

# 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  $R$ <sup>1</sup> 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]

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<sup>1</sup>Need 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.

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\vdots \\ &\infty \end{aligned}$$

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  $S \times S \longrightarrow S$

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  $*$ <sup>2</sup>

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

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<sup>2</sup> $*$  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:

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

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**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  $*$

$\mathbb{G}_4$	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  $\phi(G_1) = G_2$*

**Claim 2.3.** *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  $G$ .