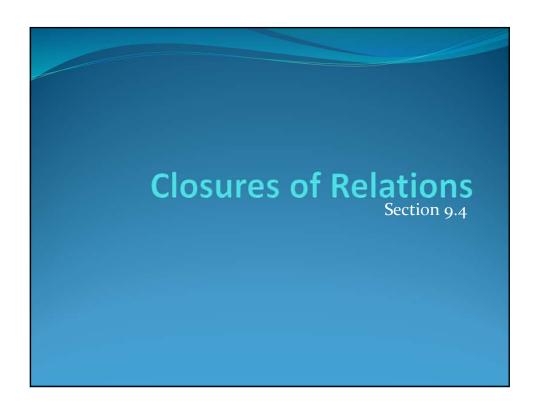
(7) 
$$(S \circ T)^{-1} = T^{-1} \circ S^{-1}$$

**(8)** 
$$(R \circ T) \circ P = R \circ (T \circ P)$$

**(9)** 
$$(R \cup S) \circ T = R \circ T \cup S \circ T$$

# Homework

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# **Definition of Closure**

• The *closure* of a relation *R* with respect to property **P** is the relation obtained by adding the minimum number of ordered pairs to *R* to obtain property **P**.

# **Reflexive Closure**

- In terms of the digraph representation of *R*:
  - Add loops to all vertices to find the reflexive closure
- In terms of the o-1 matrix representation:
  - Put 1's on the diagonal to find the reflexive closure
- $r(R)=R \cup \triangle$  where  $\triangle = \{(a,a)|a \in A\}$

# Symmetric Closure

- In terms of the digraph representation of *R*:
  - Add arcs in the opposite direction to find the symmetric closure

 $S(R)=R\cup R^{-1}$ 

- In terms of the o-1 matrix representation:
  - Add 1's to the pairs across the diagonals that differ in value



# **Transitive Closure**

- It is very easy to find the reflexive closure and the symmetric closure, but it is difficult to find the transitive closure
- In terms of the digraph representation of *R*:
  - To find the transitive closure, if there is a path from a to b, add an arc from a to b (can be complicated)

# **Transitive Closure**

- $R=\{(1,3),(1,4),(2,1),(3,2)\}$  first adding the pairs (1,2),(2,3),(2,4)(3,1) to R obtain  $R'=\{(1,3),(1,4),(2,1),(3,2),(1,2),(2,3),(2,4)(3,1)\}$  is not transitive either.
- A path from a to b in the digraph G is a sequence of one or more edges  $(x_0,x_1)$ ,  $(x_1,x_2)$ , ...,  $(x_{n-1},x_n)$  in G where  $x_0=a$  and  $x_n=b$ . if a=b, the path is called circuit or cycle.

# Transitive Closure (Cont.)

- This path is denoted by  $x_0, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  and has length n. the path is called a cycle if it starts and ends at the same vertex.
- Theorem 1: Let R be a relation on a set A, there is a path of length n from a to b if and only if (a,b) ∈ R<sup>n</sup>

### **Proof:**

**1 Inductive basis** 

An edge from a to b is a path of length 1 which is in  $R^1 = R$ . Hence the assertion is true for n = 1.

② Inductive step

There is a path of length n+1 from a to b if and only if there is an x in A such that there is a path of length 1 from a to x and a path of length n from x to b.

From the Induction Hypothesis,

$$(a,x) \in R$$
  $(x,b) \in R^n$ 

$$(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^n \circ \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

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# Transitive Closure (Cont.)

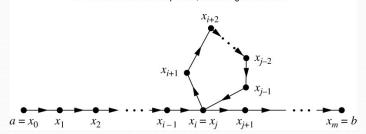
- $R^* = \bigcup_{1}^{\infty} R^n$ , is called the connectivity relation of R,which consists of the (a,b) such that there is path from a to b.
- Theorem 2: the transitive closure of a relation R (denoted by t(R)) equals the connectivity R\*
- $R^* = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} R^i = t(R)$ .

# **Proof**

- To prove R\* is transitive closure we must prove:
- (1) R\*⊇R. It is obvious by definition
- (2) $R^*$  is transitive. If (a,b)  $\in R^*$ , (b,c)  $\in R^*$ , it implies there is a path from a to b and a path from b to c, hence there is a path from a to c through b.
- (3) $R^*$  is minimum. If S is also a transitive relation containing R, then  $S \supseteq R^*$ . It is obvious that  $S^*=S$ . since  $S \supseteq R$ , then  $S^*\supseteq R^*$ , hence  $S \supseteq R^*$ .

### Lemma 1

- A is a set containing n elements. R is relation on A. if there is a path from a to b, then there is such path with length not exceeding n. if a≠b, there is such path with length not exceeding n-1.
- From this lemma, t(R)= ∪<sub>1</sub> <sup>n</sup> R<sup>i</sup>
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**FIGURE 2** Producing a Path with Length Not Exceeding *n*.

# Transitive Closure (Cont.)

• Theorem 3  $M_{R^*}=M_R \vee M_R^2 \vee M_R^3 \vee ... \vee M_R^n$ 

$$M_{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad M_{R}^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_{R}^{3} = M_{R}^{*}$$

# Cont...

Algorithm 1 A procedure for computing the transitive closure

**procedure** *transitive\_closure* ( $M_R$ : zero-one  $n \times n$  matrix)

 $\mathbf{A} := \mathbf{M}_R$ 

B := A

for i := 2 to n

begin

 $\mathbf{A} := \mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{M}_{\mathsf{R}}$ 

 $\mathbf{B} := \mathbf{B} \vee \mathbf{A}$ 

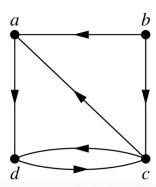
end { **B** is the zero-one matrix for  $R^*$  }

# Transitive Closure (Cont.)

- Warshall's algorithm an efficient method for computing the transitive closure of a relation.
- Interior vertices of a path:  $a_1x_1, x_2, ..., x_{m-1}$ , b.  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_{m-1}$  are interior vertices
- Matrices:  $M_R = W_0, W_1, W_2, ..., W_n = M_{R^*}$
- Named after Stephen Warshall in 1960
  - 2n³ bit operation
  - Also called Roy-Warshall algorithm, Bernard Roy in 1959
  - Previous algorithm 1 using  $2n^3$  (n-1) bit operation  $n^2(2n-1)(n-1) + (n-1)n^2 = 2n^3(n-1) = O(n^4)$

# FIGURE 3 (9.4,p604)

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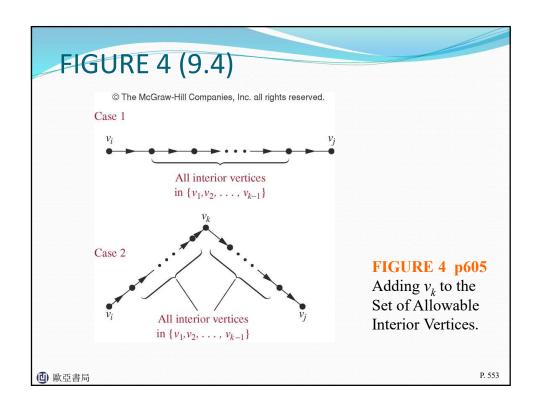
**FIGURE 3** The Directed Graph of the Relations *R*.

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# Warshall's algorithm

- ullet Observation: we can compute  $W_k$  directly from  $W_{k-1}$ 
  - Two cases (Fig. 4)
    - (a) There is a path from  $\boldsymbol{v}_i$  to  $\boldsymbol{v}_j$  with its interior vertices among the first k-1 vertices
      - $w_{ij}^{(k-1)}=1$
    - (b) There are paths from  $v_i$  to  $v_k$  and from  $v_k$  to  $v_j$  that have interior vertices only among the first k-1 vertices
      - $w_{ik}^{(k-1)}=1$  and  $w_{kj}^{(k-1)}=1$

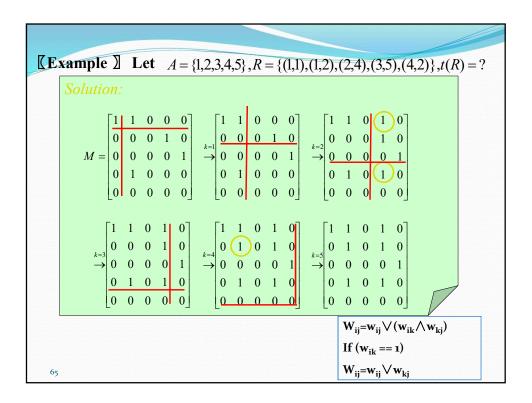


# Warshall's algorithm

• Lemma 2: Let  $Wk=w_{ij}^{(k)}$  be the zero-one matrix that has a 1 in its (i,j)th position iff there is a path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  with interior vertices from the set  $\{v_1, v_2, ..., v_k\}$ . Then  $w_{ij}^{(k)}=w_{ij}^{(k-1)}\vee (w_{ik}^{(k-1)}\wedge w_{kj}^{(k-1)})$ , whenever I, j, and k are positive integers not exceeding n.

# Transitive Closure (Cont.)

- Algorithm 2 warshall algorithm
- Procedure warshall( $M_R$ :n $\times$ n zero-one matrix)
- W= M<sub>R</sub>
- For k=1 to n
- Begin
- For I=1 to n
- Begin
- For j=1 to n
- $W_{ij}=w_{ij}\vee(w_{ik}\wedge w_{kj})$
- End
- End



# Homework

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