



Lecture 6b

refresher & more details



Relations & tuples reminder

Tuples & Cartesian products

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$$

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) \quad a_i \in A_i$$

$$A = A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times \dots \times A_n$$

Definition.

$$A = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A_i\}$$



“ordered lists”

Relations:

subsets of Cartesian products:

$$R \subseteq A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times \dots \times A_n$$

Order matters:

$$R \subseteq A \times B$$

“*relation from A to B*”

“*n-ary relation*”

“*binary relation*”

Examples: $\leq \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}; \quad a \leq b \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in \leq.$

Inverse relation

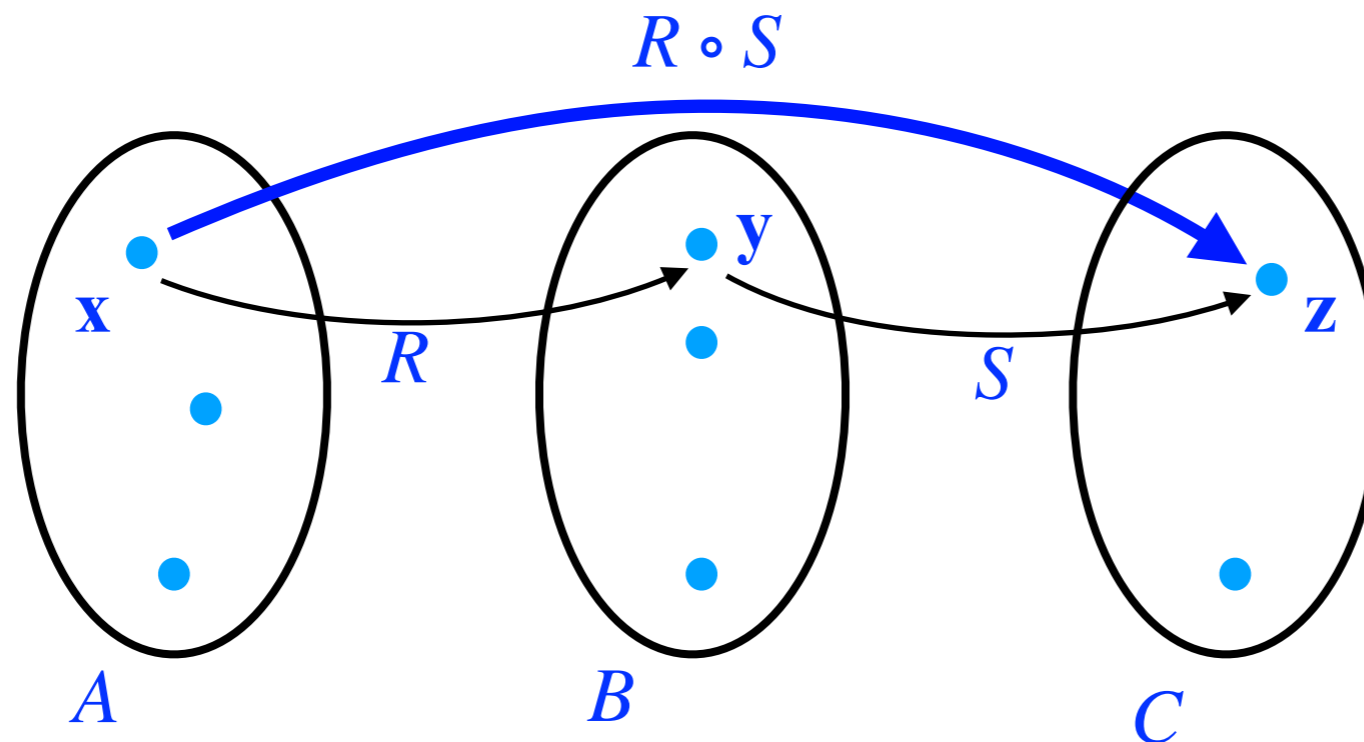
$$R \subseteq A \times B$$

$$R^{-1} \subseteq B \times A, \quad \text{defined with } (b, a) \in R^{-1} \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in R$$

Composition of relations

$$R \subseteq A \times B \text{ and } S \subseteq B \times C$$

$$x \in A, y \in B, z \in C \quad x(R \circ S)z \text{ if } xRy \text{ \& } yRz \text{ for some } y \in B$$





Relational properties (summary)

$$R \subseteq A \times B$$

Functional: if aRb and aRc then $b = c$. [no 1-to-many!]

Total: if $a \in A$ then aRb for some $b \in B$. [domain is used up!]

Injective: if aRb and cRb then $a = c$. [no many-to-1]

Surjective: if $b \in B$ then aRb for some $a \in A$. [codomain is used up]

$$R \subseteq A \times A$$

Reflexive: $\forall a \in A, aRa$

Symmetric: $aRb \Leftrightarrow bRa$

Antisymmetric: $aRb \ \& \ bRa \Rightarrow a = b$

Transitive: $aRb \ \& \ bRc \Rightarrow aRc$



Equivalence relation, partial orders (just further types of relations)

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R is transitive: $aRb \ \& \ bRc \Rightarrow aRc$

R is an equivalence relation: reflexive & symmetric & transitive

R is a partial order: reflexive & antisymmetric & transitive

BIOINFORMATICA TOY EXAMPLE

DNA := SEQUENCE OF NUCLEOTIDES; $N = \{A, C, G, T\}$

Gene g of length l : $g \in N^{x l}$; e.g. $g = (A, T, G, \dots, T, G)$

Genome G : set of genes: $G \subseteq \bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} N^{x l}$; $G_{tot} = \bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} N^{x l}$

Each person has a genome: $R \subseteq \text{Persons} \times \{G \mid G \text{ is a genome}\}$

R is functional. Is it injective?

GENE SIMILARITY. $S \subseteq G_{tot} \times G_{tot}$

$g_1 S g_2$ if $|g_1| = |g_2|$ (equally long) & differ in less than 1%.

1) Is gene similarity an equivalence relation?

Gene is not transcribed unless it starts with ATG.

$S' \in G_{TOT} \times G_{TOT}$ "equitranscribable" $g, S'g_L$

if the same on first three letters.

is this an equivalence relation?

I & E MOCK EXAMPLE

$$\text{Business} = (\text{name}, \text{investment}, \text{profit } \%/a) \in \text{Names} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ = \mathcal{B}$$

$$\preceq \in \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} \quad (b_1 \preceq b_2) \quad \text{"more valuable"}$$

$$\text{if } b_1 = (n_1, i_1, p_1) \quad , \quad b_2 = (n_2, i_2, p_2) \quad \&$$

$$i_1 \preceq i_2 \quad \& \quad p_1 \leq p_2 .$$

\Rightarrow PARTIAL ORDER. $(\text{Alpha}, 10, 1000)$ incomparable to $(\text{Beta}, 100, 10)$
Name doesn't matter.



Equivalence relation: more examples

- for numbers x,y , xRy iff x and y have the same parity (both even or both odd)
- for numbers x,y , xRy iff $x^2 = y^2$
- for strings: sRr iff s and r are equally long
- for fractions (rational numbers) x,y , xRy iff $x-y$ is an integer

Need to check that these relations are reflexive & symmetric & transitive.

“equal in some sense”

math jargon: iff means “if and only if”



Partial orders: more examples

a) Take any set and its powerset. The relation \subseteq on the elements of the powerset is a partial order

b) The set of natural numbers and the relation of divisibility (aRb if $b|a$)

c) Strings ordered by length

(not alphabetically, so one is in relation with the other if one is shorter or of equal length; if you add alphabetic ordering, then it is both partially and totally ordered, which is a special case)

d) so for strings s, r , sRr if s is shorter than r .

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they are “ordered” in some sense



Main properties can be expressed in different ways:

R is reflexive $\Leftrightarrow id \subseteq R$

R is symmetric $\Leftrightarrow R^{-1} \subseteq R$

R is transitive $\Leftrightarrow R \circ R \subseteq R$
(then also $R^n \subseteq R$)

R is irreflexive $\Leftrightarrow id \cap R = \emptyset$

R is antisymmetric $\Leftrightarrow R^{-1} \cap R \subseteq id$

$R \subseteq A \times B$ is functional $\Leftrightarrow R^{-1} \circ R \subseteq id_B$

$R \subseteq A \times B$ is surjective $\Leftrightarrow id_B \subseteq R^{-1} \circ R$

$R \subseteq A \times B$ is injective $\Leftrightarrow R \circ R^{-1} \subseteq id_A$

$R \subseteq A \times B$ is total $\Leftrightarrow id_A \subseteq R \circ R^{-1}$

$id = \{(x, x) \mid x \in dom(R)\}$

$id_A = \{(x, x) \mid x \in A\}$

$id_B = \{(x, x) \mid x \in B\}$



End of recap, on to new stuff



Closure

For property P (reflexivity, symmetricity, transitivity)...

P -closure of relation $R =$ “smallest” relation, containing R with property P

But what does smallest mean??

When is one relation “smaller” than another?

What is the order?



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EXAMPLE: SYMMETRIC UNION.

R & S ARE SYMMETRIC, $S^{-1} \subseteq S$ & $R^{-1} \subseteq R$. SUFFICES: $(R \cup S)^{-1} \subseteq R \cup S$

NOTE: $(R \cup S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cup S^{-1}$, ALSO, $V \in W, P \in Q \Rightarrow (V \cup P) \subseteq W \cup Q$.

$\Rightarrow (R \cup S)^{-1} = R^{-1} \cup S^{-1} \subseteq R \cup S$. DONE.



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EXAMPLE: INTERSECTION, BY CONTRADICTION.

ASSUME R, S ARE TRANSITIVE BUT $\underbrace{R \cap S}_{(*)}$ IS NOT.

THEN $\exists a, b, c$ such that $\underbrace{(a, b) \in R \cap S, (b, c) \in R \cap S}_{(1)}$ & $(a, c) \notin R \cap S$

(1) $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$ AND $(a, b), (b, c) \in S$,

BUT THEN SINCE R & S ARE TRANSITIVE, (a, c) IS IN R AND S

SO IT IS IN $R \cap S$, CONTRADICTION WITH $(*)$ \Rightarrow

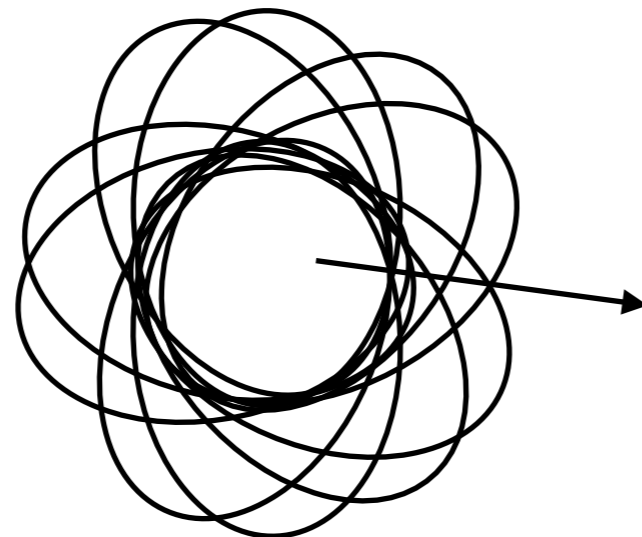
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Formally, the order we care about is \subseteq .

To construct the smallest relation with property P containing R we take the intersection of all relations with property P containing R .



Each contains R

Intersection preserves P

Smallest because contained in all!

Could there be two smallest ones?

No. It is unique!



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More intuitively... start adding pairs that are missing, and add only those you must add.



Closure

Easy ones: symmetric and reflexive closure

- (1) R is reflexive $\Leftrightarrow id \subseteq R$
- (2) R is symmetric $\Leftrightarrow R^{-1} \subseteq R$

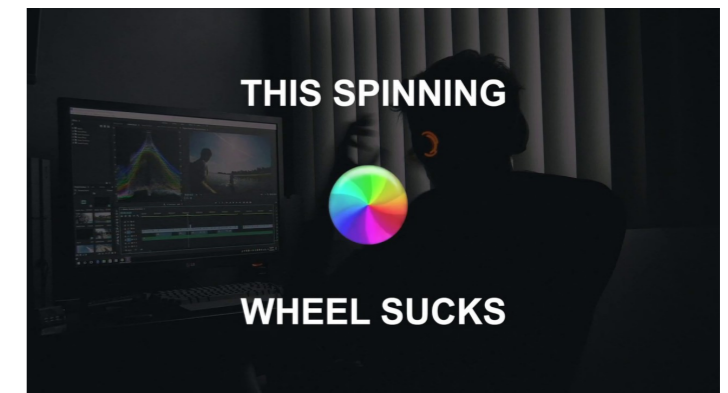
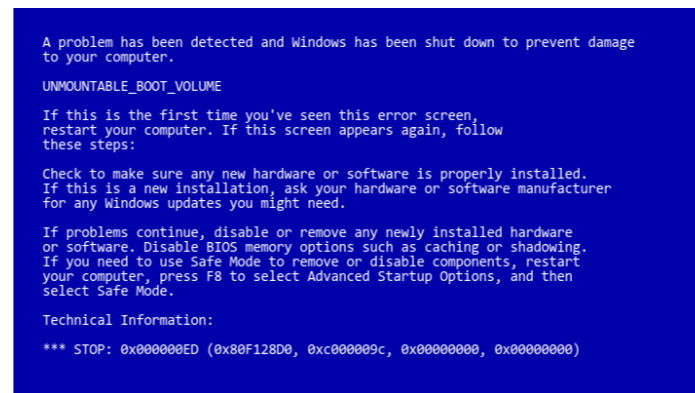
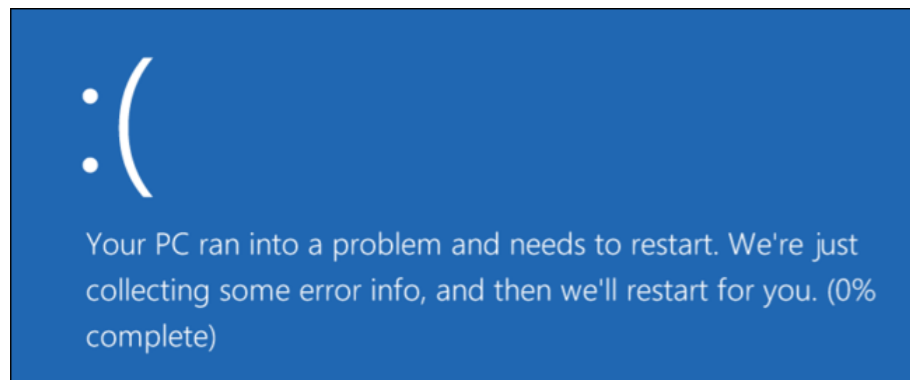
Given R , its reflexive closure is $S = R \cup id_A$

Given R , its symmetric closure is $S = R \cup R^{-1}$

Without proof; the above are the intersections of all relations containing R satisfying (reflexive, symmetric)

Closure

Transitive closure: super important



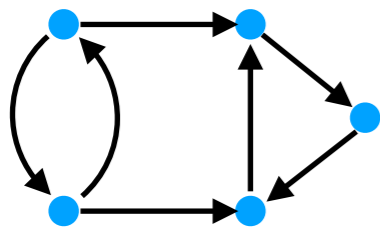
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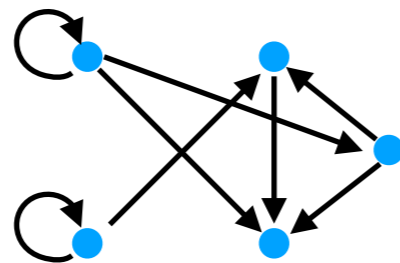
Suppose $R \circ R \not\subseteq R$

How about $R' = R \circ R \cup R$. Are we done?

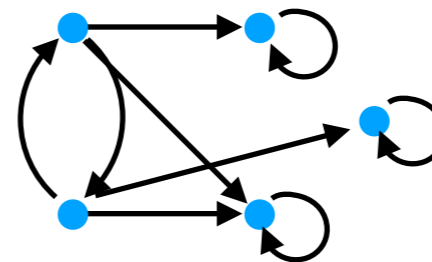
R



$R \circ R$



R^{*3}

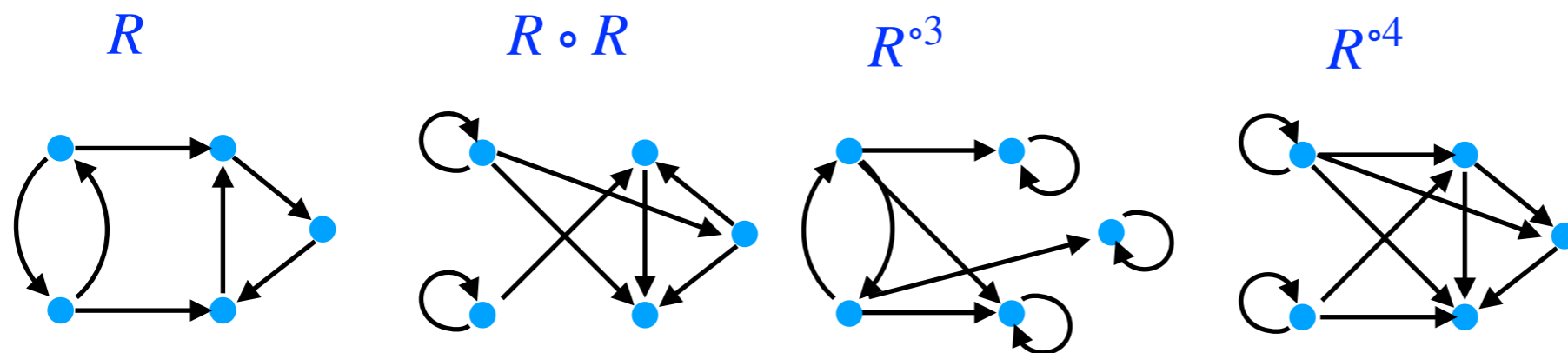


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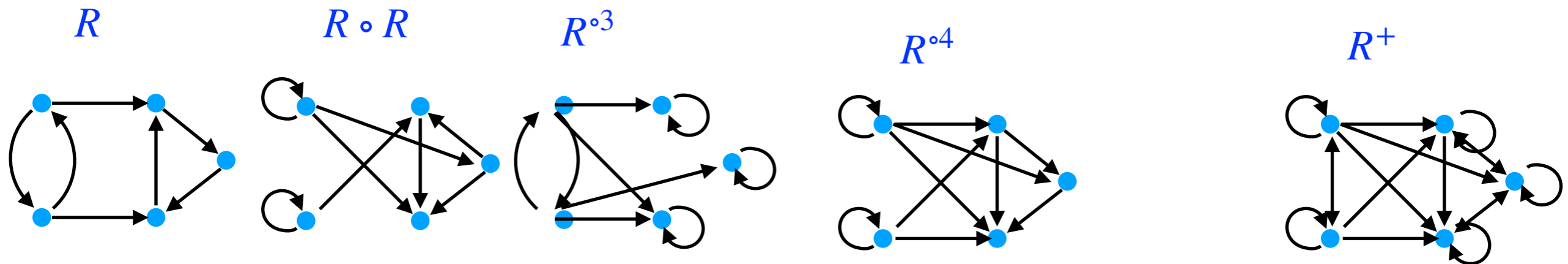


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*Domain can be infinite
so union can be infinite*

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What is R^+ ?

Work it!



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$$aRb \text{ iff } b = a + 1$$

$$aR \circ Rb = aR^{\circ 2}b \text{ iff } b = a + 2$$

$$a \underbrace{R \circ R \circ R \cdots R}_{k\text{-times}} b = aR^{\circ k}b \text{ iff } b = a + k$$

$$aR^+b \text{ if...}$$

$$aR^{\circ k}b \text{ for some } k..$$

R^+ is is $<$ (strictly less than)