

VE203 Review Class Week 7

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Outline

- 1 RC Week 7
 - Induction
 - Counting
 - Group Theory

Pure Set Theory

- The only objects are sets
- Like $\{\emptyset\}$, $\{\{\emptyset\}, \emptyset\}$, etc.

Definition

Let V be the set of all sets. L is the set of all sets that have \emptyset as a member.

$$L = \{x \in V \mid \emptyset \in x\}$$

- (L, \subseteq) is a complete lattice because every subset $A \subseteq L$ has both l.u.b. $(\bigvee A)$ and g.l.b. $(\bigwedge A)$.

Successor Operation

Definition

$S : V \rightarrow V,$

$$S(x) = x \cup \{x\}, \quad \forall x \in V$$

Definition

$F : L \rightarrow L,$

$$F(A) = A \cup S'' A, \quad \forall A \in L$$

- Successor operation operates sets (object-level).
- F treats A the set of sets (set-level).
- E.g. $S(\emptyset) = \emptyset \cup \{\emptyset\} = \{\emptyset\}$
- E.g. $F(\{\emptyset\}) = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{S(\emptyset)\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$

A flawed definition of \mathbb{N}

- Further, F is order-preserving.
- According to *Tarski-Knaster Theorem*, F has at least a fixed point, i.e. $F(X) = X \cup S''X = X$.
- In other words, if you take arbitrary element x in X and do successor operation once, you will find that the result $S(x)$ is still in X .
- We define the \subseteq -least fixed point as \mathbb{N}_{def} .

$$0 := \emptyset$$

$$1 := S(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$$

$$2 := S(S(\emptyset)) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$$

$$\vdots$$

A flawed definition of \mathbb{N}

Example

$$\{0, 1, 2\} \Leftrightarrow \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$$

$$F(\{0, 1, 2\}) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

- To get 3, we treat the current set $\{0, 1, 2\}$ as the new element and put it into our new set.

$$3 \Leftrightarrow \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\{0, 1, 2, \mathbf{3}\} \Leftrightarrow \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\} \}$$

- The natural number matches the cardinality of the corresponding set

A flawed definition of \mathbb{N}

- Now we know that $F(\mathbb{N}_{def}) = \mathbb{N}_{def}$
- \mathbb{N}_{def} is the \subseteq -least fixed point, which means any other fixed point X ($\emptyset \in X$) satisfies that $\mathbb{N}_{def} \subseteq X$.

Theorem

The order \leq is a well ordering of \mathbb{N}_{def} .

Theorem

\mathbb{N}_{def} satisfies the principle of induction: If a property $P(x)$ is such that $P(0)$ holds, and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_{def}$, if $P(n)$ holds, then $P(n+1)$ holds, then for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_{def}$, $P(n)$ holds

Principle of Induction in \mathbb{N}_{def}

- If principle of induction does not hold, then for some $n \in \mathbb{N}_{def}$ $P(n)$ does not hold.

Proof.

Let $A = \{n \in \mathbb{N}_{def} \mid P(n)\} \subset \mathbb{N}_{def}$, also $\emptyset \in A$. Thus A becomes the least fixed point rather than \mathbb{N}_{def} . □

Steps for Induction

Steps

- 1 Define the property $P(n)$ properly.
- 2 Show that $P(n_0)$ holds. n_0 is not necessarily 0.
- 3 Show that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq n_0$, $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$. Use the result from $P(n)$ to derive $P(n+1)$.
- 4 Conclusion.

Strong Induction

Steps

- ① Define $A(n)$ properly.
 - ② Show that $A(n_0)$ holds.
 - ③ Show that $\forall n \geq n_0$, if for all $n_0 \leq k \leq n$, $A(k)$ holds, then $A(n+1)$ holds.
 - ④ Conclusion.
- Strong induction allows using all the proved previous conclusions to derive the next, rather than only the previous one.

Recursive Defined Functions

- ① $f(0) = n_0$ (initial condition).
- ② $G(n, f(n)) = (n + 1, f(n + 1))$ (rule).
- ③ $X = \{R \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \mid (0, n_0) \in R\}$
- ④ X is a complete lattice because arbitrary set $A \subseteq X$ satisfies that $\bigwedge A = \bigcap A$ and $\bigvee A = \bigcup A$ ($(0, n_0) \in \bigcap A$).
- ⑤ $F : X \rightarrow X$ with $F(R) = R \cup G''R$ is order preserving ($R \subseteq T \Rightarrow F(R) \subseteq F(T)$).
- ⑥ There exists a least f in X s.t. $F(f) = f \cup G''f = f$ (why least?).
- ⑦ Thus f represents $\{(0, f(0)), (1, f(1)), \dots\}$.

Structural Induction

Definition

- A is \subseteq -least, $B \subseteq A$, A is closed under C_1, \dots, C_n .
 - For all $b \in B$, $P(b)$ holds
 - For all a_1, \dots, a_m and c and $1 \leq i \leq n$, if $P(a_1), \dots, P(a_m)$ all hold and c is obtained from a_1, \dots, a_m by a single application of C_i , then $P(c)$ holds
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- Use part of the proved conclusions to derive the next one. The index of next conclusion is determined by some defined principle C_i .

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Subsets of size k

Definition

Let A be a finite set and $0 \leq k \leq |A|$, then

$$\mathcal{P}_k(A) = \{x \in \mathcal{P}(A) \mid |x| = k\}$$

Definition

$$\binom{n}{k} = |\mathcal{P}_k([n])|, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n$$

- The notation $\binom{n}{m}$ is more powerful than C_n^m .
- Please notice the order of n and m .

Pascal's Triangle

Lemma

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for all $0 \leq k \leq n$, $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$

Theorem

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for all $0 \leq k \leq n$,

$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1}$$

- To understand the proof, imagine that you pick a special item and split the items to two parts.

Binomial Theorem

Theorem

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 1$,

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$$

- You can prove by induction.

Corollary

$$(1 + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} y^k$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$$

Other finite sets

Theorem

$$|\mathcal{P}_n([2n])| = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2$$

- To understand the proof, remind *Cauchy Product*.

Theorem

$$|\mathcal{P}([n])| = 2^n$$

Counting

Theorem

The number of solutions to the equation $x_1 + \cdots + x_n = r$ with $x_1, \cdots, x_n \in \mathbb{N}$ is

$$\binom{n+r-1}{r}$$

Proof.

Construct a bijection between the set of solutions and $\mathcal{P}_{n-1}([n+r-1])$

$$F(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = \{x_1, x_1 + x_2 + 1, \cdots, n - 2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\}$$

Only consider the subsets of size $n - 1$ because x_n is automatically determined after the first $n - 1$ variables are determined. □

Counting

- Of course many other methods to prove this are available.
- What if $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$?

Example

Prove that if $x_i > 0$, the number of solutions to

$$x_1 + \dots + x_n = r$$

is equal to

$$\binom{2n + r - 1}{r + n}$$

- Hint: denote $y_i = x_i - 1$

Counting

- The problem of $x_1 + \cdots + x_n = r$ is equivalent to deliver r items into n different parts.

Theorem

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq k \leq n$. The number of ordered k -tuples of distinct elements of $[n]$ is

$$\binom{n}{k} k!$$

- An advanced tool called Generating functions (\leftrightarrow *Hyperlink*) will greatly enhance your counting abilities. Maybe it will help you with assignments.
- *Hyperlink* \leftrightarrow Ordinary generating functions
- *Hyperlink* \leftrightarrow Exponential generating functions

Generating Functions (Extra Part)

- You are not required to understand this page. Only for interests.

Example

If we have many coins. 5 of \$1, 3 of \$2, 2 of \$5. How many compositions do we have to get \$15?

Solution

We define the *Ordinary Generating Function* for each type of coins:

$$G_1(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5$$

$$G_2(x) = 1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6$$

$$G_5(x) = 1 + x^5 + x^{10}$$

The answer is the **coefficient** in front of the term x^{15} in the expansion of $G_1(x)G_2(x)G_5(x)$

Generating Functions (Extra Part)

Solution (continued.)

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(x)G_2(x)G_5(x) \\ &= (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5)(1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6)(1 + x^5 + x^{10}) \\ &= 1 + x + 2x^2 + 2x^3 + 3x^4 + 4x^5 + 4x^6 + \cdots + 4x^{15} + \cdots + x^{21} \end{aligned}$$

Thus there are 4 compositions in total.

- Although it seems tedious, it's extremely useful when you have infinite coins:

$$G_1(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

- Exponential Generating Function* is even more interesting.

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Groups



Figure: The Big Bang Theory Season 11

Groups

Definition

A group is a pair (G, \cdot) where G is a set and $\cdot : G \times G \rightarrow G$, called the group operation and pronounced as the product", that satisfies:

- $x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
- There exists an **identity** $e \in G$ such that for all $x \in G$

$$x \cdot e = e \cdot x = x$$

and for all $x \in G$, there exists the inverse of x : $y \in G$ such that

$$x \cdot y = y \cdot x = e$$

- \cdot is essentially a function and closed on G .
- Is it possible to have two identities? Two inverses?

Abelian Groups

Definition

Let (G, \cdot) be a group, then (G, \cdot) is Abelian if for all $x, y \in G$,

$$x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

Example

- $(\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ is an abelian group.
- Let $X = \{x \in \mathbb{C} \mid |x| = 1\}$. (X, \cdot) is an abelian group.
- Let $X = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = ax, a \neq 0\}$. (X, \circ) is an abelian group.
- Let $X = \{M \text{ is a matrix} \mid M \text{ is a square matrix with size } n \times n\}$. Is (X, \cdot) a group? What if only invertible $M_{n \times n}$?

Algebra in Groups

Lemma

Let (G, \cdot) be a group. If $a, b, c \in G$ and $a \cdot b = a \cdot c$, then $b = c$.

- Cancellation Law

Corollary

Let (G, \cdot) be a group and $a \in G$. If $a \cdot a = a$, then $a = e$

Symmetric Groups

Definition

Let $X = \{f : [n] \rightarrow [n] \mid f \text{ is a bijection}\}$. (X, \circ) is called the symmetric group on n elements and is written as S_n .

- *Cycle Notation* is used to clearly indicate a bijection.
- The Composition of bijections is still a bijection. Using cycle, we see $(k_1 \cdots k_m)(p_1 \cdots p_q)$ (\circ is usually omitted).
- Thus, the multiplication between cycles is essentially the compositions of functions.

Cycles

Example

If $f \in S_6$ is defined as

$$0 \rightarrow 4$$

$$1 \rightarrow 5$$

$$2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$3 \rightarrow 3$$

$$4 \rightarrow 2$$

$$5 \rightarrow 1$$

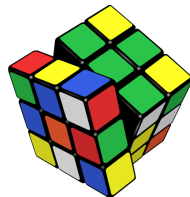
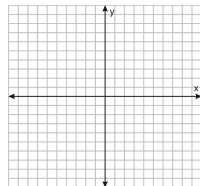
Then f is written as $(15)(042)$. However, it's not the only expression.

- E.g. $(15)(02)(04)$, $(15)(042)(34)(34)$, $(15)(024)(024)$, \dots

Other Groups in Our Life

Example

- If you have a horse on an infinite $x - y$ map and encode all the eight directions that the horse can go...
- If you are interested in rubik's cube, you will find that each formula is a cycle, which is a bijection of several cubes from one position to another. The identity is the initial status.



The End

Thank You!