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Equational theories

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Definition 1. A magma is a set G equipped with a binary operation $\circ : G \times G \rightarrow G$.

A *law* is an equation involving a finite number of indeterminate variables and the operation \circ . A magma G then obeys that law if the equation holds for all possible choices of indeterminate variables in G . For instance, the commutative law

$$x \circ y = y \circ x$$

holds in a magma G if and only if that magma is abelian.

We will be interested in seeing which laws imply which other laws, in the sense that magmas obeying the former law automatically obey the latter. We will also be interested in *anti-implications* showing that one law does *not* imply another, by producing examples of magmas that obey the former law but not the latter.

Chapter 2

Equations

Definition 2 (Equation 1). Equation1magma-def Equation 1 is the law $x = x$.

Definition 3 (Equation 2). Equation2magma-def Equation 2 is the law $x = y$.

Definition 4 (Equation 3). Equation3magma-def Equation 3 is the law $x = x \circ x$.

Definition 5 (Equation 4). Equation4magma-def Equation 4 is the law $x = x \circ y$.

Definition 6 (Equation 5). Equation5magma-def Equation 5 is the law $x = y \circ x$.

Definition 7 (Equation 6). Equation6magma-def Equation 6 is the law $x = y \circ y$.

Definition 8 (Equation 7). Equation7magma-def Equation 7 is the law $x = y \circ z$.

Definition 9 (Equation 8). Equation8magma-def Equation 8 is the law $x = x \circ (x \circ x)$.

Definition 10 (Equation 42). Equation42magma-def Equation 42 is the law $x \circ y = x \circ z$.

Definition 11 (Equation 43). Equation43magma-def Equation 43 is the law $x \circ y = y \circ x$.

Definition 12 (Equation 46). Equation46magma-def Equation 46 is the law $x \circ y = z \circ w$.

Definition 13 (Equation 387). Equation387magma-def Equation 387 is the law $x \circ y = (y \circ y) \circ x$.

Definition 14 (Equation 4512). Equation4512magma-def Equation 4512 is the law $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ z$.

Definition 15 (Equation 4513). Equation4513magma-def Equation 4513 is the law $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ w$.

Definition 16 (Equation 4552). Equation4552magma-def Equation 4552 is the law $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ w) \circ u$.

Definition 17 (Equation 4582). Equation4582magma-def Equation 4582 is the law $x \circ (y \circ z) = (w \circ u) \circ v$.

Chapter 3

Implications

To reduce clutter, trivial or very easy implications will not be displayed here.

Theorem 18 (387 implies 43). *eq387,eq43Equation387_iimplies_Equation43Definition??impliesDefinition??.*

Proof. (From MathOverflow). By Definition ??, one has the law

$$(x \circ x) \circ y = y \circ x. \quad (3.1)$$

Specializing to $y = x \circ x$, we conclude

$$(x \circ x) \circ (x \circ x) = (x \circ x) \circ x$$

and hence by another application of (??) we see that $x \circ x$ is idempotent:

$$(x \circ x) \circ (x \circ x) = x \circ x. \quad (3.2)$$

Now, replacing x by $x \circ x$ in (??) and then using (??) we see that

$$(x \circ x) \circ y = y \circ (x \circ x)$$

so in particular $x \circ x$ commutes with $y \circ y$:

$$(x \circ x) \circ (y \circ y) = (y \circ y) \circ (x \circ x). \quad (3.3)$$

Also, from two applications of (??) one has

$$(x \circ x) \circ (y \circ y) = (y \circ y) \circ x = x \circ y.$$

Thus (??) simplifies to $x \circ y = y \circ x$, which is Definition ??.

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Chapter 4

Counterexamples

Theorem 19 (46 does not imply 4). *Equation 46 does not imply Equation 46, eq 4 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y := 0$. \square

Theorem 20 (4 does not imply 4582). *Equation 4 does not imply Equation 4582, eq 4582 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y := x$. \square

Theorem 21 (4 does not imply 43). *Equation 4 does not imply Equation 43, eq 43 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y := x$. \square

Theorem 22 (Equation 4582 does not imply Equation 42). *Equation 4582 does not imply Equation 42, eq 42 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y$ equal to 1 if $x = y = 0$ and 2 otherwise. \square

Theorem 23 (Equation 4582 does not imply Equation 43). *Equation 4582 does not imply Equation 43, eq 43 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y$ equal to 3 if $x = 1$ and $y = 2$ and 4 otherwise. \square

Theorem 24 (Equation 42 does not imply Equation 43). *Equation 42 does not imply Equation 43, eq 43 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y := x$. \square

Theorem 25 (Equation 42 does not imply Equation 4512). *Equation 42 does not imply Equation 4512, eq 4512 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y := x + 1$. \square

Theorem 26 (Equation 43 does not imply Equation 42). *Equation 43 does not imply Equation 42, eq 42 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y := x + y$. \square

Theorem 27 (Equation 43 does not imply Equation 4512). *Equation 43 does not imply Equation 4512, eq 4512 Definition ?? does not imply Definition ??*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y := x \cdot y + 1$. \square

Theorem 28 (Equation 4513 does not imply Equation 4552). *Equation4513_not_imp_lies_EEquation4552eq4513, eq4552*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y$ equal to 1 if $x = 0$ and $y \leq 2$, 2 if $x = 0$ and $y > 2$, and x otherwise. \square

Theorem 29 (Equation 4512 does not imply Equation 4513). *Equation4512_not_imp_lies_EEquation4513eq4512, eq4512*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with operation $x \circ y := x + y$. \square

Theorem 30 (Equation 387 does not imply Equation 42). *Equation387_not_imp_lies_EEquation42eq387, eq42Defin*

Proof. Use the boolean type Bool with $x \circ y := x || y$. \square

Theorem 31 (Equation 43 does not imply Equation 387). *Equation43_not_imp_lies_EEquation387eq43, eq387Defin*

Proof. Use the natural numbers \mathbb{N} with $x \circ y := x + y$. \square

Theorem 32 (Equation 387 does not imply Equation 4512). *Equation387_not_imp_lies_EEquation4512eq387, eq4512*

Proof. Use the reals with $x \circ y := (x + y)/2$. \square