

MATH 335 Lecture 6

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Let m and n be two positive integers that are relatively prime, this is to say that $\gcd(m,n)=1$
Then :

$$\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$$

Proof. let:

$$A = \{1 \leq a \leq m : \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$$

This is equivalent to saying the set of all integers from 1 to m that are relatively prime to n . The cardinality of A is equal to $\phi(n)$

$$B = \{1 \leq b \leq n : \gcd(b, m) = 1\}$$

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$$C = \{1 \leq c \leq mn : \gcd(c, mn) = 1\}$$

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Observe the following:

$$|A \times B| = |\{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}| = |A||B| = \phi(n)\phi(m)$$

if we can then show that the cardinality of C is equal to the cardinality of the cartesian product then we have proven equivalency. To prove that two sets have the same cardinality we typically prove that there is a bijection Ψ between the two sets.

If we can show $\exists \Psi : C \mapsto A \times B$ then we prove the original problem.

Given integers c and m we know that we can divide one by the other and obtain a remainder by the division algorithm. such that

$$c = qm + r \quad 0 \leq r < m$$

denote r as \bar{c}_m

for $c \in C$

$$\Psi(c) = (\bar{c}_m, \bar{c}_n)$$

$0 \leq \bar{c}_m < m$ by definition of remainder, however \bar{c}_m cannot be equal to 0 by the definition of set C so :
 $1 \leq \bar{c}_m < m$ also $1 \leq \bar{c}_n < n$. We now need to show that $\gcd(\bar{c}_m, m) = 1, \gcd(\bar{c}_n, n) = 1$ to prove they belong to A and B .

if $\gcd(\bar{c}_m, m) = d > 1$ then $d|\bar{c}_m$ and $d|m$ therefore $d|c$. Since d divides m and d divides c then this would imply that $\gcd(c, m) \neq 1$, but this implies $\gcd(c, mn) \neq 1$ which contradicts the set that c was chosen from, that being C which states that \gcd must be equal to 1; We can extend this to n and \bar{c}_n with a symmetric proof.

Injectivity

We now demonstrate that $\Psi(c)$ is injective suppose $c_1, c_2 \in C$ and $\Psi(c_1) = \Psi(c_2)$ we then need to conclude that this implies that c_1 and c_2 are the same. In other words we need to prove that for each element in the domain there exists a unique element in the codomain.

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(c_1) &= (c_{1,m}, c_{1,n}) & \Psi(c_2) &= (c_{2,m}, c_{2,n}) \\ c_1 &= mq_1 + c_{1,m} & c_2 &= mq_2 + c_{2,m}\end{aligned}$$

we need to now show that c_1 and c_2 are the same. Let us start by subtracting these two expressions: When assuming that the remainders are the same this gives

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 - c_2 &= m(q_1 - q_2) \\ m|c_1 - c_2\end{aligned}$$

likewise:

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 - c_2 &= n(q_1^* - q_2^*) \\ n|c_1 - c_2\end{aligned}$$

By definition m and n are relatively prime. Since $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ then $mn|c_1 - c_2$ By construction we have:

$$1 \leq c_1 < mn \quad 1 \leq c_2 < mn$$

The only time that this is true is if the difference is equal to zero since otherwise the difference of the two chosen c will be less than mn . therefore we have proven injectivity and that $c_1 = c_2$

Surjectivity

To show that Ψ is surjective we start with an element in the codomain and create a corresponding element in the domain. Take:

$$(a, b) \in AB \quad 1 \leq a \leq m, \gcd(a, m) = 1 \quad 1 \leq b \leq n, \gcd(b, n) = 1$$

We must now construct $c \in C, q \leq c \leq mn, \gcd(c, mn) = 1$
Such that

$$\Psi(c) = (a, b)$$

Since $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ then we can express 1 as a linear combination of m, n as such:

$$\exists \quad t, u \in \mathbb{Z} : mu + nt = 1$$

What would the word *munt* mean ? mean *run*?

Let $z = an(t) + bm(u)$. This is some linear combination using the coefficients of the \gcd of c and the integers a, b .

Conjecture: $z \bmod m = a$.

$$z = a(1 - mu) + bmu = (bu - au)m + a$$

so we have $\bar{z}_m = a$ and $\bar{z}_n = b$, however we now need to determine the size of z .

Now we let c to be equal to the remainder we get when we divide z by mn . so:

$$0 \leq c < mn$$

$$z = qmn + c$$

since $z \bmod m$ is equal to a then if divide c by m we get remainder a since qmn must be equal to zero which implies that c is the term needed to satisfy $\bar{z}_m = a$ likewise for b Finally we need to show that c is in \mathbb{Z} the only criterion missing is that $\gcd(c, mn) = 1$. If we can prove that $\gcd(z, mn) = 1$ then we can show that $\gcd(c, mn) = 1$ by the property that $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$ when $a = bq + r$,

To show that consider the following:

$$\gcd(a, m) = \gcd(c, m) = 1 \quad \gcd(b, n) = \gcd(c, n) = 1 \therefore \gcd(c, mn) = 1$$

And we have proven surjectivity

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Equivariance relations and equivariance classes

An equivariance relation on a set X is a subset R as follows:

$$R \subset X \times X$$

such that

1. $(x, x) \in R \quad \forall x \in X$ (Reflexivity)
2. $(x, y) \in R \iff (y, x) \in R$ (Symmetric)
3. if $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$ then $(x, z) \in R$ (Transitivity)

Instead of denoting $(x, y) \in R$ we write $x \sim y$. with this new notation:

1. $x \sim x \iff y$
2. x and y then x