

# UECM1303 TUTORIAL 4: INFORMATION STRUCTURES

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## Set Relations, Representations & Properties

1. Let  $A = \{a \in \mathbb{R} \mid -2 \leq a \leq 3\}$  and  $B = \{b \in \mathbb{R} \mid 1 \leq b \leq 5\}$ . Sketch the given set in the Cartesian plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for (i)  $A \times B$ ; (b)  $B \times A$ .
2. Define a relation  $R$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  as follows:

$$xRy \text{ if and only if } x, y \text{ satisfy the equation } \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1.$$

- (a) Which of the following ordered pairs belong to  $R$ ?

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| i. $(2, 0)$ .....                   |  |
| ii. $(0, 2)$ .....                  |  |
| iii. $(0, 3)$ .....                 |  |
| iv. $(0, 0)$ .....                  |  |
| v. $(1, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2})$ ..... |  |

- (b) Find  $R(\{1, 7\})$  and  $R(\{3, 4, 5\})$ .
3. Find the domain, range, matrix representation of the relation  $R$ .
    - (a)  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $R = \{(a, 1), (a, 2), (b, 1), (c, 2), (d, 1)\}$ .
    - (b)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 4, 6, 9\}$ ;  $aRb$  if and only if  $b = a^2$ .
    - (c)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 8\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 4, 6, 9\}$ ;  $aRb$  if and only if  $a$  divides  $b$ .
    - (d)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} = B$ ;  $aRb$  if and only if  $a \leq b$ .
  4. Suppose  $R$  and  $S$  are reflexive relations on a set  $A$ . Prove or disprove each of the following:
    - (a)  $R \cup S$  is reflexive.
    - (b)  $R \cap S$  is reflexive.
    - (c)  $S \circ R := \{(a, c) : \exists b((a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S)\}$  is reflexive.
  5. Give an example of a relation on a set that is
    - (a) symmetric and anti-symmetric.
    - (b) neither symmetric nor anti-symmetric.

## Closure of Binary Relations

6. Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $R$  and  $S$  be the relations on  $A$  described by

$$M_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Use Warshall's algorithm to compute the transitive closure of the relation  $R \cup S$ .

7. Let  $R$  be a relation on the set  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5\}$  with a matrix representation:

$$M_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Write down the listing tuples (or Roster notation) representation of  $R$ .
- (b) Compute  $M_{cl_{trn}(R)}$  as in Warshall's algorithm and then sketch the digraph representation of  $cl_{trn}(R)$ .
- (c) Is  $R$  transitive? Explain your answer.

### Equivalence Relations

8. In each of the following, determine whether the relation is reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, asymmetric, antisymmetric, or transitive. Hence, determine which of the following relation on the set  $A$  is an equivalence relation.

- (a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,
  - i.  $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$
  - ii.  $R = \emptyset$
  - iii.  $R = A \times A$

- iv.  $M_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (b)  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ ;  $aRb \Leftrightarrow a \leq b + 1$ .
- (c)  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ ;  $xRy \Leftrightarrow |x - y| \leq 2$ .
- (d)  $A = \mathbb{R}$ ;  $aRb \Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 = 4$ .

9. If  $R$  and  $S$  are two relations on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $xRy$  iff  $x < y$  and  $xSy$  iff  $x > y$ . Find (i)  $R \cap S$  (ii)  $R \cup S$  (iii)  $S^{-1} := \{(y, x) : (x, y) \in S\}$ .

10. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \times \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$\forall (a, b) \in A, \forall (c, d) \in A, (a, b)R(c, d) \Leftrightarrow ab = cd.$$

- (a) Verify that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .
- (b) Determine the equivalence class  $[(2, 3)]$  by listing all its elements.

11. Let  $R$  be the relation on  $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$  defined by  $xRy \Leftrightarrow \gcd(x, y) = 2$ .

- (a) Write  $R$  as a set of ordered pairs.
- (b) Determine whether  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

12. Given  $M_R = \begin{matrix} & a & b & c & d & e \\ a & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$ . Compute  $A/R$ .

13. Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $A = S \times S$ . Define the equivalence relation  $R$  on  $A$  as follows:  
 $(a, b)R(c, d)$  if and only if  $a + b = c + d$ . Compute  $A/R$ .
14. Define a binary relation  $R$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  as follows:

$$R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid y = |x|\}.$$

Determine whether  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

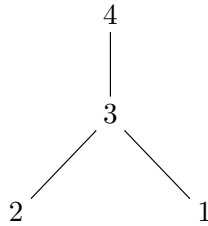
15. Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that for  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $xRy$  iff  $7 \mid x - y$ . Which of the following equivalence classes

$$[3], [-7], [12], [0], [-2], [17]$$

are equal?

### Partial Order Relations

16. Determine whether the relation  $R$  is a partial order on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (a)  $aRb$  if and only if  $a = 3b$ .
- (b)  $aRb$  if and only if  $a^2 \mid b$ .
- (c)  $aRb$  if and only if  $a = b^k$  for some positive integers  $k$ .
17. Describe the ordered pairs in the relation  $\preceq$  determined by the Hasse diagram on the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .



18. Consider the poset  $(A, |)$  with  $|$  the divisibility relation. Draw the Hasse diagram of the poset and determine which posets are linearly ordered.
- (a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30\}$
- (b)  $A = \{3, 6, 12, 72\}$
- (c)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 30, 60\}$ .

19. Let  $\preceq$  be a relation over the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  such that

$$1 \preceq 1, 1 \preceq 2, 1 \preceq 3, 1 \preceq 4, 1 \preceq 5, 2 \preceq 2, 2 \preceq 5, 3 \preceq 3, 3 \preceq 5, 4 \preceq 4, 4 \preceq 5, 5 \preceq 5.$$

Show that  $(A, \preceq)$  is a poset.