



# Abstract Algebra

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二元操作

Binary Operations

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# Binary Operations (二元运算)

- An binary operation on the set  $A$  is an everywhere defined function
  - $f: A \times A \rightarrow A$ .
- Note: A binary operation must satisfy
  - $f$  assign an element  $f(a,b)$  of  $A$  to each ordered pair  $(a,b)$  in  $A \times A$ .
  - Since a binary operation is a function, only one element of  $A$  is assigned to each ordered pair.

二元运算



# Notation

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- It's customary to denote binary operations by a symbol such as  $*$ .
  - $a*b$  instead of  $*(a,b)$
  - $*$  : multiplication
  - $a*b$  : the product of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- $A$  is closed under the operation  $*$ , if  $a$  and  $b$  are elements in  $A$ ,  $a*b \in A$ .

$a*b$  the product of  $a$  and  $b$



# Example

- Let  $A=\mathbb{Z}$ , Define  $a*b$  as  $a+b$ .
  - $*$  is a binary operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- Let  $A=\mathbb{R}$ , Define  $a*b$  as  $a/b$ .
  - $*$  is not a binary operation, since it is not defined for every ordered pair of elements of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - For example,  $3*0$  is not defined, since we can not divide by zero. 这不是一个运算

## Example 3

- Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Define  $a*b$  as  $a-b$ .
  - $*$  is not a binary operation .
  - it does not assign an element of  $A$  to every ordered pair of elements of  $A$ ;
  - for example,  $2*5 \notin A$ .

$$2*5 \notin A$$





## Example 4

- Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $a*b$  as a number less than both  $a$  and  $b$ .
  - $*$  is not a binary operation, since it does not assign a *unique* element of  $A$  to each ordered pair of elements of  $A$ ; for example,  $8*6$  could be 5, 4, 3, 1, and so on.
  - in this case,  $*$  would be a relation from  $A \times A$  to  $A$ , but not a function

并不是一个确定的数

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## Example 5,6

- Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $a*b$  as  $\max\{a, b\}$ .
  - $*$  is a binary operation; for example,  $2*4 = 4$ ,  $-3*(-5) = -3$ .
- Let  $A = P(S)$ , for some set  $S$ . If  $V$  and  $W$  are subsets of  $S$ , define  $V*W$  as  $V \cup W$ .
  - $*$  is a binary operation on  $A$ .
  - if we define  $V*'W$  as  $V \cap W$ , then  $*$ ' is another binary operation on  $A$ .
    - Note: It's possible to define many binary operations on the same set.

$$a \in A, b \in A$$

$$a*b \in A \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}$$





## Example 7,8

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- Let  $M$  be the set of all  $n \times n$  Boolean matrices for a fixed  $n$ . Define  $A * B$  as  $A \vee B$ 
  - $*$  is a binary operation.
  - This is also true of  $A \wedge B$ .
- Let  $L$  be a lattice. Define  $a * b$  as  $a \wedge b$ .
  - $*$  is a binary operation on  $L$ .
  - This is also true of  $a \vee b$

# Operation table 运算表

- If  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  is a *finite* set, a binary operation on  $A$  can be defined by means of a table

*	$a_1$	$a_2$	$\dots$	$a_j$	$\dots$	$a_n$
$a_1$						
$a_2$						
$\vdots$						
$a_i$				$a_i * a_j$		
$\vdots$						
$a_n$						

Figure 9.1



## Example 9

- Let  $A = \{0, 1\}$ .
- Define binary operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  by the following tables:

$\vee$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

$\wedge$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

# How many operations?

- If  $A = \{a, b\}$ , how many binary operations can be defined on  $A$ .
- Every binary operation  $*$  on  $A$  can be described by a table.

$*$	$a$	$b$
$a$		
$b$		

$$2^4 = 16$$

- There are  $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^4$  or 16 ways to complete the table.

# Properties of Binary Operations (二元运算的性质)

- For all elements  $a, b$ , and  $c$  in  $A$ 
  - Commutative(可交换的):  $a * b = b * a$
  - Associative(可结合的):  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$
  - Idempotent(幂等的):  $a * a = a$

可交换的  
Commutative  
可结合的  
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幂等的  
Idempotent

$a * b = b * a$   
 $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$   
 $a * a = a$



## Example 12

- Which of the following binary operations on  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  are commutative?

*	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>

(a)

*	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>

(b)

# Example 15

- Let  $L$  be a lattice. The binary operation defined by  $a * b = a \wedge b$  is
  - *commutative* and ✓
  - *associative*. ✓
  - It also satisfies the *idempotent* property  $a \wedge a = a$ .

可交换的  
可结合的  
幂等

幂等

$$(a \wedge b) \wedge c = a \wedge (b \wedge c)$$

# Proof $a * b = a \wedge b$ is associative

Let  $x = (a \wedge b) \wedge c$ ,  $y = a \wedge (b \wedge c)$ .

$\vee$  最小上界

$\wedge$  最大下界

(1) show  $x \leq y$

■  $x \leq a \wedge b$ , So  $x \leq a \wedge b \leq a$ , then  $x \leq a$ ;  $x \leq a \wedge b \leq b$ , then  $x \leq b$ ; and  $x \leq c$ .

■  $x \leq b \wedge c$ , then  $x \leq a \wedge (b \wedge c)$ . so  $x \leq y$ .

$$x \leq a \Rightarrow x \leq a \wedge b$$

(2) show  $y \leq x$ .

■  $y \leq b \wedge c$ , So  $y \leq b$ ;  $y \leq b \wedge c \leq c$ , then  $y \leq c$ ; and  $y \leq a$ .

■  $y \leq a \wedge b$ , then  $y \leq (a \wedge b) \wedge c$ . so  $y \leq x$ .

(3) antisymmetric,  $x = y$ .

$$x \leq a \wedge b \Rightarrow x \leq a, x \leq b$$

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$$x = y$$

$$x \leq c$$

$$x \leq b \wedge c$$

$$x \leq y \checkmark$$

# Proof $a * b = a \vee b$ is associative

- Let  $x = (a \vee b) \vee c$ ,  $y = a \vee (b \vee c)$ .
- (1) show  $y \leq x$ 
  - $a \vee b \leq x$ , So  $a \leq a \vee b \leq x$ , then  $a \leq x$ ;  $b \leq a \vee b \leq x$ , then  $b \leq x$ ; and  $c \leq x$ .
  - $b \vee c \leq x$ , then  $a \vee (b \vee c) \leq x$ . so  $y \leq x$ . *Q.E.D.*
- (2) show  $x \leq y$ .
  - $b \vee c \leq y$ , So  $b \leq b \vee c \leq y$ , then  $b \leq y$ ;  $c \leq b \vee c \leq y$ , then  $c \leq y$ ; and  $a \leq y$ .
  - $a \vee b \leq y$ , then  $(a \vee b) \vee c \leq y$ . so  $x \leq y$ .
- (3) antisymmetric,  $x = y$ .

# Identity(单位元) for an operation

- An element  $e$  in  $A$  is called an identity element if  $\forall a \in A$ , then

- $a * e = e * a = a$ .

单位元

$$a * e = e * a = a$$

- Note:

- In fact, an identity for an operation must be unique.







# Theorem 1

- If  $e$  is an identity for a binary operation  $*$ , then  $e$  is unique.
- Proof
  - Assume another object  $i$  also has the identity property, so  $x * i = i * x = x$ .
  - Then  $e * i = e$ , but since  $e$  is an identity for  $*$ ,  $i * e = e * i = i$ .
  - Thus,  $i = e$ .
- There is at most one object with the identity property for a binary operation.

# Inverse (逆元)

identity 单位元

inverse 逆元

- An element  $a' \in A$  is called an inverse of  $a$  and written as  $a^{-1}$  if

- $a * a' = a' * a = e$ , or

- $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$ .

$$a * a' = a' * a = e,$$

$$a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$$

- Theorem 2: If  $*$  is an associative operation and  $x$  has an inverse  $y$ , then  $y$  is unique.

$x$  有一个逆元



# Inverse (逆元)

- Theorem 2: If  $*$  is an associative operation and  $x$  has an inverse  $y$ , then  $y$  is unique.
- Proof
  - Assume there is another inverse for  $x$ , say  $z$ .
  - Then  $(z * x) * y = e * y = y$  and  $z * (x * y) = z * e = z$ .
  - Since  $*$  is associative,  $(z * x) * y = z * (x * y)$  and so  $y = z$ .



# Example 11

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- (a) In the structure  $[3 \times 3 \text{ matrices}, +, *, ^T]$ , each matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  has an inverse  $-A = [-a_{ij}]$ .
- (b) In the structure  $[\text{integers}, +, *]$ , only the integers 1 and -1 have multiplicative inverses.



# An example: Algebraic Lattice

- Let  $*$  be a binary operation on a set  $A$ , and suppose that  $*$  satisfies the following properties for any  $a, b$ , and  $c$  in  $A$ :
  - $a = a * a$
  - $a * b = b * a$
  - $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$
- Define a relation  $\leq$  on  $A$  by
  - $a \leq b$  if and only if  $a = a * b$ .
- Show that  $(A, \leq)$  is a poset, and for all  $a, b$  in  $A$ ,  $\text{GLB}(a, b) = a * b$ .



# Proof (1)

- We must show that  $a * b = a \wedge b$ 
  - $\leq$  is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.
  - $a * b = a \wedge b$  for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $A$ .
- (1)  $\leq$  is reflexive:  $\rightarrow$  最大下界
  - $a \leq b$  if and only if  $a = a * b$
  - Since  $a = a * a$ ,  $a \leq a$  for all  $a$  in  $A$ .
  - So  $\leq$  is reflexive.



## Proof (2)

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- $(2) \leq$  is antisymmetric:
  - $a \leq b$  if and only if  $a = a * b$
- Now suppose that
  - $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$ .
  - Then, by definition and property 2,
  - $a = a * b$  ,  $b = b * a$  , and  $a * b = b * a$ ,
  - so  $a = b$ .
  - Thus  $\leq$  is antisymmetric.



## Proof (3)

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- $(3) \leq$  is transitive:
  - $a \leq b$  if and only if  $a = a * b$
- If  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$ ,
  - then  $a = a * b = a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c = a * c$ ,
  - so  $a \leq c$ .
  - Then  $\leq$  is transitive.



## proof (4)

- (4)  $a*b = a \wedge b$ , for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $A$  :
  - 1.  $a*b$  is a lower bound for  $a$  and  $b$ .
    - $a*b = a*(b*b) = (a*b)*b$ , so  $a*b \leq b$ .
    - $a*b = (a*a)*b = a*(a*b) = (a*b)*a$ , so  $a*b \leq a$ .
    - so  $a*b$  is a lower bound for  $a$  and  $b$ .
  - 2. if  $c \leq a$  and  $c \leq b$ , then  $c \leq a*b$ 
    - $c = c*a$  and  $c = c*b$ .
    - Thus  $c = (c*a)*b = c*(a*b)$ .
    - so  $c \leq a*b$ .
- Therefore,  $a*b$  is the greatest lower bound of  $a$  and  $b$ .



# Homework

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