

CS 441 Discrete Mathematics for CS
Lecture 24

Relations IV

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Equivalence relation

Definition: A relation R on a set A is called an **equivalence relation** if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Equivalence class

Definition: Let R be an equivalence relation on a set A . The set $\{x \in A \mid a R x\}$ is called **the equivalence class of a** , denoted by $[a]_R$ or simply $[a]$. If $b \in [a]$ then b is called **a representative of this equivalence class**.

Example:

- Assume $R = \{(a,b) \mid a \equiv b \pmod{3}\}$ for $A = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\}$
- $R = \{(0,0), (0,3), (3,0), (0,6), (6,0), (3,3), (3,6), (6,3), (6,6), (1,1), (1,4), (4,1), (4,4), (2,2), (2,5), (5,2), (5,5)\}$
- **Pick an element $a = 0$.**
- $[0]_R = \{0,3,6\}$
- Element 1: $[1]_R = \{1,4\}$
- Element 2: $[2]_R = \{2,5\}$
- Element 3: $[3]_R = \{0,3,6\} = [0]_R = [6]_R$
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Three different equivalence classes all together:

- $[0]_R = [3]_R = [6]_R = \{0,3,6\}$
- $[1]_R = [4]_R = \{1,4\}$
- $[2]_R = [5]_R = \{2,5\}$

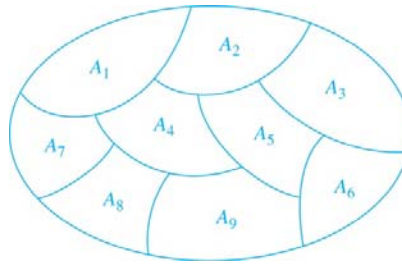
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Example: Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and

- $A_1 = \{0, 3, 6\}$ $A_2 = \{1, 4\}$ $A_3 = \{2, 5\}$
- Is A_1, A_2, A_3 a partition of S? **Yes.**
- Give a partition of S?
- $\{0, 2, 4, 6\}$ $\{1, 3, 5\}$
- $\{0\}$ $\{1, 2\}$ $\{3, 4, 5\}$ $\{6\}$

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Equivalence classes and partitions

Theorem: Let R be an equivalence relation on a set A . Then the union of all the equivalence classes of R is A :

$$A = \bigcup_{a \in A} [a]_R$$

Proof: an element a of A is in its own equivalence class $[a]_R$ so union cover A .

Theorem: The equivalence classes form a partition of A .

Proof: The equivalence classes split A into disjoint subsets.

Theorem : Let $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_i, \dots\}$ be a partitioning of S . Then there is an equivalence relation R on S , that has the sets A_i as its equivalence classes.

Partial orderings

Definition: A relation R on a set S is called a *partial ordering*, or *partial order*, if it is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive. A set together with a partial ordering R is called a *partially ordered set*, or *poset*, and is denoted by (S, R) . Members of S are called *elements* of the poset.

Example: Assume R denotes the “greater than or equal” relation (\geq) on the set $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

- Is the relation reflexive? Yes
- Is it antisymmetric? Yes
- Is it transitive? Yes
- **Conclusion:** R is a partial ordering.

Partial orderings

Example: Assume R is the divisibility relation ($|$) on the set of integers $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

- Is the relation reflexive? Yes
- Is it antisymmetric? Yes
- Is it transitive? Yes
- **Conclusion:** R is a partial ordering.

Comparability

Definition 1: The elements a and b of a poset (S, \preceq) are *comparable* if either $a \preceq b$ or $b \preceq a$. When a and b are elements of S so that neither $a \preceq b$ nor $b \preceq a$ holds, then a and b are called *incomparable*.

Definition 2: If (S, \preceq) is a poset and every two elements of S are comparable, S is called a *totally ordered* or *linearly ordered set*, and \preceq is called a *total order* or a *linear order*. A totally ordered set is also called a *chain*.

Definition 3: (S, \preceq) is a well-ordered set if it is a poset such that \preceq is a total ordering and every nonempty subset of S has a least element.

Lexicographical ordering

Definition: Given two posets (A_1, \preceq_1) and (A_2, \preceq_2) , the *lexicographic ordering* on $A_1 \times A_2$ is defined by specifying that (a_1, a_2) is less than (b_1, b_2) , that is, $(a_1, a_2) < (b_1, b_2)$, either if $a_1 <_1 b_1$ or if $a_1 = b_1$ then $a_2 <_2 b_2$.

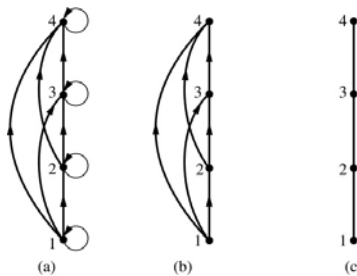
The definition can be extended to a lexicographic ordering on strings

Example: Consider strings of lowercase English letters. A lexicographic ordering can be defined using the ordering of the letters in the alphabet. This is the same ordering as that used in dictionaries.

- *discreet* < *discrete*, because these strings differ in the seventh position and $e < t$.
- *discreet* < *discreetness*, because the first eight letters agree, but the second string is longer.

Hasse diagram

Definition: A *Hasse diagram* is a visual representation of a partial ordering that leaves out edges that must be present because of the reflexive and transitive properties.



Procedure for constructing Hasse diagram

- To represent a finite poset (S, \preceq) using a Hasse diagram, start with the directed graph of the relation:
 - Remove the loops (a, a) present at every vertex due to the reflexive property.
 - Remove all edges (x, y) for which there is an element $z \in S$ such that $x \prec z$ and $z \prec y$. These are the edges that must be present due to the transitive property.
 - Arrange each edge so that its initial vertex is below the terminal vertex. Remove all the arrows, because all edges point upwards toward their terminal vertex.

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Graphs (chapter 10)

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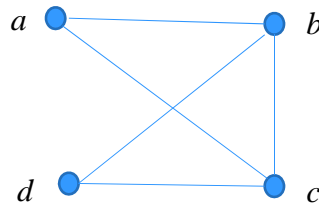
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Definition of a graph

- **Definition:** A graph $G = (V, E)$ consists of a nonempty set V of vertices (or nodes) and a set E of edges. Each edge has either one or two vertices associated with it, called its endpoints. An edge is said to connect its endpoints.

- **Example:**

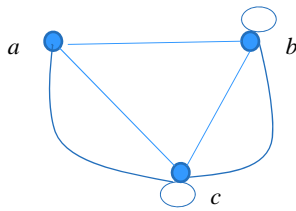


Terminology

- In a **simple graph** each edge connects two different vertices and no two edges connect the same pair of vertices.
- **Multigraphs** may have multiple edges connecting the same two vertices. When m different edges connect the vertices u and v , we say that $\{u,v\}$ is an edge of *multiplicity* m .
- An edge that connects a vertex to itself is called a **loop**.
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Directed graph

Definition: An *directed graph* (or *digraph*) $G = (V, E)$ consists of a nonempty set V of *vertices* (or *nodes*) and a set E of *directed edges* (or *arcs*). Each edge is associated with an ordered pair of vertices. The directed edge associated with the ordered pair (u,v) is said to *start at* u and *end at* v .

Remark:

- Graphs where the end points of an edge are not ordered are said to be *undirected graphs*.

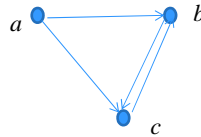
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Directed graph

- A *simple directed graph* has no loops and no multiple edges.

Example:



- A *directed multigraph* may have multiple directed edges. When there are m directed edges from the vertex u to the vertex v , we say that (u,v) is an edge of *multiplicity* m .

Example:

- multiplicity of (a,b) is ?
- and the multiplicity of (b,c) is ?

