

## Chapter 5 roadmap:

- ▶ Introduction to relations (Monday)
- ▶ Properties of relations (**Today** and Friday)
- ▶ Transitive closure (next week Friday)
- ▶ Partial order relations (the following Monday)
- ▶ Review for Test 2 (the following Wednesday)

## Today and next time:

- ▶ Review of definitions from last time
- ▶ Properties of relations
  - ▶ Reflexivity
  - ▶ Symmetry
  - ▶ Transitivity
- ▶ Proofs
- ▶ More proofs

**For next time (Fri, Oct 22):**

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|---|--------------------|--------------|--|---|
| A <b>relation</b> from one set to another       | $R$                | set of pairs | subset of $X \times Y$<br>$R \subseteq X \times Y$   | isEnrolledIn, isTaughtBy  |
| A <b>relation</b> on a set                      | $R$                | set of pairs | subset of $X \times X$<br>$R \subseteq X \times X$   | 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<br>$\mathcal{I}_R(a) = \{b \in Y \mid (a, b) \in R\}$   | 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<br>$\mathcal{I}_R(A) = \{b \in Y \mid \exists a \in A \mid (a, b) \in R\}$   | 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<br>$R^{-1} = \{(b, a) \in Y \times X \mid (a, b) \in R\}$   | hasOnRoster, teaches, isEatenBy, isDivisibleBy                          |
| The <b>composition</b> of two relations         | $S \circ R$        | relation     | two hops combined to one hop<br>(Assume $S \subseteq Y \times Z$ )<br>$S \circ R = \{(a, c) \in X \times Z \mid \exists b \in Y \mid (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S\}$ | hasAsProfessor, eatsSomethingThatEats                                   |
| The <b>identity</b> relation on a set           | $i_X$              | relation     | everything is related only to itself<br>$i_X = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\}$  | =   |

**Ex 5.3.7.** Prove that if  $R$  is a relation on a set  $A$  and  $(a, b) \in R$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_R(b) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{R \circ R}(a)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $R$  is a relation over  $A$  and that  $(a, b) \in R$ .

[Note that  $(a, b) \in R$  implies that both  $a$  and  $b$  must be elements of  $A$ .]

Suppose  $x \in \mathcal{I}_R(b)$ . By definition of image,  $(b, x) \in R$ . Since  $(a, b) \in R$ , we have  $(a, x) \in R \circ R$  by definition of composition. Moreover  $x \in \mathcal{I}_{R \circ R}(a)$  by definition of image.

Therefore  $\mathcal{I}_R(b) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{R \circ R}(a)$  by definition of subset.  $\square$

**Ex 5.3.9.** 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  $R \subseteq i_B \circ R$ .

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

**HW. Ex 5.3.8.** Is  $\mathcal{I}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{I}_R(A)) \subseteq A$ ? Is  $A \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{I}_R(A))$ ?

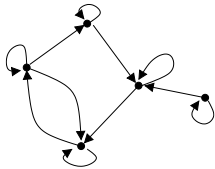
**HW. Ex 5.3.10.**  $(R^{-1})^{-1} = R.$

## Reflexivity

Informal Everything is related to itself

Formal  $\forall x \in X, (x,x) \in R$

Visual

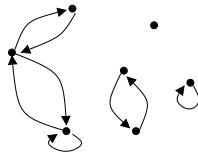


Examples  $\subseteq, \leq, \geq, \equiv, i, \text{isAacquaintedWith}, \text{waterVerticallyAligned}$

## Symmetry

All pairs are mutual

Formal  $\forall x,y \in X, (x,y) \in R \rightarrow (y,x) \in R$   
OR  
 $\forall (x,y) \in R, (y,x) \in R$

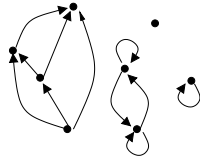


Examples  $\equiv, \text{isOppositeOf}, \text{isOnSameRiver}, \text{isAacquaintedWith}$

## Transitivity

Anything reachable by two hops is reachable by one hop

Formal  $\forall x,y,z \in X, (x,y), (y,z) \in R \rightarrow (x,z) \in R$   
OR  
 $\forall (x,y), (y,z) \in R, (x,z) \in R$



Examples  $<, \leq, >, \geq, \subseteq, \text{isTallerThan}, \text{isAncestorOf}, \text{isWestOf}$



### Reflexivity

Formal  $\forall x \in X, (x, x) \in R$

Analytical use Suppose  $R$  is reflexive  
and  $a \in X$ .

Then  $(a, a) \in R$ .

Synthetic use Suppose  $a \in X$ .

...

$(a, a) \in R$ .

Hence  $R$  is reflexive.

### Symmetry

Formal  $\forall x, y \in X,$   
 $(x, y) \in R \rightarrow (y, x) \in R$   
OR  
 $\forall (x, y) \in R, (y, x) \in R$

Analytical use Suppose  $R$  is symmetric  
[ $a, b \in X$ ]  
and  $(a, b) \in R$ .  
Then  $(b, a) \in R$

Synthetic use Suppose  $(a, b) \in R$ .

...

$(b, a) \in R$ .

Hence  $R$  is symmetric.

### Transitivity

Formal  $\forall x, y, z \in X,$   
 $(x, y), (y, z) \in R \rightarrow (x, z) \in R$   
OR  
 $\forall (x, y), (y, z) \in R, (x, z) \in R$

Analytical use Suppose  $R$  is transitive  
[ $a, b, c \in X$ ]  
and  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$ .  
Then  $(a, c) \in R$ .

Synthetic use Suppose  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$ .

...

$(a, c) \in R$ .

Hence  $R$  is transitive.

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

**Exercise 5.4.2.** | (divides) is not symmetric.

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

**Theorem 5.7.**  $|$  is transitive.

**Exercise 5.4.20.**  $R^{-1} \circ R$  is reflexive. (*False*)

**Exercise 5.4.21.** If  $R$  and  $S$  are both reflexive, then  $R \cap S$  is reflexive.

**Exercise 5.4.23.** If  $R$  and  $S$  are both symmetric, then  $(S \circ R) \cup (R \circ S)$  is symmetric.



**Based on Exercise 5.5.5.** If  $R$  is transitive, then  $R \circ R \subseteq R$ .

**Exercise 5.4.27.** If  $R$  is transitive,  $\mathcal{I}_R(\mathcal{I}_R(A)) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_R(A)$ .

**Exercise 5.5.4.** If  $R$  is reflexive and

(for all  $a, b, c \in A$ , if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$  then  $(c, a) \in R$ ),  
then  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

**Exercise 5.5.8.** If  $R$  and  $S$  are equivalence relations, then  $S \circ R$  is an equivalence relation. (*True or false?*)

**Exercise 5.5.6.** If  $R$  is an equivalence relation and  $(a, b) \in R$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_R(a) = \mathcal{I}_R(b)$ .

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