

# Binary Relation II

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# Review

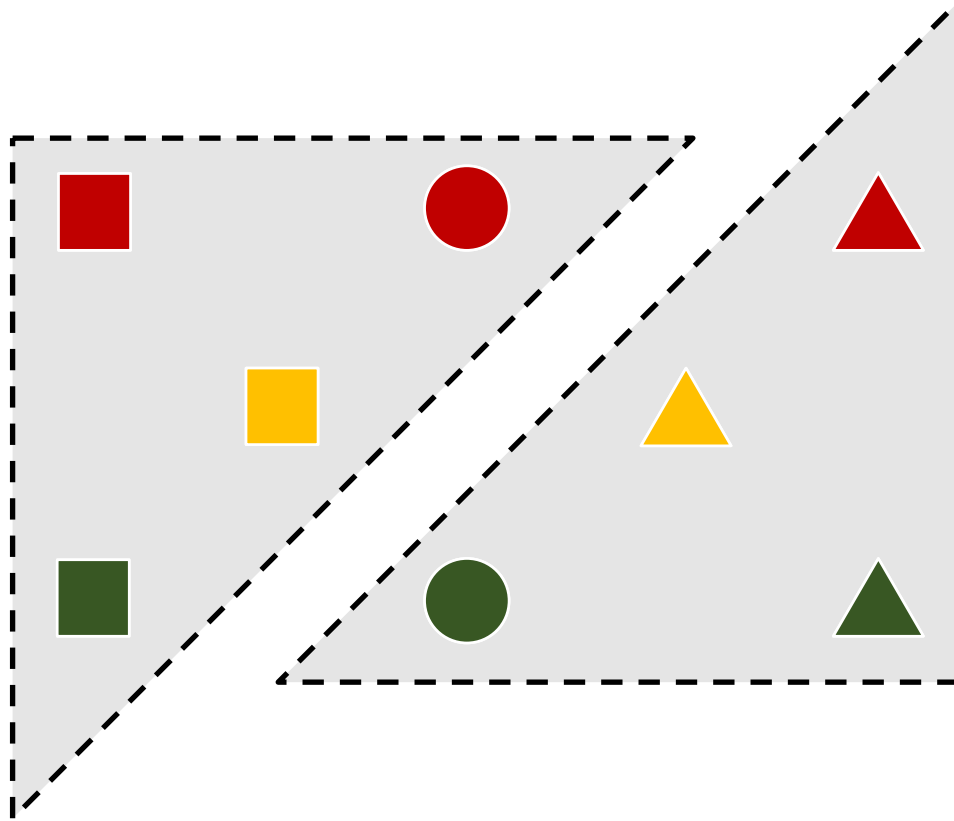
- **Binary Relation Basics**
  - Subset of Cartesian Products
  - Representation: Relation matrix and Digraph
  - Operations: Union, composite, power, etc
- **Equivalence Relation and Partitions**
  - Reflexivity, Symmetry and Transitivity.

*How can we capture a structure with relations?*

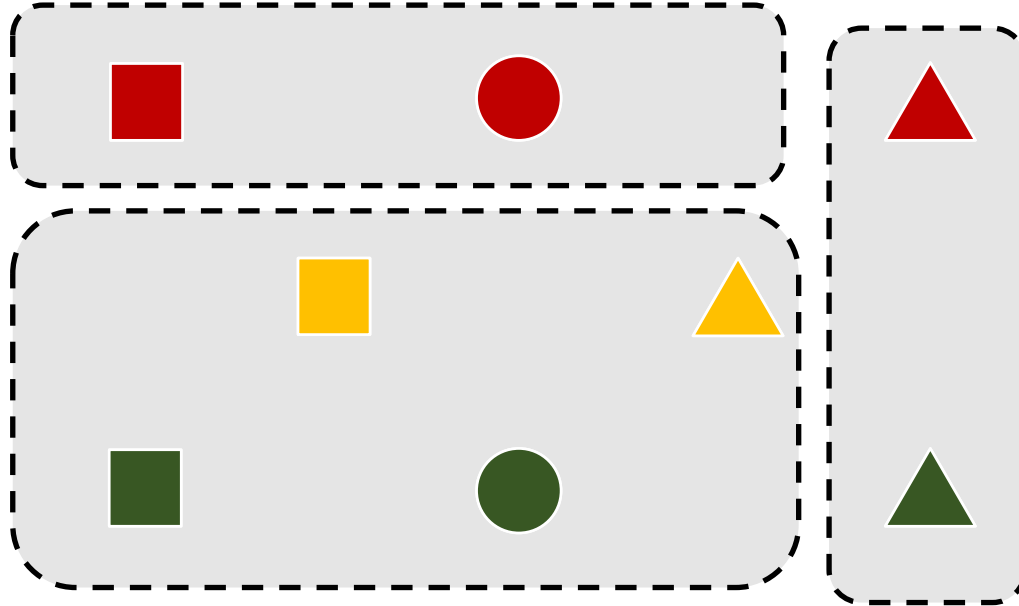
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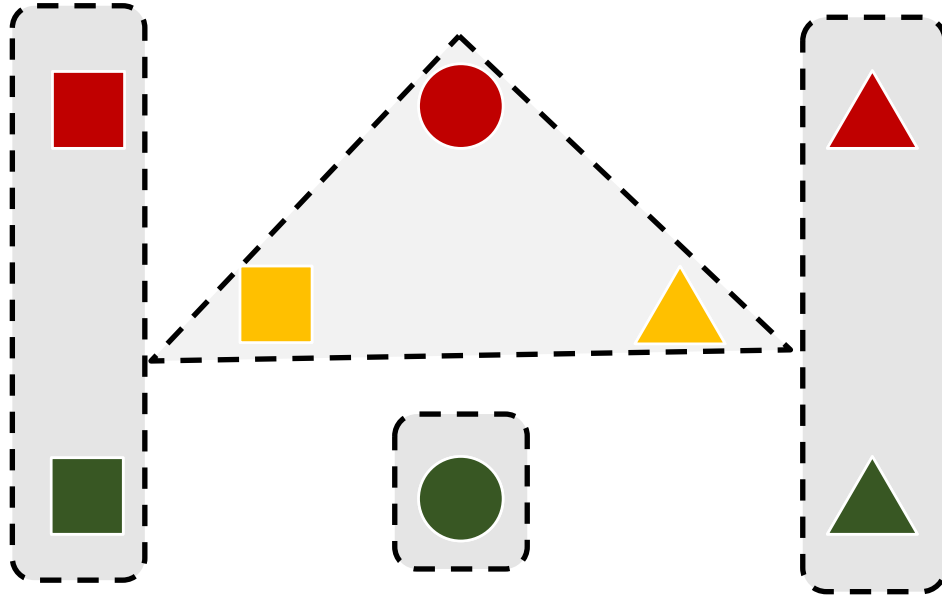
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- A **partition of a set** is a way of splitting the set into **disjoint, nonempty subsets** so that every element belongs to exactly one subset.
- Intuitively, a partition of a set breaks the set apart into smaller pieces.

# Partitions

- More formally, for a non-empty set  $A$ , a set  $\pi$  is called the partition of  $A$  if:
  - $\emptyset \notin \pi$
  - $(\forall x)(x \in \pi \rightarrow x \subseteq A)$
  - $\bigcup \pi = A$
  - $(\forall x)(\forall y)((x \in \pi \wedge y \in \pi \wedge x \neq y) \rightarrow x \cap y = \emptyset)$

# Partitions

- For set  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ 
    - $\pi_1 = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$
    - $\pi_2 = \{\{a, b, c, d\}\}$
    - $\pi_3 = \{\{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{a, d\}\}$
    - $\pi_4 = \{\{a, b, d\}\}$
- } valid partitions
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*What is the relationship between partitions and relations?*

# Relation in Partition

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*If  $a$  and  $b$  are in the same block,  $b$  and  $c$  are also in the same block, then  $a$  and  $c$  are in the same block which contains  $b$ .*

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# Reflexivity(自反性)

- Some relations always hold from any element to itself.
- Examples:
  - $x = x$  for any  $x$
  - $A \subseteq A$  for any set  $A$
  - $x \geq x$  for any  $x$
- Relations of this sort are called reflexive.

**$R$  on  $A$  is reflexive  $\Leftrightarrow (\forall a)(a \in A \rightarrow aRa)$**

# Reflexivity: Example

- $I_A$  and  $E_A$
- $=, \geq, \leq$  on  $\mathbb{R}$
- $R = \{\langle 1,1 \rangle, \langle 2,2 \rangle, \langle 3,1 \rangle\}$  on set  $A = \{1,2,3\}$

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- $I_A$  and  $E_A$  😊
  - $aI_A a$  and  $aE_A a$  for all  $a \in A$
- $=, \geq, \leq$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  😊
  - $a = a, a \geq a, a \leq a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- $R = \{\langle 1,1 \rangle, \langle 2,2 \rangle, \langle 3,1 \rangle\}$  on set  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  😞
  - $\langle 3,3 \rangle \notin R$ , it's not reflexive

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# Symmetry(对称性)

- In some relations, the relative order of the objects doesn't matter.
- Examples:
  - If  $x = y$  then  $y = x$
  - If  $x \equiv_k y$  then  $y \equiv_k x$
- These relations are called symmetric.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{R \text{ on } A \text{ is symmetric} \Leftrightarrow} \\ & (\forall a)(\forall b)((a \in A \wedge b \in A \wedge aRb) \rightarrow bRa) \end{aligned}$$

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- $I_A$  and  $E_A$  😊
  - $aI_Ab \rightarrow bI_Aa$ ,  $aE_Ab \rightarrow bE_Aa$
- $N_A$  😊
  - $aN_Ab \rightarrow bN_Aa$  always hold cause  $aN_Ab$  never holds
- $R = \{\langle 1,2 \rangle, \langle 2,1 \rangle, \langle 3,3 \rangle\}$  on  $\{1,2,3\}$  😊

# Symmetry : Relation Matrix

$R$  is symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow M_R$  is symmetric matrix

- So if  $R$  is symmetric , then  $R^{-1} = R$  as  $M_{R^{-1}} = M_R^T = M_R$
- $M_{E_A}$  ,  $M_{I_A}$  and  $M_{N_A}$  are both symmetric matrix

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# Transitivity(传递性)

- Many relations can be chained together.
- Examples:
  - If  $x = y$  and  $y = z$  then  $x = z$
  - If  $P \subseteq Q$  and  $Q \subseteq S$ , then  $P \subseteq S$
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- $R = \{\langle 1,2 \rangle, \langle 2,3 \rangle, \langle 3,3 \rangle\}$  on  $\{1,2,3\}$  😞
  - $\langle 1,2 \rangle \in R, \langle 2,3 \rangle \in R$  but  $\langle 1,3 \rangle \notin R$

# Reflexivity, Symmetry and Transitivity

- If  $R_1, R_2$  are reflexive, then  $R_1^{-1}, R_1 \cup R_2, R_1 \cap R_2$  are also reflexive
- If  $R_1, R_2$  are symmetric, then  $R_1^{-1}, R_1 \cup R_2, R_1 \cap R_2$  are also symmetric
- If  $R_1, R_2$  are transitive, then  $R_1^{-1}, R_1 \cap R_2$  are also transitive

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- If  $R_1, R_2$  are symmetric, then  $R_1 \cup R_2$  are also symmetric.

**Proof:**

$$\langle x, y \rangle \in R_1 \cup R_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle x, y \rangle \in R_1 \vee \langle x, y \rangle \in R_2$$

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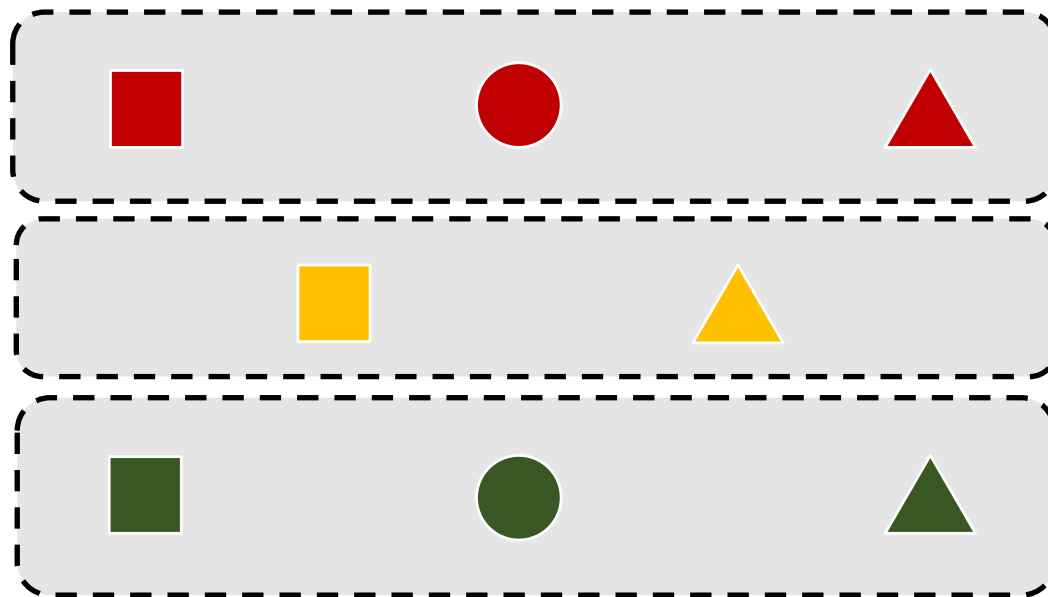
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# Equivalence Relations(等价关系)

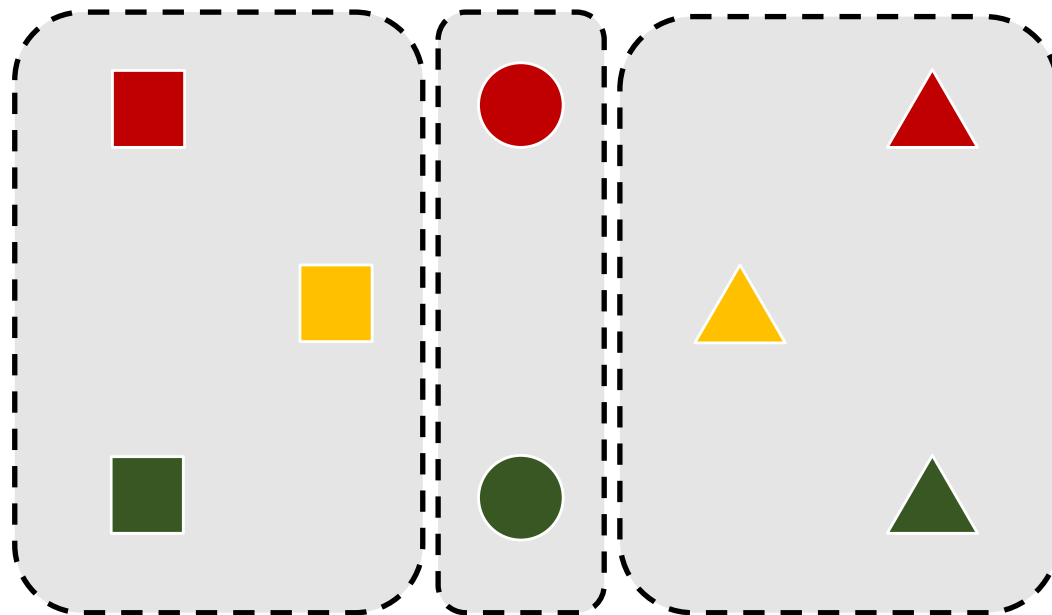
- An **equivalence relation** is a relation that is **reflexive, symmetric and transitive**.
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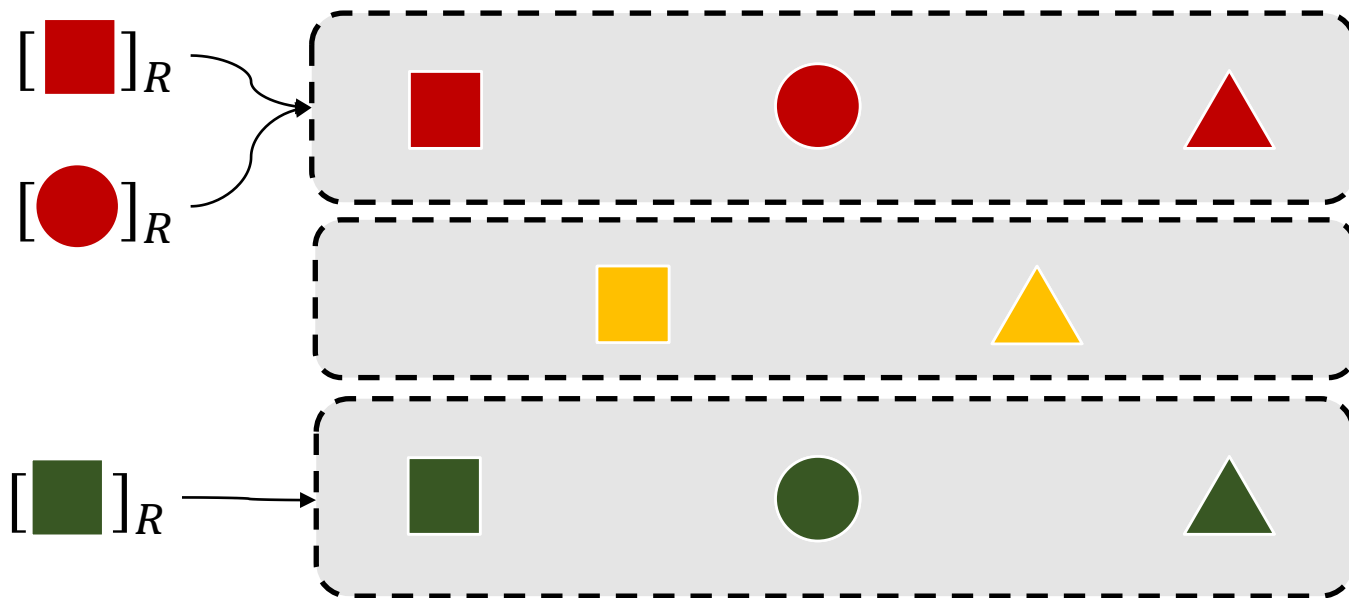
# Equivalence Classes(等价类)

- Given an equivalence relation  $R$  over a set  $A$ , for any  $x \in A$ , the **equivalence class of  $x$**  is the set:

$$[x]_R = \{y | y \in A \wedge xRy\}$$

- Intuitively, the set  $[x]_R$  contains all elements of  $A$  that are related to  $x$  by relation  $R$ .

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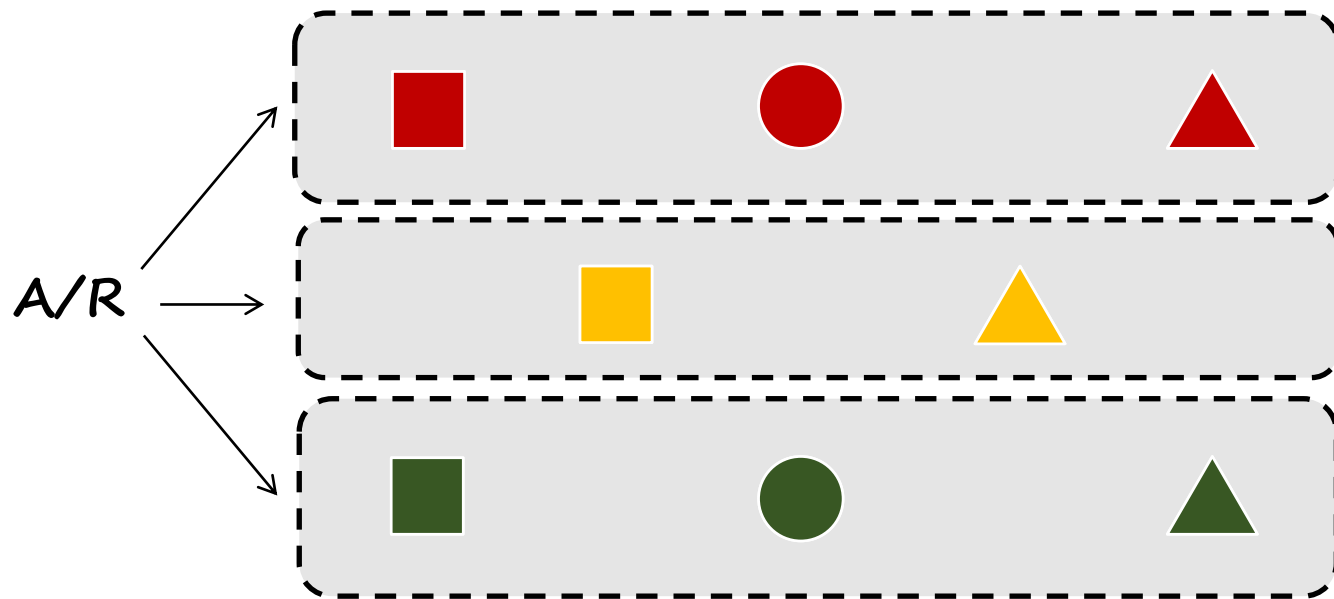
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- For  $R = \{\langle x, y \rangle | x \equiv_3 y\}$  on set  $A = \{1, 2, 3 \dots 8\}$ 
  - $A/R = \{[1]_R, [2]_R, [3]_R\} = \{\{1, 4, 7\}, \{2, 5, 8\}, \{3, 6\}\}$

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$[x]_R \subseteq A \longrightarrow (\forall \pi_0)(\pi_0 \in A/R \rightarrow \pi_0 \subseteq A)$

$x \in [x]_R \longrightarrow \bigcup A/R = A$

$[x]_R = [y]_R$  or  $[x]_R \cap [y]_R = \emptyset \longrightarrow \langle \forall x \rangle \langle \forall y \rangle \langle (x \in A/R \wedge y \in A/R \wedge x \neq y) \rightarrow x \cap y = \emptyset \rangle$

# Equivalence Relation and Partition

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*An equivalence relation can generate a partition.*

*Equivalence relations precisely capture what it means  
to be a partition.*

Binary relations give us a *common language* to describe *common structures*.

# Equivalence Relation In Real Life

- Most modern programming languages include some sort of hash table data structure.
  - **Java: HashMap**
  - **C++: `std::unordered_map`**
  - **Python: dict**
- If you insert a key/value pair and then try to look up a key, the implementation has to be able to tell whether two keys are equal.
- Although each language has a different mechanism for specifying this, many languages describe them in similar ways...

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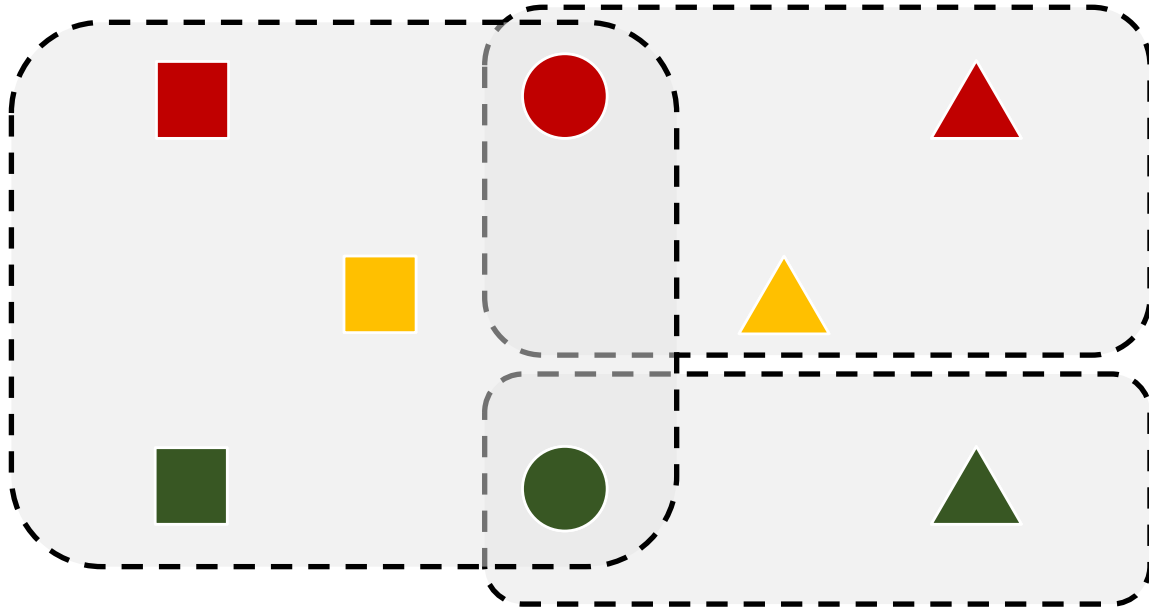
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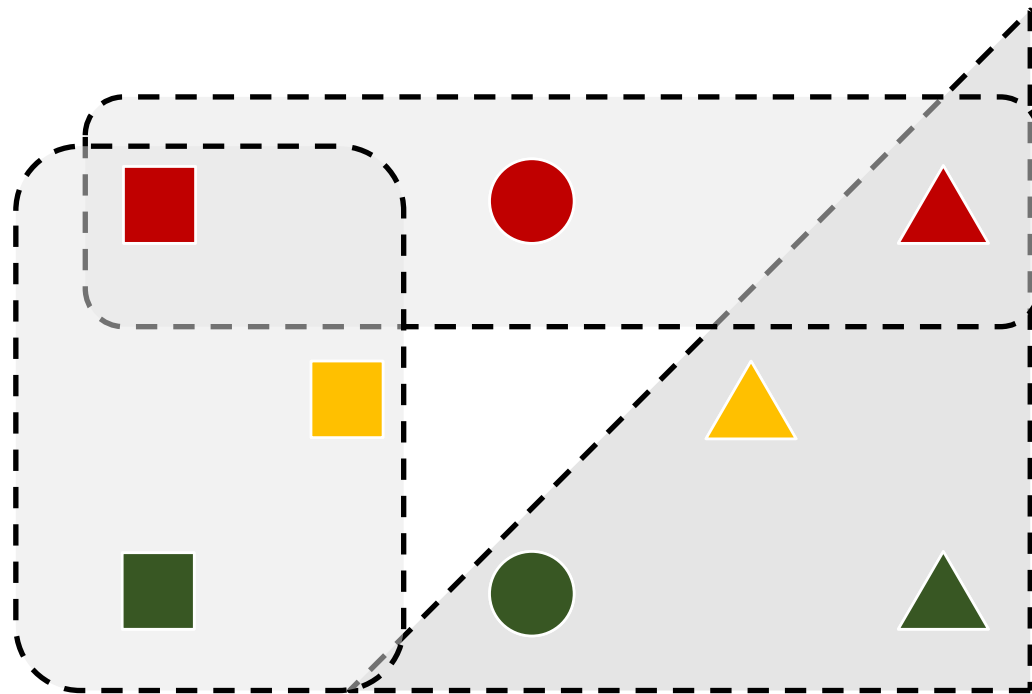
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- Intuitively, a cover contains pieces that cover every element of a set.
- **A partition is a cover, but a cover is not a partition.**

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*If  $a$  and  $b$  are in the same block  $C_0$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are also in the same block  $C_1 \neq C_0$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are not in the same block.*

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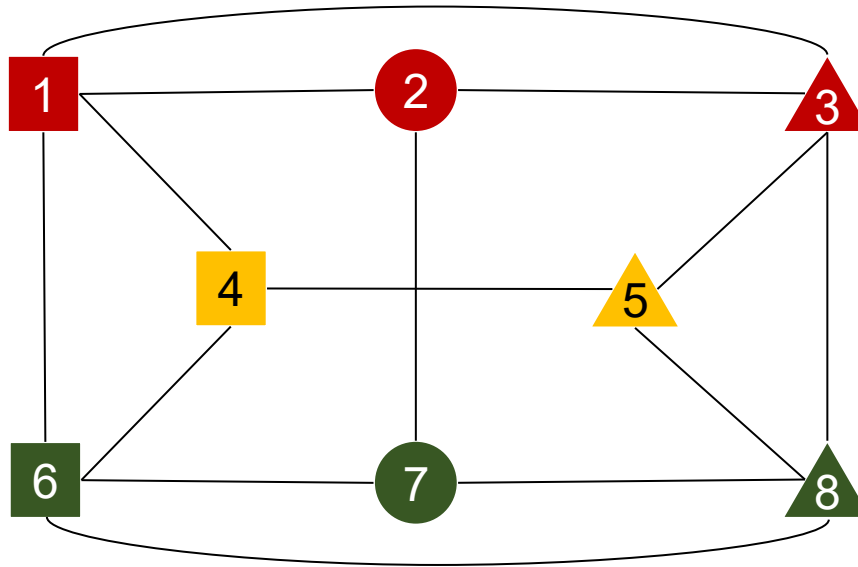
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# Compatible Relations (相容关系)

- An **compatible relation** is a relation that is **reflexive and symmetric**.
- Some examples:
  - $x$  has at least one same letter with  $y$
  - $x \cap y \neq \emptyset$
  - $x$  has same color or same shape with  $y$

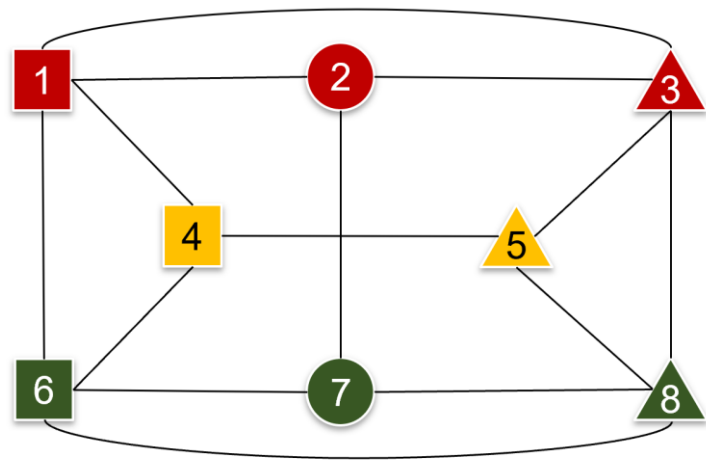
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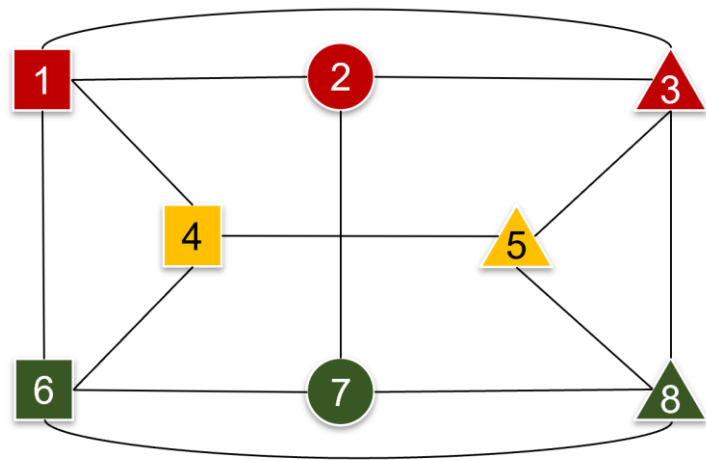
# Compatible Class (相容类)

- Given a compatible relation  $A$ ,  $C$  is called **compatible class** if:
  - $C \subseteq A$
  - $(x \in A) \wedge (\forall y)((y \in C) \rightarrow xRy)$
- Examples:
  - $\{1,4,6\}$
  - $\{1,4\}$
  - $\{3,8\}$
  - ...



# Maximal Compatible Class(极大相容类)

- A compatible class  $C$  is called **maximal compatible class** if  $C$  is not the subset of any compatible class, denote by  $C_R$ .
- Examples:
  - $\{1,4,6\}$
  - $\{1,2,3\}$
  - $\{2,7\}$
  - $\{3,5,8\}$
  - ...

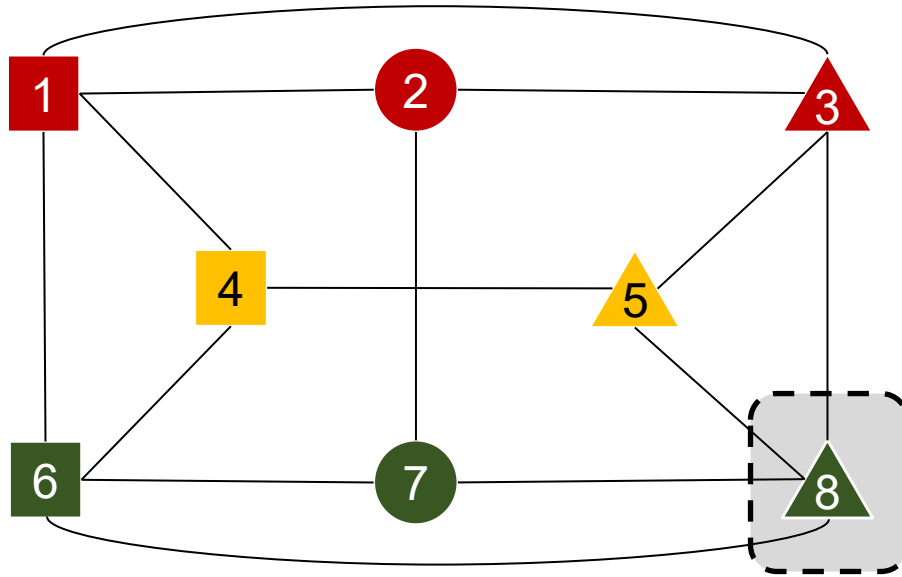


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For any compatible class  $C$  on set  $A$ , there exists a maximal compatible class  $C_R$  such that  $C \subseteq C_R$

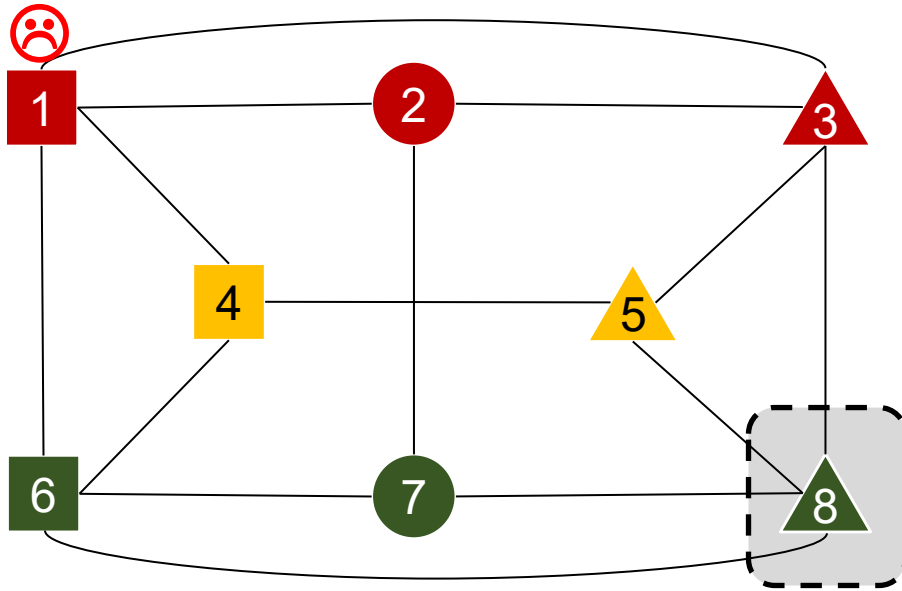
- We can generate a sequence such that  $C_0 \subseteq C_1 \subseteq C_2 \dots \subseteq C_R$ 
  - $C_0 = C$
  - $C_{i+1} = C_i \cup \{a_j\}$ , where  $j$  is the minimal index such that  $a_j \notin C_i \wedge (x \in C_i \rightarrow a_j R x)$

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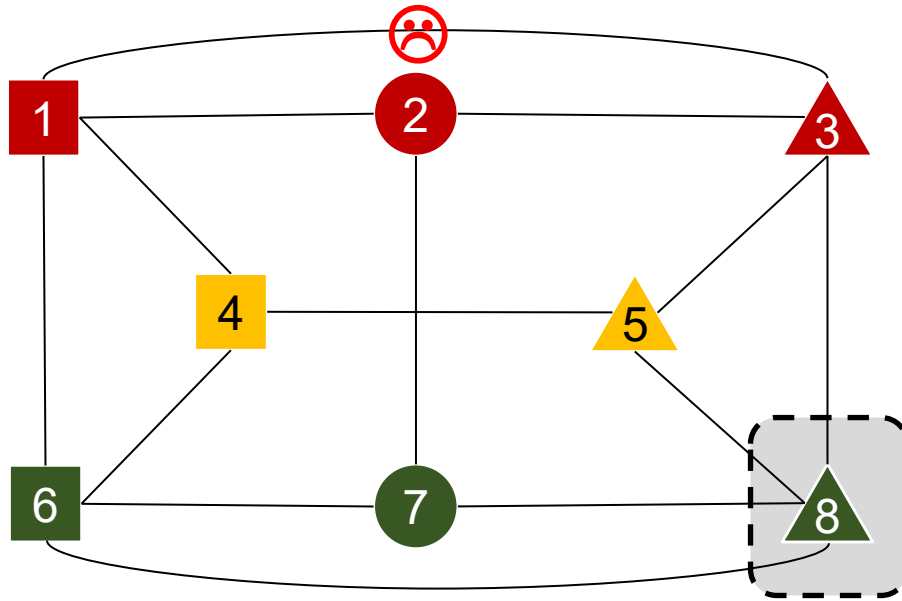
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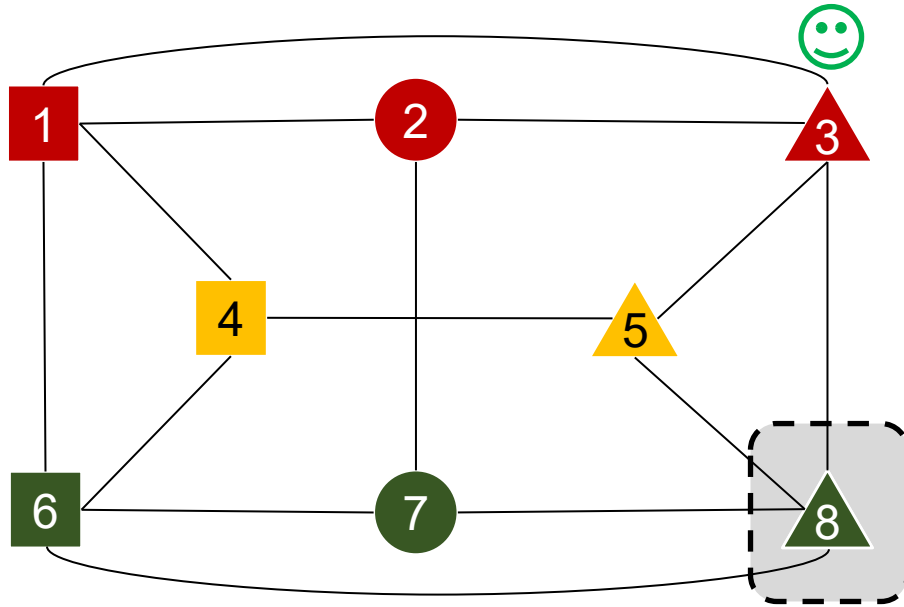
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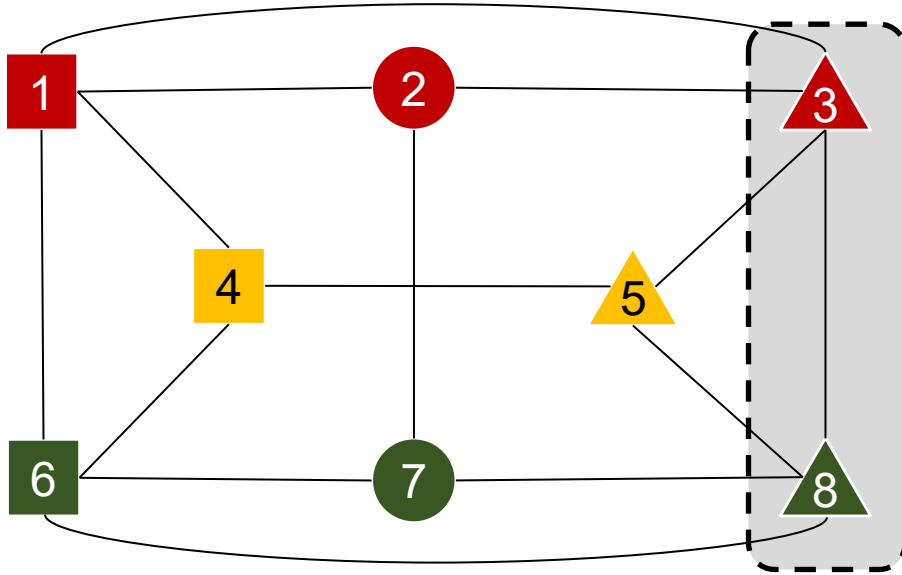
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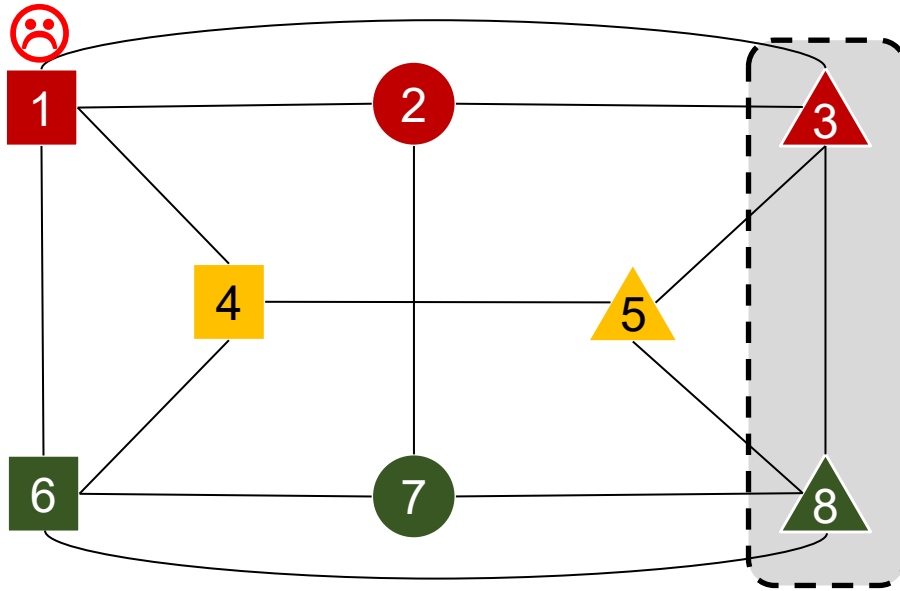
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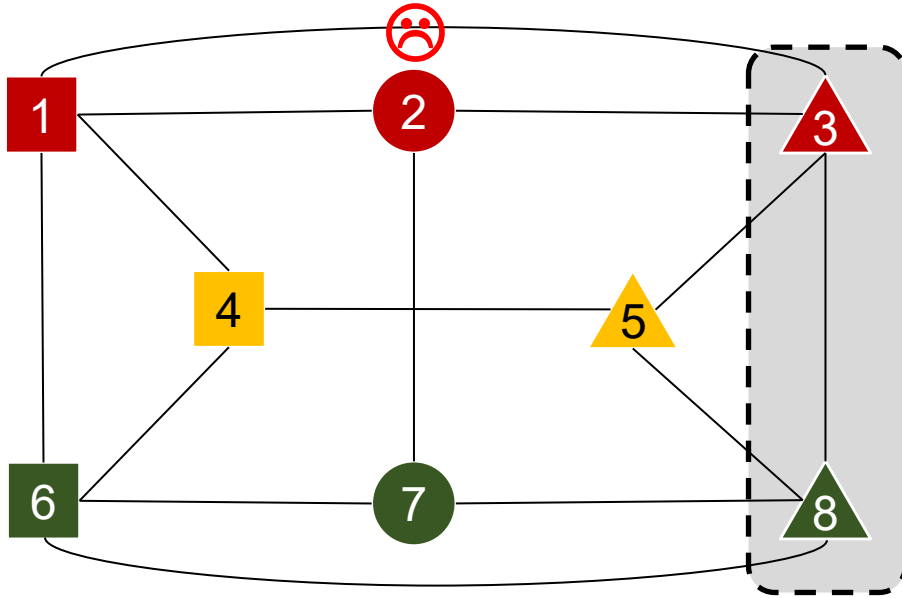
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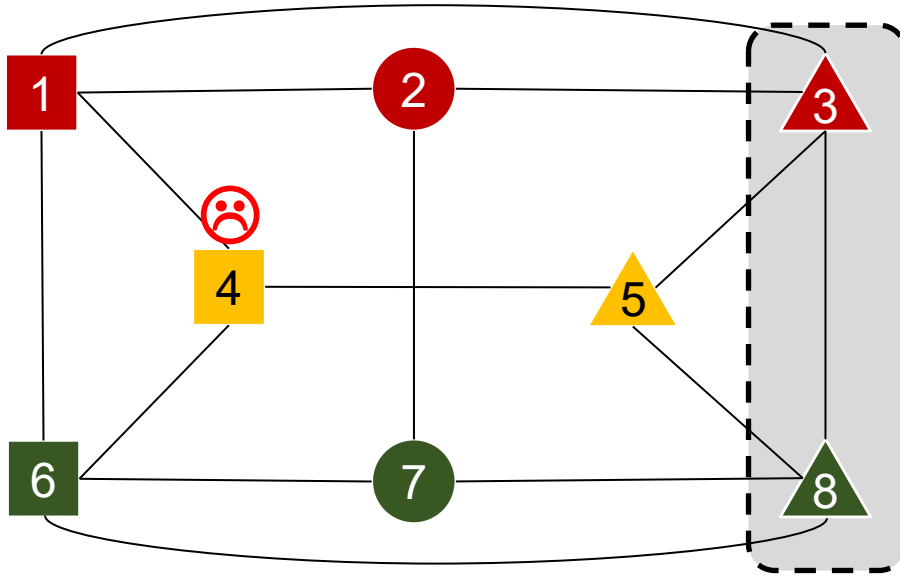
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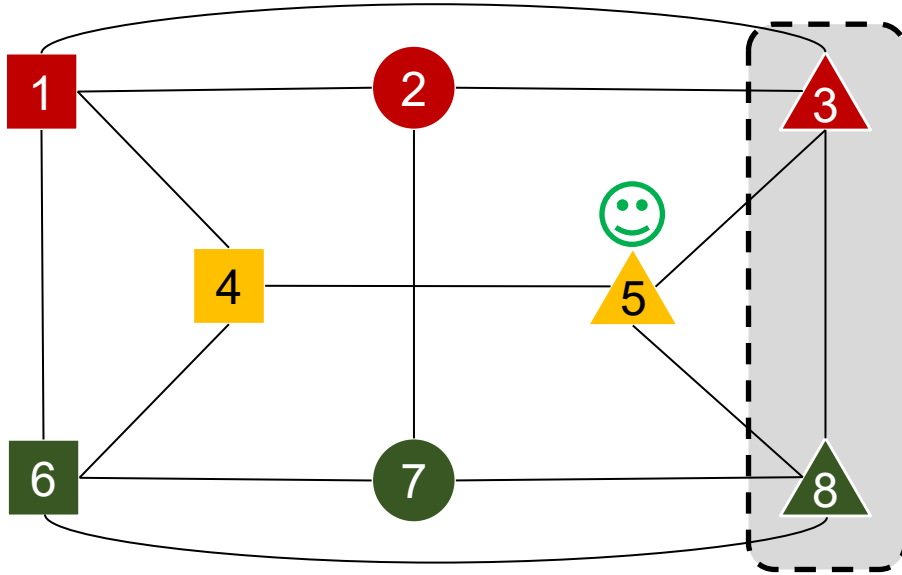
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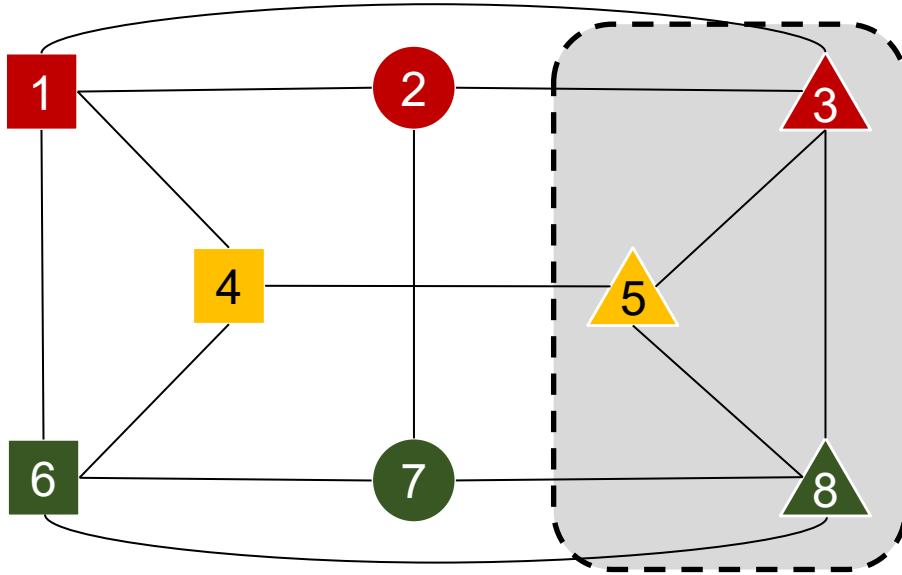
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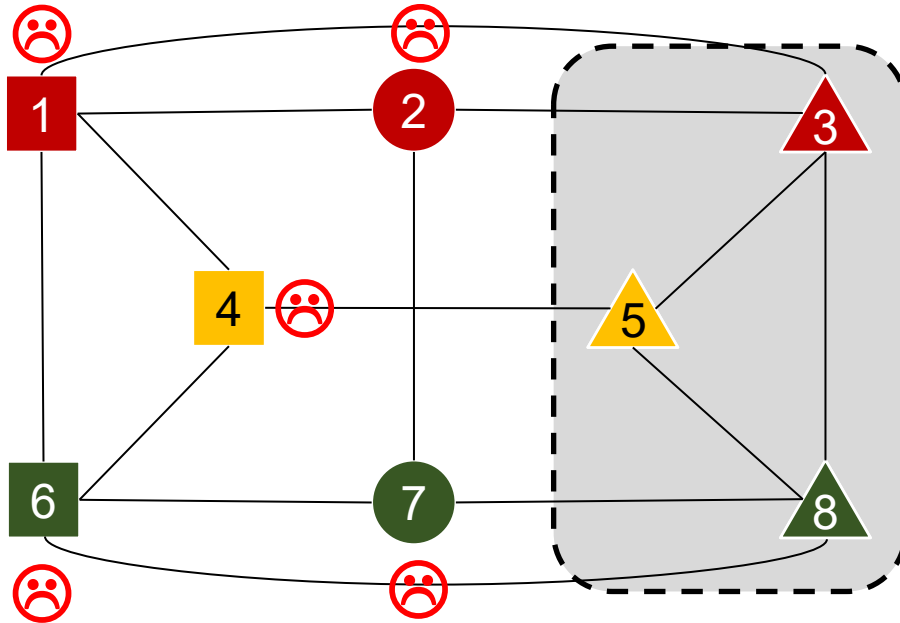
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$$C_R = C_2 = \{3, 5, 8\}$$

# Compatible Relation and Covers

- Given a compatible relation  $R$  on a set  $A$ , the set of all maximal compatible classes is a cover of  $A$ , called the complete cover (完全覆盖) of  $A$ , denote by  $C_R(A)$ .
  - $C_R(A)$  is unique.
- A compatible relation of  $A$  can generate a complete cover of  $A$
- A cover of  $A$  can generate a compatible relation of  $A$
- Two different covers can generate the same compatible relation.

# *How we investigate computability?*

《数理逻辑与集合论》 10.5, 10.8, 11

## **2.1 Discussion on Problems**

**Part1.** Intro & Set theory(I) : Basics & Formal Language.

**Part2.** Set Theory(II): Axiom system & Cardinality.

**Part3.** Capture Structures: Binary Relation & Function

## **2.2 Discussion on Computation**

**Part1.** Turing Machine Basics.

**Part2.** Variants of Turing Machine. Church-Turing Thesis.

## **2.3 Discussion on computability**

**Part1.** The Language of Turing Machine. R & RE

**Part2.** Undecidability.

## An exercise

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## Proof:

- **Reflexive:**  $xRx$

For any integer pair  $(a, b)$ , we have  $a + b = b + a$ , so  $(a, b)R(a, b)$

- **Symmetric:**  $xRy \rightarrow yRx$

For integer pair  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$ , if  $(a, b)R(c, d)$ , we have  $a + d = b + c$ . So  $c + b = d + a$  also holds, it means  $(c, d)R(a, b)$

- **Transitive:**  $xRy \wedge yRz \rightarrow xRz$

For integer pair  $(a, b)$ ,  $(c, d)$  and  $(e, f)$ , if  $(a, b)R(c, d)$  and  $(c, d)R(e, f)$ , we have  $a + d = b + c$  and  $c + f = d + e$ . Add the two equation we get  $a + d + e + f = b + c + d + e \Rightarrow a + f = b + e$ , it means  $(a, b)R(e, f)$

# *Order Relations*

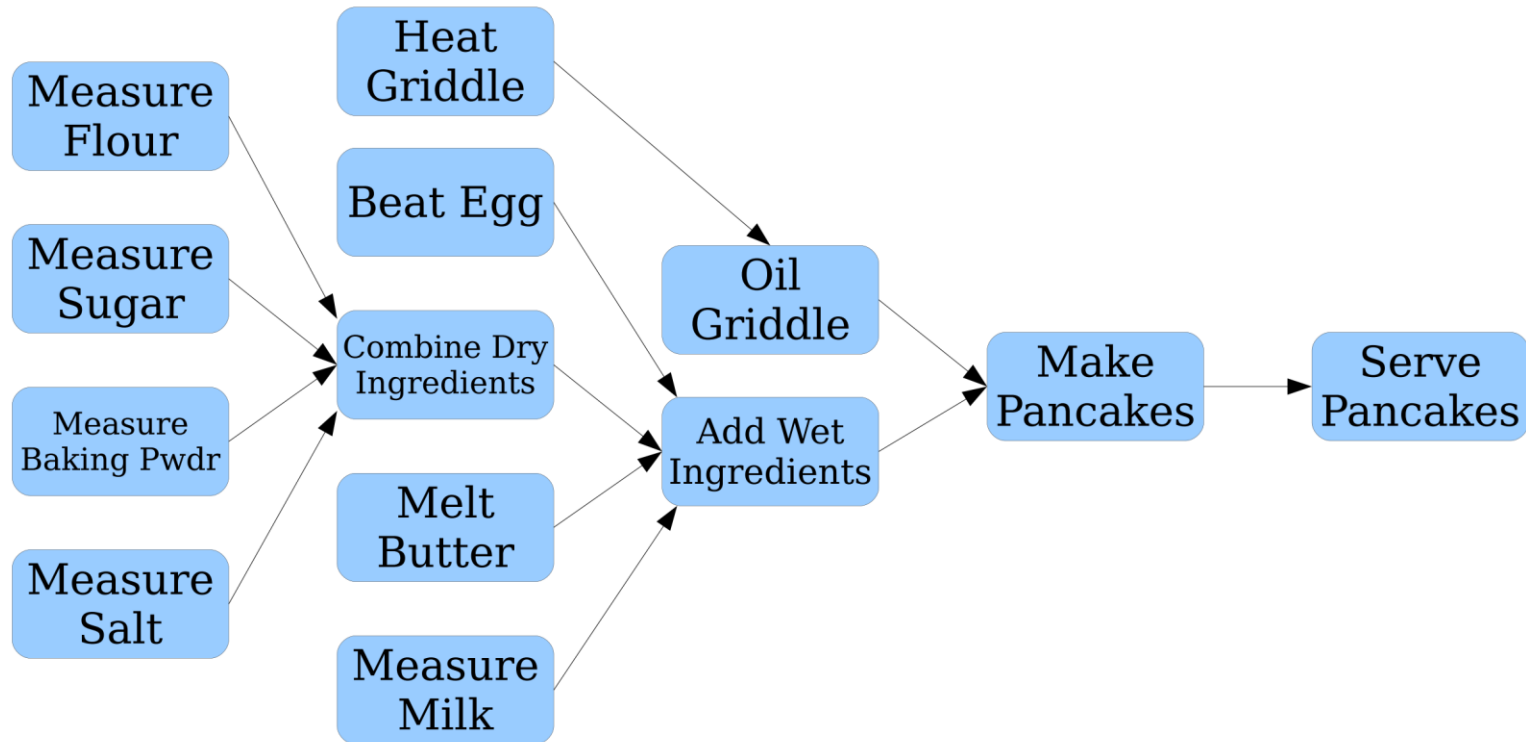
# Ordered Objects

*words in dictionary*

|       |       |        |
|-------|-------|--------|
| a     | bread | dog    |
| about | bring | far    |
| after | but   | fly    |
| an    | buy   | got    |
| ask   | cake  | Hand   |
| bear  | call  | it     |
| bed   | chair | letter |

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*A recipe to make pancake*



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*?*

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*Transitivity*

# Anti-symmetry(反对称性)

- Some relation is symmetric only in its diagonal.
- Examples:
  - If  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ , then  $x = y$
  - If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ , then  $A = B$
- Relations of this sort are called antisymmetric.

$$R \text{ on } A \text{ is antisymmetric} \Leftrightarrow (\forall a)(\forall b)((a \in A \wedge b \in A \wedge aRb \wedge bRa) \rightarrow a = b)$$

# Anti-symmetry : Example

- $I_A$  and  $N_A$
- $E_A$  when  $|A| > 1$
- $R = \{\langle 1,1 \rangle, \langle 1,2 \rangle, \langle 2,1 \rangle, \langle 2,3 \rangle, \langle 3,3 \rangle\}$  on  $\{1,2,3\}$

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  - $1R2$  and  $2R1$

# Partial-order Relation(偏序关系)

- An **partial-order relation** is a relation that is **reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive**.
- Some example:
  - $x \leq y$
  - $x \subseteq y$
  - $x$  can be divided by  $y$  (on  $\mathbb{N}^+$ )
- A set  $A$  together with a partial ordering  $R$  is called a partially ordered set, or poset(偏序集), and is denoted by  $\langle A, R \rangle$ .
  - $\langle \mathbb{N}, \leq \rangle, \langle \mathcal{P}(A), \subseteq \rangle$  are both poset.

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- Take  $<$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  as example. We know that:
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# Anti-reflexivity(反自反性)

- Some relation never holds from any element to itself
- Examples:
  - $A \not\subset A$  for any set  $A$
  - $x \not\prec x$  for any  $x$
- Relations of this sort are called anti-reflexive or irreflexive:

$R$  on  $A$  is anti-reflexive  $\Leftrightarrow (\forall a)(a \in A \rightarrow a \not R a)$

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- $N_A$
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  - $3R3$

# Reflexivity and Anti-reflexivity

- Reflexivity and anti-reflexivity are not negations of one another!
- Reflexivity:

$$(\forall a)(a \in A \rightarrow aRa)$$

- Negation of Reflexivity(Non-reflexivity,非自反性):

$$(\exists a)(a \in A \rightarrow a \not R a)$$

- Anti-reflexivity:

$$(\forall a)(a \in A \rightarrow a \not R a)$$

# Quasi-order Relation(拟序关系)

- An **quasi-order relation, or strict order relation** is a relation that is **anti-reflexive, transitive**.
- Some example:
  - $x < y$
  - $x \subset y$
  - $x$  is taller than  $y$

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Proof:

For a quasi-order relation  $R$  on  $A$ , assume that  $R$  is not anti-symmetric, then there exists  $x, y$  such that  $xRy \wedge yRx \wedge x \neq y$ .

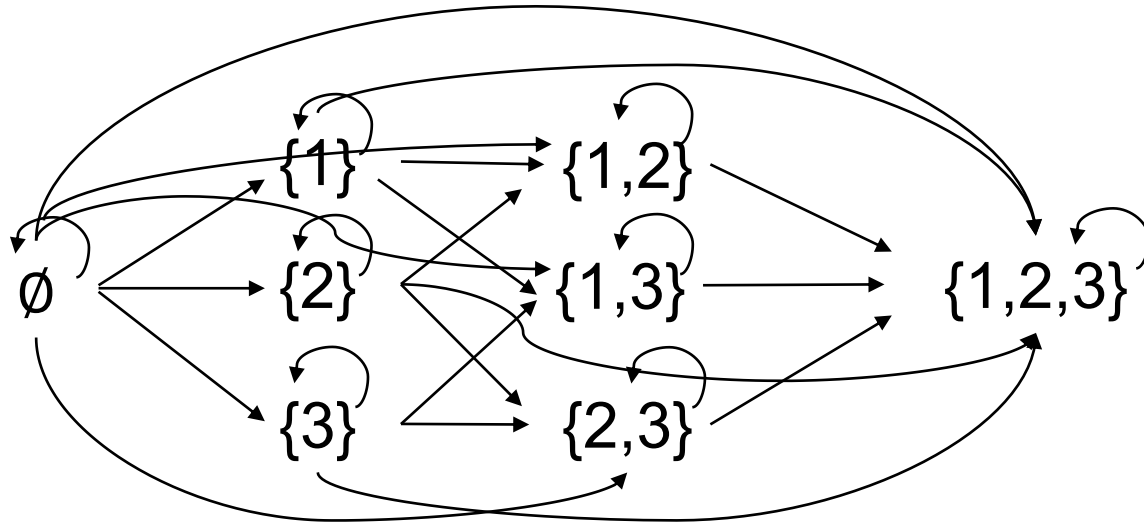
From transitivity and  $xRy \wedge yRx$  we have  $xRx$ , but  $x \not R x$  as  $R$  is anti-reflexivity.

Contradiction.

# Partial Order and Quasi Order

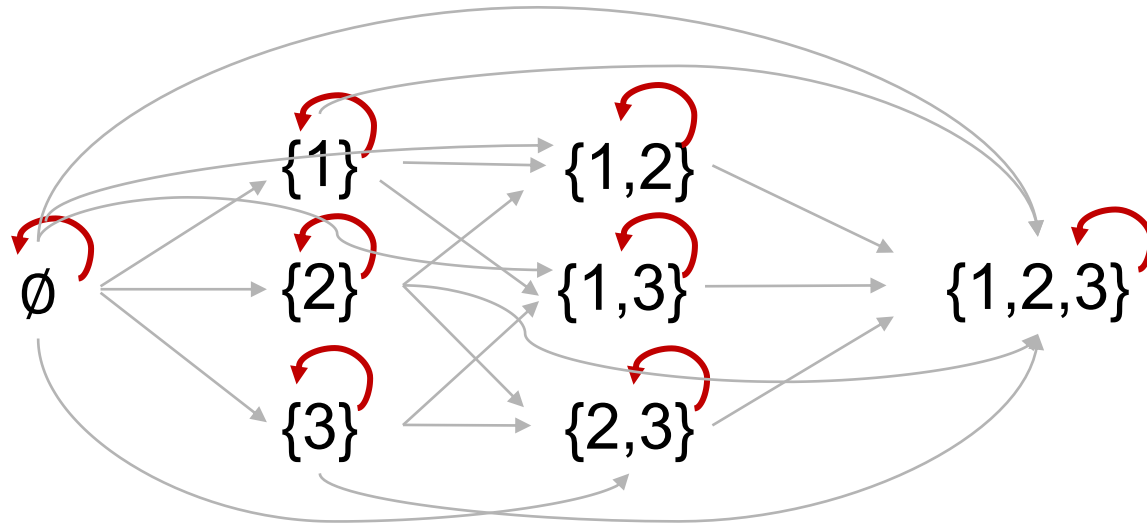
- Often denote as  $\leq$  and  $<$ 
  - Not necessarily mean numerical operation.
- Quasi order  $R$  on  $A$ ,  $R \cup R_0$  is a partial order  
" $<$ " + " $=$ "  $\rightarrow$  " $\leq$ "
- Partial order  $R$  on  $A$ ,  $R - R_0$  is a quasi order  
" $\leq$ " - " $=$ "  $\rightarrow$  " $<$ "

$\langle \mathcal{P}(A), \subseteq \rangle, A=\{1,2,3\}$



*Too complicated!!!*

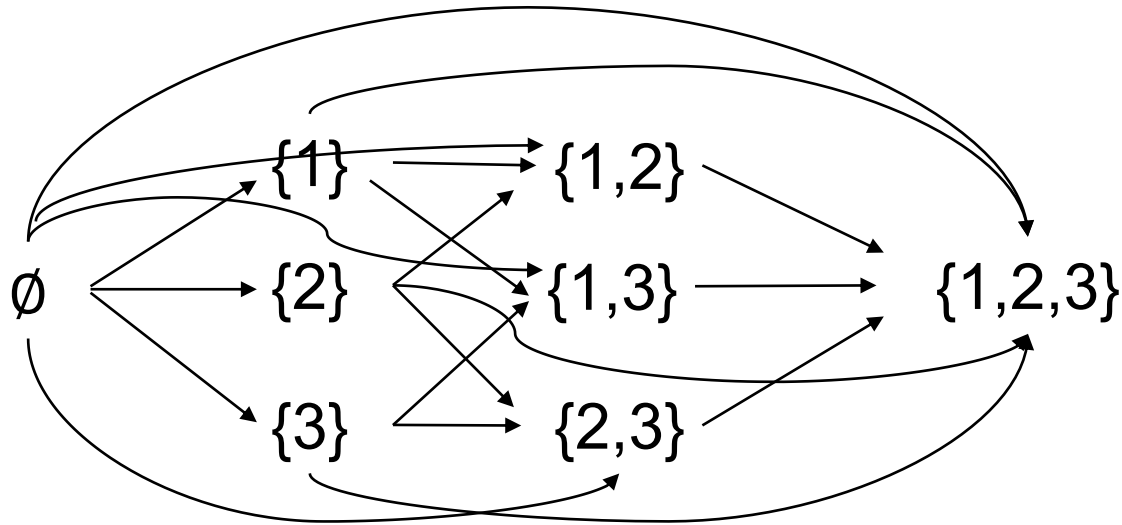
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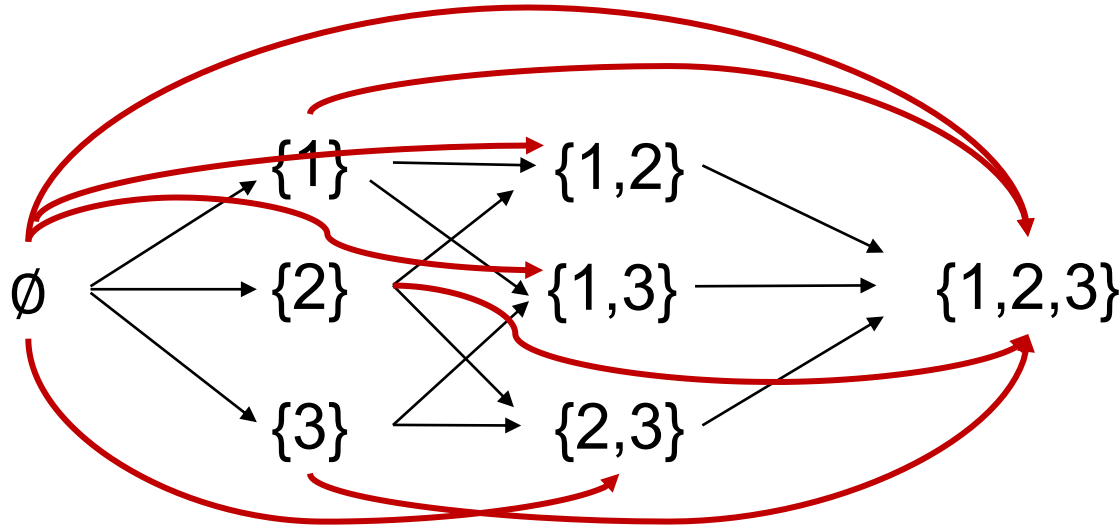
Reflexivity: Every object has a self-circle.

*Drop it.*

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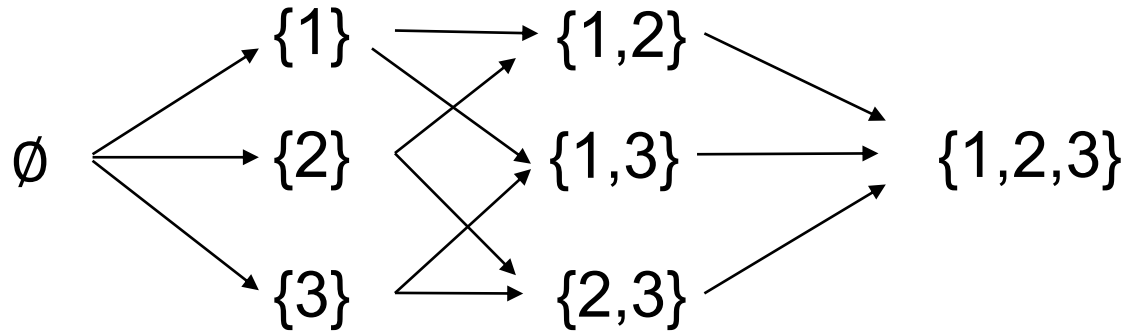
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Transitivity: Some relation can be derived from “smaller” relation

*Drop it.*

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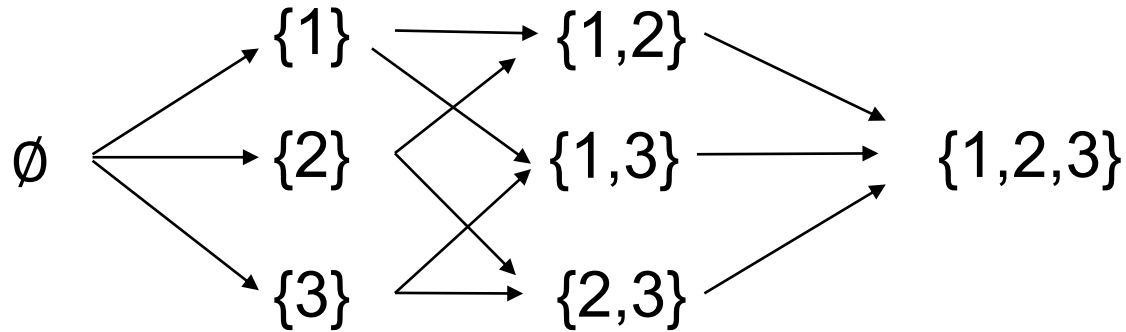


# Cover Relation

- For poset  $\langle A, \leq \rangle$ , if  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \leq y$ ,  $x \neq y$ , and there doesn't exist  $z \in A$  such that  $x \leq z$  and  $z \leq y$ , we call that  **$y$  covers  $x$** .
- $y$  covers  $x$  means that  $y$  is exactly greater than  $x$  and there's no elements between them.
- We can define a **cover relation** on  $A$ :
$$\text{cov}(A) = \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid x \in A \wedge y \in A \wedge (y \text{ covers } x)\}$$

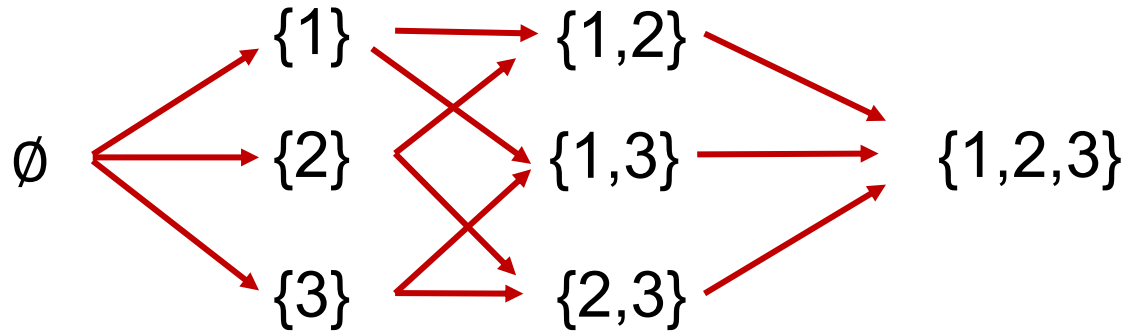
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$\text{cover}(\mathcal{P}(A))$



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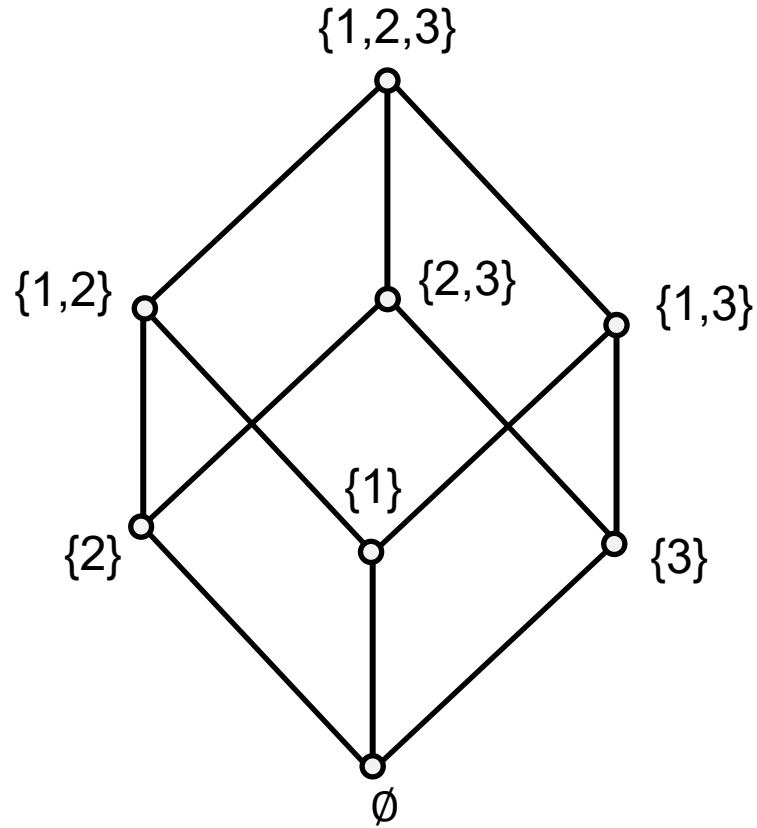
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All directed edge are  
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*Choose a direction as  
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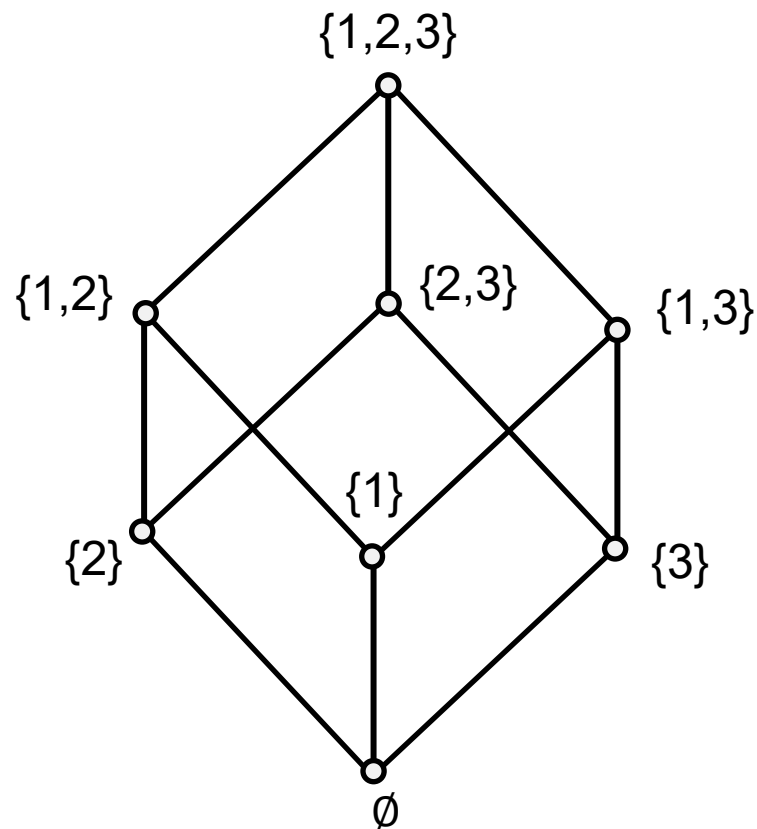
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# Hasse Diagram(哈斯图)

- For poset  $\langle A, \leq \rangle$ :
  - Every vertex is an element
  - If  $x \leq y \wedge x \neq y$ , then vertex  $y$  is above vertex  $x$
  - If  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{cov}(A)$ , then there's an undirected edge between  $x$  and  $y$



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