

Abstract Structures 333

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1 Equivalence Relations

Definition 1.1. Equivalence Relation

An equivalence relation, denoted by the symbol \sim , on a set S is a set R ¹ of ordered pairs $(a, b) \in S \times S$ such that:

1. $(a, a) \in R \ \forall a \in S$
2. $(a, b) \in R$ implies $(b, a) \in R \ \forall a, b \in S$
3. $(a, b), (b, c) \in R$ implies $(a, c) \in R \ \forall a, b, c \in S$

We are concerned with **what partition is R imposing on S**

Example 1. Define \mathbb{Z} in the following way

Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

We say a is congruent \equiv to $b \pmod{n}$ or $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ iff $n \mid (a-b)$
Show that the example above is an equivalence relation

Solution:

Proof. We must prove the following 3 properties

1. Reflexive [(i) in the def of ER]
 - Thought of as: An element a is always related (\sim) to itself.

We are trying to prove that $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$. We can start by rewriting this congruence as $n \mid (a - a)$ by def of congruence. This leaves us with $n \mid (0)$ which is true for all $n > 0$. Since n by def is fixed in \mathbb{Z}^+ , this congruence will always hold.

2. Symmetric [(ii) in the def of ER]

¹Need not be unique

- Thought of as: Given (a, b) is valid, we can show (b, c) is valid.

Since we are given (a, b) is valid, we can write $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ or $n \mid (a - b)$. We must show that $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ or $n \mid (b - a)$. We can rewrite $n \mid (b - a)$ as $-1 * n \mid (a - b)$. Since we know $n \mid (a - b)$ from out given, we know that this division holds true and therefore $n \mid (b - a)$ as well.

3. Transitive [(iii) in the def of ER]

- Thought of as: Given $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$ we must show $a \sim c$.

We can write the congruence as 2 linear equation.

- $nk = a - b$
- $nl = a - c$

Rearranging we get: $n(k + l) = a - c$ which can be rewritten as $n \mid (a - c)$

□

Now that we have proved that a congruence is an ER on $S = \mathbb{Z}$ we would like to see what affect it has on \mathbb{Z} . *ie* : What is $a \sim b$ / what partition does it impose.

Example 2. Take $n = 5$, given the following values for a which values in \mathbb{Z} satisfy the congruence $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and is the resulting set equal to \mathbb{Z} ?

- $a = 0$
- $a = 1$
- $a = 2$

Solution:

- $\{\pm 0, \pm 5, \pm 10 \dots\}$
- $\{\pm 1, \pm 6, \pm 5k + 1 \dots\}$
- $\{\pm 2, \pm 7, \pm 5k + 2 \dots\}$

No sets equal \mathbb{Z}

We can see that it appears that a congruence will always split the set \mathbb{Z} into n partitions.

Definition 1.2. Partition of a set

A partition of a set S is a collection of **non-empty, disjoint** subsets

$\{s_0, s_1, \dots\}$ such that (st) $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} S_i = S$

Theorem 1. *The equivalence classes of a set S under \sim form a partition of S*

Proof. We need to show that given \sim , we are left with a collection of **disjoint** subsets whose union is S .

Let $a \in S$. We know a is in its own set because $a \sim a$. So $\forall a \in S$ the set containing a is **non-empty**. If we do this for all $a \in S$ then the union of those sets is S . So we need only show that these sets are **disjoint**. \square

Example 3. Let $S = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} [(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}]$ Define \sim on S by $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ iff $ad = bc$

1. Prove \sim is an ER
2. What partition of $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ does this impose

Solution:

Proof. If ER, 3 properties must hold:

1. Reflexive: $(a, b) \sim (a, b) \implies ab = ab$ which is true.
2. Symmetric: Given $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ we can show $(c, d) \sim (a, b)$. $(a, b) \sim (c, d) \implies ad = bc$, $(c, d) \sim (a, b) \implies cb = da$. Since we are in the realm of \mathbb{R} we can rearrange to $bc = ad$ which is equal to $ad = bc$.
3. Transitive: We must show that if $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ and $(c, d) \sim (e, f)$ then $(a, b) \sim (e, f)$. We can write it as follows $ad = bc$ and $cf = de$ then $af = be$. We can write

$$\begin{aligned} adcf &= bcde \\ ace &= bce \\ af &= be \end{aligned}$$

To find the partition we may start by plugging in random values.

$$\begin{aligned} &(1, 1) \\ 1d &= 1c \\ d &= c \\ &= \{(1, 1), (2, 2), \dots, (n, n)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(1, 2) \\ d &= 2c \\ &= \{(1, 2), (2, 4), \dots, (n, 2n)\} \\ &\vdots \\ &\infty \end{aligned}$$

This partition forms all rational numbers. The first set represents $\frac{1}{1}$ or 1, the second represents $\frac{1}{2} \dots \infty$ \square

Example 4. Let $S = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

Define $a \sim b \leftrightarrow ab > 0$

What partition does that make on \mathbb{R}

Solution:

By plugging in we see we get 2 sets.

1. $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} = \text{All positive integers}$
2. $\{-n, -n-1, \dots, -1\} = \text{All negative integers}$

Theorem 2. *Division Algorithm*

Let $D \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\exists! q, r$ s.t. $a = dq + r$ when $0 < r \leq d$

Example 5. $a = 100, d = 7$

Solution:

$$100 = 7q + r = 7(14) + 2$$

$$7 = 2q + r = 2(3) + 1$$

$$2 = 1q + r = 1(2) + 0$$

So, 1 would be the GCD.

2 Chapter 1: Groups

Definition 2.1. Binary Operation We define a binary operation on set S is a function from $S \times S \rightarrow S$

ie: Takes a pair of elements in S and sends them to another element in S

Example 6. Let $S = \mathbb{Z}$, with bin-op $(+)$

$$a + b = c$$

$$3 + 5 = 8$$

$$3 \in \mathbb{Z}, 5 \in \mathbb{Z}, 8 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Definition 2.2. Let S be a set w/ bin-op $*$ ²

If $\forall a, b \in S, a + b \in S$ we say S is closed (under $*$)

Example 7.

(M_{22}, \cdot) is closed

(\mathbb{R}, \div) is not closed

² $*$ denotes any bin-op

Definition 2.3. Let G be a set closed under bin-op $*$. G is a group if the following hold:

1. Associative: $\forall a, b, c \in G$ we have $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
2. \exists an Identity in G s.t. $\forall a \in G$ we have $(e * a) = (a * e) = a$
3. $(\forall a \in G) \exists a^{-1}$ s.t. $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$

Example 8. \mathbb{Z}_n = the group $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ under addition mod n .
What is addition mod n ?

For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_n$:

if $a + b < n$, $a + b = a + b$

if $a + b \geq n$, $a + b = a + b - n$

1. Associative: We are dealing with integers so associativity holds.
2. \exists an Identity: The identity is 0 ($e = 0$)
3. $(\forall a \in G) \exists a^{-1}$: The inverse is $n - a$

2.0.0.1 Common Groups

- $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$
- $(\mathbb{R}, +)$
- $(\mathbb{C}, +)$
- $(GL_{2R}, *)$

Proof. of $(GL_{2R}, *)$

We know from linear algebra that $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$

We also know that the identity 2x2 matrix is

$$M_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Additionally, we are able to inherit associativity from general matrices. This leaves inverse.

We prove inverse as follows:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

□

Definition 2.4. Order of a group

The order of a group, G , denoted $|G|$ is the number of elements in G as a set. If set G has a finite number of elements we say G is a finite group. If G has an infinite number of elements we say G is an infinite group.

Definition 2.5. Abelian Groups

If a group is commutative, we say it is Abelian. If not, we say it is not-Abelian.

Definition 2.6. Cayley Table

A Cayley table is a way to describe the structure of a finite group.

Properties that may be derived from a Cayley table are:

- If the table is reflect-able, the group is Abelian
- Every element appears in each row/column
- Easily find the identity (The row/column which entries is equal to the input)

Example 9. Write the Cayley Table for \mathbb{Z}_3

\mathbb{Z}_3	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

Example 10. Write the Cayley Table for $|G| = 3$

$ G = 3$	e	a	b
e	e	a	b
a	a	b	e
b	b	e	a

Notice that this the second table above was forced. Meaning, no other configuration of e, a, b could have been entered into the table and the table maintain all group properties.

We see from this that there is only 1 group with order 3. Even though we may label that group with different elements, the underlying groups are all the same.

Claim 2.1. $\exists!$ 2 groups of order 4 ($|G| = 4$)

\mathbb{Z}_4	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

$\mathbb{Z}_{2 \times 2}$	(0,0)	(0,1)	(1,0)	(1,1)
(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,1)	(1,0)	(1,1)
(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,0)	(1,1)	(1,0)
(1,0)	(1,0)	(1,1)	(0,0)	(0,1)
(1,1)	(1,1)	(1,0)	(0,1)	(0,0)

Any other groups of order 4 will have a bijection to either \mathbb{Z}_4 or $\mathbb{Z}_{2 \times 2}$
Here is an example of one of those:

Example 11. Let $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ under $*$

G_4	1	-1	i	-i
1	1	-1	i	-i
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

Claim 2.2. *If groups are structurally identical, then, you can find a bijection $\phi(G_1) = G_2$*

Definition 2.7. Order of an element

Let G be a group with $g \in G$. The order of g (referred to as the order of the element) is the smallest positive integer n s.t. $g^n = e$ where e is the identity element of G .

Definition 2.8. Cyclic Group

Let G be a group with order n . We say G is cyclic if $\exists g \in G$ s.t. $|g| = n$

Theorem 3. *Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, then $|a| = \frac{n}{(a,n)}$*

Proof. $|a|$ is the smallest positive integer k s.t. $ka \equiv 0(n)$

i.e $kn - ka = 0$

Solve for k using linear diophantine equation

Claim 2.3. \mathbb{Z}_n is a cyclic group

Proof. We know \mathbb{Z}_n is cyclic if \exists some a s.t. $|a| = n$ where $n = |G|$ by the proof above (Thm. 3), $|a| = \frac{n}{(a,n)} \therefore (a,n) = 1$. To prove that \mathbb{Z}_n is cyclic we must show that \exists an a such that $(a,n) = 1$

We will choose $n - 1$ as our a giving us $(n - 1, n) = 1$ which is always true \square

Definition 2.9. Group Generator

Let G be a cyclic group of order n .

If a has order n , we call a a generator of G and we write $\langle a \rangle = G$. We say "the group generated by a "