

* 3.3 Relations

• Relation

o Def: be thought of as a table that lists which elements of the first set relate to which elements of the second set. R

□ Define a relation to be a set of ordered pairs.

□ Subset of the Cartesian product $X \times Y$

ex) Relation of students to courses

Student	Course
Bill	CompSci
Mary	Math
Bill	Art
Beth	History
Beth	CompSci
Dave	Math

Let $X = \{ \text{Bill, Mary, Beth, Dave} \}$, $Y = \{ \text{CompSci, Math, Art, History} \}$, then $R = \{ (\text{Bill}, \text{CompSci}), (\text{Mary}, \text{Math}), (\text{Bill}, \text{Art}), \dots (\text{Dave}, \text{Math}) \}$

→ Since $(\text{Beth}, \text{History}) \in R$, Beth is History

o Diagram

□ Informative way to picture a relation on a set is to draw

□ Draw dots or vertices to elements of X



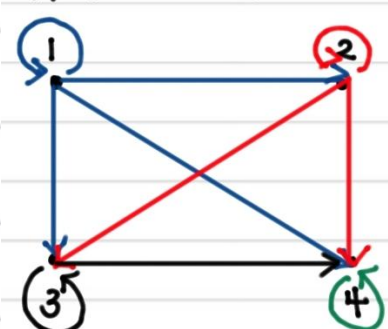
If the element (x, y) is in the relation, we draw an arrow directed edge from x to y

(x, x) is from x to x , (loop)

ex) $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ defined by $(x, y) \in R$ if

$x \leq y$, $x, y \in X$

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o Properties

□ **Reflexive**: If $(x, x) \in R$ for every $x \in X$

ex) $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is reflexive because $(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4) \in R$

□ **Symmetric**: If for all $x, y \in X$, if $(x, y) \in R$, then

$(y, x) \in R$

ex) $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $R = \{(a, a), (b, c), (c, b), (d, d)\}$ is symmetric.

□ **Antisymmetric**: If for all $x, y \in X$, if $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, x) \in R$, then $x = y$

→ so, if there is no symmetric other than $x R x$, it is an antisymmetric.

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

then, it is antisymmetric because there is only $x R x$ of $(3, 3)$

□ **Transitive**: If for all $x, y, z \in X$, if (x, y) and $(y, z) \in R$, then $(x, z) \in R$

ex) $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $(x, y) \in R$ if $x \leq y$ is transitive

o Order

□ **Partial order**: R is reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive

→ R is partial order

□ **Comparable**: If $x, y \in X$ and either $x \leq y$ or $y \leq x$, then x and y are comparable

↔ Incomparable

□ **Total order**: If every pair of elements in X is comparable, then R is total order.

→ so, every (x, y) must be included in R , the order should not be reversed.

o other terms

□ **Inverse**: $R^{-1} = \{(y, x) \mid (x, y) \in R\}$

□ **Composition**: $R_2 \circ R_1 = \{(x, z) \mid (x, y) \in R_1 \text{ and } (y, z) \in R_2 \text{ for some } y \in Y\}$