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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

**25UCU305: DISCRETE MATHEMATICS WITH PROBABILITY AND
HYPOTHESIS TESTING
MATRIX RELATIONS**

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Introduction to Matrix Relations

- **A relation connects elements of one set with elements of another set.**
- **Relations are often represented using sets, diagrams, or matrices.**
- **Matrix representation is useful for computing compositions, inverses, and properties of relations.**

Definition of Matrix Representation

A relation R from set $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ to $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$
can be represented by an $m \times n$ matrix $M(R)$.

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

Example

Let

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

$$B = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

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

Matrix:

	1	2	3
1	0	1	0
2	0	0	1
3	1	0	0

Types of Relations (Using Matrices)

A relation on a set can be tested using properties of its matrix:

- **Reflexive**
- **Symmetric**
- **Antisymmetric**
- **Transitive**



COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS MATRIX

	Trait 1	Trait 2	Trait 3	Trait 4	Trait 5	Trait 6
Competitor 1	✓		✓		✓	✓
Competitor 2	✓	✓	✓			✓
Competitor 3	✓			✓		
New Organization	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Reflexive Relation

A relation R on A is reflexive if each element is related to itself.

**Matrix condition:
All diagonal entries are 1.**

Example:

If $M_{11} = M_{22} = M_{33} = 1 \rightarrow$ Reflexive.

Symmetric Relation

R is symmetric if $(a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \in R$.

Matrix condition:

Matrix must be equal to its transpose ($M = M^T$).

Antisymmetric Relation

R is antisymmetric if:

$$(a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow a = b$$

Matrix condition:

For $i \neq j$, if $M_{ij} = 1$ then M_{ji} must be 0.

Transitive Relation

R is transitive if:

$$(a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$$

Matrix test:

Compute Boolean product $M \odot M$

If $M \odot M \leq M \rightarrow$ Transitive

Composition of Relations

For relations $R (A \rightarrow B)$ and $S (B \rightarrow C)$:

Composition $R \circ S$ is represented by **Boolean matrix multiplication.**

$$(M(R) \odot M(S))_{ij} = \bigvee_k (M(R)_{ik} \wedge M(S)_{kj})$$

Inverse of a Relation

Inverse $R^{-1} = \{(b, a) : (a, b) \in R\}$

Matrix representation:

Transpose of matrix $M(R)$.

Summary

Relation matrices are binary matrices representing ordered pairs

Diagonal \rightarrow reflexive

Symmetry $\rightarrow M = M^T$

Antisymmetry \rightarrow off-diagonal conditions

Transitivity \rightarrow Boolean matrix multiplication

Inverse \rightarrow transpose

THANK YOU