

## 5.4 Closures of Relations

## 5.5 Equivalence Relations

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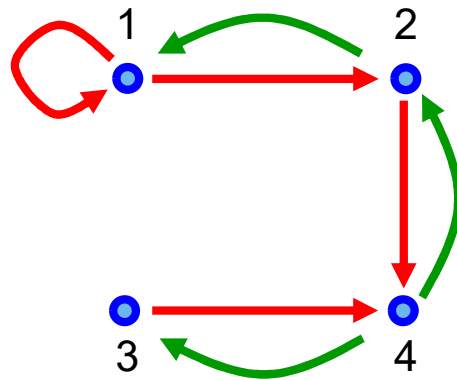
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# Introduction: Closures

- Is it symmetric?
- How can we produce a symmetric relation containing R that is as small as possible?



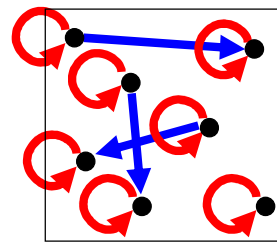
## Closure

- Let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $A$
- $S$  is called the closure of  $R$  with respect to property  $P$  if
  - $S$  with property  $P$
  - $S$  is a subset of every relation with property  $P$  containing  $R$ 
    - Minimum terms are added to  $R$  to fulfill the requirements of property  $P$

# Closure

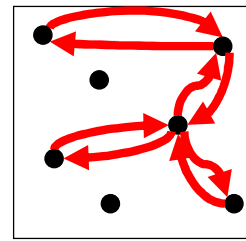
- Reflexive Closure

- $\forall a ( (a, a) \in R )$



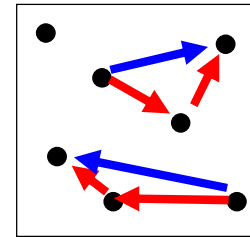
- Symmetric Closure

- $\forall a \forall b ( ((a, b) \in R) \rightarrow ((b, a) \in R) )$



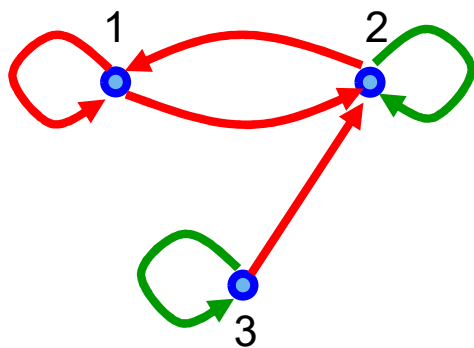
- Transitive Closure

- $\forall a \forall b \forall c ( ((a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in R) \rightarrow ((a, c) \in R) )$



## Closure

### Reflexive Closure: Example

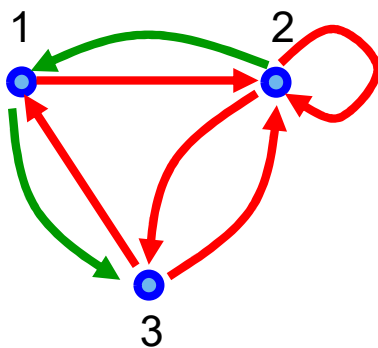


- $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (3,2)\}$  on the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
- $R$  is not reflexive
- How can we produce a reflexive relation containing  $R$  that is as small as possible?
  - Add  $(2,2)$  and  $(3,3)$
- $R' = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (3,2), (2,2), (3,3)\}$
- $R'$  is reflexive closure of  $R$ 
  - Any reflexive relation that contains  $R$  must contain  $R'$

# Reflexive Closure

- $r(R)$  denotes the reflexive closure of  $R$
- How to create a reflexive closure for  $R$ ?
  - **Graphical view**
    - Add loop for each element
  - **Mathematical View**
    - Let  $D$  (or  $I$ ) be the **diagonal relation** (equality relation) on  $R$ , where  $D = \{(x, x) \mid x \in R\}$
    - The reflexive closure of  $R$  is  $R \cup D$

# Symmetric Closure: Example

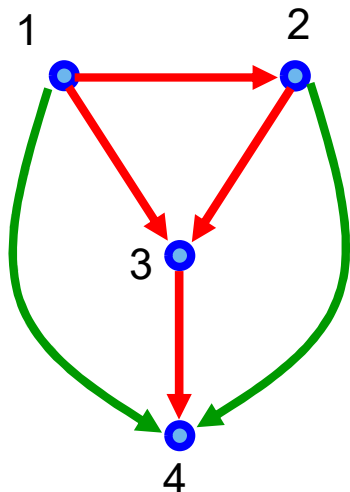


- $R = \{(1,2), (1,2), (2,2), (2,3), (3,1), (3,2)\}$  on  $\{1, 2, 3\}$
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  - Add  $(2,1)$  and  $(1,3)$
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- $R'$  is symmetric closure of  $R$ 
  - Any symmetric relation that contains  $R$  must contain  $R'$

# Symmetric Closure

- $s(R)$  denotes the **symmetric closure** of  $R$
- How to **create** a symmetric closure for  $R$ ?
  - **Graphical view**
    - Add edges in the **opposite direction**
  - **Mathematical View**
    - Let  $R^{-1}$  be the **inverse** of  $R$ ,  
where  $R^{-1} = \{(y,x) \mid (x,y) \in R\}$
    - The symmetric closure of  $R$  is  $R \cup R^{-1}$
- Theorem:  $R$  is symmetric iff  $R = R^{-1}$

# Transitive Closure: Example



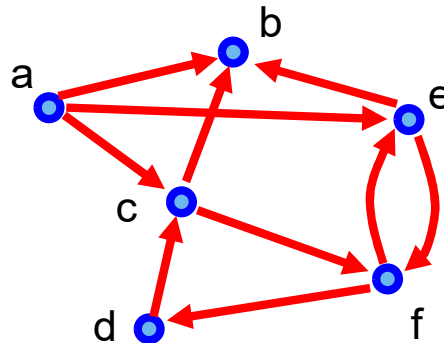
- $R = \{(1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (3,4)\}$   
on  $\{1,2,3,4\}$
- $R$  is not transitive
- How can we **produce a transitive relation containing  $R$**  that is as **small as possible**?
  - Add  $(1,4), (2,4)$
- $R' = \{(1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (3,4), (1,4), (2,4)\}$
- $R'$  is **transitive closure** of  $R$ 
  - Any transitive relation that contains  $R$  must also contain  $R'$

# Transitive Closure

- $t(R)$  denotes the transitive closure of  $R$
- How to create a transitive closure for  $R$ ?

- **Graphical view**

- If there is a path from  $a$  to  $b$  and  $b$  to  $c$ , add an edge from  $a$  to  $c$
- However, it is not easy
- Example:



- **Mathematical View**

- Transitive Closure of  $R$  is  $R^*$

# Transitive Closure

- The connectivity relation of the relation  $R$ , denoted  $R^*$ , is the union of  $R^i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$R^* = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R^n$$

- Transitive Closure of  $R$  is  $R^*$

## Transitive Closure

- **Theorem**

If  $R \subset S$ , then  $R \circ S \subset S \circ S$

- **Theorem**

If  $R$  is transitive then so is  $R^n$

- **Theorem**

$R$  is transitive iff  $R^n \subseteq R$  for  $n > 0$

## Transitive Closure

- Proof: **Transitive Closure** of  $R$  is  $R^*$

1.  $R^*$  is a transitive relation
2.  $R^*$  contains  $R$
3.  $R^*$  is the smallest transitive relation which contains  $R$

# Transitive Closure

$$R^* = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R^n$$

## Proof: 1. $R^*$ is a transitive relation

- Suppose  $(x, y)$  and  $(y, z)$  are in  $R^*$   
Show  $(x, z)$  is in  $R^*$
- By definition of  $R^*$ ,  $(x, y)$  is in  $R^m$  for some  $m$  and  $(y, z)$  is in  $R^n$  for some  $n$ .
- Then  $(x, z)$  is in  $R^n \circ R^m = R^{m+n}$  which is contained in  $R^*$
- Hence,  $R^*$  must be transitive

## Proof: 2. $R^*$ contains $R$

- The proof is obvious by the definition of  $R^*$

# Transitive Closure

$$R^* = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R^n$$

## Proof: 3. $R^*$ is the smallest transitive relation which contains $R$

- Now suppose  $S$  is any transitive relation that contains  $R$
- Show  $S$  contains  $R^*$
- Since  $S$  is transitive,  $S^n \subseteq S$
- For the power is 2,  
 $R^2 = R \circ R \subseteq S \circ R \subseteq S \circ S$
- It is true for  $n$ ,  $R^n \subseteq S^n$
- Therefore  $R^n \subseteq S^n \subseteq S$  for all  $n$
- Hence  $S$  must contain  $R^*$  since it must also contain the union of all the powers of  $R$

**Theorem:**

$R$  is transitive iff  $R^n \subseteq R$  for  $n > 0$

**Theorem:**

If  $R \subseteq S$ , then  $R \circ S \subseteq S \circ S$



# Transitive Closure

- How can we calculate the infinite union?

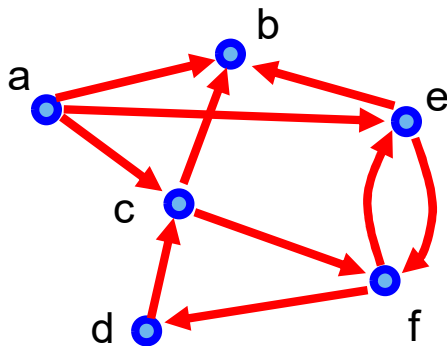
$$R^* = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R^n$$

∞ Infinity

- If it is necessary to calculate all  $R^i$ ?

# Transitive Closure

- A **path** of length  $n$  in a digraph  $G$  is a sequence of edges  $(x_0, x_1), (x_1, x_2), \dots, (x_{n-1}, x_n)$
- A **cycle** is a path with starting point  $(x_0) =$  end point  $(x_n)$



$a > e > f > d$

Path  
Length = 3

$a > e > b > c$

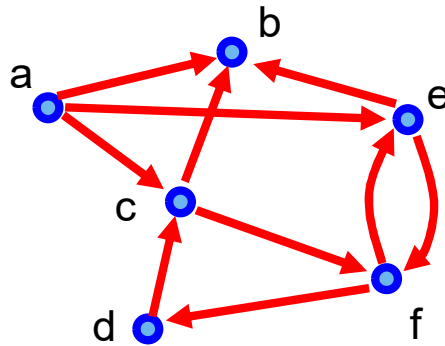
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$c > f > d > c$

Cycle  
Length = 3

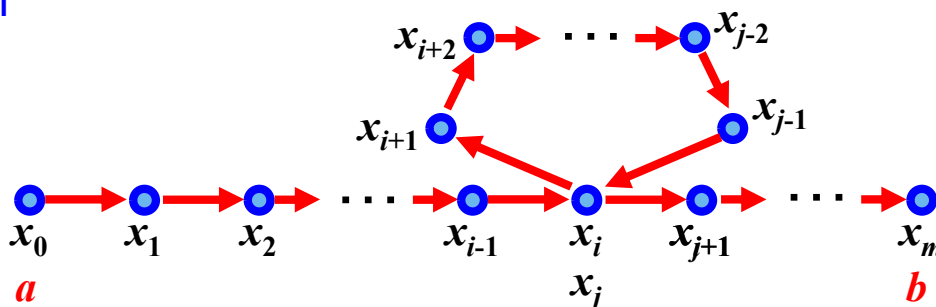
# Transitive Closure

- Let  $A$  be a set with  $n$  elements, and let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$
- If there is a path from  $a$  to  $b$ , then the length of this path will not exceed  $n$



## Proof

- Suppose there is a path from  $a$  to  $b$  in  $R$
- Let  $m$  be the length of the shortest path, which is  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_m$ , where  $x_0 = a$  and  $x_m = b$
- Assume  $m > n$
- Because  $n$  vertices in  $A$  and there are  $m$  vertices in the path, at least two vertices in the path are equal
- Suppose that  $x_i = x_j$  with  $0 \leq i < j \leq m$
- There is a path contained a cycle from  $x_i$  to itself ( $x_j$ )
- This cycle can be removed to shorten the path
- Hence, the shortest length must be less than or equal to  $n$



## Transitive Closure

- From the Theorem, we know that  $R^k$  for  $k > n$  does **not contain any edge** that does **not already appear** in the **first  $n$  powers of  $R$**
- Assume  $R$  is the relation on set  $A$

$$R^* = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R^k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{|A|} R^k$$

## Transitive Closure

- Theorem**  
Let  $M_R$  be the zero-one **matrix** of the relation  $R$  on a set with  **$n$  elements**. Then the zero-one **matrix** of the **transitive closure  $R^*$**  is

$$M_{R^*} = M_R^{[1]} \vee M_R^{[2]} \vee M_R^{[3]} \vee \cdots \vee M_R^{[n]}$$

Remark:  $M_{R^k} = M_R^{[k]}$   
 $M_R = M_R^{[1]}$

# Transitive Closure: Example

- Find the zero-one **matrix of the transitive closure** of the relation **R** where

$$M_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad M_R^{[2]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad M_R^{[3]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

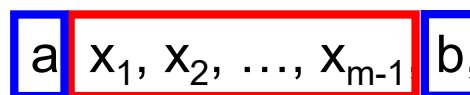
$$M_{R^*} = M_R \vee M_R^{[2]} \vee M_R^{[3]}$$

$$M_{R^*} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vee \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vee \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Closure: Transitive Closure

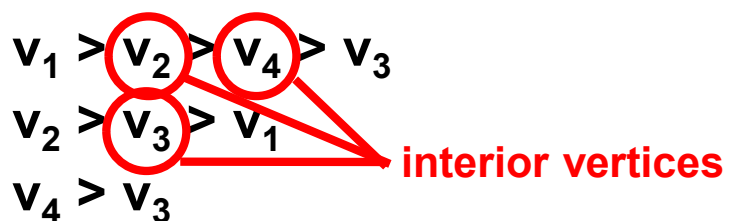
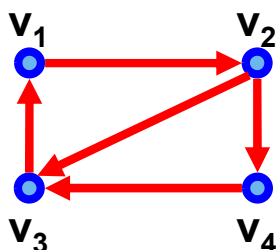
# Warshall's Algorithm

- Warshall's Algorithm** can reduce the complexity of  $R^*$  calculation
- For the path



the **interior vertices** are  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1}$

- All the vertices of the path **except the first and last vertices**



# Warshall's Algorithm

- Warshall's algorithm is based on the construction of a sequence of zero-one matrices,  $W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n$ , where  $W_0 = M_R$

$W_k = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}(k) & w_{12}(k) & \dots & \dots \\ w_{21}(k) & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & w_{ij}(k) & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$		$w_{14}(0) = 0$
		$w_{14}(1) = 0$
		$w_{14}(2) = 1$

- $w_{ij}(k) = 1$  if there is a path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  such that all the interior vertices of this path are in the set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ ; otherwise is 0

# Warshall's Algorithm

- The  $(i,j)^{th}$  entry of  $M_{R^*}$  is 1 iff there is a path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  with all the interior vertices in the set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , therefore,  $W_n = M_{R^*}$

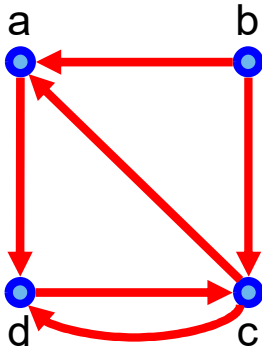
## Algorithm

- $W_0 = M_R$
- For  $k = 1 \dots n$ 
  - Update each element in  $W_k$  by using:

$$w_{ij}^{[k]} = w_{ij}^{[k-1]} \vee (w_{ik}^{[k-1]} \wedge w_{kj}^{[k-1]})$$

# Warshall's Algorithm: Example

- Find the matrices  $W_0, W_1, W_2, W_3$  and  $W_4$  for the  $R$  shown in the directed graph



- Let  $v_1=a, v_2=b, v_3=c, v_4=d$ .  $W_0$  is the matrix of the relation. Hence,

$$W_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Warshall's Algorithm: Example

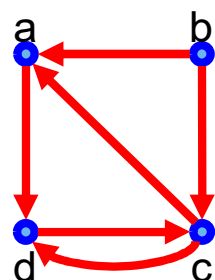
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$$W_{ij}^{[k]} = W_{ij}^{[k-1]} \vee (W_{ik}^{[k-1]} \wedge W_{kj}^{[k-1]})$$

$$W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} i=1 \\ i=2 \\ i=3 \\ i=4 \end{matrix}$$

$$W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$W_4$  is the matrix of the transitive closure



$$W_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Closure: Theorem

- Let  $R$  be binary relation on a nonempty set  $A$ 
  - $r(R) = R \cup D$   
where  $D$  is diagonal relation =  $\{(x, x) \mid x \in R\}$
  - $s(R) = R \cup R^{-1}$   
where  $R^{-1}$  is inverse =  $\{(y,x) \mid (x,y) \in R\}$
  - $t(R) = R^*$   
where  $R^*$  is connectivity relation =  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{|A|} R^k$

# Closure: Theorem

- Let  $R$  be binary relation on a nonempty set  $A$ 
  - If  $R$  is reflexive,  $r(R) = R$
  - If  $R$  is symmetric,  $s(R) = R$
  - If  $R$  is transitive,  $t(R) = R$

# Closure: Theorem




- Let  $R$  be binary relation on a nonempty set  $A$ 
  - If  $R$  is reflexive,  $s(R)$  and  $t(R)$  are reflexive
  - If  $R$  is symmetric,  $t(R)$  and  $r(R)$  are symmetric
  - If  $R$  is transitive,  $r(R)$  is transitive

# Closure: Theorem

- Suppose  $R$  is transitive, is  $s(R)$  transitive?
- Let  $R = \{(1,2), (3,2)\}$
- $R$  is transitive
- $s(R) = \{(1,2), (2,1), (3,2), (2,3)\}$
- $s(R)$  is not transitive



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  - If  $R$  is reflexive,  $s(R)$  and  $t(R)$  are reflexive
  - If  $R$  is symmetric,  $t(R)$  and  $r(R)$  are symmetric
  - If  $R$  is transitive,  $r(R)$  is transitive
- $r(s(R)) = s(r(R))$ ? 
- $r(t(R)) = t(r(R))$ ? 
- $s(t(R)) = t(s(R))$ ? 

# Closure: Theorem

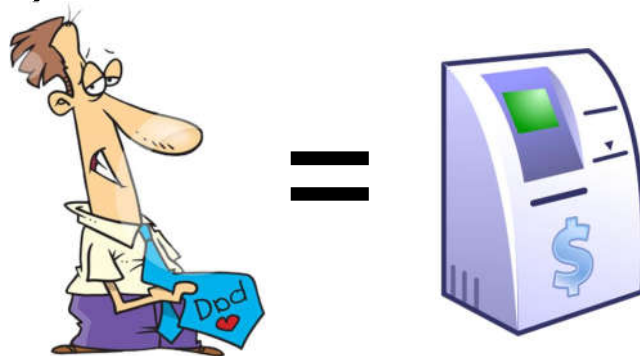
- Proof  $r(s(R)) = s(r(R))$
- $s(r(R)) = s(R \cup D)$  where  $D = \{(x, x) \mid x \in R\}$ 
  - $= (R \cup D) \cup (R \cup D)^{-1}$
  - $= (R \cup D) \cup (R^{-1} \cup D^{-1})$
  - $= (R \cup R^{-1}) \cup (D \cup D^{-1})$
  - $= s(R) \cup D$
  - $= r(s(R))$

# Closure: Theorem

- Do the **closure** operations **distribute**
  - over the **set operations**?
  - over **inverse**?
  - over **complement**?
  - over **set inclusion**?
- Example:
  - $t(R_1 - R_2) = t(R_1) - t(R_2)$  ?
  - $r(R^{-1}) = (r(R))^{-1}$  ?

# Equivalence

- What is Equivalence?



- What properties the equivalence should have?

Reflexive

~~Inflexive~~

Transitive

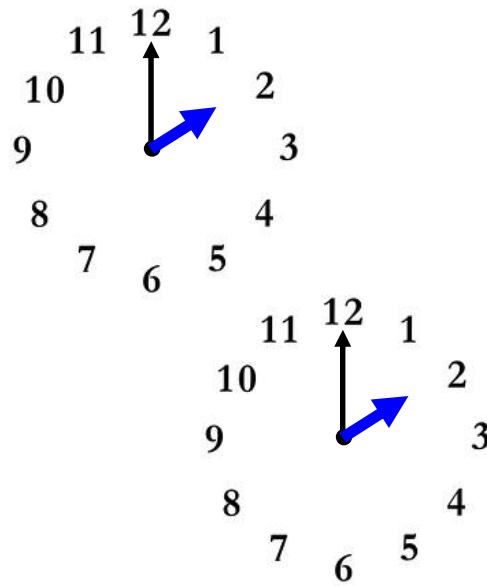
Symmetric

~~Asymmetric~~

~~Antisymmetric~~

# Equivalence

- How to represent “2” in clock system?
- How to represent “14” in clock system?
- Clock System is Arithmetic modulo 12
- “2”, “14”, “26”, “38”... are equivalence in clock system

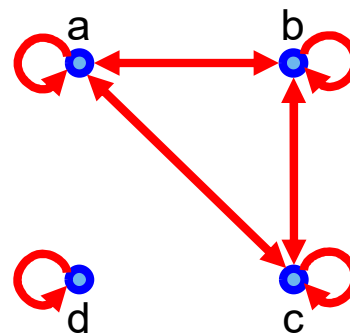
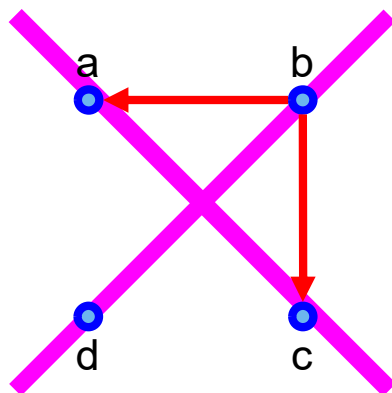


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# Equivalence Relations

- **Definition**  
A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is an **equivalence relation** iff  $R$  is **reflexive**, **symmetric** and **transitive**



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## Equivalence Relations

### Example 1

- Suppose that  $R$  is the relation on the set of strings of English letters such that  $aRb$  iff  $g(a)=g(b)$ , where  $g(x)$  is the length of the string  $x$ .  
Is  $R$  an equivalence relation?
- Reflexive**
  - Since  $g(a)=g(a)$ , it follows that  $aRa$  whenever  $a$  is a string
- Symmetric**
  - Let  $aRb$ , so  $g(a)=g(b)$ ,  $bRa$ . Therefore,  $g(b)=g(a)$
- Transitive**
  - Let  $aRb$  and  $bRc$ , then  $g(a)=g(b)$  and  $g(b)=g(c)$ , so  $aRc$
- Consequently,  $R$  is an equivalent relation

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## Equivalence Relations

### Example 2

$$\begin{aligned} b &= x \cdot m + a \\ &\text{where } x \text{ is an integer} \\ x &= (b-a) / m \end{aligned}$$

- Definition of **Congruence**

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$  if  $m$  divides  $a-b$

- Let  $m$  be a positive integer greater than 1. Show that the relation  $R = \{ (a,b) \mid a \equiv b \pmod{m} \}$  is an equivalence relation on the set of integers

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## Equivalence Relations

### Example 2

$$R = \{ (a,b) \mid a \equiv b \pmod{m} \}$$
$$b = x \cdot m + a$$

where  $x$  is an integer

$$x = (b-a) / m$$

- **Reflexive**
  - $a - a = 0$  is divisible by  $m$ , hence,  $a \equiv a \pmod{m}$
- **Symmetric**
  - Suppose that  $(a, b) \in R$ , so  $x = (b-a)/m$ , where  $x$  is an integer
  - $(-x) = (a-b) / m$ ,  $-x$  is also an integer,  $(b, a) \in R$
- **Transitive**
  - Suppose that  $(a,b) \in R$  and  $(b,c) \in R$
  - $xm = (b-a)$  and  $ym = (c-b)$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are integers
  - $a-c = xm+ym = (x+y)m$ ,  $x+y$  is also an integer
  - Thus,  $(a, c) \in R$

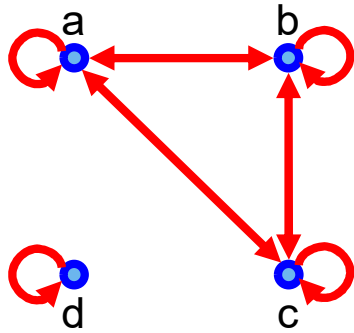
## Equivalence Relations

### Example 3

- Show that the "divides" relation on the set of positive integers is an equivalence relation.
- "Divide" relation is not symmetric
  - E.g., 2 divide 4 but 4 does not divide 2
- It is not an equivalence relation

# Equivalence

- Two elements  $a$  and  $b$  that are related by an equivalence relation are called **equivalent**
- Notation:  $a \sim b$



$a \sim a$	$c \sim a$
$a \sim b$	$c \sim b$
$a \sim c$	$c \sim c$
$b \sim a$	$d \sim d$
$b \sim b$	
$b \sim c$	

## Equivalence: Examples

- $R$  is the relation on the set of strings of English letters, where  $aRb$  iff  $g(a)=g(b)$  and  $g(x)$  is the length of the string  $x$ 
  - “Peter”  $\sim$  “Susan”
  - “Ann”  $\sim$  “May”
- $R = \{ (a,b) \mid a \equiv b \pmod{m} \}$  on the set of integers
  - For  $m = 7$ ,  $5 \sim 12$
  - For  $m = 12$ ,  $14 \sim 2$

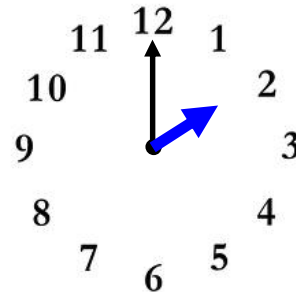
# Equivalence Classes

- **Definition**

Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . The set of all elements that are related to an element  $a$  of  $A$  is called the **equivalence class of  $a$**

- **Example (clock system)**

- “2”, “14”, “26”, “38” ... are **equivalence**
- Therefore, they form an **equivalence class**



# Equivalence Classes

- The equivalence class of  $a$  with respect to  $R$  is denoted by  $[a]_R$

$$[a]_R = \{s \mid (a,s) \in R\}$$

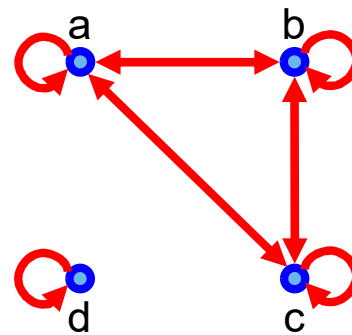
- If  $b \in [a]_R$ ,  $b$  is called a **representative** of this equivalence class

# Example 1

$$[a]_R = \{s \mid (a,s) \in R\}$$

■ Equivalence class of

- $[a] = \{a, b, c\}$
- $[b] = \{a, b, c\}$
- $[c] = \{a, b, c\}$
- $[a] = [b] = [c]$
  
- $[d] = \{d\}$



# Example 2

$$[a]_R = \{s \mid (a,s) \in R\}$$

- $R = \{ (a,b) \mid a \equiv b \pmod{m} \}$  is an **equivalence relation** on the set of integers, where  $m$  be a positive integer greater than 1
  - Let  $m = 5$ 
    - $R = \{ (a,b) \mid a \equiv b \pmod{5} \}$
    - $[0] = \{ \dots, -10, -5, 0, 5, 10, \dots \}$
    - $[1] = \{ \dots, -9, -4, 1, 6, 11, \dots \}$
    - $[a] = \{ \dots, a-10, a-5, a, a+5, a+10, \dots \}$
  - General Case, for any  $m$ ,
    - $[a] = \{ \dots, a-2m, a-m, a, a+m, a+2m, \dots \}$



**Example 3**

$$[a]_R = \{s \mid (a,s) \in R\}$$

- $R$  is the relation on the set of strings of English letters, where  $aRb$  iff  $g(a)=g(b)$  and  $g(x)$  is the length of the string  $x$ 
  - $[e] = \{ \mathbf{a, b, c, \dots, z} \}$
  - $[\text{Susan}] = \{ \mathbf{happy, email, \dots} \}$
  - For any  $a$ ,  
 $[a]$  = the set of all strings of the same length as  $a$

**Theorem**

- Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a nonempty set  $A$ . The following statements are equivalent:
  1.  $aRb$
  2.  $[a] = [b]$
  3.  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$

# Theorem: Proof

1.  $aRb$
2.  $[a] = [b]$
3.  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$

- **Show (1) implies (2)**

- Assume that  $aRb$
- Suppose  $c \in [a]$ . Then  $aRc$
- As  $aRb$  and  $R$  is **symmetric**, we have  $bRa$
- Furthermore, since  $R$  is **transitive** and  $bRa$  and  $aRc$ , it follows that  $bRc$
- Hence,  $c \in [b]$
- This shows that  $[a] \subseteq [b]$
- The **proof that  $[b] \subseteq [a]$**  is similar.

- **Show (2) implies (3)**

- Assume that  $[a] = [b]$
- It follows that  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$  since  $[a]$  is nonempty

# Theorem: Proof

1.  $aRb$
2.  $[a] = [b]$
3.  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$

- **Show that (3) implies (1)**

- Suppose that  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$
- Then there is an element  $c \in [a]$  and  $c \in [b]$
- In other words,  $aRc$  and  $bRc$
- By the **symmetric** property,  $cRb$
- Then by **transitive**, since  $aRc$  and  $cRb$ , we have  $aRb$ .

- Since (1) implies (2), (2) implies (3), and (3) implies (1), the three statements are equivalent.

# Equivalence Classes & Partitions

## ■ Definition

Let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$  be a collection of subsets of  $A$ . The collection forms **a partition of  $A$**  if the subsets are

1. **Nonempty**

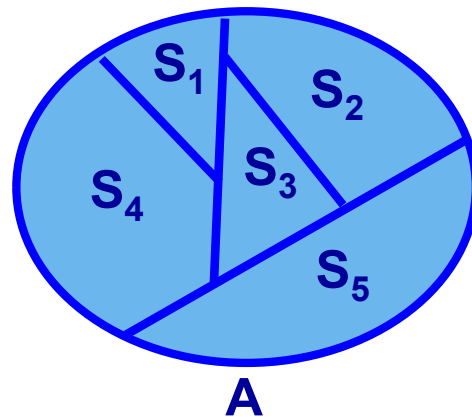
$$S_i \neq \emptyset$$

2. **Disjoint**

$$S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset \text{ if } i \neq j$$

3. **Exhaust  $A$**

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i = A$$



## Equivalence Classes & Partitions

### Theorem 1

- Let  $R$  be an **equivalent relation** on a set  $A$ . Then **the equivalence classes of  $R$**  form a **partition of  $A$**
- Conversely, **given a partition  $\{S_i \mid i \in C\}$**  of the set  $A$ , there is **an equivalence relation  $R$**  that **has the sets  $S_i$** , where  $i \in C$ , as its **equivalence classes**

## Theorem 2

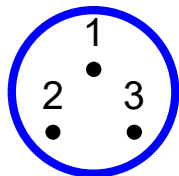
- Equivalence classes of an equivalence relation  $R$  partition the set  $A$  into disjoint nonempty subsets whose union is entire set
- This partition is denoted  $A/R$  and called
  - Quotient set, or
  - Partition of  $A$  induced by  $R$ , or
  - $A$  modulo  $R$
- The partition is a set of equivalence classes whose union is the entire set

## Example 1

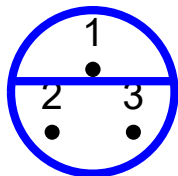
- What are the sets in the partition of the integers arising from congruence modulo 4?
- There are four congruence classes, corresponding to  $[0]_4$ ,  $[1]_4$ ,  $[2]_4$  and  $[3]_4$ .
  - $[0]_4 = \{\dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots\}$
  - $[1]_4 = \{\dots, -7, -3, 1, 5, 9, \dots\}$
  - $[2]_4 = \{\dots, -6, -2, 2, 6, 10, \dots\}$
  - $[3]_4 = \{\dots, -5, -1, 3, 7, 11, \dots\}$
- The quotient set:  $Z/R = \{ [0]_4, [1]_4, [2]_4, [3]_4 \}$

## Example 2

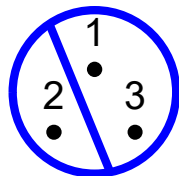
- Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , give all the possible partitions on  $A$ .



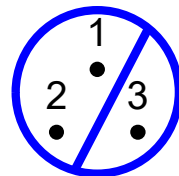
$\{\{1,2,3\}\}$



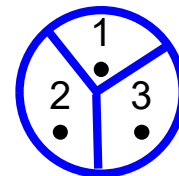
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$\{\{3\}, \{1,2\}\}$



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## Example 3

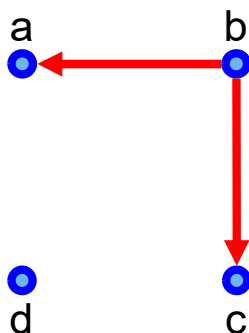
- List the ordered pairs in the equivalence relation  $R$  produced by the partition  $A_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{4, 5\}$ , and  $A_3 = \{6\}$  of  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- For  $A_1$ :  $(1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3)$
- For  $A_2$ :  $(4,5), (5,4), (4,4), (5,5)$
- For  $A_3$ :  $(6,6)$

# Theorem 3

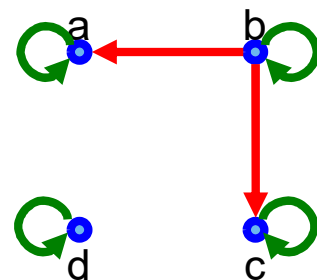
- Let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$ .  
**Reflexive, Symmetric, Transitive closure of  $R$ ,  $tsr(R) = t(s(r(R)))$ , is an equivalence relation on  $A$ , called the **equivalence relation induced by  $R$****

# Theorem 3

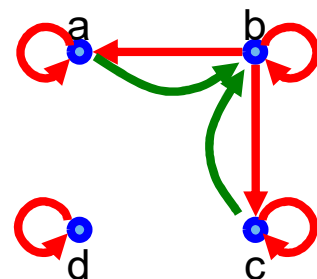
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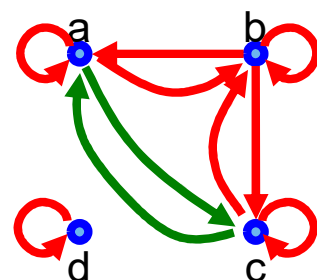
$r(R)$



$s(r(R))$



$t(s(r(R)))$



## Theorem 3: Proof

- Proof:  $\text{tsr}(R)$  is an equivalence relation
  - **Reflexive**
    - When constructing  $r(R)$ , a loop is added at every element in  $A$ , therefore,  $\text{tsr}(R)$  must be reflexive
  - **Symmetric**
    - If there is an edge  $(x, y)$  then the symmetric closure of  $r(R)$  ensures there is an edge  $(y, x)$

## Theorem 3

- **Transitive**
  - When we construct the transitive closure of  $\text{sr}(R)$ , an edge  $(a, c)$  is added if  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c)$
  - $\text{tsr}(R)$  must be transitive
  - As  $\text{sr}(R)$  is symmetric, if  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c)$  in  $\text{sr}(R)$ ,  $(b, a)$  and  $(c, b)$  are also in  $\text{sr}(R)$ . Therefore, another edge  $(c, a)$  is also added
  - It guarantees that  $\text{tsr}(R)$  is symmetric