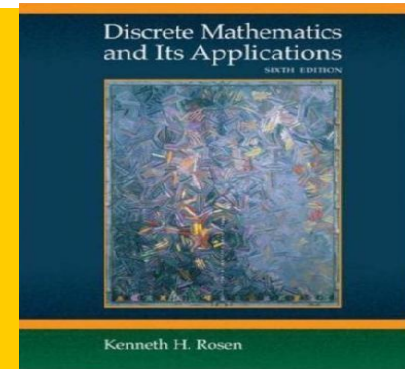


# Chapter 8: Relations



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# Relations (8.1)



## Introduction

- Relationship between a program and its variables
- Integers that are congruent modulo  $k$
- Pairs of cities linked by airline flights in a network

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### Relations & their properties

#### - Definition 1

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A **binary relation from  $A$  to  $B$**  is a subset of  $A * B$ .

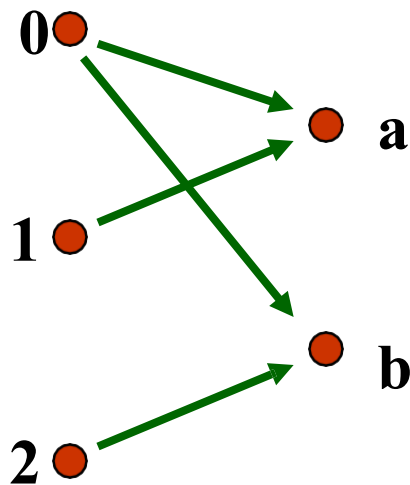
In other words, a binary relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is a set  $R$  of ordered pairs where the first element of each ordered pair comes from  $A$  and the second element comes from  $B$ .

# Relations (8.1) (cont.)

- Notation:

$$aRb \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in R$$

$$\cancel{aRb} \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \notin R$$



R	a	b
0	X	X
1	X	
2		X

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

- **Example:**

A = set of all cities

B = set of the 50 states in the USA

Define the relation R by specifying that (a, b) belongs to R if city a is in state b.

*( Boulder,Colorado)*  
*( Bangor,Maine )*  
*( Ann Arbor,Michigan)*  
*(Cupertino,California)*  
*Red Bank, New Jersey)* } *are in R.*

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)



### Functions as relations

- The graph of a function  $f$  is the set of ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  such that  $b = f(a)$
- The graph of  $f$  is a subset of  $A * B \Rightarrow$  it is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$
- Conversely, if  $R$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  such that every element in  $A$  is the first element of exactly one ordered pair of  $R$ , then a function can be defined with  $R$  as its graph

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### Relations on a set

#### - Definition 2

A **relation** on the set  $A$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $A$ .

- **Example:**  $A = \text{set } \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Which ordered pairs are in the relation  $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \text{ divides } b\}$

**Solution:** Since  $(a, b)$  is in  $R$  if and only if  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers not exceeding 4 such that  $a$  divides  $b$

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

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### ✚ Properties of Relations

#### - Definition 3

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called **reflexive** if  $(a, a) \in R$  for every element  $a \in A$ .



## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

- **Example (a):** Consider the following relations on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$R_5 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_6 = \{(3,4)\}$$

Which of these relations are reflexive?

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### *Solution:*

$R_3$  and  $R_5$ : reflexive  $\Leftarrow$  both contain all pairs of the form  $(a, a)$ :  $(1,1)$ ,  $(2,2)$ ,  $(3,3)$  &  $(4,4)$ .

$R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_4$  and  $R_6$ : not reflexive  $\Leftarrow$  not contain all of these ordered pairs.  $(3,3)$  is not in any of these relations.

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$R_5 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_6 = \{(3,4)\}$$

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### - Definition 4:

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called **symmetric** if  $(b, a) \in R$  whenever  $(a, b) \in R$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ .  $(\forall a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R \implies (b, a) \in R)$

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  such that  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$  only if  $a = b$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ , is called **antisymmetric**.

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

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

- **Example:** Which of the relations from example (a) are symmetric and which are antisymmetric?

*Solution:*

- ❖  $R_2$  &  $R_3$ : symmetric  $\Leftarrow$  each case  $(b, a)$  belongs to the relation whenever  $(a, b)$  does.

For  $R_2$ : only thing to check that both  $(1,2)$  &  $(2,1)$  belong to the relation

For  $R_3$ : it is necessary to check that both  $(1,2)$  &  $(2,1)$  belong to the relation.

None of the other relations is symmetric: find a pair  $(a, b)$  so that it is in the relation but  $(b, a)$  is not.

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$R_5 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_6 = \{(3,4)\}$$

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### *Solution (cont.):*

- ❖  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$ : antisymmetric  $\Leftarrow$  for each of these relations there is no pair of elements  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a \neq b$  such that both  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, a)$  belong to the relation.

None of the other relations is antisymmetric.: find a pair  $(a, b)$  with  $a \neq b$  so that  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, a)$  are both in the relation.

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$R_5 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_6 = \{(3,4)\}$$

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### - Definition 5:

A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called **transitive** if whenever  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$ , then  $(a, c) \in R$ , for all  $a, b, c \in R$ .

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

- **Example:** Which of the relations in example (a) are transitive?
- ❖  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  &  $R_6$  : transitive  $\Leftarrow$  verify that if  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, c)$  belong to this relation then  $(a, c)$  belongs also to the relation  
 $R_4$  transitive since  $(3,2)$  and  $(2,1)$ ,  $(4,2)$  and  $(2,1)$ ,  $(4,3)$  and  $(3,1)$ , and  $(4,3)$  and  $(3,2)$  are the only such sets of pairs, and  $(3,1)$ ,  $(4,1)$  and  $(4,2)$  belong to  $R_4$ .  
 Same reasoning for  $R_5$  and  $R_6$ .
- ❖  $R_1$  : not transitive  $\Leftarrow (3,4)$  and  $(4,1)$  belong to  $R_1$ , but  $(3,1)$  does not.
- ❖  $R_2$  : not transitive  $\Leftarrow (2,1)$  and  $(1,2)$  belong to  $R_2$ , but  $(2,2)$  does not.
- ❖  $R_3$  : not transitive  $\Leftarrow (4,1)$  and  $(1,2)$  belong to  $R_3$ , but  $(4,2)$  does not.

$$R_1 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1)\}$$

$$R_3 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,4), (2,1), (2,2), (3,3), (3,4), (4,1), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_4 = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3)\}$$

$$R_5 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4)\}$$

$$R_6 = \{(3,4)\}$$

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### ✦ Combining relations

#### - Example:

Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \}$ . The relations  $R_1 = \{(1,1), (2,2), (3,3)\}$  and  $R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4)\}$  can be combined to obtain:

$$R_1 \cup R_2 = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (3,3)\}$$

$$R_1 \cap R_2 = \{(1,1)\}$$

$$R_1 - R_2 = \{(2,2), (3,3)\}$$

$$R_2 - R_1 = \{(1,2), (1,3), (1,4)\}$$



## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

### - Definition 6:

Let  $R$  be a relation from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  and  $S$  a relation from  $B$  to a set  $C$ .

The **composite** of  **$R$  and  $S$**  is the relation consisting of ordered pairs  $(a, c)$ , where  $a \in A$ ,  $c \in C$ , and for which there exists an element  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in S$ . We denote the composite of  $R$  and  $S$  by  **$S \circ R$** . ( $S \circ R = \{(a, c) \mid \exists b \in B, (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S\}$ )

## Relations (8.1) (cont.)

- **Example:** What is the composite of the **relations R and S** where R is the relation from  $\{1,2,3\}$  to  $\{1,2,3,4\}$  with  $R = \{(1,1), (1,4), (2,3), (3,1), (3,4)\}$  and S is the relation from  $\{1,2,3,4\}$  to  $\{0,1,2\}$  with  $S = \{(1,0), (2,0), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1)\}$ ?

**Solution:**  $S \circ R$  is constructed using all ordered pairs in R and ordered pairs in S, where the **second element of the ordered in R agrees with the first element of the ordered pair in S**.

For example, the ordered pairs (2,3) in R and (3,1) in S produce the ordered pair (2,1) in  $S \circ R$ . Computing all the ordered pairs in the composite, we find

$$S \circ R = \{(1,0), (1,1), (2,1), (2,2), (3,0), (3,1)\}$$

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2)

- ✦ Relationship among elements of **more than 2 sets** often arise: n-ary relations
- ✦ Airline, flight number, starting point, destination, departure time, arrival time

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)



### N-ary relations

#### - Definition 1:

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be sets. An  $n$ -ary relation on these sets is a subset of  $A_1 * A_2 * \dots * A_n$  where  $A_i$  are the **domains** of the relation, and  $n$  is called its **degree**.

- **Example:** Let  $R$  be the relation on  $N * N * N$  consisting of triples  $(a, b, c)$  where  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are integers with  $a < b < c$ . Then  $(1, 2, 3) \in R$ , but  $(2, 4, 3) \notin R$ . The degree of this relation is 3. Its domains are equal to the set of integers.

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)



### Databases & Relations

- **Relational database model** has been developed for information processing
- A database consists of records, which are n-tuples made up of fields
- The fields contains information such as:
  - Name
  - Student #
  - Major
  - Grade point average of the student

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

- The relational database model represents a database of records or n-ary relation
- The relation is  $R(\text{Student-Name}, \text{Id-number}, \text{Major}, \text{GPA})$

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

- Example of records

(Smith, 3214, Mathematics, 3.9)

(Stevens, 1412, Computer Science, 4.0)

(Rao, 6633, Physics, 3.5)

(Adams, 1320, Biology, 3.0)

(Lee, 1030, Computer Science, 3.7)

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

**TABLE A: Students**

<b>Students Names</b>	<b>ID #</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>GPA</b>
Smith	3214	Mathematics	3.9
Stevens	1412	Computer Science	4.0
Rao	6633	Physics	3.5
Adams	1320	Biology	3.0
Lee	1030	Computer Science	3.7



## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)



### Operations on n-ary relations

- There are varieties of operations that are applied on n-ary relations in order to create new relations that answer eventual queries of a database
- Definition 2:

Let  $R$  be an n-ary relation and  $C$  a condition that elements in  $R$  may satisfy. Then the **selection operator**  $s_C$  maps n-ary relation  $R$  to the n-ary relation of all n-tuples from  $R$  that satisfy the condition  $C$ .

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

### - Example:

if  $s_C = \text{"Major = \"computer science\"} \wedge \text{GPA} > 3.5$ " then the result of this selection consists of the 2 four-tuples:

(Stevens, 1412, Computer Science, 4.0)

(Lee, 1030, Computer Science, 3.7)



# Selection Operator

- Notation:  $\sigma_p(r)$
- $p$  is called the selection predicate
- Defined as:

$$\sigma_p(r) = \{t \mid t \in r \text{ and } p(t)\}$$

Where  $p$  is a formula in propositional calculus consisting of terms connected by :  $\wedge$  (and),  $\vee$  (or),  $\neg$  (not)

Each term is one of:

<attribute> $op$  <attribute> or <constant>

where  $op$  is one of:  $=, \neq, >, \geq, <, \leq$

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

### - Definition 3:

The **projection**  $P_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m}$  maps the n-tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  to the m-tuple  $(a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_m})$  where  $m \leq n$ .

In other words, the projection  $P_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m}$  deletes  $n - m$  of the components of n-tuple, leaving the  $i_1$ th,  $i_2$ th,  $\dots$ , and  $i_m$ th components.

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

- **Example:** What relation results when the projection  $P_{1,4}$  is applied to the relation in Table A?

Solution: When the projection  $P_{1,4}$  is used, the second and third columns of the table are deleted, and pairs representing student names and GPA are obtained. Table B displays the results of this projection.

TABLE B:  
GPAs

Students Names	GPA
Smith	3.9
Stevens	4.0
Rao	3.5
Adams	3.0
Lee	3.7

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

### - Definition 4:

Let  $R$  be a relation of degree  $m$  and  $S$  a relation of degree  $n$ . The **join**  $J_p(R, S)$ , where  $p \leq m$  and  $p \leq n$ , is a relation of degree  $m + n - p$  that consists of all  $(m + n - p)$ -tuples  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-p}, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-p})$ , where the  $m$ -tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-p}, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p)$  belongs to  $R$  and the  $n$ -tuple  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-p})$  belongs to  $S$ .

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

- **Example:** What relation results when the operator  $J_2$  is used to combine the relation displayed in tables C and D?

TABLE C:  
Teaching  
Assignments

Professor	Dpt	Course #
Cruz	Zoology	335
Cruz	Zoology	412
Farber	Psychology	501
Farber	Psychology	617
Grammer	Physics	544
Grammer	Physics	551
Rosen	Computer Science	518
Rosen	Mathematics	575

TABLE D:  
Class  
Schedule

Dpt	Course #	Room	Time
Computer Science	518	N521	2:00 PM
Mathematics	575	N502	3:00 PM
Mathematics	611	N521	4:00 PM
Physics	544	B505	4:00 PM
Psychology	501	A100	3:00 PM
Psychology	617	A110	11:00 AM
Zoology	335	A100	9:00 AM
Zoology	412	A100	8:00 AM



## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

*Solution:* The join  $J_2$  produces the relation shown in Table E

Professor	Dpt	Course #	Room	Time
Cruz	Zoology	335	A100	9:00 AM
Cruz	Zoology	412	A100	8:00 AM
Farber	Psychology	501	A100	3:00 PM
Farber	Psychology	617	A110	11:00 AM
Grammer	Physics	544	B505	4:00 PM
Rosen	Computer Science	518	N521	2:00 PM
Rosen	Mathematics	575	N502	3:00 PM

Table E:  
Teaching  
Schedule

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

- **Example:** We will illustrate how SQL (Structured Query Language) is used to express queries by showing how SQL can be employed to make a query about airline flights using Table F. The SQL statements

```
SELECT departure_time  
FROM Flights  
WHERE destination = 'Detroit'
```

are used to find the **projection**  $P_5$  (on the `departure_time` attribute) of the **selection** of 5-tuples in the flights database that satisfy the condition: `destination = „Detroit“`. The output would be a list containing the times of flights that have Detroit as their destination, namely, 08:10, 08:47, and 9:44.

## N-ary Relations & their Applications (8.2) (cont.)

Table F: Flights

Airline	Flight #	Gate	Destination	Departure time
Nadir	122	34	Detroit	08:10
Acme	221	22	Denver	08:17
Acme	122	33	Anchorage	08:22
Acme	323	34	Honolulu	08:30
Nadir	199	13	Detroit	08:47
Acme	222	22	Denver	09:10
Nadir	322	34	Detroit	09:44

# Union Operation – Example

## ■ Relations

A	B
$\alpha$	1
$\alpha$	2
$\beta$	1

***r***

A	B
$\alpha$	2
$\beta$	3

***s***

## ● **$r \cup s$ :**

A	B
$\alpha$	1
$\alpha$	2
$\beta$	1
$\beta$	3

## Set Difference Operation – Example

- Relations

A	B
$\alpha$	1
$\alpha$	2
$\beta$	1

***r***

A	B
$\alpha$	2
$\beta$	3

***S***

- ***r* – *S*:**

A	B
$\alpha$	1
$\beta$	1

# Cartesian-Product Operation – Example

- Relations  $r, s$ :

A	B
$\alpha$	1
$\beta$	2

**$r$**

C	D	E
$\alpha$	1	a
$\beta$	0	a
$\beta$	2	b
$\gamma$	0	b

**$s$**

- $r \times s$ :**

A	B	C	D	E
$\alpha$	1	$\alpha$	2	a
$\alpha$	1	$\beta$	0	a
$\alpha$	1	$\beta$	1	b
$\alpha$	1	$\gamma$	0	b
$\beta$	2	$\alpha$	1	a
$\beta$	2	$\beta$	0	a
$\beta$	2	$\beta$	1	b
$\beta$	2	$\gamma$	0	b

## Banking Example

*branch (branch\_name, branch\_city, assets)*

*customer (customer\_name,  
customer\_street, customer\_city)*

*account (account\_number, branch\_name,  
balance)*

*loan (loan\_number, branch\_name, amount)*

*depositor (customer\_name,  
account\_number)*

*borrower (customer\_name, loan\_number)*

# Example Queries

- Find all loans of over \$1200

$$\sigma_{amount > 1200} (loan)$$

- Find the loan number for each loan of an amount greater than \$1200

$$\Pi_{loan\_number} (\sigma_{amount > 1200} (loan))$$

- Find the names of all customers who have a loan, an account, or both, from the bank

$$\Pi_{customer\_name} (borrower) \cup \Pi_{customer\_name} (depositor)$$



# Example Queries

- Find the names of all customers who have a loan at the Perryridge branch.

$\Pi_{customer\_name} (\sigma_{branch\_name = "Perryridge"} (\sigma_{borrower.loan\_number = loan.loan\_number} (borrower \times loan)))$

- Find the names of all customers who have a loan at the Perryridge branch but do not have an account at any branch of the bank.

$\Pi_{customer\_name} (\sigma_{branch\_name = "Perryridge"}$

$(\sigma_{borrower.loan\_number = loan.loan\_number} (borrower \times loan))) -$

$\Pi_{customer\_name} (depositor)$

- Find the name of all customers who have a loan at the bank and the loan amount

$\Pi_{customer\_name, loan\_number, amount}(borrower \bowtie loan)$

- Find all customers who have an account from at least the “Downtown” and the Uptown” branches.

- Query 1

$\Pi_{customer\_name}(\sigma_{branch\_name = \text{“Downtown”}}(depositor \bowtie account)) \cap$   
 $\Pi_{customer\_name}(\sigma_{branch\_name = \text{“Uptown”}}(depositor \bowtie account))$

# Representing Relations (8.3)

- ✚ First way is to list the ordered pairs
- ✚ Second way is through matrices
- ✚ Third way is through direct graphs

## Representing Relations (8.3)

### Representing relations through matrices

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

- **Example:** Suppose that the relation  $R$  on a set is represented by the matrix:

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

Is  $R$  reflexive, symmetric, and/or antisymmetric?

**Solution:** Since all the diagonal elements of this matrix are equal to 1,  $R$  is reflexive. Moreover, since  $M_R$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow R$  is symmetric.  $R$  is not antisymmetric.



## Reflexive Relations:

The matrix has **1's on the diagonal** (if  $A=B$ ).

Example:  $R=\{(1,1),(2,2),(3,3)\} \rightarrow$  Identity matrix.

## Symmetric Relations:

The matrix is **symmetric** ( $M_R=M_R^T$ ).

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

## Transitive Relations:

If  $M_R^2$  has non-zero entries where  $M_R$  has zeros, the relation is not transitive.

## Representing Relations (8.3)

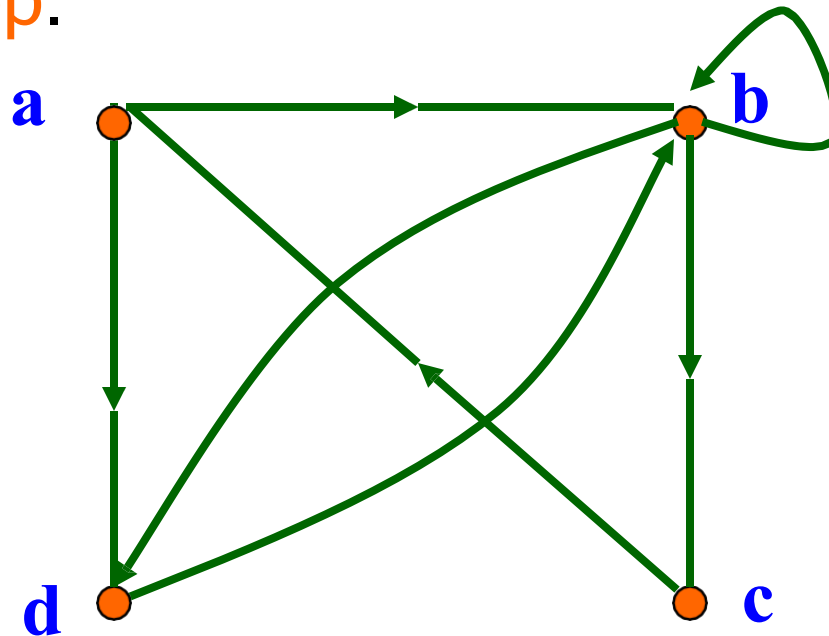
### ➤ Representing relations using diagraphs

#### - Definition 1:

A **directed graph**, or **diagraph**, consists of a set  $V$  of **vertices** (or **nodes**) together with a set  $E$  of ordered pairs of elements of  $V$  called **edges** (or **arcs**). The vertex  $a$  is called the **initial vertex** of the edge  $(a, b)$ , and the vertex  $b$  is called the **terminal vertex** of this edge.

## Representing Relations (8.3)

- **Example:** The directed graph with vertices  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ , and edges  $(a,b)$ ,  $(a,d)$ ,  $(b,b)$ ,  $(b,d)$ ,  $(c,a)$  and  $(d,b)$ . The edge  $(b,b)$  is called a **loop**.



# Equivalence Relations (8.5)

- ✦ Students registration time with respect to the first letter of their names
- ✦  $R$  contains  $(x,y) \Leftrightarrow x$  and  $y$  are students with last names beginning with letters in the same block
- ✦ 3 blocks are considered: A-F, G-O, P-Z
- ✦  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric & transitive
- ✦ The set of student is therefore divided in 3 classes depending on the first letter of their names



# Equivalence Relations (8.5)

## 💡 Definition 1

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

## 💡 Examples

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- Suppose that  $R$  is the relation on the set of strings of English letters such that  $aRb$  if and only if  $|a| = |b|$ , where  $|x|$  is the length of the string  $x$ . Is  $R$  an equivalence relation?

**Solution:**  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive  $\Rightarrow R$  is an equivalence relation

- $A$  divides  $b$ ; is it an equivalence relation?

## Equivalence Relations (8.5)

### Equivalence classes

#### - Definition 2:

Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . The set of all elements that are related to an element  $a$  of  $A$  is called the **equivalence class** of  $a$ . The equivalence class of  $a$  with respect to  $R$  is denoted by  $[a]_R$ . When only one relation is under consideration, we will delete the subscript  $R$  and write  $[a]$  for this equivalence class.

## Equivalence Relations (8.5)

- **Example:** What are the equivalence classes of 0 and 1 for congruence modulo 4?

### *Solution:*

The equivalence class of 0 contains all the integers  $a$  such that  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Hence, the equivalence class of 0 for this relation is

$$[0] = \{ \dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots \}$$

The equivalence class of 1 contains all the integers  $a$  such that  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . The integers in this class are those that have a remainder of 1 when divided by 4. Hence, the equivalence class of 1 for this relation is

$$[1] = \{ \dots, -7, -3, 1, 5, 9, \dots \}$$

## Congruence Modulo m

**Definition:** Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are congruent modulo  $m$  iff they have the same remainder when divided by  $m$ .

denoted by:  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

read as:  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$ .

**Example 1:** What is the equivalence class of 2 with respect to congruence modulo 5?

**Solution:** The equivalence class of 2 contains all integers  $x$  such that  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ .  
i.e.,  $x \bmod 5 = 2 \bmod 5$

What is  $2 \bmod 5$ ?  
 $2 \bmod 5 = 2$

$$[2] = \{\dots, -8, -3, 2, 7, 12, \dots\}$$

## Equivalence Relations (8.5)

### Equivalence classes & partitions

#### - Theorem 1:

Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ .  
These statements are equivalent:

- i.  $a R b$
- ii.  $[a] = [b]$
- iii.  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$

## Equivalence Relations (8.5)

### - Theorem 2:

Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $S$ . Then the equivalence classes of  $R$  form a partition of  $S$ . Conversely, given a partition  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  of the set  $S$ , there is an equivalence relation  $R$  that has the sets  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , as its equivalence classes.

## Equivalence Relations (8.5)


- **Example:** List the ordered pairs in the equivalence relation  $R$  produced by the partition  $A_1 = [1,2,3]$ ,  $A_2 = \{4,5\}$  and  $A_3 = \{6\}$  of  $S = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$

**Solution:** The subsets in the partition are the equivalence classes of  $R$ . The pair  $(a,b) \in R$  if and only if  $a$  and  $b$  are in the same subset of the partition.

The pairs  $(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (3,1), (3,2)$  and  $(3,3) \in R \Leftarrow A_1 = [1,2,3]$  is an equivalence class. The pairs  $(4,4), (4,5), (5,4)$  and  $(5,5) \in R \Leftarrow A_2 = \{4,5\}$  is an equivalence class.

The pair  $(6,6) \in R \Leftarrow \{6\}$  is an equivalence class.

No pairs other than those listed belongs to  $R$ .



Let  $S=\{1,2,3,4\}$  and  $R$  be:

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

**Equivalence Classes:**

$[1]=[2]=\{1,2\},$

$[3]=[4]=\{3,4\}.$

**Partition:**  $S=\{1,2\} \cup \{3,4\}.$



**Example:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$R = \{(a, b) \mid a+b \text{ is even}\}$  (Relation  $R$  is defined on set  $A$ )

First, we have to check whether  $R$  is an equivalence relation or not.

(i) Reflexive:  $a+a = 2a$

(ii) Symmetric:  $a+b \text{ is even} \rightarrow b+a \text{ is even}$

(iii) Transitive:

$a+b \text{ is even and } b+c \text{ is even} \rightarrow a+c \text{ is even}$

Both  $a$  and  $b$  can be either even or odd.

If  $a$  is even and  $b$  is even

$b$  is even and  $c$  is even, then  $a+c$  is even.

If  $a$  is odd and  $b$  is odd

$b$  is odd and  $c$  is odd, then  $a+c$  is even.

Therefore,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

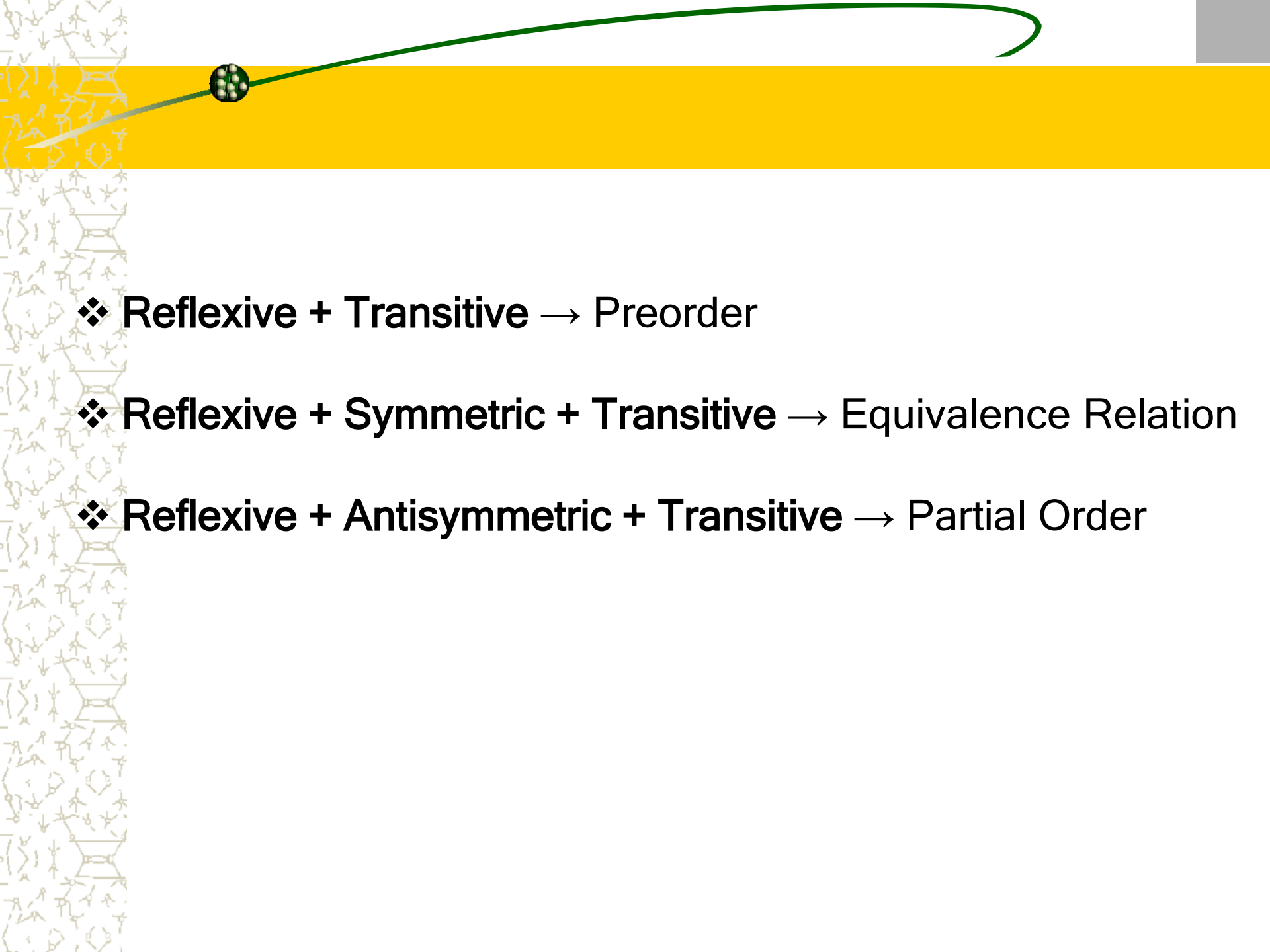
$[1] = \{1, 3, 5\}$  because  $1R1, 1R3, 1R5$ .

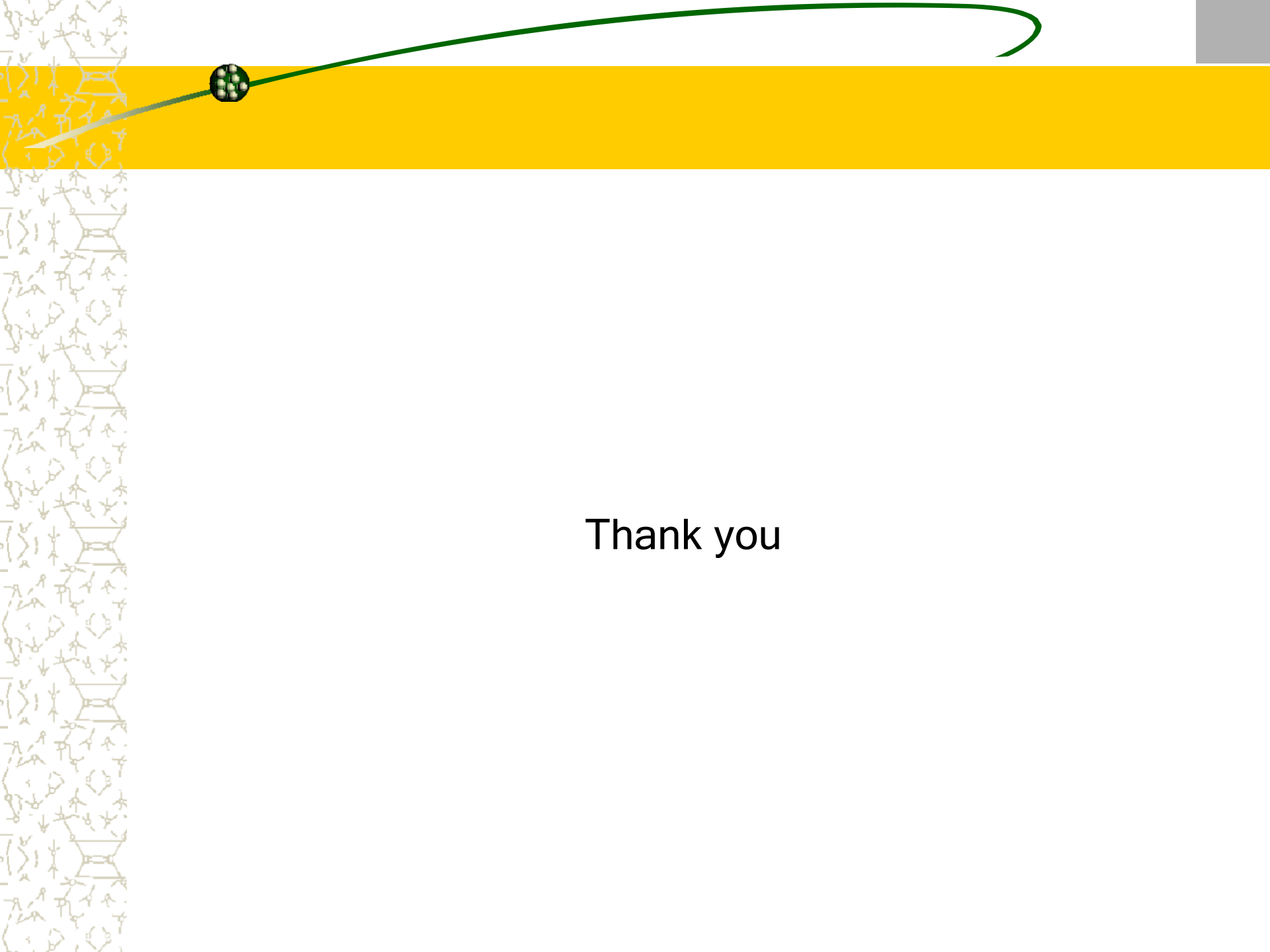
$[2] = \{2, 4\}$

$[3] = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$[4] = \{2, 4\}$

$[5] = \{1, 3, 5\}$

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- ❖ **Reflexive + Transitive**  $\rightarrow$  Preorder
  - ❖ **Reflexive + Symmetric + Transitive**  $\rightarrow$  Equivalence Relation
  - ❖ **Reflexive + Antisymmetric + Transitive**  $\rightarrow$  Partial Order



Thank you