Chapter 5 roadmap:

- Introduction to relations (Wednesday)
- Properties of relations (Today and Wednesday)

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- Closures (Friday)
- Partial order relations (next week Monday)
- "Today" (Monday and Wednesday):
  - Review of definitions from last time
  - Revisit proofs from alst time
  - Hints on homework problems
  - Properties of relations
    - Reflexivity
    - Symmetry
    - Transitivity
  - Proofs
  - More proofs

## Coming up:

Due Monday: Take quiz on Section 5.(1&2), read Section 5.3

Due **Tuesday**: Do Exercises 5.1.5 and 5.2.(7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13b, 14) See Canvas for hints/explanations.

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Due Wednesday: Take quiz on Section 5.3 Due Friday: Do Exercises 5.3.(2, 3, 4, 21, 23, 24, 34, 36, 37) Read Section 5.4 Take quiz on Section 5.4 Consider the set of students {Alice, Bob, Carol, Dave}. Suppose they all sit in the front row, with this seating arrangement:

Dave	Alice	Carol	Bob	
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Consider the relation *sitsNextTo* on this set. Determine which of the following are true.

 $\mathsf{Carol} \in \textit{sitsNextTo}$ 

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(Dave, Alice) \in sitsNextTo
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 $(Dave, Bob) \in sitsNextTo$ 

(Alice, Carol) = *sitsNextTo* 

*sitsNextTo* = {Dave, Alice, Carol, Bob }

 $sitsNextTo = \{(Dave, Alice), (Alice, Carol), (Carol, Bob)\}.$ 

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{(Alice, Carol), (Alice, Dave), (Bob, Carol), (Carol, Alice), (Carol, Bob), (Dave, Alice)}

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A <b>relation</b> from one set to another	R	set of pairs	subset of $X \times Y$ $R \subseteq X \times Y$	isEnrolledIn, isTaughtBy
A <b>relation</b> on a set	R	set of pairs	subset of $X \times X$ $R \subseteq X \times X$	eats, divides
The <b>image</b> of an element under a relation	$\mathcal{I}_R(a)$	set	set of things that $a$ is related to $\mathcal{I}_R(a) = \{b \in Y \mid (a, b) \in R\}$	classes Bob is enrolled in, numbers that 4 divides
The <b>image</b> of a set under a relation	$\mathcal{I}_R(A)$	set	set of things that things in A are related to $\mathcal{I}_R(A) = \{ b \in Y \mid \exists a \in A \mid (a, b) \in R \}$	classes Bob, Larry, or Alice are taking, numbers that 2, 3, or 5 divide
The <b>inverse</b> of a relation	$R^{-1}$	relation	the arrows/pairs of $R$ reversed $R^{-1} = \{(b, a) \in Y \times X \mid (a, b) \in R\}$	hasOnRoster, teaches, isEatenBy, isDivisibleBy
The <b>composition</b> of two relations	<i>S</i> ∘ <i>R</i>	relation	two hops combined to one hop (Assume $S \subseteq Y \times Z$ ) $S \circ R = \{(a, c) \in X \times Z \mid \exists \ b \in Y \ \mid (a, b) \in R \land (b, c) \in S\}$	hasAsProfessor, eatsSomethingThatEats
The <b>identity</b> relation on a set	i <sub>X</sub>	relation	everything is related only to itself $i_X = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\}$	=

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**Theorem 5.1** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and a|b, then  $\mathcal{I}_{|}(b) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{|}(a)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and a|b. By definition of divides, there exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \cdot i = b$ .

Suppose further that  $c \in \mathcal{I}_{|}(b)$ . By definition of image, b|c. By definition of divides, there exists  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $b \cdot j = c$ .

By substitution,  $a \cdot i \cdot j = c$ , and so a|c by definition of divides. By definition of image,  $c \in \mathcal{I}_{|}(a)$ , and by definition of subset,  $\mathcal{I}_{|}(b) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{|}(a)$ .  $\Box$ 

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**Theorem 5.2** If *R* is a relation on a set *A*,  $a \in A$ , and  $\mathcal{I}_R(a) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $a \in \mathcal{I}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{I}_R(a))$ .

**Proof.** Suppose R is a relation on A,  $a \in A$ , and  $\mathcal{I}_R(a) \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $b \in \mathcal{I}_R(a)$ . By definition of image,  $(a, b) \in R$ . By definition of inverse,  $(b, a) \in R^{-1}$ . By definition of image (extended for sets),  $a \in \mathcal{I}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{I}_R(a))$ .  $\Box$ 

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**Ex 5.2.7.** Prove that if R is a relation on a set A and  $(a, b) \in R$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_R(b) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{R \circ R}(a)$ .

**Ex 5.2.8.** Suppose *R* is a relation from a set *X* to a set *Y* and  $A \subseteq X$ . Is the following true?

 $\mathcal{I}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{I}_R(A)) \subseteq A.$ 

Prove or give a counterexample for each.

Attempted proof. Suppose  $x \in \mathcal{I}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{I}_R(A))$ . [We want  $x \in A$ .]

By definition of image, there exists  $y \in \mathcal{I}_R(A)$  such that  $(y, x) \in R^{-1}$ .

[From  $y \in \mathcal{I}_R(A)$ ] By definition of image, there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $(a, y) \in R$ .

[From  $(y, x) \in R^{-1}$ ] By definition of relation inverse,  $(x, y) \in R$ 

[We know  $a \in A$ , and both  $(a, y) \in R$  and  $(x, y) \in R$ . Could it be that a = x? Doesn't seem to be a way to prove that... I seem stuck]

**Counterexample.** Let  $X = \{x, a\}$ ,  $A = \{a\}$ , and  $Y = \{y\}$ . Let  $R = \{(x, y), (a, y)\}$ . Then  $R^{-1} = \{(y, x), (y, a)\}$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_R(A) = \{y\}$ , and  $\mathcal{I}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{I}_R(A)) = \{x, a\}$ In this example,  $\mathcal{I}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{I}_R(A)) \not\subseteq A$ . **Ex 5.2.9.** Prove that if R is a relation from A to B, then  $i_B \circ R = R$ .

**Proof.** First suppose  $(x, y) \in i_B \circ R$ . By definition of composition, there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $(x, b) \in R$  and  $(b, y) \in i_B$ .

By definition of the identity relation, b = y. By substitution,  $(x, y) \in R$ . Hence  $i_B \circ R \subseteq R$  by definition of subset.

Next suppose  $(x, y) \in R$ . By how R is defined, we know  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ .

By definition of the identity relation,  $(y, y) \in i_B$ . By definition of composition,  $(x, y) \in i_B \circ R$ . Hence  $R \subseteq i_B \circ R$ .

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Therefore, by definition of set equality,  $i_B \circ R = R$ .  $\Box$ 

**Ex 5.2.10.**  $(R^{-1})^{-1} = R$ .

**Ex 5.2.11.** If *R* is a relation from *A* to *B*, is  $R^{-1} \circ R = i_A$ ? Prove or give a counterexample.

## ReflexivityInformalEverything is related to itselfFormal $\forall x \in X, (x, x) \in R$

## Symmetry

All pairs are mutual

Transitivity

Anything reachable by two hops is reachable by one hop

 $\begin{aligned} \forall x, y, z \in X, \\ (x, y), (y, z) \in R \rightarrow (x, z) \in R \\ \text{OR} \\ \forall (x, y), (y, z) \in R, (x, z) \in R \end{aligned}$ 







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	Reflexivity	Symmetry	Transitivity
Formal	$\forall x \in X, (x,x) \in R$	$\forall x, y \in X, (x, y) \in R \rightarrow (y, x) \in R$ OR $\forall (x, y) \in R, (y, x) \in R$	$ \forall x, y, z \in X, (x, y), (y, z) \in R \rightarrow (x, z) \in R  OR  \forall (x, y), (y, z) \in R, (x, z) \in R $
Analytical use	Suppose $R$ is reflexive and $a \in X$ .	Suppose $R$ is symmetric $[a, b \in X]$ and $(a, b) \in R$ .	Suppose $R$ is transitive $[a, b, c \in X]$ and $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$ .
	Then $(a, a) \in R$ .	Then $(b, a) \in R$	Then $(a, c) \in R$ .
Synthetic use	Suppose $a \in X$ .	Suppose $(a, b) \in R$ .	Suppose $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$ .
	$(a,a)\in R.$ Hence $R$ is reflexive.	$(b,a)\in R.$ Hence $R$ is symmetric.	$(a,c)\in R.$ Hence $R$ is transitive.

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**Theorem 5.5.** | (divides) is reflexive.

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**Exercise 5.3.1.** | (divides) is not symmetric.

**Theorem 5.6.**  $R \cap R^{-1}$  is symmetric.

**Theorem 5.7.** | is transitive.

**Exercise 5.3.19.**  $R^{-1} \circ R$  is reflexive. *(False)* 

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**Exercise 5.3.20.** If *R* and *S* are both reflexive, then  $R \cap S$  is reflexive.

**Exercise 5.3.22.** If *R* and *S* are both symmetric, then  $(S \circ R) \cup (R \circ S)$  is symmetric.

**Based on Exercise 5.3.32.** If *R* is transitive, then  $R \circ R \subseteq R$ .

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**Exercise 5.3.26.** If *R* is transitive,  $\mathcal{I}_R(\mathcal{I}_R(A)) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_R(A)$ .

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Exercise 5.3.31. If R is reflexive and

(for all  $a,b,c\in A$ , if  $(a,b)\in R$  and  $(b,c)\in R$  then  $(c,a)\in R$ ),

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then R is an equivalence relation.

## For next time (Friday, Nov 1):

Due Friday: Do Exercises 5.3.(2, 3, 4, 21, 23, 24, 34, 36, 37) Read Section 5.4 Take quiz on Section 5.4

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