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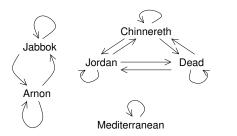
- Introduction to relations (Monday Oct 10)
- Properties of relations (Wednesday Oct 12 and Friday Oct 14)

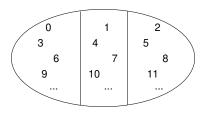
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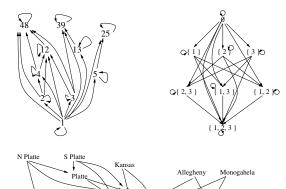
- Transitive closure (last week Friday)
- Partial order relations (Today)
- Review for Test 2 (Wednesday)
- Test 2 on Chapters 4 & 5 (Friday)

Today:

- Antisymmetry
- Partial order relations
- Topological sort







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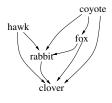
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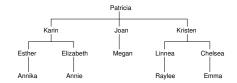
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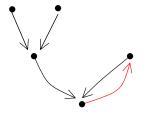
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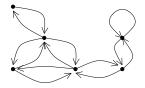


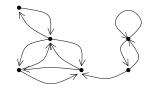


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All arrows have a back arrow.

asymmetric (not symmetric) There exists an arrow without a back arrow. antisymmetric ("very" not symmetric) No arrows have back arrows except self loops.

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Formal definition:

A relation R on a set X is antisymmetric if  $\forall x, y \in X$ , if  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, x) \in R$ , then x = y.

Informal definition:

If both an arrow and its reverse exist in an antisymmetric relation R, then that arrow must be a self loop (and, hence, it is its own reverse).

Alternate formal definition:

A relation R on a set X is antisymmetric if  $\forall (x, y) \in R$ , either x = y or  $(y, x) \notin R$ .

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Rock beats scissors; scissors beats paper; paper beats rock.

Grasshopper eats corn; mouse eats corn; mouse eats grasshopper; snake eats mouse; hawk eats mouse; hawk eats snake.

Aurelia is better than Gwendolyn at pitching; Gwendolyn is better than Aurelia at batting.

Peter Pan is shorter than Treasure Island; Treasure Island is shorter than Anna Karenina; Anna Karenina is shorter than The Count of Monte Christo.

CSCI 235 is a prereq for CSCI 245; CSCI 245 is a rereq for CSCI 345; CSCI 243 is a prereq for CSCI 345; MATH 231 is a prereq for MATH 245; CSCI 345 is a prereq for CSCI 381; MATH 245 is a prereq for CSCI 381.

I married a widow with a grown daughter; my father, a widower, then married my step-daughter. Thus I am my own step-grampa. (The relation in this example is "is biological ancestor of or step-ancestor of".)

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## **Ex 5.8.9.** Prove that | (divides) on $\mathbb{N}$ is antisymmetric.

**Proof.** Suppose  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ , x|y, and y|x (that is,  $(x, y), (y, x) \in |$ ). By definition of divides, there exists  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

 $\begin{array}{rcl} x &=& i \cdot y \\ y &=& j \cdot x \end{array}$ 

Then

 $\begin{array}{rcl} x & = & i \cdot j \cdot x & \text{by substitution} \\ 1 & = & i \cdot j & \text{by cancellation} \\ i & = & j = 1 & \text{by arithmetic} \\ x & = & y & \text{by identity} \end{array}$ 

Therefore | is antisymmetric by definition.  $\Box$ 

Antisymmetry:

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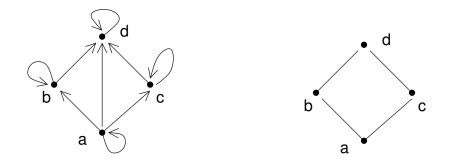
Partial order relation:

A *partial order relation* (or just *partial order*) is a relation that is reflexive, transitive, and antisymmetric.

A *strict partial order (relation)* is a relation that is irreflexive, transitive and antisymmetric.

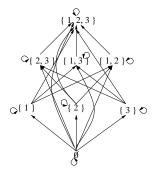
Partially ordered set:

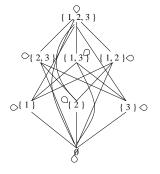
A *partially ordered set* or *poset* is a set together with a partial order on that set.

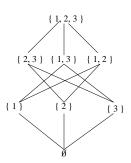


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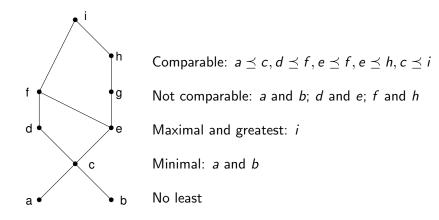
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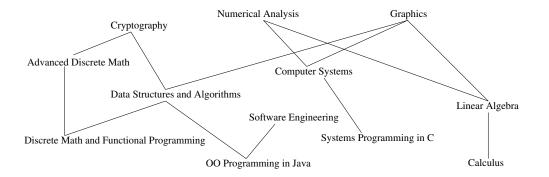




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Everyday examples: Preparing a meal, writing a term paper, getting dressed



A partial order R on a set X is a *total order* if for all  $x, y \in X$ , either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ , that is, x and y are comparable.

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Standard example of a total order:  $\leq$ .

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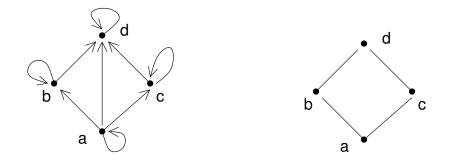
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A topological sort of a partial order R is a total order that is a superset of R.

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A topological sort for  $R: R \cup \{(b, c)\}$ , written as a, b, c, d

Another topological sort for  $R: R \cup \{(c, b)\}$ , written as a, c, b, d

## For next time:

Pg 226: 5.8.(1-5) Pg 231 5.9.(1 & 8)

## For Monday, Oct 31:

Read 6.(1–3) Take quiz

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