

CS 2336: Discrete Mathematics

Chapter 7

Relations: The Second Time Around

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Reviews

- For sets A, B , any subset of $A \times B$ is called a **(binary) relation** from A to B . Any subset of $A \times A$ is called a **(binary) relation** on A
 - Ex: Let Σ be an alphabet, with language $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$. For x, y in A , we define $x \mathcal{R} y$ if x is a prefix of y .
 - Ex: Consider a state machine $M = (S, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{O}, \nu, \omega)$
 - **First level of reachability**: $s_1 \mathcal{R} s_2$ if $\nu(s_1, x) = s_2$
 - **Second level**: $s_1 \mathcal{R} s_2$ if $\nu(s_1, x_1 x_2) = s_2, x_1 x_2 \in \mathcal{I}^2$

Reflexive

- A relation \mathcal{R} on a set A is called **reflexive** if for all $x \in A$, $(x, x) \in \mathcal{R}$
- Ex 7.4: Consider $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, a relation $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times A$ is reflexive iff $\mathcal{R} \supseteq \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4)\}$
 - Are the following relations reflexive?
 - $\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3)\}$
 - $\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in A, x \geq y\}$

Symmetric

- A relation \mathcal{R} on a set A is called **symmetric** if for all $x, y \in A$, we know $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R} \implies (y, x) \in \mathcal{R}$

- Ex 7.6: Consider $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, are the following relations symmetric or reflexive?

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_3 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3), (3, 2)\}$$

Transitive

- A relation \mathcal{R} on a set A is called **transitive** if for all $x, y, z \in A$, we know $x\mathcal{R}y$ and $y\mathcal{R}z \implies x\mathcal{R}z$
- Ex 7.10: Consider $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, are the following relations transitive?

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 4), (2, 4)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 3), (3, 4)\}$$

Antisymmetric

- A relation \mathcal{R} on a set A is called **antisymmetric** if for all $a, b \in A$, if $a\mathcal{R}b$ and $b\mathcal{R}a \implies a = b$
- Ex 7.11: For any universe \mathcal{U} , relation \mathcal{R} defined on $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ by $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$ if $A \subseteq B$. Is this relation antisymmetric? How about reflexive, symmetric, and transitive?

Partial Order

- A relation \mathcal{R} on a set A is called **partial order** if it is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive
- Ex 7.14: Are the following relations partial order?
 - Define a relation on \mathbb{Z} by $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ if $a \leq b$
 - Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, the modulo n relation \mathcal{R} is defined by $x\mathcal{R}y$, if $x - y$ is a multiple of n

Equivalence Relation

- A relation \mathcal{R} on a set A is called **equivalence relation** if it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive
- Ex 7.16: Are the following relations equivalence relations?

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_3 = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 3)\}$$

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Composite Relation

- If $\mathcal{R}_1 \subseteq A \times B$ and $\mathcal{R}_2 \subseteq B \times C$ then the **composite relation** $\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2$ is a relation from A to C defined by

$$\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2 = \{(x, z) \mid x \in A, z \in C, \exists y \in B \text{ s.t. } (x, y) \in \mathcal{R}_1, (y, z) \in \mathcal{R}_2\}$$

- **Ex 7.17:** Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $B = \{w, x, y, z\}$, $C = \{5, 6, 7\}$.
If $\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, x), (2, x), (3, y), (3, z)\}$ and $\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(w, 5), (x, 6)\}$.
Write $\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2$. If $\mathcal{R}_3 = \{(w, 5), (w, 6)\}$, what is $\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_3$?

Association and Powers

- Let $\mathcal{R}_1 \subseteq A \times B, \mathcal{R}_2 \subseteq B \times C, \mathcal{R}_3 \subseteq C \times B$, we have

$$\mathcal{R}_1 \circ (\mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3) = (\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2) \circ \mathcal{R}_3$$

- There is no ambiguity if we write $\mathcal{R}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}_2 \circ \mathcal{R}_3$

- **Powers** of \mathcal{R} on A are recursively defined by: (i) $\mathcal{R}^1 = \mathcal{R}$ and (ii) $\mathcal{R}^{n+1} = \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{R}^n$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
- Ex 7.19: If $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \mathcal{R} = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 4), (3, 2)\}$, what are $\mathcal{R}^2, \mathcal{R}^3, \mathcal{R}^4$?

Zero-One Matrix

- An m by n **zero-one matrix** $E = (e_{ij})_{m \times n}$, is a rectangular array with m rows and n columns, where each e_{ij} denotes the entry in the i th row and j th column, which can be either 0 or 1
- Ex 7.20: E is a 3 by 4 zero-one matrix

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

Relation Matrices

- Ex 7.21: Write the following relations into **relation matrices** $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $B = \{w, x, y, z\}$, $C = \{5, 6, 7\}$

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(1, x), (2, x), (3, y), (3, z)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{(w, 5), (x, 6)\}$$

$$M(\mathcal{R}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad M(\mathcal{R}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M(\mathcal{R}_1)M(\mathcal{R}_2) = ?$$

- Note that, a convention used here is $1 + 1 = 1$, which is called **boolean addition**

Some Properties

- Let A be the set with n elements. \mathcal{R} is a relation on A . If $M(\mathcal{R})$ is the relation matrix for \mathcal{R} then
 - $M(\mathcal{R}) = \mathbf{0}$ iff $\mathcal{R} = \emptyset$
 - $M(\mathcal{R}) = \mathbf{1}$ iff $\mathcal{R} = A \times A$
 - $M(\mathcal{R}^m) = M(\mathcal{R})^m$, for $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Precedes, Identify Matrix, Transpose

- Let E and F be two m by n $(0,1)$ matrices. We say E **precedes**, or is less than F , and we write $E \leq F$ if $e_{ij} \leq f_{ij}, \forall 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$

- **Identify Matrix:**

$$I_n = (\delta_{ij})_{n \times n}, \text{ where } \delta_{ij} = 1 \text{ if } i = j, \delta_{ij} = 0, \text{ o.w.}$$

- **Transpose:**

$$A^{\text{tr}} : a_{ji}^* = a_{ij}$$

Relations in Matrices

- Given a relation \mathcal{R} on A , where $|A| = n$. Let M be the relation matrix of \mathcal{R}
 - \mathcal{R} is reflexive iff $I_n \leq M$
 - \mathcal{R} is symmetric iff $M = M^{\text{tr}}$
 - \mathcal{R} is transitive iff $M^2 \leq M$
 - \mathcal{R} is antisymmetric iff $M \cap M^{\text{tr}} \leq I_n$
 - where $1 \cap 1 = 1, 1 \cap 0 = 0 \cap 1 = 0, 0 \cap 0 = 0$

Directed Graph

- Let V be a finite set. A **directed graph** (or **digraph**) G on V is made up the elements of V , called the **vertices** or **nodes** of G , and a subset E , of $V \times V$, that contains the **directed edges**, or **arcs**, of G . The set V is called the **vertex set** of G , and the set E is called the **edge set**. $G = (V, E)$ denotes the graph.
- If $(a, b) \in E$, then there is an edge from a to b . Vertex a is called the **origin**, and b is called **terminus**. We say b is adjacent from a and a is adjacent to b .
- If $a \neq b$ then $(a, b) \neq (b, a)$. An edge from a to a if called a loop.

Examples of Digraphs

- Are there **isolated vertices**?
- **Undirected edges** $\{a,b\}=\{b,a\}$

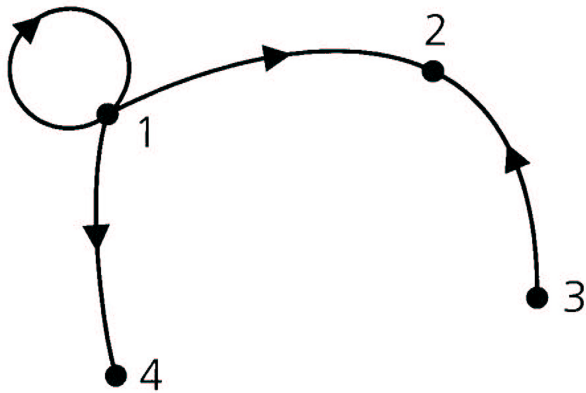


Figure 7.1

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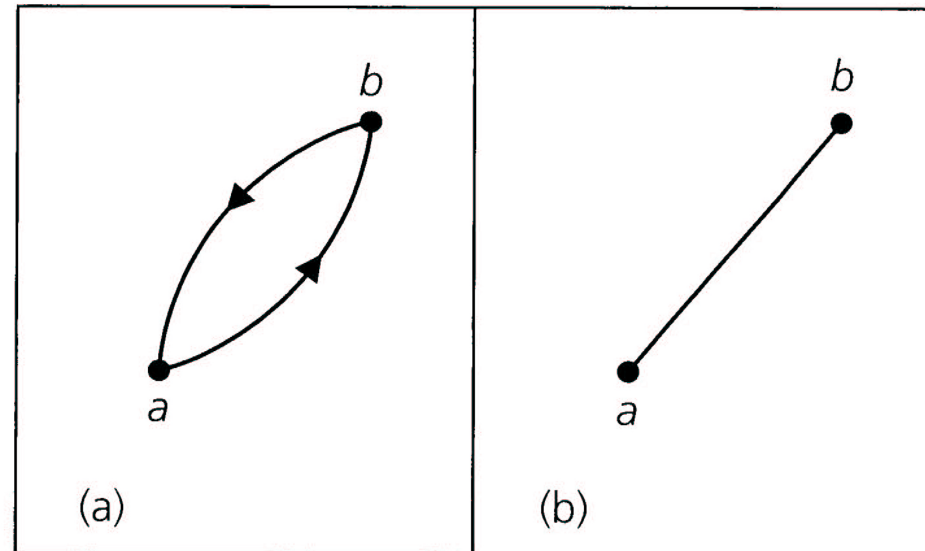


Figure 7.2

Precedence Graph

- Dependency among statements (computer programs)

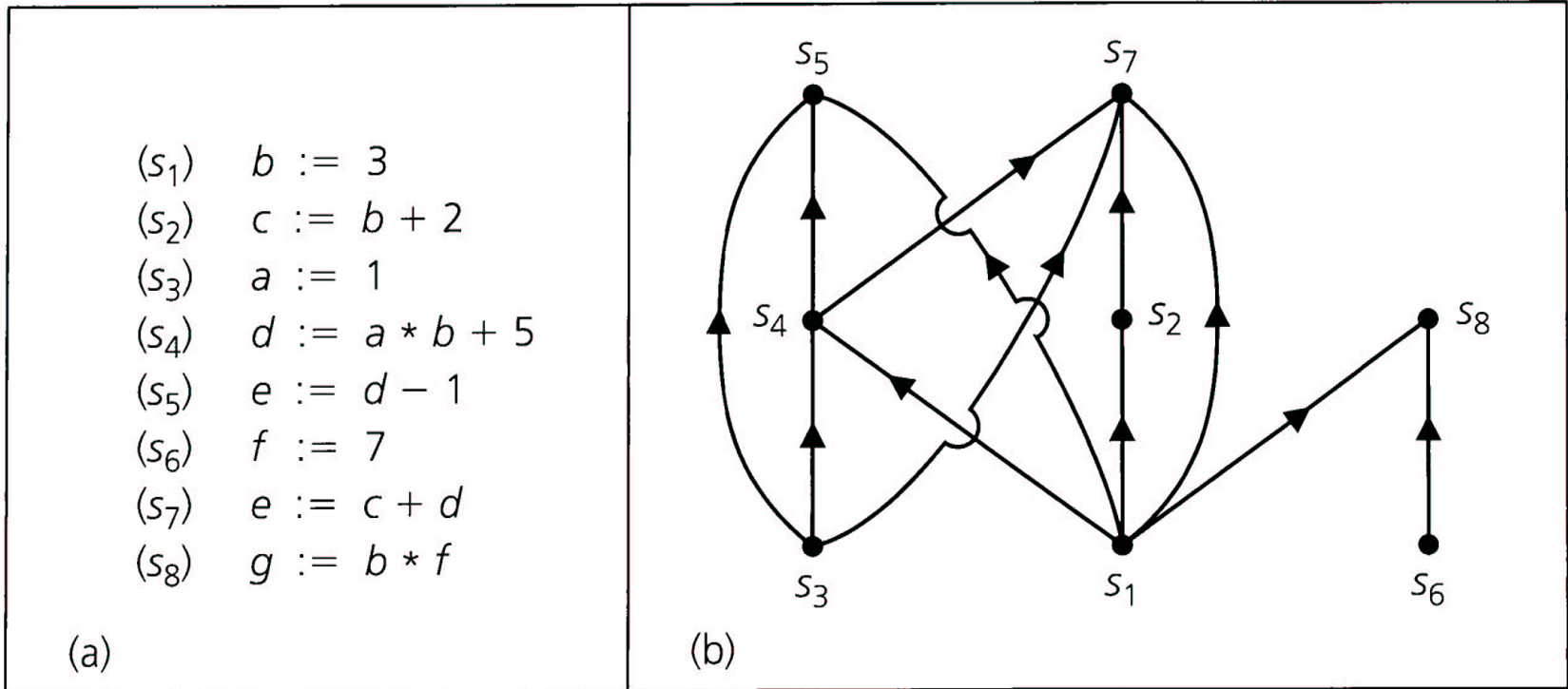


Figure 7.3

A Few More Terms

- What are: (i) **associated undirected graph**, (ii) **path** (cannot contain duplicated vertices), (iii) **connected graph**, (iv) **length**, (v) **loop**, and (vi) **cycle**?

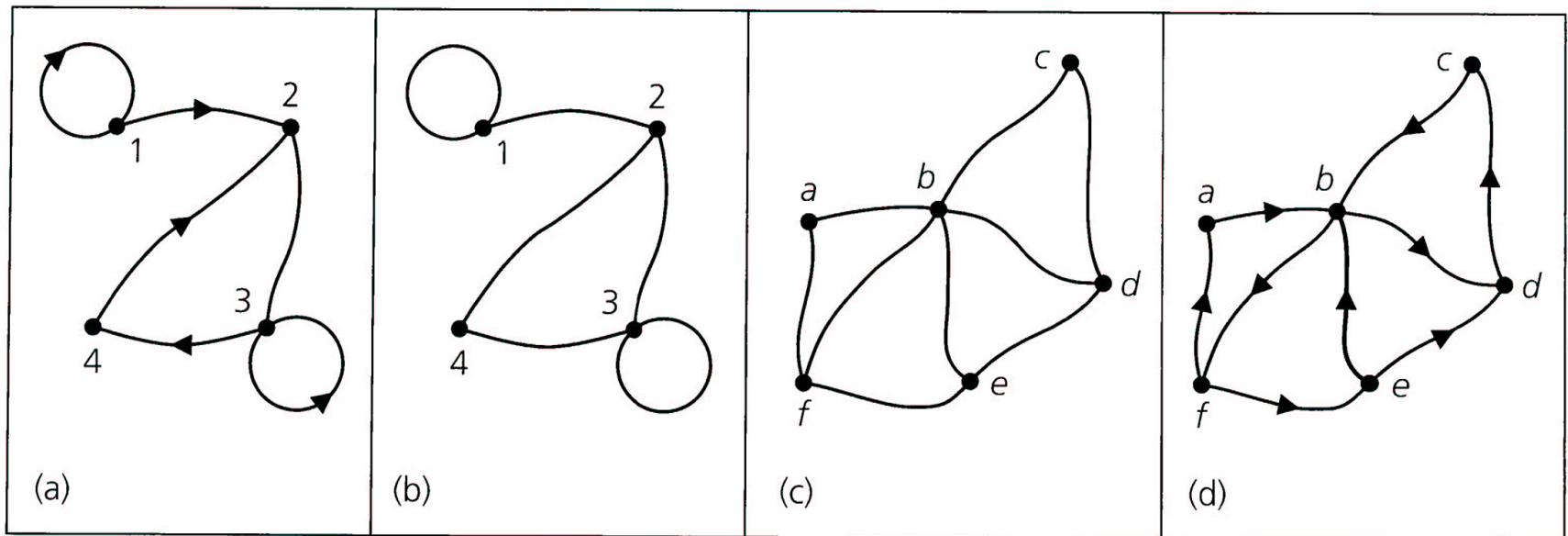


Figure 7.4

Strongly Connected

- A directed graph G on V is called **strongly connected** if there is a path from any vertex x to any vertex y
- The graph on the right is connected but not strongly connected
- The graph on the right is strongly connected and **loop-free**

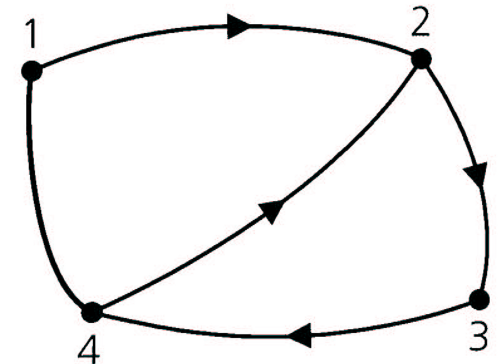
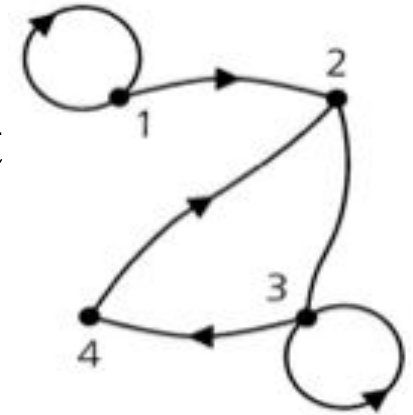


Figure 7.5

Components

- Two components in each graph

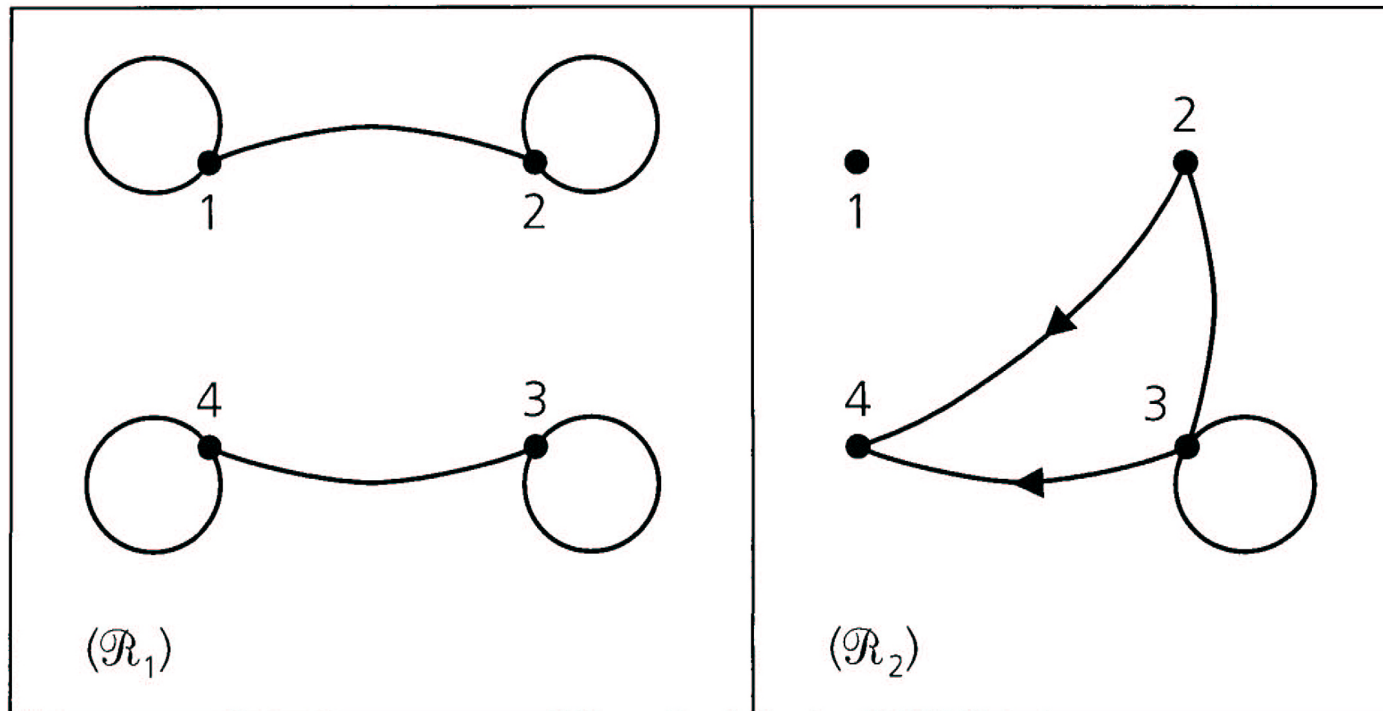


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Complete Graphs

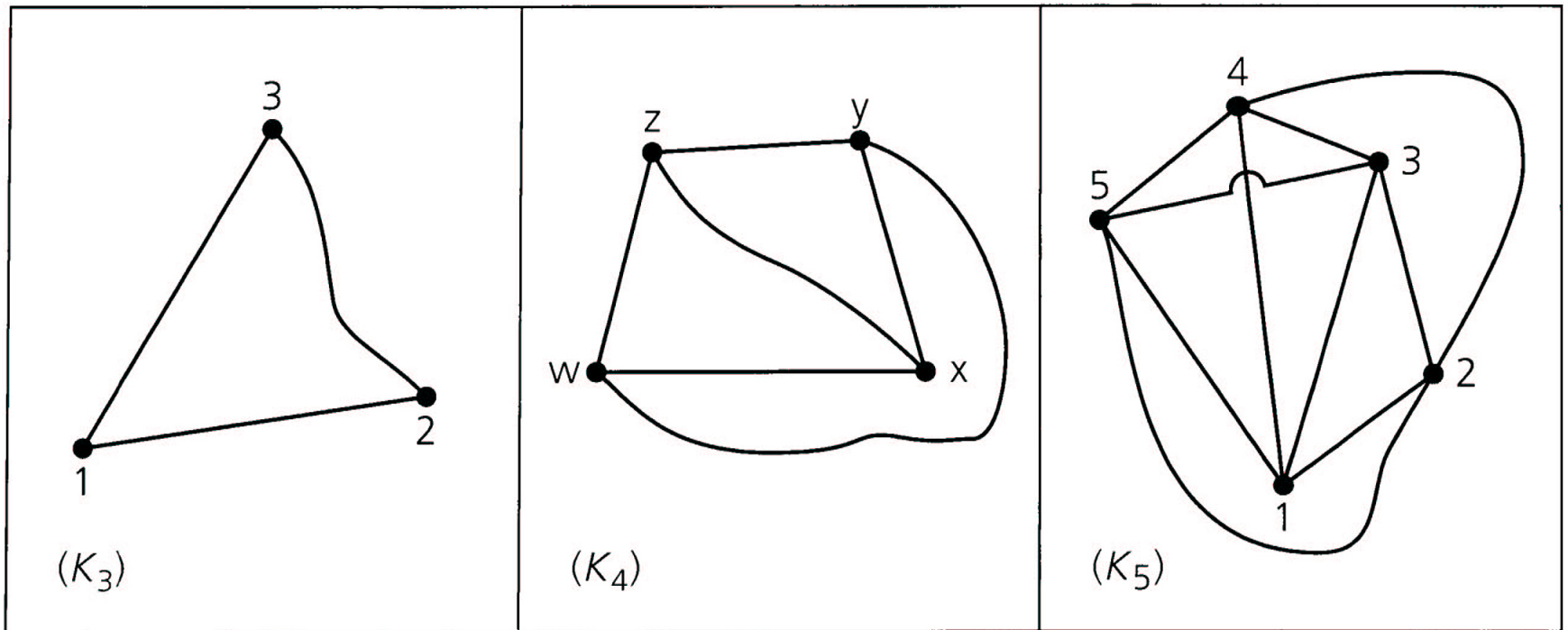


Figure 7.7

Matrices and Graphs

- A graph G describes a relation \mathcal{R}
 - If (x,y) is an edge in G , then $x\mathcal{R}y$
- Both 0-1 matrix and digraph can describe relations
 - The matrix is called the **adjacency matrix** for G
 - Or a **relation matrix** for \mathcal{R}

Reflexive and Antisymmetric

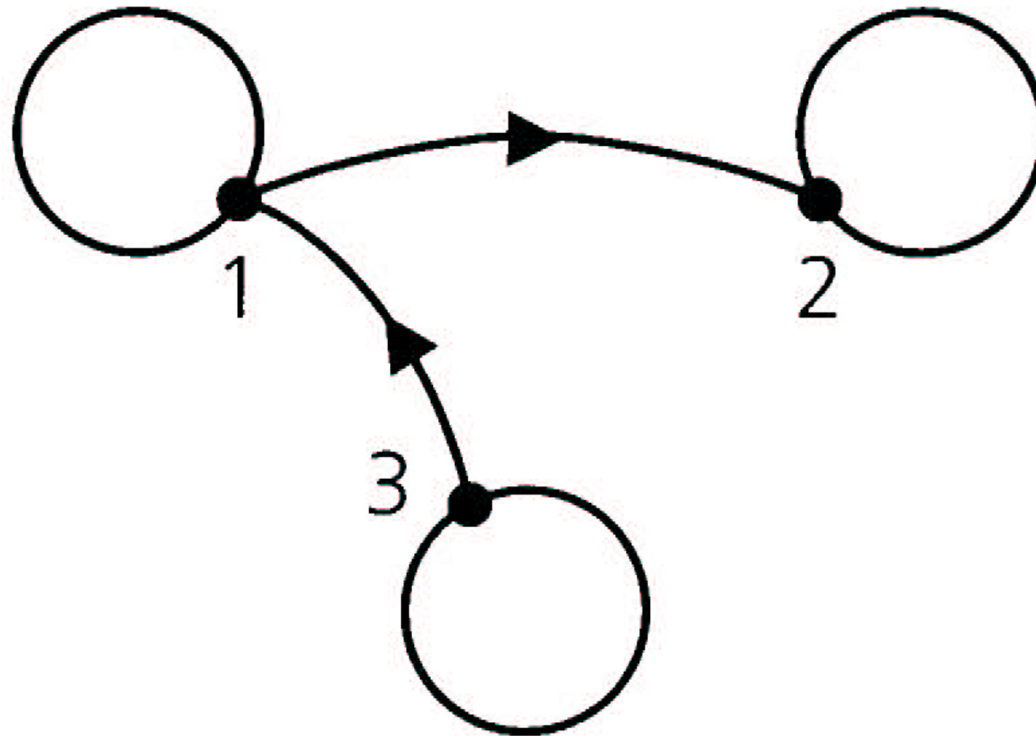


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Symmetric

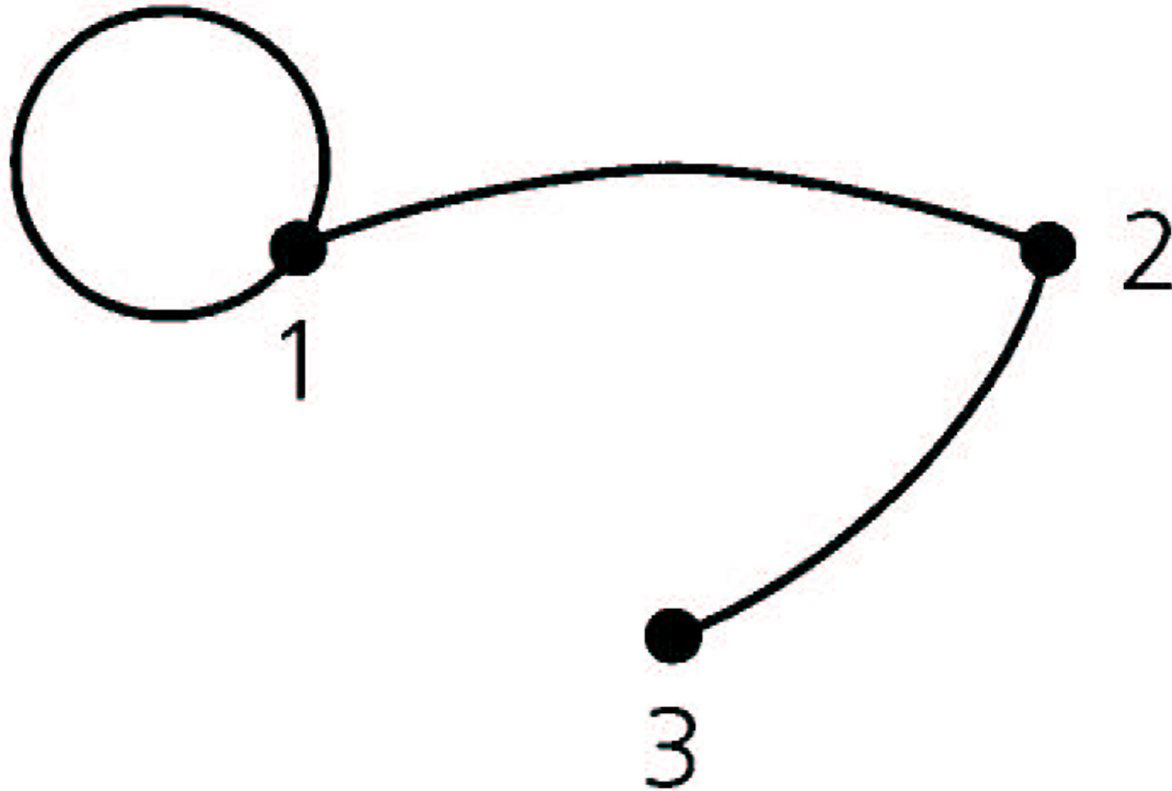


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Transitive and Antisymmetric

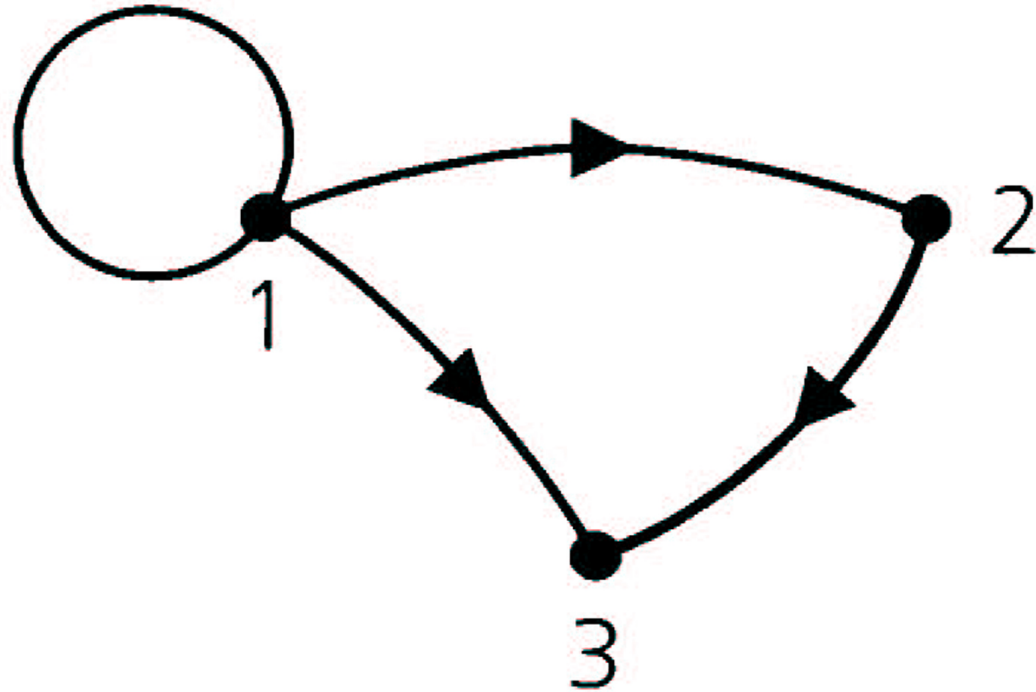


Figure 7.10

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Partially Ordered Set

- \mathcal{R} is a relation on A . (A, \mathcal{R}) is called **partially ordered set** if relation \mathcal{R} on A is a partial order relation
 - Reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive
 - Also called **poset**
- Ex 7.34: Define the relation $x\mathcal{R}y$ if x, y are the same course or if x is a prerequisite of y

Not Partial Order

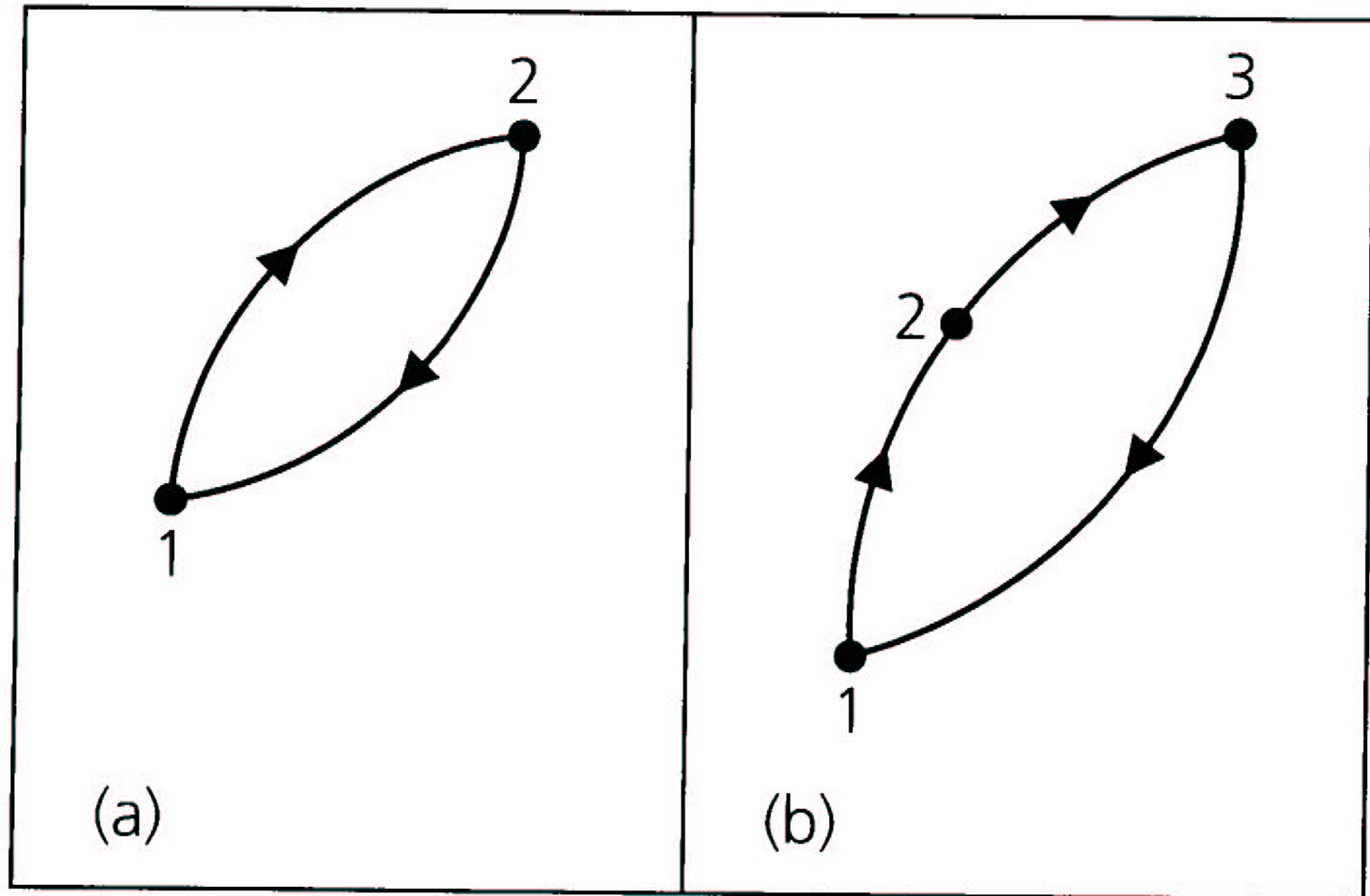


Figure 7.16

Hasse Diagram

- Drop loops
- Drop transitive edge
- Directions go from bottom up

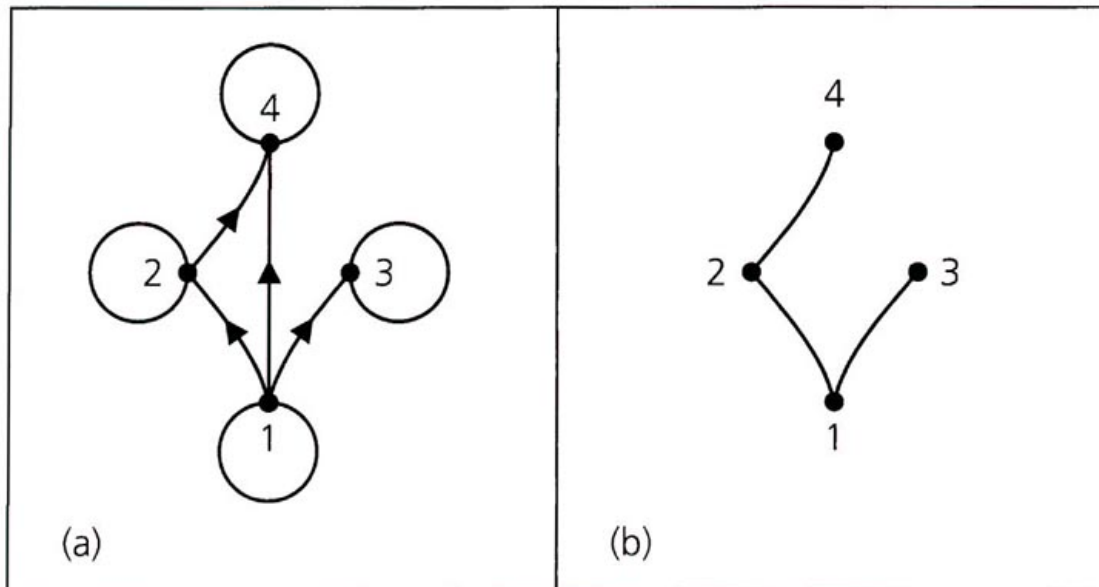


Figure 7.17

Totally Ordered

- If (A, \mathcal{R}) is a poset, A is **totally order** (or linearly ordered) if for any x and y , either $x\mathcal{R}y$ or $y\mathcal{R}x$.
 - \mathcal{R} is called a **total order** (or a linear order)

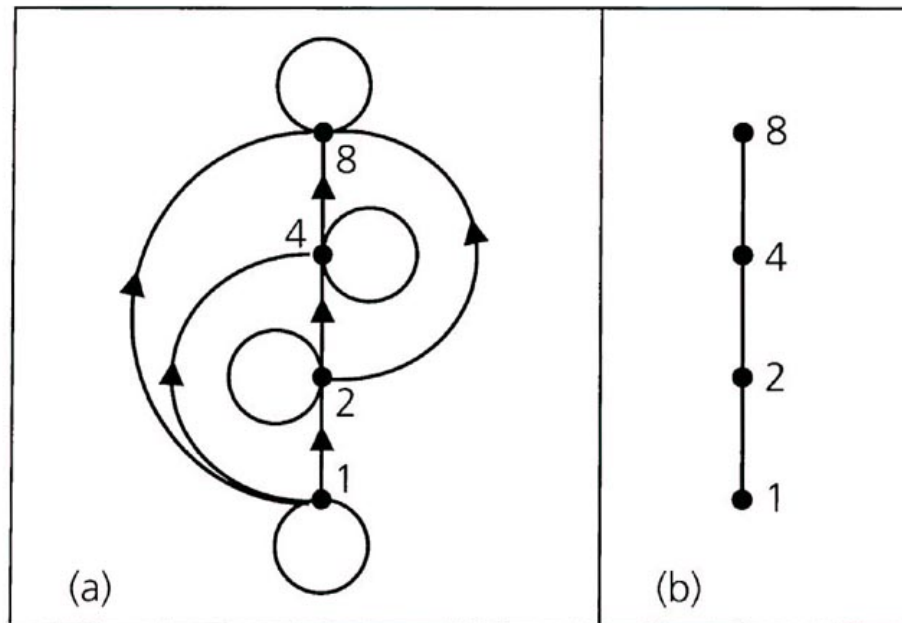


Figure 7.19

Partial vs. Total Orders

- Consider a car manufacturer which needs to assemble 7 components into a car. The partial order is \mathcal{R} given below
 - Can the company find a total order \mathcal{T} so that $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$?
 - **Topological sorting!**

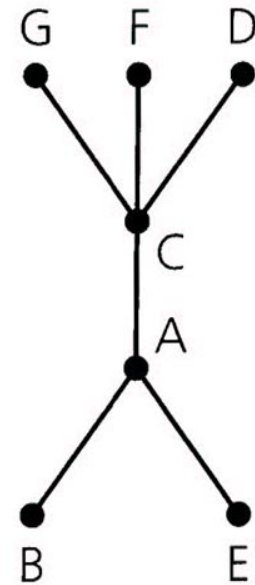


Figure 7.20

Topological Sorting

- Idea: Repeatedly remove the vertex that is not a source (nor an implicit source) of any edge, until we have no vertex left in the Hasse diagram

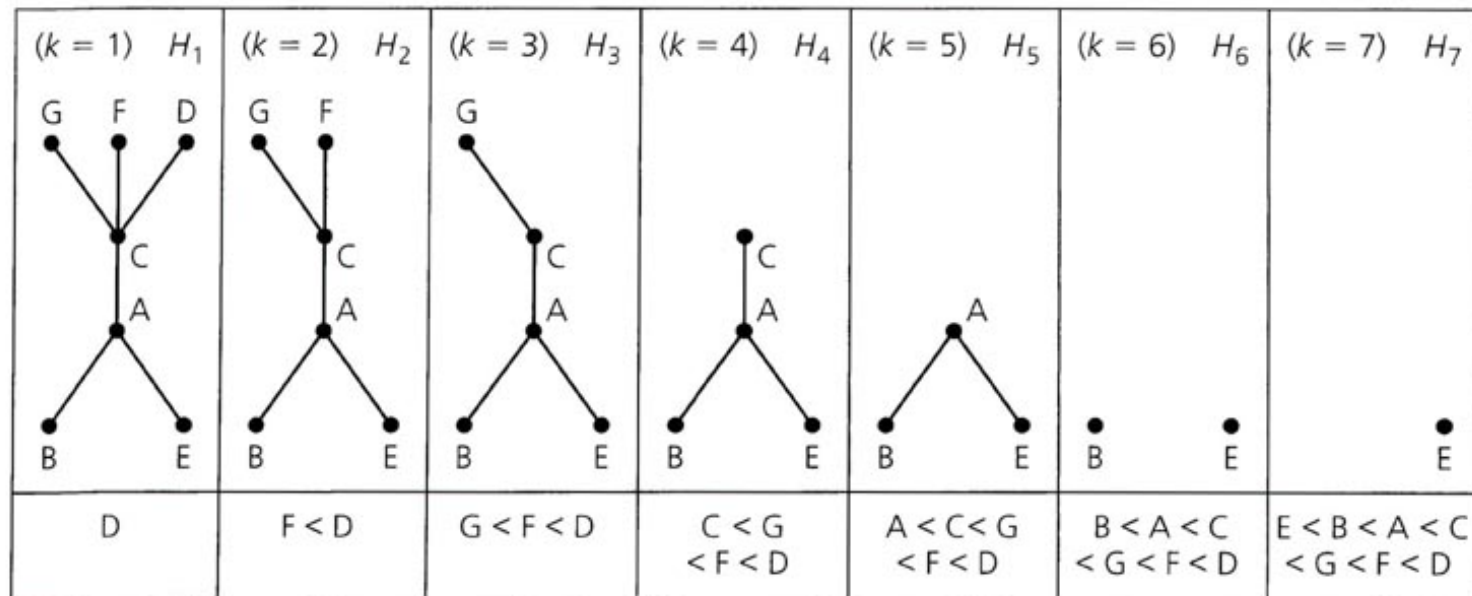


Figure 7.21

Topological Sorting Algorithm

- Input: A partial order \mathcal{R} on a set A , where $|A| = n$
- Step 1: Let $k = 1$, Let H_1 be the Hasse diagram
- Step 2: Select v_k from H_k , so that no (implicitly directed) edge in H_k starts at v_k
- Step 3: If $k < n$, remove v_k and edges terminating at v_k from H_k . Call the new Hasse H_{k-1} , and goto step 1
- Step 4: The total order that contains \mathcal{R} is

$$\mathcal{I} : v_n < v_{n-1} < \cdots < v_2 < v_1$$

Maximal, Minimal Elements

- If (A, \mathcal{R}) is a poset, an element $x \in A$ is a **maximal element** of A if for all $a \in A$, $a \neq x \implies \neg(x\mathcal{R}a)$. An element $y \in A$ is a **minimal element** of A if for all $b \in A$, $b \neq y \implies \neg(b\mathcal{R}y)$
- Ex 7.42: Define \mathcal{R} be “less than or equal to” relation on \mathbb{Z} , we find that $(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{R})$ is a poset with no maximal nor minimal element. How about $(\mathbb{N}, \mathcal{R})$?
- A poset may have multiple maximal (minimal) elements! Recall the topological sorting algorithm.
- If (A, \mathcal{R}) is a poset and A is finite, A has both a maximal and a minimum element

Least, Greatest Elements

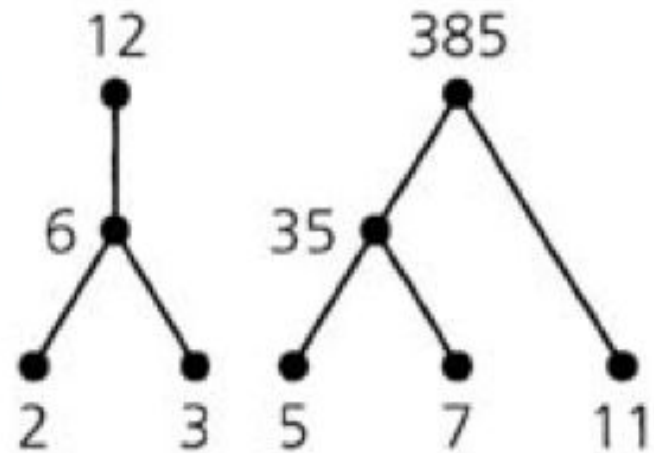
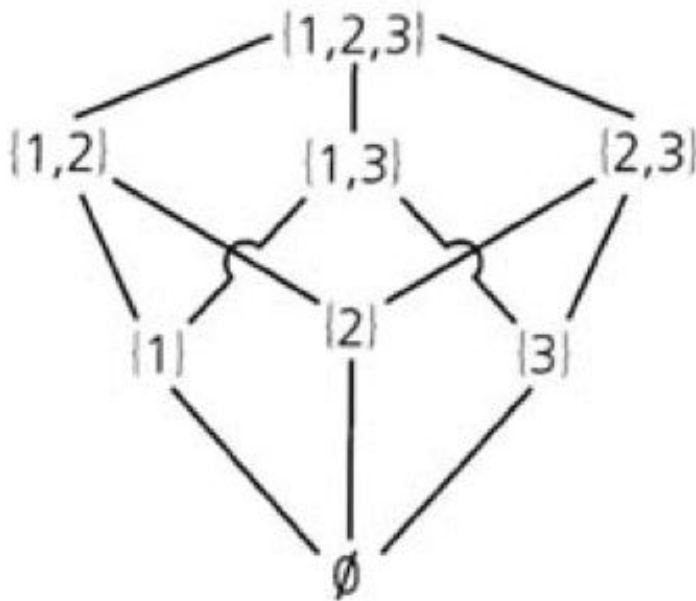
- If (A, \mathcal{R}) is a poset, an element $x \in A$ is a **least element** of A if $x \mathcal{R} a \ \forall a \in A$. An element $y \in A$ is a **greatest element** of A if $b \mathcal{R} y \ \forall b \in A$
 - If a poset has a greatest (least) element, the element is unique
- Ex 7.45: Define $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3\}$, \mathcal{R} be subset relation
 - Poset $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ has \emptyset as a least element and \mathcal{U} as a greatest element
 - Let A be all the nonempty subsets of \mathcal{U} . (A, \subseteq) has \mathcal{U} as the greatest element. It has no least element, **but three minimal elements**.

Lower and Upper Bounds

- If (A, \mathcal{R}) is a poset and $B \subseteq A$. An element $x \in A$ is called a **lower bound** of B if $x \mathcal{R} b \forall b \in B$. An element $y \in A$ is called an **upper bound** of B if $b \mathcal{R} y \forall b \in B$
 - $x' \in A$ is a **greatest lower bound (glb)** of B if it is a lower bound of B and $x'' \mathcal{R} x'$ for any other lower bound x'' of B
 - $x' \in A$ is a **least upper bound (lub)** of B if it is an upper bound of B and $x' \mathcal{R} x''$ for any other upper bound x'' of B
- Ex 7.47: Let $A = \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, 3, 4\})$ and \mathcal{R} be the subset relation on A . If $B = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ then what are the upper bounds? What is the least upper bound? What is the greatest lower bound?
 - Lub and glb are unique

Lattice

- A poset (A, \mathcal{R}) is called a **lattice** if for all $x, y \in A$ the elements $\text{lub}\{x, y\}$ and $\text{glb}\{x, y\}$ both exist in A



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Equivalence Relations

- A relation \mathcal{R} on A is an **equivalence relation** if it's reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.
- Ex 1: For $A \neq \emptyset$, the equality relation is an equivalence relation, in which two elements are related if they are identical.
- Ex 2: Consider a relation on \mathbb{Z} , where $x\mathcal{R}y$ if $x - y$ is a multiple of 2.
 - How does this relation **split** \mathbb{Z} into two subsets?

Partition

- Let A be a set and I be an index set, where A_i is not empty and $A_i \subseteq A$, for all $i \in I$. $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a **partition** of A if

- $A = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$

- $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for all $i \neq j; i, j \in I$

Each subset A_i is a **cell**, or **block** of the partition

- Ex 7.52: For $A = \{1,2,3,\dots,10\}$, the following are partitions of A
 - $\{\{1,2,3,4,5\}, \{6,7,8,9,10\}\}$
 - $A_i = \{i, i+5\}, 1 \leq i \leq 5$

Equivalence Class

- Let \mathcal{R} be an **equivalence relation** on A . The equivalence class of $x \in A$, denoted as $[x]$, is defined by $[x] = \{y \mid y \in A, y \mathcal{R} x\}$
- Ex 7.52: \mathcal{R} is a equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} , where $x \mathcal{R} y$ if $4 \mid (x - y)$. The four equivalence classes are
 - $[0] = \{4k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
 - $[1] = \{4k + 1 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
 - $[2] = \{4k + 2 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
 - $[3] = \{4k + 3 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Properties of Equivalence Class

- Let \mathcal{R} is an **equivalence relation** on A , and $x, y \in A$.
 - $x \in [x]$
 - $x\mathcal{R}y$ iff $[x] = [y]$
 - $[x] = [y]$ or $[x] \cap [y] = \emptyset$
- This theorem tells us the distinct equivalence classes given by \mathcal{R} gives us a partition of A

Examples of Partitions

- Ex 7.56 (a) : Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5), (5, 4), (5, 5)\}$$

what's the corresponding partition?

- Ex 7.56 (b): Function $f : A \rightarrow B$, where $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

and $B = \{x, y, z\}$, f is defined as

$$\{(1, x), (2, x), (3, x), (4, y), (5, z), (6, y), (7, x)\}$$

- We define a relation \mathcal{R} by $a\mathcal{R}b$ if $f(a) = f(b)$. What is the partition determined by \mathcal{R} ?

Examples of Partitions (cont.)

- If an equivalence relation \mathcal{R} on $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ results in the partition $A = \{1, 2\} \cup \{3\} \cup \{4, 5, 7\} \cup \{6\}$, what is \mathcal{R} ? What's the size of it?

$$\mathcal{R} = (\{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2\}) \cup (\{3\} \times \{3\}) \cup (\{4, 5, 7\} \times \{4, 5, 7\}) \cup (\{6\} \times \{6\})$$

Equivalence Class and Partition

- For a set A
 - Any equivalence relation \mathcal{R} on A leads to a partition of A
 - Any partition of A gives an equivalence relation \mathcal{R} on A
- For any set A , there is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of equivalence relations on A and the set of partitions of A .
 - So counting the number of partitions is the same as counting 1-1 functions.

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Redundant States

- **Redundant state**: A state that can be eliminated because other states will perform its function
- Consider a finite state machine $M = (S, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{O}, \nu, \omega)$,
Let a relation $s_1 E_1 s_2$ if $\omega(s_1, x) = \omega(s_2, x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{I}$
 - E_1 is called **1-equivalent**.
- $s_1 E_k s_2$ if $\omega(s_1, x) = \omega(s_2, x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{I}^k$
 - E_k is called **k-equivalent**
- $s_1 E s_2$ if $s_1 E_k s_2$ is true for all $k \geq 1$
 - E is called **equivalent**

Minimization Algorithm

- To get rid of **redundant states**
- Step 1: Let $k=1$, find states that are 1-equivalent by examining the output rows in the state table. This gives partition P_1 and relation E_1
- Step 2: When P_k is found, we obtain P_{k+1} by knowing that if $s_1 E_k s_2$, then $s_1 E_{k+1} s_2$ when $\nu(s_1, x) E_k \nu(s_2, x) \forall x \in \mathcal{I}$
 - This is true if $\nu(s_1, x)$ and $\nu(s_2, x)$ are in the same cell of P_k
- Step 3: If $P_{k+1} = P_k$, we are done, o.w. goto step 2

A Simple Example

- Ex 7.60: If $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{O} = \{0, 1\}$, the state table is given below. What is P_1 ? $P_1 : \{s_1\}, \{s_2, s_5, s_6\}, \{s_3, s_4\}$
- Show $\nu(s_3, x)E_1\nu(s_4, x)$, and thus?
- Show $\neg[\nu(s_5, x)E_1\nu(s_6, x)]$, and thus?
- $P_2 : \{s_1\}, \{s_2, s_5\}, \{s_6\}, \{s_3, s_4\}$
- Since $P_1 \neq P_2$, we need to get P_3
 - Because $P_3 = P_2$, we stop here
 - s_5, s_4 are **redundant states**

Table 7.1

	ν		ω	
	0	1	0	1
s_1	s_4	s_3	0	1
s_2	s_5	s_2	1	0
s_3	s_2	s_4	0	0
s_4	s_5	s_3	0	0
s_5	s_2	s_5	1	0
s_6	s_1	s_6	1	0

Refinement

- P_2 is called a refinement of P_1 , $P_2 \leq P_1$, if every cell of P_2 is contained in a cell of P_1 . When $P_2 \leq P_1$ and $P_2 \neq P_1$, we write $P_2 = P_1$.
- In the minimization process, if $k \geq 1$ and $P_k = P_{k+1}$, then $P_{r+1} = P_r$ for all $r \geq k+1$

Distinguishing String

- A sample string with length $k+1$ that leads to different outputs for states s_1 and s_2
- Ex 7.61: Find the minimal distinguish string for s_2 and s_6 in the finite state machine of Ex 7.60

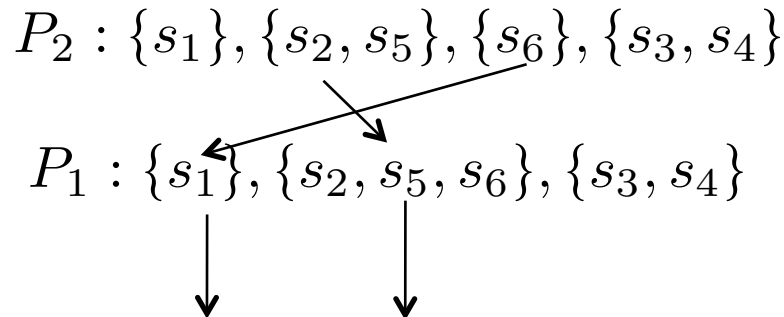


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s_4	s_5	s_3	0	0
s_5	s_2	s_5	1	0
s_6	s_1	s_6	1	0