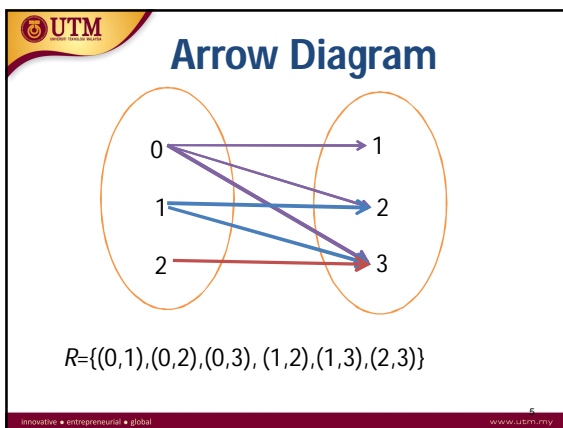


UTM  
 DISCRETE STRUCTURES  
 CHAPTER 2 PART 1  
 RELATIONS  
 Innovative • entrepreneurial • global  
 www.utm.my

UTM  
**Definition**  
 • Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets.  
 • A binary relation, or simply a relation  $R$  from set  $A$  to set  $B$  is a subset of the cartesian product  $A \times B$   
 $a \in A, b \in B, (a, b) \in A \times B$  and  $R \subseteq A \times B$   
 • If  $(a, b) \in R$ , we say  $a$  is related to  $b$  by  $R$  write as  $a R b$  ( $a R b \leftrightarrow (a, b) \in R$ )  
 Innovative • entrepreneurial • global  
 www.utm.my

UTM  
**Example 1**  
 Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{p, q, r\}$   
 $R = \{(1, q), (2, r), (3, q), (4, p)\}$   
 $R \subseteq A \times B$   
 $R$  is the relation from  $A$  to  $B$   
 $1 R q$  ( $1$  is related to  $q$ )  
 $3 \not R p$  ( $1$  is not related to  $p$ )  
 Innovative • entrepreneurial • global  
 www.utm.my

UTM  
**Relations**  
 • Binary relations:  $x R y$   
 On sets  $x \in X, y \in Y, R \subseteq X \times Y$   
 • Example:  
 "less than" relation from  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$  to  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 Use traditional notation  
 $0 < 1, 0 < 2, 0 < 3, 1 < 2, 1 < 3, 2 < 3$   
 Or use set notation  
 $A \times B = \{(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3)\}$   
 $R = \{(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$   
 Or use Arrow Diagrams  
 Innovative • entrepreneurial • global  
 www.utm.my



UTM  
**Example 2**  
 $A = \{\text{New Delhi, Ottawa, London, Paris, Washington}\}$   
 $B = \{\text{Canada, England, India, France, United States}\}$   
 Let  $x \in A, y \in B$ .  
 Define the relation between  $x$  and  $y$  by "x is the capital of y"  
 $R = \{(\text{New Delhi, India}), (\text{Ottawa, Canada}), (\text{London, England}), (\text{Paris, France}), (\text{Washington, United States})\}$   
 Innovative • entrepreneurial • global  
 www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Definition

- If  $R$  is a relation from set  $A$  into itself, we say that  $R$  is a relation on  $A$ .  
 $a \in A, b \in A (a,b) \in A \times A$  and  $R \subseteq A \times A$
- Example  
 Let  $A = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$  and  $R$  be defined by  $a,b \in A, aRb \leftrightarrow b - a = 2$   
 $R = \{(1,3),(2,4),(3,5)\}$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Exercise 1

Write the relation  $R$  as  $(x,y) \in R$

- The relation  $R$  on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  defined by  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $x^2 \geq y$
- The relation  $R$  on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  defined by  $(x,y) \in R$  if 3 divides  $x-y$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Domain and Range

Let  $R$ , a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ .

The set,  $\{ a \in A \mid (a,b) \in R \text{ for some } b \in B \}$  is called the **domain** of  $R$ .

The set,  $\{ b \in B \mid (a,b) \in R \text{ for some } a \in A \}$  is called **the range** of  $R$ .

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Example 3

Let  $R$  be a relation on  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  defined by  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $x \leq y$ , and  $x,y \in X$ .

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

The **domain and range** of  $R$  are both equal to  $X$ .

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Example 4

Let  $X = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $Y = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$   
 If we **define a relation  $R$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  by,  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $y/x$  (with zero remainder)**

We obtain,  
 $R = \{(2,4), (2,6), (3,3), (3,6), (4,4)\}$

The **domain** of  $R$  is  $\{2,3,4\}$   
 The **range** of  $R$  is  $\{3,4,6\}$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Example 4(cont)

$R = \{(2,4), (2,6), (3,3), (3,6), (4,4)\}$

Arrow diagram

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**Exercise 2**

Find range and domain for:

- (i) The relation  $R = \{(1,2), (2,1), (3,3), (1,1), (2,2)\}$  on  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$
- (ii) The relation  $R$  on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  defined by  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $x^2 \geq y$

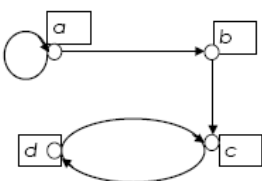
**Diagraph**

An **informative way** to **picture a relation** on a set is to draw its **digraph**.

- ❖ Let  $R$  be a relation on a finite set  $A$ .
- ❖ Draw dots (vertices) to represent the elements of  $A$ .
- ❖ If the element  $(a,b) \in R$ , draw an arrow (called a directed edge) from  $a$  to  $b$

**Example 5**

The relation  $R$  on  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  
 $R = \{(a, a), (a, b), (c, d), (d, c), (b, c)\}$

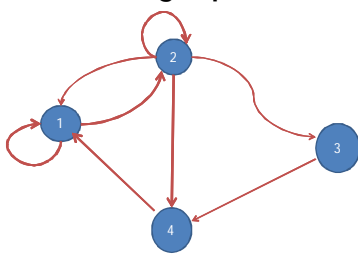


**Example 6**

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  
 $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,4), (4,1)\}$

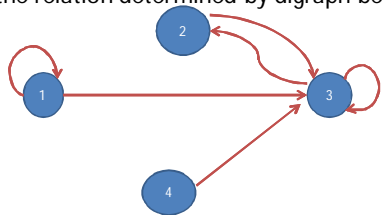
Draw the digraph of  $R$

**Digraph**



**Example 7**

Find the relation determined by digraph below



Since  $a, R a_j$  if and only if there is an edge from  $a_j$  to  $a_j$ , so

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

### Exercise 3

Draw the diagram of the relation.

(i)  $R = \{(a,c), (b,b), (b,c)\}$   
 (ii) The relation  $R$  on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  defined by  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $x^2 \geq y$

### Exercise 4

Write the relation as a set of ordered pair.

### Matrices of Relations

A matrix is a convenient way to represent a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$ .

- Label the rows with the elements of  $A$  (in some arbitrary order)
- Label the columns with the elements of  $B$  (in some arbitrary order)

### Matrices of Relations

- Let  $M_R = [m_{ij}]_{n \times p}$  be the Boolean  $n \times p$  matrix

$$M_R = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & \dots & m_{1p} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & \dots & m_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ m_{n1} & m_{n2} & \dots & m_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (a_i, b_j) \in R \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Example 8

- The relation,  $R = \{(1,b), (1,d), (2,c), (3,c), (3,b), (4,a)\}$  from,  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  to  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$$M_R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \text{ or } M_R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} d & b & a & c \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

### Example 9

The matrix of the relation  $R$  from  $\{2, 3, 4\}$  to  $\{5, 6, 7, 8\}$  defined by  $x R y$  if  $x$  divides  $y$

$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

**Example**

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$   
 Let  $R$  be a relation on  $A$ .  
 $R = \{(a,a), (b,b), (c,c), (d,d), (b,c), (c,b)\}$

$$M_R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**Example 10**

An airline services the five cities  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  and  $c_5$ . Table below gives the cost (in dollars) of going from  $c_i$  to  $c_j$ . Thus the cost of going from  $c_1$  to  $c_3$  is RM100, while the cost of going from  $c_4$  to  $c_2$  is RM200

| To from | $c_1$ | $c_2$ | $c_3$ | $c_4$ | $c_5$ |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $c_1$   |       | 140   | 100   | 150   | 200   |
| $c_2$   | 190   |       | 200   | 160   | 220   |
| $c_3$   | 110   | 180   |       | 190   | 250   |
| $c_4$   | 190   | 200   | 120   |       | 150   |
| $c_5$   | 200   | 100   | 200   | 150   |       |

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

If the relation  $R$  on the set of cities  $A = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5\} : c_i R c_j$  if and only if the cost of going from  $c_i$  to  $c_j$  is defined and less than or equal to RM180.

- Find  $R$ .
- Matrices of relations for  $R$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**Solution**

$$R = \{(c_1, c_2), (c_1, c_3), (c_1, c_4), (c_2, c_4), (c_3, c_1), (c_3, c_2), (c_4, c_3), (c_4, c_5), (c_5, c_2), (c_5, c_4)\}$$

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

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**Exercise 5**

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $R$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $A$ .  
 Suppose  $R = \{(1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,3), (2,4), (3,4)\}$

- What is  $R$  (represent)?
- What is matrix representation of  $R$ ?

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**Exercise 6**

Let  $A = \{1, 4, 5\}$  and let  $R$  be given by the digraph shown below. Find  $M_R$  and  $R$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

### In degree and out degree

If  $R$  is a relation on a set  $A$  and  $a \in A$ , then the in-degree of  $a$  (relative to relation  $R$ ) is the number of  $b \in A$  such that  $(b,a) \in R$ .

The out-degree of  $a$  is the number of  $b \in A$  such that  $(a,b) \in R$ .

↓

Meaning that, in terms of the digraph of  $R$ , is that the in-degree of a vertex is  
**"the number of edges terminating at the vertex"**

The out-degree of a vertex is  
**"the number of edges leaving the vertex"**

### Example 11

Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , and let  $R$  be the relation on  $A$  that has the matrix (given below)

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

Construct the digraph of  $R$ , and list in-degrees and out-degrees of all vertices.

### Solution

|            | a | b | c | d |
|------------|---|---|---|---|
| In-degree  | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Out-degree | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

### Exercise 7

Let  $A = \{1, 4, 5\}$  and let  $R$  be given by the digraph shown below. list in-degrees and out-degrees of all vertices.

### Reflexive Relations

- Reflexive
  - A Relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is called **reflexive** if every  $a \in A$  is related to itself OR
  - A relation  $R$  on a set  $X$  is called **reflexive** if all pair  $(x,x) \in R: \forall x: x \in X$
- Irreflexive
  - A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is **irreflexive** if  $x \not R x$  or  $(x,x) \notin R: \forall x: x \in X$
- Not Reflexive
  - A Relation  $R$  is **not reflexive** if at least one pair of  $(x,x) \notin R, \forall x: x \in X$

### Example 12

The relation  $R$  on  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  defined by  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $x \leq y, x, y \in X$  is a reflexive relation.

For each element  $x \in X, (x,x) \in R$   
 $(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4)$  are each in  $R$ .

The relation  $R = \{(a,a), (b,c), (c,b), (d,d)\}$  on  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  is not reflexive.

This is because  $b \in X$ , but  $(b,b) \notin R$ . Also  $c \in X$ , but  $(c,c) \notin R$

### Reflexive Relations

The digraph of a reflexive relation has a loop at every vertex.

example

37  
www.utm.my

### Reflexive Relations

- Reflexive (Diagram with loops on all 4 vertices)
- Irreflexive (Diagram with no loops)
- Not Reflexive (Diagram with loops on 1, 2, 3 but not on 4)

38  
www.utm.my

### Reflexive Relations

The relation  $R$  is reflexive if and only if the matrix of relation has 1's on the main diagonal.

example

|   | a | b | c | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| c | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| d | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

39  
www.utm.my

### Reflexive Relations

The relation  $R$  is *irreflexive* if and only if the matrix relation have all 0's on its main diagonal

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

40  
www.utm.my

### Reflexive Relations

The relation  $R$  is not reflexive.

|   | a | b | c | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| c | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| d | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

$b \in X$   
 $(b,b) \notin R$

41  
www.utm.my

### Exercise 8

- Consider the following relations on the set  $\{1,2,3\}$ :  
 $R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,1), (3,3)\}$   
 $R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,3), (2,2), (3,1)\}$   
 $R_3 = \{(2,3)\}$   
 $R_4 = \{(1,1)\}$

Which of them are reflexive?

42  
www.utm.my

**Exercise 9**

(i) Let  $R$  be the relation on  $X=\{1,2,3,4\}$  defined by  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $x \leq y$ ,  $x,y \in X$ . Determine whether  $R$  is a reflexive relation.

(ii) The relation  $R$  on  $X=\{a,b,c,d\}$  given by the below diagram. Is  $R$  a reflexive relation?

**Exercise 10**

Let  $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$ . Construct the matrix of relation of  $R$ . Then, determine whether the relation is reflexive, not reflexive or irreflexive.

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

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

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

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

**Symmetric Relations**

A relation  $R$  on a set  $X$  is called symmetric if for all  $x,y \in X$ , if  $(x,y) \in R$ , then  $(y,x) \in R$ .

$$\forall x,y \in X, (x,y) \in R \rightarrow (y,x) \in R$$

Let  $M$  be the matrix of relation  $R$ .

The relation  $R$  is symmetric if and only if for all  $i$  and  $j$ , the  $ij$ -th entry of  $M$  is equal to the  $ji$ -th entry of  $M$ .

**Symmetric Relations**

The matrix of relation  $M_R$  is symmetric if  $M_R = M_R^T$

example

$$M_R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} = M_R^T$$

**Symmetric Relations**

The digraph of a symmetric relation has the property that whenever there is a directed edge from  $v$  to  $w$ , there is also a directed edge from  $w$  to  $v$ .

**Example 13**

- The relation  $R = \{(a,a), (b,c), (c,b), (d,d)\}$  on  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \text{ symmetric}$$

$(b,c) \in R$   
 $(c,b) \in R$



**Antisymmetric**

A relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is antisymmetric if  $a \neq b$ , whenever  $aRb$ , then  $b \not R a$ . In other word if whenever  $aRb$ , then  $bRa$  then it implies that  $a=b$

$$\forall a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R \wedge a \neq b \rightarrow (b, a) \notin R$$

Or

$$\forall a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R \rightarrow a = b$$

**Antisymmetric Relations**

- Matrix  $M_R = [M_{ij}]$  of an antisymmetric relation  $R$  satisfies the property that if  $i \neq j$ , then  $m_{ij}=0$  or  $m_{ji}=0$
- If  $R$  is antisymmetric relation, then for different vertices  $i$  and  $j$  there cannot be an edge from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  and an edge from vertex  $j$  to vertex  $i$
- At least one directed relation and one way

**Example 14**

- Let  $R$  be a relation on  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  defined as  $(a, b) \in R$  if  $a \geq b$ ,  $a, b \in A$  is an antisymmetric relation because for all  $a, b \in A$ ,  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $a \neq b$ , then  $(b, a) \notin R$ , for example  $(3, 2) \in R$  but  $(2, 3) \notin R$   
 $(3, 3) \in R$  and  $(3, 3) \in R$  implies  $a = b$

**Example 15**

- The relation  $R$  on  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  defined by,  $(x, y) \in R$  if  $x \leq y$ ,  $x, y \in X$

|   |   |   |   |   |               |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|
|   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |               |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | antisymmetric |
| 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |               |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |               |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |               |

$(1, 2) \in R$   
 $(2, 1) \notin R$

**Example 16**

The relation  $R = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c)\}$  on  $X = \{a, b, c\}$

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
|   | a | b | c |
| a | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| b | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| c | 0 | 0 | 1 |

$R$  has no members of the form  $(x, y)$  with  $x \neq y$ , then  $R$  is antisymmetric

**Asymmetric**

A relation is asymmetric if and only if it is both [antisymmetric](#) and [irreflexive](#).

The matrix  $M_R = [m_{ij}]$  of an asymmetric relation  $R$  satisfies the property that if  $m_{ij} = 1$  then  $m_{ji} = 0$   
 $m_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i$  (the main diagonal of matrix  $M_R$  consists entirely of 0's or otherwise)

**UTM**

## Digraph

- If  $R$  is asymmetric relation, then the digraph of  $R$  cannot simultaneously have an edge from vertex  $j$  to vertex  $i$  and an edge from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$
- All edges are "one way street" and no loop at every vertex

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Example 17

- Let  $R$  be the relation on  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  defined by  $(a, b) \in R$  if  $a > b, a, b \in A$  is an asymmetric relation because,
  - $(2, 1) \in R$  but  $(1, 2) \notin R$
  - $(3, 1) \in R$  but  $(1, 3) \notin R$
  - $(3, 2) \in R$  but  $(2, 3) \notin R$
  - $(1, 1) \notin R, (2, 2) \notin R, (3, 3) \notin R$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Not Symmetric

- Let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $A$ . Then  $R$  is called **not symmetric**, if for all  $a, b \in A$ , if  $(a, b) \in R$ , there exist  $(b, a) \notin R$ .

$$\exists a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \notin R$$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Not Symmetric AND not antisymmetric

- Let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $A$ . Then  $R$  is called **not symmetric** and **not antisymmetric**, if for all  $a, b \in A$ , if  $(a, b) \in R$ , there exist  $(b, a) \notin R$  and if  $(a, b) \in R$ , there exist  $(b, a) \in R$ .

$$\exists a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \in R$$

AND

$$\exists a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \notin R$$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Example 18

- Relation  $R = \{(a, c), (b, b), (c, a), (b, a), (a, a)\}$  on  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  is not symmetric and not antisymmetric relation because there is,

$$(a, c), (c, a) \in R \text{ and also } (b, a) \in R \text{ but } (a, b) \notin R$$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**UTM**

## Example 19

- The relation  $R = \{(a, a), (b, c), (c, b), (d, d)\}$  on  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$

|     |     |     |     |     |                                 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------|
|     | $a$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ |                                 |
| $a$ | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | Symmetric and not antisymmetric |
| $b$ | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |                                 |
| $c$ | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   |                                 |
| $d$ | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |                                 |

$(b, c) \in R$   
 $(c, b) \in R$

Innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.utm.my

**Example 20**

- Let  $A=Z$ , the set of integers and let  $R=\{(a,b) \in A \times A \mid a < b\}$ . So that  $R$  is the relation "less than".  
Is  $R$  symmetric, asymmetric or antisymmetric?
- Let  $A=\{1,2,3,4\}$  and let  $R = \{(1,2), (2,2), (3,4), (4,1)\}$   
Determine whether  $R$  symmetric, asymmetric or antisymmetric.

**Solution**

Question 1

- Symmetric : If  $a < b$ , then it is not true that  $b < a$ , so  $R$  is not symmetric
- Asymmetric : If  $a < b$  then  $b > a$  ( $b$  is greater than  $a$ ), so  $R$  is asymmetric
- Antisymmetric : If  $a \neq b$ , then either  $a > b$  or  $b > a$ , so  $R$  is antisymmetric

Question 2

- $R$  is not symmetric since  $(1,2) \in R$ , but  $(2,1) \notin R$
- $R$  is not asymmetric, since  $(2,2) \in R$
- $R$  is antisymmetric, since  $a \neq b$ , either  $(a,b) \in R$  or  $(b,a) \notin R$

**Summary on Symmetric**

**Exercise 14**

- Consider the following relations on the set  $\{1,2,3\}$ :  
 $R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,1), (3,3)\}$   
 $R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,3), (2,2), (3,1)\}$   
 $R_3 = \{(2,3)\}$   
 $R_4 = \{(1,1)\}$   
 Which of them are symmetric?  
 Which of them are antisymmetric?

**Exercise 15**

Let  $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$ . Construct the matrix of relation of  $R$ . Then, determine whether the relation is symmetric, asymmetric, antisymmetric, not symmetric or not antisymmetric.

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

**Transitive Relations**

- A relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is transitive if for all  $a, b, c \in A$ ,  $(a,b) \in R$  and  $(b,c) \in R$  implies that  $(a,c) \in R$
- In the diagram of  $R$ ,  $R$  is a transitive relation if and only if there is a directed edge from one vertex  $a$  to another vertex  $b$ , and if there exists a directed edge from vertex  $b$  to vertex  $c$ , then there must exist a directed edge from  $a$  to  $c$

**Example 21**

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

The diagraph:

67  
www.utm.my

**Exercise 16**

- Consider the following relations on the set  $\{1,2,3\}$ :  
 $R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,3)\}$   
 $R_2 = \{(1,2), (2,3), (1,3)\}$   
 Which of them is transitive?

68  
www.utm.my

**Transitive Relations**

The matrix of the relation  $M_R$  is transitive if

$$M_R \otimes M_R = M_R$$

$\otimes$  is the product of boolean

69  
www.utm.my

**Boolean Algebra**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| + | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| . | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

70  
www.utm.my

**Example 22**

The relation  $R$  on  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  defined by  $(a,b) \in R$  if  $a \leq b$ ,  $a, b \in A$ , is a transitive. The matrix of relation  $M_R$

$$M_R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The product of boolean,

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

Note that,  $(1,2)$  and  $(2,3) \in R$ ,  $(1,3) \in R$

71  
www.utm.my

**Example 23**

The relation  $R$  on  $A = \{a,b,c,d\}$  is  $R = \{(a,a), (b,b), (c,c), (d,d), (a,c), (c,b)\}$  is not transitive. The matrix of relation  $M_R$

$$M_R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The product of boolean,

$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Note that,  $(a,c)$  and  $(c,b) \in R$ ,  $(a,b) \notin R$

72  
www.utm.my

**Example 24**

Let  $R$  be a relation on  $A=\{1,2,3\}$  is defined by  $(a,b) \in R$  if  $a \leq b$ ,  $a,b \in A$ . Find  $R$ . Is  $R$  a transitive relation?

Solution:  
 $R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,2), (2,3), (3,3)\}$   
 $R$  is a transitive relation because

$(1,2)$  and  $(2,2) \in R$ ,  $(1,2) \in R$   
 **$(1,2)$  and  $(2,3) \in R$ ,  $(1,3) \in R$**   
 **$(1,3)$  and  $(3,3) \in R$ ,  $(1,3) \in R$**   
 $(2,2)$  and  $(2,3) \in R$ ,  $(2,3) \in R$   
 $(2,3)$  and  $(3,3) \in R$ ,  $(2,3) \in R$

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

72  
www.utm.my

**Equivalence Relations**

Relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is called an equivalence relation if it is a **reflexive, symmetric and transitive**.

**Example 25**  
 Let  $R = \{(1,1), (1,3), (2,2), (3,1), (3,3)\}$  on  $\{1,2,3\}$ , the matrix of the relation  $M_R$

$$M_R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

All the main diagonal matrix elements are 1 and the matrix is reflexive.

73  
www.utm.my

**Equivalence Relations**

**Example 25(Cont.)**  
 The transpose matrix  $M_R M_R^T$  is equal to  $M_R$ , so  $R$  is symmetric

$$M_R = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad M_R^T = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The product of boolean show that the matrix is transitive.

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

76  
www.utm.my

**Partial Order Relations**

Relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is called a partial order relation if it is a reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

**Example 26**  
 Let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  defined by  $(a,b) \in R$  if  $a \leq b$ ,  $a,b \in R$ .

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

$R$  is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

So  $R$  is a partial order relation.

76  
www.utm.my

**Exercise 17**

The relation  $R$  on the set  $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$  defined by the rule  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $x+y \leq 6$

- (i) List the elements of  $R$
- (ii) Find the domain of  $R$
- (iii) Find the range of  $R$
- (iv) Is the relation of  $R$  reflexive, symmetric, asymmetric, antisymmetric, transitive, and/or equivalence relation or partial order?


77  
www.utm.my

**Exercise 18**

The relation  $R$  on the set  $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$  defined by the rule  $(x,y) \in R$  if 3 divides  $x-y$

- (i) List the elements of  $R$
- (ii) Find the domain of  $R$
- (iii) Find the range of  $R$
- (iv) Is the relation of  $R$  reflexive, symmetric, asymmetric, antisymmetric, transitive, and/or equivalence relation or partial order?

78  
www.utm.my



## Exercise 19

The relation  $R$  on the set  $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$  defined by the rule  $(x,y) \in R$  if  $x=y-1$

- (i) List the elements of  $R$
- (ii) Find the domain of  $R$
- (iii) Find the range of  $R$
- (iv) Is the relation of  $R$  reflexive, symmetric, asymmetric, antisymmetric, transitive, and/or equivalence relation or partial order?

innovative • entrepreneurial • global www.iictm.ctv