MATH 2301

26 July 2023

[These are catch-up notes. The AV did not work that day, so I have transcribed the main points of the content here]

* Last time: Set theory basics.

(see https://asilata.github.io/ggm/2023/ggm.pdf)

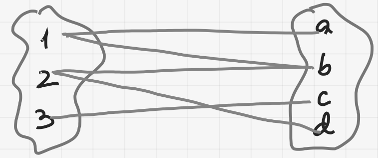
* Today: Relations

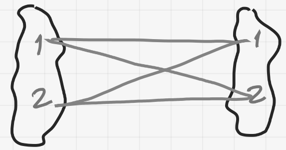
Def: A (binary) relation on sets S & T is a subset $R \subseteq \underbrace{S \times T}_{\text{Product}}$.

Note:

- The empty relation $\emptyset \subseteq S \times T$ is a valid relation
- The full relation $S \times T \subseteq S \times T$ is a valid relation.
- We usually take $S = T$, in which case we say R is a relation on S.
- An n-ary relation on $S_1, S_2, \ldots S_n$ is a subset $R \subseteq S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_n$.

* Examples





Basic properties of relations

* Reflexivity: R is reflexive if for every $a \in S$ we have $(a,a) \in R$.

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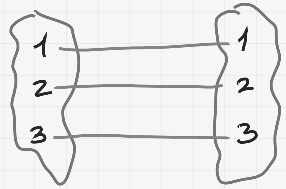

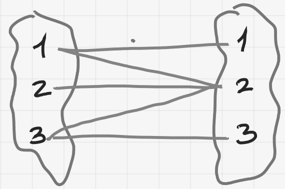

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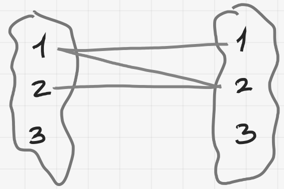

* Symmetry: R is symmetric if whenever $(a,b) \in R$ we have $(b,a) \in R$.

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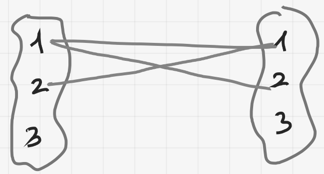

* **Anti-symmetry**: R is anti-symmetric if for every $(a,b) \in R$ with $a \neq b$, the pair (b,a) is not in R.

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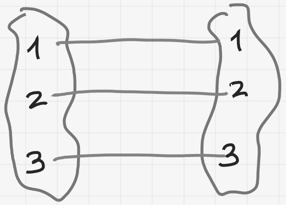

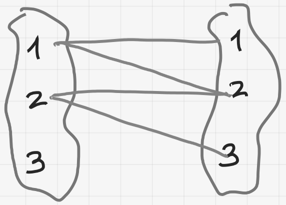

* **Transitivity**: R is transitive if whenever $(a,b) \in R$ and $(b,c) \in R$ we have $(a,c) \in R$.

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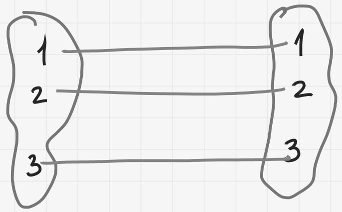

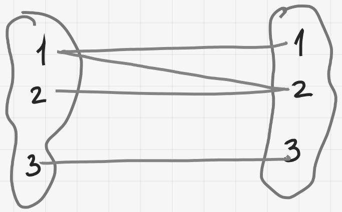

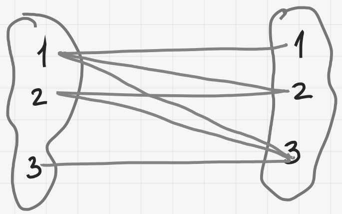

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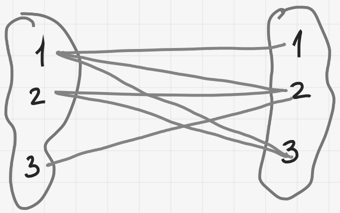

* **Functions**

Def: A relation $R \subseteq S \times T$ is a function if for every $a \in S$ there is a unique $b \in T$ such that $(a,b) \in S$.

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