## Harold's Directed Graphs

## Cheat Sheet

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## Definitions

| Term | Definition | Example |
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| Vertices (Nodes) | An individual element of V is called a vertex. | $\text { Set } V=\{a, b, c, d, e\}$ <br> (1) or $\bullet$ |
| Edges (Arcs) | A directed edge ( $u, v$ ) $\in E$, is pictured as an arrow going from one vertex to another. | $E=\{(a, b),(a, c), \ldots,(d, e)\}$ |
| Directed Graph (Digraph) | A finite set of dots called vertices (or nodes) that are connected by links called edges (or arcs). Consists of a pair (V, E). <br> A sequence of vertices in which there is a (directed) edge pointing from each vertex in the sequence to its successor in the sequence, with no repeated edges. |  |
| Self-Loop (Loop) | An edge that connects a vertex to itself. |  |
| In-Degree | The number of edges pointing into, to, or with $v$ as their terminal vertex. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { in - degree }(v)= \\ & \|\{u \mid(u, v) \in E\}\| \end{aligned}$ |
| Out-Degree | The number of edges pointing out of, from, or with $v$ as their initial vertex. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { out-degree }(v)= \\ & \|\{u \mid(v, u) \in E\}\| \end{aligned}$ |
| Walk | A sequence of alternating vertices and edges that starts and ends with a vertex. | $\begin{gathered} \left\langle v_{0},\left(v_{0}, v_{1}\right), v_{1},\left(v_{1}, v_{2}\right), v_{2}, \ldots, v_{l}\right. \\ \left\langle v_{0}, v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{l}\right\rangle \end{gathered}$ |
| Open Walk | A walk in which the first and last vertices are not the same. | $\langle a, \ldots, z\rangle$ |
| Closed Walk | A walk in which the first and last vertices are the same. | $\langle a, \ldots, a\rangle$ |
| Length | I, the number of edges in the walk, path, or cycle. | $I=\|E\|$ |
| Trail | An open walk in which no edge occurs more than once. | $\langle a, b, c, d, c, b, a\rangle$ |
| Circuit | A closed walk in which no edge occurs more than once. | $\langle a, b, a, c, a\rangle$ |


| Path | A trail in which no vertex occurs more than <br> once. | $\langle a, b, c, d\rangle$ |
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| Cycle | A circuit of length at least 1 in which no <br> vertex occurs more than once, except the <br> first and last vertices which are the same. | $\langle a, b, c, a\rangle$ | DAG | A directed acyclic graph (or DAG) is a |
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| digraph with no directed cycles. |$\quad$,

## Digraph Theorems

Theorem

## Boolean Matrix Operations



## Order Properties of Binary Relations with Two Sets

| Property | Logical Statement | Description |
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| Reflexive | $\begin{gathered} x R x \\ (x, x) \in R \\ \forall x \in A(x R x) \\ \forall x \in A((x, x) \in R) \end{gathered}$ | - $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{A}} \subseteq \mathrm{R}$ <br> where $i_{A}$ is the identity relation of set $A$ or $i_{A}=\{(x, x) \mid x \in A\}$ <br> - Directed graph: Loop |
| Anti-Reflexive | $\begin{aligned} & \neg(x R x) \\ & \forall x \in A \rightharpoondown(x R x) \end{aligned}$ | - Directed graph: No loops |
| Symmetric | $\begin{gathered} x R y \rightarrow y R x \\ \forall x \in A \quad \forall y \in A(x R y \rightarrow y R x) \end{gathered}$ | - $R=R^{-1}$ <br> - Directed graph: 2-way arrow (edges come in pairs) or no arrows |
| AntiSymmetric | $\begin{gathered} (x R y \wedge y R x) \rightarrow(x=y) \\ (x \neq y) \rightarrow \neg(x R y) \vee \neg(y R x) \\ \forall x \in A \forall y \in A((x R y \wedge y R x) \longrightarrow(x=y)) \end{gathered}$ | - Equivalence <br> - Directed graph: An arrow from $x$ to $y$ implies that there is no arrow from $y$ to $x$ <br> No: |
| Asymmetric | $\begin{gathered} x R y \rightarrow-(y R x) \\ \forall x \in A \quad \forall y \in A \forall z \in A(x R y \rightarrow \neg(y R x)) \end{gathered}$ | - Fails the vertical line test, so not a proper function, $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})$ <br> - Directed graph: 1-way arrow |
| Transitive | $\begin{gathered} (x R y \wedge y R z) \rightarrow x R z \\ \forall x \forall y \forall z((x R y \wedge y R z) \rightarrow x R z) \\ \forall x \in A \forall y \in A \forall z \in A((x R y \wedge y R z) \rightarrow x R z) \end{gathered}$ | - $R \circ R \subseteq R$ <br> - Similar to $S \circ R$ <br> - Directed graph: Two routes from every vertex $A$ to every vertex $B$, 1-hop and 2-hops |
| Total | $\begin{gathered} x R y \vee y R x \\ \forall x \in A \forall y \in A(x R y \vee y R x) \end{gathered}$ | - Either-or |
| Density | $\begin{gathered} x R y \rightarrow \exists z \mid x R z \wedge z R y \\ \forall x \in A \forall y(x R y) \rightarrow \exists z \mid x R z \wedge z R y \end{gathered}$ | - A middle-man exists |
| Binary | $R^{-1} \circ R=$ Relation on set $A$ <br> $R \circ R^{-1}=$ Relation on set $C$ | - Relation on set <set> <br> - Binary relation on set <set> |
| Identity | $\begin{aligned} \mathrm{i}_{A}= & \{(x, y) \in A \times A \mid x=y\} \\ & i_{A}=\{(x, x) \mid x \in A\} \end{aligned}$ | - Similar to a diagonal matrix |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Composition } \\ & (S \circ R) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} S \circ R=(a, c) \in S \circ R \leftrightarrow \exists b \mid(a, b) \in R \text { and } \\ (b, c) \in S \\ \{(a, c) \in A \times C \mid \exists b \in B((a, b) \in R \text { and }(b, \\ c) \in S)\} \\ a R b \text { and } b S c \\ \{(a, c) \in A \times C \mid \exists b \in B(a R b \wedge b S c)\} \end{gathered}$ | - The composition of $S$ and $R$ is the relation $S \circ R$ from $A$ to $C$ <br> - $\quad a R b$ and $b S c$, meaning $R: a \rightarrow R: b$ $\rightarrow \mathrm{S}: b \rightarrow \mathrm{~S}: c$, so ( $\mathrm{R}: \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{S}: \mathrm{c}$ ) <br> - Ring operator |

## Partial Orders

| Term | Description | Additional |
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| Partial Order | A relation $R$ on a set $A$ that is reflexive, transitive, and anti-symmetric. <br> A partial order acts like a soperator on the elements of $A$. | $\begin{gathered} a R b=a \leq b \\ \text { "a is at most b" } \end{gathered}$ |
| Example | The $\leq$ operator acting on the set of integers is a partial order, denoted by $(\mathbf{Z}, \leq)$. The relation is: <br> 1. Reflexive ( $x \leq x$ ) <br> 2. Anti-symmetric (if $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$ then $x=y$ ). <br> 3. Transitive ( $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z$ implies that $x \leq z$ ). |  |
| Poset | Partially Ordered Set <br> The domain along with a partial order defined on it is denoted ( $\mathrm{A}, \leq$ ). | $(\mathrm{A}, \leq)$ |
| Comparable | If $x \leq y$ or $y \leq x$. | Example: (Z, $\leq$ ) |
| Incomparable | Not comparable. <br> Neither $\mathrm{x} \leq \mathrm{y}$ nor $\mathrm{y} \leq \mathrm{x}$. <br> Either they are not connected at all by a path of line segments or the only paths between $x$ and $y$ require a change in direction from up to down or from down to up. | $c$ and $f$ are incomparable. |
| Total Order | If every two elements in the domain are comparable. | Example: (Z, $\leq$ ) |
| Minimal | An element x is a minimal element if there is no y <br> $\neq \mathrm{x}$ such that $\mathrm{y} \leq \mathrm{x}$. <br> Vertex x has in-degree $=0$. | All edges are leaving the vertex. |
| Maximal | An element x is a maximal element if there is no $y \neq x$ such that $x \leq y$. <br> Vertex x has out-degree $=0$. | All edges are entering the vertex. |
| Hasse Diagram | Ordered from top to bottom to identify if comparable. <br> Incomparable if up then down or vice versa is needed. <br> Incomparable if "air gaped". |  |

## Strict Orders

| Term | Description | Additional |
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| Strict Order | A relation $R$ on a set $A$ that is transitive and anti-reflexive. Every strict order is antisymmetric (assumed). <br> A strict order acts like a < operator on the elements of $A$. | $\begin{gathered} a R b=a<b \\ \text { " } a \text { is less than } b " \end{gathered}$ |
| Example | The real numbers (R) along with the < relation is a strict order. The relation is: <br> 1. Transitive (if $a<b$ and $b<c$, then $a<c$ ) <br> 2. Anti-reflexive (there is no real a such that a < a) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Examples: } \\ & (R,<) \\ & (P(A), C) \end{aligned}$ |
| Comparable | Same as a partial order above, except: <br> Partial Order: $\leq$ <br> Strict Order: < | The arrow diagram for a strict order is basically an arrow diagram for a partial order without the self-loops. |
| Incomparable |  |  |
| Total Order |  |  |
| Minimal |  |  |
| Maximal |  |  |

## Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAG)

| Term | Description | Additional |
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| DAG | Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) <br> A directed graph (digraph) that has no directed cycles or positive length cycles. <br> Note that since a single vertex is a cycle of zero length. <br> Acyclic $=$ No Cycles |  |
| Example | Useful for representing precedence relationships or constraints. | College course prerequisites graph or software module dependencies. |
| Theorem: DAGs and Strict Orders | Let G be a directed graph. <br> $G$ has no positive length cycles if and only if $\mathrm{G}^{+}$is a strict order. | If G is a DAG, then $\mathrm{G}^{+}$is a strict order. <br> If $\mathrm{G}^{+}$is a strict order, then G is a DAG. |
| Topological Sort | If there is an edge $(u, v)$, then $u$ appears earlier than v . | A topological sort for a DAG G is also a topological sort for $\mathrm{G}^{+}$. |
| Example | One way to construct a topological sort for a DAG G is to: <br> 1) Pick a vertex $x$ with in-degree 0 and remove $x$ from $G$. <br> 2) Then pick another vertex with in-degree 0 from among the remaining vertices. <br> 3) Keep selecting vertices until there are no vertices left. |  |

## Equivalence Relations

| Term | Description | Additional |
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| Equivalence Relation | A relation $R$ is an equivalence relation if $R$ is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. | $a R b=a \sim b$ <br> "a is equivalent to $b$ " |
| Example | The domain is the set of all people. <br> Define relation $B$ such that $x B y$ if person $x$ and person $y$ have the same birthday. The relation B is: <br> 1. Reflexive since every person has the same birthday as himself/herself. <br> 2. Symmetric because if $x$ has the same birthday as $y$, then $y$ has the same birthday as $x$. <br> 3. Transitive because if $x$ and $y$ share a birthday and $y$ and $z$ share a birthday, then $x$ and $z$ must also share a birthday. |  |
| Equivalence Class | If $A$ is the domain of an equivalence relation and $a \in A$, then [a] is defined to be the set of all $x \in A$ such that $a \sim x$. | The set [a]. $a \in A \longrightarrow[a] \subseteq A$ |
| Theorem: <br> Structure of Equivalence Relations | Consider an equivalence relation on a set $A$. Let $x, y \in A$ : <br> - If $x \sim y$ then $[x]=[y]$ (identical) <br> - If it is not the case that $x \sim y$, then $[x] \cap$ $[y]=\varnothing$ (completely disjoint) | The vertices of the network can be partitioned into sets of vertices that can all communicate with each other. |
| Partition | Consider an equivalence relation over a set A . The set of all distinct equivalence classes defines a partition of A. <br> The term "distinct" means that if there are two equal equivalence classes $[a]=[b]$, the set $[a]$ is only included once. | Equivalence Relation $\rightarrow$ <br> Equivalent Class $\rightarrow$ <br> Partition $\rightarrow$ Set A |
| Example |  | Defines partition on A : $\begin{aligned} & \{a, b, e\} \\ & \{d, f\} \\ & \{c\} \end{aligned}$ |
| Pairwise Disjoint | The intersection of any pair of the sets is empty. |  |


| Strong Connectivity | Strong connectivity is an equivalence relation on the set of vertices: <br> 1. Reflexive: Every vertex v is strongly connected to itself. <br> 2. Symmetric: If $v$ is strongly connected to $w$, then $w$ is strongly connected to $v$. <br> 3. Transitive: If $v$ is strongly connected to $w$ and $w$ is strongly connected to $x$, then $v$ is also strongly connected to x . |
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## Sources:

- SNHU MAT 230 - Discrete Mathematics, zyBooks.
- See also "Harold's Undirected Graphs and Trees Cheat Sheet".
- See also pages 9 \& 10 of "Harold's Sets Cheat Sheet" for Relations.

