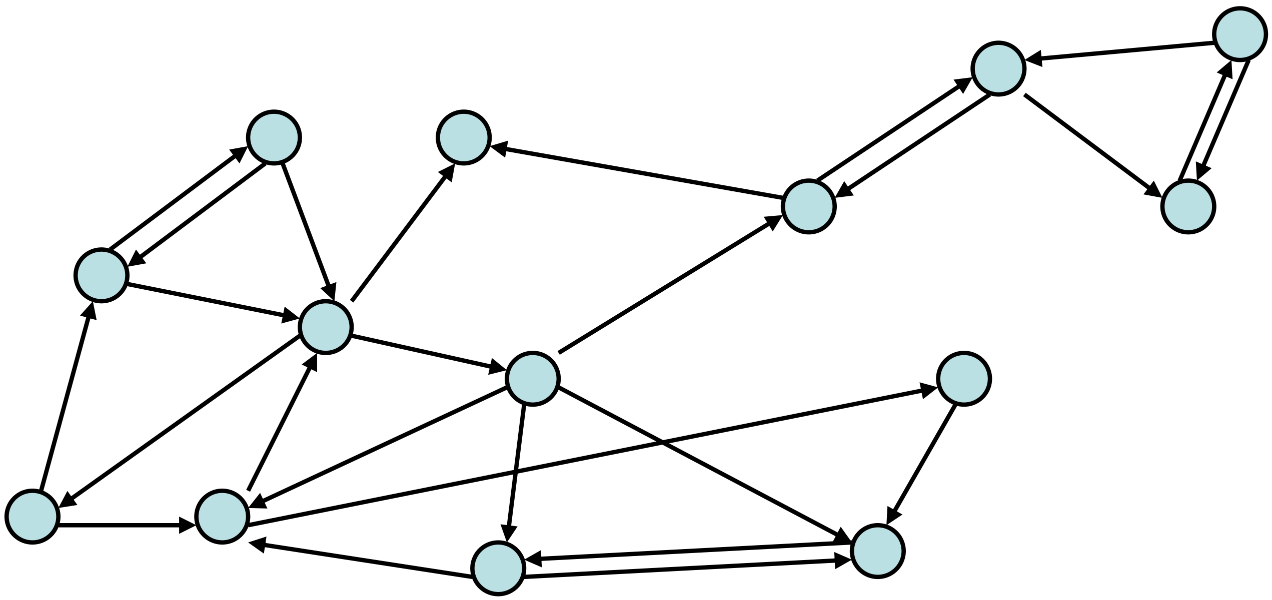
CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 20: Relations and Directed Graphs



Relations

Let A and B be sets,

A **binary relation from** A **to** B is a subset of $A \times B$

Let A be a set,

A **binary relation on** A is a subset of $A \times A$

Relations You Already Know!

$\geq$ on $\mathbb{N}$

That is: $\{(x,y) : x \geq y \text{ and } x, y \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$<$ on $\mathbb{R}$

That is: $\{(x,y) : x < y \text{ and } x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$=$ on Σ^*

That is: $\{(x,y) : x = y \text{ and } x, y \in \Sigma^*\}$

$\subseteq$ on $\mathcal{P}(U)$ for universe U

That is: $\{(A,B) : A \subseteq B \text{ and } A, B \in \mathcal{P}(U)\}$

More Relation Examples

$\mathbf{R_1}$ = {(a, 1), (a, 2), (b, 1), (b, 3), (c, 3)}

$\mathbf{R_2}$ = {(x, y) | x ≡ y (mod 5) }

$\mathbf{R_3}$ = {(c_1, c_2) | c_1 is a prerequisite of c_2 }

$\mathbf{R_4}$ = {(s, c) | student s has taken course c }

Properties of Relations

Let R be a relation on A.

R is **reflexive** iff $(a,a) \in R$ for every $a \in A$

R is **symmetric** iff $(a,b) \in R$ implies $(b,a) \in R$

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R is **transitive** iff $(a,b) \in R$ and $(b,c) \in R$ implies $(a,c) \in R$

Which relations have which properties?

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$=$ **on** Σ^* **:**

$\subseteq$ **on** $\mathcal{P}$**(U):**

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Combining Relations

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

The composition of R and S, $R \circ S$ is the relation from A to C defined by:

$R \circ S = \{$ (a, c) | $\exists$ b such that (a,b)$\in R$ and (b,c)$\in S\}$

Intuitively, a pair is in the composition if there is a "connection" from the first to the second.

Examples

(a,b) ∈ Parent iff b is a parent of a

(a,b) ∈ Sister iff b is a sister of a

When is (x,y) ∈ Parent ∘ Sister?

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Examples

Using the relations: Parent, Child, Brother, Sister, Sibling, Father, Mother, Husband, Wife express:

Uncle: b is an uncle of a

Cousin: b is a cousin of a

Powers of a Relation

$$\boldsymbol{R}^2 = \boldsymbol{R} \circ \boldsymbol{R}$$
$$= \{(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{c}) \mid \exists \boldsymbol{b} \text{ such that } (\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}) \in \boldsymbol{R} \text{ and } (\boldsymbol{b}, \boldsymbol{c}) \in \boldsymbol{R}\}$$

$\boldsymbol{R}^0 = \{(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{a}) \mid \boldsymbol{a} \in \boldsymbol{A}\}$ "the equality relation on $\boldsymbol{A}$"

$$\boldsymbol{R}^1 = \boldsymbol{R} = \boldsymbol{R}^0 \circ \boldsymbol{R}$$

$\boldsymbol{R}^{n+1} = \boldsymbol{R}^n \circ \boldsymbol{R}$ for $\boldsymbol{n} \geq \boldsymbol{0}$

Non-constructive Definitions

Recursively defined sets and functions describe these objects by explaining how to construct / compute them

But sets can also be defined non-constructively:

$$S = \{x : P(x)\}$$

How can we define functions non-constructively?

– (useful for writing a function specification)

Functions

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I.e., for every input $a \in A$, there is one output $b \in B$.
We denote this b by $f(a)$.

(When attempting to define a function this way, we sometimes say the function is "well defined" if the *exactly one* part holds)

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Ex: {((a, b), d) : d is the largest integer dividing a and b}

- **relation from $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ to $\mathbb{N}$**
- **only later saw how to compute this**

Matrix Representation

Relation $\boldsymbol{R}$ on $\boldsymbol{A} = \{a_1, \dots, a_p\}$

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

{ (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3), (4, 2), (4, 3) }

	1	2	3	4
1	1	1	0	1
2	1	0	1	0
3	0	1	1	0
4	0	1	1	0

Directed Graphs

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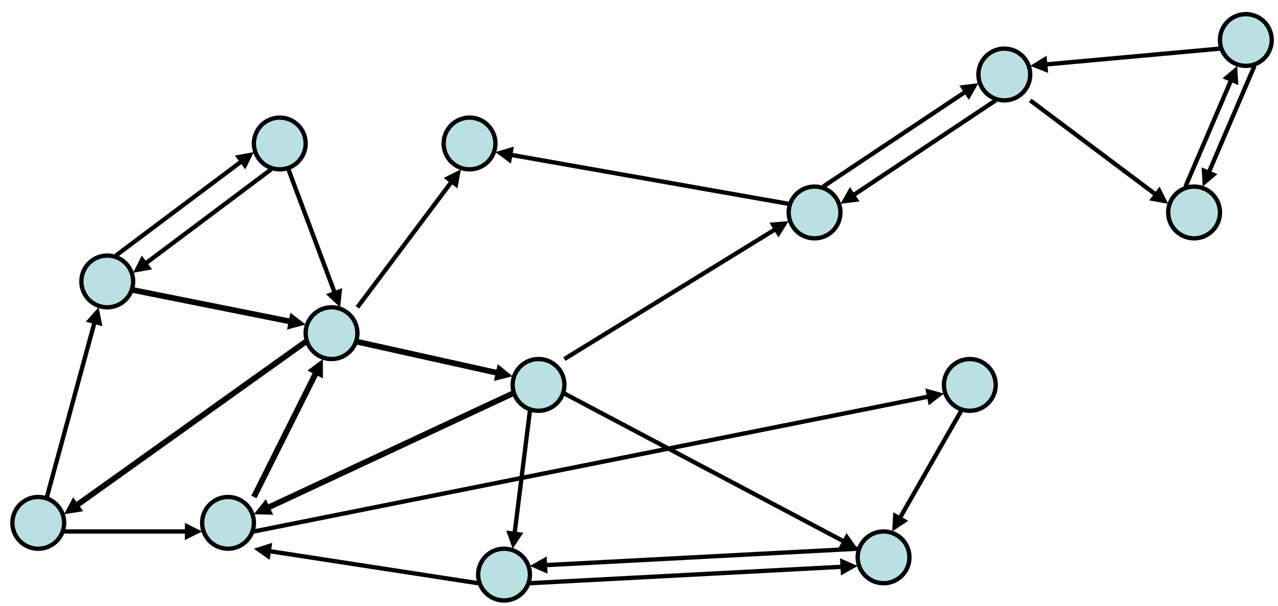
V – vertices
E – edges, ordered pairs of vertices



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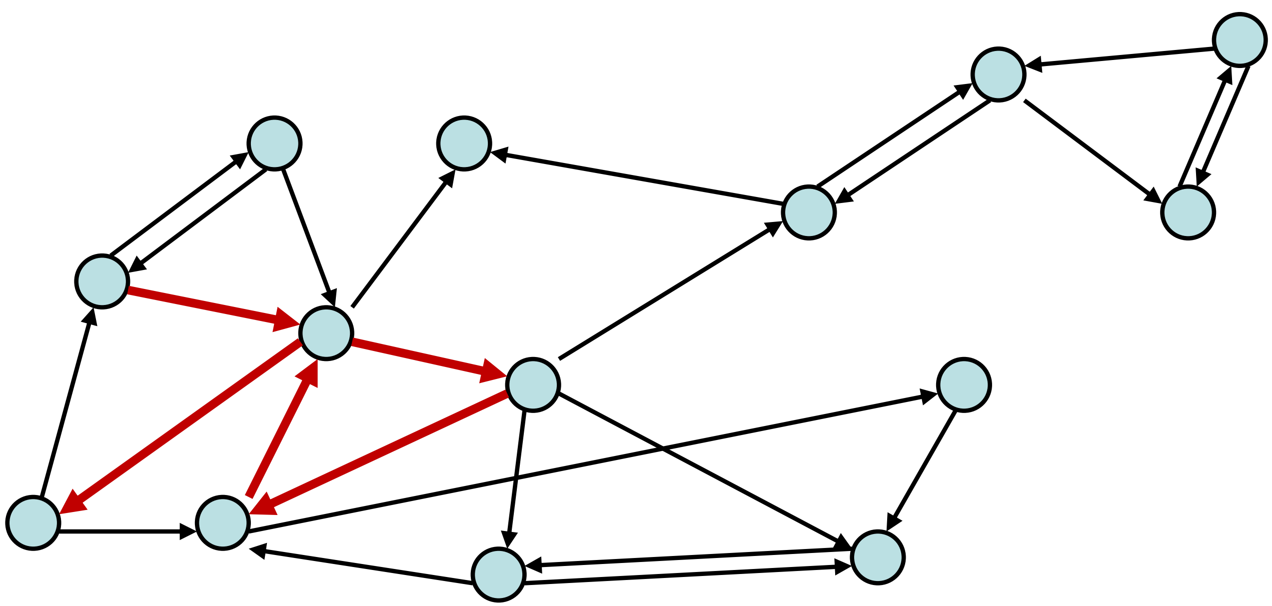

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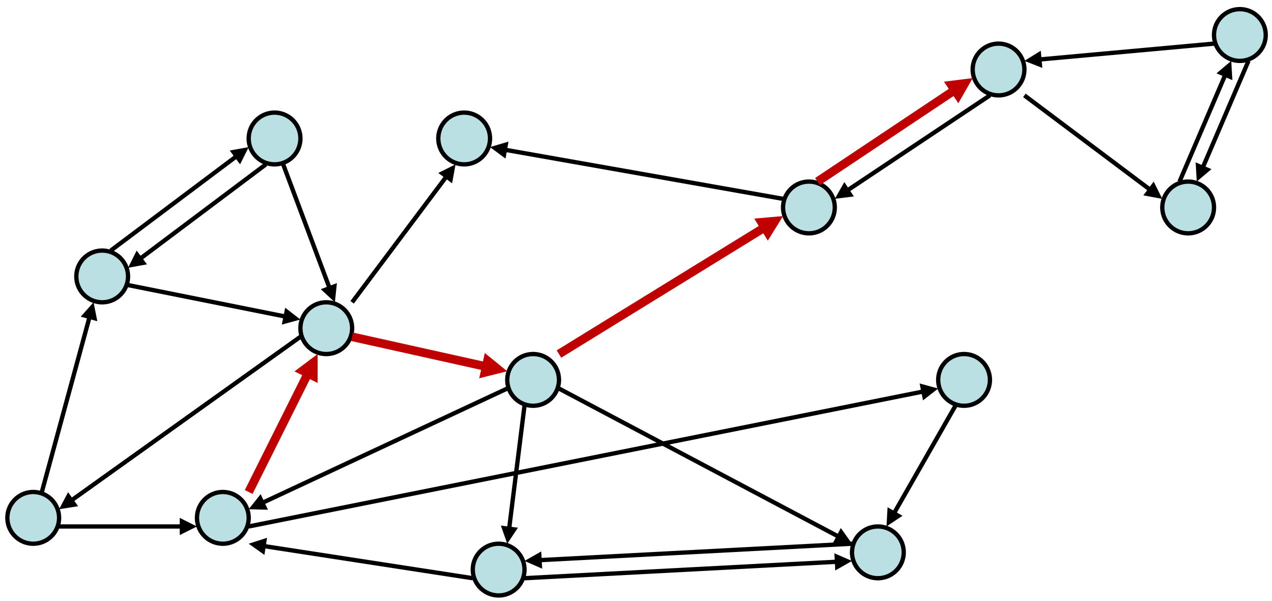

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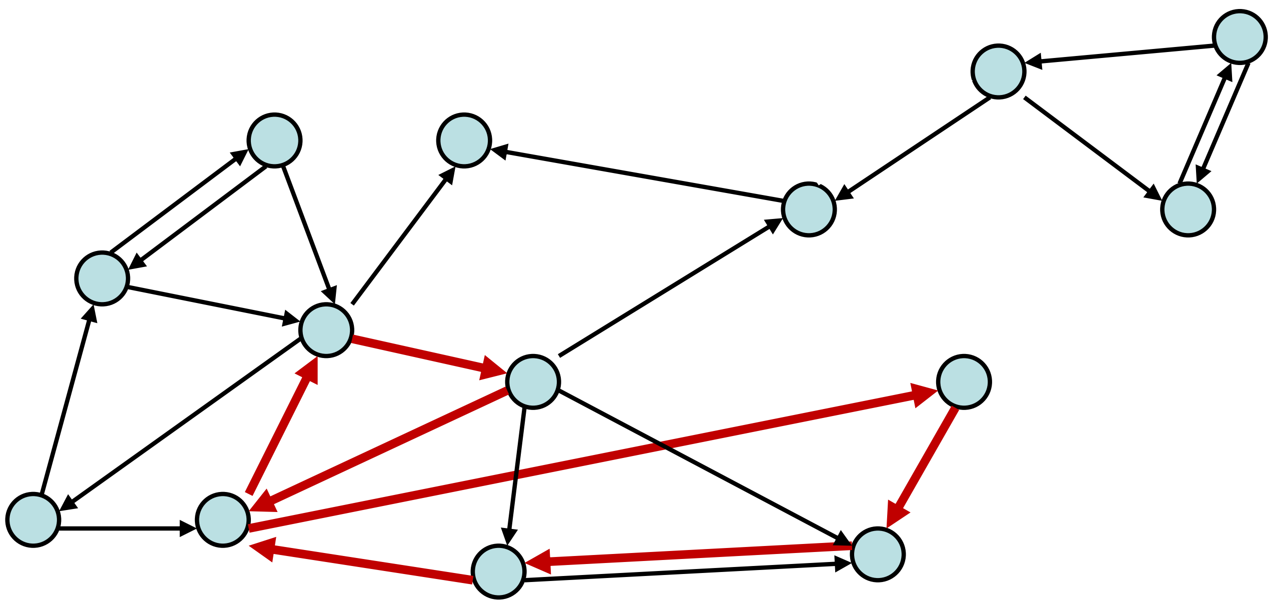

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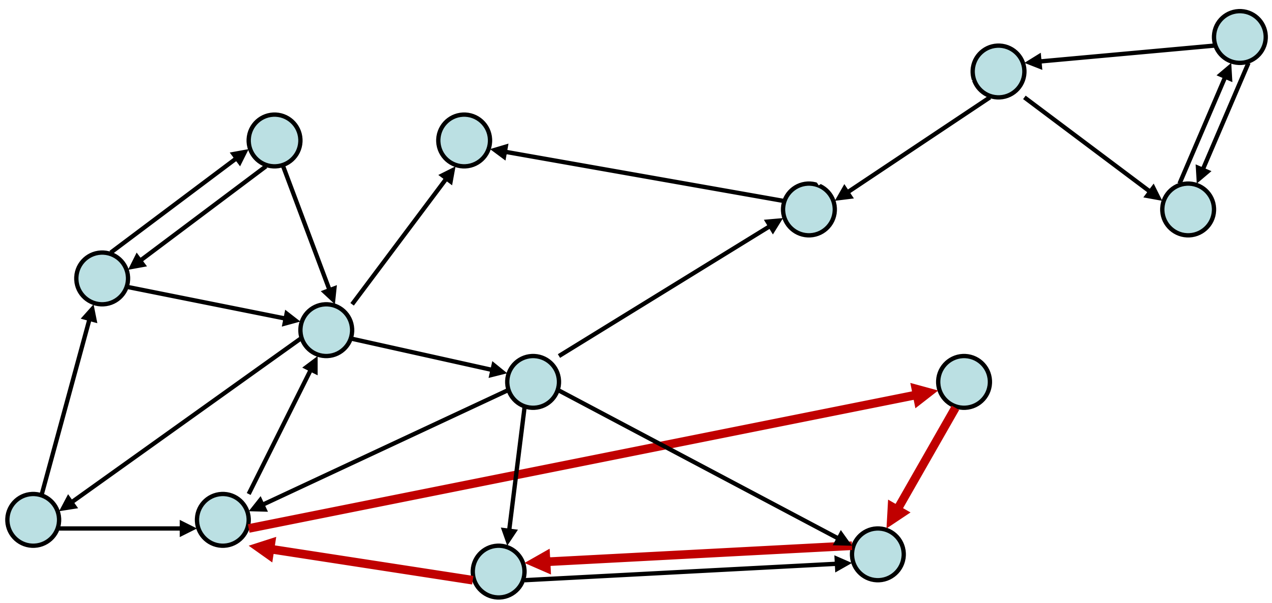

Representation of Relations

Directed Graph Representation (Digraph)

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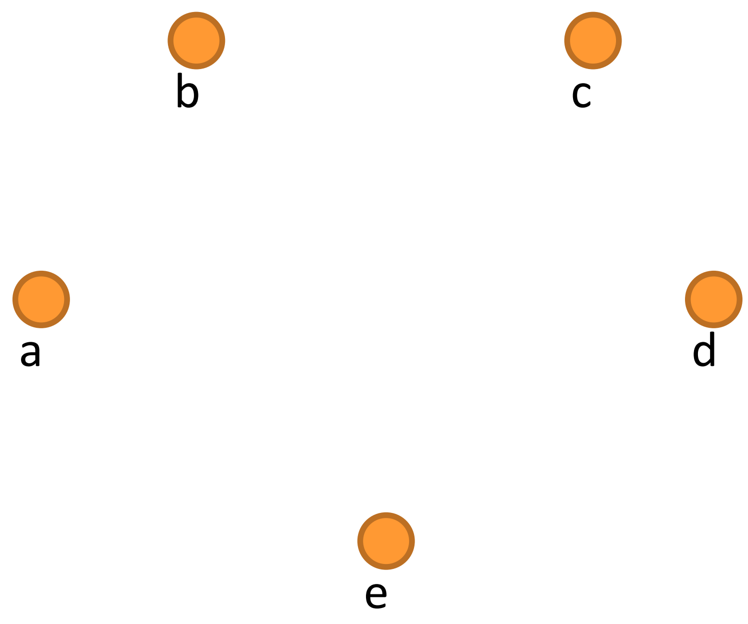

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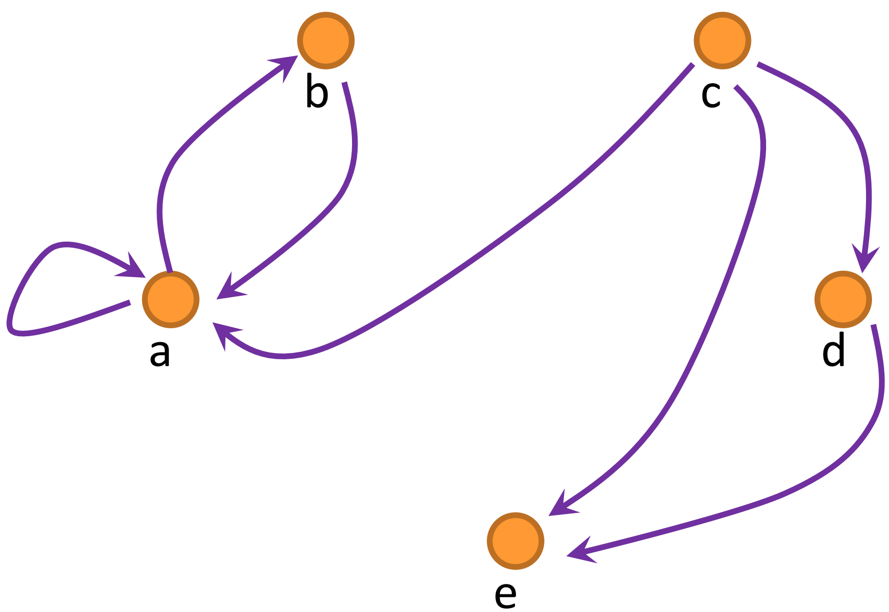

Relational Composition using Digraphs

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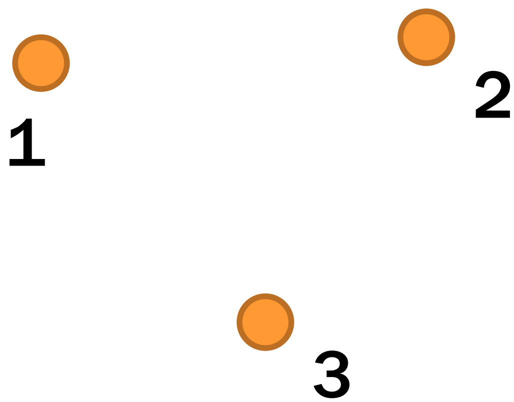
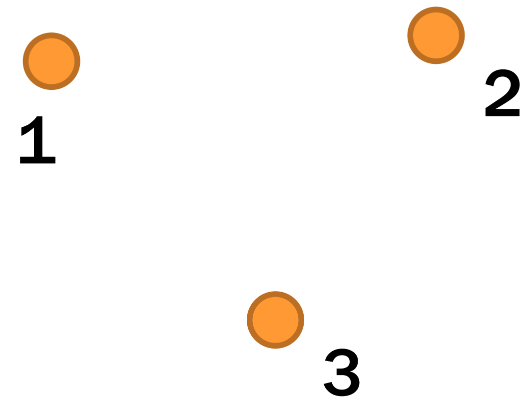
Compute $R \circ S$





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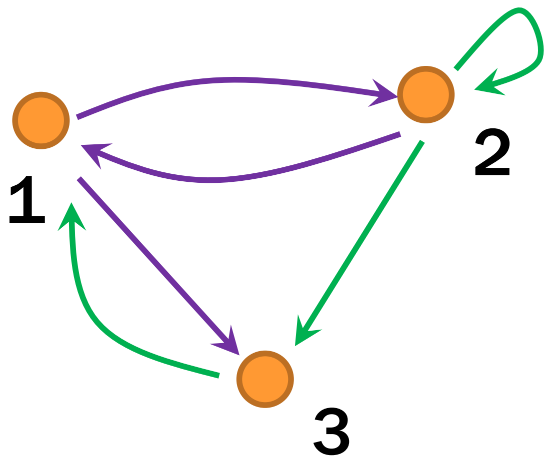

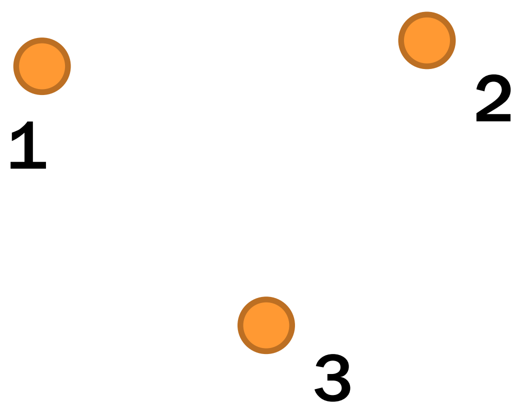

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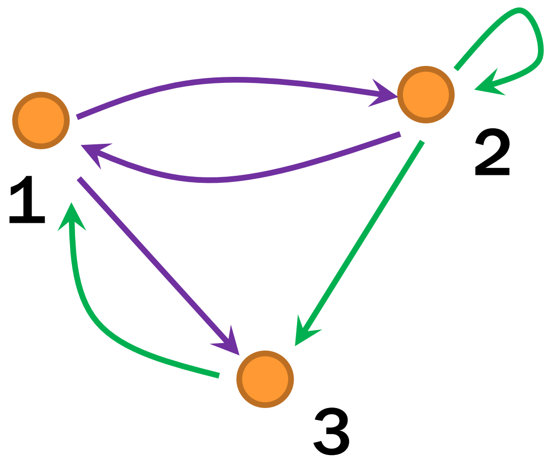

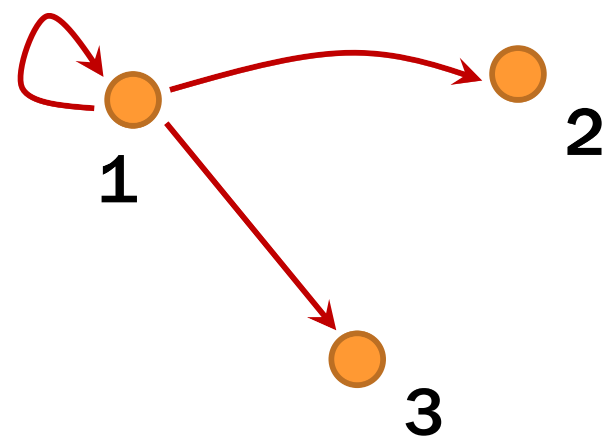

Special case: $R \circ R$ is paths of length 2.

- R is paths of length 1
- R^0 is paths of length 0 (can't go anywhere)
- $R^3 = R^2 \circ R$ et cetera