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Discrete Structure

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Relations

- ▶ Relations & their properties

- ▶ Definition 1

Let A and B be sets. A **binary relation from A to B** is a subset of $A * B$.

In other words, a binary relation from A to B is a set R of ordered pairs where the first element of each ordered pair comes from A and the second element comes from B .

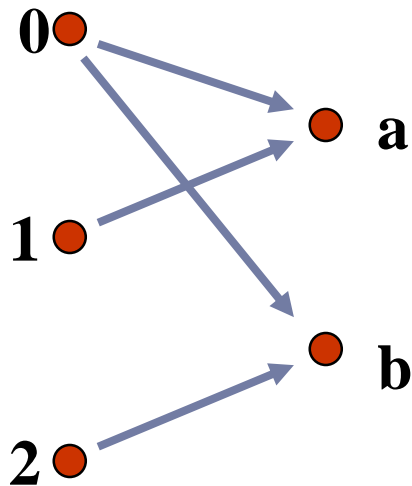


Relations (cont.)

► Notation:

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

$$aRb \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \notin R$$



R	a	b
0	X	X
1	X	
2		X

Relations (cont.)

- ▶ Relations on a set

- ▶ Definition 2

A **relation** on the set A is a relation from A to A .

- ▶ **Example:** $A = \text{set } \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Which ordered pairs are in the relation $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \text{ divides } b\}$

Solution: Since (a, b) is in R if and only if a and b are positive integers not exceeding 4 such that a divides b

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



Relations (cont.)

► Properties of Relations

► Definition 3

A relation R on a set A is called **reflexive** if $(a, a) \in R$ for every element $a \in A$.



Relations (cont.)

- **Example (a):** Consider the following relations on $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$R_5 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_6 = \{(3,4)\}$$

Which of these relations are reflexive?



Relations (cont.)

Solution:

R_3 and R_5 : reflexive \Leftarrow both contain all pairs of the form (a, a) : $(1,1), (2,2), (3,3)$ & $(4,4)$.

R_1, R_2, R_4 and R_6 : not reflexive \Leftarrow not contain all of these ordered pairs. $(3,3)$ is not in any of these relations.

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$$R_3 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$R_5 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_6 = \{(3,4)\}$$



Relations (cont.)

► **Definition 4:**

A relation R on a set A is called **symmetric** if $(b, a) \in R$ whenever $(a, b) \in R$, for all $a, b \in A$.

A relation R on a set A such that $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, a) \in R$ only if $a = b$, for all $a, b \in A$, is called **antisymmetric**.



Relations (7.1) (cont.)

- ▶ **Example:** Which of the relations from example (a) are symmetric and which are antisymmetric?

Solution:

- ❖ R_2 & R_3 : **symmetric** \Leftarrow each case (b, a) belongs to the relation whenever (a, b) does.

For R_2 : only thing to check that both $(1,2)$ & $(2,1)$ belong to the relation

For R_3 : it is necessary to check that both $(1,2)$ & $(2,1)$ belong to the relation.

None of the other relations is symmetric: find a pair (a, b) so that it is in the relation but (b, a) is not.

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$$R_6 = \{(3,4)\}$$

Relations (cont.)

Solution (cont.):

- ❖ R_4, R_5 and R_6 : **antisymmetric** \Leftarrow for each of these relations there is no pair of elements a and b with $a \neq b$ such that both (a, b) and (b, a) belong to the relation.



None of the other relations is antisymmetric.: find a pair (a, b) with $a \neq b$ so that (a, b) and (b, a) are both in the relation.

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Relations (cont.)

► **Definition 5:**

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 $a, b, c \in R$.



Relations (cont.)

► **Example:** Which of the relations in example (a) are transitive?

- ❖ R_4, R_5 & R_6 : transitive \Leftarrow verify that if (a, b) and (b, c) belong to this relation then (a, c) belongs also to the relation
 R_4 transitive since $(3,2)$ and $(2,1)$, $(4,2)$ and $(2,1)$, $(4,3)$ and $(3,1)$, and $(4,3)$ and $(3,2)$ are the only such sets of pairs, and $(3,1)$, $(4,1)$ and $(4,2)$ belong to R_4 .

Same reasoning for R_5 and R_6 .

- ❖ R_1 : not transitive $\Leftarrow (3,4)$ and $(4,1)$ belong to R_1 , but $(3,1)$ does not.
- ❖ R_2 : not transitive $\Leftarrow (2,1)$ and $(1,2)$ belong to R_2 , but $(2,2)$ does not.
- ❖ R_3 : not transitive $\Leftarrow (4,1)$ and $(1,2)$ belong to R_3 , but $(4,2)$ does not.

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Relations (cont.)

► Combining relations

► Example:

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

The relations

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3)\} \text{ and}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4)\}$$

can be combined to obtain:

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

$$R_1 \cap R_2 = \{(1,1)\}$$

$$R_1 - R_2 = \{(2,2), (3,3)\}$$

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



Relations (cont.)

► **Definition 6:**

Let R be a relation from a set A to a set B and S a relation from B to a set C .

The **composite** of R and S is the relation consisting of ordered pairs (a, c) , where $a \in A$, $c \in C$, and for which there exists an element $b \in B$ such that $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in S$. We denote the composite of R and S by $S \circ R$.



Relations (cont.)

- ▶ **Example:** What is the composite of the relations R and S where R is the relation from $\{1,2,3\}$ to $\{1,2,3,4\}$ with $R = \{(1,1), (1,4), (2,3), (3,1), (3,4)\}$ and S is the relation from $\{1,2,3,4\}$ to $\{0,1,2\}$ with $S = \{(1,0), (2,0), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1)\}$?

Solution: $S \circ R$ is constructed using all ordered pairs in R and ordered pairs in S , where the second element of the ordered pair in R agrees with the first element of the ordered pair in S .

For example, the ordered pairs $(2,3)$ in R and $(3,1)$ in S produce the ordered pair $(2,1)$ in $S \circ R$. Computing all the ordered pairs in the composite, we find

$$S \circ R = \{(1,0), (1,1), (2,1), (2,2), (3,0), (3,1)\}$$



N-ary Relations & their Applications

- ▶ Relationship among elements of **more than 2 sets** often arise: n-ary relations
- ▶ Like relationship between (Airline, flight number, starting point, destination, departure time, arrival time)



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

► N-ary relations

► Definition 1:

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be sets. An n -ary relation on these sets is a subset of $A_1 * A_2 * \dots * A_n$ where A_i are the **domains** of the relation, and n is called its **degree**.

- **Example:** Let R be the relation on $\mathbb{N} * \mathbb{N} * \mathbb{N}$ consisting of triples (a, b, c) where a, b , and c are integers with $a < b < c$. Then $(1, 2, 3) \in R$, but $(2, 4, 3) \notin R$.

The degree of this relation is 3. Its domains are equal to the set of integers.



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

▶ Databases & Relations

- ▶ **Relational database model** has been developed for information processing
- ▶ A database consists of records, which are n-tuples made up of fields
- ▶ The fields contains information such as:
 - ▶ Name
 - ▶ Student #
 - ▶ Major
 - ▶ Grade point average of the student



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

- ▶ The relational database model represents a database of records or n-ary relation
- ▶ The relation is $R(\text{Student-Name}, \text{Id-number}, \text{Major}, \text{GPA})$



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

▶ Example of records

(Smith, 3214, Mathematics, 3.9)

(Stevens, 1412, Computer Science, 4.0)

(Rao, 6633, Physics, 3.5)

(Adams, 1320, Biology, 3.0)

(Lee, 1030, Computer Science, 3.7)



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

TABLE A: Students

Students Names	ID #	Major	GPA
Smith	3214	Mathematics	3.9
Stevens	1412	Computer Science	4.0
Rao	6633	Physics	3.5
Adams	1320	Biology	3.0
Lee	1030	Computer Science	3.7



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

► Operations on n-ary relations

- There are varieties of operations that are applied on n-ary relations in order to create new relations that answer eventual queries of a database

► Definition 2:

Let R be an n-ary relation and C a condition that elements in R may satisfy. Then the **selection operator** s_C maps n-ary relation R to the n-ary relation of all n-tuples from R that satisfy the condition C .



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

▶ **Example:**

if $s_C = \text{“Major = “computer science”} \wedge \text{GPA} > 3.5\text{”}$ then the result of this selection consists of the 2 four-tuples:

(Stevens, 1412, Computer Science, 4.0)

(Lee, 1030, Computer Science, 3.7)



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

► Definition 3:

The **projection** P_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m} maps the n-tuple (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) to the m-tuple $(a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_m})$ where $m \leq n$.

In other words, the projection P_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m} deletes $n - m$ of the components of n-tuple, leaving the i_1 th, i_2 th, \dots , and i_m th components.



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

- ▶ **Example:** What relation results when the projection $P_{1,4}$ is applied to the relation in Table A?

Solution: When the projection $P_{1,4}$ is used, the second and third columns of the table are deleted, and pairs representing student names and GPA are obtained. Table B displays the results of this projection.

TABLE B:
GPAs

Students Names	GPA
Smith	3.9
Stevens	4.0
Rao	3.5
Adams	3.0
Lee	3.7



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

► Definition 4:

Let R be a relation of degree m and S a relation of degree n . The **join** $J_p(R, S)$, where $p \leq m$ and $p \leq n$, is a relation of degree $m + n - p$ that consists of all $(m + n - p)$ -tuples $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-p}, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-p})$, where the m -tuple $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-p}, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p)$ belongs to R and the n -tuple $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-p})$ belongs to S .



N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

- ▶ **Example:** What relation results when the operator J_2 is used to combine the relation displayed in tables C and D?



TABLE C:
Teaching
Assignments

Professor	Dpt	Course #
Cruz	Zoology	335
Cruz	Zoology	412
Farber	Psychology	501
Farber	Psychology	617
Grammer	Physics	544
Grammer	Physics	551
Rosen	Computer Science	518
Rosen	Mathematics	575

TABLE D:
Class
Schedule

Dpt	Course #	Room	Time
Computer Science	518	N521	2:00 PM
Mathematics	575	N502	3:00 PM
Mathematics	611	N521	4:00 PM
Physics	544	B505	4:00 PM
Psychology	501	A100	3:00 PM
Psychology	617	A110	11:00 AM
Zoology	335	A100	9:00 AM
Zoology	412	A100	8:00 AM

N-ary Relations & their Applications (cont.)

Solution: The join J_2 produces the relation shown in Table E

Table E:
Teaching
Schedule

Professor	Dpt	Course #	Room	Time
Cruz	Zoology	335	A100	9:00 AM
Cruz	Zoology	412	A100	8:00 AM
Farber	Psychology	501	A100	3:00 PM
Farber	Psychology	617	A110	11:00 AM
Grammer	Physics	544	B505	4:00 PM
Rosen	Computer Science	518	N521	2:00 PM
Rosen	Mathematics	575	N502	3:00 PM



Representing Relations

- ▶ Relations can be represented through matrices

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

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

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

Is R reflexive, symmetric, and/or antisymmetric?



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Solution:

- Since all the diagonal elements of this matrix are equal to 1, then **R is reflexive.**
- Since the two side of diagonal reflect each other then **R is Symmetric**
- Since M_R is symmetric, **R is not antisymmetric.**



Representing Relations

- ▶ Relations can also be represented using diagrams

- ▶ Definition 1:

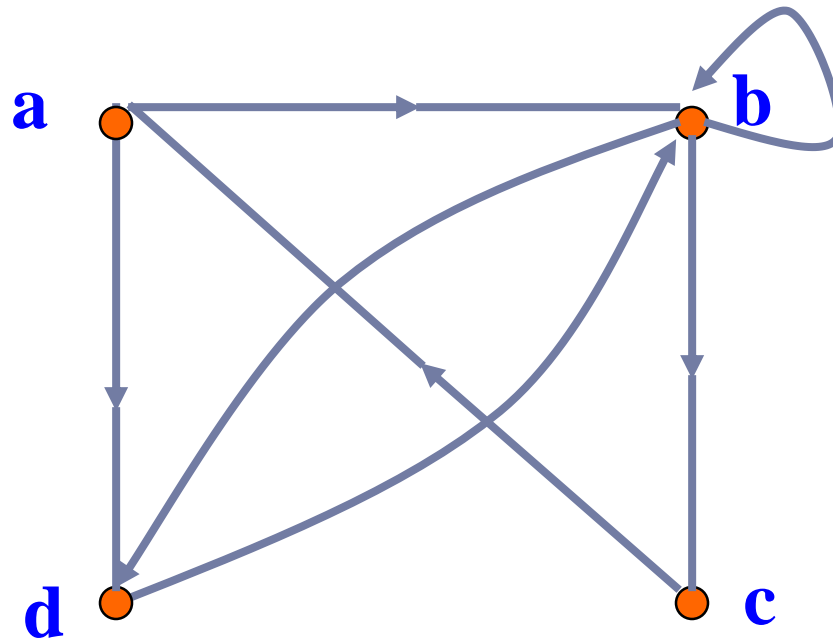
A directed graph, or diagram, consists of a set V of vertices (or nodes) together with a set E of ordered pairs of elements of V called edges (or arcs).

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.



Representing Relations

- ▶ **Example:** The directed graph with vertices a, b, c and d , and edges $(a,b), (a,d), (b,b), (b,d), (c,a)$ and (d,b) . The edge (b,b) is called a **loop**.



Equivalence Relations

- ▶ Equivalence classes

- ▶ Definition 1:

Let R be an equivalence relation on a set A . The set of all elements that are related to an element a of A is called the **equivalence class** of a . The equivalence class of a with respect to R is denoted by $[a]_R$. When only one relation is under consideration, we will delete the subscript R and write $[a]$ for this equivalence class.



Equivalence Relations

- ▶ **Example:** What are the equivalence classes of 0 and 1 for congruence modulo 4?

Solution:

The equivalence class of 0 contains all the integers a such that $a \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. Hence, the equivalence class of 0 for this relation is

$$[0] = \{\dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots\}$$

- The equivalence class of 1 contains all the integers a such that $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. The integers in this class are those that have a remainder of 1 when divided by 4. Hence, the equivalence class of 1 for this relation is

$$[1] = \{\dots, -7, -3, 1, 5, 9, \dots\}$$



Equivalence Relations

- ▶ Equivalence classes & partitions

- ▶ Theorem I:

Let R be an equivalence relation on a set A . These statements are equivalent:

- i. $a R b$
- ii. $[a] = [b]$
- iii. $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$



Equivalence Relations

► Theorem 2:

Let R be an equivalence relation on a set S . Then the equivalence classes of R form a partition of S . Conversely, given a partition $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$ of the set S , there is an equivalence relation R that has the sets $A_i, i \in I$, as its equivalence classes.



Equivalence Relations

- ▶ **Example:** List the ordered pairs in the equivalence relation R produced by the partition $A_1 = \{1,2,3\}$, $A_2 = \{4,5\}$ and $A_3 = \{6\}$ of $S = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$

Solution: The subsets in the partition are the equivalence classes of R . The pair $(a,b) \in R$ if and only if a and b are in the same subset of the partition.

The pairs $(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (3,1), (3,2)$ and $(3,3) \in R \Leftarrow A_1 = \{1,2,3\}$ is an equivalence class. The pairs $(4,4), (4,5), (5,4)$ and $(5,5) \in R \Leftarrow A_2 = \{4,5\}$ is an equivalence class. The pair $(6,6) \in R \Leftarrow \{6\}$ is an equivalence class.

No pairs other than those listed belongs to R .



Examples

- ▶ Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, construct matrix representation of the relation R on A for the following as:

(a) $R = \{(j, k) \mid j \text{ is a multiple of } k\}$

(b) $R = \{(j, k) \mid (j - k)^2 \in A\}$

(c) $R = \{(j, k) \mid (j \text{ divides } k)\}$

(d) $R = \{(j, k) \mid j, k \text{ is a prime}\}$



Examples

- Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ determine whether the relation R whose matrix M_R is given is an equivalence relation:

$$(a) \quad M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) \quad M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

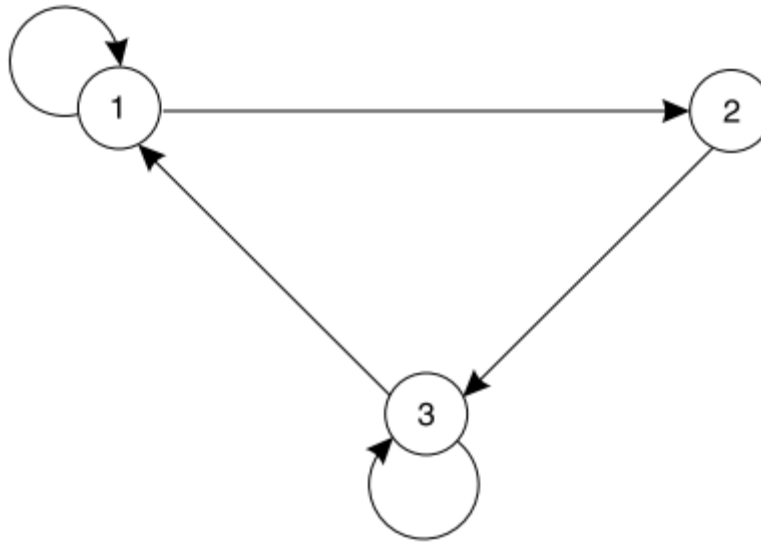
$$(b) \quad M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(d) \quad M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$



Examples

- ▶ Determine whether the relation whose digraph is given below is an equivalence relation.



- ▶ Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$. Write the Matrix of R and sketch its graph. Determine whether R is equivalence.
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