

# Discrete Structures (Discrete Mathematics)

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## Relations

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- The connections between people and things.
- Between people, family relation
  - 'to be brothers'                      x is a brother of y
  - 'to be older'                            x is older than y
  - 'to be parents'                         x and y are parents of z
- Between things, numerical relations
  - 'to be greater than'                    x < y on the real numbers
  - 'to be divisible by'                    x is divisible by y on the set of integers
- Between things and people, legal relations
  - 'to be an owner'                        x is an owner of y
  - 'to be std of class'                    **Trump** is a std of class 24DS

# Cartesian Product

- The Cartesian product of sets  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted by  $A \times B$ , is the set of all ordered pairs of elements from  $A$  and  $B$ .
- $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$
- The elements of the Cartesian product are ordered pairs. In particular  $(a, b) = (c, d) \leftrightarrow (a = c) \wedge (b = d)$
- $\{1, 2\} \times \{a, b\} = \{(1, a), (1, b), (2, a), (2, b)\}$
- $\{Mon, Tue\} \times \{Jan, Feb\} = \{(Mon, Jan), (Mon, Feb), (Tue, Jan), (Tue, Feb)\}$

# Cartesian Product of More Than Two Sets

- Instead of ordered pairs we may consider ordered triples, or, more general, k-tuples
- $(a, b)$ , an ordered pair
- $(a, b, c)$ , an ordered triple
- $(a, b, c, d)$ , an ordered quadruple
- $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$ , a k-tuple
  
- Pairs, triples, quadruples, and k-tuples are elements of Cartesian products of 3, 4, and k sets, respectively

# Relations

- Relationship between elements of sets are represented using the structure called a relation, which is just a subset of the cartesian product of sets.

## Definition:

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

# Binary Relation

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A binary relation from set  $A$  to set  $B$  is any subset of  $A \times B$ .
- Binary relations represent relationship between two sets.

# Example

- $A = \{Ali, Junaid, Maria, Hassan\}$
- $B = \{CSC102, CSC105, CSC222, CSC106\}$   
 $R$ : “*relation of students enrolled in courses*”
- $R = \{(Junaid, CSC102), (Maria, CSC222)\}$
- $(Maria, CSC102) \notin R$
- $(Junaid, CSC222) \notin R$
- $(Maria, CSC106) \notin R$

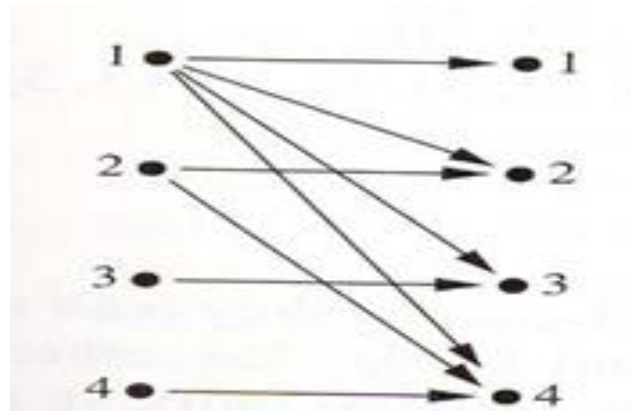
# More Relations

- Relations can be generalized to subsets of cartesian products of more than two sets
- Any subset of the Cartesian product of 3 sets is called a ternary relation
  - 'x and y are parents of z'  $\subseteq$  People  $\times$  People  $\times$  People
- Any subset of the Cartesian product of k sets is called a k-ary relation



# Functions as Relations

- A function  $f:A \rightarrow B$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$
- A relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is not always a function  $f:A \rightarrow B$
- Relations are generalizations of functions!



# Functions as Relations

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  are two sets:
- $R$  is relation between  $A$  and  $B$ .
- $R \subseteq A \times B$
- $R$  will be function if
  - If Every element of  $A$  is related to some unique element of  $B$

# Relations on a Set

- A (binary) relation from a set  $A$  to itself is called a relation on the set  $A$ .
- $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \text{ divides } b\}$

# Describing Binary Relations

- A binary relation can be described using a list of pairs.
- Example:
  - Among 6 people (Ali, Hamza, Umer, Asad, Haroon and Amir), Ali and Amir are brothers; and Umer, Asad and Haroon are brothers.
  - $A = \{Ali, Hamza, Umer, Asad, Haroon, Amir\}$
  - $Brotherhood = \{(x, y) \mid x \text{ is a brother of } y\}$
  - $Brotherhood = \{(Ali, Amir), (Amir, Ali), (Umer, Asad), (Asad, Umer), (Umer, Haroon), (Haroon, Umer), (Asad, Haroon), (Haroon, Asad)\}$

# Combining Relations

- Relations from  $A$  to  $B$  are subsets of  $A \times B$ , two relations from  $A$  to  $B$  can be combined in any way two sets can be combined.
- Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- The relations  $R_1 = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3)\}$  and  
 $R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4)\}$
- $R_1 \cup R_2$
- $R_1 \cap R_2$
- $R_1 - R_2$
- $R_2 - R_1$

# Combining Relations

- Let  $R$  be a relation from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  and  $S$  be 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  $S \circ R$ .
- 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  $S = \{(1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 1)\}$ ?

# Describing Binary Relations

- A binary relation can also be described using a matrix.
  - Rows are labeled with elements of A
  - Columns are labeled with elements of B.
- We write 1 in row a, column b if and only if  $(a, b) \in R$ ; otherwise we write 0.

# Describing Binary Relations

- $A = \{Ali, Hamza, Umer, Asad, Haroon, Amir\}$
- $Brotherhood = \{(x, y) \mid x \text{ is a brother of } y\}$
- $Brotherhood = \{(Ali, Amir), (Amir, Ali), (Umer, Asad), (Asad, Umer), (Umer, Haroon), (Haroon, Umer), (Asad, Haroon), (Haroon, Asad)\}$

	Ali	Hamza	Umer	Asad	Haroon	Amir
Ali	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hamza	0	0	0	0	0	0
Umer	0	0	0	1	1	0
Asad	0	0	1	0	1	0
Haroon	0	0	1	1	0	0
Amir	1	0	0	0	0	0



# Describing Binary Relations

- A binary relation can also be described using a directed graph.
- A graph of a relation  $R \in A \times B$  consists of two sets of vertices labeled by elements of  $A$  and  $B$ .
- A vertex **a** is connected to a vertex **b** with an edge (arc) if and only if  $(a, b) \in R$ .

# Reflexivity

- Note: from now on we will consider only binary relations on  $A$ .
- That is such relations are subsets of  $A \times A$ .
- Reflexivity: A binary relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is said to be reflexive if  $\forall a \in A, (a, a) \in R$
- $R = \{(a, b) | (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, a \leq b\}$  is reflexive.

	a	b	c	d	e	...
a	1	.	.	.	.	.
b	.	1	.	.	.	.
c	.	.	1	.	.	.
d	.	.	.	1	.	.
e	.	.	.	.	1	.
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# Symmetry

- Symmetry: A binary relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$  said to be symmetric if,  $\forall a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \in R$
- $R = \{(a, b) | (a, b) \in \text{people} \times \text{people}, a \text{ and } b \text{ are siblings}\}$  is symmetric, because if a is a sibling of b, then b is a sibling of a

	a	b	c	d	e	...
a	0	1	0	0	0	.
b	1	0	0	1	0	.
c	0	0	0	0	1	.
d	0	1	0	0	0	.
e	0	0	1	0	0	.
...	.	.	.	.	.	.

## Transitivity:

- Transitivity: A binary relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$  said to be transitive if,  $\forall a, b, c \in A, (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in R \rightarrow (a, c) \in R$
- $R = \{(a, b) \mid (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, a \leq b\}$  is transitive, because if,  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$  then  $a \leq c$ .

# Anti-Symmetry

- Anti-Symmetry: A binary relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$  said to be anti-symmetric, if  $\forall a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R \rightarrow a = b$
- The relation Motherhood ('x is the mother of y') is anti-symmetric, because if x is a mother of y, then y is not the mother of x.

	a	b	c	d	e	...
a	0	0	0	0	0	.
b	1	0	0	0	0	.
c	0	0	1	0	0	.
d	0	0	0	0	0	.
e	0	0	1	0	0	.
...	.	.	.	.	.	.

# Equivalence Relations

- A relation on a set  $A$  is called an equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

# Example

- Which of these relations on  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  are equivalence relations? Determine the properties of an equivalence relation that the others lack
- $R_1 = \{ (0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3) \}$ 
  - $R_1$  has all the properties, thus, is an equivalence relation
- $R_2 = \{ (0,0), (0,2), (2,0), (2,2), (2,3), (3,2), (3,3) \}$ 
  - Not reflexive:  $(1,1)$  is missing
  - Not transitive:  $(0,2)$  and  $(2,3)$  are in the relation, but not  $(0,3)$
- $R_3 = \{ (0,0), (1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3) \}$ 
  - Has all the properties, thus, is an equivalence relation
- $R_4 = \{ (0,0), (1,1), (1,3), (2,2), (2,3), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3) \}$ 
  - Not transitive:  $(1,3)$  and  $(3,2)$  are in the relation, but not  $(1,2)$
- $R_5 = \{ (0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (2,0), (2,2), (3,3) \}$ 
  - Not symmetric:  $(1,2)$  is present, but not  $(2,1)$
  - Not transitive:  $(2,0)$  and  $(0,1)$  are in the relation, but not  $(2,1)$

# Examples

- Parenthood ('x is the parent of y')
- Brotherhood ('x is the brother of y')
- Neighborhood ('x is the neighbor of y')
- Ownership ('x is the owner of y')
- 'x divides y'
- $x \leq y$
- $x = y$
- $x < y$



# Chapter Reading and Exercise

Chapter # 9

Topic # 9.1

Q-1,2,3,10,11,18,30,32

Topic # 9.3

Q-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,13-c,14,23-28