

5.4 Closures of Relations

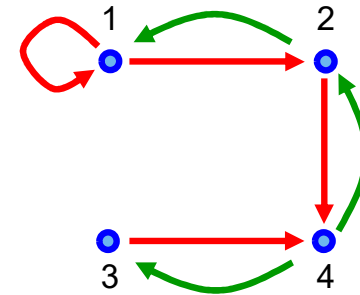
5.5 Equivalence Relations

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Introduction: Closures

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



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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

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Closure

Reflexive Closure

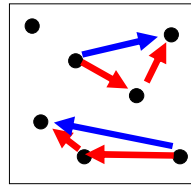
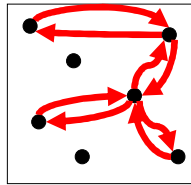
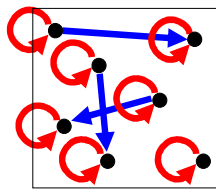
- $\forall a ((a, a) \in R)$

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

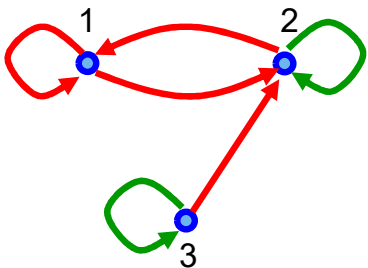
Reflexive Closure

- $r(R)$ 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 $R \cup D$

Closure

Reflexive Closure: Example

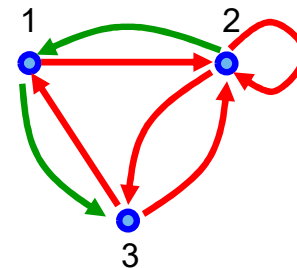
- $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (3,2)\}$ on the set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
- R is not reflexive
- How can we produce a reflexive relation containing R that is as small as possible?
 - Add $(2,2)$ and $(3,3)$
- $R' = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (3,2), (2,2), (3,3)\}$
- R' is reflexive closure of R
 - Any reflexive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



Closure

Symmetric Closure: Example

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

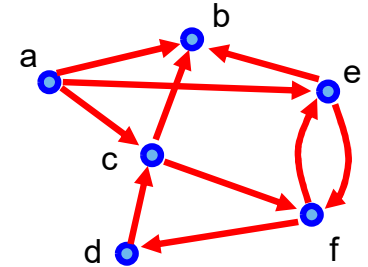


Symmetric Closure

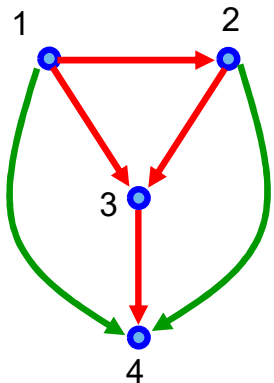
- $s(R)$ denotes the **symmetric closure** of R
- How to **create** a symmetric closure for R ?
 - **Graphical view**
 - Add edges in the **opposite direction**
 - **Mathematical View**
 - Let R^{-1} be the **inverse** of R , where $R^{-1} = \{(y,x) \mid (x,y) \in R\}$
 - The symmetric closure of R is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

Transitive Closure

- $t(R)$ 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: 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

- 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

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

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

Proof: Transitive Closure of R is R^*

- R^* is a transitive relation
- R^* contains R
- R^* is the smallest transitive relation which contains 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, $S^n \subset S$
- For the power is 2,
 $R^2 = R \circ R \subset S \circ R \subset S \circ S$
- It is true for n , $R^n \subset S^n$
- Therefore $R^n \subset S^n \subset S$ for all n
- Hence S must contain R^* since it must also contain the union of all the powers of R

Theorem:
If $R \subset S$, then $R^n \subseteq S$ for $n > 0$

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Transitive Closure

- How can we calculate the infinite union?

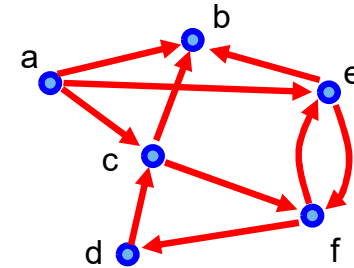
$$R^* = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R^n$$

∞ Infinity

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

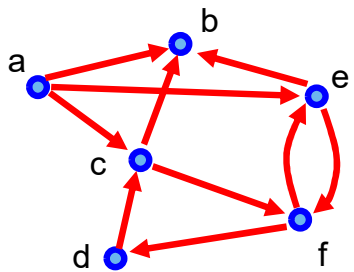
Transitive Closure

- 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



Transitive Closure

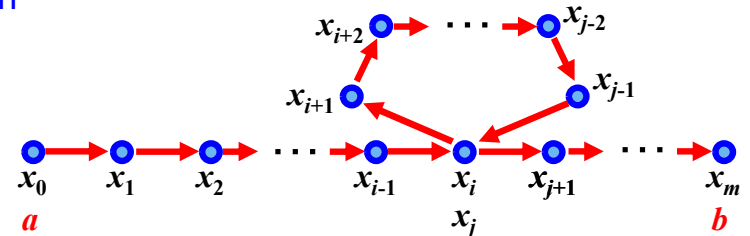
- A path of length n in a digraph G is a sequence of edges $(x_0, x_1), (x_1, x_2), \dots, (x_{n-1}, x_n)$
- A cycle is a path with starting point $(x_0) =$ end point (x_n)



$a > e > f > d$ Path Length = 3
 $a > e > b > c$ Not a path
 $c > f > d > c$ Cycle Length = 3

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: Example

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

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

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

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

Transitive Closure

Theorem

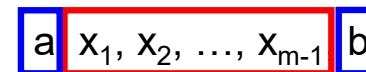
Let M_R be the zero-one **matrix** of the relation R on a set with **n elements**. Then the zero-one **matrix** of the **transitive closure** R^* is

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

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

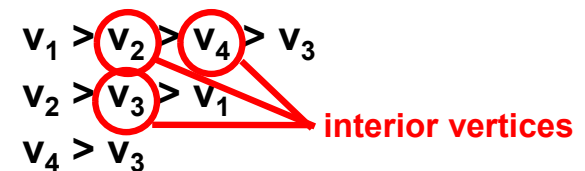
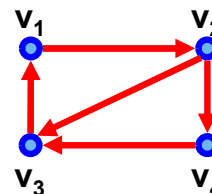
Warshall's Algorithm

- 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}

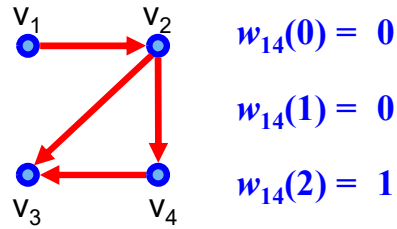
- All the vertices of the path **except the first and last vertices**



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 $W_0 = M_R$

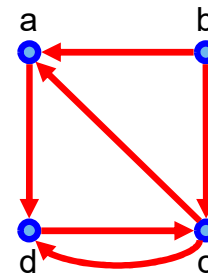
$$W_k = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}(k) & w_{12}(k) & \dots & \dots \\ w_{21}(k) & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & w_{ij}(k) & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$



- $w_{ij}(k) = 1$ 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: 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

- 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

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

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

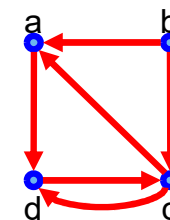
$k=1$

$W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$k=2$

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

W_4 is the matrix of the transitive closure



$k=3$

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

$k=4$

$W_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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, $s(R)$ 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

- 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

- 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

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
- $r(s(R)) = s(r(R))$? ✓
- $r(t(R)) = t(r(R))$? ✓
- $s(t(R)) = t(s(R))$? ✗

Closure: Theorem

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

Closure: Theorem

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

$$= (R \cup D) \cup (R \cup D)^{-1}$$

$$= (R \cup D) \cup (R^{-1} \cup D^{-1})$$

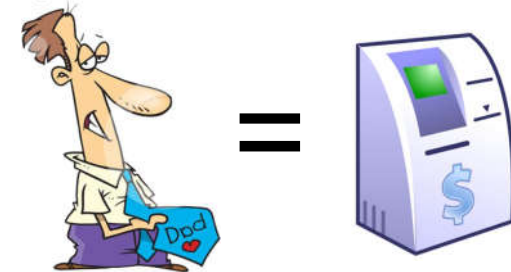
$$= (R \cup R^{-1}) \cup (D \cup D^{-1})$$

$$= s(R) \cup D$$

$$= r(s(R))$$

Equivalence

- What is Equivalence?

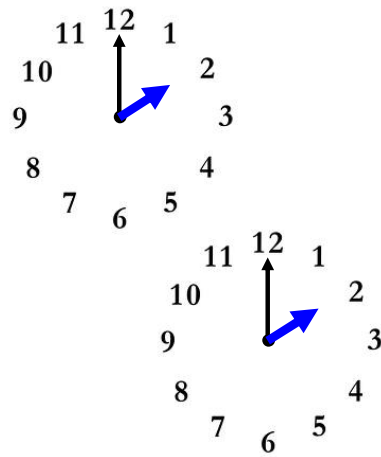


- What properties the equivalence should have?

Reflexive ~~Irreflexive~~ 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



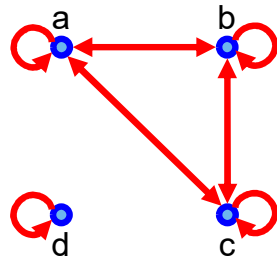
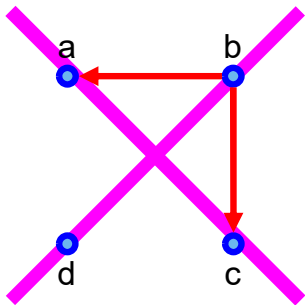
Equivalence Relations

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

Equivalence Relations

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



Equivalence Relation

Equivalence Relations

Example 2

$$b = x \cdot m + a$$

where x is an integer

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

- 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

Example 2

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

$$b = x \cdot m + a$$

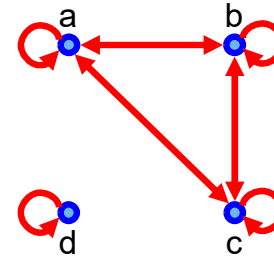
where x is an integer

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

- **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

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



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

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: 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 $m = 12$, $14 \sim 2$

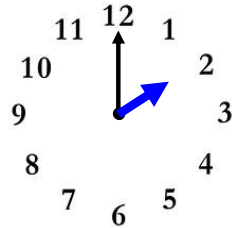
Equivalence Classes

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



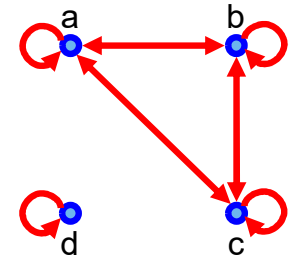
Equivalence Classes

Example 1

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

Equivalence class of

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



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

Equivalence Classes

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
 - $[e] = \{ a, b, c, \dots, z \}$
 - $[Susan] = \{ \text{happy, email, ...} \}$
- For any a ,
 $[a]$ = the set of all strings of the same length as a

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

- 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 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

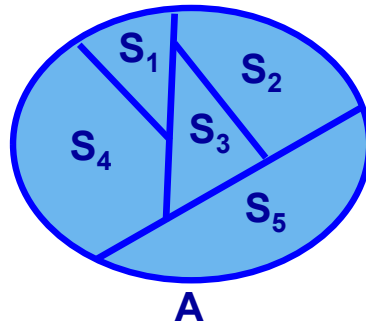
$$S_i \neq \emptyset$$

2. Disjoint

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

3. Exhaust A

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



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

Theorem 1

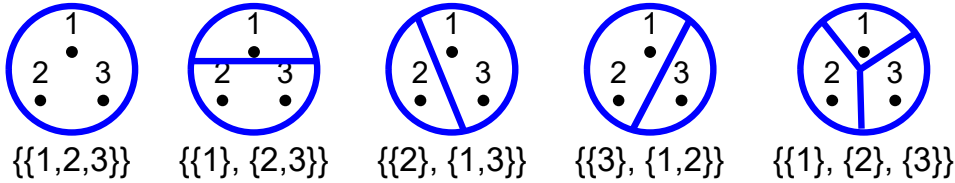
- Let R be an equivalent relation on a set A . Then the equivalence classes of R form a partition of A
- Conversely, given a partition $\{S_i \mid i \in C\}$ of the set A , there is an equivalence relation R that has the sets S_i , where $i \in C$, as its equivalence classes

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 .



Theorem 3

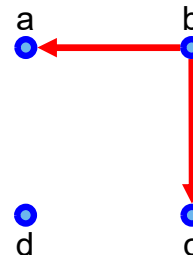
- Let R be a relation on A . Reflexive, Symmetric, Transitive closure of R , $tsr(R) = t(s(r(R)))$, is an equivalence relation on A , called the equivalence relation induced by R

Example 3

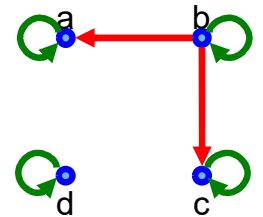
- List the ordered pairs in the equivalence relation R produced by the partition $A_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $A_2 = \{4, 5\}$, and $A_3 = \{6\}$ of $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- For A_1 : $(1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3)$
- For A_2 : $(4,5), (5,4), (4,4), (5,5)$
- For A_3 : $(6,6)$

Theorem 3

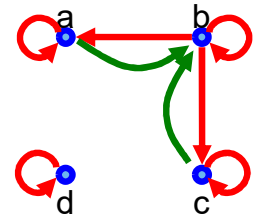
- $t(s(r(R)))$
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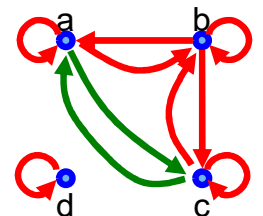
$r(R)$



$s(r(R))$



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



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**