

Permutation Group of Functions

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In this paper I show that the permutation group of functions satisfies the axioms of Group Theory.

A permutation f on a finite identity map $id := [0, n)$ has the following property:

$$\exists n : \text{nat} \{ f^n \leq id \}$$

The same interpretation can be used on functions, therefore id corresponds to the identity function.

From this axiom alone, one can derive the axioms of Group Theory over function composition:

$f^a \cdot f^b \leq f^{(a+b)\%n}$	Closure
$(f^a \cdot f^b) \cdot f^c \leq f^a \cdot (f^b \cdot f^c)$	Associativity
f^n	Identity element
$f^0 \cdot f^0 \leq f^0$	Inverse element for $n = 0$
$f^1 \cdot f^1 \leq f^1$	Inverse element for $n = 1$
$f \cdot f^{n-1} \leq f^{n-1} \cdot f \leq f^n$	Inverse element for $n > 1$

Some consequences:

$(n == 0) == (f \leq ())$	The unit element $()$
$(f^1 \leq id) \leq (f \leq id)$	The id function
$(f^2 \leq id) \leq (f^1 \leq f)$	Self inverse
$(f^n \leq id) \leq (f^1 \leq f^{n-1})$	General inverse when $n > 1$

Any constant can be thought of as constructed by a function of type $() \rightarrow T$.

Since $id_0 : () \rightarrow ()$ for $()$, it means that $f^0 \leq id$ is logically equivalent to $f \leq ()$.

Applying the general inverse when $n = 1$ would lead to an undefined case:

$$id^{-1} \leq id^0$$

Luckily, since $id^2 \leq id$, it also satisfies its own self inverse, which implies $f^0 \leq id$ for all f :

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore & (id^2 \leq id) \Rightarrow (id^{-1} \leq id) \\ \therefore & \forall f \{ f^0 \leq id \} \end{aligned}$$