

# ECEN 227 - Introduction to Finite Automata and Discrete Mathematics

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# Talk Overview

- 1 Introduction to binary relations
- 2 Properties of binary relations
- 3 Directed graphs, paths, and cycles

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# Relation

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A binary relation between two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is a subset  $R$  of  $A \times B$ .

### Ex.

- $S$  is the set of students at a university and  $C$  is the set of classes offered by the university.
- The relation  $E$  between  $S$  and  $C$  indicates whether a student is enrolled in a given class.
- Usually we can denote this relation as  $sEc$ .

# Relations and Function

Recall that functions have more restrictions on the connection between the domain and the target as follows.

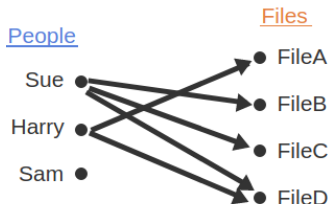
- Each element in the domain should point to **one and only one** element in the target.
- This is not the case in the relations

# Arrow diagram for a relation

People = { Sue, Harry, Sam }

Files = { FileA, FileB, FileC, FileD }

Relation A:  $pAf$  if person  $p$  has access to file  $f$



$A = \{ (Sue, FileB), (Sue, FileC), (Sue, FileD), (Harry, FileA), (Harry, FileD) \}$

# Matrix representation for a relation

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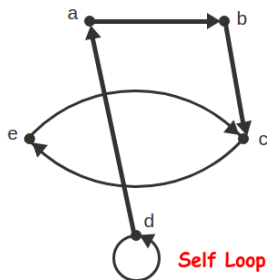
|       | File A | File B | File C | File D |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sue   | 0      | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| Harry | 1      | 0      | 0      | 1      |
| Sam   | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |

$A = \{ (Sue, File B) (Sue, File C) (Sue, File D) \\ (Harry, File A) (Harry, File D) \}$

# Binary Relation on a Set

- We can have a binary relation between a set  $A$  and itself.
- In this case we call it a binary relation on the set  $A$ .
- The result is a subset of  $A \times A$ .
- The set  $A$  is called the domain of the binary relation.

**Ex.**



$$A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

$$R \subseteq A \times A$$

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

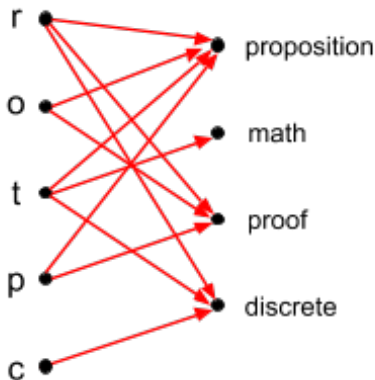


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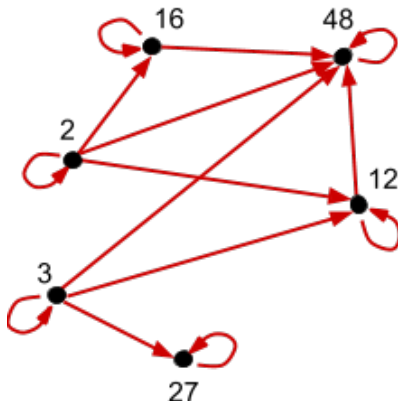
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Excercise 2

Draw the arrow diagram for the following relation. The domain of relation  $D$  is  $\{2, 3, 12, 16, 27, 48\}$ . For  $x, y$  in the domain,  $xDy$  if  $y$  is an integer multiple of  $x$ .

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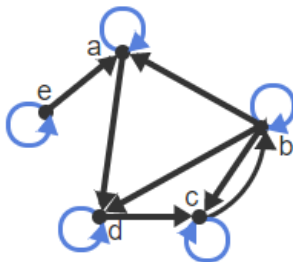
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Binary relation  $R$  can be characterized by **six** properties. The properties are defined and illustrated using arrow diagrams.

- The relation  $R$  can be **either** reflexive or anti-reflexive or neither.
- The relation  $R$  can be **either** symmetric or anti-symmetric or neither.
- The relation  $R$  can be **either** transitive or not transitive.

# Reflexive Relation



$$A = \{ a, b, c, d, e \}$$

Relation  $R$  is  
reflexive

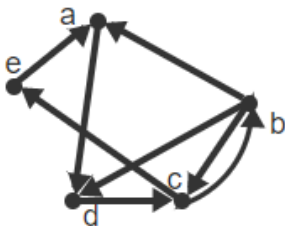
if for all  $x \in A$

$$x R x$$

$$a R a, b R b, c R c,$$

$$d R d, \text{ and } e R e$$

# Anti-Reflexive Relation

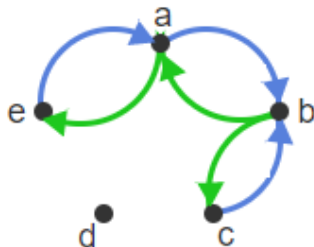


$$A = \{ a, b, c, d, e \}$$

Relation  $R$  is  
anti-reflexive  
if for all  $x \in A$   
it is not true that  
 $x R x$



# Symmetric Relation



$$A = \{ a, b, c, d, e \}$$

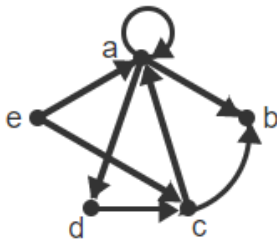
Relation  $R$  on  $A$  is  
symmetric

if for all  $x, y \in A$

$$x R y \leftrightarrow y R x$$


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# Anti-Symmetric Relation

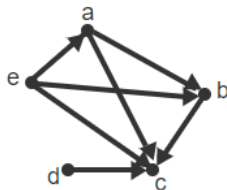


$$A = \{ a, b, c, d, e \}$$

Relation  $R$  is  
 anti-symmetric  
 if for all  $x, y \in A$   
 $x R y$  and  $y R x \rightarrow x = y$

Note: there is no 

# Transitive Relation



$A = \{ a, b, c, d, e \}$

Relation  $R$  on  $A$  is  
transitive if  
for all  $x, y, z \in A$   
if  $x R y$  and  $y R z$ ,  
then  $x R z$

$e R a$  and  $a R b \longrightarrow e R b$

$e R b$  and  $b R c \longrightarrow e R c$

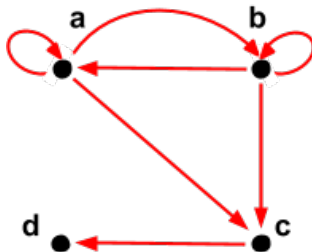
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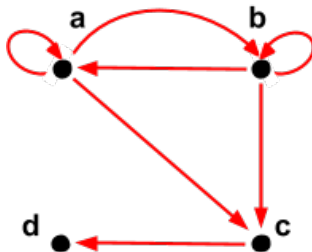
- reflexive, anti-reflexive, or neither
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**Answer.**

- neither reflexive nor anti-reflexive.
- neither symmetric nor anti-symmetric.
- not transitive.

## Exercise 2

Given the below relation indicate whether the relation is:

- reflexive, anti-reflexive, or neither
- symmetric, anti-symmetric, or neither
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The domain of the relation  $L$  is the set of all real numbers. For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $xLy$  if  $x < y$ .

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**Answer.**

- **anti-reflexive:** For any real number  $x$ , it is always false that  $x < x$ .
- **anti-symmetric:** For any two real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , it can not be true that  $x < y$  and  $y < x$ .
- **transitive:** If  $x < y$  and  $y < z$ , then  $x < z$ .

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**Answer.**

- **reflexive:** For any real number  $x$ , it is always true that  $x \leq x$ .
- **anti-symmetric:** For any two real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ , then  $x = y$ .
- **transitive:** If  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$ , then  $x \leq z$ .

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# Graph

Graph is simply a relation over set. It is used widely in computer science topics.

## Ex.

- Internet pages.
- Friends on facebook.
- Train/Bus stations.
- Communication network.
- etc.

# Directed Graph (digraph)

## Digraph

A directed graph (or digraph, for short) consists of a pair  $(V, E)$ .  $V$  is a set of vertices, and  $E$ , a set of directed edges.

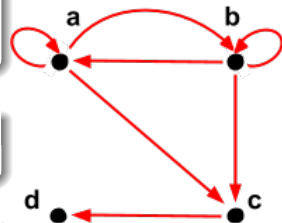
## Vertex

An individual element of  $V$  is called a vertex.

## Edge

A connection between two vertices.

## Example

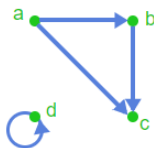


# Graph Example

Graph  $G = (V, E)$

$V = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$E = \{(a, b), (b, c), (a, c), (d, d)\}$



$a$  is the tail of edge  $(a, b)$

$b$  is the head of edge  $(a, b)$

The in-degree of  $c$  is 2

The out-degree of  $b$  is 1

The in-degree of  $d$  is 1

## In-degree

The in-degree of a vertex is the number of edges pointing into it.

## Out-degree

The out-degree of a vertex is the number of edges pointing out of it.

# Walks and directed Graph

A walk in a directed graph  $G$  is a sequence of alternating vertices and edges that starts and ends with a vertex.

$$\langle v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$$

## Walk length

The length of a walk is  $l$ , the number of edges in the walk.

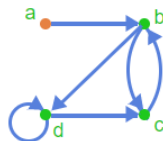
## Open walk

An open walk is a walk in which the first and last vertices are not the same.

## Closed walk

A closed walk is a walk in which the first and last vertices are the same.

# Example



Walk:

$\langle a, b, c, b, d \rangle$  walk length = 4

The walk is open because  
the first and last vertices are not the same

Walk:

$\langle b, d, c, b, c, b \rangle$  walk length = 5

This walk closed because the  
first and last vertices are the same.

Edge  $(c, b)$  occurs twice  
so  $(c, b)$  is counted twice

Closed walk of length 1:  $\langle d, d \rangle$

Closed walk of length 0:  $\langle a \rangle$

# Defination

## Trail

A trail is an open walk in which **no edge** occurs more than once.

## Path

A path is a trail in which **no vertex** occurs more than once.

## Circuit

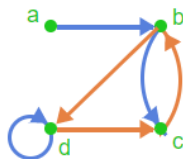
A circuit is a closed walk in which **no edge** occurs more than once.

## Cycle

A cycle is a circuit in which **no vertex** occurs more than once, except the first and last vertices which are the same.



# Example



Walk:

$\langle a, b, c, b, d \rangle$

No edge occurs more than once.  
So this open walk is a trail.

b is reached twice

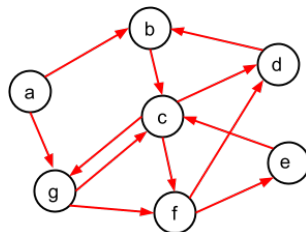
So this trail is not a path

$\langle b, d, c, b \rangle$

No edge occurs more than once.  
So this closed walk is a circuit.

The circuit is a cycle because only  
the first and last vertices are repeated.

# Exercise



- What is the in-degree of vertex d?
- What is the out-degree of vertex c?
- What is the head of edge (b, c)?
- What is the tail of edge (g, f)?
- List all the self-loops in the graph.
- Is  $\langle a, g, f, c, d \rangle$  a walk in the graph? Is it a trail? Is it a path?
- Is  $\langle a, g, f, d, b \rangle$  a walk in the graph? Is it a trail? Is it a path?
- Is  $\langle c, g, f, e \rangle$  a circuit in the graph? Is it a cycle?



Questions 

