

On the graph of partial orders

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Abstract:

Any binary relation $\sigma \subseteq X$ (where X is an arbitrary set) generates a characteristic function on the set X^2 : If $(x, y) \in \sigma$, then $\sigma(x, y) = 1$, otherwise $\sigma(x, y) = 0$. In terms of characteristic functions on the set of all binary relations of the set X we introduced the concept of a binary of reflexive relation of adjacency and determined the algebraic system consisting of all binary relations of a set X and all unordered pairs of various adjacent binary relations. If X is finite set then this algebraic system is a graph “a graph of graphs” in this work we investigated some features of the structures of the graph $G(X)$ of partial orders.

1. Adjacency of binary relations

Definition 1.1 Let $B \doteq \{0,1\}$ –Boolean set, X – arbitrary set, and $X^2 \doteq X \times X$ – a direct product. The function $X^2 \rightarrow B$, will be called *characteristic*. Any subset $\sigma \subseteq X^2$, called a binary relation (or relation) on the set X , generates characteristic function

$$\chi_R : X^2 \rightarrow B, \quad \chi_R(x, y) \doteq \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (x, y) \in R, \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) \notin R. \end{cases}$$

Next, the function $\chi_R(\cdot, \cdot)$ $R(x, y)$. On the other hand, any characteristic function $\chi : X^2 \rightarrow B$ generates a binary relation $R_\chi \subseteq X^2$ such that $(x, y) \in R_\chi$ if $\chi(x, y) = 1$. Obviously, the map

$R \rightarrow R(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a bijection between the set of binary relations and the set of characteristic functions.

On the set of 2^{X^2} all sets of binary relations on the set X we introduce a binary reflexive adjacency.

Definition 1.2 Let $X = Y \cup Z$ – the disjoint union of two subsets (allowed, that either $Y = \emptyset$ or $Z = \emptyset$). Suppose that the relation $\sigma \subseteq X^2$ such that $\sigma(x, y) = 0$ for all $(x, y) \in Y \times Z$. It generates the relation $\tau \subseteq X^2$ such that

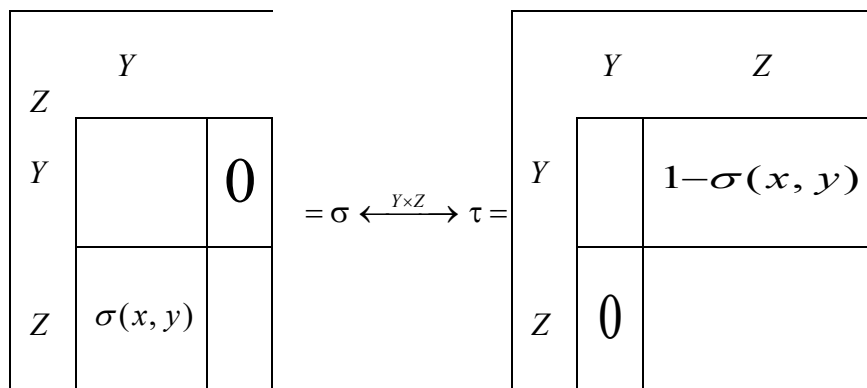
$$1) \tau(x, y) = 1 - \sigma(y, x) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in Y \times Z, \tag{1}$$

$$2) \tau(x, y) = 0 \text{ for all } (x, y) \in Z \times Y, \tag{2}$$

$$3) \tau(x, y) = \sigma(x, y) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in Y^2 \cup Z^2. \tag{3}$$

The relation τ is called *adjacent* with a relation σ .

Remark 1.3 From the definition it follows that if the relation τ adjacent with a relation σ , then σ adjacent with a relation τ , and this fact we write in the form of a diagram $\sigma \xleftrightarrow{Y \times Z} \tau$:

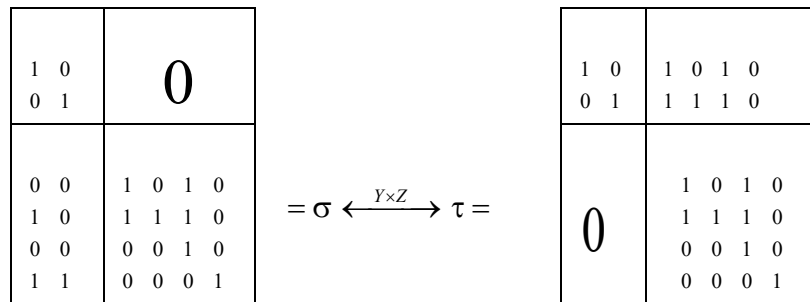


Here and elsewhere in the diagrams we mark for the value of the characteristic functions at those points which are known a priori. For example, in the block $Y \times Z$ for the relation σ we write \square *generalized* \square zero, and this means that

$$\sigma(x, y) = 0 \text{ for all } (x, y) \in Y \times Z,$$

And in the same block for the relation τ we write $1 - \sigma(x, y)$ for all $(x, y) \in Y \times Z$.

For example, $X = \{1, \dots, 6\}$, $Y = \{1, 2\}$, $Z = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$,



2. Adjacency of the partial orders

Let $V(X)$ is the collection of all partial orders set define on the set X . In the other words, the relation $\sigma \subseteq X^2$ belongs in the set $V(X)$, if satisfies the following axioms:

- 1) reflexivity: $(x, x) \in \sigma$;
- 2) transitivity: if $(x, y) \in \sigma$, $(y, z) \in \sigma$, then $(x, z) \in \sigma$;
- 3) antisymmetry: if $(x, y) \in \sigma$, $(y, x) \in \sigma$, then $x = y$.

In the terms of the characteristic we have: $\sigma \in V(X)$ if and only if

$$1) \sigma(x, x) = 1 \text{ for all } x \in X ; \quad (4)$$

$$2) \sigma(x, y)\sigma(y, z) \leq \sigma(x, z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X ; \quad (5)$$

$$3) \sigma(x, y)\sigma(y, x) = \delta_{xy} \text{ for all } x, y \in X \text{ (where } \delta_{xy} \text{ - Kronecker symbol).} \quad (6)$$

Theorem 2.1 Let σ u τ – are adjacent relations(i.e $\sigma \xleftrightarrow{Y \times Z} \tau$). Inclusion $\sigma \in V(X)$ hold if and only if $\tau \in V(X)$.

Proof. By symmetry, it suffices to prove this implication $\sigma \in V(X) \Rightarrow \tau \in V(X)$.

Let $\sigma \in V(X)$.

1. Since $\tau(x, x) = \sigma(x, x) = 1$, then the reflexivity relation τ obviously.
2. Its clear that, $\tau(x, y)\tau(y, x) = \sigma(x, y)\sigma(y, x)$ for any $x, y \in X$, which proves that antisymmetry relations τ .
3. Transitivity. Let $x, z, y \in X$ such that $\tau(x, y) = \tau(y, z) = 1$, in the first suppose that $y \in Y$. Since $\tau(\zeta, y) = 0$ for all $\zeta \in Z$, then $x \in Y$. If $z \in Y$, then $\sigma(x, y) = \tau(x, y) = 1$ and $\sigma(y, z) = \tau(y, z) = 1$, and since $\sigma \in V(X)$, then $\sigma(x, z) = 1$, therefore $\tau(x, z) = 1$. If $z \in Z$, then $\sigma(x, y) = \tau(x, y) = 1$ and $\sigma(z, y) = 1 - \tau(y, z) = 0$, and since $\sigma \in V(X)$, then by (5) $\sigma(z, x) = \sigma(z, x)\sigma(x, y) \leq \sigma(z, y) = 0$, hence, $\sigma(z, x) = 0$, and therefore $\tau(x, z) = 1$.

Now suppose that $y \in Z$. $\tau(y, \eta) = 0 \quad \eta \in Y$, then $z \in Z$. If $x \in Z$, then $\sigma(x, y) = \tau(x, y) = 1 \quad \sigma(y, z) = \tau(y, z) = 1$, $\sigma \in V(X)$, then $\sigma(x, z) = 1$, and since $\sigma \in V(X)$, then by (5)

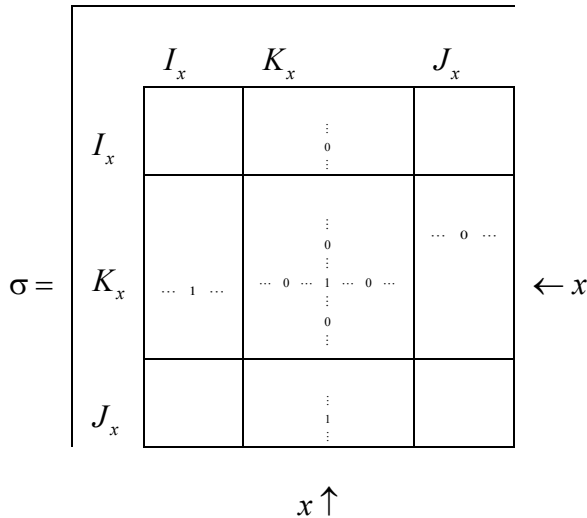
$\sigma(z, x) = \sigma(y, z)\sigma(z, x) \leq \sigma(y, x) = 0$, hence, $\sigma(z, x) = 0$, and therefore $\tau(x, z) = 1$. in all cases, we have the equality $\tau(x, z) = 1$.

Thus, the set X generates a pair $\langle V(X), E(X) \rangle$, where $V(X)$ – is a set of vertices, consist of all partial orders of the set X and $E(X)$ – is a set of edges, consist of all unordered distinct pairs of adjacent partial orders of the set X . The pair $G(X) \doteq \langle V(X), E(X) \rangle$ will be called (undirected) graph of partial orders of the set X .

Definition 2.2 The partial orders σ and τ belong to the same connected component of the graph $G(X)$, if there is a finite sequence of partial orders $\sigma = \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m = \tau$, in which the relations σ_{k-1} and σ_k are adjacent for all $k = 2, \dots, m$. Let $G_\sigma(X)$ is the connected component of the graph $G(X)$, which contains the partial order σ .

3- On the features of the structure of the graph of partial orders.

We fix the partial order $\sigma \in V(X)$ and an element $x \in X$. For σ we have the representation:



$$I_x \sqcap I_x(\sigma) \sqcap \{y \in X : \sigma(x, y) = 1, \sigma(y, x) = 0\},$$

$$K_x \sqcap K_x(\sigma) \sqcap \{y \in X : \sigma(x, y) = \sigma(y, x) = \delta_{xy}\}, \text{ Obviously, } x \in K_x.$$

$$J_x \sqcap J_x(\sigma) \sqcap \{y \in X : \sigma(x, y) = 0, \sigma(y, x) = 1\}.$$

Lemma 3.1 *The following statements holds:*

- 1) $\sigma(y, z) = 1$ for all $(y, z) \in J_x \times I_x$;
- 2) $\sigma(y, z) = 0$ for all $(y, z) \in I_x \times (K_x \cup J_x)$;
- 3) $\sigma(y, z) = 0$ for all $(y, z) \in (K_x \cup I_x) \times J_x$.

Proof: Obviously, $K_x = \{y \in X : \sigma(x, y) = \sigma(y, x) = \delta_{xy}\}$,

$$J_x = \{y \in X : \sigma(x, y) = 0, \sigma(y, x) = 1\},$$

$$I_x = \{y \in X : \sigma(x, y) = 1, \sigma(y, x) = 0\}.$$

1. Since $y \in J_x$, then $\sigma(y, x) = 1$, and since $z \in I_x$, then $\sigma(x, z) = 1$, therefore $\sigma(y, z) = 1$. In particular, $(y, z) \in I_x \times J_x$ we have the equality $\sigma(z, y) = 0$.

2. Let $(y, z) \in I_x \times K_x$.

If $z = x$, then $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(y, x) = 0$ (since $y \in I_x$).

Let $z \neq x$, and $z \in K_x$, $\sigma(x, z) = 0$. Since $y \in I_x$, then $\sigma(x, y) = 1$, and then by (5) $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(x, y)\sigma(y, z) \leq \sigma(x, z) = 0$ and therefore $\sigma(y, z) = 0$ for all $(y, z) \in I_x \times K_x$.

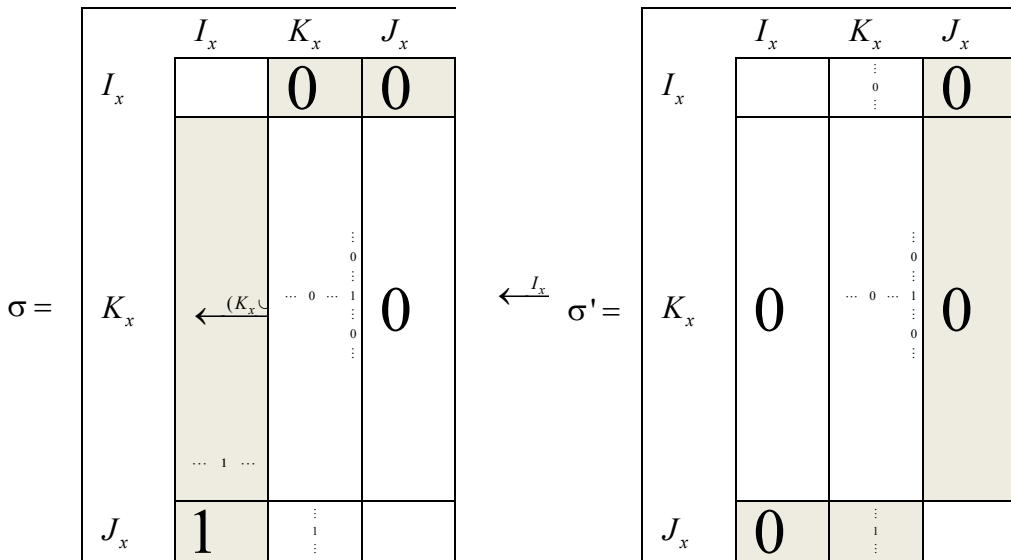
3. Let $(y, z) \in K_x \times J_x$.

If $y = x$, then $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(x, z) = 0$ (since $z \in J_x$).

Let $y \neq x$, and $y \in K_x$, then $\sigma(y, x) = 0$. Since $z \in J_x$, then $\sigma(z, x) = 1$, and by (5), $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(y, z)\sigma(z, x) \leq \sigma(y, x) = 0$ therefore $\sigma(y, z) = 0$ for all $(y, z) \in K_x \times J_x$

Hence we can construct a sequence of adjacent of partial orders :

$$\sigma \xleftarrow{I_x \times (K_x \cup J_x)} \sigma' \xleftarrow{(K_x \cup I_x) \times J_x} \sigma^x, \dots \dots \dots (7)$$



Which leads us to the partial order $\sigma^x \in V(X)$, that $\sigma^x(x, y) = \sigma^x(y, x) = \delta_{xy}$ for all $y \in X$ (in other words, if we interpret the partial order as relation \leq , then x is both a maximum and minimum element of a partial order σ^x).

thus, for a fixed partial order $\sigma \in V(X)$ defined a map $X \rightarrow G_\sigma(X)$, associates to an element $x \in X$ the partial order $\sigma^x \in G_\sigma(X)$ (it may be that $\sigma^x = \sigma^y$ at $x \neq y$). We also note that this map is uniquely defined in the algorithm (7) are used uniquely defined sets $I_x(\sigma), K_x(\sigma), J_x(\sigma)$.

Lemma 3.2 Suppose that the partial orders $\sigma, \tau \in V(X)$ belong to the same connected component of the graph $G(X)$, Then $\sigma^x = \tau^x$ for any $x \in X$.

Proof. We can assume that σ and τ – adjacent partial orders, then there is a disjoint union $I \cup J = X$ such, that : $\sigma \xleftarrow{I \times J} \tau$.

without loss of generality, we can also assume that $x \in J$ (if $x \in I$ in the calculations presented below the relation σ and τ changing places. For σ have the representation

		I		J		
		I_1	I_2	J_1	J_2	J_3
$\sigma =$	I	I_1		0		
	I	I_2				
	J	J_1				⋮ 0 ⋮
	J	J_2				⋮ 1 ⋮
	J	J_3	⋯ 0 ⋯	⋯ 1 ⋯	⋯ 1 ⋯	⋯ 0 ⋯

$\leftarrow x$

$x \uparrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &\square \{y \in I : \sigma(x, y) = 0\}, \\
 I_2 &\square \{y \in I : \sigma(x, y) = 1\}, \\
 J_1 &\square \{y \in J : \sigma(x, y) = 1, \sigma(y, x) = 0\}, \\
 J_2 &\square \{y \in J : \sigma(x, y) = 0, \sigma(y, x) = 1\}, \\
 J_3 &\square \{y \in J : \sigma(x, y) = \sigma(y, x) = \delta_{xy}\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Its clearly that $x \in J_3$.

1. We fix $y \in I_2 \cup J_1$, to $\sigma(x, y) = 1$, since $z \in I_1$, then $\sigma(x, z) = 0$ then by (5) we have $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(x, y)\sigma(y, z) \leq \sigma(x, z) = 0$. Thus $\sigma(y, z) = 0$ for all $(y, z) \in (I_2 \cup J_1) \times I_1$.

2. Let $(y, z) \in J_2 \times (I_2 \cup J_1)$. And since $y \in J_2$, then $\sigma(y, x) = 1$, and since $z \in I_2 \cup J_1$, then $\sigma(x, z) = 1$, therefore $\sigma(y, z) = 1$. Thus, $\sigma(y, z) = 1$ for all $(y, z) \in J_2 \times (I_2 \cup J_1)$.

3. Due to of the antisymmetry σ for all $(y, z) \in J_1 \times J_2$ have the equality $\sigma(y, z) = 0$.

4. Let $(y, z) \in J_1 \times J_3$. if $z = x$, then $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(y, x) = 0$ (since $z \in J_3$).

Let $z \neq x$, and $z \in J_3$ then $\sigma(x, z) = 0$. Since $y \in J_1$, then $\sigma(x, y) = 1$, then from (5) $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(x, y)\sigma(y, z) \leq \sigma(x, z) = 0$. Thus, $\sigma(y, z) = 0$ for all $(y, z) \in J_1 \times J_3$.

5. Let $(y, z) \in J_3 \times J_2$. If $y = x$, then $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(x, z) = 0$ (since $z \in J_2$).

Let $y \neq x$, and $y \in J_3$, to $\sigma(y, x) = 0$. Since $z \in J_2$, then $\sigma(z, x) = 1$, then from (5), $\sigma(y, z) = \sigma(y, z)\sigma(z, x) \leq \sigma(y, x) = 0$ therefore $\sigma(y, z) = 0$ thus $\sigma(y, z) = 0$ for all $(y, z) \in J_3 \times J_2$.

Thus, for the adjacent of partial orders σ and τ we have the representation:

		<i>I</i>		<i>J</i>		
		<i>I</i> ₁	<i>I</i> ₂	<i>J</i> ₁	<i>J</i> ₂	<i>J</i> ₃
$\sigma =$	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i> ₁	*	0	0	0
		<i>I</i> ₂	0		0	0
	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i> ₁	0	*		0
		<i>J</i> ₂	*	1	1	⋮ 1 ⋮
		<i>J</i> ₃	⋮ 0 ⋮ 0 ⋮	⋮ 1 ⋮	⋮ 1 ⋮	0 ⋮ 0 ⋮

← *x*

x ↑

$$\tau = \begin{array}{c} I \\ J \end{array} \begin{array}{c} I \\ J \end{array} \begin{array}{ccccc} & I & & J & \\ & I_1 & I_2 & J_1 & J_2 & J_3 \\ I_1 & & * & 1 & 1-* & \vdots \\ & & & & & 1 \\ I_2 & 0 & & 1-* & 0 & \vdots \\ & & & & & 0 \\ J_1 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & \vdots \\ & & & & & 1 \\ J_2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & & \vdots \\ & & & & & 0 \\ J_3 & 0 & 0 & \dots 1 \dots & 0 & \dots 0 \dots 1 \dots 0 \dots \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow x \\ x \uparrow \end{array}$$

We construct a sequence of two adjacent of partial orders:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &\xleftarrow{(I_2 \cup J_1) \times (I_1 \cup J_2 \cup J_3)} \sigma' \xleftarrow{(I \cup J_1 \cup J_3) \times J_2} \sigma^x, \\ \tau &\xleftarrow{J_1 \times (I \cup J_2 \cup J_3)} \tau' \xleftarrow{(I_2 \cup J_1 \cup J_3) \times (I_1 \cup J_2)} \tau^x. \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma =$$

		<i>I</i>			<i>J</i>		
		<i>I</i> ₁	<i>I</i> ₂	<i>J</i> ₁	<i>J</i> ₂	<i>J</i> ₃	
<i>I</i>	<i>I</i> ₁		*	0	0	0	
	<i>I</i> ₂	0		0	0	0	
	<i>J</i> ₁	0	*		0	0	
<i>J</i>	<i>J</i> ₂	*	1	1		⋮ 1 ⋮	
	<i>J</i> ₃	⋯ 0 ⋯	⋯ 1 ⋯	⋯ 1 ⋯	0	⋮ 0 ⋮ 1 ⋮ 0 ⋮	
						← <i>x</i>	

x ↑

$$\sigma' =$$

		I			J		
		I_1	I_2	J_1	J_2	J_3	
I	I_1		0	0	0	0	
	I_2	1—*		0	0	⋮ 0 ⋮	
	J_1	1	*		0	⋮ 0 ⋮	
J	J_2	*	0	0		⋮ 1 ⋮	
	J_3	⋯ 0 ⋯	0	0	0	⋮ 0 ⋮ 1 ⋮ 0 ⋮	

← x

$x \uparrow$

$$\sigma^x = \begin{array}{c} I \\ J \end{array} \begin{array}{c} I \\ J \end{array} \begin{array}{ccccc} & I & & J & \\ & I_1 & I_2 & J_1 & J_2 & J_3 \\ I_1 & & 0 & 0 & 1-* & 0 \\ I_2 & 1-* & & 0 & 1 & \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{array} \\ J_1 & 1 & * & & 1 & \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{array} \\ J_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 \\ J_3 & \dots \circ \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots \circ \dots & \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow x \\ x \uparrow \end{array}$$

$\tau =$

		<i>I</i>		<i>J</i>		
		<i>I</i> ₁	<i>I</i> ₂	<i>J</i> ₁	<i>J</i> ₂	<i>J</i> ₃
<i>I</i>	<i>I</i> ₁		*	1	1—*	⋮ 1 ⋮
	<i>I</i> ₂	0		1—*	0	⋮ 0 ⋮
<i>J</i>	<i>J</i> ₁	0	0		0	0
	<i>J</i> ₂	0	0	1		⋮ 1 ⋮
	<i>J</i> ₃	0	0	⋯ 1 ⋯	0	⋮ 0 ⋮ ⋮ 0 ⋮ ⋮ 0 ⋮

← *x*

x ↑

$$\tau^x =$$

		<i>I</i>		<i>J</i>		
		<i>I</i> ₁	<i>I</i> ₂	<i>J</i> ₁	<i>J</i> ₂	<i>J</i> ₃
<i>I</i>	<i>I</i> ₁		0	0	1—*	0
	<i>I</i> ₂	1—*		0	1	⋮ 0 ⋮
	<i>J</i> ₁	1	*		1	⋮ 0 ⋮
	<i>J</i> ₂	0	0	0		0
	<i>J</i> ₃	⋯ 0 ⋯	0	0	⋯ 0 ⋯	⋮ 0 ⋮ 1 ⋮ 0 ⋮

← *x*

x ↑

Visual comparison σ^x and τ^x shows their equality.

Corollary 3.3. *In each connected component $G_\sigma(X)$ of the graph $G(X)$ for any $x \in X$ there exists a unique $\sigma^x \in V(X)$, having the property, that $\sigma^x(x, y) = \sigma^x(y, x) = \delta_{xy}$ for all $y \in X$.*

Remark 3.4 We fix $x \in X$.

$G_\sigma(X)$ there unique partial order σ^x such that $\sigma^x(x, y) = \sigma^x(y, x) = \delta_{xy}$
 $y \in X$ therefore the component $G_\sigma(X)$

tial order σ_x , define on the set $X \setminus \{x\}$, such that $\sigma_x(y, x) = \sigma^x(y, x)$ for all $y, z \in X \setminus \{x\}$.

Remark 3.5 If $card X < \infty$ then there exist a one - to- one between the set $V_0(X)$ and the set of all labeled of transitive graph define on the set X (see example [1, p28]) and there exist a one- to –one between these set and the set of T_0 –topology define on the set X (see example [2, p256]) and the number of these topology denoted by $T_0(n)$ and in the particular $card V_0(X) = T_0(n)$

Definition 3.6 For a partial order $\sigma \in V(X)$.

The set $S(\sigma) \square \{y \in X : \sigma(y, x) = \delta_{xy} \text{ for all } x \in X\}$ is called (**support of partial order**) σ (or support set). a fact that we write in the form.

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\dots	0				
0	\dots				
I	0				
J	0				

$S(G_\sigma) = \{S(\tau) \subseteq X : \tau \in G_\sigma(X)\}$ the set of support of the partial order belong to the component $G_\sigma(X)$ then:

1- $\emptyset \notin S(G_\sigma)$.

2- if $\emptyset \neq \alpha \subseteq \beta \subseteq X$ and $\beta \in S(G_\sigma)$, then $\alpha \in S(G_\sigma)$.

3- if $\alpha \subseteq X$ and $|\alpha| \leq 2$, then $\alpha \in S(G_\sigma)$.

Remake 3.8 Suppose that $card X=n$ then:

1- $nT_0(n-1)$ different support sets of partial orders which contain one element.

2- $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)T_0(n-1)$ different support sets of partial orders which contain two element.

The proof of the following theorem in [3,4]

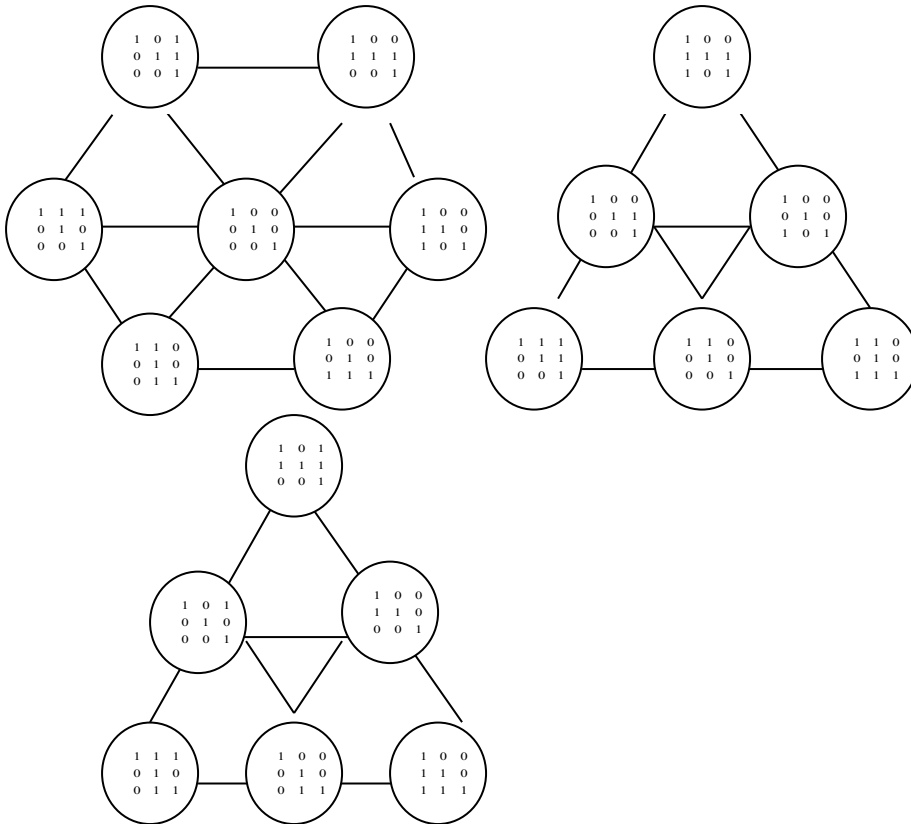
Theorem 3.9 For any $n \geq 2$ then

$$T_0(n) = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)T_0(n-1) + card\{\sigma \in V(\{1, \dots, n\}) : |S(\sigma)| \geq 3\}.$$

Example 3.10 In the graph $G(\{1,2\})$ which have unique component which

contains the partial order $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$.

$G(\{1,2,3\})$ contains 19 partial order $T_0(2) = 3$, and $T_0(3) = 19$:



We denote the graphs of the components K_1 , K_2 و K_3 . It is clear that the component K_2 and K_3 are isomorphic if applied, for example, substitution $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ to the elements of the component K_2 we get the component K_3



and $S(K_1) = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $S(K_2) = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}\}$, in the graph there is only one partial order, which $|S(\sigma)| \geq 3$.



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