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## Chapter 7 Relations: The Second Time Around

### § 7.3 Partial Orders: Hasse Diagrams

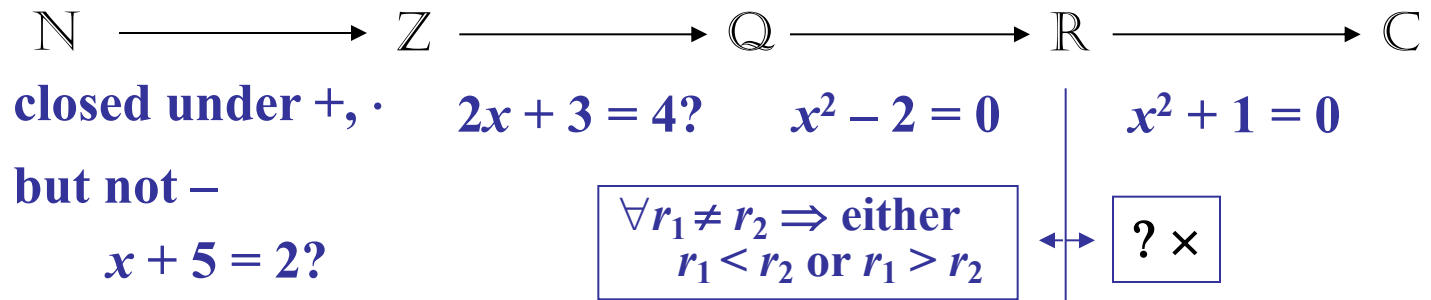
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## Outline

1. Hasse diagram
  - Topological Sorting Algorithm
2. Special Elements
3. Special Poset

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**Def: 1)**  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  is called a **poset (partially ordered set)**  
 $\equiv$  A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is a partial order.

**2)**  $A$  is called a **poset**  $\equiv \exists$  a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$   
s.t.  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  is a poset.

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**EX 7.34:** Let  $A = \{x \mid x \text{ is a course offered at a college}\}$

Define  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  by  $x\mathcal{R}y$  if  $x, y$  are the same course or  
if  $x$  is a prerequisite for  $y$ .

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  makes  $A$  into a poset.

**Ex 7.35:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Define  $\mathcal{R} = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in A, x \mid y\}$

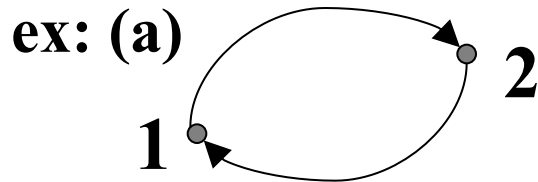
$\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 4)\}$   
is a partial orders.

$\therefore (A, \mathcal{R})$  is a poset.

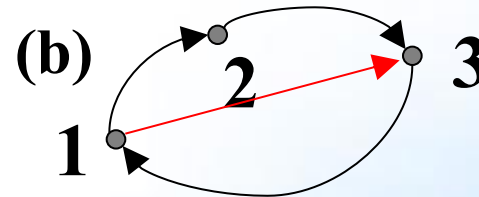
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### Ex 7.36:

$A =$  a set of tasks that must be performed in building a house  
 $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  by  $x\mathcal{R}y$  if  $x, y$  denote the same task or  
if task  $x$  must be performed before the start of task  $y$ .  
 $\Rightarrow A$  is a poset



$\because (1, 2), (2, 1) \in \mathcal{R}$   
with  $1 \neq 2 : \text{X}$



$\because (1, 2), (2, 3) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow (1, 3) \in \mathcal{R}$   
but  $(3, 1) \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $1 \neq 3 : \text{X}$

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Note: In a digraph  $G = (A, \mathcal{R})$ , when

(1)  $\exists a \neq b \in A, (a, b), (b, a) \in \mathcal{R}$ , or

(2)  $\exists$  a directed cycle

then  $\mathcal{R}$  **cannot** be transitive and antisymmetric.

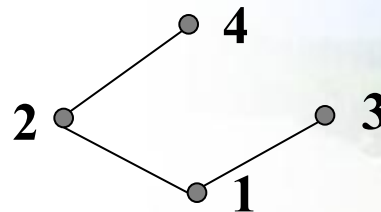
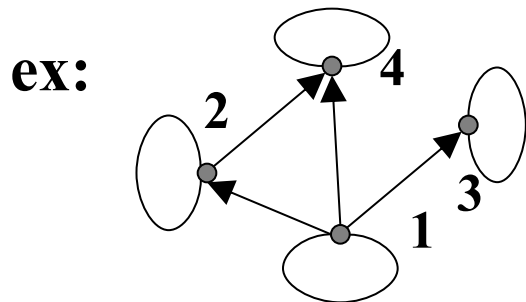
$\therefore (A, \mathcal{R})$  is **not a poset**.

Ex 7.37: **Hasse diagram** for  $\mathcal{R}$  : Give  $G = (A, \mathcal{R})$

step 1: **eliminate the loops** at  $x, \forall x \in A$ .

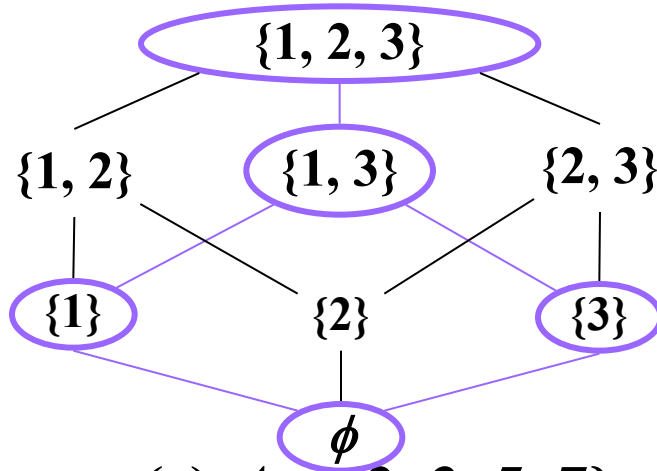
step 2: **eliminate the edges** is enough to insure the existence by transitive. (if  $\exists (x, y), (y, z) \in \mathcal{R}$ , eliminate  $(x, z)$ )

step 3: **eliminate the directions** : the directions are assumed to go from the bottom to the top.

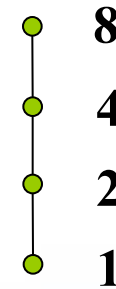


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**Ex 7.38:** (a)  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  [back](#)  
 $A = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \mathcal{R} = \subseteq$



(b)  $A = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$  [back](#)  
 $\mathcal{R} = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in A, x \mid y\}$



(d)  $A = \{2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 35, 385\}$  [back](#)  
 $\mathcal{R} = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in A, x \mid y\}$



(c)  $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$  [back](#)  
 $\mathcal{R} = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in A, x \mid y\}$



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Ex 7.39: Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  defined by  $x\mathcal{R}y$  if  $x \leq y$   
 $A$  is a poset, denoted by  $(A, \leq)$ .

$B = \{1, 2, 4\} \subset A$ ;  $B \times B \cap \mathcal{R}$  is a partial order on  $B$   
 $= \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (4, 4), (1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 4)\}$

Note: If  $\mathcal{R}$  is a partial order on  $A$ , then  $\forall B \subset A$ ,  $(B, (B \times B) \cap \mathcal{R})$   
is a poset.

ex:  $\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\} = B$ . [see](#)

Def 7.16: 1) A partial order  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  is called a **total order**  
if  $\forall x, y \in A$ , either  $x\mathcal{R}y$  or  $y\mathcal{R}x$ .  
2)  $\mathcal{R}$  is a total order on  $A$ , then  $A$  is called **totally ordered**.



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**Ex 7.40:** (a)  $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$  is a total order.

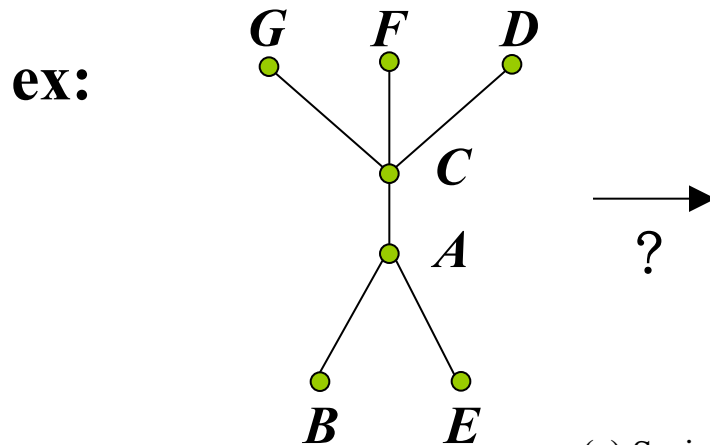
(b)  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  is not a total order.

$\because \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ , but  $\{1, 2\} \not\mathcal{R}\{1, 3\}$ ,  $\{1, 3\} \not\mathcal{R}\{1, 2\}$ .

(c) Ex 7.38 (b) shows a total order. [see](#)

Ex 7.41: 請自己看！

**Q:** Whether we can take the partial order  $\mathcal{R}$ , given by the Hasse diagram, and find a total order  $\mathcal{I}$  on these tasks for which  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ ?



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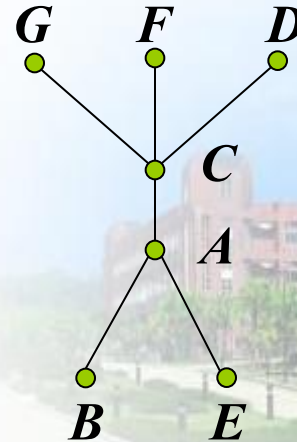
**Topological Sorting Algorithm** (for a poset  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  with  $|A| = n$ )

Step 1: Let  $k = 1$ . Let  $H_1 =$  the Hasse diagram for  $(A, \mathcal{R})$

Step 2: Select  $v_k \in V(H_k)$  s.t. no edge in  $H_k$  starts at  $v_k$

Step 3: If  $k = n$ , output  $\mathcal{T}: v_n < v_{n-1} < \dots < v_2 < v_1$  and STOP  
else ( $k < n$ ) {  $H_{k+1} := H_k - v_k$ ;  $k := k + 1$ ;  
go to Step2. }

**ex:**  $E < B < A < C < G < F < D$   
 $\Rightarrow$  12 possible answers



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**Def 7.17:**  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  is a poset:

1)  $x \in A$  is called a **maximal** element of  $A$

$$\equiv \forall a \in A, a \neq x \Rightarrow x \mathcal{R} a \equiv \forall a \in A, x \mathcal{R} a \Rightarrow x = a.$$

2)  $y \in A$  is called a **minimal** element of  $A$

$$\equiv \forall b \in A, b \neq y \Rightarrow b \mathcal{R} y \equiv \forall b \in A, b \mathcal{R} y \Rightarrow y = b.$$

**Ex 7.42:** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $A = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$

(a) For the poset  $(A, \subseteq)$ , the maximal element =  $\mathcal{U}$ , and  
the minimal element =  $\phi$

(b) Let  $B = A - \{\{1, 2, 3\}\}$ , In  $(B, \subseteq)$ :

the maximal elements =  $\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}$ ;

the minimal element =  $\phi$ .

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**Ex 7.43:** 1)  $(\mathbb{Z}, \leq)$  is a poset: the maximal element = None;  
the minimal element = None.

2)  $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$  is a poset: the minimal element = 0;  
the maximal element = None (empty set).

**Ex 7.44:** In Ex 7.38 (b), (c), (d): [see](#)

	minimal element	maximal element
(b)	1	8
(c)	2, 3, 5, 7	2, 3, 5, 7
(d)	2, 3, 5, 7, 11	12, 385

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**Thm 7.3:** If  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  is a poset and  $A$  is finite, then  $A$  has both a maximal and a minimal element.

**Proof. maximal:**

Let  $a_1 \in A$ , If  $\forall a \in A, a \neq a_1, a_1 \mathcal{R} a \Rightarrow a_1$  is maximal

else  $\exists a_2 \in A, a_2 \neq a_1, a_1 \mathcal{R} a_2$ :

If  $\forall a \in A, a \neq a_2, a_2 \mathcal{R} a \Rightarrow a_2$  is maximal

else  $\exists a_3 \in A, a_3 \neq a_2, a_2 \mathcal{R} a_3$ :

$\because \mathcal{R}$  is antisymmetric and  $a_1 \mathcal{R} a_2 \therefore a_3 \neq a_1$

$\because a_1 \mathcal{R} a_2$  and  $a_2 \mathcal{R} a_3 \therefore a_1 \mathcal{R} a_3$

If  $\forall a \in A, a \neq a_3, a_3 \mathcal{R} a \Rightarrow a_3$  is maximal  
else ...

Continuing in this manner,  $\because A$  is finite

$\therefore$  We get  $a_n \in A$  with  $\forall a \in A, a \neq a_n, a_n \mathcal{R} a$

$\Rightarrow a_n$  is maximal.

minimal element can be proved in a similar way.

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**Note:** In the topological sorting algorithm: Step2 selecting a maximal element from  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  or  $(B, \mathcal{R}')$ , where  $B \subseteq A$ ;  $\mathcal{R}' = (B \times B) \cap \mathcal{R}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  By Thm 7.3,  $\exists$  at least one such element!

**Def 7.18:**  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  is a poset:

- 1)  $x \in A$  is called a **least** element  $\equiv \forall a \in A, x \mathcal{R} a$ .
- 2)  $y \in A$  is called a **greatest** element  $\equiv \forall a \in A, a \mathcal{R} y$ .

**Ex 7.45:** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \subseteq$ , the subset relation

- (a)  $A = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ :  $(A, \subseteq)$ : least element =  $\phi$ ; greatest element =  $\mathcal{U}$
- (b)  $B = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}) - \{\phi\}$ :  $(B, \subseteq)$ : greatest element =  $\mathcal{U}$ ;  
no least element,  
(but  $\exists$  3 minimal element.)

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Ex 7.46: In Ex 7.38: [see](#)

	least element	greatest element
(b)	1	8
(c)	no	no
(d)	no	no

Thm 7.4: If the poset  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  has a greatest (least) element, then the element is unique.

**Proof.** Suppose  $\exists x, y \in A$  and both are greatest elements

$\because x$  is a greatest element  $\therefore y \mathcal{R} x$

$\because y$  is a greatest element  $\therefore x \mathcal{R} y$

$\Rightarrow \because \mathcal{R}$  is antisymmetric  $\therefore x = y$

The proof for the least element is similar.

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Def 7.19: Let  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  be a poset with  $B \subseteq A$ :

- 1)  $x \in A$  is called a **lower bound** of  $B \equiv x\mathcal{R}b, \forall b \in B$ .
- 2)  $y \in A$  is called a **upper bound** of  $B \equiv b\mathcal{R}y, \forall b \in B$ .
- 3) A lower bound of  $B, x' \in A$  is called a **greatest lower bound (glb)** of  $B \equiv \forall$  lower bounds  $x'' (\neq x')$  of  $B, x''\mathcal{R}x'$ .
- 4) An upper bound of  $B, y' \in A$  is called a **least upper bound (lub)** of  $B \equiv \forall$  upper bounds  $y'' (\neq y')$  of  $B, y'\mathcal{R}y''$ .

Ex 7.47:  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, A = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), B = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ :

In  $(B, \subseteq)$ : upper bounds:  $\{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$   
lub:  $\{1, 2\} (\in B)$   
glb:  $\phi (\notin B)$



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**Ex 7.48:**  $\mathcal{R} = \leq$  (“less than or equal to”)

a)  $A = \mathbb{R}, B = [0, 1]$ :  $B$  has glb: 0 ( $\in B$ ) lub: 1 ( $\in B$ )

$A = \mathbb{R}, C = (0, 1]$ :  $C$  has glb: 0 ( $\notin C$ ) lub: 1 ( $\in C$ )

b)  $A = \mathbb{R}, B = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid q^2 < 2\}$ :  $B$  has glb:  $-\sqrt{2}$  ( $\notin B$ ) lub:  $\sqrt{2}$  ( $\notin B$ )

c)  $A = \mathbb{Q}, B = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid q^2 > 2\}$ :  $B$  has no glb or lub.

**Thm 7.5:** If  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  is a poset and  $B \subseteq A$ , then  $B$  has at most one lub (glb).

**Def 7.20:** The poset  $(A, \mathcal{R})$  is called a **lattice**

$\equiv \forall x, y \in A, \text{lub}\{x, y\}$  and  $\text{glb}\{x, y\}$  both exist in  $A$   
( $\exists a, b \in A$ , which  $a = \text{lub}\{x, y\}, b = \text{glb}\{x, y\}$ )

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**Ex 7.49:**  $A = \mathbb{N}$ , define  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  by  $x\mathcal{R}y$  if  $x \leq y$ :  $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$ :

$$\text{lub}\{x, y\} = \max\{x, y\}; \text{glb}\{x, y\} = \min\{x, y\}$$

$\Rightarrow (\mathbb{N}, \leq)$  is a lattice.

**Ex 7.50:**  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ :  $\forall S, T \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$

$$\text{lub}\{S, T\} = S \cup T (\in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})); \text{glb}\{S, T\} = S \cap T (\in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}))$$

$\Rightarrow (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  is a lattice.

**Ex 7.51:** In **Ex 7.38 (d)**: [see](#)

$$\text{lub}\{2, 3\} = 6; \text{lub}\{3, 6\} = 6; \text{lub}\{5, 7\} = 35; \text{lub}\{7, 11\} = 385; \dots$$

$$\text{glb}\{3, 6\} = 3; \text{glb}\{2, 12\} = 2; \text{glb}\{35, 385\} = 35; \dots$$

but  $\nexists \text{glb}\{2, 3\} \in A, \nexists \text{glb}\{5, 7\} \dots$

$\Rightarrow$  this poset is not a lattice.

Q3:

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## Checklist

### 1. Hasse diagram

- Topological Sorting Algorithm

### 2. Special Elements

- Maximal, minimal
- Least, greatest
- Lower bound, upper bound
- glb, lub

### 4. Special Poset

- Total Order
- Lattice

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# § 7.4 Equivalence Relations and Partitions

## Outline

1. **Partition**
2. **Equivalence Relations: Equivalence Class**
3. **Thm 7.6**
4. **Equivalence Relations vs. Partition**
5. **Counting**

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Note: 1) If  $A \neq \phi$ ,  $\mathcal{R} =$  the equality relation.

$\Rightarrow (A, \mathcal{R})$  is a equivalence relation.

$\Rightarrow$  establishes the property of “sameness” on  $A$ .

2) If  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  defined by  $x\mathcal{R}y$  if  $2 \mid (x - y)$ .

$\Rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{R})$  is a equivalence relation.

$\Rightarrow$  splits  $\mathbb{Z}$  into two subsets consisting of the odd and even integers.

Def 7.21:  $A$ : set;  $I$ : index set;  $\forall i \in I, \phi \neq A_i \subseteq A$

1)  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a **partition** of  $A$  if

(a)  $A = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  and (b)  $\forall i, j \in I$  where  $i \neq j, A_i \cap A_j = \phi$ .

2) Each  $A_i$  is called a **cell** (or **block**) of the partition.

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**Ex 7.52:**  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ , each of (a), (b), (c) determines a partition of  $A$ :

a)  $A_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, A_2 = \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}.$

b)  $A_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}, A_2 = \{4, 6, 7, 9\}, A_3 = \{5, 8, 10\}.$

c)  $A_i = \{i, i + 5\}, 1 \leq i \leq 5.$

**Note:** Each element of  $A$  belongs to **exactly one** cell in each partition.

$(\forall x \in A, \exists! i^* \in I, \text{ s.t. } x \in A_{i^*} \text{ for any partition } \{A_i\}_{i \in I})$

**Ex 7.53:** Let  $A = \mathbb{R}, \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ let } A_i = [i, i+1)$   
 $\Rightarrow \{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a partition of  $\mathbb{R}$

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**Def 7.22:** Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ .  $\forall x \in A$ , the **equivalence class** of  $x$ , denoted by  $[x] \equiv \{y \in A \mid y\mathcal{R}x\}$

**Ex 7.54:** Define  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $x\mathcal{R}y$  if  $4 \mid (x - y)$

$$[0] = \{\dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots\} = \{4k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$[1] = \{4k+1 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}; [2] = \{4k+2 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}; [3] = \{4k+3 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\};$$

$$[4] = [0] = [8] = \dots; [5] = [1] = [9] = \dots;$$

$$[6] = [2] = [10] = \dots; \dots$$

$$\text{e.g.: } [6] = [2] = [-2]; [51] = [3], \dots$$

$\Rightarrow \{[0], [1], [2], [3]\}$  provides a partition of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Note:** The index set for the partition is implicit.



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**Ex 7.55:** Define  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $a\mathcal{R}b$  if  $a^2 = b^2$  ( $a = \pm b$ ).

1)  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation:

1.  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, a^2 = a^2 \Rightarrow a\mathcal{R}a$

2.  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{if } a\mathcal{R}b \Rightarrow a^2 = b^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = a^2 \Rightarrow b\mathcal{R}a$

3.  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{if } a\mathcal{R}b \text{ and } b\mathcal{R}c \Rightarrow$   
 $a^2 = b^2 \text{ and } b^2 = c^2 \Rightarrow a^2 = c^2 \Rightarrow a\mathcal{R}c$

2) What can we say about the corresponding partition of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

$\therefore [0] = \{0\}, [1] = \{1, -1\}, [2] = \{2, -2\}, \dots$

In general,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, [n] = \{-n, n\}$

$\therefore$  The partition:  $\mathbb{Z} = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} [n] = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [n]$   
 $= \{0\} \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{-n, n\}$   
 $= \{0\} \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} [n]$

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**Thm 7.6:**  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ , and  $x, y \in A$ , then

(a)  $x \in [x]$

(b)  $x\mathcal{R}y \Leftrightarrow [x] = [y]$

(c)  $[x] = [y]$  or  $[x] \cap [y] = \emptyset$  [back](#)

**Proof.** (1/2)

(a)  $\because \mathcal{R}$  is reflexive

(b)  $(\Rightarrow) \forall w \in [x], w\mathcal{R}x$

$\because x\mathcal{R}y$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive  $\Rightarrow w\mathcal{R}y$

$\Rightarrow w \in [y] \quad \therefore [x] \subseteq [y] \dots(1)$

$\forall t \in [y], t\mathcal{R}y$

$\because \mathcal{R}$  is symmetric  $\therefore x\mathcal{R}y \Rightarrow y\mathcal{R}x$

$\Rightarrow \because t\mathcal{R}y$  and  $y\mathcal{R}x$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive  $\therefore t\mathcal{R}x$

$\Rightarrow t \in [x] \quad \therefore [y] \subseteq [x] \dots(2)$

by (1), (2),  $[x] = [y]$ .

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(b)  $x\mathcal{R}y \Leftrightarrow [x] = [y]$

(c)  $[x] = [y]$  or  $[x] \cap [y] = \phi$

**Proof.** (2/2)

(b) ( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $[x] = [y]$ , by (a),  $x \in [x] \Rightarrow x \in [y] \Rightarrow x\mathcal{R}y$

(c)  $(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg p \wedge \neg q \rightarrow F_0)$  (Prove by contradiction)

If  $[x] \neq [y]$  and  $[x] \cap [y] \neq \phi$ ,

then let  $v \in A$ , s.t.  $v \in [x] \cap [y]$

that is,  $v \in [x]$  and  $v \in [y]$

$\Rightarrow v\mathcal{R}x$  and  $v\mathcal{R}y$

$\because \mathcal{R}$  is symmetric  $\therefore v\mathcal{R}x \Rightarrow x\mathcal{R}v$

$\because x\mathcal{R}v$  and  $v\mathcal{R}y \Rightarrow x\mathcal{R}y$

By (b),  $x\mathcal{R}y \Rightarrow [x] = [y] \rightarrow \leftarrow$

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**Ex 7.56:**

(a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5), (5, 4), (5, 5)\}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ :

**Sol.**

$$[1] = \{1\}; [2] = \{2, 3\} = [3]; [4] = \{4, 5\} = [5]$$

$$A = [1] \cup [2] \cup [4] \quad ([1] \cap [2] = \phi = [1] \cap [4] = [2] \cap [4])$$

$\therefore \{[1], [2], [4]\}$  determines a partition of  $A$

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**Ex 7.56:**

(b) In Ex 7.16 (d),  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ ,  $B = \{x, y, z\}$ ,

$f: A \rightarrow B$  is the onto function,

$$f = \{(1, x), (2, z), (3, x), (4, y), (5, z), (6, y), (7, x)\}$$

Define  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  by  $a\mathcal{R}b$  if  $f(a) = f(b)$  was shown to be an equivalence relation:

**Sol.**

$$f^{-1}(x) = \{1, 3, 7\} = [1] (= [3] = [7])$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \{4, 6\} = [4] (= [6])$$

$$f^{-1}(z) = \{2, 5\} = [2] (= [5])$$

$$A = [1] \cup [4] \cup [2] = f^{-1}(x) \cup f^{-1}(y) \cup f^{-1}(z)$$

$\therefore \{f^{-1}(x), f^{-1}(y), f^{-1}(z)\}$  determines a partition of  $A$ .

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**Note:**  $\forall$  nonempty sets  $A, B$  if  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is an onto function  
 $\Rightarrow A = \bigcup_{b \in B} f^{-1}(b)$  and  $\{f^{-1}(b) \mid b \in B\}$  determines a partition of  $A$ .

**Ex 7.57:** In C++:

```
union  
{  
    int a;  
    int c;  
    int p;  
};
```

```
union  
{  
    int up;  
    int down;  
};
```

$\equiv a, c, p$  share one memory location;

$up, down$  share another memory location

$\therefore$  all variable is partitioned by the equivalence relation  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  
where  $v_1 \mathcal{R} v_2$  if  $v_1, v_2$  share the same memory location.

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**Ex 7.58:**  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . If  $\mathcal{R}$  induces the partition of  $A$   
 $= \{1, 2\} \cup \{3\} \cup \{4, 5, 7\} \cup \{6\}$ . What is  $\mathcal{R}$ ?

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}\because \{1, 2\} &\Rightarrow [1] = \{1, 2\} = [2] \\ &\Rightarrow (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2) \in \mathcal{R} \\ \{4, 5, 7\} &\Rightarrow [4] = [5] = [7] = \{4, 5, 7\} \\ &\Rightarrow \{4, 5, 7\} \times \{4, 5, 7\} \subseteq \mathcal{R} \\ &\quad \vdots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \mathcal{R} &= (\{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2\}) \cup (\{3\} \times \{3\}) \cup (\{4, 5, 7\} \times \{4, 5, 7\}) \\ &\quad \cup (\{6\} \times \{6\})\end{aligned}$$

$$|\mathcal{R}| = 2^2 + 1^2 + 3^2 + 1^2 = 15$$

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**Thm 7.7:**  $A$  is a set:

- (a) Any equivalence relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  induces a partition of  $A$ .
- (b) Any partition of  $A$  gives rise to an equivalence relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$ .

**Proof.**

- (a) By Thm 7.6 (a), (c). [see](#)
- (b) For any partition  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $A$ ,  
Define  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  by  $x\mathcal{R}y$  if  $x$  and  $y$  are in the same cell of the partition ( $\mathcal{R} = \{(x, y) \mid \exists i \in I, \text{ s.t. } x \in A_i \text{ and } y \in A_i\}$ )  
need to verify  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation  $\rightarrow$  reader



$$S(m, n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{n-k} (n-k)^m$$

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**Thm 7.8:**  $\forall$  set  $A$ :  $\exists$  1-1 correspondence between the set of equivalence relations on  $A$  and the set of partition of  $A$ .

**Proof.**

### EXERCISE 7.4 (16)

**Ex 7.59:**

(a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . How many relations on  $A$  are equivalence relation?

**Sol.**

(a) From Sec 5.3, using the Stirling numbers of the second kind,

$$\exists \sum_{i=1}^6 S(6, i) = 203 \text{ different partition of } A.$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  203 equivalence relation on  $A$ .

$$S(m, n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{n-k} (n-k)^m$$

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**Ex 7.59:**

**(b) How many of the equivalence relation in (a) satisfy  $1, 2 \in [4]$ ?**

**Sol.**

**(b) Identifying 1, 2, 4 as the “same”.**

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $B = \{1, 3, 5, 6\}$ .

$\therefore \exists \sum_{i=1}^4 S(4, i) = 15$  equivalence relation on  $A$  for which  
 $[1] = [2] = [4]$ .

**Note:** If  $A$  is finite with  $|A| = n$ , then  $\forall n \leq r \leq n^2$ ,

$\exists$  an equivalence relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $A$  with  $|\mathcal{R}| = r$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = n$  And  $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i^2 = r$ .

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### Discussion:

Ex 7.4.11: How many of the equivalence relations on  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$  have

- (a) exactly two equivalence classes of size 3?
- (b) exactly one equivalence class of size 3?
- (c) one equivalence class of size 4?
- (d) at least one equivalence class with three or more elements?

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## Checklist

1. **Partition - Judge**
2. **Equivalence Relations: Equivalence Class**  
- **Definition and Symbol**
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- **1-1 correspondence**
5. **Counting**