

## 6. Binary Relations

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Binary Relations

**OVER TWO SETS**  
on a set  
equivalence relations  
order relations

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## OVER TWO SETS: Definition

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Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two sets. A **binary relation over  $U$  and  $V$**  is a triple  $R=(U,V,G)$  where  $G$  is a subset of  $U \times V$ .

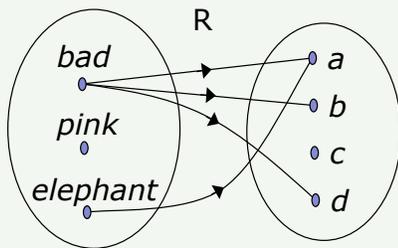
$U$  is the **domain**,  $V$  is the **codomain**,  $G$  is the **graph**.

When  $(u,v) \in G$  we write  **$uRv$**  (read "u is related to v by R").

$U = \{bad, pink, elephant\}$ ,  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  
 $G = \{(bad, a), (bad, b), (bad, d), (elephant, a)\}$ ,  $R = (U, V, G)$

The relation  $R$  can be read "is a word that contains the letter".

We have, e.g.,  $bad R d$ ,  $elephant R a$ ,  $elephant \not R b$ ,  $pink \not R a$



$R$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$bad$	1	1	0	1
$pink$	0	0	0	0
$elephant$	1	0	0	0

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## OVER TWO SETS: Representation

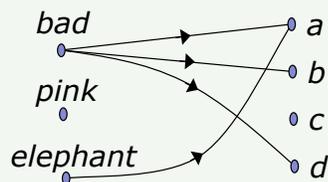
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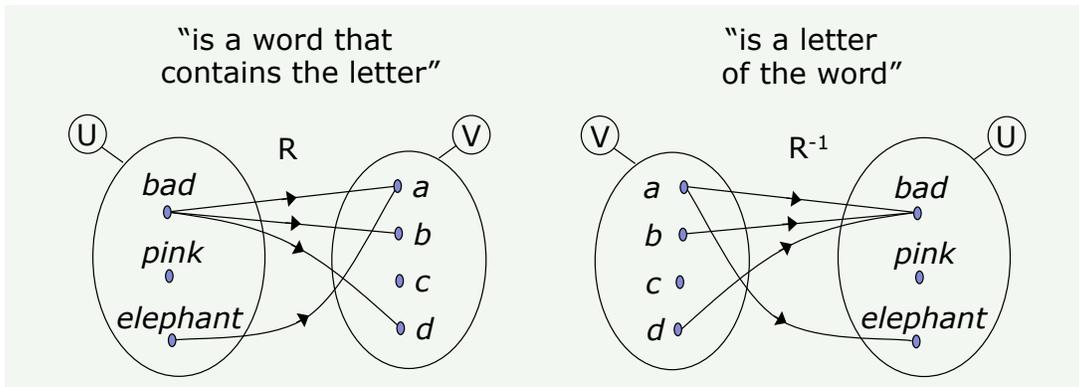
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**digraph representation****matrix representation**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

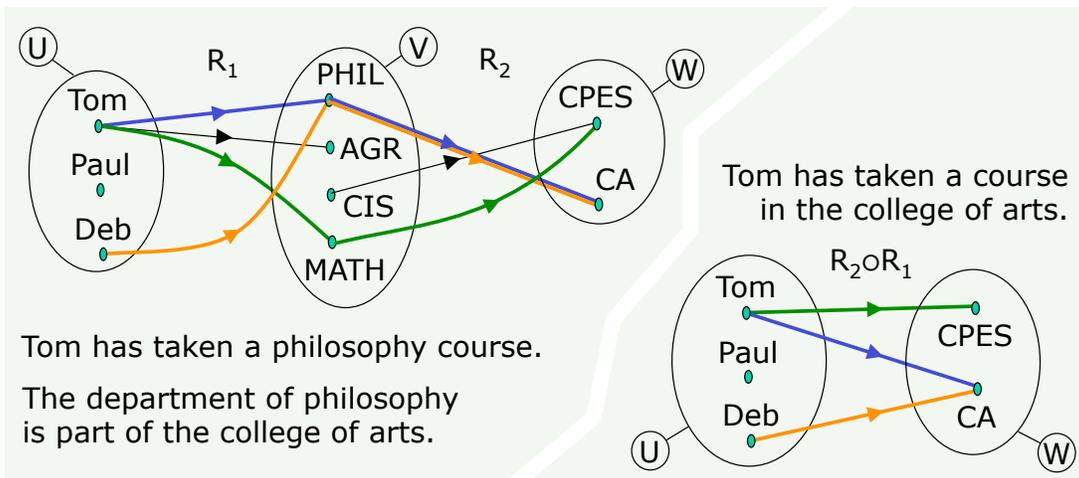
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Consider a binary relation  $R=(U,V,G)$ .  
 The **inverse** of  $R$  is  $R^{-1}=(V,U,G^{-1})$   
 with  $G^{-1}=\{(v,u)\in V\times U \mid uRv\}$ .



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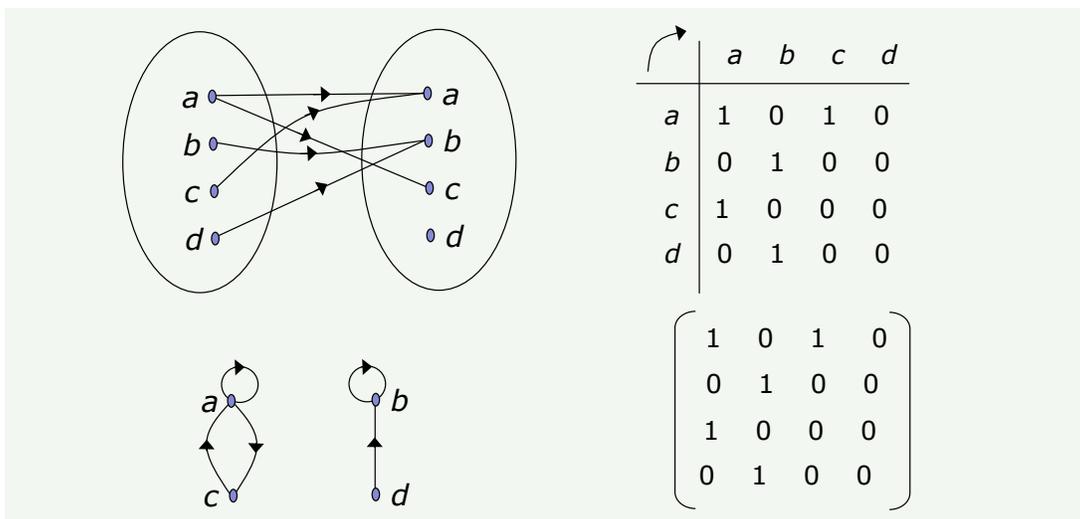
Consider two binary relations  $R_1=(U,V,G_1)$  and  $R_2=(V,W,G_2)$ .  
 The **composition** of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is  $R_2 \circ R_1=(U,W,G)$   
 (read " $R_2$  compose  $R_1$ ") with  $G=\{(u,w)\in U\times W \mid \exists v\in V, (uR_1v \wedge vR_2w)\}$ .



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over two sets  
**ON A SET**  
 equivalence relations  
 order relations

A relation over  $U$  and  $U$  is a **binary relation on  $U$** .



Let  $R$  be a binary relation on some set  $U$ .

$R$  is **reflexive** iff:  $\forall u, (uRu)$   
 $R$  is **symmetric** iff:  $\forall u, \forall v, (uRv \rightarrow vRu)$   
 $R$  is **antisymmetric** iff:  $\forall u, \forall v, ((uRv \wedge vRu) \rightarrow u=v)$   
 $R$  is **transitive** iff:  $\forall u, \forall v, \forall w, ((uRv \wedge vRw) \rightarrow uRw)$

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Consider a binary relation on a set.

	a	b	c	d
a	0	0	1	0
b	0	1	0	0
c	0	0	0	0
d	1	0	0	1

### **reflexive closure**

Add to the graph of the relation as few elements as possible such that the resulting relation is **reflexive**.

### **transitive closure**

Add to the graph of the relation as few elements as possible such that the resulting relation is **transitive**.

### **symmetric closure**

Add to the graph of the relation as few elements as possible such that the resulting relation is **symmetric**.

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c	0	0	0	0
d	1	0	0	1

**reflexive closure**

	a	b	c	d
a	<b>1</b>	0	1	0
b	0	1	0	0
c	0	0	<b>1</b>	0
d	1	0	0	1

**symmetric closure**

	a	b	c	d
a	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
b	0	1	0	0
c	<b>1</b>	0	0	0
d	1	0	0	1

**transitive closure**

	a	b	c	d
a	0	0	1	0
b	0	1	0	0
c	0	0	0	0
d	1	0	<b>1</b>	1

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over two sets  
on a set

**EQUIVALENCE RELATIONS**

order relations

Let  $R$  be a binary relation on some set  $U$ .  
 We say that  $R$  is an **equivalence relation** on  $U$   
 iff  $R$  is **reflexive**, **symmetric** and **transitive**

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall u, (uRu) \\ &\forall u, \forall v, (uRv \rightarrow vRu) \\ &\forall u, \forall v, \forall w, ((uRv \wedge vRw) \rightarrow uRw) \end{aligned}$$

	1	2	3	4
1	1	0	1	0
2	0	1	0	1
3	1	0	1	0
4	0	1	0	1

equivalence relation

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An equivalence relation is often denoted by a symbol that resembles  $=$   
 (which is an equivalence relation on the set of real numbers)

e.g.  
 $=, \equiv, \sim$

$u \sim v$  reads "u is equivalent to v"  
 or "u and v are equivalent"

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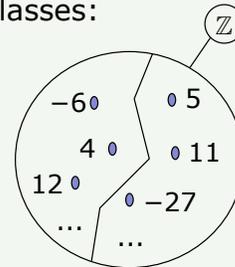
Let  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $U$  and let  $u$  be an element of  $U$ .

The **equivalence class** of  $u$  (with respect to  $\sim$ ) is  $[u]=\{v \in U \mid u \sim v\}$ . Any element  $v$  of  $[u]$  is called a **representative** of  $[u]$ , and  $[u]=[v]$ .

Consider the binary relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  defined by: for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x$  is related to  $y$  iff  $x$  and  $y$  have the same parity. This relation is an equivalence relation. There are two equivalence classes:

$$[0]=[2]=[-2]=2\mathbb{Z}=\{\dots,-4,-2,0,2,4,\dots\}$$

$$[1]=[3]=[-1]=\mathbb{Z}-2\mathbb{Z}=\{\dots,-3,-1,1,3,5,\dots\}$$



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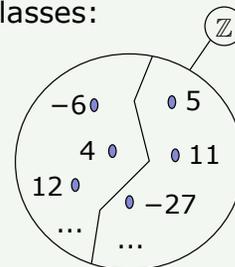
Any equivalence class is a nonempty set.  
 Any two distinct equivalence classes are disjoint.  
 Any element of  $U$  belongs to some equivalence class. } *the equivalence classes form a partition of  $U$*

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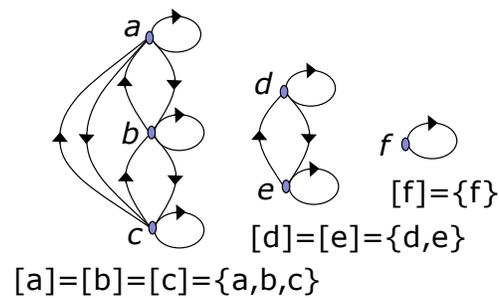
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We have:  $[0] \neq \{\}$  and  $[1] \neq \{\}$   
 $[0] \cap [1] = \{\}$   
 $[0] \cup [1] = \mathbb{Z}$  }  *$\{[0],[1]\}$  is a 2-partition of  $\mathbb{Z}$*



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The digraph above represents an equivalence relation on  $\{a,b,c,d,e,f\}$ . There are three equivalence classes:  $[a]$ ,  $[d]$  and  $[f]$ .

$[a] \neq \{\}$  and  $[d] \neq \{\}$  and  $[f] \neq \{\}$   
 $[a] \cap [d] = \{\}$  and  $[a] \cap [f] = \{\}$  and  $[d] \cap [f] = \{\}$   
 $[a] \cup [d] \cup [f] = \{a,b,c,d,e,f\}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \{[a], [d], [f]\} \\ \text{is a 3-partition} \\ \text{of } \{a,b,c,d,e,f\} \end{array} \right\}$

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on a set  
equivalence relations

ORDER RELATIONS

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We say that  $R$  is an **order relation** on  $U$   
iff  $R$  is **reflexive**, **antisymmetric** and **transitive**.

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$(U, R)$  is then called an **ordered set**.

	1	2	3	4
1	1	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0
3	1	0	1	0
4	1	1	0	1

order relation

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Let  $R$  be an order relation on some set  $U$ .

Two elements  $u$  and  $v$  of  $U$  are **comparable** iff  $uRv$  or  $vRu$ .  
Two elements of  $U$  are **incomparable** iff they are not comparable.

If any two elements are comparable,  
then  $R$  is a **total order relation** on  $U$   
and  $(U, R)$  is a **totally ordered set**.

	1	2	3	4
1	1	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0
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order relation  
(not total)

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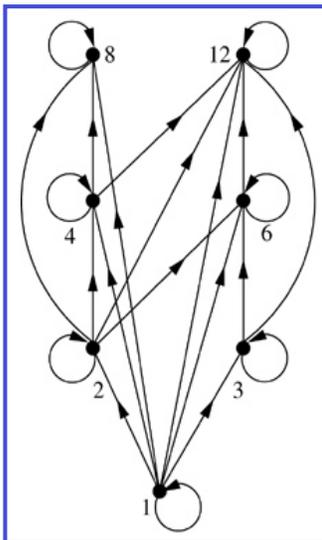
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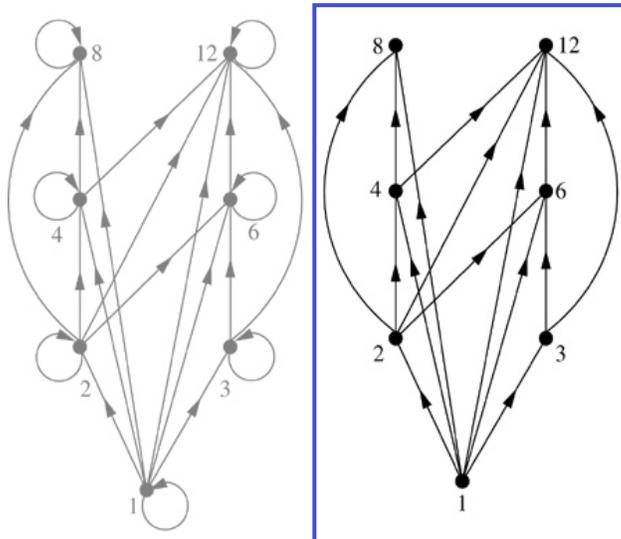
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An order relation can be represented by a **Hasse diagram**  
**1/** represent the relation by a digraph



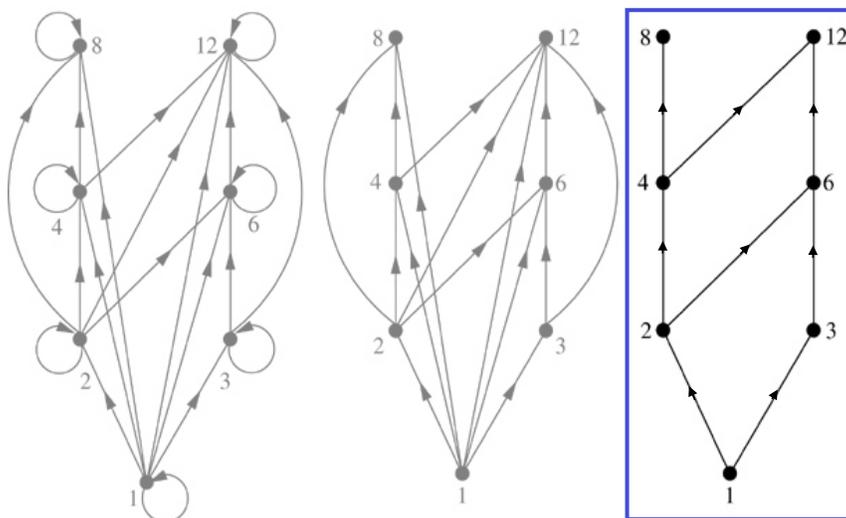
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An order relation can be represented by a **Hasse diagram**  
**2/** remove the loops



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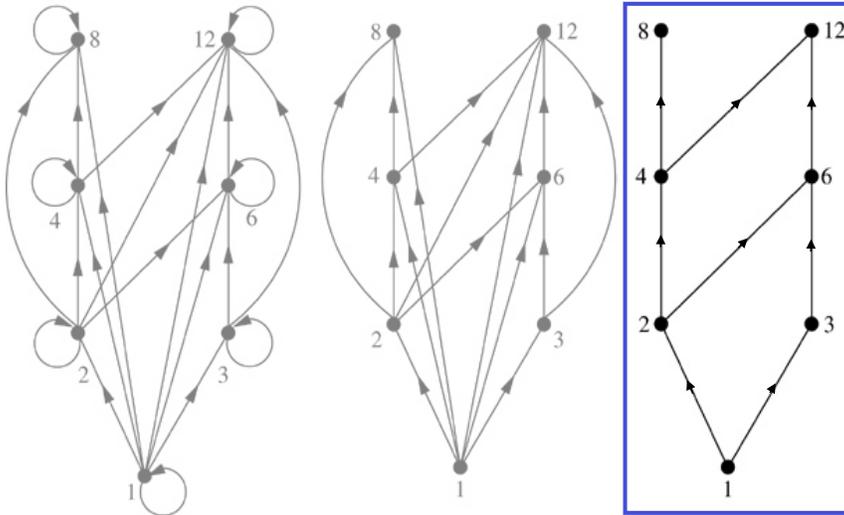
An order relation can be represented by a **Hasse diagram**  
**3/** remove the edges that can be retrieved from transitivity



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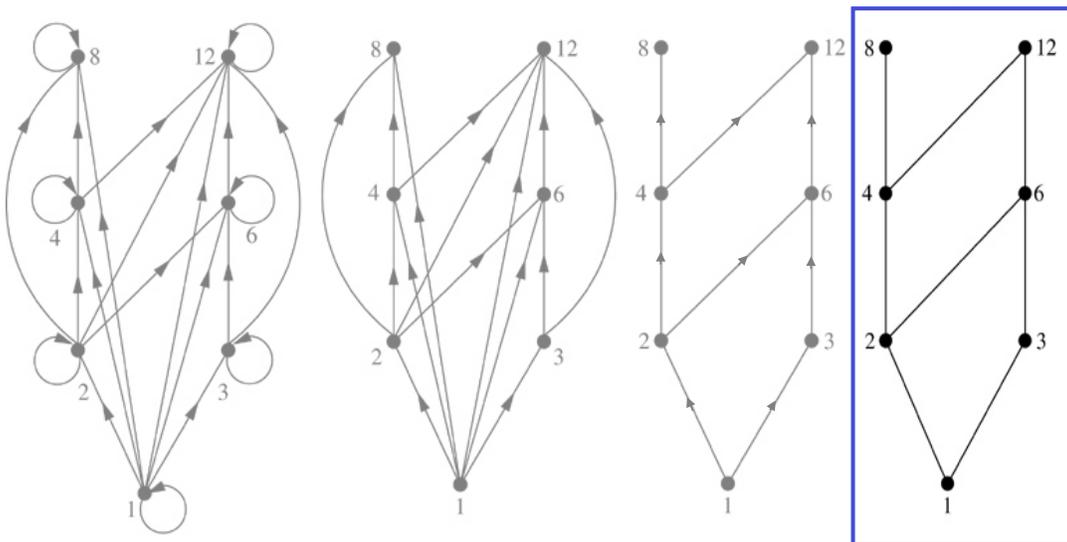
**4/** arrange the vertices so that the initial vertex of each edge is below the terminal vertex



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An order relation can be represented by a **Hasse diagram**

**5/** remove all the arrows on the directed edges



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Consider an ordered set  $(U, \preceq)$ .

Let  $e$  be an element of  $U$ .

$e$  is **maximal** iff:  $\forall u \in U, (e \preceq u \rightarrow e = u)$

$e$  is **minimal** iff:  $\forall u \in U, (u \preceq e \rightarrow u = e)$

$e$  is the\* **greatest element** iff:  $\forall u \in U, (u \preceq e)$

$e$  is the\* **least element** iff:  $\forall u \in U, (e \preceq u)$

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Consider an ordered set  $(U, \preceq)$ .

Let  $V$  be a subset of  $U$  and let  $e$  be an element of  $U$ .

$e$  is an **upper bound** of  $V$  iff:  $\forall v \in V, (v \preceq e)$

$e$  is a **lower bound** of  $V$  iff:  $\forall v \in V, (e \preceq v)$

$e$  is the\* **supremum** of  $V$  iff

$e$  is an upper bound of  $V$  and  $e \preceq u$  for any upper bound  $u$  of  $V$ .

$e$  is the\* **infimum** of  $V$  iff

$e$  is a lower bound of  $V$  and  $u \preceq e$  for any lower bound  $u$  of  $V$ .

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