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Theorem 2. Let  $\rho$  be an equivalence relation on the set  $A$ . Then for any  $x, y \in A$ , the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $x \rho y$

(ii)  $y \in \rho(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x' \in A \mid x \rho x'\}$

(iii)  $\rho(x) = \rho(y)$

(iv)  $\rho(x) \cap \rho(y) \neq \emptyset$

Remarks. i). the conditions (i) - (iv) say that the set  $\{\rho(x) \mid x \in A\}$  is a partition of  $A$

because:

$$\begin{cases} (1) \bigcup_{x \in A} \rho(x) = A, & \text{because } x \in \rho(x) \text{ by reflexivity} \\ (2) \text{ if } \rho(x) \neq \rho(y) \Rightarrow \rho(x) \cap \rho(y) = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

Def. We denote  $A/\rho = \{\rho(x) \mid x \in A\}$ .

This partition is called the quotient (factor) set of  $A$  w.r.t.  $\rho$ . (modulo  $\rho$ )

Let  $\rho(x) =: [x]_\rho$  the class of  $x$  modulo  $\rho$ .

Ex. 2) Consider the relation  $\rho_\pi$  of Lecture 5.

$$\rho_\pi(1) = \{1, 2\} = \rho_\pi(2).$$

$$\rho_\pi(3) = \{3, 4, 5\} = \rho_\pi(4) = \rho_\pi(5)$$

$$\rho_\pi(6) = \{6\} \quad \text{we set } A/\rho_\pi = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{6\}\} =: \pi$$

3) Given a relation  $\rho = (A, A/R)$ , we wlog always consider the set of sections  $\{\rho(x) \mid x \in A\}$ .

Thm 1:  $\rho$  is an equivalence  $\Leftrightarrow$  this set is a partition of  $A$ .

Proof of Thm 2 (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) by the def of  $\rho(x)$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Assume that  $x \rho y$ . Because of symmetry, it is enough to prove that  $\rho(x) \subseteq \rho(y)$ .

Let  $z \in \rho(x)$ . Then we have  $\underline{x \rho z}$ .

From  $x \rho y$ , we get  $\underline{y \rho x}$  (by (S))

By transitivity,  $y \rho z$ , hence  $z \in \rho(y)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Assume that  $\rho(x) = \rho(y)$ .

By (R) we have  $y \in \rho(y)$ , hence  $y \in \rho(x)$

hence  $x \rho y$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Assume that  $x \rho y$ , so  $y \in \rho(x)$ .

By  $y \in \rho(y)$ . Then  $y \in \rho(x) \cap \rho(y) \neq \emptyset$

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Assume that  $\exists z \in \rho(x) \cap \rho(y)$ ,

so  $\underline{x \rho z}$  and  $y \rho z$ . By (S), we have  $\underline{z \rho y}$ .

By (T) it follows that  $x \rho y$ .

Remarks These two theorems say that the concepts of equivalence and partition are essentially the same. Moreover:

• if  $\pi$  is a partition, then  $\rho_\pi$  is an equiv. rel., and we have  $A/\rho_\pi = \pi$

• if  $\rho$  is an equiv. rel., then  $A/\rho$  is a partition, and we have  $\rho_{A/\rho} = \rho$ .

# Functions and equivalence relations

Def 1. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function.  
The kernel of  $f$  (denoted  $\ker f$ ) is the relation on  $A$  defined as follows:

$$\boxed{\forall x, y \in A \quad x \ker f y \iff f(x) = f(y)}$$

Prop. 1. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function. Then

1).  $\ker f$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$

$$2). A / \ker f = \{ f^{-1}(b) \mid b \in \text{Im } f \}$$

Proof 1). (R).  $x \ker f x \iff f(x) = f(x)$  true  $\forall x \in A$

(T): Assume  $x \ker f y$  and  $y \ker f z$ . Then:

$$f(x) = f(y) \text{ and } f(y) = f(z) \implies f(x) = f(z) \\ \implies x \ker f z.$$

(S). Assume  $x \ker f y \implies f(x) = f(y) \implies f(y) = f(x) \implies y \ker f x$ .

$$2). \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A / \ker f = \{ (\ker f)(x) \mid x \in A \}.$$

Let  $x \in A$ . Let  $b := f(x) \in \text{Im } f$

We only need to prove that  $(\ker f)(x) = f^{-1}(b)$

Indeed let  $y \in A$ . we have

$$\underline{y \in (\ker f)(x) \iff x \ker f y \iff f(x) = f(y) \iff f(y) = b \iff y \in f^{-1}(b)}$$

Def 2 Let  $\rho$  be an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

The canonical projection associated to  $\rho$  is the function

$$\begin{cases} p_\rho : A \longrightarrow A/\rho \\ p_\rho(x) = \rho(x) = [x]_\rho \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2. The canonical projection  $p_\rho : A \longrightarrow A/\rho$  has the following properties:

1).  $p_\rho$  is surjective. (ie.  $\text{Im } p_\rho = A/\rho$ )

2).  $\ker p_\rho = \rho$

Proof 1). We have  $A/\rho = \{\rho(x) \mid x \in A\}$ .

for  $\rho(x) \in A/\rho$ , when  $x \in A$ , we have  $p_\rho(x) = \rho(x)$ ,

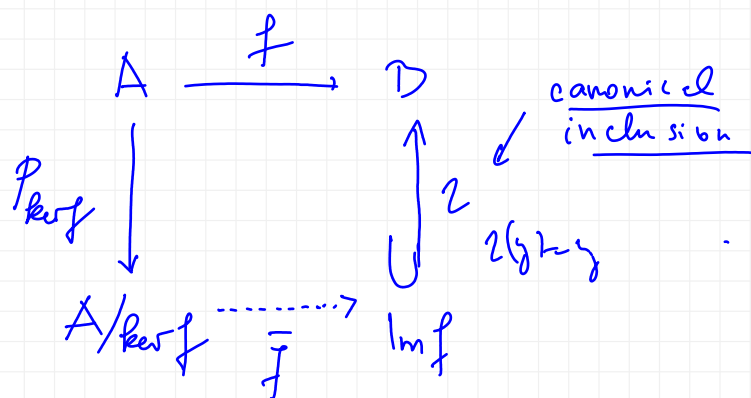
hence  $p_\rho$  is surjective.

2). Let  $x, y \in A$ . We have:

$$x \ker p_\rho y \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} p_\rho(x) = p_\rho(y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \rho(x) = \rho(y) \stackrel{\pi_2}{\iff} x \rho y$$

Hence  $\ker p_\rho = \rho$ .

Theorem (the 1st factorization theorem) Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function.



Then  $\exists!$  bijective fcn  $\bar{f}: A/\ker f \rightarrow \text{Im } f$  s.t. the diagram is commutative, i.e.

$$f = \iota \circ \bar{f} \circ p_{\ker f}$$

(this is the canonical decomposition of  $f$ )

Proof (i) (uniqueness of  $\bar{f}$ ) We assume that  $\bar{f}$  exists and we prove that it is unique.

We have  $\forall x \in A$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= (\iota \circ \bar{f} \circ p_{\ker f})(x) = \iota(\bar{f}(p_{\ker f}(x))) = \\
 &= \bar{f}((\ker f)(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\boxed{\bar{f}((\ker f)(x)) = f(x)}$  is uniquely defined  $\forall x \in A$

$$(\exists). \text{ Let } \begin{cases} \bar{f}: A/\ker f \rightarrow \text{Im } f \\ \bar{f}((\ker f)(x)) = f(x) \in \text{Im } f \end{cases}$$

• the def of  $\bar{f}$  is given by using the representative  $x \in (\ker f)(x)$ . We have to show that the def of  $\bar{f}$  does not depend on the choice of representatives.

Indeed, let  $y \in (\ker f)\langle x \rangle$ , i.e.  $x \ker f y$

$$\text{hence } (\ker f)\langle x \rangle = (\ker f)\langle y \rangle.$$

$$\text{Then } \bar{f}((\ker f)\langle x \rangle) = f(y) = f(x)$$

• we show that  $\bar{f}$  is injective.

$$\text{Let } x, y \in A \text{ s.t. } \bar{f}((\ker f)\langle x \rangle) = \bar{f}((\ker f)\langle y \rangle)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def } \bar{f}}{=} f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x \ker f y \Rightarrow$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Th 2}}{=} (\ker f)\langle x \rangle = (\ker f)\langle y \rangle.$$

• we show that  $\bar{f}$  is surjective.

$$\text{Let } b \in \text{Im } f. \text{ Then } \exists x \in A \text{ s.t. } f(x) = b$$

$$\text{Then } \bar{f}((\ker f)\langle x \rangle) = b.$$

hence  $\bar{f}$  is surjective.

• we show that the diagram is commutative:

let  $x \in A$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi \circ \bar{f} \circ \rho_{\ker f})(x) &= \pi(\bar{f}(\rho_{\ker f}(x))) = \\ &= \bar{f}((\ker f)\langle x \rangle) \stackrel{\text{def } \bar{f}}{=} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{hence } \pi \circ \bar{f} \circ \rho_{\ker f} = f.$$

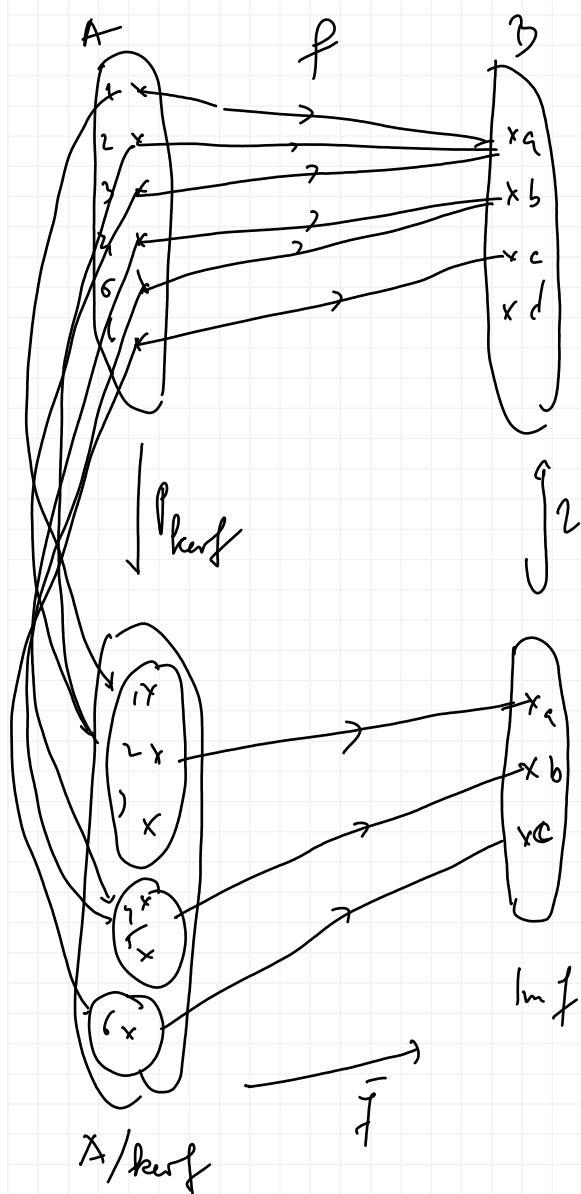
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Example Consider the function  $f: \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c, d\}$



$f$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x)$	a	a	a	b	b	c

Apply the 1<sup>st</sup> factorization theorem  
(i.e. determine all the objects from the statement of the theorem)

\*  $\text{Im } f = \{a, b, c\}$

$f^{-1}(a) = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$f^{-1}(b) = \{4, 5\}$

$f^{-1}(c) = \{6\}$

\*  $A/\text{kern } f = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}\}$

\*  $\text{kern } f = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5), (5, 5), (5, 4), (6, 6)\}$

$x \in A$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x) \in B$	a	a	a	b	b	c

\*  $\uparrow_{\text{kern } f} (x) \mid \{1, 2, 3\} \quad \{4, 5\} \quad \{6\}$

$(x \mapsto y)$	a	b	c
$(y \mapsto z)$	a	b	c

$(\text{kern } f)(x) \in A/\text{kern } f$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$	$\{4, 5\}$	$\{6\}$
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\*  $\bar{f}((\text{kern } f)(x)) \mid a \quad b \quad c$