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# **Combinatorial Mathematics**

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## **Chapter 7 Relations: The Second Time Around**

### **§ 7.1 Relations Revisited: Properties of Relations**

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## § 7.1 Relations Revisited: Properties of Relations

Def 7.1 :  $A, B$ : sets,

$\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times B$ :  $\mathcal{R}$  is called a **relation from  $A$  to  $B$** ;

$\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$ :  $\mathcal{R}$  is called a **relation on  $A$** .

e.g.  $A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{x, y, z\}$

$$A \times B = \{(1, x), (1, y), (1, z), (2, x), (2, y), (2, z)\}$$

$$A \times A = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(2, x), (2, y)\} \subseteq A \times B$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (2, 2)\} \subseteq A \times A$$

Ex 7.5 : If  $|A| = n$ ,  $|A \times A| = n^2$ ,  
there are  $2^{n^2}$  relations on  $A$ .

Q1: If  $|A| = n$ ,  $|B| = m$ ,  
 $|A \times B| = \underline{(1)}$ , and there are  $\underline{(2)}$  relations from  $A$  to  $B$ .

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### Ex 7.1 :

a) Defined  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $a \mathcal{R} b$  or  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ , if  $a \leq b$ :

$\mathcal{R}$  is the **ordinary “less than or equal to”** relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

( $\mathbb{Z}$  可改成  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ , but not on  $\mathbb{C}$ )

b) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , Define  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $x \mathcal{R} y$ , if  $n \mid (x - y)$ :

$\mathcal{R}$  is the **modulo  $n$  relation** on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

ex.  $n = 7$ :  $9 \mathcal{R} 2$ ,  $-3 \mathcal{R} 11$ ,  $(14, 0) \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $3 \not\mathcal{R} 7$  (3 is not related to 7).

c) Let  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ ,  $C \subseteq U$ ,  $C = \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$

Define  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\mathcal{P}(U)$  by  $A \mathcal{R} B$ , if  $A \cap C = B \cap C$

ex:  $\{1, 2, 4, 5\}$  and  $\{1, 2, 5, 7\}$  are related,

$X = \{4, 5\}$  and  $Y = \{7\}$  are related;

$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $T = \{1, 2, 3, 6, 7\}$  are not related ( $S \not\mathcal{R} T$ )

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**Def 7.2** : A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is called **reflexive**  $\equiv$   
 $\forall x \in A, (x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ .

**Ex 7.5** : If  $|A| = n$ ,  $|A \times A| = n^2$ , there are  $2^{n^2}$  relations on  $A$ .  
How many of these are reflexive?  
 $2^{(n^2-n)}$

**Def 7.3** : A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is called **symmetric**  
 $\equiv \forall x, y \in A, (x, y) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow (y, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ .

**Note** : Let  $|A| = n$

- 1) How many relations on  $A$  are symmetric?  $2^{(n^2+n)/2}$
- 2) Both reflexive and symmetric?  $2^{(n^2-n)/2}$

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Def 7.4 : A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is called **transitive**

$$\equiv \forall x, y, z \in A, (x, y), (y, z) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow (x, z) \in \mathcal{R}.$$

Def 7.5 : A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is called **antisymmetric**

$$\equiv \forall a, b \in A, (a \mathcal{R} b \text{ and } b \mathcal{R} a) \Rightarrow a = b.$$

Note : How many relations of  $A$  are antisymmetric? ( $|A| = n$ ) ?

$$(2^n)(3^{(n^2-n)/2})$$

Discussion (5 min):

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**Def 7.6** : A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is called a *partial order* or a *partial ordering relation*, if  $\mathcal{R}$  is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive.

**Def 7.7** : An *equivalence relation*  $\mathcal{R}$  on a set  $A$  is a relation that is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

**Quiz:**

<https://play.kahoot.it/v2/?quizId=6585b9dd-9928-4ad2-ab9b-24ed182a3eb2&hostId=e3b5c5c7-c22d-4353-a580-53c46d132332>

**Q2:**

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b) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_3 = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (3, 3)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_4 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

are all equivalence relations on  $A$ ?

c) For a given finite set  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ ,

$A \times A$  : the **largest** equivalence relation on  $A$ .

$\mathcal{R} = \{(a_i, a_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  : the **smallest** equivalence relation on  $A$ .  
(**equality relation**)

e) If  $\mathcal{R}$  is a relation on  $A$ , then  $\mathcal{R}$  is both an equivalent relation and a partial order on  $A$  if and only if  $\mathcal{R}$  is the **equality relation** on  $A$ .

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### Discussion (10 min): Exercises 7.1

5. For each of the following relations, determine whether the relation is reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, or transitive.
- (d) On the set  $A$  of all lines in  $R^2$ , define the relation  $\mathcal{R}$  for two lines  $l_1, l_2$  by  $l_1 \mathcal{R} l_2$  if  $l_1$  is perpendicular to  $l_2$ .
- (f)  $\mathcal{R}$  is the relation on  $Z$  where  $x \mathcal{R} y$  if  $x - y$  is even.
10. If  $A = \{w, x, y, z\}$ , determine the number of relations on  $A$  that are (a) reflexive; (b) symmetric; (c) reflexive and symmetric; (d) reflexive and contain  $(x, y)$ ; (e) symmetric and contain  $(x, y)$ ; (f) antisymmetric; (g) antisymmetric and contain  $(x, y)$ ; (h) symmetric and antisymmetric; and (i) reflexive, symmetric, and antisymmetric.



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### **§ 7.2 Computer Recognition: Zero-One Matrices and Directed Graphs (1)**

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## § 7.2 Computer Recognition: Zero-One Matrices and Directed Graphs

**Def 7.8** :  $A, B, C$ : sets,  $\mathcal{R}_1 \subseteq A \times B$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_2 \subseteq B \times C$ . The **composite relation**  $\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2 \subseteq A \times C$  defined by

$$\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2 = \{(x, z) \mid x \in A, z \in C, \text{ and } \exists y \in B \text{ with } (x, y) \in \mathcal{R}_1, (y, z) \in \mathcal{R}_2\}.$$

**Ex 7.17**:  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{w, x, y, z\}$ ,  $C = \{5, 6, 7\}$  [back](#)

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, x), (2, x), (3, y), (3, z)\} \subseteq A \times B$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(w, 5), (x, 6)\} \subseteq B \times C$$

$$\mathcal{R}_3 = \{(w, 5), (w, 6)\} \subseteq B \times C$$

$$\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 6), (2, 6)\} \quad \mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_3 = \phi$$

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**Ex 7.18** :  $A$ : employees,  $B$ : programming languages,

$C = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_8\}$ : projects.

$\mathcal{R}_1 \subseteq A \times B$  :  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}_1$  means  $x$  is proficient in  $y$ ,

$\mathcal{R}_2 \subseteq B \times C$  :  $(y, z) \in \mathcal{R}_2$  means  $z$  need  $y$ .

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2$  has been used to set up a matching process between employees and projects on the basis of employee knowledge of specific programming languages.

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**Thm 7.1** :  $A, B, C, D$  : sets,  $\mathcal{R}_1 \subseteq A \times B$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_2 \subseteq B \times C$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_3 \subseteq C \times D$ .

The  $\mathcal{R}_1 \circ (\mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3) = (\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2) \circ \mathcal{R}_3$ .

**Proof.**

1.  $\mathcal{R}_1 \circ (\mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3) \subseteq A \times D$ ,  $(\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2) \circ \mathcal{R}_3 \subseteq A \times D$ .

2.  $\forall (a, d) \in \mathcal{R}_1 \circ (\mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3)$

$\Rightarrow \exists b \in B$  s.t.  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}_1 \wedge (b, d) \in \mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3$

$\Rightarrow \exists c \in C$  s.t.  $(b, c) \in \mathcal{R}_2 \wedge (c, d) \in \mathcal{R}_3$

$\because (a, b) \in \mathcal{R}_1 \wedge (b, c) \in \mathcal{R}_2 \quad \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2$

$\because (a, c) \in \mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2 \wedge (c, d) \in \mathcal{R}_3$

$\Rightarrow (a, d) \in (\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2) \circ \mathcal{R}_3$

$\therefore \mathcal{R}_1 \circ (\mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3) \subseteq (\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2) \circ \mathcal{R}_3$

Similar,  $(\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2) \circ \mathcal{R}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{R}_1 \circ (\mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3)$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_1 \circ (\mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3) = (\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2) \circ \mathcal{R}_3$

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Def 7.9 :  $A$ : sets,  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$ . The *power of  $\mathcal{R}$*  defined recursively:

(a)  $\mathcal{R}^1 = \mathcal{R}$ ;

(b)  $\mathcal{R}^{n+1} = \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{R}^n$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Ex 7.19:  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 4), (3, 2)\}$  [back](#)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2 = \{(1, 4), (1, 2), (3, 4)\}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}^3 = \{(1, 4)\}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}^n = \phi$ ,  $\forall n \geq 4$ .

Def 7.10: 1) An  *$m \times n$  zero-one matrix  $E = (e_{ij})_{m \times n}$ ,  $(0, 1)$ -matrix*:

$\equiv m$  rows,  $n$  columns, each entry is 0 or 1.

2)  $e_{ij} \equiv$  the entry in the  $i$ th row and the  $j$ th column of  $E$ ,  
 $\forall 1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

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**Ex 7.20** :  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a  $3 \times 4$   $(0, 1)$ -matrix.

$$1) e_{11} = 1 \quad 2) e_{23} = 0 \quad 3) e_{31} = 1$$

**Note** : Use the standard operations of matrix addition and multiplication with the stipulation that  $1 + 1 = 1$  (*Boolean addition*).

## § 7.2 Computer Recognition of Directed Graphs

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, x), (2, x), (3, y), (3, z)\} \subseteq A \times B$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(w, 5), (x, 6)\} \subseteq B \times C$$

**Ex 7.21:** The *relation matrices* for  $\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2$  of Ex 7.17: [see](#)

$$M(\mathcal{R}_1) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (w) & (x) & (y) & (z) \end{matrix} \leftarrow B \\ \begin{matrix} (1) \\ (2) \\ (3) \\ (4) \end{matrix} \uparrow A & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad M(\mathcal{R}_2) = \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} (5) & (6) & (7) \\ (w) \\ (x) \\ (y) \\ (z) \end{matrix} \leftarrow C \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$M(\mathcal{R}_1) \cdot M(\mathcal{R}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = M(\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2)$$

**Note :**  $M(\mathcal{R}_1) \cdot M(\mathcal{R}_2) = M(\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2)$

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Ex 7.22 :  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 4), (3, 2)\}$ ,  
as in Ex 7.19. [see](#)

Define the *relation matrix* for  $\mathcal{R}$ :  $M(\mathcal{R})$  is the  $4 \times 4$   $(0, 1)$ -matrix whose entries  $m_{ij}$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$ , are given by  $m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (i, j) \in \mathcal{R}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$$M(\mathcal{R}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (M(\mathcal{R}))^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = M(\mathcal{R}^2)$$

$$(M(\mathcal{R}))^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}^4 = \phi$$



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In general :  $A$ : set,  $|A| = n$ ,  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$ ,  $M(\mathcal{R})$  is the relation matrix for  $\mathcal{R}$  :

(a)  $M(\mathcal{R}) = \mathbf{0}$  (all 0's) iff  $\mathcal{R} = \phi$

(b)  $M(\mathcal{R}) = \mathbf{1}$  (all 1's) iff  $\mathcal{R} = A \times A$

(c)  $M(\mathcal{R}^m) = [M(\mathcal{R})]^m$ , for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Def 7.11 :  $E = (e_{ij})_{m \times n}$ ,  $F = (f_{ij})_{m \times n}$  : 2  $m \times n$  (0, 1)-matrices.

$E$  *precedes* (or *is less than*)  $F$ ,  $E \leq F$ ,

$$\equiv e_{ij} \leq f_{ij}, \forall 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

Ex 7.23 :  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E \leq F$

$\Rightarrow \exists 8$  (0, 1)-matrices  $G$  for which  $E \leq G$ .

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**Def 7.12** : For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $I_n = (\delta_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is the  $n \times n$  (0, 1)-matrix, where

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j; \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

**Def 7.13** : Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ . The *transpose* of  $A$ ,  $A^{tr} = (a^*_{ji})_{n \times m}$ , where  $a^*_{ji} = a_{ij}$ , for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

**Ex 7.24** :  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^{tr} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Def** : 1)  $0 \cap 0 = 0 \cap 1 = 1 \cap 0 = 0$ ,  $1 \cap 1 = 1$  (usual multiplication)

2)  $E \cap F = (x_{ij})_{m \times n}$ , where  $x_{ij} = e_{ij} \cap f_{ij}$ .

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**Thm 7.2** :  $A$ : set,  $|A| = n$ ,  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$ , let  $M$  denote the relation matrix for  $\mathcal{R}$ . Then

- (a)  $\mathcal{R}$  is reflexive iff  $I_n \leq M$ .
- (b)  $\mathcal{R}$  is symmetric iff  $M = M^{tr}$ .
- (c)  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive iff  $M \cdot M = M^2 \leq M$ .
- (d)  $\mathcal{R}$  is antisymmetric iff  $M \cap M^{tr} \leq I_n$ .

**Proof.** (1/2)

Let  $M = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ .

(c) ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $M^2 \leq M$ . If  $(x, y), (y, z) \in \mathcal{R}$ .

$$\Rightarrow m_{xy} = m_{yz} = 1$$

( $m_{xy}$  means the entry of  $M$  in row  $(x)$ , column  $(y)$ )

$$\Rightarrow s_{xz} = 1$$

( $s_{xz}$  means the entry of  $M^2$  in row  $(x)$ , column  $(z)$ )

$$\because M^2 \leq M \quad \therefore m_{xz} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive.

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**Thm 7.2** :  $A$ : set,  $|A| = n$ ,  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$ , let  $M$  denote the relation matrix for  $\mathcal{R}$ . Then

(c)  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive iff  $M \cdot M = M^2 \leq M$ .

**Proof.** (2/2)

(c) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive

Let  $s_{xz} \equiv$  the entry in row ( $x$ ) and column ( $z$ ) of  $M^2 = 1$

$$\because s_{xz} = 1 \quad \therefore \exists y \in A \text{ s.t. } m_{xy} = m_{yz} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) \in \mathcal{R} \wedge (y, z) \in \mathcal{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) \in \mathcal{R} \quad (\because \mathcal{R} \text{ is transitive})$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{xz} = 1$$

$$\therefore M^2 \leq M.$$