

# The Class of Series-Parallel Graphs. Part III

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**Summary.** This paper contains some facts and theorems relating to the following operations on graphs: union, sum, complement and “embeds”. We also introduce connected graphs to prove that a finite irreflexive symmetric N-free graph is a finite series-parallel graph. This article continues the formalization of [22].

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The papers [25], [24], [28], [12], [29], [31], [30], [2], [13], [1], [27], [18], [17], [8], [14], [16], [20], [23], [7], [10], [26], [11], [4], [6], [19], [15], [5], [21], [3], and [9] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

## 1. PRELIMINARIES

In this paper  $A, B, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h$  denote sets.

One can prove the following three propositions:

- (1)  $\text{id}_A \upharpoonright B = \text{id}_A \cap \{B, B\}$ .
- (2)  $\text{id}_{\{a,b,c,d\}} = \{\langle a, a \rangle, \langle b, b \rangle, \langle c, c \rangle, \langle d, d \rangle\}$ .
- (3)  $\{ \{a, b, c, d\}, \{e, f, g, h\} \} = \{ \langle a, e \rangle, \langle a, f \rangle, \langle b, e \rangle, \langle b, f \rangle, \langle a, g \rangle, \langle a, h \rangle, \langle b, g \rangle, \langle b, h \rangle \} \cup \{ \langle c, e \rangle, \langle c, f \rangle, \langle d, e \rangle, \langle d, f \rangle, \langle c, g \rangle, \langle c, h \rangle, \langle d, g \rangle, \langle d, h \rangle \}$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be trivial sets. Observe that every relation between  $X$  and  $Y$  is trivial.

We now state the proposition

- (4) For every trivial set  $X$  and for every binary relation  $R$  on  $X$  such that  $R$  is non empty there exists a set  $x$  such that  $R = \{ \langle x, x \rangle \}$ .

Let  $X$  be a trivial set. Observe that every binary relation on  $X$  is trivial, reflexive, symmetric, transitive, and strongly connected.

We now state the proposition

- (5) For every non empty trivial set  $X$  holds every binary relation on  $X$  is symmetric in  $X$ .

One can verify that there exists a relational structure which is non empty, strict, finite, irreflexive, and symmetric.

Let  $L$  be an irreflexive relational structure. Observe that every full relational substructure of  $L$  is irreflexive.

Let  $L$  be a symmetric relational structure. Note that every full relational substructure of  $L$  is symmetric.

One can prove the following proposition

- (6) Let  $R$  be an irreflexive symmetric relational structure. Suppose the carrier of  $R = 2$ . Then there exist sets  $a, b$  such that the carrier of  $R = \{a, b\}$  but the internal relation of  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle b, a \rangle\}$  or the internal relation of  $R = \emptyset$ .

## 2. SOME FACTS ABOUT OPERATIONS “UNIONOF” AND “SUMOF”

Let  $R$  be a non empty relational structure and let  $S$  be a relational structure. Note that  $\text{UnionOf}(R, S)$  is non empty and  $\text{SumOf}(R, S)$  is non empty.

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Let  $R, S$  be finite relational structures. One can check that  $\text{UnionOf}(R, S)$  is finite and  $\text{SumOf}(R, S)$  is finite.

Let  $R, S$  be symmetric relational structures. One can check that  $\text{UnionOf}(R, S)$  is symmetric and  $\text{SumOf}(R, S)$  is symmetric.

Let  $R, S$  be irreflexive relational structures. Observe that  $\text{UnionOf}(R, S)$  is irreflexive.

The following four propositions are true:

- (7) Let  $R, S$  be irreflexive relational structures. Suppose the carrier of  $R$  misses the carrier of  $S$ . Then  $\text{SumOf}(R, S)$  is irreflexive.
- (8) For all relational structures  $R_1, R_2$  holds  $\text{UnionOf}(R_1, R_2) = \text{UnionOf}(R_2, R_1)$  and  $\text{SumOf}(R_1, R_2) = \text{SumOf}(R_2, R_1)$ .
- (9) Let  $G$  be an irreflexive relational structure and  $G_1, G_2$  be relational structures. If  $G = \text{UnionOf}(G_1, G_2)$  or  $G = \text{SumOf}(G_1, G_2)$ , then  $G_1$  is irreflexive and  $G_2$  is irreflexive.
- (10) Let  $G$  be a non empty relational structure and  $H_1, H_2$  be relational structures. Suppose that
- (i) the carrier of  $H_1$  misses the carrier of  $H_2$ , and

- (ii) the relational structure of  $G = \text{UnionOf}(H_1, H_2)$  or the relational structure of  $G = \text{SumOf}(H_1, H_2)$ .  
Then  $H_1$  is a full relational substructure of  $G$  and  $H_2$  is a full relational substructure of  $G$ .

### 3. THEOREMS RELATING TO THE COMPLEMENT OF RELATIONAL STRUCTURE

One can prove the following proposition

- (11) The internal relation of  $\text{ComplRelStr Necklace } 4 = \{\langle 0, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 0 \rangle, \langle 0, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle\}$ .

Let  $R$  be a relational structure. Note that  $\text{ComplRelStr } R$  is irreflexive.

Let  $R$  be a symmetric relational structure. Note that  $\text{ComplRelStr } R$  is symmetric.

Next we state several propositions:

- (12) For every relational structure  $R$  holds the internal relation of  $R$  misses the internal relation of  $\text{ComplRelStr } R$ .
- (13) For every relational structure  $R$  holds  $\text{id}_{\text{the carrier of } R}$  misses the internal relation of  $\text{ComplRelStr } R$ .
- (14) Let  $G$  be a relational structure. Then  $[\text{the carrier of } G, \text{ the carrier of } G] = \text{id}_{\text{the carrier of } G} \cup \text{the internal relation of } G \cup \text{the internal relation of } \text{ComplRelStr } G$ .
- (15) For every strict irreflexive relational structure  $G$  such that  $G$  is trivial holds  $\text{ComplRelStr } G = G$ .
- (16) For every strict irreflexive relational structure  $G$  holds  $\text{ComplRelStr } \text{ComplRelStr } G = G$ .
- (17) For all relational structures  $G_1, G_2$  such that the carrier of  $G_1$  misses the carrier of  $G_2$  holds  $\text{ComplRelStr } \text{UnionOf}(G_1, G_2) = \text{SumOf}(\text{ComplRelStr } G_1, \text{ComplRelStr } G_2)$ .
- (18) For all relational structures  $G_1, G_2$  such that the carrier of  $G_1$  misses the carrier of  $G_2$  holds  $\text{ComplRelStr } \text{SumOf}(G_1, G_2) = \text{UnionOf}(\text{ComplRelStr } G_1, \text{ComplRelStr } G_2)$ .
- (19) Let  $G$  be a relational structure and  $H$  be a full relational substructure of  $G$ . Then the internal relation of  $\text{ComplRelStr } H = (\text{the internal relation of } \text{ComplRelStr } G) \upharpoonright^2 (\text{the carrier of } \text{ComplRelStr } H)$ .
- (20) Let  $G$  be a non empty irreflexive relational structure,  $x$  be an element of the carrier of  $G$ , and  $x'$  be an element of the carrier of  $\text{ComplRelStr } G$ . If  $x = x'$ , then  $\text{ComplRelStr } \text{sub}(\Omega_G \setminus \{x\}) = \text{sub}(\Omega_{\text{ComplRelStr } G} \setminus \{x'\})$ .

## 4. ANOTHER FACTS RELATING TO OPERATION "EMBEDS"

Let us observe that every non empty relational structure which is trivial and strict is also N-free.

The following propositions are true:

- (21) Let  $R$  be a reflexive antisymmetric relational structure and  $S$  be a relational structure. Then there exists a map  $f$  from  $R$  into  $S$  such that for all elements  $x, y$  of the carrier of  $R$  holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \in$  the internal relation of  $R$  iff  $\langle f(x), f(y) \rangle \in$  the internal relation of  $S$  if and only if  $S$  embeds  $R$ .
- (22) Let  $G$  be a non empty relational structure and  $H$  be a non empty full relational substructure of  $G$ . Then  $G$  embeds  $H$ .
- (23) Let  $G$  be a non empty relational structure and  $H$  be a non empty full relational substructure of  $G$ . If  $G$  is N-free, then  $H$  is N-free.
- (24) For every non empty irreflexive relational structure  $G$  holds  $G$  embeds Necklace 4 iff  $\text{ComplRelStr } G$  embeds Necklace 4.
- (25) For every non empty irreflexive relational structure  $G$  holds  $G$  is N-free iff  $\text{ComplRelStr } G$  is N-free.

## 5. CONNECTED GRAPHS

Let  $R$  be a relational structure. A path of  $R$  is a reduction sequence w.r.t. the internal relation of  $R$ .

Let  $R$  be a relational structure. We say that  $R$  is path-connected if and only if the condition (Def. 1) is satisfied.

- (Def. 1) Let  $x, y$  be sets. Suppose  $x \in$  the carrier of  $R$  and  $y \in$  the carrier of  $R$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then the internal relation of  $R$  reduces  $x$  to  $y$  or the internal relation of  $R$  reduces  $y$  to  $x$ .

One can check that every relational structure which is empty is also path-connected.

One can check that every non empty relational structure which is connected is also path-connected.

We now state the proposition

- (26) Let  $R$  be a non empty transitive reflexive relational structure and  $x, y$  be elements of  $R$ . Suppose the internal relation of  $R$  reduces  $x$  to  $y$ . Then  $\langle x, y \rangle \in$  the internal relation of  $R$ .

One can check that every non empty transitive reflexive relational structure which is path-connected is also connected.

Next we state the proposition

- (27) Let  $R$  be a symmetric relational structure and  $x, y$  be sets. Suppose  $x \in$  the carrier of  $R$  and  $y \in$  the carrier of  $R$ . Suppose the internal relation of  $R$  reduces  $x$  to  $y$ . Then the internal relation of  $R$  reduces  $y$  to  $x$ .

Let  $R$  be a symmetric relational structure. Let us observe that  $R$  is path-connected if and only if the condition (Def. 2) is satisfied.

- (Def. 2) Let  $x, y$  be sets. Suppose  $x \in$  the carrier of  $R$  and  $y \in$  the carrier of  $R$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then the internal relation of  $R$  reduces  $x$  to  $y$ .

Let  $R$  be a relational structure and let  $x$  be an element of  $R$ . The functor  $\text{component}(x)$  yielding a subset of  $R$  is defined as follows:

- (Def. 3)  $\text{component}(x) = [x]_{\text{EqCl}(\text{the internal relation of } R)}$ .

Next we state the proposition

- (28) For every non empty relational structure  $R$  and for every element  $x$  of  $R$  holds  $x \in \text{component}(x)$ .

Let  $R$  be a non empty relational structure and let  $x$  be an element of  $R$ . Note that  $\text{component}(x)$  is non empty.

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (29) Let  $R$  be a relational structure,  $x$  be an element of  $R$ , and  $y$  be a set. If  $y \in \text{component}(x)$ , then  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{EqCl}(\text{the internal relation of } R)$ .
- (30) Let  $R$  be a relational structure,  $x$  be an element of  $R$ , and  $A$  be a set. Then  $A = \text{component}(x)$  if and only if for every set  $y$  holds  $y \in A$  iff  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{EqCl}(\text{the internal relation of } R)$ .
- (31) Let  $R$  be a non empty irreflexive symmetric relational structure. Suppose  $R$  is not path-connected. Then there exist non empty strict irreflexive symmetric relational structures  $G_1, G_2$  such that the carrier of  $G_1$  misses the carrier of  $G_2$  and the relational structure of  $R = \text{UnionOf}(G_1, G_2)$ .
- (32) Let  $R$  be a non empty irreflexive symmetric relational structure. Suppose  $\text{ComplRelStr } R$  is not path-connected. Then there exist non empty strict irreflexive symmetric relational structures  $G_1, G_2$  such that the carrier of  $G_1$  misses the carrier of  $G_2$  and the relational structure of  $R = \text{SumOf}(G_1, G_2)$ .
- (33) For every irreflexive relational structure  $G$  such that  $G \in \text{FinRelStrSp}$  holds  $\text{ComplRelStr } G \in \text{FinRelStrSp}$ .
- (34) Let  $\overline{R}$  be an irreflexive symmetric relational structure. Suppose the carrier of  $\overline{R} = 2$  and the carrier of  $R \in \mathbf{U}_0$ . Then the relational structure of  $R \in \text{FinRelStrSp}$ .
- (35) For every relational structure  $R$  such that  $R \in \text{FinRelStrSp}$  holds  $R$  is symmetric.
- (36) Let  $G$  be a relational structure,  $H_1, H_2$  be non empty relational structures,  $x$  be an element of the carrier of  $H_1$ , and  $y$  be an element of the

carrier of  $H_2$ . Suppose  $G = \text{UnionOf}(H_1, H_2)$  and the carrier of  $H_1$  misses the carrier of  $H_2$ . Then  $\langle x, y \rangle \notin$  the internal relation of  $G$ .

- (37) Let  $G$  be a relational structure,  $H_1, H_2$  be non empty relational structures,  $x$  be an element of the carrier of  $H_1$ , and  $y$  be an element of the carrier of  $H_2$ . If  $G = \text{SumOf}(H_1, H_2)$ , then  $\langle x, y \rangle \notin$  the internal relation of  $\text{ComplRelStr } G$ .
- (38) Let  $G$  be a non empty symmetric relational structure,  $x$  be an element of the carrier of  $G$ , and  $R_1, R_2$  be non empty relational structures. Suppose the carrier of  $R_1$  misses the carrier of  $R_2$  and  $\text{sub}(\Omega_G \setminus \{x\}) = \text{UnionOf}(R_1, R_2)$  and  $G$  is path-connected. Then there exists an element  $b$  of the carrier of  $R_1$  such that  $\langle b, x \rangle \in$  the internal relation of  $G$ .
- (39) Let  $G$  be a non empty symmetric irreflexive relational structure,  $a, b, c, d$  be elements of the carrier of  $G$ , and  $Z$  be a subset of the carrier of  $G$ . Suppose that  $Z = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $a, b, c, d$  are mutually different and  $\langle a, b \rangle \in$  the internal relation of  $G$  and  $\langle b, c \rangle \in$  the internal relation of  $G$  and  $\langle c, d \rangle \in$  the internal relation of  $G$  and  $\langle a, c \rangle \notin$  the internal relation of  $G$  and  $\langle a, d \rangle \notin$  the internal relation of  $G$  and  $\langle b, d \rangle \notin$  the internal relation of  $G$ . Then  $\text{sub}(Z)$  embeds Necklace 4.
- (40) Let  $G$  be a non empty irreflexive symmetric relational structure,  $x$  be an element of the carrier of  $G$ , and  $R_1, R_2$  be non empty relational structures. Suppose that
- (i) the carrier of  $R_1$  misses the carrier of  $R_2$ ,
  - (ii)  $\text{sub}(\Omega_G \setminus \{x\}) = \text{UnionOf}(R_1, R_2)$ ,
  - (iii)  $G$  is non trivial and path-connected, and
  - (iv)  $\text{ComplRelStr } G$  is path-connected.
- Then  $G$  embeds Necklace 4.
- (41) Let  $G$  be a non empty strict finite irreflexive symmetric relational structure. Suppose  $G$  is N-free and the carrier of  $G \in \mathbf{U}_0$ . Then the relational structure of  $G \in \text{FinRelStrSp}$ .

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