

## Chapter 5 roadmap:

- ▶ Introduction to relations (Monday before break)
- ▶ Properties of relations (Wednesday and Friday before break)
- ▶ Transitive closure (**Today**)
- ▶ Partial order relations (Wednesday)
- ▶ Review for Test 2 (Friday)
- ▶ Test 2 on Chapters 4 & 5 (next week Monday)

## Today:

- ▶ Review of relation properties
- ▶ An arithmetic on relations
- ▶ Computing whether a function is transitive
- ▶ Transitive closure

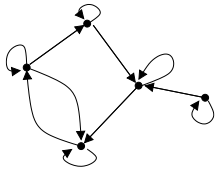
A <b>relation</b> from one set to another	$R$	set of pairs	subset of $X \times Y$ $R \subseteq X \times Y$	isEnrolledIn, isTaughtBy
A <b>relation</b> on a set	$R$	set of pairs	subset of $X \times X$ $R \subseteq X \times X$	eats, divides
The <b>image</b> of an element under a relation	$\mathcal{I}_R(a)$	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	$S \circ R$	relation	two hops combined to one hop (Assume $S \subseteq Y \times Z$ ) $S \circ R = \{(a, c) \in X \times Z \mid \exists b \in Y \mid (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S\}$	hasAsProfessor, eatsSomethingThatEats
The <b>identity</b> relation on a set	$i_X$	relation	everything is related only to itself $i_X = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\}$	=

## Reflexivity

Informal Everything is related to itself

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

Visual

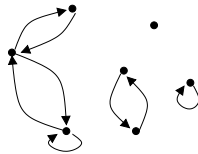


Examples  $\subseteq, \leq, \geq, \equiv, i, \text{isAacquaintedWith}, \text{waterVerticallyAligned}$

## Symmetry

All pairs are mutual

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

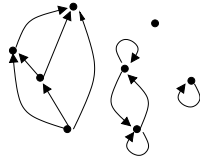


Examples  $\equiv, \text{isOppositeOf}, \text{isOnSameRiver}, \text{isAacquaintedWith}$

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

Operators

$$x + y$$
$$\neg x$$

$$p \vee q$$
$$\sim p$$

$$A \cup B$$
$$\overline{A}$$

Distribution

$$x \cdot (y + z)$$
$$= x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

$$p \wedge (q \vee r)$$
$$\equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

$$A \cap (B \cup C)$$
$$= (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

Identity

$$x + 0 = x$$
$$x \cdot 1 = x$$

$$p \vee T \equiv p$$
$$p \wedge F \equiv p$$

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$
$$A \cap \mathcal{U} = A$$

$$S \circ R$$

$$R^{-1}$$

$$i_X \circ R = R$$

$$R^2 = R \circ R$$

$R$  is one less than

eats

is parent of

$R^2$  is two less than

eats something that  
eats

is grandparent of

$R^3$  is three less than

eats something that  
eats something that  
eats

is great grandparent of

???

<

gets nutrients from

is ancestor of

Definition of transitivity

Short form:  $\forall (x, y), (y, z) \in R, (x, z) \in R$

Transform this to:

$\forall (x, y) \in R, \forall (w, z) \in R, \text{ if } y = w \text{ then } (x, z) \in R$

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Computing transitivity is a  $\forall \forall \exists$  problem

Our strategy is, for each pair  $(x, y)$ , walk through the whole (original) list. If the list

1. is empty, then true (vacuously)
2. begins with  $(y, z)$  (that is, begins with  $(w, z)$  where  $y = w$ ), then search the whole (original) list for  $(x, z)$ .
  - 2.1 if found, keep searching
  - 2.2 if not found, then false
3. begins with  $(w, z)$  for  $w \neq y$ , skip it and keep searching

**Domain**

Rivers

**First relation***flows into*

The Platte flows into the Missouri, and the Missouri flows into the Mississippi.

**Second relation***is tributary to*

The Platte is a tributary to the Missouri; both the Platte and the Missouri are tributaries to the Mississippi.

People

*is parent of*

Bill is Jane's parent; Jane is Leroy's parent

*is ancestor of*

Bill is Jane's ancestor; Leroy has both Jane and Bill as ancestors.

**Domain**

Animals

**First relation***eats*

Rabbit eats clover; coyote eats rabbit.

**Second relation***derives nutrients from*

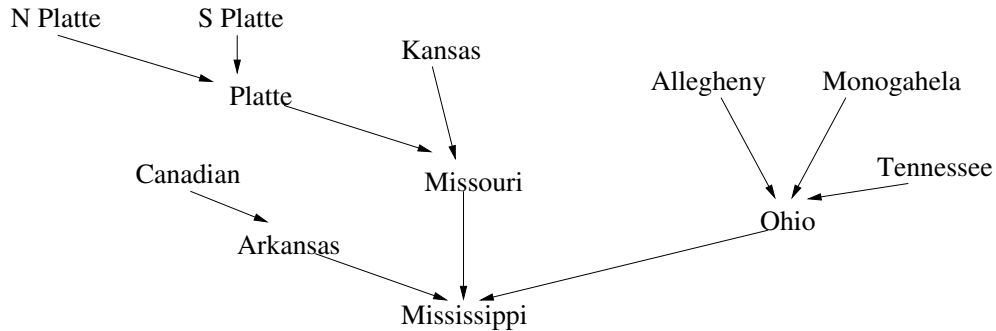
Coyote derives nutrients from rabbit; rabbit derives nutrients from clover; both coyote and rabbit ultimately derive nutrients from clover.

 $\mathbb{Z}$ *is one less than*

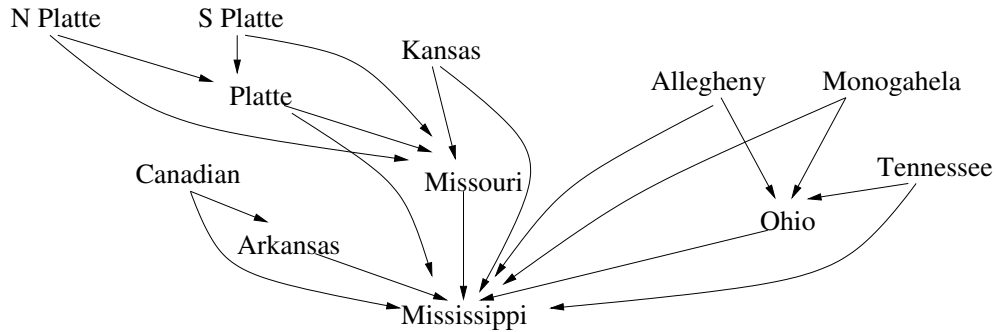
2 is one less than 3; 3 is one less than 4

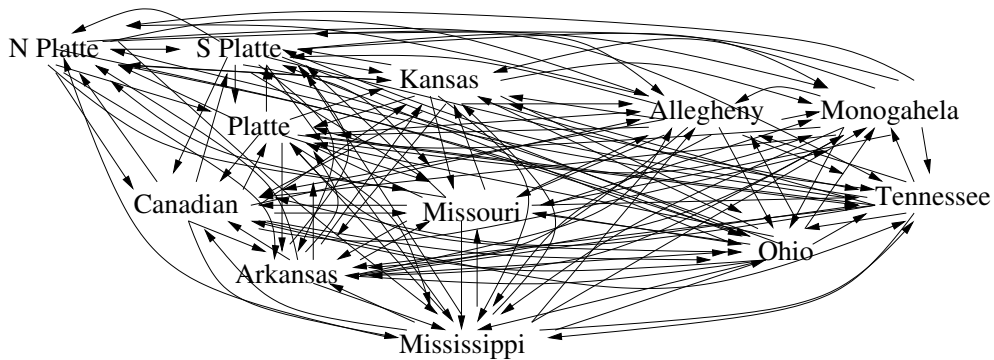
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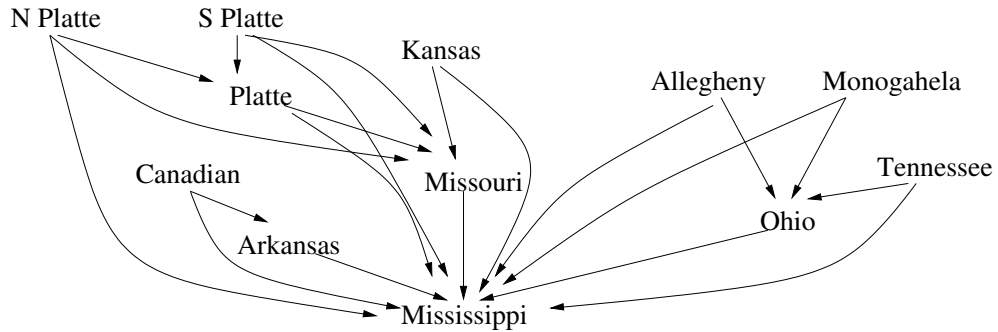
$2 < 3$ ;  $3 < 4$ ;  $2 < 4$ .











If  $R$  is a relation on  $X$ , then  $R^T$  is the **transitive closure** of  $R$  if

- ▶  $R^T$  is transitive
- ▶  $R \subseteq R^T$
- ▶ If  $S$  is a transitive relation such that  $R \subseteq S$ , then  $R^T \subseteq S$

**Theorem 5.12** *The transitive closure of a relation  $R$  is unique.*

**Proof.** *Suppose  $S$  and  $T$  are relations fulfilling the requirements for being transitive closures of  $R$ . By items 1 and 2,  $S$  is transitive and  $R \subseteq S$ , so by item 3,  $T \subseteq S$ . By items 1 and 2,  $T$  is transitive and  $R \subseteq T$ , so by item 3,  $S \subseteq T$ . Therefore  $S = T$  by the definition of set equality.  $\square$*

Other closures:

**Ex 5.7.2**  $R \cup i_A$  is the reflexive closure of  $R$

**Ex 5.7.3.**  $R \cup R^{-1}$  is the symmetric closure of  $R$ . (HW)

**Ex 5.7.2**  $R \cup i_A$  is the reflexive closure of  $R$

**Proof.** Suppose  $R$  is a relation on  $A$ .

*[ $R \cup i_A$  is reflexive:]* Suppose  $a \in A$ .  $(a, a) \in i_A$  by definition of identity relation.  $(a, a) \in R \cup i_A$  by definition of union. Hence  $R \cup i_A$  is reflexive by definition.

*[ $R \subseteq R \cup i_A$ :]* Suppose  $(a, b) \in R$ . Then  $(a, b) \in R \cup i_A$  by definition of union. Hence  $R \subseteq R \cup i_A$ . (Alternately, we could have cited Exercise 4.2.1.)

*[ $R \cup i_A$  is the smallest such relation:]* Suppose  $S$  is a reflexive relation such that  $R \subseteq S$ . Suppose further  $(a, b) \in R \cup i_A$ . By definition of union,  $(a, b) \in R$  or  $(a, b) \in i_A$ .

**Case 1:** Suppose  $(a, b) \in R$ . Then  $(a, b) \in S$  by definition of subset (since we supposed  $R \subseteq S$ ).

**Case 2:** Suppose  $(a, b) \in i_A$ . Then, by definition of identity relation,  $a = b$ .  $(a, a) \in S$  by definition of reflexive (since we suppose  $S$  is reflexive).  $(a, b) \in S$  by substitution.

Either way,  $(a, b) \in S$  and hence  $R \cup i_A \subseteq S$  by definition of subset.

Therefore,  $R \cup i_A$  is the reflexive closure of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.13** *If  $R$  is a relation on a set  $A$ , then*

$$R^\infty = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} R^i = \{(x, y) \mid \exists i \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } (x, y) \in R^i\}$$

*is the transitive closure of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** *Suppose  $R$  is a relation on a set  $A$ .*

*Suppose  $a, b, c \in A$ ,  $(a, b), (b, c) \in R^\infty$ . By the definition of  $R^\infty$ , there exist  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(a, b) \in R^i$  and  $(b, c) \in R^j$ . By the definition of relation composition and Exercise 5.7.4,  $(a, c) \in R^j \circ R^i = R^{i+j}$ .  $R^{i+j} \subseteq R^\infty$  by the definition of  $R^\infty$ . By the definition of subset,  $(a, c) \in R^\infty$ . Hence,  $R^\infty$  is transitive by definition.*

*Suppose  $a, b \in A$  and  $(a, b) \in R$ . By the definition of  $R^\infty$  (taking  $i = 1$ ),  $(a, b) \in R^\infty$ , and so  $R \subseteq R^\infty$ , by definition of subset.*

*Suppose  $S$  is a transitive relation on  $A$  and  $R \subseteq S$ . Further suppose  $(a, b) \in R^\infty$ . Then, by definition of  $R^\infty$ , there exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(a, b) \in R^i$ . By Lemma 5.14,  $(a, b) \in S$ . Hence  $R^\infty \subseteq S$  by definition of subset.*

*Therefore,  $R^\infty$  is the transitive closure of  $R$ .  $\square$*



**For next time:**

*Pg 217: 5.6.(1 & 3)*

*Pg 222: 5.7.(3,4,5)*

*For Exercise 5.7.4, it should say  $(S \circ R) \circ Q = S \circ (R \circ Q)$  instead of  $(R \circ S) \circ Q = R \circ (S \circ Q)$ .*

*Read 5.(8 & 9)*