

Review of Chap. 9 Relations

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Definitions we need:

- A relation from A to B is a subset of $A \times B$.
- A relation on A is a relation from A to A.
- A relation on a set A can be
 - reflexive
 - symmetric
 - antisymmetric
 - transitive
- A relation on a set A is an equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

(links elements that are the same in some way and makes a partition of A.)

- A relation on a set A is a partial order if it is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

In a partial order, a partially ordered set A is called a poset. Elements can be

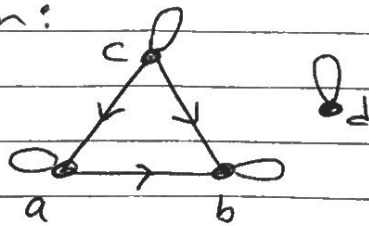
- maximal
- minimal
- greatest
- least.

Example ① Let $A = \{3, 7\}$, $B = \{p, q, r, s\}$.
 Give an example of a relation from A to B with 5 ordered pairs.

Answer: $\{(3, p), (3, r), (7, p), (7, q), (7, r)\}$.


Example ② Let $R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (a, b), (c, a), (c, b)\}$,
 be a relation on $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Draw the digraph for R (directed graph) and also give its matrix representation.


Solution:



digraph

	a	b	c	d
a	1	1	0	0
b	0	1	0	0
c	1	1	1	0
d	0	0	0	1

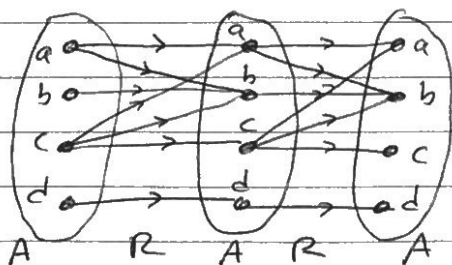
We see R is reflexive, not symmetric because missing (b, a) for example. It is antisymmetric because never have .

It is also transitive  (can't see any problems on digraph).

So R in example ② is a partial order.

Example (3) For R in example 2, compute the composition $R^2 = R \circ R$.

Solution: Best way to do this



for example,
arrows connect c
on left to b
on right

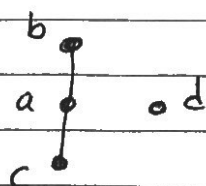
$$R^2 = \{(a,a), (a,b), (b,b), (c,a), (c,b), (c,c), (d,d)\}$$

We see that $R^2 = R$ in this case. If

$$\boxed{R^2 \subseteq R}$$

(if and only if)

then R is transitive. This confirms that R is transitive.



Hasse diagram for R

Here b, d maximal, c, d minimal, no greatest, no least elements.

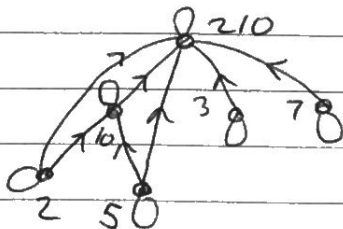
R is not a total order because it has elements that are not comparable (for example c and d).

Example (4) draw the Hasse diagram for $(\{2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 210\}, |)$.

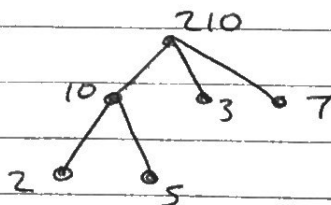
Solution: The relation here " $|$ " is divisibility.

For example $2|10$ is true but $2|7$ false.

Digraph is



So Hasse diagram is



maximal: 210

minimal: 2, 3, 5, 7

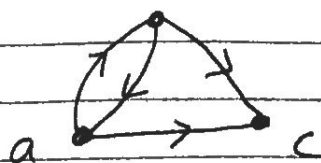
greatest: 210

least: none

Example (5) Let $P = \{(a, b), (a, c), (b, a), (b, c)\}$ be a relation on $S = \{a, b, c\}$.

Draw the digraph for P , give its matrix, and decide if it is reflexive, symmetric, or antisymmetric.

Solution:



digraph

$$M_P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

matrix

P is

- not reflexive, eg. (a,a) missing
- not symmetric, eg. (c,a) missing
- not antisymmetric, because has (a,b) and (b,a) .

Example 6

Compute $M_P \cdot M_P$, the matrix product and $M_P \odot M_P$, the Boolean product.

Since $M_P \odot M_P = M_{P^2}$, use this to check if $P^2 \subseteq P$ and if P is transitive.

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = M_P \cdot M_P$$

Replace any numbers bigger than 1 in \uparrow by 1 to get $M_P \odot M_P$, so

$$M_P \odot M_P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = M_{P^2}$$

We see this M_{P^2} has some 1s that M_P didn't have so $P^2 \not\subseteq P$ and P is not transitive.

(For example $(a,a) \in P^2$ and we need $(a,a) \in P$ for P to be transitive since $(a,b) \in P$ and $(b,a) \in P$.)

Example 7) Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and let

$$R = \{(a, b) \mid a \equiv b \pmod{3}\}$$

be a relation on S . Write out R as a list of ordered pairs. Then give the partition of S made by the distinct equivalence classes.

Solution: Remember $a \equiv b \pmod{3}$ means

3 divides the difference $a - b$. So for example $(5, 2) \in R$ because $3 \mid 5 - 2$.

Also $(2, 5) \in R$ and $(2, 2)$ because $3 \mid 0$.

$$R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), \\ (1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 5), (5, 2)\}.$$

$[1] = [1]_R$ means everything in S that is related to 1.

$$[1] = \{1, 4\}$$

$$[2] = \{2, 5\}$$

$$[3] = \{3\}$$

$$[4] = \{1, 4\}$$

$$[5] = \{2, 5\}$$

these are all the equivalence classes.

Can ignore the repeats $[4], [5]$ and get the partition

