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# Real Analysis and Topology

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## Introduction

The following are complementary reading for the course.

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**Notation.** Unbracketed superscripts are used to label the components of vectors, with unbracketed subscripts labelling different vectors.

# 1 Euclidean spaces

**Definition 1.0.1** ( $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). The set  $\mathbb{R}^n = \{(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) : x^i \in \mathbb{R}, \forall i \in [1, n]\}$  will be considered with the operations to make it a real vector space.

## 1.1 Euclidean norm

**Definition 1.1.1** (Inner product). We will have the **inner product** on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying:

$$\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^n x^i y^i,$$

with the **Euclidean norm** given by,

$$\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty) \text{ with } \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}.$$

**Proposition 1.1.2** (Properties of the Euclidean norm). The Euclidean norm satisfies the following properties:

(N1) for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|x\| \geq 0$  achieving equality iff  $x = 0$ ,

(N2) for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\|$ ,

(N3) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ ,

**Theorem 1.1.3** (Cauchy-Swartz inequality). For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$ .

**Theorem 1.1.4** (Reverse triangle inequality). For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\|$ .

**Proposition 1.1.5.** For  $x = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\max_{k \in [1, n]} |x^k| \leq \|x\| \leq \sqrt{n} \max_{k \in [1, n]} |x^k|.$$

*Proof.* Exercise □

## 1.2 Convergence in $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Definition 1.2.1** (Open ball). In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we define the **open ball** around  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of size  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  as

$$B_r(x) := \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - y\| < r\}.$$

This will be analogous to the notion of open intervals used throughout analysis 1.

**Definition 1.2.2** (Sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). A **sequence** in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an ordered list  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_i \dots$  with  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , written  $(x_i)_{i=0}^\infty$

**Definition 1.2.3** (Convergence in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). We say a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(x_i)_{i=0}^\infty$  **converges to**  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  iff

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that, } \forall n \geq N, \|x_i - x\| < \epsilon$$

and we write  $x_i \rightarrow x$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  or  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i = x$ .

**Lemma 1.2.4.** The sequence of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(x_i)_{i=0}^\infty$ , converges to some  $x = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  iff each component of  $x_i$  converges to the corresponding component in  $x$ :

$$\forall k \in [1, n] \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i^k = x^k.$$

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) Given  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i^k = x^k$  for all  $k \in [1, n]$  we have that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $|x_i^k - x^k| < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{n}}$  for all  $i \geq N_k$  for each  $k \in [1, n]$  respectively. We take  $N = \max_{k \in [1, n]} N_k$  and now have:

$$\max_{k \in [1, n]} |x_i^k - x^k| < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{n}} \implies \|x_i - x\| \leq \sqrt{n} \max_{k \in [1, n]} |x_i^k - x^k| < \epsilon.$$

( $\impliedby$ ) Similarly, given  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i = x \implies \|x_i - x\| < \epsilon$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ :

$$|x_i^k - x^k| \leq \max_{k \in [1, n]} |x_i^k - x^k| \leq \|x_i - x\| < \epsilon,$$

therefore  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i^k = x^k$  for all  $k \in [1, n]$ . □

## 2 Continuity and limits of functions

### 2.1 Open sets

**Definition 2.1.1** (Open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). A subset  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is **open** in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  iff:

$$\forall x \in U, \exists r > 0 \text{ such that } B_r(x) \subseteq U.$$

### 2.2 Continuity

**Definition 2.2.1** (Continuity). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  then we have  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  **continuous at** some  $p \in A$  iff

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } \forall x \in A \text{ with } \|x - p\| < \delta, \|f(x) - f(p)\| < \epsilon.$$

If  $f$  is continuous at all  $p \in A$  we say  $f$  is **continuous on**  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.2.2.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $f : A \rightarrow B$  continuous at  $p \in A$ . Suppose  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  is continuous at  $f(p)$ , then  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  is continuous at  $p$ .

*Proof.* Given any  $\epsilon > 0$  have  $\|x - p\| < \delta_f \circ \delta_g(\epsilon) \implies \|f(x) - f(p)\| < \delta_g(\epsilon) \implies \|g \circ f(x) - g \circ f(p)\| < \epsilon$ .  $\square$

## 3 Derivative of maps of Euclidean spaces

### 3.1 Total derivatives

**Definition 3.1.1** (Total derivative). Given open  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , the function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is **differentiable at**  $p \in \Omega$  iff there is a linear map  $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  satisfying:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \frac{\|f(x) - f(p) - \Lambda(x - p)\|}{\|x - p\|} = 0.$$

Have  $Df(p) := \Lambda$  be the **total derivative** of  $f$  at  $p$ .

**Remark 3.1.2.** Given  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable at  $p \in (a, b)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \frac{\|f(x) - f(p) - \Lambda(x - p)\|}{\|x - p\|} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \frac{|f(x) - f(p) - \lambda \cdot (x - p)|}{|x - p|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \left| \frac{f(x) - f(p)}{x - p} - \lambda \right| = 0 \\ \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \left| \frac{f(x) - f(p)}{x - p} \right| &= \lambda, \text{ which satisfies the normal definition for a derivative.} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.1.3** (Uniqueness of total derivative). If the total derivative of a function  $f : \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  exists, then it is unique.

*Proof.*  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1.4** (Chain rule). Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\Omega' \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  be open and have  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$ ,  $f : \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  differentiable at  $p, g(p)$  respectively and let  $h := f \circ g$ ,  $Dh(p) = Df(g(p)) \circ Dg(p)$ .

*Proof.*  $\square$

### 3.2 Directional and partial derivatives

**Definition 3.2.1** (Direction derivative). Suppose  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is open with  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  differentiable at  $p \in \Omega$ . For all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the **directional derivative** of  $f$  at  $p$  in the direction of  $v$  is:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial v}(p) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(p + tv) - f(p)}{t} = Df(p)[v].$$

With the partial derivatives of  $f$  given by:

$$D_i f(p) := \frac{\partial f}{\partial e_i}(p), \text{ for all } i \in [1, n].$$

**Remark 3.2.2.** If the total derivative of a function exists, then so do all of its directional derivatives.

**Theorem 3.2.3.** If  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is open with  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with all partial derivatives existing for all  $x \in \Omega$ . If the map  $x \mapsto D_i f(x)$  is continuous at  $p \in \Omega$  for all partial derivatives, then  $f$  is differentiable at  $p$ .

*Proof.*  $\square$

### 3.3 Higher order derivatives

**Definition 3.3.1** (Second order partial derivatives). Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open with differentiable  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  written as  $(f^1, f^2, \dots, f^n)^T$ , the  $ik$ th second partial derivative at  $p$  is

$$D_k D_i f^j(p) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{D_i f^j(p + te_k) - D_i f^j(p)}{t}.$$

This can naturally be extended to  $n$ th order partial derivatives.

**Theorem 3.3.2.** Given open  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  differentiable on  $\Omega$ , consider the map:

$$\begin{aligned} Df &: \Omega \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m) \cong M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ p &\longmapsto Df(p) \end{aligned},$$

which we can now show to be continuous or differentiable at  $p \in \Omega$ , when differentiable we can take  $DDf(p) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$ . The components of the corresponding matrix are give by:

$$[DDf(p)[h]]_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n D_k D_i f^j(p) h^k.$$

*Proof.*

□

**Remark 3.3.3.** The condition of a function being  $k$  times differentiable at a point  $p$  can is often difficult to establish, instead the continuous existence of all  $k - th$  partial derivatives in a neighbourhood of  $p$  is a preferable question which implies the former statement.

**Theorem 3.3.4** (Schwartz's theorem). Suppose  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is open and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is differentiable on  $\Omega$  with  $D_i D_j f(p), D_j D_i f(p)$  both exist continuous only  $\Omega$ ; then we have

$$D_i D_j f(p) = D_j D_i f(p) \text{ for all } p \in \Omega.$$

*Proof.*

□

**Notation 3.3.5.** We need the following necessary notation around an  $n$ -vector of non-negative integers,  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}_{>0})^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , to easily express Taylor's theorem in multiple dimensions:

1.  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n$ ,
2.  $D^\alpha f = (D_1)^{\alpha_1} (D_2)^{\alpha_2} \dots (D_n)^{\alpha_n}$ ,
3. for some vector  $h = (h^1, h^2, \dots, h^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $h^\alpha = ((h^1)^{\alpha_1}, (h^2)^{\alpha_2}, \dots, (h^n)^{\alpha_n})$ ,
4.  $\alpha! = \alpha_1! \alpha_2! \dots \alpha_n!$ .

**Theorem 3.3.6** (Taylor's theorem). Given  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $f : B_r(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , for some  $r > 0$ ,  $k$ -times continuous differentiable on  $B_r(p)$  and some  $\|h\| < r$ ; we have:

$$f(p + h) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k-1} \frac{h^\alpha}{\alpha!} D^\alpha f(p) + R_k(p, h).$$

Where the remainder term,  $R_k(p, h)$  is given by:

$$R_k(p, h) = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{h^\alpha}{\alpha!} D^\alpha f(x).$$

*Proof.*

□



## 4 Inverse and implicit function theorems

### 4.1 Inverse function theorem

**Theorem 4.1.1** (Inverse function theorem). Have  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  continuous differentiable on  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $Df(p)$  be invertible for a  $p \in \Omega$ . There exists open sets  $U \in \Omega$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $f : U \rightarrow V$  is a bijection. Furthermore,  $f^{-1} : V \rightarrow U$  is continuous differentiable on  $V$  with:

$$Df^{-1}(y) = [Df(f^{-1}(y))]^{-1}.$$

**Lemma 4.1.2.** Have  $B_r(p) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $f : B_r(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  continuously differentiable. If there exists some  $M \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  with  $|D_j f^i(x)| < M$  for all  $x \in B_r(p)$  then

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq nM\|x - y\|, \text{ for all } x, y \in B_r(p).$$

*Proof.*

□

**Lemma 4.1.3.**

**Lemma 4.1.4.**

**Lemma 4.1.5.**

*Proof of Theorem 4.1.1 (Inverse function theorem).*

□

### 4.2 Implicit function theorem

**Theorem 4.2.1** (Implicit function theorem). Given  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Omega' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  both open with  $f : \Omega \times \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  continuous differentiable on  $\Omega \times \Omega'$ . If there is some  $p \in \Omega \times \Omega'$  with  $f(p) = 0$  and  $D_{n+j} f^i(p)$  invertible for  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ . Then, there are open sets  $A \in \Omega$  and  $B \in \Omega'$  containing  $a$  and  $b$  respectively such that for all  $x \in A$  there is a unique and differentiable  $g(x) \in B$  with  $f(x, g(x)) = 0$ .

*Proof.*

□

## 5 Metric spaces

### 5.1 Introduction

**Definition 5.1.1** (Metric). A **metric** on some arbitrary set  $X$  is a function:

$$d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

that satisfies the following properties for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

(M1)  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  with  $d(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$  (positivity),

(M2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  (symmetry),

(M3)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  (triangle inequality).

**Definition 5.1.2** (Metric space). A **metric space** is a pair consisting of a set and a metric on said set, often denoted  $M = (X, d)$ . The elements of  $X$  are called **points** and for any two points of  $M$ ,  $x, y$ , their **distance (with respect to  $d$ )** is  $d(x, y)$ .

**Examples 5.1.3.** The following are common examples of metric spaces:

1. have  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $d_1 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $d_1(x, y) := |x - y|$ ,

2. have  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  and have  $d(x, y) := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x^i - y^i)^2}$ ,

3. for an arbitrary non-empty set  $X$  we have  $d_{\text{disc}} : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $d_{\text{disc}}(x, y) := 0$  iff  $x = y$  and 1 otherwise (discrete metric),

4. have  $X$  be the set of bounded real sequences, then we can have  $d_\infty : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $d_\infty(x, y) := \sup_{k \geq 1} |x^k - y^k|$ ,
5. let  $X$  be the set of continuous real functions on  $[a, b]$  with  $d(f, g) := \int_{t=a}^b |f(t) - g(t)| dt$ .

**Definition 5.1.4** (Induced metric). Given the metric space  $(X, d)$  and some  $Y \subset X$ , we have  $d_Y : Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $d_Y(x, y) = d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in Y$  as the **induced metric** on  $Y$ .  $(Y, d_Y)$  is a **metric subspace** of  $(X, d)$ .

## 5.2 Normed vector spaces

**Definition 5.2.1** (Normed vector spaces). Given a real-vector space  $V$ , a function  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a **norm** on  $V$  iff the following hold for all  $u, v \in V$ :

- (N1)  $\|v\| \geq 0$  with  $\|v\| = 0$  iff  $v = 0_V$ ,
- (N2) for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|v\|$ ,
- (N3)  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ .

A vector space together with a norm is a **normed vector space**.

**Lemma 5.2.2.** If  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is a normed vector space,  $d_{\|\cdot\|} : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $d_{\|\cdot\|}(u, v) = \|u - v\|$  is a metric on  $V$ .

*Proof.*

□

## 5.3 Open and closed sets

**Definition 5.3.1** ( $\epsilon$ -ball). Given a point  $x$  in the metric space  $(X, d)$  and a real  $\epsilon > 0$ , the **ball** of radius  $\epsilon$  centred at  $x$  is the set,

$$B_\epsilon(x) := \{y \in X : d(x, y) < \epsilon\},$$

which is sometimes referred to as a neighbourhood of  $x$ .

**Definition 5.3.2** (Open sets). Given metric space  $(X, d)$  a set  $U \subseteq X$  is **open** in  $(X, d)$  iff, for all  $u \in U$  there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_\delta(u) \subseteq U$ .

**Proposition 5.3.3.** Have  $\mathcal{X} = (X, d)$  a metric space, the follow hold true:

1.  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  are open in  $\mathcal{X}$ ,
2. for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(x)$  is open in  $\mathcal{X}$ ,
3. the union of (up to uncountably many) open sets in  $\mathcal{X}$  are open in  $\mathcal{X}$ ,
4. the intersection of finitely many open sets in  $\mathcal{X}$  is open in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

*Proof.*

□

**Definition 5.3.4** (Topological equivalence). Two metrics  $d, d'$  on  $X$  are **topologically equivalent** iff  $U \subseteq X$  is open in  $(X, d)$  iff it is also open in  $(X, d')$ .

**Definition 5.3.5** (Closed sets). Given the metric space  $(X, d)$  with  $U \subseteq X$ ,  $U$  is **closed** iff  $X \setminus U$  is open.

**Proposition 5.3.6.** A set  $U \subseteq X$  with  $(X, d)$  a metric space is closed iff, every convergent sequence in  $V$  has a limit in  $V$ .

*Proof.*

□

**Proposition 5.3.7.** The intersection of (up to countable many) closed sets in a metric space is closed; the union of finitely many sets in a metric space is closed.

*Proof.*

□

## 5.4 Separable space

**Definition 5.4.1** (Interior, isolated, limits and boundary points). We will have  $(X, d)$  be a metric space with  $V \subseteq X$  and  $x \in X$ :

- $x$  is an **interior point** of  $V$  if there is some  $\delta > 0$  with  $B_\delta(x) \subseteq V$ ,
- $x$  is an **isolated point** of  $V$  if there is some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $V \cap B_\delta(x) = \{x\}$ ,
- $x$  is a **limit point** of  $V$  if for all  $\delta > 0$ , we have  $(B_\delta(x) \cap V) \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ ,
- $x$  is a **boundary point** of  $V$  if it is a limit point, under the previous definition, and  $B_\delta(x) \setminus V \neq \emptyset$ .

**Remark 5.4.2.** Interior and isolated points are necessarily in  $V$ , but limit points and boundary points need not be elements of  $V$ .

**Definition 5.4.3** (Interior, closure and boundary). Once again, we will have  $(X, d)$  a metric space with  $V \subseteq X$ :

- the **interior** of  $V$  is the set of all  $v \in V$  with  $v$  an interior point of  $V$ , denoted  $V^\circ$ ,
- the **closure** of  $V$  is the union of  $V$  with the set of limit points of  $V$ , denoted  $\bar{V}$ ,
- the **boundary** of  $V$  is the set of boundary points of  $V$ , denoted  $\partial V$ .

**Proposition 5.4.4.**  $\partial V = \bar{V} \setminus V^\circ$ .

*Proof.*

□

**Definition 5.4.5** (Dense set). Have  $(X, d)$  a metric space,  $V \subseteq X$  is **dense** in  $(X, d)$  iff  $\bar{V} = X$ .

**Definition 5.4.6** (Separable space). We say the metric space  $(X, d)$  is **separable** if there is a countable, dense set in  $X$ .

## 6 Continuous maps in metric spaces

### 6.1 Convergence

**Definition 6.1.1** (Convergence in metric spaces). Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence in the metric space  $(X, d)$ . We say  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  **converges** in  $(X, d)$  iff:

$$\exists x \in X \text{ such that, } \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \text{ with } d(x_n, x) < \epsilon \text{ for all } n \geq N.$$

And we say  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, d)$ , or any other equivalent phrasing from analysis.

**Definition 6.1.2** (Cauchy sequences). A sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is **Cauchy** in  $(X, d)$  iff

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \text{ such that } \forall n, m \geq N, d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon.$$

**Lemma 6.1.3** (Uniqueness of limits). If the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges to some  $x$  in the metric space  $(X, d)$  then this limit is unique.

*Proof.*

□

**Theorem 6.1.4.** Given two topologically equivalent metrics  $d, d'$  on  $X$ , the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges in  $(X, d)$  iff it also converges in  $(X, d')$ .

*Proof.*

□

## 6.2 Continuity of maps

**Definition 6.2.1** (Continuous map). Given the metric spaces  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ :

1.  $f$  is **continuous at**  $x \in X$  iff for all  $x' \in X$ :

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } d_X(x, x') < \delta \implies d_Y(f(x), f(x')) < \epsilon,$$

2.  $f$  is **continuous on**  $U \subseteq X$  if  $f$  is continuous at every  $u \in U$ ,
3.  $f$  is **uniformly continuous** on  $U \subseteq X$  if  $f$  is continuous on  $U$  and  $\delta = \delta(\epsilon)$  does not depend on  $x$ .

**Theorem 6.2.2.** Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be metric spaces, a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous iff the pre-image of any open  $U \subseteq Y$  is open in  $X$ .

*Proof.* □

**Proposition 6.2.3.** If, similarly,  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  are metric spaces with  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is continuous at  $x \in X$ ,
2. if a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges to  $x \in X$  then  $(f(x_n))_{n \geq 1}$  converges to  $f(x) \in Y$ .

*Proof.* □

## 6.3 Metric homeomorphisms

**Definition 6.3.1** (Homeomorphism). Have  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be metric spaces, a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a **homeomorphism** if it is a bijection with  $f, f^{-1}$  both continuous. Metric spaces with homeomorphisms between them are **homeomorphic**.

**Definition 6.3.2** (Lipschitz). Given metric spaces  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  we say:

1.  $f$  is **Lipschitz** if there is some  $M > 0$  with:

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq M \cdot d_X(x_1, x_2) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in X,$$

2.  $f$  is **bi-Lipschitz** if there is some  $M_1, M_2 > 0$  with:

$$M_1 \cdot d_X(x_1, x_2) \leq d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq M_2 \cdot d_X(x_1, x_2) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in X,$$

3.  $f$  is **isometric** if,

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) = d_X(x_1, x_2) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in X.$$

**Remark 6.3.3.** An isometry between metric spaces is a bi-Lipschitz map with two unit constants.

## 7 Topological spaces

### 7.1 Topologies and their spaces

**Definition 7.1.1** (Topology). Given a non-empty set  $X$ , we say  $\tau$ , a collection of subsets of  $X$ , is a **topology** on  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

(T1)  $\emptyset, X \subseteq \tau$ ,

(T2) if  $X_i \in \tau$  for all  $i$  in a indexing set  $\mathcal{I}$ ,  $\bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} X_i \in \tau$ ,

(T3) if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in \tau$ ,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n X_i \in \tau$ .

The pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a **topological space** with elements of  $X$  called **points** and elements of  $\tau$  called open sets. If  $x \in X$  and  $x \in U \in \tau$ ,  $U$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$ .

**Examples 7.1.2.** These are some common examples of topological spaces:

1. for any set  $X$  have  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X\}$ , the trivial topology on  $X$ ,

2. instead have  $\tau$  be the collection of subsets of  $X$ , the discrete topology on  $X$ ,
3. if  $(X, d)$  is a metric space,  $\tau := \{U \subseteq X : U \text{ is open in } (X, d)\}$  the metric topology on  $X$ ,
4. for a non-empty set  $X$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, V, X\}$  for some non-empty  $V \subset X$ ,
5. if  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b\}\}$  is the smallest topological space that is neither trivial nor discrete (called the Sierpinski topology).

**Definition 7.1.3** (Metrisability). A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **metrisable** iff it is the topology induced by some metric.

**Definition 7.1.4** (Coarser and finer topologies). Given two topologies  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  both on  $X$ , we say  $\tau_1$  is **coarser** than  $\tau_2$ , and equivalently  $\tau_2$  is **finer** than  $\tau_1$ , iff  $\tau_2 \subseteq \tau_1$ .

## 7.2 Bases

**Definition 7.2.1** (Basis). Given a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  we call a subfamily  $B \subseteq \tau$  a **basis** for  $\tau$  iff every open set in  $\tau$  is the union of open sets in  $B$ .

## 7.3 Closed sets

**Definition 7.3.1** (Closed sets). Given a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we say  $V \subseteq X$  is **closed** iff  $X \setminus V$  is open.

**Proposition 7.3.2.** Closed sets in any given topological space  $(X, \tau)$  satisfy the following:

- (C1)  $X, \emptyset$  are closed,
- (C2) if  $C_1, C_2$  are closed,  $C_1 \cup C_2$  is closed,
- (C3) the (up to uncountable) intersection of closed sets is closed.

*Proof.* □

**Definition 7.3.3** (Closure). Given an open set  $U$  in the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the **closure** of  $U$  in  $(X, \tau)$  is given by:

$$\bar{U} := \bigcap_{\substack{V \subseteq X \\ V \text{ closed}, A \subseteq V}} V.$$

**Definition 7.3.4** (Point of closure). Given the topological space  $\mathcal{X}$  with  $A \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  is a **point of closure** of  $A$  iff every open set  $U$  with  $x \in U$  has  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proposition 7.3.5.**  $\bar{A} = \{x \in X : x \text{ is a point of closure for } A\}$ .

*Proof.* □

## 7.4 Convergence and Hausdorff property

**Definition 7.4.1** (Convergence). For a sequences  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  we say  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  **converges** (in  $(X, \tau)$ ) to  $x \in X$  iff

$$\forall U \in \tau \text{ with } x \in U, \exists N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \text{ such that } \forall n \geq N, x_n \in U.$$

**Definition 7.4.2** (Hausdorff). A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **Hausdorff** iff for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$  there are open sets  $U, V$  containing  $x, y$  respectively with  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . With  $U$  and  $V$  **separating**  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Theorem 7.4.3.** Limits of convergent sequences in Hausdorff spaces are unique.

*Proof.* □

**Definition 7.4.4** (Regular spaces). A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **regular** iff for every closed subset  $C \subseteq X$  with point  $p \notin C$  there are open sets  $U, V \in \tau$  such that  $p \in U$ ,  $C \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

## 7.5 Continuous maps

**Definition 7.5.1** (Continuous map). Given two topological spaces  $(X, \tau_X), (Y, \tau_Y)$  the map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **continuous** iff  $f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X$  for all  $U \in \tau_Y$ .

**Definition 7.5.2** (Continuity at points). The map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , with  $(X, \tau_X), (Y, \tau_Y)$  topological spaces, is **continuous at**  $x \in X$  iff  $f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X$  for all  $U \in \tau_Y$  with  $f(x) \in U$ .

**Definition 7.5.3** (Homeomorphism). A **homeomorphism** between topological spaces is a bijection map,  $f$ , where both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous. Spaces with homeomorphisms between them are **topologically equivalent**.

## 7.6 Subspaces

**Definition 7.6.1** (Subspace). If  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ , the **subspace topology** on  $A$  is  $\tau_A = \{A \cap U : U \in \tau\}$ ,  $(A, \tau_A)$  is a topological space called the **subspace** of  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof of topological space.* □

**Proposition 7.6.2** (Universal property). Given topological spaces  $(X, \tau_X), (Y, \tau_Y)$  with  $A \subseteq X$  with its subspace topology and  $g : Y \rightarrow A$ ,  $g$  is continuous iff  $i \circ g$  is continuous, where  $i$  is the inclusion map,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ i \circ g \nearrow & & \uparrow i \\ Y & \xrightarrow{g} & A \end{array}.$$

*Proof.* □

**Theorem 7.6.3.** Given the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subseteq X$ , the subspace topology is the only topology such that for all  $(Y, \tau_Y)$ ,  $g : Y \rightarrow A$  is continuous iff  $(i \circ g)$  is continuous.

*Proof.* □

**Lemma 7.6.4.** If  $B$  is a basis for the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $B_A := \{U \cap A : U \in B\}$  is a basis for  $\tau_A$ .

*Proof.* □

**Proposition 7.6.5.** For a metric space  $(X, d)$  with  $A \subseteq X$ , the two canonical topologies on  $A$ ,  $\tau_{d_A}$  and  $T_A$  are equal.

*Proof.* □

## 8 Connectedness

### 8.1 Definition

**Definition 8.1.1** (Disconnected sets). Let

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# Chapter 1

## Groups and Rings

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### Introduction

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# 1 Quotient groups

## 1.1 Group homomorphisms

**Definition 1.1.1** (Group isomorphism). Given groups  $G, H$ , a function  $f : G \rightarrow H$  is a **group isomorphism** if it is a bijective group homomorphism. If there exists an isomorphism between groups,  $G$  is **isomorphic** to  $H$  written  $G \cong H$ .

**Definition 1.1.2** (Group automorphism). Given  $G$  a group, an isomorphism  $f : G \xrightarrow{\sim} G$  is a **group automorphism**.

**Theorem 1.1.3.**  $\text{Aut } G$  (the set of automorphisms of a group  $G$ ) is a group under function composition.

*Proof.* By examining the definition of  $\text{Aut } G$ , taking  $e = \text{id}$  and showing association elementwise.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.1.4.** Given groups  $G, H$ , if  $f : G \xrightarrow{\sim} H$  then  $f^{-1} : H \xrightarrow{\sim} G$ .

*Proof.*  $f^{-1}(f(g_1))f^{-1}(f(g_2)) = g_1g_2 = f^{-1}(f(g_1g_2)) = f^{-1}(f(g_1)g(g_2))$  is sufficient as  $f$  is surjective.  $\square$

## 1.2 Normal subgroups

**Definition 1.2.1** (Normal subgroup). A subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  is **normal**, written  $N \trianglelefteq G$ , if it satisfies any of these equal properties:

- (N1)  $N$  is the kernel of some group homomorphism  $\phi$ ,
- (N2)  $N$  is stable under conjugations ( $\forall n \in N$  and  $g \in G$ ,  $gng^{-1} \in N$ ),
- (N3) for all  $g \in G$   $gN = Ng$ .

*Proof of equivalence.* (N1  $\implies$  N2):  $\phi(gng^{-1}) = \phi(g)\phi(n)\phi(g^{-1}) = \phi(g)\phi(g)^{-1} = e_H$ .

(N2  $\implies$  N3):  $gng^{-1} \in N \implies gn \in Ng$  by  $g^{-1}$  so  $gN \subseteq Ng$ , similarly for  $Ng \subseteq gN$  with  $g^{-1}$  replacing  $g$ .

(N3  $\implies$  N2): The set of left and right cosets of  $G$  by  $N$  are isomorphic with  $N$  as the kernel.  $\square$

## 1.3 Quotient groups

**Definition 1.3.1** (Quotient groups). Let  $N \trianglelefteq G$ , the **quotient group** of  $G$  modulo  $N$ , written  $G/N$ , is the group with elements as left cosets of  $N$  in  $G$  with  $(g_1N) \cdot (g_2N) = (g_1g_2N)$ .

*Proof.* One can easily check this satisfies all of the group axioms.  $\square$

**Remark 1.3.2.** By Lagrange's theorem  $|G/N| = |G|/|N|$ .

**Definition 1.3.3** (Simple group). A group  $G$  is **simple** if it has no normal subgroups except  $\{e_G\}$  and  $G$ .

## 1.4 Isomorphism theorems

**Theorem 1.4.1** (First isomorphism theorem). If  $f : G \rightarrow H$  is a group homomorphism,  $G/\ker f \cong \text{im } f$ .

*Proof.* Have  $\phi : G/\ker f \rightarrow \text{im } f$  with  $\phi : g\ker f \mapsto f(g)$ .

well defined: if  $g\ker f = h\ker f$ ,  $gh^{-1}\ker f = \ker f \implies f(g) = f(gh^{-1}h) = f(gh^{-1})f(h) = f(h)$ .

homomorphism:  $\phi((g\ker f)(h\ker f)) = \phi(gh\ker f) = f(gh) = f(g)f(h) = \phi(g\ker f)\phi(h\ker f)$ .

surjective: any  $h = f(g) \in \text{im } f$  is clearly  $\phi(g\ker f)$  for any  $g \in G$ .

injective: if  $\phi(g\ker f) = e_H$ ,  $f(g) = e_H \implies g \in \ker f$  so  $\ker f = \{\ker \phi\} = \{e_{G/\ker \phi}\}$ . By a lemma from *Linear algebra and groups*, we now have  $\phi$  injective.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.4.2** (Universal property of quotients). Let  $N \trianglelefteq G$  and  $f : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism such that  $N \subseteq \ker f$ . There exists a *unique* homomorphism  $\tilde{f} : G/N \rightarrow H$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & & \\ \pi \downarrow & \searrow f & \\ G/N & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & H \end{array}$$

commutes, (here  $\pi : G \rightarrow G/N$  is the projection map with  $\pi : g \rightarrow gN$ ).

*Proof.* The proof is essentially that of Theorem 1.4.1 with  $H = \text{im } f$ . □

**Lemma 1.4.3.** If  $N \trianglelefteq G$  and  $N \leq H \leq G$  then  $N \trianglelefteq H$ .

*Proof.*  $gN = Ng$  for all  $g \in G$  so also for all  $g \in H$ . □

**Theorem 1.4.4** (Second isomorphism theorem). Let  $K, L \trianglelefteq G$  with  $K \leq L$ ,  $G/L \cong (G/K)/(L/K)$

*Proof.* Have  $f : G/K \rightarrow G/L$ , via same arguments in Theorem 1.4.1,  $f$  is a surjective group homomorphism,  $gK \in \ker f \implies f(gK) = gL = L$  so  $g \in L$  and  $\ker f = L/K$ . By Theorem 1.4.1,  $(G/K)/(\ker f) = (G/K)/(L/K) \cong (G/L)$ . □

**Definition 1.4.5** (Frobenius product). Given  $A, B \subseteq G$  a group, the **(Frobenius) product** of  $A$  and  $B$  is

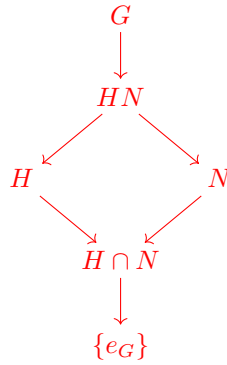
$$AB := \{ab \in G : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

**Lemma 1.4.6.** Given  $H, N \leq G$  a group,  $N$  is normal  $\implies HN \leq G$  and  $N, H$  normal  $\implies HN \trianglelefteq G$ .

*Proof.* 1.  $HN$  is nonempty with  $(h_1n_1)(h_2n_2) = (n_1n_3)(h_1h_2) \in NH$  for some  $n_3 \in N$  and  $(hn)^{-1} = n^{-1}h^{-1} \in Nh^{-1} = h^{-1}N \subseteq HN$ . □

2.  $gHNg^{-1} = gHg^{-1} \cdot gNg^{-1} = HN$ . □

**Theorem 1.4.7** (Third isomorphism theorem). If  $H \leq G$  and  $N \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $H/(H \cap N) \cong (HN)/N$ . This is ometimes called the *diamond theorem* due to the shape of the subgroup lattice it produces:



where arrows point to subgroups.

*Proof.* Have  $\phi : H \rightarrow G/N$  be the canonical map,  $\ker \phi = H \cap N$  as  $hN = N$  iff  $h \in N$ ,  $\text{im } \phi = \{hN : h \in H\} = HN/N$ , Theorem 1.4.1 on  $\phi$  gives the result. □

**Note 1.4.8.** The naming of the group isomorphism theorems throughout literatue is very inconsistent.

## 1.5 Centres

**Definition 1.5.1** (Inner automorphisms). Given the group  $G$  the conjugations by elements of  $G$  form the group  $\text{Inn } G \trianglelefteq \text{Aut } G$ .

*Proof.* Have  $\phi : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$  assigning to each element in  $g \in G$  the conjugation map by  $G$ ,  $\text{Inn}(G) = \text{im } \phi \subset \text{Aut}(G)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 1.5.2** (Centre of group). Given the group  $G$  the elements of  $G$  that commute with all other elements form the **centre** of  $G$ ,  $Z(G) \trianglelefteq G$ .

*Proof of normality.* Have  $\phi : G \rightarrow \text{Aut } G$  with  $\phi : g \mapsto \text{conjugation by } g$ ,  $\ker \phi = Z(G)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 1.5.3.** If  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic,  $G$  is Abelian.

*Proof.*  $G/Z(G) = \langle aZ(G) \rangle$  for some  $a \in G$ , for all  $g \in G$   $gZ(G) = [aZ(G)]^m = a^m Z(G)$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  therefore  $a^{-m}g = z \in Z(G)$  so  $g = a^m z$  and for all  $g, h \in G$  we have  $gh = a^n z_g a^m z_h = a^{n+m} z_g z_h = a^m z_h a^n z_g = hg$ .  $\square$

## 1.6 Commutators

**Definition 1.6.1** (Commutator). For  $a, b \in G$  a group, we have  $[a, b] := aba^{-1}b^{-1}$  the **commutator** of  $a$  and  $b$ .  $[G, G]$  is the smallest subgroup of  $G$  containing all commutators of elements of  $G$ , called the **commutator** of  $G$ .

**Remark 1.6.2.** A group  $G$  is Abelian iff  $[G, G] = e_G$ .

**Theorem 1.6.3.** Given  $G$  a group,  $[G, G] \trianglelefteq G$  with its quotient in  $G$  Abelian.

**Theorem 1.6.4.** Let  $N \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $G/N$  is Abelian iff  $[G, G] \subseteq N$ .

**Theorem 1.6.5.** Given a group  $G$  with  $A, B \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $A \cap B = \{e_G\}$  and  $AB = G$ ;  $A \times B \cong G$ .

## 1.7 Torsion and $p$ -primary subgroups

**Definition 1.7.1** (Torsion subgroup). Given an abelian group  $G$ , the set of elements of  $G$  with finite order form the **torsion subgroup** of  $G$ , denoted  $G_{\text{tors}}$ . When  $G = G_{\text{tors}}$ , we call  $G$  a **torsion Abelian group**.

**Definition 1.7.2** ( $p$ -primary subgroups). Given an abelian group  $G$ , the set of elements of  $G$  with order  $p$  (a prime) is the  **$p$ -primary subgroup** of  $G$ , written  $G\{p\}$ . When  $G = G\{p\}$ , we call  $G$  a  **$p$ -primary torsion Abelian group**.

**Theorem 1.7.3.** Let the prime factorisation of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be  $p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_m^{a_m}$  with  $C_n$  the cyclic group of order  $n$ .

$$C_n \cong C_{p_1^{a_1}} \times C_{p_2^{a_2}} \times \dots \times C_{p_m^{a_m}}.$$

*Proof.*  $\square$

## 1.8 Generators

**Lemma 1.8.1.** Given an indexing set  $\mathcal{I}$ , and a sequence of subgroups  $(H_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \leq H$ ,  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} H_i \leq G$ .

**Definition 1.8.2** (Subgroup generated by a set). Given  $S \subseteq G$  a group,

$$\langle S \rangle := \left( \bigcap_{S \subseteq H \leq G} H \right) \leq G$$

is the **subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $S$** . If  $\langle S \rangle = G$  then we say  $S$  **generates  $G$**  and  $G$  is **finitely generated** if  $S$  is finite.

## 1.9 Classification of finitely generated Abelian groups

**Definition 1.9.1** (Free Abelian group of rank  $n$ ). The **Free Abelian group of rank  $n$**  is the group  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  under addition. The free abelian group of rank 0 is the trivial group.

**Lemma 1.9.2.** If  $\mathbb{Z}^m \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$  then  $n = m$ , so the rank of a free abelian group is well defined.

**Lemma 1.9.3.** Any subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  is isomorphic to some  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  for some  $m \leq n$ .

**Theorem 1.9.4.** Every finitely generated Abelian group is isomorphic to a product of finitely many cyclic groups.

**Theorem 1.9.5.** Every finitely generated Abelian group is isomorphic to a product of finitely many infinite cyclic groups and finitely many cyclic groups of prime order. The number of infinite cyclic factors and the number of cyclic factors of order  $p^r$ , where  $p$  is prime and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  is determined solely by the group.

**Theorem 1.9.6.** A finitely generated Abelian group,  $G$ , is not cyclic iff there exists a prime  $p$  such that  $G \cong C_p \times C_p$ .

## 2 Group actions

### 2.1 Actions

**Definition 2.1.1** (Actions). Given a group  $G$  and a set  $X$ , a **group action** is: a binary operation

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot : G \times X &\longrightarrow X \\ (g, x) &\longmapsto g \cdot x \end{aligned}$$

with  $e_G \cdot x = x$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $(g_1 g_2) \cdot x = g_1 \cdot (g_2 x)$  for all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  and  $x \in X$ ; or, equivalently, a homomorphism  $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{Sym}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.1.2** (Faithful set). An action of a group  $G$  on a set  $X$  is **faithful** if the map  $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{Sym}(X)$  is injective.

### 2.2 Orbit-stabiliser theorem

**Definition 2.2.1** (Orbit). Given a group  $G$  acting on a set  $X$ , the  **$G$ -orbit** of  $x \in X$  is

$$G(x) := \{g \cdot x : g \in G\} \subseteq X.$$

Orbits partition  $X$  into  $X/G$ .

**Definition 2.2.2** (Stabiliser). Given a group  $G$  acting on a set  $X$ , the **stabiliser** of  $x \in X$  is

$$\text{Stab}_G(x) := \{g \in G : g \cdot x = x\} \subseteq G.$$

Stabilisers also partition  $G$ .

**Remark 2.2.3** (Conjugacy classes). When  $G$  acts on itself by conjugations, orbits of  $G$  are the **conjugacy classes**,  $x^G$  of  $G$  and the stabilisers of  $G$  are the centralisers of  $G$ .

**Lemma 2.2.4.** Given a group  $G$  acting on a set  $X$ ,  $\text{Stab}_G(g \cdot x) = g \text{Stab}_G(x) g^{-1}$

**Theorem 2.2.5** (Orbit-stabiliser theorem). Given a group  $G$  acting on a set  $X$ . For all  $x \in X$ , we have  $\phi_x : G/\text{Stab}(x) \xrightarrow{\sim} G(x)$  by  $\phi_x : g \text{Stab}(x) \mapsto g \cdot x$ , giving  $|G(x)| = [G : \text{Stab}(x)] = |G|/|\text{Stab}(x)|$ .

*Proof.* asdfs □

**Corollary 2.2.6.**  $|X| = \sum_{i=1}^n |G(x_i)| = \sum_{i=1}^n [G : \text{Stab}(x_i)]$ .

**Corollary 2.2.7** (Cayley's theorem). Let  $G$  be a finite group of order  $n$ . Then  $S_n \cong \text{Sym}(G)$  contains a finite subgroup isomorphic to  $G$ .

**Corollary 2.2.8** (Cauchy's theorem). Let  $G$  be a finite group of order  $n$  and let  $p$  be a prime factor of  $n$ . Then  $G$  contains an element of order  $p$ .

**Definition 2.2.9** ( $p$ -group). A finite group  $G$  is a  **$p$ -group** if the order of  $G$  is a power of prime  $p$ .

**Theorem 2.2.10.** Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -group,  $Z(G) \neq \{e_G\}$ .

*Proof.* □

## 2.3 Jordan's theorem

**Definition 2.3.1** (Transitive action). Given a group  $G$  acting on a set  $X$ , if  $X$  is a  $G$ -orbit then we say  $G$  acts **transitively** on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3.2** (Fixed points). Given a group  $G$  acting on a set  $X$ , an element  $x \in X$  is a fixed point of  $g \in G$  iff  $g \cdot x = x$ . We have  $\text{Fix}(g) \subseteq X$  the set of fixed points of  $g \in G$  satisfying:

$$\text{Stab}(x) \xleftarrow{\pi_G} \{(x, g) \in X \times G; g \cdot x = x\} \xrightarrow{\pi_X} \text{Fix}(g) .$$

**Theorem 2.3.3** (Jordan's theorem). Let  $G$  act transitively on a finite set  $X$ , we have

$$\sum_{g \in G} |\text{Fix}(g)| = |G|,$$

with there being some element  $g \in G$  such that  $\text{Fix}(g) = \emptyset$ .

**Corollary 2.3.4** (Burnside's lemma). Given a group  $G$  acting on a finite set  $X$ :

$$|X/G| = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |\text{Fix}(g)|.$$

## 3 Rings

### 3.1 Rings

**Definition 3.1.1** (Ring). A ring (with  $1$ ) is a set  $R$  with elements  $0, 1$  and binary operations  $+, \times$  such that

1.  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group with identity  $0$ ,
2.  $(R, \times)$  is a semigroup with  $1$  as the identity,
3. both left and right multiplication are distributive over addition.

**Examples 3.1.2.**  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  are all rings with their normal operations.  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  is the set of real-valued polynomials and is also a ring.

**Definition 3.1.3** (Subring). A subset of a ring which is itself a ring under the same operators with the same  $1$  is a **subring**.

**Definition 3.1.4** (Commutative ring). A ring,  $R$ , is **commutative** iff  $a + b = b + a$  for all  $a, b \in R$ .

**Definition 3.1.5** (Invertible). An element  $x$  of a ring  $R$  is invertible if there exists  $y, z \in R$  with  $yx = zx = 1$ .

**Definition 3.1.6** (Division ring). A ring  $R$  is called a **division ring** if  $R \setminus \{0\}$  is a group under multiplication with identity  $1$ .

**Remark 3.1.7.** A commutative division ring is a field.

**Definition 3.1.8** (Integral domain). A commutative ring  $R$  is an integral domain iff  $0 \neq 1$  and for all  $a, b \in R$   $ab = 0 \implies a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

### 3.2 Ring homomorphisms

**Definition 3.2.1** (Ring homomorphism). Let  $R, S$  be rings, a function  $f : R \rightarrow S$  is a **ring homomorphism** iff it satisfies

1.  $f : (R, +) \rightarrow (S, +)$  is a group homomorphism,
2.  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ ,
3.  $f(1_R) = 1_S$ .

**Lemma 3.2.2.** Given the ring homomorphism  $f : R \rightarrow S$  the kernel of  $f$  is a subgroup of  $(R, +)$  which satisfies  $xr, rx \in \ker f$  for all  $x \in \ker f$  and  $r \in R$ .

### 3.3 Ideals

**Definition 3.3.1** (Ideal). For a ring  $R$ , a subset  $I \subseteq R$  is a **left ideal**, denoted  $I \trianglelefteq R$  iff

1.  $(I, +)$  is a subgroups of  $(R, +)$ ,
2. if  $r \in R$  and  $i \in I$ ,  $ri \in I$ .

Similarly, for **right ideals**. A subset  $I$  is a bi-ideal if it is both a left and right ideal.

**Definition 3.3.2** (Quotient ring). Given ring  $R$  with proper ideal  $I \subset R$ , The quotient abelian group  $R/I$ , with natural multiplication, forms the **quotient ring** of  $R$  by  $I$ .

**Definition 3.3.3** (Principal ideal). Given a commutative ring  $R$  and some  $a \in R$ ,  $aR := \{ax : x \in R\}$  is an ideal called a **principal ideal** with **generator**  $a$ .

**Definition 3.3.4**. A bijective ring homomorphism is a **ring isomorphism**, a ring homomorphism  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is a **ring endomorphism**, an isomorphic ring endomorphism is **ring automorphism**.

**Proposition 3.3.5**. Given the ring homomorphism  $f : R \rightarrow S$ ,  $f(R) = \text{im } R$  is a subring of  $S$  which is isomorphic to  $R/\ker f$ .

**Proposition 3.3.6**. A commutative ring is a field iff its only proper ideal is the trivial / zero ideal.

**Proposition 3.3.7**. Given  $f : R \rightarrow S$  a ring homomorphism with  $J$  a left (or right or bi) ideal of  $S$ ,  $f^{-1}(J)$  is a left (respectively ) ideal of  $R$ .

**Definition 3.3.8** (Prime ideal). Let  $R$  be a commutative ring, a proper ideal  $I \subset R$  is a **prime ideal** iff  $ab \in I$  for  $a, b \in R \implies a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

**Theorem 3.3.9**. If  $I \subset R$  is a prime ideal,  $R/I$  is an integral domain

**Definition 3.3.10** (Maximal ideal). A proper ideal  $I$  in a commutative ring  $R$  is **maximal** iff there are no other proper ideals  $J$  with  $I \subset J$ .

**Theorem 3.3.11**.  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$  iff  $R/I$  is a field.

## 4 Integral domains

Throughout this section we will always have  $R$  be an integral domain.

### 4.1 Integral domains

**Theorem 4.1.1**.  $ab = ac \implies b = c$  for all  $a, b, c \in R$ . (the cancellation law holds for all integral domains)

**Proposition 4.1.2**. For  $a, b \in R$ ,  $aR = bR$  iff  $a = br$  for some  $r \neq 0 \in R$ .

*Proof.*

□

**Theorem 4.1.3**. All fields are integral domains and all finite integral domains are fields.

**Remark 4.1.4**. The ring  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is an integral domain iff it is a field  $\iff n$  is prime.

**Definition 4.1.5** (Unit).  $r \in R$  is a **unit** if there exists some  $y \in R$  with  $x \times y = 1_R$ . We write  $R^\times$  for the group of units in  $R$  under multiplication.

**Definition 4.1.6** (Irreducible).  $r \in R \setminus R^\times$  is **irreducible** if it cannot be written as the product of two elements of  $R \setminus R^\times$ .

### 4.2 Characteristic

**Lemma 4.2.1**. For any ring  $S$  there is a unique ring homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S$ .

*Proof.* Have  $f(0_R) = 0$ ,  $f(1) \rightarrow 1_S$  and inductively have  $f(n)$  be the sum of  $1_S$   $n$  times.

□

**Lemma 4.2.2**. The kernel of the unique homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$  is either  $\{0\}$  or  $p\mathbb{Z}$  for some prime  $p$ .

**Definition 4.2.3** (Characteristic). The **characteristic** of  $R$  is the unique non-negative generator of the kernel of  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ , denoted  $\text{char } R$ .

### 4.3 Polynomial rings

**Definition 4.3.1** (Polynomial ring).  $R[t]$  is, formally, the set of infinite sequences of elements of  $R$  with finitely many non-zero terms, but more helpfully: the set of polynomials in  $t$  with coefficients in  $R$ .

**Definition 4.3.2** (Polynomial degree). The **degree** of a polynomial,  $r_0 + r_1t + r_2t^2 + \dots + r_it^i + \dots \in R[t]$ , is the unique maximum  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $r_i \neq 0$  and 0 otherwise.

**Lemma 4.3.3.** Given  $p(t), q(t) \in R$ ,  $\deg(p(t)q(t)) = \deg(p(t)) + \deg(q(t))$ ,  $R[t]$  is an integral domain and  $R[t]^* = R^*$ .

**Theorem 4.3.4.** If  $k$  is a field with  $a(t), b(t) \in k[t]$  with  $b(t) \neq 0$ , there exists  $q(t), r(t) \in k[t]$  such that  $a(t) = q(t)b(t) + r(t)$  with  $\deg(r(t)) < \deg(b(t))$  and  $q(t), r(t)$  unique.

## 5 PIDs and UFDs

### 5.1 Euclidian domains

**Definition 5.1.1** (Euclidian domain). An integral domain  $R$  is a Euclidian domain if there exists some  $\phi : R^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  satisfying:

1.  $\phi(ab) \leq \phi(a)$  for all  $a, b \neq 0$ ,
2. for all  $a, b \in R$  there exists  $q, r \in R$  with  $a = qb + r$  with  $r = 0$  or  $\phi(r) < \phi(b)$ .

### 5.2 Principal ideal domains

**Definition 5.2.1** (Principal integral domain). An integral domain  $R$  is a **principal integral domain** iff every ideal of  $R$  is principal.

**Theorem 5.2.2.**  $R$  is a Euclidian domain  $\implies R$  is a principal integral domain.

*Proof.*

□

**Corollary 5.2.3.**  $F$  is a field  $\implies F[t]$  is a PID.

### 5.3 Unique factorisation domains

**Definition 5.3.1** (Unique factorisation domain). An integral domain  $R$  is a **unique factorisation domain** iff every element of  $R \setminus R^\times$  can be written as the product of a single unit and finitely many irreducibles in  $R$  which is unique up to rearrangement.

**Definition 5.3.2** (Division). Given  $a, b$  in the integral domain  $R$ , we say  $a$  **divides**  $b$ , written  $a|b$  iff  $b = ra$  for some  $r \in R$  and **properly divides** if  $r \notin R^\times$ .

**Lemma 5.3.3.** Given  $p, a, b \in R$  a UFD, if  $p$  is irreducible then  $p|ab \implies p|a$  or  $p|b$ .

**Lemma 5.3.4.** There is no infinite sequence of non-zero  $r_1, r_2, \dots \in R$  a UFD such that  $r_{n+1}$  properly divides  $r_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 5.3.5.** The integral domain  $R$  is a UFD iff the properties in Lemma 5.3.3 and Lemma 5.3.4 hold.

**Theorem 5.3.6.** Every principal ideal domain is a unique factorisation domain.

## 6 Fields

### 6.1 Vector spaces

Throughout this section let  $k$  be a field.

**Definition 6.1.1** (Vector space). A  $k$ -vector space  $V$  is an abelian group with an action of  $k$  on the elements of  $V$  satisfying

1.  $1_kv = v$  for all  $v \in V$ ,
2.  $(x + y)V = xV + yV$  for all  $x, y \in k$  and  $v \in V$ ,

3.  $x(v + w) = xv + xw$  for all  $x \in k$  and  $v, w \in V$ .

**Proposition 6.1.2.** If  $\text{ch } k = 0$  then  $k$  contains a unique subfield isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Otherwise, if  $\text{ch } k = p$  then  $k$  contains a unique subfield isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

**Theorem 6.1.3.** Every finite field has  $p^n$  elements for some prime  $p$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 6.2 Field extensions

**Definition 6.2.1** (Field extension). A **field extension**  $F$  of  $k$  is a  $k$ -vector space.

**Proposition 6.2.2.** All homomorphisms between fields and rings are injective.

*Proof.* The only possible maps between fields are field extensions, the only proper ideal of a field is the zero ideal.  $\square$

**Definition 6.2.3** (Finite field extension). An extension of the fields  $k \subset K$  is **finite** iff  $K$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $k$  with  $\dim K$  the **degree** of the extension

**Theorem 6.2.4.** If  $k \subset F \subset K$  are field extensions,  $K$  is a finite extension of  $k$  iff  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$  and  $F$  is a finite extension of  $k$ . We then have  $[K : k] = [K : F][F : k]$ .

**Remark 6.2.5.** Degree 2 and 3 field extensions are called quadratics and cubics respectively.

## 6.3 Constructing fields

**Lemma 6.3.1.** Given  $R$  a PID with  $a \neq 0 \in R$ ,  $aR$  is maximal iff  $a$  is irreducible.

*Proof.*  $\square$

**Corollary 6.3.2.** Given  $R$  a PID with reducible  $a \in R$ ,  $R/aR$  is a field.

**Theorem 6.3.3.** A polynomial  $f(t) \in k[t]$  of degree 2 or 3 is irreducible iff it has no root in  $k$ .

**Definition 6.3.4** (Non-Square).  $a \in k$  is non-square if there is no element  $b \in k$  with  $b^2 = a$ .

**Lemma 6.3.5.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime. The field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  contains  $(p-1)/2$  non-squares. For all non-square  $a \in \mathbb{F}_p$ ,  $t^2 - a$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$ .

**Theorem 6.3.6.** For all  $p(t) \in k[t]$ , there exists a finite field extension  $k \subset K$  such that:

$$p(t) = c \prod_{i=1}^n (t - a_i),$$

for some  $c \in k^\times$  and  $a_i \in K$  for all  $i \in [1, n]$ .

## 6.4 Existence of finite fields

**Theorem 6.4.1.** Let  $k$  have characteristic  $p \neq 0$ , for all  $x, y \in k$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ ,

$$(x + y)^{p^m} = x^{p^m} + y^{p^m}.$$

**Definition 6.4.2** (Derivative). Let  $p(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_n t^n \in k[t]$ , the **derivative** of  $p(t)$  is

$$p'(t) := a_1 + 2a_2 t + \dots + na_n t^{n-1}.$$

**Lemma 6.4.3.** Let  $p(t) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \dots (x - a_n) \in k[t]$ ,  $a_i \neq a_j$  for all  $i \neq j$  iff  $p(t)$  and  $p'(t)$  have no common roots.

**Theorem 6.4.4.** For all prime  $p$  and natural  $n$ , there exists a field with  $p^n$  elements.



## Chapter 2

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# 1 Basic definitions

## 1.1 Categories

**Definition 1.1.1** (Category). A category  $\mathcal{C}$  contains the following data:

1. a *collection* of objects,  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,
2. for every  $x, y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  a collection of morphisms  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)$  from  $x$  to  $y$ ,
3. an identity morphism  $\text{id}_x \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, x)$  for all  $x \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,
4. a composition map of morphisms,  $\circ : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, z) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ .

Which satisfy the two axioms:

1. for all  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)$  with  $x, y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  we have  $f \circ \text{id}_x = f = \text{id}_y \circ f$ ,
2. for compatible morphisms  $f, g, h$  we have  $f \circ (g \circ h) = (f \circ g) \circ h$ .

We will use the shorthand  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $x \in \text{Ob} \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\text{Hom}(x, y)$  for  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)$  when  $\mathcal{C}$  is obvious and  $\text{End}(x)$  for  $\text{Hom}(x, x)$ .

**Note 1.1.2.** Note that in our definition the term *collection* is used instead of set, this is commonplace and necessary to prevent paradoxes when constructing the category of sets.

**Examples 1.1.3.** The following are all categories:

1. **Set** with sets as objects and functions as their morphisms,
2. **Grp** with groups as objects and their homomorphisms as morphisms,
3. **Ab**, **Grp** restricted to abelian groups,
4. for a field  $k$ , **Vect<sub>k</sub>** with  $k$ -vector spaces as objects and linear transformations as morphisms,
5. **Cat** with categories as objects and soon to be defined **functors** as morphisms,
6. **Top**, **Rng**, **Meas**, **Poset**, **Man** with their objects and morphisms all defined similarly
7. Given a category  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}^{op}$  which has the same objects as  $\mathcal{C}$  but  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{op}}(x, y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$ ,
8. Any set  $X$  with objects as elements in  $X$  and no morphisms except the identities
9.  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$  with objects as  $\mathbb{R}$  and a morphisms from  $x$  to  $y$  iff  $x \leq y$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 1.1.4** (Isomorphism). A morphism  $f \in \text{Hom}(x, y)$  is an **isomorphism** iff there is a morphism  $f^{-1} \in \text{Hom}(y, x)$  with  $f \circ f^{-1} = \text{id}_y$  and  $f^{-1} \circ f = \text{id}_x$ .

## 1.2 Functors

**Definition 1.2.1** ((Covariant) Functor). Given categories  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  a **(covariant) functor**  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is the following data:

1. a map  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$  (also denoted  $F$ ),
2. for any two objects  $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$  a map  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(x), F(y))$  (also also denoted  $F$ )

satisfying the properties:

1. for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $F(\text{id}_x) = \text{id}_{F(x)}$ ,
2. for all  $x, y, z$  with  $f, g$  in  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, z), \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)$ ,  $F(f \circ g) = F(f) \circ F(g)$ .

**Definition 1.2.2** (Contravariant functor). A **contravariant functor** from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$  is a covariant functor from  $\mathcal{C}^{op}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

**Definition 1.2.3** (Hom-functor). The **hom-functor** for a given category  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C}^{op} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  sending a pair of elements  $c, d \in \mathcal{C}$  to  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c, d)$ .

### 1.3 Natural transformations

**Definition 1.3.1** (Natural transformation). Given categories  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  with functors  $F, G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , a **natural transformation**  $\eta : F \rightarrow G$  consists of morphisms  $\eta_x$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  such that the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(x) & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & F(y) \\ \downarrow \eta_x & & \downarrow \eta_y \\ G(x) & \xrightarrow{G(f)} & G(y) \end{array}$$

commutes for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)$ .

**Remark 1.3.2.** By constructing the category of functors from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ , denoted  $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ , morphisms are natural transformations. **Natural isomorphisms** are defined as isomorphisms in this category.

### 1.4 Equivalence of categories

**Definition 1.4.1** (Equivalence). Given categories  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  an **equivalence of categories** is a pair of functors  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  with natural isomorphisms  $FG \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{id}_{\mathcal{D}}$  and  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{C}} \xrightarrow{\sim} GF$ .

**Definition 1.4.2** (Adjunction). An **adjunction** between categories  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  is a pair of functors  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  such that for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $y \in \mathcal{D}$ , there exists an  $\eta_{x,y} : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, G(y)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(x), y)$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(x'), y) & \xrightarrow{\circ F(f)} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(x), y) & \xrightarrow{g \circ} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(x), y') \\ \uparrow \eta_{x',y} & & \uparrow \eta_{x,y} & & \uparrow \eta_{x,y'} \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x', G(y)) & \xrightarrow{\circ f} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, G(y)) & \xrightarrow{G(g) \circ} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, G(y')) \end{array}$$

commutes for all  $x, x' \in \mathcal{C}$ ;  $y, y' \in \mathcal{D}$ ;  $f : x \rightarrow x'$  and  $g : y \rightarrow y'$ .

**Theorem 1.4.3.** If  $F, G$  form an equivalence of the categories  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  then  $F, G$  are an adjunction.

**Examples 1.4.4** (Adjunctions in group theory). Consider the **forgetful functor**  $F : \text{Ab} \rightarrow \text{Grp}$  which simply forgets the Abelian property of a group. We also have the **abelianisation functor**  $(-)^{\text{ab}} : \text{Grp} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$  which maps  $G \mapsto G^{\text{ab}} := G/[G, G]$ .  $F$  and  $(-)^{\text{ab}}$  form an adjunction between  $\text{Grp}$  and  $\text{Ab}$ .

### 1.5 Representable functors

**Definition 1.5.1** (Yoneda functor). Given some  $x$  in a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is a functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, x) : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  which satisfies the required properties to have the **Yoneda functor**:

$$Y : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}).$$

Which sends an element  $y \in \mathcal{C}$  to the functor from objects in  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$  to the set of morphisms from these objects to  $y$ .

**Lemma 1.5.2.** The Yoneda functor and the hom-functor form an adjunction in  $\text{Cat}$ .

**Definition 1.5.3** (Representable). A functor  $F \in \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$  is **representable** if  $F \cong Y(c)$  for some  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**Example 1.5.4.** Consider the functor  $F : \text{Set}^{(\text{op})} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  sending a set to its powerset.  $F$  is clearly isomorphic to the functor  $\text{Hom}(-, \{0, 1\})$  from subsets to indicator functions on  $X$ . This is the image of the Yoneda functor so  $F$  is representable.

### 1.6 Yoneda lemma

**Theorem 1.6.1** (Yoneda lemma). Given some  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $F \in \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$  we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})}(Y(x), F) \cong F(x).$$

**Remark 1.6.2.** This is a generalisation of Cayley's theorem which shows that we can study a group by instead studying the permutations of its underlying set.