

# Relations and Their Basic Properties

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**Summary.** We define here: mode Relation as a set of pairs, the domain, the codomain, and the field of relation; the empty and the identity relations, the composition of relations, the image and the inverse image of a set under a relation. Two predicates, = and  $\subseteq$ , and three functions,  $\cup$ ,  $\cap$  and  $\setminus$  are redefined. Basic facts about the above mentioned notions are presented.

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The articles [2] and [1] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

In this paper  $A, X, Y, Y_1, Y_2, a, b, c, d, x, y, z$  are sets.

Let  $I_1$  be a set. We say that  $I_1$  is relation-like if and only if:

(Def. 1) If  $x \in I_1$ , then there exist  $y, z$  such that  $x = \langle y, z \rangle$ .

Let us note that there exists a set which is relation-like and empty.

A binary relation is a relation-like set.

In the sequel  $P, P_1, P_2, Q, R, S$  denote binary relations.

We now state four propositions:

(3)<sup>1</sup> If  $A \subseteq R$ , then  $A$  is relation-like.

(4)  $\{\langle x, y \rangle\}$  is relation-like.

(5)  $\{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle c, d \rangle\}$  is relation-like.

(6)  $[:X, Y:]$  is relation-like.

The scheme *Rel Existence* deals with sets  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  and a binary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

There exists a binary relation  $R$  such that for all  $x, y$  holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  iff  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $y \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{P}[x, y]$

for all values of the parameters.

Let us consider  $P, R$ . Let us observe that  $P = R$  if and only if:

(Def. 2) For all  $a, b$  holds  $\langle a, b \rangle \in P$  iff  $\langle a, b \rangle \in R$ .

Let us consider  $P, R$ . One can verify the following observations:

- \*  $P \cap R$  is relation-like,
- \*  $P \cup R$  is relation-like, and

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<sup>1</sup> The propositions (1) and (2) have been removed.

\*  $P \setminus R$  is relation-like.

Let us consider  $P, R$ . Let us observe that  $P \subseteq R$  if and only if:

(Def. 3) For all  $a, b$  such that  $\langle a, b \rangle \in P$  holds  $\langle a, b \rangle \in R$ .

The following two propositions are true:

(9)<sup>2</sup>  $X \cap R$  is a binary relation.

(10)  $R \setminus X$  is a binary relation.

Let us consider  $R$ . The functor  $\text{dom}R$  yields a set and is defined by:

(Def. 4)  $x \in \text{dom}R$  iff there exists  $y$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$ .

Next we state three propositions:

(13)<sup>3</sup>  $\text{dom}(P \cup R) = \text{dom}P \cup \text{dom}R$ .

(14)  $\text{dom}(P \cap R) \subseteq \text{dom}P \cap \text{dom}R$ .

(15)  $\text{dom}P \setminus \text{dom}R \subseteq \text{dom}(P \setminus R)$ .

Let us consider  $R$ . The functor  $\text{rng}R$  yields a set and is defined as follows:

(Def. 5)  $y \in \text{rng}R$  iff there exists  $x$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$ .

The following propositions are true:

(18)<sup>4</sup> If  $x \in \text{dom}R$ , then there exists  $y$  such that  $y \in \text{rng}R$ .

(19) If  $y \in \text{rng}R$ , then there exists  $x$  such that  $x \in \text{dom}R$ .

(20) If  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$ , then  $x \in \text{dom}R$  and  $y \in \text{rng}R$ .

(21)  $R \subseteq [:\text{dom}R, \text{rng}R:]$ .

(22)  $R \cap [:\text{dom}R, \text{rng}R:] = R$ .

(23) If  $R = \{\langle x, y \rangle\}$ , then  $\text{dom}R = \{x\}$  and  $\text{rng}R = \{y\}$ .

(24) If  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle x, y \rangle\}$ , then  $\text{dom}R = \{a, x\}$  and  $\text{rng}R = \{b, y\}$ .

(25) If  $P \subseteq R$ , then  $\text{dom}P \subseteq \text{dom}R$  and  $\text{rng}P \subseteq \text{rng}R$ .

(26)  $\text{rng}(P \cup R) = \text{rng}P \cup \text{rng}R$ .

(27)  $\text{rng}(P \cap R) \subseteq \text{rng}P \cap \text{rng}R$ .

(28)  $\text{rng}P \setminus \text{rng}R \subseteq \text{rng}(P \setminus R)$ .

Let us consider  $R$ . The functor  $\text{field}R$  yields a set and is defined by:

(Def. 6)  $\text{field}R = \text{dom}R \cup \text{rng}R$ .

The following propositions are true:

(29)  $\text{dom}R \subseteq \text{field}R$  and  $\text{rng}R \subseteq \text{field}R$ .

(30) If  $\langle a, b \rangle \in R$ , then  $a \in \text{field}R$  and  $b \in \text{field}R$ .

(31) If  $P \subseteq R$ , then  $\text{field}P \subseteq \text{field}R$ .

<sup>2</sup> The propositions (7) and (8) have been removed.

<sup>3</sup> The propositions (11) and (12) have been removed.

<sup>4</sup> The propositions (16) and (17) have been removed.

(32) If  $R = \{\langle x, y \rangle\}$ , then  $\text{field } R = \{x, y\}$ .

(33)  $\text{field}(P \cup R) = \text{field } P \cup \text{field } R$ .

(34)  $\text{field}(P \cap R) \subseteq \text{field } P \cap \text{field } R$ .

Let us consider  $R$ . The functor  $R^\smile$  yields a binary relation and is defined as follows:

(Def. 7)  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R^\smile$  iff  $\langle y, x \rangle \in R$ .

Let us note that the functor  $R^\smile$  is involutive.

We now state several propositions:

(37)<sup>5</sup>  $\text{rng } R = \text{dom}(R^\smile)$  and  $\text{dom } R = \text{rng}(R^\smile)$ .

(38)  $\text{field } R = \text{field}(R^\smile)$ .

(39)  $(P \cap R)^\smile = P^\smile \cap R^\smile$ .

(40)  $(P \cup R)^\smile = P^\smile \cup R^\smile$ .

(41)  $(P \setminus R)^\smile = P^\smile \setminus R^\smile$ .

Let us consider  $P, R$ . The functor  $P \cdot R$  yielding a binary relation is defined as follows:

(Def. 8)  $\langle x, y \rangle \in P \cdot R$  iff there exists  $z$  such that  $\langle x, z \rangle \in P$  and  $\langle z, y \rangle \in R$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

(44)<sup>6</sup>  $\text{dom}(P \cdot R) \subseteq \text{dom } P$ .

(45)  $\text{rng}(P \cdot R) \subseteq \text{rng } R$ .

(46) If  $\text{rng } R \subseteq \text{dom } P$ , then  $\text{dom}(R \cdot P) = \text{dom } R$ .

(47) If  $\text{dom } P \subseteq \text{rng } R$ , then  $\text{rng}(R \cdot P) = \text{rng } P$ .

(48) If  $P \subseteq R$ , then  $Q \cdot P \subseteq Q \cdot R$ .

(49) If  $P \subseteq Q$ , then  $P \cdot R \subseteq Q \cdot R$ .

(50) If  $P \subseteq R$  and  $Q \subseteq S$ , then  $P \cdot Q \subseteq R \cdot S$ .

(51)  $P \cdot (R \cup Q) = P \cdot R \cup P \cdot Q$ .

(52)  $P \cdot (R \cap Q) \subseteq (P \cdot R) \cap (P \cdot Q)$ .

(53)  $P \cdot R \setminus P \cdot Q \subseteq P \cdot (R \setminus Q)$ .

(54)  $(P \cdot R)^\smile = R^\smile \cdot P^\smile$ .

(55)  $(P \cdot R) \cdot Q = P \cdot (R \cdot Q)$ .

Let us mention that every set which is empty is also relation-like.

Let us observe that  $\emptyset$  is relation-like.

Let us observe that there exists a binary relation which is non empty.

Let  $f$  be a non empty binary relation. One can check that  $\text{dom } f$  is non empty and  $\text{rng } f$  is non empty.

Next we state three propositions:

(56) If for all  $x, y$  holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \notin R$ , then  $R = \emptyset$ .

<sup>5</sup> The propositions (35) and (36) have been removed.

<sup>6</sup> The propositions (42) and (43) have been removed.

$$(60)^7 \quad \text{dom } \emptyset = \emptyset \text{ and } \text{rng } \emptyset = \emptyset.$$

$$(62)^8 \quad \emptyset \cdot R = \emptyset \text{ and } R \cdot \emptyset = \emptyset.$$

Let  $X$  be an empty set. Observe that  $\text{dom } X$  is empty and  $\text{rng } X$  is empty. Let us consider  $R$ . Note that  $X \cdot R$  is empty and  $R \cdot X$  is empty.

The following four propositions are true:

$$(63) \quad R \cdot \emptyset = \emptyset \cdot R.$$

$$(64) \quad \text{If } \text{dom } R = \emptyset \text{ or } \text{rng } R = \emptyset, \text{ then } R = \emptyset.$$

$$(65) \quad \text{dom } R = \emptyset \text{ iff } \text{rng } R = \emptyset.$$

$$(66) \quad \emptyset^\smile = \emptyset.$$

Let  $X$  be an empty set. One can verify that  $X^\smile$  is empty.

The following proposition is true

$$(67) \quad \text{If } \text{rng } R \text{ misses } \text{dom } P, \text{ then } R \cdot P = \emptyset.$$

Let  $R$  be a binary relation. We say that  $R$  is non-empty if and only if:

$$(\text{Def. 9}) \quad \emptyset \notin \text{rng } R.$$

Let us consider  $X$ . The functor  $\text{id}_X$  yields a binary relation and is defined as follows:

$$(\text{Def. 10}) \quad \langle x, y \rangle \in \text{id}_X \text{ iff } x \in X \text{ and } x = y.$$

The following propositions are true:

$$(71)^9 \quad \text{dom}(\text{id}_X) = X \text{ and } \text{rng}(\text{id}_X) = X.$$

$$(72) \quad (\text{id}_X)^\smile = \text{id}_X.$$

$$(73) \quad \text{If for every } x \text{ such that } x \in X \text{ holds } \langle x, x \rangle \in R, \text{ then } \text{id}_X \subseteq R.$$

$$(74) \quad \langle x, y \rangle \in \text{id}_X \cdot R \text{ iff } x \in X \text{ and } \langle x, y \rangle \in R.$$

$$(75) \quad \langle x, y \rangle \in R \cdot \text{id}_Y \text{ iff } y \in Y \text{ and } \langle x, y \rangle \in R.$$

$$(76) \quad R \cdot \text{id}_X \subseteq R \text{ and } \text{id}_X \cdot R \subseteq R.$$

$$(77) \quad \text{If } \text{dom } R \subseteq X, \text{ then } \text{id}_X \cdot R = R.$$

$$(78) \quad \text{id}_{\text{dom } R} \cdot R = R.$$

$$(79) \quad \text{If } \text{rng } R \subseteq Y, \text{ then } R \cdot \text{id}_Y = R.$$

$$(80) \quad R \cdot \text{id}_{\text{rng } R} = R.$$

$$(81) \quad \text{id}_\emptyset = \emptyset.$$

$$(82) \quad \text{If } \text{dom } R = X \text{ and } \text{rng } P_2 \subseteq X \text{ and } P_2 \cdot R = \text{id}_{\text{dom } P_1} \text{ and } R \cdot P_1 = \text{id}_X, \text{ then } P_1 = P_2.$$

Let us consider  $R, X$ . The functor  $R \upharpoonright X$  yielding a binary relation is defined by:

$$(\text{Def. 11}) \quad \langle x, y \rangle \in R \upharpoonright X \text{ iff } x \in X \text{ and } \langle x, y \rangle \in R.$$

One can prove the following propositions:

<sup>7</sup> The propositions (57)–(59) have been removed.

<sup>8</sup> The proposition (61) has been removed.

<sup>9</sup> The propositions (68)–(70) have been removed.

$$(86)^{10} \quad x \in \text{dom}(R \upharpoonright X) \text{ iff } x \in X \text{ and } x \in \text{dom} R.$$

$$(87) \quad \text{dom}(R \upharpoonright X) \subseteq X.$$

$$(88) \quad R \upharpoonright X \subseteq R.$$

$$(89) \quad \text{dom}(R \upharpoonright X) \subseteq \text{dom} R.$$

$$(90) \quad \text{dom}(R \upharpoonright X) = \text{dom} R \cap X.$$

$$(91) \quad \text{If } X \subseteq \text{dom} R, \text{ then } \text{dom}(R \upharpoonright X) = X.$$

$$(92) \quad (R \upharpoonright X) \cdot P \subseteq R \cdot P.$$

$$(93) \quad P \cdot (R \upharpoonright X) \subseteq P \cdot R.$$

$$(94) \quad R \upharpoonright X = \text{id}_X \cdot R.$$

$$(95) \quad R \upharpoonright X = \emptyset \text{ iff } \text{dom} R \text{ misses } X.$$

$$(96) \quad R \upharpoonright X = R \cap [X, \text{rng} R].$$

$$(97) \quad \text{If } \text{dom} R \subseteq X, \text{ then } R \upharpoonright X = R.$$

$$(98) \quad R \upharpoonright \text{dom} R = R.$$

$$(99) \quad \text{rng}(R \upharpoonright X) \subseteq \text{rng} R.$$

$$(100) \quad R \upharpoonright X \upharpoonright Y = R \upharpoonright (X \cap Y).$$

$$(101) \quad R \upharpoonright X \upharpoonright X = R \upharpoonright X.$$

$$(102) \quad \text{If } X \subseteq Y, \text{ then } R \upharpoonright X \upharpoonright Y = R \upharpoonright X.$$

$$(103) \quad \text{If } Y \subseteq X, \text{ then } R \upharpoonright X \upharpoonright Y = R \upharpoonright Y.$$

$$(104) \quad \text{If } X \subseteq Y, \text{ then } R \upharpoonright X \subseteq R \upharpoonright Y.$$

$$(105) \quad \text{If } P \subseteq R, \text{ then } P \upharpoonright X \subseteq R \upharpoonright X.$$

$$(106) \quad \text{If } P \subseteq R \text{ and } X \subseteq Y, \text{ then } P \upharpoonright X \subseteq R \upharpoonright Y.$$

$$(107) \quad R \upharpoonright (X \cup Y) = R \upharpoonright X \cup R \upharpoonright Y.$$

$$(108) \quad R \upharpoonright (X \cap Y) = (R \upharpoonright X) \cap (R \upharpoonright Y).$$

$$(109) \quad R \upharpoonright (X \setminus Y) = R \upharpoonright X \setminus R \upharpoonright Y.$$

$$(110) \quad R \upharpoonright \emptyset = \emptyset.$$

$$(111) \quad \emptyset \upharpoonright X = \emptyset.$$

$$(112) \quad (P \cdot R) \upharpoonright X = (P \upharpoonright X) \cdot R.$$

Let us consider  $Y, R$ . The functor  $Y \upharpoonright R$  yields a binary relation and is defined by:

(Def. 12)  $\langle x, y \rangle \in Y \upharpoonright R$  iff  $y \in Y$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$ .

We now state a number of propositions:

$$(115)^{11} \quad y \in \text{rng}(Y \upharpoonright R) \text{ iff } y \in Y \text{ and } y \in \text{rng} R.$$

$$(116) \quad \text{rng}(Y \upharpoonright R) \subseteq Y.$$

$$(117) \quad Y \upharpoonright R \subseteq R.$$

<sup>10</sup> The propositions (83)–(85) have been removed.

<sup>11</sup> The propositions (113) and (114) have been removed.

- (118)  $\text{rng}(Y|R) \subseteq \text{rng} R$ .
- (119)  $\text{rng}(Y|R) = \text{rng} R \cap Y$ .
- (120) If  $Y \subseteq \text{rng} R$ , then  $\text{rng}(Y|R) = Y$ .
- (121)  $(Y|R) \cdot P \subseteq R \cdot P$ .
- (122)  $P \cdot (Y|R) \subseteq P \cdot R$ .
- (123)  $Y|R = R \cdot \text{id}_Y$ .
- (124)  $Y|R = R \cap [\text{dom} R, Y \cdot]$ .
- (125) If  $\text{rng} R \subseteq Y$ , then  $Y|R = R$ .
- (126)  $\text{rng} R|R = R$ .
- (127)  $Y|(X|R) = (Y \cap X)|R$ .
- (128)  $Y|(Y|R) = Y|R$ .
- (129) If  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $Y|(X|R) = X|R$ .
- (130) If  $Y \subseteq X$ , then  $Y|(X|R) = Y|R$ .
- (131) If  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $X|R \subseteq Y|R$ .
- (132) If  $P_1 \subseteq P_2$ , then  $Y|P_1 \subseteq Y|P_2$ .
- (133) If  $P_1 \subseteq P_2$  and  $Y_1 \subseteq Y_2$ , then  $Y_1|P_1 \subseteq Y_2|P_2$ .
- (134)  $(X \cup Y)|R = X|R \cup Y|R$ .
- (135)  $(X \cap Y)|R = (X|R) \cap (Y|R)$ .
- (136)  $(X \setminus Y)|R = X|R \setminus Y|R$ .
- (137)  $\emptyset|R = \emptyset$ .
- (138)  $Y|\emptyset = \emptyset$ .
- (139)  $Y|(P \cdot R) = P \cdot (Y|R)$ .
- (140)  $(Y|R)|X = Y|(R|X)$ .

Let us consider  $R, X$ . The functor  $R^\circ X$  yielding a set is defined as follows:

(Def. 13)  $y \in R^\circ X$  iff there exists  $x$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and  $x \in X$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (143)<sup>12</sup>  $y \in R^\circ X$  iff there exists  $x$  such that  $x \in \text{dom} R$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and  $x \in X$ .
- (144)  $R^\circ X \subseteq \text{rng} R$ .
- (145)  $R^\circ X = R^\circ(\text{dom} R \cap X)$ .
- (146)  $R^\circ \text{dom} R = \text{rng} R$ .
- (147)  $R^\circ X \subseteq R^\circ \text{dom} R$ .
- (148)  $\text{rng}(R|X) = R^\circ X$ .
- (149)  $R^\circ \emptyset = \emptyset$ .

<sup>12</sup> The propositions (141) and (142) have been removed.

- (150)  $\emptyset^\circ X = \emptyset$ .
- (151)  $R^\circ X = \emptyset$  iff  $\text{dom} R$  misses  $X$ .
- (152) If  $X \neq \emptyset$  and  $X \subseteq \text{dom} R$ , then  $R^\circ X \neq \emptyset$ .
- (153)  $R^\circ(X \cup Y) = R^\circ X \cup R^\circ Y$ .
- (154)  $R^\circ(X \cap Y) \subseteq R^\circ X \cap R^\circ Y$ .
- (155)  $R^\circ X \setminus R^\circ Y \subseteq R^\circ(X \setminus Y)$ .
- (156) If  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $R^\circ X \subseteq R^\circ Y$ .
- (157) If  $P \subseteq R$ , then  $P^\circ X \subseteq R^\circ X$ .
- (158) If  $P \subseteq R$  and  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $P^\circ X \subseteq R^\circ Y$ .
- (159)  $(P \cdot R)^\circ X = R^\circ P^\circ X$ .
- (160)  $\text{rng}(P \cdot R) = R^\circ \text{rng} P$ .
- (161)  $(R \upharpoonright X)^\circ Y \subseteq R^\circ Y$ .
- (163)<sup>13</sup>  $\text{dom} R \cap X \subseteq (R^\smile)^\circ R^\circ X$ .

Let us consider  $R, Y$ . The functor  $R^{-1}(Y)$  yielding a set is defined as follows:

(Def. 14)  $x \in R^{-1}(Y)$  iff there exists  $y$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and  $y \in Y$ .

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (166)<sup>14</sup>  $x \in R^{-1}(Y)$  iff there exists  $y$  such that  $y \in \text{rng} R$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and  $y \in Y$ .
- (167)  $R^{-1}(Y) \subseteq \text{dom} R$ .
- (168)  $R^{-1}(Y) = R^{-1}(\text{rng} R \cap Y)$ .
- (169)  $R^{-1}(\text{rng} R) = \text{dom} R$ .
- (170)  $R^{-1}(Y) \subseteq R^{-1}(\text{rng} R)$ .
- (171)  $R^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .
- (172)  $\emptyset^{-1}(Y) = \emptyset$ .
- (173)  $R^{-1}(Y) = \emptyset$  iff  $\text{rng} R$  misses  $Y$ .
- (174) If  $Y \neq \emptyset$  and  $Y \subseteq \text{rng} R$ , then  $R^{-1}(Y) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (175)  $R^{-1}(X \cup Y) = R^{-1}(X) \cup R^{-1}(Y)$ .
- (176)  $R^{-1}(X \cap Y) \subseteq R^{-1}(X) \cap R^{-1}(Y)$ .
- (177)  $R^{-1}(X) \setminus R^{-1}(Y) \subseteq R^{-1}(X \setminus Y)$ .
- (178) If  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $R^{-1}(X) \subseteq R^{-1}(Y)$ .
- (179) If  $P \subseteq R$ , then  $P^{-1}(Y) \subseteq R^{-1}(Y)$ .
- (180) If  $P \subseteq R$  and  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $P^{-1}(X) \subseteq R^{-1}(Y)$ .
- (181)  $(P \cdot R)^{-1}(Y) = P^{-1}(R^{-1}(Y))$ .
- (182)  $\text{dom}(P \cdot R) = P^{-1}(\text{dom} R)$ .
- (183)  $\text{rng} R \cap Y \subseteq (R^\smile)^{-1}(R^{-1}(Y))$ .

<sup>13</sup> The proposition (162) has been removed.

<sup>14</sup> The propositions (164) and (165) have been removed.

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