

HW-08

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1 Introduction

This section presents a detailed analysis of the relation R defined on the set $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The relation R is given by $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)\}$.

1.1 Graphical Representation of R

The directed graph of the relation R is shown in Figure 1.

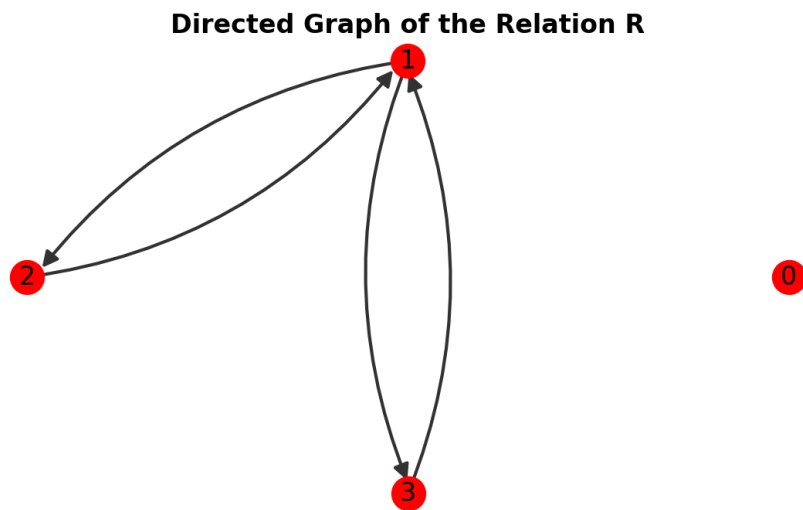


Figure 1: Directed Graph of the Relation R

1.2 Code for Figure 1:

To show logic behind the formulation of the Directed Graph.

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import networkx as nx
3 from matplotlib.patches import FancyArrowPatch
4 from matplotlib.colors import LinearSegmentedColormap
5
6 class DirectedGraphVisualizer:
7     """Visualizes a directed graph with arrow styling."""
8     def __init__(self, nodes, edges):
9         """Initialize the DirectedGraphVisualizer with nodes and edges."""
10         self.graph = nx.DiGraph()
11         self.graph.add_nodes_from(nodes)
12         self.graph.add_edges_from(edges)
13
14     def create_gradient_arrow(self, start_point, end_point, rad=0.5, arrowstyle='->', lw=2,
15 mutation_scale=20):
16         """Create a gradient colored arrow."""
17         cmap = LinearSegmentedColormap.from_list("", ["black", "white", "yellow"])
18         arrow = FancyArrowPatch(start_point, end_point, connectionstyle=f"arc3,rad={rad}",
19 arrowstyle=arrowstyle, lw=lw, mutation_scale=mutation_scale,
20 color=cmap(0.1), linestyle='--', zorder=1)
21
22     return arrow
23
24     def draw_curved_edges(self, pos, ax, rad=0.2, arrowstyle='->', lw=3, mutation_scale=30):
25         """Draw curved edges with gradient arrows."""
26         for (u, v) in self.graph.edges():
27             if (v, u) in self.graph.edges() and u < v:
28                 arrow = self.create_gradient_arrow(pos[u], pos[v], rad, arrowstyle, lw, mutation_scale)
29                 ax.add_patch(arrow)
30                 arrow = self.create_gradient_arrow(pos[v], pos[u], rad, arrowstyle, lw, mutation_scale)
31                 ax.add_patch(arrow)
32             elif not (v, u) in self.graph.edges():
33                 arrow = self.create_gradient_arrow(pos[u], pos[v], 0, arrowstyle, lw, mutation_scale)
34                 ax.add_patch(arrow)
35
36     def draw_graph(self, layout=nx.circular_layout, node_size=500, node_color="red", font_size=18,
37 font_color="black"):
38         """Draw the graph with arrows and nodes."""
39         plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
40         pos = layout(self.graph)
41         ax = plt.gca()
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40     nx.draw_networkx_nodes(self.graph, pos, node_size=node_size, node_color=node_color, ax=ax)
41     nx.draw_networkx_labels(self.graph, pos, font_size=font_size, font_color=font_color, ax=ax)
42     self.draw_curved_edges(pos, ax)
43
44     plt.title("Directed Graph of the Relation R", fontsize=18, fontweight='bold')
45     plt.axis('off')
46     plt.show()
47
48
49 A = {0, 1, 2, 3}
50 R = {(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)}
51
52 graph_visualizer = DirectedGraphVisualizer(A, R)
53 graph_visualizer.draw_graph()

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1.3 Reflexivity and Irreflexivity

Theorem 1. *The relation R is irreflexive.*

Proof. • **Reflexive** if $\forall a \in A, (a, a) \in R$.

• **Irreflexive** if $\forall a \in A, (a, a) \notin R$.

• **Analysis:** Given no element in A is related to itself in R , R is irreflexive.

• **Evidence for Irreflexivity:** None of the pairs $(0, 0)$, $(1, 1)$, $(2, 2)$, or $(3, 3)$ are in R , confirming its irreflexivity.

• **Counterexample for Reflexivity:** Consider the element 0 in A . Reflexivity requires $(0, 0)$ to be in R . However, $(0, 0) \notin R$, thus R is not reflexive.

□

1.4 Symmetry and Asymmetry

Theorem 2. *The relation R is symmetric.*

Proof. • **Symmetric** if $\forall (a, b) \in R, (b, a) \in R$.

• **Asymmetric** if $\forall (a, b) \in R, (b, a) \notin R$.

- **Analysis:** Since for every pair $(a, b) \in R$, the pair (b, a) is also in R , the relation R is symmetric.
- **Evidence for Symmetry:** Pairs like $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$, $(1, 3)$ and $(3, 1)$ are in R , demonstrating its symmetry.
- **Counterexample for Asymmetry:** The pair $(1, 2)$ is in R . For R to be asymmetric, $(2, 1)$ must not be in R . However, $(2, 1) \in R$, violating asymmetry.

□

1.5 Transitivity

Theorem 3. *The relation R is not transitive.*

Proof. • **Transitive** if $\forall(a, b), (b, c) \in R, (a, c) \in R$.

- **Analysis:** R is not transitive since there are no instances where (a, b) and (b, c) being in R lead to (a, c) also being in R .
- **Counterexample for Transitivity:** The pairs $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$ are in R . Transitivity requires $(1, 1)$ be in R as well. However, $(1, 1) \notin R$, indicating R is not transitive.

□

1.6 Code for Validating each property

To show logic behind the determination of each property.

```

1 # Set A and relation R
2 A = {0, 1, 2, 3}
3 R = {(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)}
4
5 # Function to check reflexivity
6 def is_reflexive(A, R):
7     return all((a, a) in R for a in A)
8
9 # Function to check irreflexivity
10 def is_irreflexive(A, R):
11     return all((a, a) not in R for a in A)
12
13 # Function to check symmetry
14 def is_symmetric(R):

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15     return all((b, a) in R for a, b in R)
16
17 # Function to check asymmetry
18 def is_asymmetric(R):
19     return all((b, a) not in R for a, b in R)
20
21 # Function to check transitivity
22 def is_transitive(R):
23     return all((a, c) in R for a, b in R for c in A if (a, b) in R and (b, c) in R)
24
25 # Validating each property
26 reflexivity = is_reflexive(A, R)
27 irreflexivity = is_irreflexive(A, R)
28 symmetry = is_symmetric(R)
29 asymmetry = is_asymmetric(R)
30 transitivity = is_transitive(R)
31
32 print(reflexivity, irreflexivity, symmetry, asymmetry, transitivity)
33 # Results: False True True False False

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1.7 Conclusion

The comprehensive examination of the relation R defined on the set $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ elucidates several critical aspects of its character. Firstly, R is irreflexive, as demonstrated by the absence of self-pairs such as $(0, 0)$ in R . This observation is pivotal, underscoring no element in A is related to itself under R .

Furthermore, the analysis firmly establishes R is symmetric. This conclusion is drawn from the observation for every pair (a, b) in R , the reciprocal pair (b, a) is also found within R , a hallmark of symmetric relations. The pairs $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$, along with $(1, 3)$ and $(3, 1)$, are testament to this symmetric nature.

However, when it comes to transitivity, R does not fulfill the necessary criteria. The absence of certain consequential pairs, such as $(1, 1)$ despite the presence of $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$ in R , clearly illustrates this shortfall. Thus, R is not a transitive relation.

In summary, the relation R on the set A is irreflexive and symmetric but not transitive. The detailed counterexamples provided for each property not only highlight where R diverges from these specific relational properties but also enrich our understanding of the nature of relations in discrete mathematics.

2 Introduction

In the realm of discrete mathematics, the concept of transitive closure plays a crucial role in understanding the properties of binary relations.

Definition 1 (Binary Relation). A **binary relation** R on a set A is a collection of ordered pairs of elements from A . The relation is said to be transitive if whenever an element a is related to b , and b is related to c , then a is also related to c .

Definition 2 (Transitive Closure). The **transitive closure** of a binary relation R , denoted as R^t , is the smallest transitive relation on A which contains all the pairs in R .

2.1 Example and Computation

Example 1. Consider the set $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and the binary relation $T = \{(0, 2), (1, 0), (2, 3), (3, 1)\}$ defined on A . Our objective is to find the transitive closure T^t of T .

Proposition 1. The transitive closure T^t of the relation T is obtained by adding the least number of ordered pairs to T to ensure transitivity, making T^t the smallest transitive relation containing T . It is important to note $T \subseteq T^t$.

Proof. A relation fails to be transitive when it fails to contain certain ordered pairs. For example, if $(1, 3)$ and $(3, 4)$ are in a relation R , then the pair $(1, 4)$ must be in R for R to be transitive. To obtain a transitive relation from one which is not transitive, it is necessary to add the missing ordered pairs.

To compute the transitive closure T^t of T , we follow these steps:

1. Identify all pairs (x, z) such that there exists a y in A where (x, y) and (y, z) are in T . For instance, since $(0, 2)$ and $(2, 3)$ are in T , the pair $(0, 3)$ must be included in T^t for transitivity.
2. Add these identified pairs to T to form T^t , ensuring $T \subseteq T^t$.

Applying this method to T , the transitive closure T^t is:

$$T^t = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 0), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 0), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

This includes all possible pairs for A , thus fulfilling the criteria for transitivity and confirming $T \subseteq T^t$. \square

2.2 Code for Validating transitive closure of T

To show logic behind the determination of transitive closure.

```
1 from itertools import product
2
3 # The original relation T
4 T = {(0, 2), (1, 0), (2, 3), (3, 1)}
5
6 # Function to compute the transitive closure
7 def transitive_closure(rel):
8     closure = set(rel)
9     while True:
10         new_relations = {(x, w) for x, y in closure for q, w in closure if q == y}
11         closure_until_now = closure | new_relations
12
13         if closure_until_now == closure:
14             break
15
16         closure = closure_until_now
17
18     return closure
19
20 # Recomputing the transitive closure of T
21 T_transitive_closure_recomputed = transitive_closure(T)
22 print(T_transitive_closure_recomputed)
23 # Expects: {(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 1), (0, 2), (2, 2), (1, 0), (3, 2), (1, 3), (0, 0), (1, 1), (0, 3),
    , (2, 0), (3, 0), (2, 3), (3, 3)}
```

2.3 Conclusion

The concept of transitive closure is pivotal in understanding the properties and behavior of binary relations in discrete mathematics. The computation of T^t for the given relation T illustrates the application of these principles.