

Partial Order
 Strict Order
 Equivalence Relations

Relations with a specific set of properties.

Partial Order: Relation R on a set A that is:

- Reflexive
- Anti-symmetric
- Transitive.

Notation: $x, y \in R$ xRy is denoted $x \preceq y$.

Standard example: (\mathbb{Z}, \leq)
set \nearrow relation

x is "related to" y if $x \leq y$.

- Reflexive: $x \leq x$
- Anti-symmetric: $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y$.
- Transitive: $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$.

Example: (\mathbb{Z}^+, \preceq) $x \preceq y$ iff $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $x^n = y$.

- Reflexive:
- Anti-symmetric:
- Transitive:

Hasse Diagrams:

Clean way to depict partial order (A, \leq) .

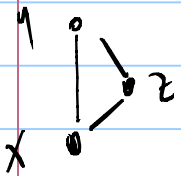
* If $x \leq y$ the x appears below y

↳ converse not necessarily true.

* A line from x to y if

$x \leq y$ and $\nexists z$ $x \leq z$ and $z \leq y$.

x y
 $x + y$ could be
 incomparable.



$(\{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64\}, \leq)$

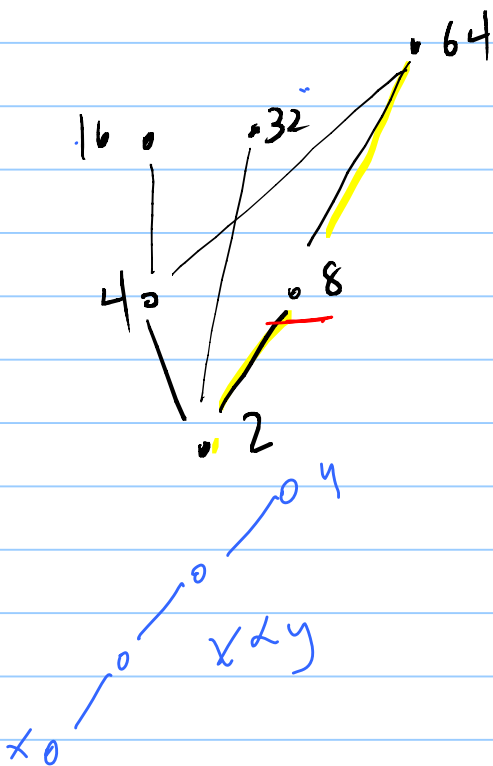
↳ $x \leq y$: y a power of x

Is there a line between 2 and 16 ?

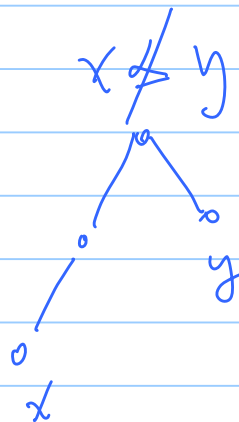
$2 \leq 16$ $2^4 = 16$.

$4 \leq 32$?

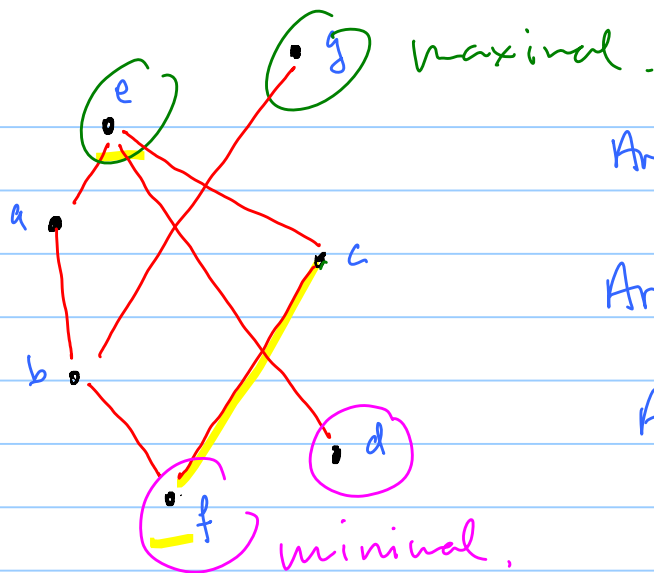
~~$4 \leq 32$~~



Maximal element: x
 $\nexists y$ $x \leq y$



Minimal element: x
 $\nexists y$ $y \leq x$.



Are e and f comparable?
 $f \not\leq e$.

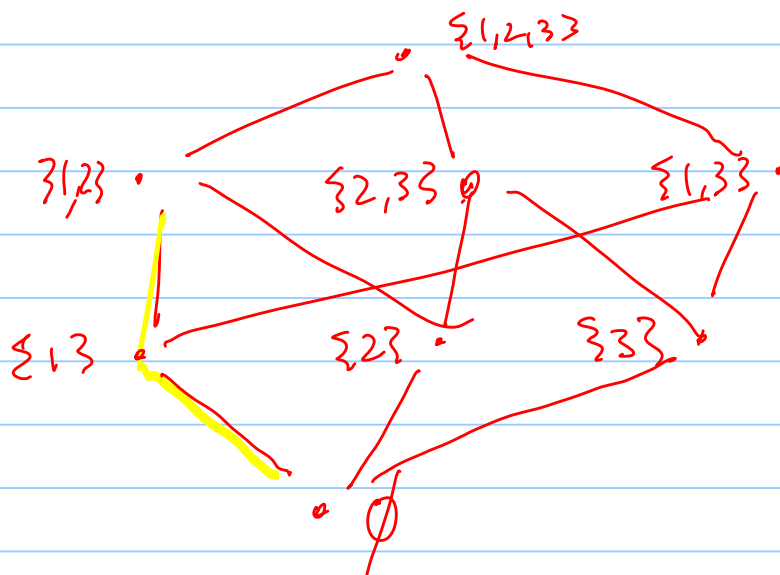
Are e and d comparable?
 $f \not\leq e$.

Are d and g comparable?
 no.

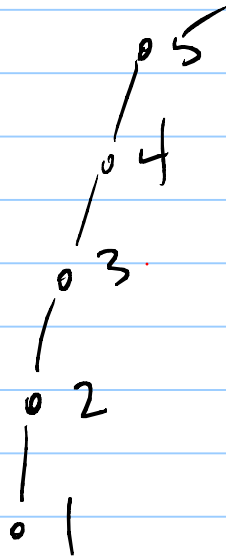
Minimal Elements x is minimal if there is no y $y \leq x$

Maximal Elements x maximal if there is no y $x \leq y$.

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad (P(A), \subseteq)$$



Hasse Diagram for $(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, \leq)$



Strict Orders

Partial Order \preceq

- * Reflexive
- * Anti-symmetric
- * Transitive

Strict Order \prec

- * Anti-reflexive
- * ~~Anti-symmetric~~
- * Transitive

Note: If a relation R is anti-reflexive and transitive then it is also anti-symmetric.

$$(\text{Anti-Reflexive}) \wedge (\text{Transitive}) \rightarrow (\text{Anti-Symmetric})$$

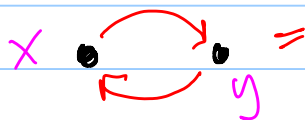
contra-positive:

$$\neg (\text{Anti-Symmetric}) \wedge (\text{Transitive}) \rightarrow \neg (\text{Anti-Reflexive})$$

Anti-Symmetric means that you never have this pattern:

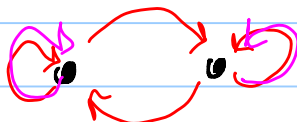


\neg (Anti-Symmetric) means that you have this pattern somewhere

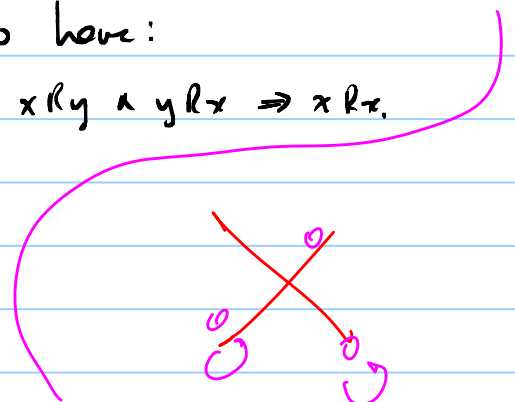


If it is transitive then you also have:

$$xRy \wedge yRx \Rightarrow xRx$$



$$\Rightarrow \neg (\text{Anti-reflexive}).$$



strict

Examples of partial orders:

$(\mathbb{Z}, <)$

* Anti-reflexive $x < x$

* Anti-symmetric.

$x < y \wedge y < x \Rightarrow x = y$

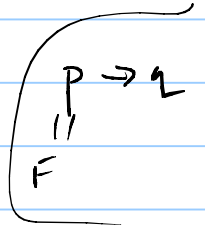
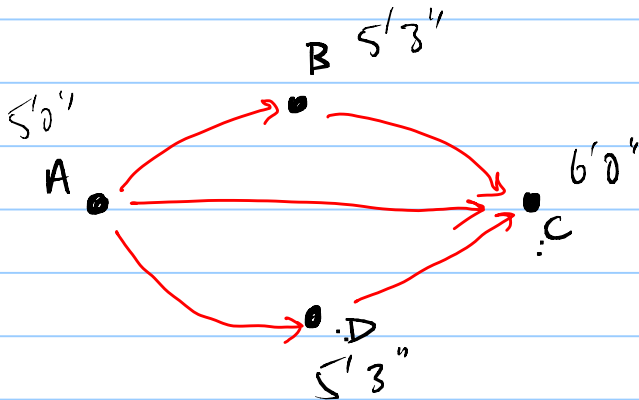
false for every pair.

* Transitive: $x < y \wedge y < z \Rightarrow x < z$.

Group of people. $x < y$ if x is shorter than y .

Height

- A: 5'0"
- B: 5'3"
- C: 6'0"
- D: 5'3"



$x R y \wedge y R x$
 $\Rightarrow x = y$.

* Anti-reflexive

* Anti-symmetric

" x is shorter than x "?

x is shorter than y
 y is shorter than x } $\rightarrow x = y$.

never.

* Transitive

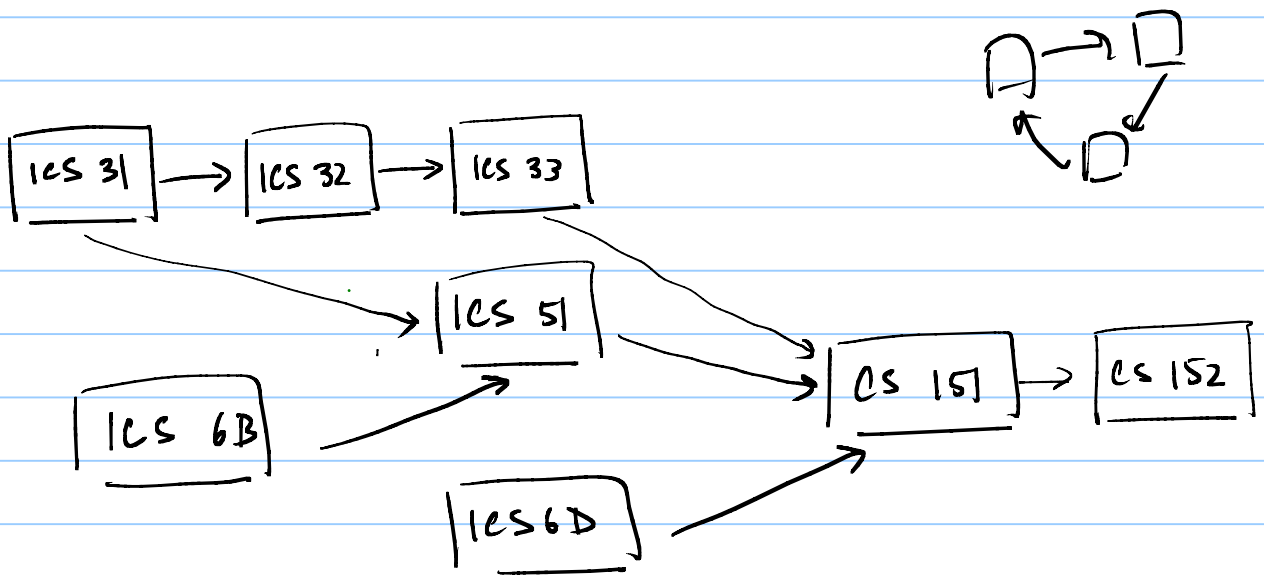
x is shorter than y
 y is shorter than z } $\Rightarrow x$ is shorter than z .

Total order? Not if there are two people in the group who have the same height.

Strict order: useful for representing precedence relationships.

Vertices: set of tasks.

Relata: x must be completed before y begins.



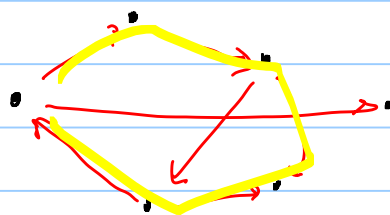
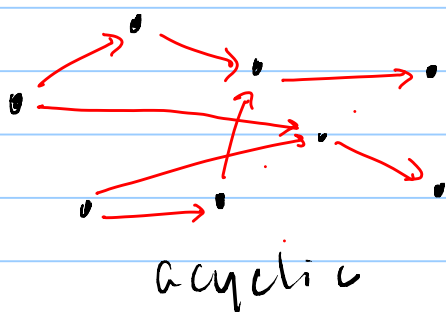
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Prerequisites are represented by an acyclic graph that is not necessarily transitive.

A directed graph is acyclic if it does not have any positive length cycles.

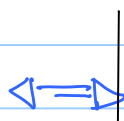
Directed Acyclic Graph \equiv "DAG".

Note : $\langle v \rangle$ is a cycle of length 0 (no edges)
 $\langle v, v \rangle$ is a cycle of length 1 (one edge).
only if there is a "Self loop" at vertex v .



Graph representing prerequisite structure
is a DAG. G .

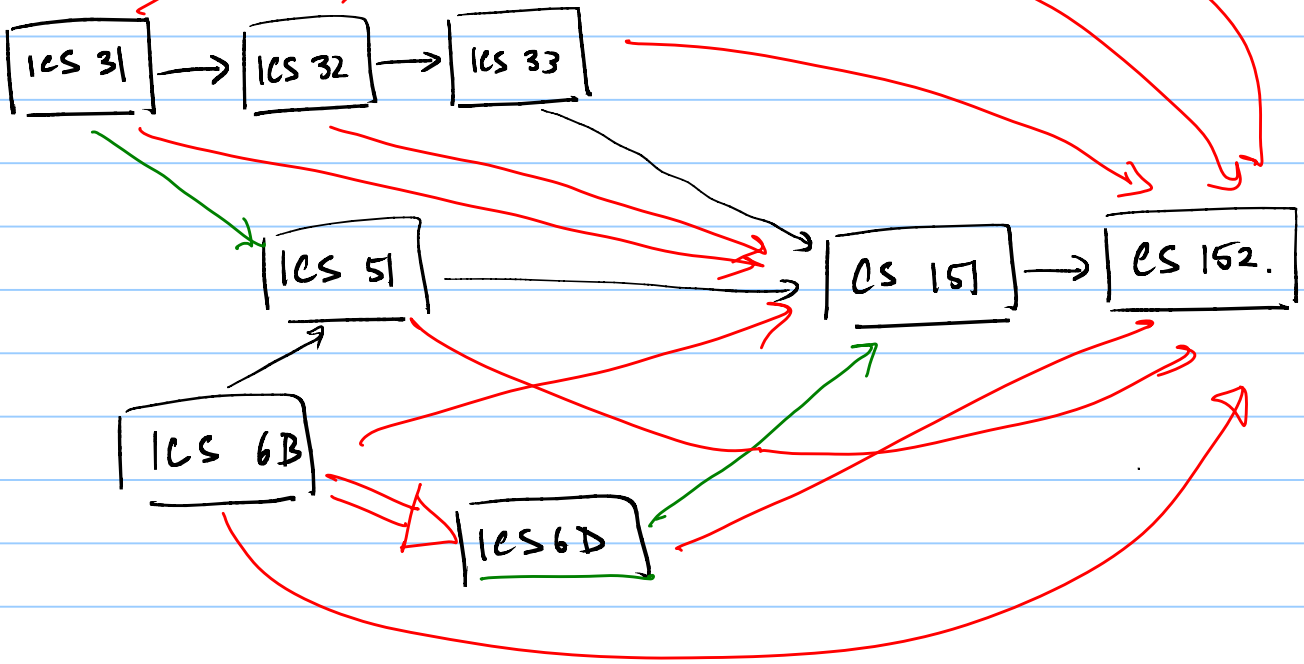
Course x before course y



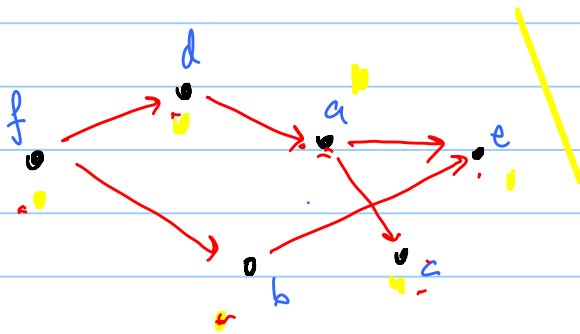
(x, y) is in G^+
transitive closure
of G .

Theorem : G is a directed acyclic graph
if and only if G^+ is a strict order

DAG.



A topological sort of a DAG is an ordering of the vertices such that for every edge (u, v) , u comes before v in the ordering.



f, d, a, c, b, e Yes.

f, c, d, b, a, e ←

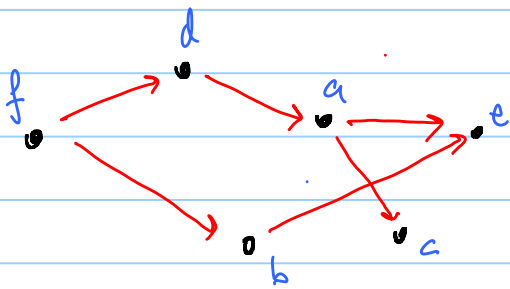
f, b, d, a, e, c Yes!

A topological sort for a DAG is not necessarily unique.

To find a topological sort, keep removing vertices that are minimal (i.e. $\text{in-degree} = 0$).

Order of removal is a topological sort.

f, b, d, a, c, e

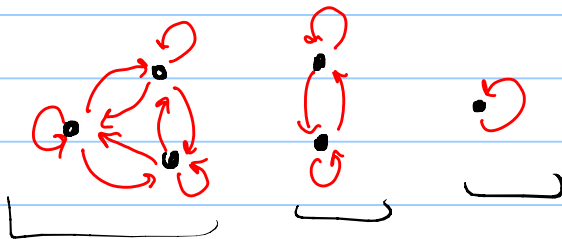


Equivalence Relations.

A Relation R on a set A is an equivalence relation if it is:

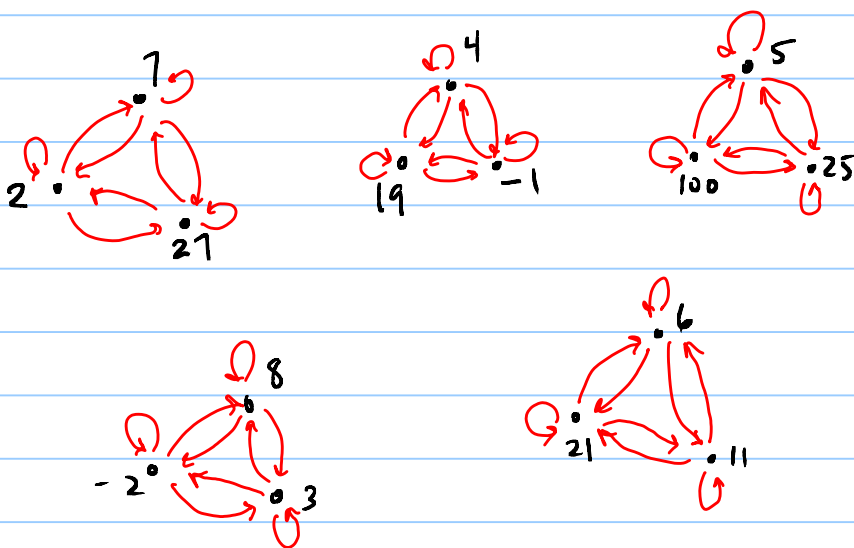
- reflexive
- symmetric \Leftrightarrow
- transitive.

if xRy then $x \sim y$. $x \sim y$.



Example: domain \mathbb{Z}

$x \sim y$ iff $x - z$ is a multiple of 5.



$x \sim y$ iff $(x-y) = 5n$ for integer n .

Reflexive: $\underline{x-x} = 5 \cdot 0$
 $x \sim y$

$y \sim x$

Symmetric: $(x-y) = 5n \Rightarrow (y-x) = -5n = 5(-n)$.

Transitive: $\begin{cases} (x-y) = 5n \\ (y-z) = 5m \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{(x-z)} = (x-y) + (y-z) \\ = 5n + 5m \\ = 5(n+m)$.

Group of people $x \sim y$ if x and y have the same birth day.

Reflexive: $x \sim x$ ✓

Symmetric: $x \sim y \rightarrow y \sim x$ ✓

Transitive: $x \sim y \wedge y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$ ✓

Equivalence Class of x : $[x] = \{y \mid x \sim y\}$.

The set of distinct equivalence classes forms a partition of the underlying set.

How many equivalence classes for the birthday equivalence relation?

... as many as 366.

What are the equivalence classes of
 $x \sim y$ iff $(x-y)$ is a multiple of 5.

$[0]$ $[1]$ $[2]$ $[3]$ $[4]$