

Exam 1 Solutions posted

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Lecture 11

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Ex, P, =  
R, <

Today: Relations,  
Equivalence Classes

We'll look at the notion of relations on a set, a way of comparing two elements of a set

Def The Cartesian product of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  denoted  $A \times B$  is the set of all ordered pairs where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$$

Ex  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$B = \{2, 3\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

Ex  $A = \{x, y, z\}, B = \{1, 2, 3\}$

	1	2	3	B
x	(x, 1)	(x, 2)	(x, 3)	
y	(y, 1)	(y, 2)	(y, 3)	
z	(z, 1)	(z, 2)	(z, 3)	

Def A relation on a set  $S$  is a subset  $R \subseteq S \times S$ . Generally

we write

$$x R y \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in R$$

$$x \not R y \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \notin R$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \{(x, y) \in A \times A \mid x < y\}$$

Ex  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}, R = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\} \Rightarrow \{1R2, 1R3, 2R3\}$

Suppose we have a set  $A$ , and a set  $R$  which is a subset of  $A \times A$ . Does this represent anything we are familiar with?



Ex  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$B = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6),$   
 $(2,2), (2,4), (2,6),$   
 $(3,3), (3,6),$   
 $(4,4),$   
 $(5,5),$   
 $(6,6)\}$

What about  $R$  here?

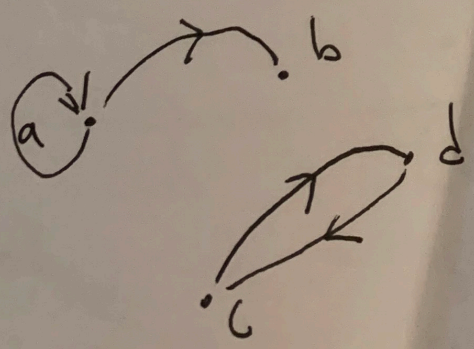
$R = \{(x,y) \in A \times A \mid x|y\}$

Def A directed graph is an ordered pair  $G = (V, E)$   
 where  $V$  is a set of vertices (or nodes)  
 and  $E$  is a set of ordered pairs of vertices (directed edges)

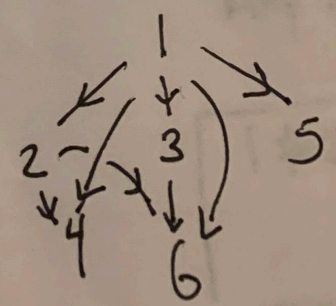
Digraphs and Relations

Can use digraphs to express relations

Ex  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $R = \{(a,a), (a,b), (c,d), (d,c)\}$



$xRy \Leftrightarrow (x|y \wedge x \neq y)$



Ex  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$



Properties of Relations

Two nxn matrices are similar if  $\exists$  invertible matrix  $P$  s.t.  $B = P^{-1}AP$

$R \subseteq A \times A$

$R$  is reflexive if  $\forall x \in A, xRx$

( $x$  is related to itself)

Examples

any set

$=$  (equality)

$\mathbb{R}, \leq, \geq$  ( $2 \leq 2, 2 \geq 2$ )

$M_{n \times n} \in \mathbb{R}, \sim$

Non Examples

any  $\neq$  non equality set

$\mathbb{R}, <, >$  ( $2 \neq 2$ )

$R$  is symmetric if  $\forall x, y \in A, (xRy \rightarrow yRx)$

s.t.  $xRy$  we have  $yRx$

Examples

Any set,  $=, \neq$

$M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}), \sim$

Non Examples

$<, \leq$   $2 < 3$  but  $3 < 2$

$\mathbb{N}: |$  (divisibility)

$2 | 4$  but  $4 \nmid 2$

$R$  is transitive if  $\forall x, y, z \in B, (xRy \wedge yRz) \rightarrow xRz$

Examples

$=$

$\mathbb{R}: <, \leq$

$\mathbb{N}: |$

$2 | 4 \wedge 4 | 8 \rightarrow 2 | 8$

Non Examples

Any set with  $\neq$

$1 \neq 2 \wedge 2 \neq 1$   
but  $1 = 1$

$1 \neq 1$



A relation on a set  $A$  is a subset  $R \subseteq A \times A$

$$(xRy \Leftrightarrow (x,y) \in R)$$

Def<sup>n</sup> A relation  $R$  is called an equivalence relation if

- 1)  $\forall x \in A, xRx$  (reflexive)
- 2)  $\forall x, y \in A, xRy \rightarrow yRx$  (symmetric)
- 3)  $\forall x, y, z \in A, (xRy \wedge yRz) \rightarrow xRz$  (transitive)

The equivalence class of  $x \in A$  (equivalence class is attached to an element)

$$[x] = \{y \in A \mid xRy\} \subseteq A$$

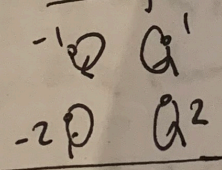
Ex  $A = \{-2, -1, 1, 2\}$

Equivalence Classes  
 $\{-2\}, \{-1\}, \{1\}, \{2\}$

Relation

Graph

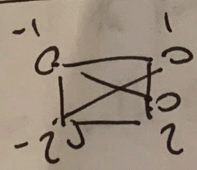
equal



$$\{-2, -1, 1, 2\} = [1] = [2]$$

Here  $[x]$  is the equivalence class represented

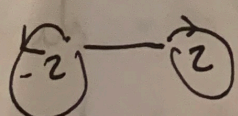
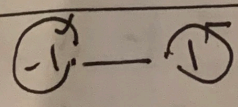
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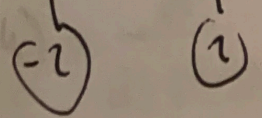
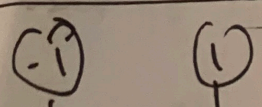
$$\{-2, 2\} = [2], [-2]$$

$$\{-1, 1\} = [-1], [1]$$

parity (evenness/oddness)



Same sign



$$\{-1, -2\} = [-1] = [-2]$$

$$\{1, 2\} = [2] = [1]$$



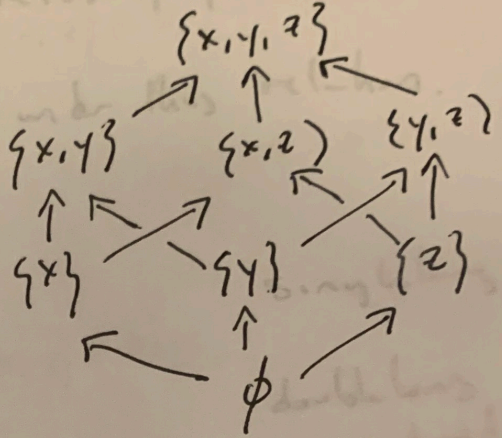
Ex

$A = \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3\})$  where  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  is the power set of  $S$

Def The power set of a set  $S$  is the set of all subsets of  $S$ , including the empty set and  $S$  itself

We can write the elements of the power set ordered with respect to inclusion as a digraph

Ex  $S = \{x, y, z\}$



Remark The binomial theorem

which we will discuss is closely related to the power set

$\Rightarrow$  A  $k$ -element subset of some set is a  $k$ -element combination

$\Rightarrow$  # combinations  $C(n, k)$  or  $nC_k$ , the binomial coefficient is the number of subsets with  $k$  elements in a set with  $n$  elements.

$\Rightarrow$  # of sets w/  $k$  elements of the power set of a set w/  $n$  elements.

$C(3, 0) = 1$  subset with 0 elements (empty set)

$C(3, 1) = 3$  subsets w/ 1 element (singletons)

$C(3, 2) = 3$  subsets with 2 elements (complements of singletons)

$C(3, 3) = 1$  subset w/ 3 elements (original set)

A combination  $nC_k$  or  $C(n, k) = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$



$$A = \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3\})$$

$$A \sim B \Leftrightarrow |A| = |B|$$

Let  $A$  be the power set of the set  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$

Two subsets are related iff they have the same size (cardinality).

$\Rightarrow$  There is not much to check here, since the relation is built on equality (and equality is reflexive, symmetric, transitive)

Let's look at equivalence classes of  $A$  under this relation.

$$[\emptyset] = \{\emptyset\}$$

$$[\{1\}] = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\}$$

singletons

$$[\{1, 2\}] = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}\}$$

doubletons  
or unordered pairs

All equivalent b/c same # elements

$$[\{1, 2, 3\}] = \{\{1, 2, 3\}\}$$

Proof

Suppose  $R_1, R_2$  are both equivalence relations (i.e.  $R_1, R_2 \subseteq A \times A$ )

Then  $R = R_1 \cap R_2$  is an equivalence relation.

(we define a new relation)

Since  $R_1, R_2 \subseteq A \times A$ , we know  $R_1 \cap R_2 \subseteq A \times A$  so this is a relation.

Proof Reflexivity. Suppose  $x \in A$ , want to show  $x R x$  (i.e.  $(x, x) \in R$ )

$$\text{We know } x R_1 x, x R_2 x \Rightarrow (x, x) \in R_1 \wedge (x, x) \in R_2 \Rightarrow (x, x) \in R_1 \cap R_2 \Rightarrow x R x \checkmark$$

Transitivity: Suppose  $x R y \wedge y R z$  (want to show  $x R z$ )

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) \in R = R_1 \cap R_2 \quad (y, z) \in R = R_1 \cap R_2 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x, y \in R_1 \\ x, y \in R_2 \\ y, z \in R_1 \& y \end{matrix}$$



Transitive Suppose  $xR_1y$  and  $yR_2z$  (want to show  $xR_2z$ )

$$\Rightarrow (x,y) \in R = R_1 \cap R_2 \Rightarrow (x,y) \in R_1 \text{ and } (x,y) \in R_2$$

$$(y,z) \in R = R_1 \cap R_2 \Rightarrow (y,z) \in R_1 \text{ and } (y,z) \in R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow xR_1y \text{ and } yR_1z \Rightarrow xR_1z \Rightarrow (x,z) \in R_1 \Rightarrow (x,z) \in R_1 \cap R_2$$

$$xR_2y \text{ and } yR_2z \Rightarrow xR_2z \Rightarrow (x,z) \in R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow xR_2z \quad \square$$

Symmetric

$$xRy \rightarrow yRx$$

$$(x,y) \in R = R_1 \cap R_2 \Rightarrow (x,y) \in R_1 \text{ and } (x,y) \in R_2$$

both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  symmetric so

$$(y,x) \in R_1 \text{ and } (y,x) \in R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (y,x) \in R_1 \cap R_2 \Rightarrow yRx \quad \square$$

Def We say that  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  mod  $n$  if  $n|(a-b)$   
 $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow n|(a-b)$   
 $\exists k \text{ s.t. } n \cdot k = a - b$   
 $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Def Given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we say that  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  mod  $n$  and write  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if  $n|(a-b)$   
(or  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainder when divided by  $n$ )  
 $n$  is called the module

$$\text{Ex } 8 \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \Leftrightarrow 5 | 8 - 3$$

$$20 \equiv 4 \pmod{8} \Leftrightarrow 8 | 20 - 4$$

$$13 \equiv -1 \pmod{7} \Leftrightarrow 7 | 13 - (-1)$$



Proposition  $\equiv (\text{mod } n)$  is an equivalence relation

That is:

- 1)  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, a \equiv a (\text{mod } n)$  (reflexivity)
- 2)  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ if } a \equiv b (\text{mod } n) \rightarrow b \equiv a (\text{mod } n)$   
(symmetric)
- 3)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ if } a \equiv b (\text{mod } n) \text{ and } b \equiv c (\text{mod } n)$   
then  $a \equiv c (\text{mod } n)$  (transitivity)

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Thm The following statements are equivalent

- i)  $a \equiv b (\text{mod } n)$
- ii)  $n \mid (a-b)$
- iii)  $a-b = nt$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$
- iv)  $a = b + nt$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$

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Reflexive: since  $a-a=0 \in n\mathbb{Z} \forall t \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $a \equiv a (\text{mod } n)$  ✓

Symmetric: let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $a \equiv b (\text{mod } n)$ . Then  $a-b = nt$   
for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Multiply both sides by  $-1 \Rightarrow b-a = n(-t)$

Since  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  a group then  $-t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and so  $b \equiv a (\text{mod } n)$

transitive. Suppose  $a \equiv b (\text{mod } n)$  and  $b \equiv c (\text{mod } n)$ . Then  $a-b = nt$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $b-c = nt'$  for some  $t' \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow a-c = n(t+t') \Rightarrow t+t' \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a \equiv c (\text{mod } n)$



Def The equivalence classes for the equivalence relation  $\equiv$  are called congruence classes. They form a partition of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  
The set of all congruence classes is denoted  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Def  $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow n | a - b$

For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  (fixed  $x$ ), define the equivalence class of  $x$  wrt  $\equiv \pmod{n}$

by  $[x] = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} \mid a \equiv x \pmod{n}\}$

Ex  $n=3$   $x=0$ ,  $[0] = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} \mid a \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$

all integers  $a$  s.t.  $a$  is  
congruent to 0 mod 3

$\Rightarrow a - 0 \Rightarrow$

$3 | a - 0 \Rightarrow 3 | a$

$\Rightarrow = \{0, \pm 3, \pm 6\}$

Ex

equivalence

class  
of 1

$[1] = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} \mid a \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\}$

$\Rightarrow \{1, 4, 7, 10, \dots\}$

$3 | 1-1, 3 | 4-1, 3 | 7-1 \quad \{-2, -5\}$

$3 | -2-1, 3 | -5-1$

$[2] = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } a \equiv 2 \pmod{3}\}$

$\Rightarrow \{-4, -1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots\}$

$3 | a - 2$

We can find all of the integers in one of these three sets. None of these sets overlap  
 $\Rightarrow$  these sets partition the integers



Fact: There are exactly  $n$  equivalence classes modulo  $n$

$$[0], [1], [2], \dots, [n-1]$$

Every integer is in one of these equivalence classes

Def<sup>n</sup> Fix  $n$ , the set of least residues is given by

$$\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

Every element in this set of least residues is attached to one of these equivalence classes.

Claim For all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  ~~$a$~~   $a$  is congruent to exactly one of the least residues modulo  $n$

$\Rightarrow$  if you are talking about arithmetic modulo  $n$ , you only need to talk about the numbers  $0, \dots, n-1$

Proof: Use division algorithm w/  ~~$a$~~   $a, n$

$$a = n \cdot q + r \text{ with } 0 \leq r \leq n-1$$

$$\Rightarrow a - r = n \cdot q$$

$$\Rightarrow n \mid (a - r)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv r \pmod{n}$$

$\Rightarrow a \equiv$  to a number between  $0$  and  $n-1$

in other words one of these least residues.

Note  $q, r$  in division algorithm is unique  $\Rightarrow \equiv$  to exactly 1 of these residues.