

→ generalized functions

# CHAPTER 8 ~ Relations

## § 8.1 - Relations & their Properties

Binary Relation:  $R$  s.t.  $R \subseteq A \times B$

\*  $aRb \equiv (a,b) \in R$  and  $a \not R b \equiv (a,b) \notin R$

Relation on a set  $A$ :  $R$  s.t.  $R \subseteq A \times A$

- reflexive  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a (a,a) \in R$
- symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \forall b ((a,b) \in R \rightarrow (b,a) \in R)$
- antisymmetric  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \forall b ((a,b) \in R \wedge (b,a) \in R) \rightarrow [a=b]$
- transitive  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \forall b \forall c ((a,b) \in R \wedge (b,c) \in R) \rightarrow (a,c) \in R$

Composite of two binary relation  $R$  and  $S$ , where  $R \subseteq A \times B, S \subseteq B \times C$

$$\forall a \in A \forall b \in B \forall c \in C ((a,c) \in S \circ R \Leftrightarrow (a,b) \in R \wedge (b,c) \in S)$$

## § 8.2 ~ n-ary Relations and Their Applications

n-ary relation:  $R$  s.t.  $R \subseteq A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times \dots \times A_n$

• domains  $\equiv$  sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  • degree  $\equiv$  # of sets/domains

### Operations on n-ary relations

- selection operator,  $S_C$  ~ pick/keep relations satisfying condition  $C$
- projection operator,  $P_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m}$  ~ keeps the domains corresponding to  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m$
- join operation,  $J_P(R, S)$  ~ merges to relations such that only the complete relations are kept \* refer to example 11 or #19 (p. 536)

## § 8.3 ~ Representing Relations

### Matrix Representations

relation  $R \Rightarrow M_R = [m_{ij}]$ ,  $m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & (a_i, b_j) \in R \\ 0, & (a_i, b_j) \notin R \end{cases}$  refer to § 8.1

\* Note: on paper we stick to binary relations and relations on a set

relation  $\bar{R} \Rightarrow M_{\bar{R}} = [m_{ij}]$ ,  $m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & (a_i, b_j) \notin R \\ 0, & (a_i, b_j) \in R \end{cases}$

\* recall:  $\bar{A} = \{x \mid x \notin A\}$ , but here  $x$  is an ordered pair and  $A$  is a relation

\* side note:  $R_1 \cup R_2 \Rightarrow M_{R_1 \cup R_2} = M_{R_1} + M_{R_2}$ , where values  $> 1$  are set to 1  
 $R_1 \cap R_2 \Rightarrow M_{R_1 \cap R_2} = M_{R_1} \cdot M_{R_2}$ ,  $\cdot$  denotes entry to entry multiplication

Relations on a set revisited: matrix characteristics of the §8.1 definitions

- reflexive  $\Leftrightarrow \text{diag}(M_R) = 1$
- symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow M_R = M_R^T$
- antisymmetric  $\Leftrightarrow \forall i, j$ , where  $i \neq j$  either
  - ①  $m_{ij} = 0$  or  $m_{ji} = 0$  OR
  - ②  $m_{ij} = m_{ji} = 0$  (i.e. not both 1)

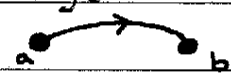
Composite of two binary relations R and S revisited

$M_{S \circ R} = M_R \odot M_S$ , if an entry value is  $> 1$ , set it equal to 1  
matrix multiplication

\* note this works since the set B acts as an intermediate from A to C ( $R \subseteq A \times B$ ,  $S \subseteq B \times C$  where  $|A|=m$ ,  $|B|=n$ ,  $|C|=p$  so  $M_R$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $M_S$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix making  $M_{S \circ R}$  an  $m \times p$  matrix)

Graphing Representations \* obviously directed

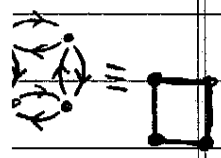
- vertex for every element in the set(s)
- edge between vertices if they are a part of the relation st. given  $(a, b) \in R$ , there is a directed edge from initial vertex a to terminal vertex b



\* note:  $(a, a) \in R$  is represented by a loop @ a

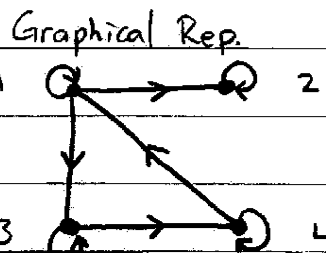
Relations on a set revisited: graphical characteristics of the §8.1 definitions

- reflexive  $\Leftrightarrow$  every vertex of the graph has a loop
- symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow$  every pair of vertices has an edge in each direction, which is equivalent to an undirected edge between them.
- anti symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow$  arc/edge from i to j not j to i, i.e. a single directed edge between each pair of vertices.



Ex:  $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$  where  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Matrix Rep.  
 $M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $(1,3) \in R$



Properties  
 \* reflexive  
 \* anti-symmetric

## § 8.4 ~ Closures of Relations

Let  $R$  be a relation on a set (recall:  $R \subseteq A \times A$ ) and  $P$  be a property (e.g. reflexive, symmetric, transitive).

If  $R$  does not have property  $P$ , create a relation  $S$  containing the elements of  $R$  ( $R \subseteq S$ ) and the missing element required for the relation to have property  $P$ .

$S$  will be the " $P$ " closure of the relation  $R$

\* reflexive closure: add the missing  $(a, a)$  terms  $\forall a \in A$

\* symmetric closure: add the missing  $(b, a)$  terms  $\forall (a, b) \in R$

- the set of these missing terms are referred to as  $R^{-1}$ ,  $R$  inverse

\* transitive closure: add the missing  $(x_i, x_n)$  terms

$\forall (x_i, x_{i+1}) \wedge (x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}) \wedge \dots \wedge (x_{i-n}, x_n) \in R$

\* must include  $(a, a) \forall a \in A$  (i.e. loops  $\forall$  vertices)

\* Hint: easiest to find the missing terms if you look at the

graphical representation of the relation

\* Defn 1 ~ path & circuit/cycle in a directed graph

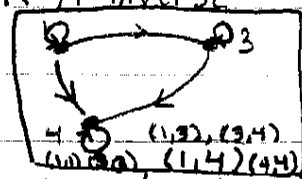
(i.e. traverse vertices following the directed edges)

\* number of vertices traverse = path length =  $n$

\* Defn 2 ~ connectivity relation  $R^* = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R^n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} M_{R^n}$

relation of all paths  
of length  $n$   
for the matrix  
representation  
of relation

(same as transitive closure!  $\ddot{\smile}$ )  $\leftarrow$  Thm 2



adding the red term is transitive closure and defines  $R^*$

Closures  
no such thing as an anti-symmetric closure  
closures add terms, not remove

## § 8.5 ~ Equivalence Relations

A relation on a set is an equivalence relation if it is

reflexive, symmetric & transitive

$\rightarrow$  refer to § 8.1-8.3

Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set. The equivalence class of  $a$ ,  $[a]_R$ , is the set of all elements in  $R$  related to  $a$

Ex: Congruence modulo 5 (i.e. remainders of real #'s when divided by

#'s having remainder 0

$[0]_R = \{ \dots, -10, -5, 0, 5, 10, \dots \}$ ,  $[2]_R = \{ \dots, -7, -2, 2, 7, 12, \dots \}$

## § 8.6 - Partial Orderings

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is a partial ordering / partial order if it is reflexive, antisymmetric, & transitive.

→ refer to § 8.1-8.3

A set 'A' with a partial ordering  $R$  is a partially ordered set / poset,  $(A, R)$

\* Example 1 p. 566,  $(\mathbb{Z}, \geq)$  is a poset

recall:  $(a, b) \in R \equiv aRb$ , now we write  $a \leq b$

$a \leq b$  denotes  $(a, b) \in R$  in an arbitrary poset  $(S, R)$

divides symbol

Ex:  $(\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$

$(a, b) \in (S, \leq)$  are comparable if  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$

$a, b \in S$  are incomparable if  $a \not\leq b$  &  $b \not\leq a$

\* remember  $R$ , or in this case  $\leq$ , is a subset of  $S \times S$ , so there are

elements in  $S$  that are not related by  $\leq$ .

$(6, 12) \in (\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$   
 $6 | 12 \therefore$  comparable  
 $3 \nmid 7 \in \mathbb{Z}$   $3 \nmid 7$  and  
 $7 \nmid 3 \therefore$  incomparable

A totally ordered set / linearly order set / chain is a poset  $(S, \leq)$  where every two elements of  $S$  are comparable.

\* Example (refer to the two above)  $(\mathbb{Z}, \geq)$  is totally ordered but not  $(\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$

If the poset  $(S, \leq)$  is totally ordered and every non empty subset of  $S$  has a least element it is well-ordered

## Hasse Diagrams

Procedure for deriving one:

→ partially ordered set of a relation  $\leq$

1. Draw the directed graph for  $(S, \leq)$

on the set  $S$

$\Rightarrow$  reflexive, antisymmetric, trans.

\* works best if all edges flow in the same direction (up)

2. Remove loops (they are implied)

3. Remove transitive edges (i.e. if  $(a, b), (b, c)$  is there, remove edge

$(a, c)$  and if  $(c, d)$  is there too, remove  $(a, d)$

4. Eliminate directionality (no arrows)

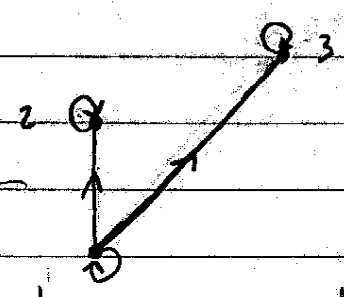
$\forall b \in S (a \not\prec b)$   
 $a$  is maximal in poset  $(S, \preceq)$  if  $\neg \exists b \in S (a \prec b)$  (i.e.  $a$  is not related to anything <sup>but itself</sup>)  
 " " minimal " " " " " "  $\neg \exists b \in S (b \prec a)$  (i.e. nothing is related to  $a$  but itself)  
 $\forall b \in S (b \not\prec a)$

Ex: (a) Determine if the matrix representation of relation  $\preceq$  is partially ordered.

(refers to #7b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_{\preceq}$  reflective;  $\text{diag}(M_{\preceq}) = 1$  ✓

antisymmetric:  $\forall i, j$ , where  $i \neq j$

- $(1,2) = 1, (2,1) = 0$
  - $(1,3) = 1, (3,1) = 0$
  - $(2,3) = 0, (3,2) = 0$
- ①  $m_{ij} = 0$  or  $m_{ji} = 0$   
 ②  $m_{ij} = m_{ji} = 0$



$S = \{1, 2, 3\}$

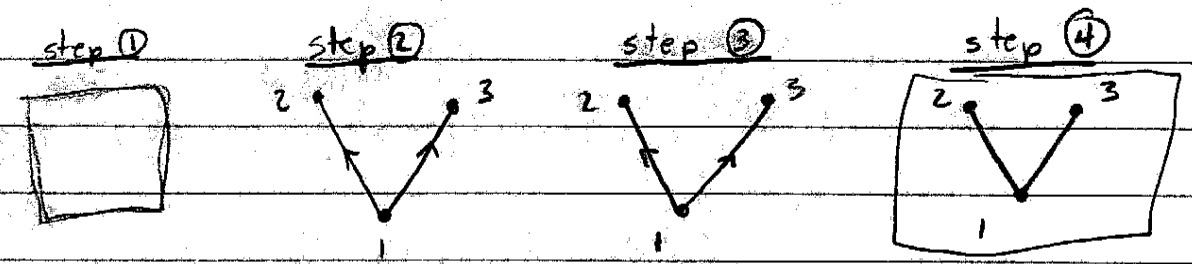
$R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,2), (3,3)\}$

- $(1,1) \wedge (1,2) \wedge (2,2)$  path  $(a,c), (a,d), (c,d)$
- $(1,1) \wedge (1,3) \wedge (3,3)$  path  $(a,c), (a,d), (c,d)$

transitive ✓

(∴ Relation  $\preceq$  on set  $S$  is partially ordered, i.e.  $(S, \preceq)$ )

(b) Draw the Hasse Diagram.



\*remove loops

\*remove extraneous transitive edges

\*eliminate directionality

(c) Determine the minimal and maximal element(s).

minimal: 1, maximal: 2, 3