

## Section 9.4 Closures of a Relation

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### 1. Closure of a Relation:

- If a Relation  $R$  does not have one of the properties: (Reflexive, Symmetric, Transitive) and you add ordered pairs so  $R$  has the desired property then the new relation is Closed with respect to that property.
- There are three Closures we will consider: Reflexive Closure, Symmetric Closure and Transitive Closure.

### 2. Reflexive Closure.

Recall:  $R$  is Reflexive iff  $\forall x (x, x) \in R$

Ordered Pairs Example	<p>If <math>R = \{(1,2), (2,3), (3,3)\}</math> on <math>A \times A</math>, where <math>A = \{1,2,3\}</math>, <math>R</math> is not Reflexive</p> <p>If we add pairs <math>(1,1), (2,2)</math>: <math>R_R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,2), (2,3), (3,3)\}</math> is called the Reflexive Closure of <math>R</math> Note: <math>R_R = \{R\} \cup \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3)\}</math></p>
Matrix Example	<p>Recall: Identity Matrix (<math>I</math>) has 1 on main diagonal, 0 everywhere else:</p> <p>Consider: <math>M_R \vee I</math></p> $= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vee \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ <p>Now <math>M_R \vee I</math> represents <math>\{(1,1), (1,2), (2,2), (2,3), (3,3)\} = R_R</math></p> <p>Notation: <math>M_{R_R} = M_R \vee I</math> represents the Reflexive Closure <math>R_r</math> of <math>R</math></p>
Set Builder Example	<p>If <math>R = \{(x,y) \in Z \times Z, xRy \rightarrow x &lt; y\}</math> then <math>\forall x \ xRx \notin R</math>. <math>R</math> is not Reflexive</p> <p>Now change the relation from <math>&lt;</math> to <math>\leq</math>. We get the Reflexive closure of <math>R</math>:</p> <p><math>R_R = \{(x,y) \in Z \times Z \mid xRy \rightarrow x \leq y\}</math>, now <math>\forall x \ xRx \in R_R</math> hence <math>R_r</math> is Reflexive</p>

### 3. Symmetric Closure

Recall:  $R$  is Symmetric iff  $\forall (x, y) (x, y) \in R \rightarrow (y, x) \in R$

Ordered Pairs Example	<p>If <math>R = \{(1,2), (2,3), (3,3)\}</math> on <math>A \times A</math>, where <math>A = \{1,2,3\}</math>, <math>R</math> is not Symmetric</p> <p>If we add pairs <math>(2,1), (3,2)</math>: <math>R_S = \{(1,2), (2,1), (2,3), (3,2), (3,3)\}</math> is called the Symmetric Closure of <math>R</math>. Note: <math>R_S = \{R\} \cup \{(2,1), (3,2)\}</math></p>
Matrix Example	<p>Recall: to get <math>M_R</math> transpose: Rows of <math>M_R</math> become the cols of <math>M_R</math> transpose</p> <p>Consider: <math>M_R \vee M_R^T</math> <math>M_R^T</math> is notation for transpose</p> $= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vee \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ <p>Now <math>M_R \vee M_R^T</math> represents <math>\{(1,2), (2,1), (2,3), (3,2), (3,3)\} = R_S</math></p> <p>Notation: <math>M_{R_S} = M_R \vee M_R^T</math> represents the Symmetric Closure <math>R_S</math> of <math>R</math></p>
Set Builder Example	<p><math>R = \{(x,y) \in Z \times Z \mid xRy \rightarrow x &gt; y\}</math></p> <p>then <math>\forall (x,y) (x,y) \in R</math> implies <math>(y,x) \in R</math> is False <math>\rightarrow R</math> is not Symmetric</p> <p>Now change the relation from <math>&gt;</math> to <math>\neq</math> we get the Symmetric closure of <math>R</math>:</p> <p><math>R_S = \{(x,y) \in Z \times Z \mid xRy \rightarrow x \neq y\}</math>.</p> <p>Now <math>[(xRy \in R_S) \rightarrow (yRx \in R_S)]</math> hence <math>R_S</math> is Symmetric.</p>

4. Transitive Closure Recall:  $R$  is Transitive iff  $\forall (x, y, z) [(x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R] \text{ implies } (x, z) \in R$

a) The forming of the Transitive closure presents a problem:

Ex: If  $R = \{(1,3), (1,4), (2,1), (3,2)\}$  on  $A \times A$ , where  $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$ ,  $R$  is not Transitive

Recall definition of transitive:

$[(1,3) \wedge (3,2)]$  in  $R \rightarrow$  we need  $(1,2)$  in Transitive Closure of  $R$

$(2,1) \wedge (1,3) \rightarrow$  we need  $(2,3)$

$(2,1) \wedge (1,4) \rightarrow$  we need  $(2,4)$

$(3,2) \wedge (2,1) \rightarrow$  we need  $(3,1)$

If we do a union of sets to get missing ordered pairs:  $R \cup \{(1,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,1)\}$

We end up having:  $(3,1) \wedge (1,3) \rightarrow$  now we need  $(3,3)$

$(3,1) \wedge (1,4) \rightarrow$  now we need  $(3,4)$

So we do not have Transitive closure. We have created some new required ordered pairs.

b) Vocabulary for Directed Graph: Consider  $A = \{a, b\}$

(i) Elements of  $A$  are called the vertices

(ii) The joining of 2 different vertices is called an edge

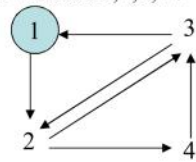
(iii) The number of edges to get from vertex **a** to vertex **b** is called the

length of the path from vertex **a** to vertex **b** (There can be more than one path from **a** to **b**)

(iv) If  $aRa$ ,  $\rightarrow$  the smallest path from **a** to **a** has length = 0

There may be other paths to get from **a** back to **a**. The length of these other paths  $> 0$  5

Ex: Consider vertices 1,2,3,4: There  $\exists$  a path from:



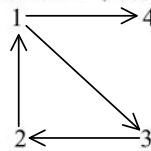
1 to 1: it has no edges, length of this path  $n=0$ .  
 1 to 1:  $(1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1)$   $\rightarrow$  3 edges  $\rightarrow$  length of path  $n=3$   
 1 to 1:  $(1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1)$   $\rightarrow$  4 edges  $\rightarrow$  length of path  $n=4$   
 2 to 2:  $(2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2)$   $\rightarrow$  2 edges  $\rightarrow$  length of path  $n=2$   
 2 to 2:  $(2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2)$   $\rightarrow$  3 edges  $\rightarrow$  length of path  $n=3$   
 2 to 3:  $(2 \rightarrow 3)$   $\rightarrow$  1 edge  $\rightarrow$  length of path  $n=1$   
 2 to 3:  $(2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3)$   $\rightarrow$  2 edges  $\rightarrow$  length of path  $n=2$

c) The Directed Graph method to get Transitive Closure for R (also called the Connectivity Method)

Definition: Relation  $R^* = \{(a,b) \in R \mid \exists \text{ a path, length } n \geq 1 \text{ from } a \text{ to } b\}$   
 $R^*$  is called the Connectivity Relation of R

Ex: Return to our original problem to find the Transitive Closure of  
 $R = \{(1,3), (1,4), (2,1), (3,2)\}$  on  $A \times A$ , where  $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$ .

Step 1 Draw the Di-graph of R  
 (Directed Graph)



Step 2 Form  $R^*$ : Set of all pairs that have at least one path between them where length  $n \geq 1$

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

Step 3 Note:  $R^*$  produces the Transitive Closure of  $R = R^t$

Notation:

d) Matrix method to get the Transitive Closure for R

If R is a Relation on  $A \times A$  and A has n elements then  $R_T = M_R \vee M_R^2 \vee M_R^3 \dots \vee M_R^n$

Ex 1: Consider  $R = \{(1,1), (1,3), (2,2), (3,1), (3,2)\}$ , from  $A \times A$ ,  $A = \{1,2,3\}$

$$\text{Step 1 } M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Step 2 } R_T = R^* = M_R \vee M_R^2 \vee M_R^3$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vee \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vee \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_T = R^* = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,2), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3)\}$$

Form matrix that represents R

$$\begin{aligned} M_R^2 &= M_R \odot M_R \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Bit-wise Or

Form R from its matrix representation

Ex 2: There are 4 cities a,b,c,d.  $R = \{(a,b), (a,c), (b,d), (c,a), (d,a)\}$

Where  $xRy$  means  $x$  "has a direct flight to"  $y$

What flights need to be added if all cities presently connected by a flight or flights end up with a direct flight between them ?

Hint: Which Relation do we need ?

We need  $R_T = R^*$

Use Di-graph

or Matrix method (if you use a matrix multiplier  
each time a sum  $> 1$  appears it is replaced by 1, why ?)

Answer: Add flights: (a,d) (b,a) (b,c) (c,b) (c,d) (d,b) (d,c)

Ex 3: There are five cities a,b,c,d,e.  $R = \{(x,y) \mid xRy \text{ where } R \text{ means "has a direct flight to"}\}$

The following direct flights exist.  $R = \{(a,e), (b,c), (b,e), (c,a), (c,e), (d,a), (e,b), (e,c), (c,d)\}$

(i) Draw D-graph. (Directed graph)

(ii) Is it possible to get to all cities with one or more flights ?

(iii) What Relation do we need so all cities have a direct flight ?

(iv) Which cities have the greatest number of connecting flights ?

(v) What one flight needs to be added so only one connection has the maximum number of flights ?

Answers: (ii) yes, (iii)  $R_T = R^*$  (iv)  $n=3$ , (a,d) (d,b) (d,c) (v) add (d,e), leaves (a,d) with  $n=3$