

# Review



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Sets, Relations and Transition  
Systems

# (Naïve) Set Theory

- Sets contain elements, which can be sets:
  - $A = \{a, \{d\}, \{a\}\}$  (Set  $A$  contains  $a$ , and the sets  $\{d\}$  and  $\{a\}$ )
- Sometimes we do not want to list all the members of a set, then we can write:
  - $\{x \mid x \text{ has some property}\}$ , e.g.  $\{x \mid x \text{ is an even number}\}$ , the set of all even numbers
- Order not important, number of occurrences not important:
  - $\{a, b\} = \{a, a, b\} = \{b, a\}$
  - $\{a, \{a\}\} \neq \{a\}$

# (Naïve) Set Theory

- Exception: *multi-sets*, number of occurrences *are* important:
  - $\{a, b\} \neq \{a, a, b\}$
- Formally a multi-set is a function that maps elements of its domain to a range of positive integers
  - Multi-set  $\{a, a, b\}$  is the set  $\{a \rightarrow 2, b \rightarrow 1\}$
- If an element  $x$  belongs to a set  $S$ , we write  $x \in S$
- The empty set,  $\emptyset$ . I.e. for all  $x$ , the following is true:  $\text{not } (x \in \emptyset)$

# Operations on Sets, Orders

- Cartesian product  $\times$  :
  - $X \times Y$ , the set  $\{ab \mid a \in X \text{ and } b \in Y\}$
  - Example,  $X = \{a, b, c\}$   $Y = \{c, d, e\}$   
 $X \times Y = \{ac, ad, ae, bc, bd, be, cc, cd, ce\}$
- Union  $\cup$ :
  - $X \cup Y$  is the set  $\{x \mid x \in X \text{ or } x \in Y\}$
  - Example:  $X = \{a, b\}$   $Y = \{a, d, e\}$
  - $X \cup Y = \{a, b, d, e\}$

# Operations on sets, orders

- Sets are ordered by the **subset**,  $\subseteq$ , relationship:
- $X \subseteq Y$  iff  $a \in X$  then  $a \in Y$ , for all  $a \in X$ 
  - $\{a, b\} \subseteq \{a, b, c\}$
  - $\{a, b, c\} \subseteq \{a, b, c\}$
  - $\{a, d\} \subseteq \{a, b, c\}$



# Binary Relations

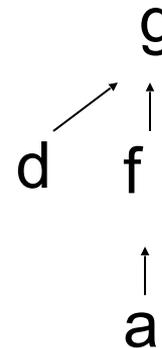
- A relation  $X$  is a subset of  $S \times S$
- Example:
  - $S = \{ a, b, d, e \}$
  - $X = \{ aa, be, ee \}$ , sometimes  $\{ (a,a), (b,e), (e,e) \}$

# Partial Order (poset)

- A pair, a set and a relation  $(S, \leq)$  which, for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $S$  is:
  - **Reflexive:**
    - $x \leq x$
  - **Anti-symmetric:**
    - if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$  then  $x = y$
  - **Transitive:**
    - if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$  then  $x \leq z$

# Partial Order example

- $S = \{ a, d, f, g \}$
- $\leq = \{aa, dd, ff, gg, af, fg, ag, dg\}$



# Total Order

- A set and an relation  $(S, \leq)$  which, for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $S$  is:
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  - **Transitive:**
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  - **Dichotomy:**
    - either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$

# Total order example

- $S = \{ a, d, f, g \}$
- $\leq = \{aa, dd, ff, gg, af, fg, ag, dg, dg, df, da\}$

g  
↑  
f  
↑  
a  
↑  
d

# State Transition System (informal)

- A state transition system consists of
  - A set of **states**
  - Rule for which state to go to from each state (**transition function/binary relation**)
  - The set of starting states (***initial states***)



# Distributed Algorithms

- Sequential (centralized) algorithms are modeled as a function from input to output
- Distributed systems and algorithms are systems that runs forever and interacts with its environments
- How do we make a useful abstract model of this?
- These are modeled as **transition systems**

# Transition Systems

- **Transition system** is a triple  $TS = (S, \rightarrow, I)$ 
  - $S$  a set of states
  - $\rightarrow$  is binary **transition relation** on  $S$
  - $I \subseteq S$ , set of initial states
- Transition relation  $\rightarrow$  is a subset of  $S \times S$ 
  - $(s_1, s_2) \in \rightarrow$  is written  $s_1 \rightarrow s_2$
- **Execution of TS**
  - Is a maximal sequence  $E = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots)$  where  $s_0 \in I$ , for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$

# Transition Systems

- **Terminal state**
  - a state  $s_f$  for which there is no  $x$  such that  $s_f \rightarrow x$
- **Maximal sequence**
  - $E = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots)$  is maximal if it is **infinite** or ends in a terminal state
- State  $y$  is **reachable** from  $x$ , if there is a sequence  $E = (x = s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k = y)$  with  $s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq k$
- State  $y$  is reachable if it is reachable from an initial state  $s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$

# Labeled Transition Systems

- **Labeled Transition system** is a 4-tuple  $TS = (S, A, \rightarrow, I)$ 
  - $S$  a set of states
  - $A$  is a set of actions
  - $a \rightarrow$  is tertiary **transition relation** takes a state, an action, moves to new state
  - $I \subseteq S$ , set of initial states
- Transition relation  $a \rightarrow$  is a subset of  $S \times A \times S$ 
  - $(s_1, a, s_2) \in \rightarrow$  is written  $(s_1, a) \rightarrow s_2$
- **Execution of TS**
  - Is a maximal sequence  $E = (s_0, a_0, s_1, a_1, s_2, \dots)$   
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