

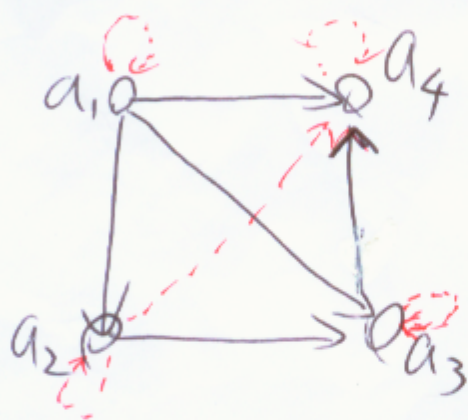
Closures.  $\leftarrow$  AXA

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$R \subseteq A^2$ : a directed graph defined on a set  $A$

The reflexive transitive closure of  $R$ :

$$R^* = \{(a, b) : a, b \in A \text{ and } \exists \text{ a path from } a \text{ to } b \text{ in } R\}$$



$$R = \{(a_1, a_2), (a_1, a_3), (a_1, a_4), (a_2, a_3), (a_3, a_4)\}$$

$$R^* = R \cup \{(a_1, a_1), (a_2, a_2), (a_3, a_3), (a_4, a_4), (a_2, a_4)\}$$

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$$

How to compute  $R^*$ ?

Alg. 1

Initially  $R^* := \emptyset$

$O(n^{n+1})$

for  $i=1, \dots, n$  do.

for each  $i$ -tuple  $(b_1, \dots, b_i) \in A^i$  do

If  $(b_1, \dots, b_i)$  is a path in  $R$ , then add  $(b_1, b_i)$  to  $R^*$ .

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An alternative:

Alg. 2  $R^* := R \cup \{(a_i, a_i) : a_i \in A\}$   $O(n^5)$

While  $\exists a_i, a_j, a_k \in A$  st.

$(a_i, a_j), (a_j, a_k) \in R^*$  but  $(a_i, a_k) \notin R^*$  do

add  $(a_i, a_k)$  to  $R^*$  ← minimum

$R^*$  <sup>min</sup>  $R_0$

$(a_i, a_j)$  —  $\Rightarrow R^0$  is not transitive  
 $(a_j, a_k)$  — (A contains)  
 $(a_i, a_k)$  ← the first pair not in  $R_0$

Alg. 3

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  do

for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $k = 1, \dots, n$  do

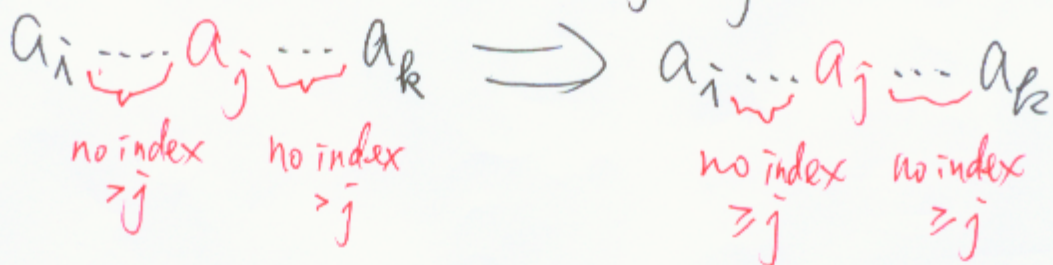
if  $(a_i, a_j), (a_j, a_k) \in R^*$  but  $(a_i, a_k) \notin R^*$  do

add  $(a_i, a_k)$  to  $R^*$

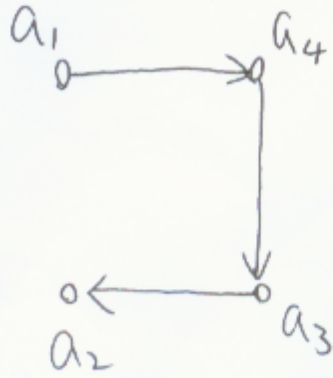
$O(n^3)$

rank  $j$

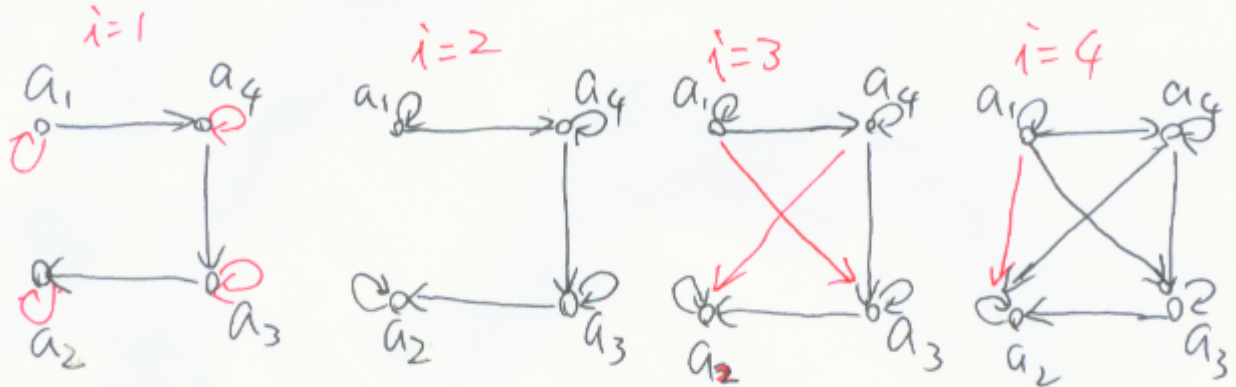
remove  $a_j \dots a_j$



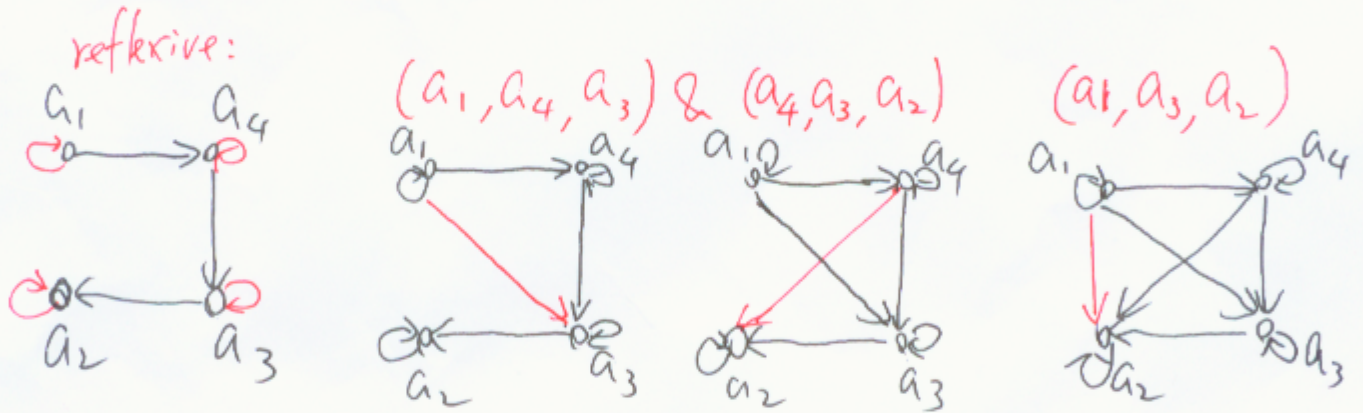
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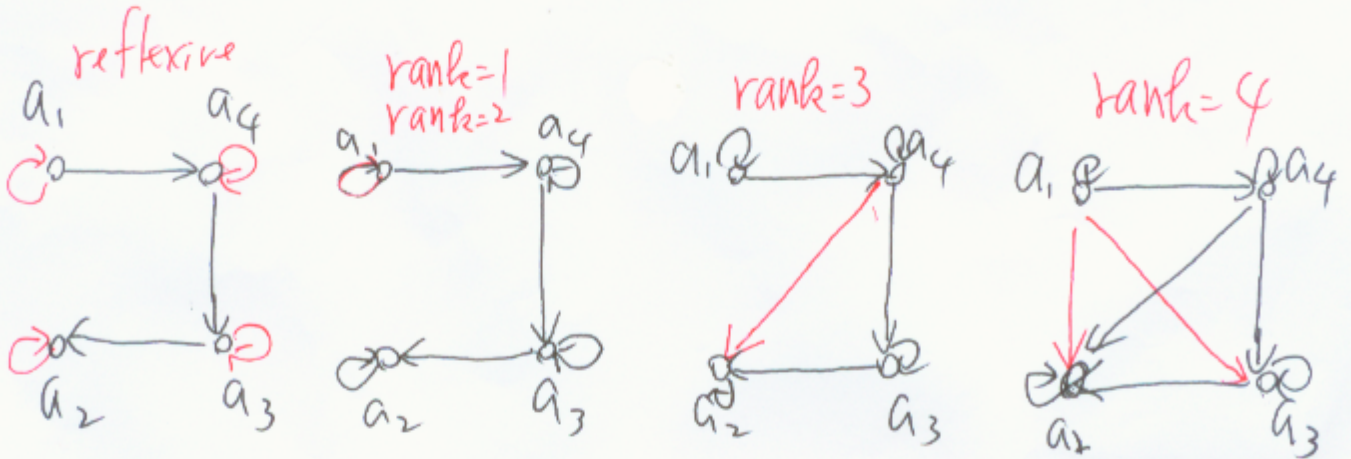
Alg. 1



Alg. 2



Alg. 3



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Alphabet: a finite set of symbols.

$\Sigma$

string: a member in  $\Sigma^*$       empty string:  $\epsilon$

concatenation  $xoy$  or  $xy$        $\begin{cases} w^0 = \epsilon \\ w^{i+1} = w^i \cdot w \text{ for } i \geq 0 \end{cases}$

substring

suffix

prefix

reversal:  $w = \epsilon \Rightarrow w^R = w$

$w^R$        $|w| = n+1 > 0 \cdot w = ua \Rightarrow w^R = au^R$   
for some  $a \in \Sigma$

$w, x \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $(wx)^R = x^R w^R$ .

Pf. Basis:  $|x| = 0 \Rightarrow x = \epsilon \Rightarrow (wx)^R = w^R = \epsilon^R w^R = x^R w^R$

Induction Hypothesis: if  $|x| \leq n$ , then  $(wx)^R = x^R w^R$ .

Induction Step.  $|x| = n+1$ .  $x = ua$ , for some  $u \in \Sigma^*$  and  $a \in \Sigma$   
( $|u| = n$ )

$$\begin{aligned} (wx)^R &= (w(ua))^R \\ &= (wua)^R \\ &= a(wu)^R \\ &= au^R w^R \\ &= x^R w^R \end{aligned}$$

Language: any subset of  $\Sigma^*$   
i.e. any set of strings over  $\Sigma$

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e.g.  $\{0r2, cr2\}$  is a language over  $\{a, \dots, z\}$ .

$\{0, 01, 011, 0111, \dots\}$

$\{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ has an equal number of 0's and 1's}\}$

$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w \text{ has property } P\}$ .

If  $\Sigma$  is a finite alphabet, then  $\Sigma^*$  is countably infinite.

However,  $2^{\Sigma^*}$  is uncountably infinite. Not all languages can be represented in  $\Sigma^*$ .

*Host of all possible languages*

The complement of  $L: \bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$

concatenation:  $L = L_1 \circ L_2 = L_1 L_2$  where

$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w = xy \text{ for some } x \in L_1 \text{ \& } y \in L_2\}$ .

Kleene star:  $L^* = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w = w_1 \circ \dots \circ w_k \text{ for some } k \geq 0$   
and some  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k \in L\}$

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$$L = \{01, 1, 100\}$$

$$\underline{110001110011} \in L^*$$

$$L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ has an unequal number of } 0\text{'s and } 1\text{'s}\}$$

What is  $L^*$ ?

$$\text{Is } 10111 \in L^*? \text{ Yes! } 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$$

$$\{0,1\} \subseteq L \Rightarrow \{0,1\}^* \subseteq L^*$$

On the other hand,  $L^* \subseteq \Sigma^*$  by definition.

$$\text{We have } L^* = \{0,1\}^*$$

$$L^+ = LL^* = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w = w_1 \cdots w_k \text{ for some } k \geq 1 \text{ and some } w_1, \dots, w_k \in L\}$$