01-0: **Syllabus**

- Office Hours
- Course Text
- Prerequisites
- Test Dates & Testing Policies
    - Check dates now!
- Grading Policies

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- Read the textbook.
  - Ask Questions! The textbook can be hard to follow –reading a dense, technical work is a "learning outcome" for this class

01-6: **Class Goals**

- Prove that there are some problems that *cannot be solved*
- Show that there are some problems that (are believed to) require an exponential amount of time to solve (NP-Complete)
  - Examine some strategies for dealing with these problems
- Along the way, learn how to model computation mathematically, and pick up some useful formalisms & techniques
  - DFA, regular expressions, CFGs, etc.

01-7: **Review of the Basics**

- Most (but perhaps not all) of the following material is review from discrete mathematics
- I will go fairly fast, assuming it is review
  - Ask me to slow down if you have any questions!

01-8: **Sets – Definition**

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  - $S_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$
  - $S_2 = \{$ red, farmhouse, π, -32 $\}$

01-10: **Sets – Definition**

- Sets can contain other sets as elements
  - $S_1 = \{3, \{3, 4\}, \{4, \{5, 6\}\}\}$

- $S_2 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{\{4\}\}\}$

- Sets do not contain duplicates
  - NotASet = $\{$4, 2, 4, 5$\}$

01-11: **Sets – Cardinality**

- **Cardinality** of a set is the number of elements in the set
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  - $|\{\{a, b\}, c\}| = 2$ ($\{a, b\}$ and c)

01-13: **Sets – Empty, Singleton**

- **Empty Set**: $\{\}$ or $\emptyset$, $|\{\}| = |\emptyset| = 0$
- **Singleton** set – set with one element
  - $\{1\}$
  - $\{4\}$
  - $\{\}$?
  - $\{\{\}\}$?
  - $\{\{$3, 1, 2$\}\}$?

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01-15: **Sets – Membership**

- Set membership: $x \in S$
  - $3 \in \{1, 3, 5\}$
  - $a \not\in \{b, c, d\}$
  - $3 \in \{1, \{2, 3\}\}$?
  - $\{\} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$?
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01-17: **Sets – Describing**

- Referring to sets
  - List all members
    - {3, 4, 5}, {0, 1, 2, 3, ...}
  - $S = \{x : x$ has a certain property$\}$
    $S = \{x \mid x$ has a certain property$\}$
    - $S = \{x : x \in \mathbf{N} \wedge x < 10\}$
      N is the set of natural numbers {0, 1, 2, ...}
    - $S = \{x : x$ is prime $\}$
    - $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$
    - $A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$
    - $A - B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \not\in B\}$

01-18: **Sets –** $\cup, \cap$

- More Union & Intersection
  - A and B are **disjoint** if $A \cap B = \{\}$
  - S is a collection of sets (set of sets)
    $\bigcup S = \{x : x \in A$ for some $A \in S\}$
    - $\bigcup \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$

    $\bigcap S = \{x : x \in A$ for all $A \in S\}$
    - $\bigcap \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}\} = \{2\}$

01-19: **Sets – Subset**

- Subsets & Supersets
  - A is a subset of B, $A \subseteq B$ if:
    - $\forall x, x \in A \implies x \in B$
    - $\forall (x \in A), x \in B$
  - A is a proper subset of B, $A \subset B$ if:
    - $A \subseteq B \wedge (\exists x, x \in B \wedge x \not\in A)$
  - $\{\}$ is a subset of any set (including itself)
  - $\{\}$ is the only set that does not have a proper subset

01-20: **Sets – Power Set**

- Power set: Set of all subsets
- $2^S = \{x : x \subseteq S\}$
  - $2^{\{a,b\}} = ?$
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01-22: **Sets – Partition**

Π is a **partition** of S if:

- $\Pi \subset 2^S$
- $\{\} \notin \Pi$
- $\forall(X, Y \in \Pi), X \neq Y \implies X \cap Y = \{\}$
- $\bigcup \Pi = S$

{{a, c}, {b, d, e}, {f}} is a partition of {a,b,c,d,e,f}
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  - {{a, b, c}}, {{a, b}, {c}}, {{a, c}, {b}}, {{a},{b, c}}, {{a}, {b}, {c}}

01-25: **Ordered Pair**

- (x, y) is an *ordered pair*
- Order matters – $(x, y) \neq (y, x)$ if $x \neq y$
  - hence *ordered*
- x and y are the **components** of the ordered pair (x, y)

01-26: **Cartesian Product**

$A \times B = \{(x, y) : x \in A \wedge y \in B\}$

- $\{1, 2\} \times \{3, 4\} = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4)\}$
- $\{1, 2\} \times \{1, 2\} = ?$
- $2^{\{a\} \times \{b\}} = ?$
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- $2^{\{a\} \times \{b\}} = \{\{(a, b)\}, \{\}\}$
- $2^{\{a\}} \times 2^{\{b\}}$ = $\{(\{a\}, \{b\}), (\{a\}, \{\}), (\{\}, \{b\}), (\{\}, \{\})\}$

01-28: **Cartesian Product**

Which of the following is true:

- $\forall(A, B) \quad A \times B = B \times A$
- $\forall(A, B) \quad A \times B \neq B \times A$
- None of the above

01-29: **Cartesian Product**

Which of the following is true:

- $\forall(A, B) \quad A \times B = B \times A$
  - If and only if $A = B$
- $\forall(A, B) \quad A \times B \neq B \times A$
  - If and only if $A \neq B$

01-30: **Cartesian Product**

- Why “Cartesian”?
  - Think “Cartesian Coordinates” (standard coordinate system)
  - $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ is the real plane
    - Set of all points (x, y) where $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$
    - $\mathbf{R}$ is the set of real numbers (think “floats” if you’re CS)

01-31: **Cartesian Product**

- Can take the Cartesian product of > 2 sets.
- $A \times B \times C = \{(x, y, z) : x \in A, y \in B, z \in C\}$

- $\{a\} \times \{b, c\} \times \{d\} = \{(a, b, d), (a, c, d)\}$
- (Techinally, $A \times B \times C = (A \times B) \times C$)
  - $\{a\} \times \{b, c\} \times \{d\} = \{((a, b), d), ((a, c), d)\}$
  - Often drop the extra parentheses for readability

01-32: **Relations**

- A **relation** R is a set of ordered pairs
- For example the relation $<$ over the Natural Numbers is the set:

{ (0,1), (0,2), (0,3), ...
(1,2), (1,3), (1,4), ...
(2,3), (2,4), (2,5), ...
... }

01-33: **Relations**

- Often, relations are over the same set
  - that is, a subset of $A \times A$ for some set A
- Not all relations are over the same set, however
  - Relation describing prices of computer components
    {(Hard dive, \$55), (WAP, \$49), (2G DDR, \$44), ...}

01-34: **Functions**

- A **function** is a special kind of relation (all functions are relations, but not all relations are functions)
- A relation $R \subseteq A \times B$ is a function if:
  - For each $a \in A$, there is exactly one ordered pair in R with the first component a

01-35: **Functions**

- A function f that is a subset of $A \times B$ is written: $f : A \mapsto B$
  - $(a, b) \in f$ is written $f(a) = b$
  - A is the domain of the function
  - if $A' \subseteq A$, $f(A') = \{b : a \in A' \wedge f(a) = b\}$ is the **image** of A'
  - The **range** of a function is the image of its domain

01-36: **Functions**
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- How can we have an element map to 0, 1, or more elements, and still have a function? *HINT: If we modified the range ...*

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- $f : A \mapsto B$ $\quad\quad f^{-1} : B \mapsto 2^A$

(example on chalkboard) 01-41: **Relations**

- Q and R are two relations
- The composition of Q and R, $Q \circ R$ is:
  $\{(a, b) : (a, c) \in Q, (c, b) \in R$ for some $c\}$

$Q = \{(a, c), (b, d), (c, a)\}$
$R = \{(a, c), (b, c), (c, a)\}$

$Q \circ R = \{(a, a), (c, c)\}$

$Q \circ Q$? $\quad\quad (Q \circ R) \circ Q$? 01-42: **Relation Graph**

- Each element is a node in the graph
- if $(a, b) \in R$, then there is an edge from a to b in the graph

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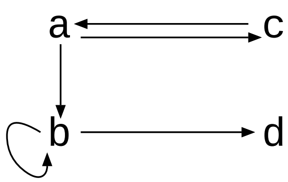
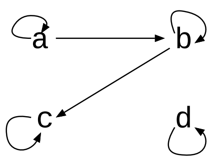


01-43: **Relation Types**

- A relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is **reflexive** if
  - $(a, a) \in R$ for each $a \in A$
  - $\forall (a \in A), (a, a) \in R$
  - Each node has a self loop



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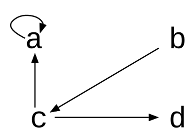

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01-44: **Relation Types**

- A relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is **symmetric** if
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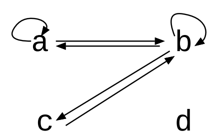
  - $(a, b) \in R \implies (b, a) \in R$
  - Every edge goes "both ways"



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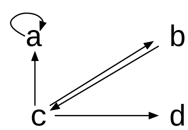

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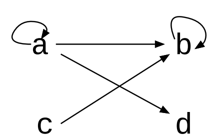
01-45: **Relation Types**

- A relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is **antisymmetric** if
  - whenever $(a, b) \in R$, a, b are distinct $(b, a) \notin R$
  - $(a, b) \in R \wedge a \neq b \implies (b, a) \notin R$
  - No edge goes "both ways"



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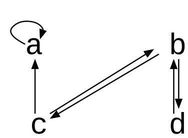

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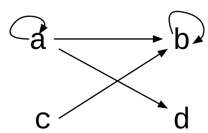

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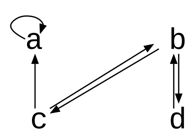

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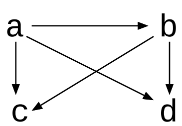
01-47: **Relation Types**

- A relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is **transitive** if
  - whenever $(a, b) \in R$, and $(b, c) \in R$, $(a, c) \in R$
  - $(a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in R \implies (a, c) \in R$
  - Every path of length 2 has a direct edge



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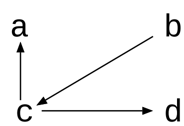

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01-48: **Closure**

- A set $A \subseteq B$ is closed under a relation $R \subseteq ((B \times B) \times B)$ if:
  - $a_1, a_2 \in A \wedge ((a_1, a_2), c) \in R \implies c \in A$
  - That is, if a_1 and a_2 are both in A, and $((a_1, a_2), c)$ is in the relation, then c is also in A
- **N** is closed under addtion
- **N** is not closed under subtraction or division

01-49: **Closure**

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  - If R is closed under R', then R is transitive!

01-52: **Closure**

- **Reflexive closure** of a relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is the smallest possible superset of R which is reflexive
  - Add self-loop to every node in relation
  - Add (a,a) to R for every $a \in A$
- **Transitive Closure** of a relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is the smallest possible superset of R which is transitive
  - Add direct link for every path of length 2.
  - $\forall(a,b,c \in A)$ if $(a,b) \in R \wedge (b,c) \in R$ add (a,c) to R.

(examples on board) 01-53: **Relation Types**

- Equivalence Relation
  - Symmetric, Transitive, Reflexive
- Examples:
  - Equality (=)
  - A is the set of English words, $(w_1, w_2) \in R$ if w_1 and w_2 start with the same letter

(example graphs) 01-54: **Relation Types**

- Equivalence Relation
  - Symmetric, Transitive, Reflexive
- Separates set into equivalence classes (all words that start with a, for example

- If $a \in A$, then $[a]$ represents equivalence class that contains a.

01-55: **Relation Types**

- Partial Order
  - Antisymmetric, Transitive, Reflexive
- Examples:
  - $\leq$ for integers
    A is the set of integers, $(a, b) \in R$ if $a \leq b$
  - Ancestor
    $R \subseteq A \times A = \{(x, y) : x$ is an ancestor of y, or $x = y\}$

(example graphs) 01-56: **Relation Types**

- Total Order
  - $R \subseteq A \times A$ is a total order if:
    - R is a partial order
    - For all $a, b \in A$, either $(a, b) \in R$ or $(b, a) \in R$
  - Is $\leq$ a total order?
  - Is Ancestor a total order?

(example graphs) 01-57: **Cardinality**

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01-58: **Cardinality**

- How can we tell if two sets A and B have the same cardinality?
  - Calculate $|A|$ and $|B|$, make sure numbers are the same
  - Match each element in A to an element in B
    - Create a bijection $f : A \mapsto B$
      (or $f : B \mapsto A$)

01-59: **Cardinality**

- What about infinite sets? Are they all equinumerous (that is, have the same cardinality)?
- A set is **countable infinite** (or just **countable**) if it is equinumerous with $\mathbf{N}$.

01-60: **Countable Sets**

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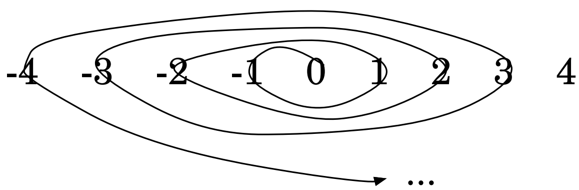

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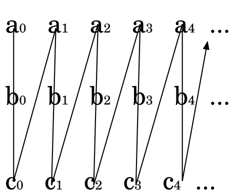

  - $f(x) = \begin{cases} a_{\frac{x}{3}} & \text{if x mod 3 = 0} \\ b_{\frac{x-1}{3}} & \text{if x mod 3 = 1} \\ c_{\frac{x-2}{3}} & \text{if x mod 3 = 2} \end{cases}$

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  - $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$?

(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,2)	(0,3)	(0,4)	...
(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	...
(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(2,4)	...
(3,0)	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)	(3,4)	...
(4,0)	(4,1)	(4,2)	(4,3)	(4,4)	...
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$

01-67: **Countable Sets**

- A set is **countable infinite** (or just **countable**) if it is equinumerous with $\mathbf{N}$.
  - $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$?

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(4,0)	(4,1)	(4,2)	(4,3)	(4,4)	...
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$

  - $f((x,y)) = \frac{(x+y)*(x+y+1)}{2} + x$

01-68: **Countable Sets**

- A set is **countable infinite** (or just **countable**) if it is equinumerous with $\mathbf{N}$.
  - Real numbers between 0 and 1 (exclusive)?

01-69: **Uncountable** R

- Proof by contradiction
  - Assume that R between 0 and 1 (exclusive) is countable
    - (that is, assume that there is some bijection from $\mathbf{N}$ to $\mathbf{R}$ between 0 and 1)
  - Show that this leads to a contradiction
    - Find some element of $\mathbf{R}$ between 0 and 1 that is not mapped to by any element in $\mathbf{N}$

01-70: **Uncountable** R

- Assume that there is some bijection from $\mathbf{N}$ to $\mathbf{R}$ between 0 and 1

0	0.3412315569...
1	0.0123506541...
2	0.1143216751...
3	0.2839143215...
4	0.2311459412...
5	0.8381441234...
6	0.7415296413...
$\vdots$	$\vdots$

01-71: **Uncountable** R

- Assume that there is some bijection from $\mathbf{N}$ to $\mathbf{R}$ between 0 and 1

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$\vdots$	$\vdots$ $\ddots$

Consider: 0.425055...

01-72: **Proof Techniques**

- Three basic proof techniques used in this class
  - Induction
  - Diagonalization
  - Pigeonhole Principle

01-73: **Induction**

Can create exact postage for any amount $\geq$ \$0.08 using only 3 cent and 5 cent stamps

01-74: **Induction**

Can create exact postage for any amount $\geq$ \$0.08 using only 3 cent and 5 cent stamps

- Base case

Can create postage for 0.08 using one 5-cent and one 3-cent stamp

01-75: **Induction**

Can create exact postage for any amount $\geq$ \$0.08 using only 3 cent and 5 cent stamps

- Inductive case
  - To show: if we can create exact postage for \$x using only 3-cent and 5-cent stamps, we can create exact postage for \$x + \$0.01 using 3-cent and 5-cent stamps
  - Two cases:
    - Exact postage for \$x uses at least one 5-cent stamp
    - Exact postage for \$x uses no 5-cent stamps

01-76: **Induction**

- To show: if we can create exact postage for \$x using only 3-cent and 5-cent stamps, we can create exact postage for \$x + \$0.01 using 3-cent and 5-cent stamps
  - Exact postage for \$x uses at least one 5-cent stamp
    - Replace a 5-cent stamp with two 3-cent stamps to get \$x + \$0.01
  - Exact postage for \$x uses no 5-cent stamps
    - Replace three 3-cent stamps with two 5-cent stamps to get \$ + \$0.01

01-77: **Pigeonhole Principle**

- A, B are finite sets, with $|A| > |B|$, then there is no one-to-one function from A to B
- If you have n pigeonholes, and $> n$ pigeons, and every pigeon is in a pigeonhole, there must be at least one hole with > 1 pigeon.

01-78: **Pigeonhole Principle**

- Show that in a relation R over a set A, if there is a path from a_i to a_j in R, then there is a path from a to b whose length is at most $|A|$.

01-79: **Pigeonhole Principle**

Proof by Contradiction

- Assume that there exists some shortest path from a_i to a_j of length $> |A|$.
- By pigeonhole principle, some element must repeat:
    - $\{a_i, \ldots, a_k, \ldots, a_k \ldots a_J\}$
- We can create a shorter path by removing elements between a_ks.
- We've just found a shorter path from a_i to a_j – a contradiction