

Theorem 2. Let ρ 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 ρ . (modulo ρ)

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

Ex 21 Consider the rel ρ_π of \mathbb{N} def.

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

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

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

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

Then: ρ is an equivalence \Leftrightarrow this set is a partition of A .

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

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

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

From $x \rho y$, we get $y \rho x$ (by (S1))

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

(iii) \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 $x \rho z$ and $y \rho z$. By (S1), we have $z \rho y$.

By (T1) it follows that $x \rho y$.

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

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

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

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 ρ be an equivalence relation on A .

The canonical projection associated to ρ 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_ρ 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 $p_\rho(x) = \rho(x)$,

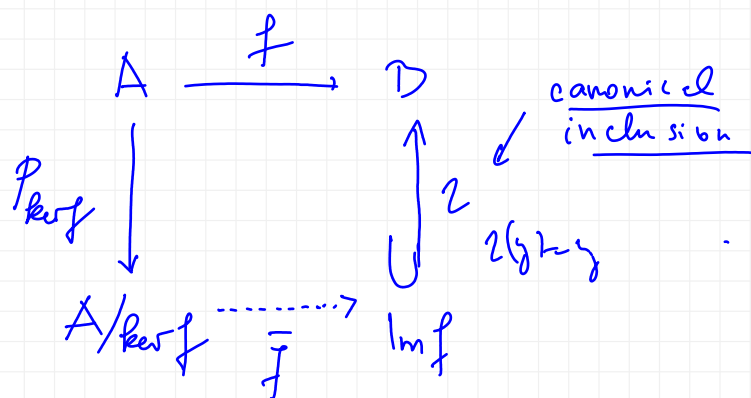
hence p_ρ is surjective.

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:

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

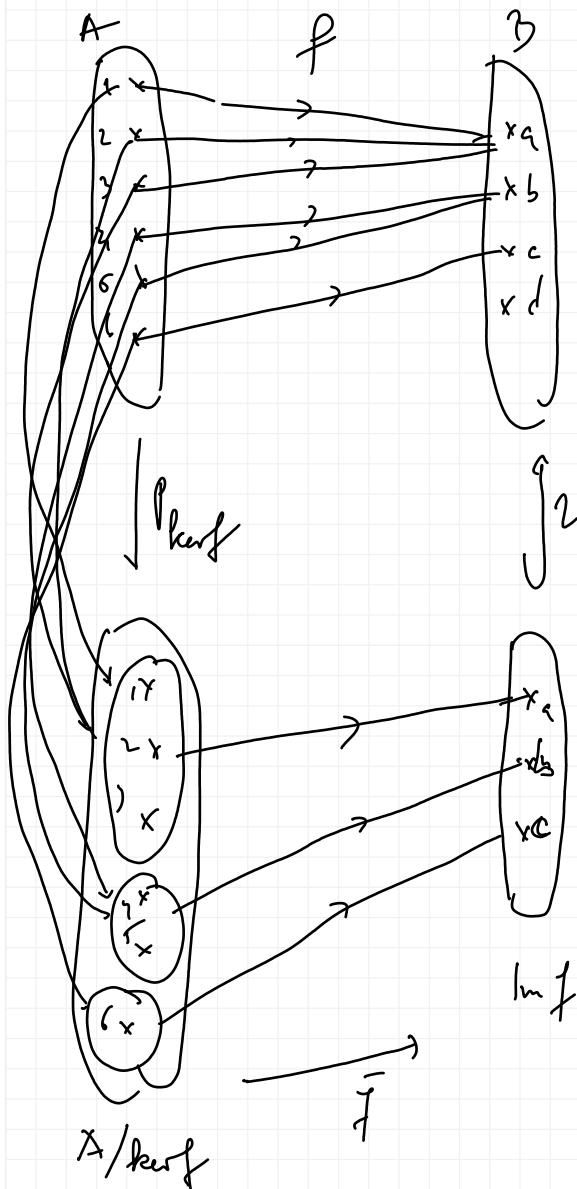
$$\text{hence } \pi \circ \bar{f} \circ \rho_{\ker f} = f.$$

Homework

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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 1st factorization theorem
(i.e. determine all the objects from the statement of the theorem)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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