

# Abstract Algebra Summary

Xue Leyang

March 7, 2017

## 1 The System of Natural Number

### 1.1 Product Set

**Definition 1.1.1.** The product set  $S \times T$  of two arbitrary sets  $S$  and  $T$  is a set of pairs  $(s, t)$ ,  $s \in S, t \in T$ . In general  $\prod S_i = S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_r$  is the collection of  $r$ -tuples  $(s_1, s_2, \cdots, s_r)$ , where  $s_i \in S_i$ . If  $(s_1, s_2, \cdots, s_r)$  and  $(s'_1, s'_2, \cdots, s'_r)$  are equal, we have  $s_1 = s'_1, s_2 = s'_2, \cdots, s_r = s'_r$ .

### 1.2 Mapping

**Definition 1.2.1.** A mapping  $\alpha$  of set  $S$  onto set  $T$  if  $\forall t \in T, \exists s \in S \Rightarrow \alpha(s) = t$ , we also write the image of  $s$  in  $T$  as  $s\alpha$  or  $s^\alpha$ . The image set of  $S$  is denoted as  $S\alpha$  or  $S^\alpha$ .

If  $\alpha$  is a one-to-one mapping,  $s$  is unique for every  $t$ , and we call an inverse mapping  $\alpha^{-1}$  which is one-to-one of  $T$  onto  $S$ .

**Definition 1.2.2.** Resultant or Product of mapping is denoted as  $\alpha\beta$ , where  $\alpha$  maps set  $S$  onto set  $T$  and  $\beta$  maps set  $T$  onto set  $U$ . Mapping of  $S$  onto  $U$  can be written as  $S(\alpha\beta) = (S\alpha)\beta$ , and same for each element.

*Remark.* Mapping of a set into itself is called *transformations* of sets, including Identity mapping that leave all element in  $S$  fixed.

**Definition 1.2.3.** Identity mapping, denoted  $\mathbb{1}_S$ , its product with any transformation  $\alpha$ ,  $\mathbb{1}_S\alpha = \alpha = \alpha\mathbb{1}_S$ .

**Theorem 1.2.1.** If  $\alpha$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $S$  onto  $T$  and has inverse  $\alpha^{-1}$ , then  $\alpha\alpha^{-1} = \mathbb{1}_S$  and  $\alpha^{-1}\alpha = \mathbb{1}_T$ . Conversely, if  $\alpha : S \mapsto T$  and  $\beta : T \mapsto S$  such that  $\alpha\beta = \mathbb{1}_S$  and  $\beta\alpha = \mathbb{1}_T$ , then  $\alpha, \beta$  are one-to-one mapping and  $\beta = \alpha^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 1.2.2.** Associative law holds for the resultant of transformation of one set.

*Proof.* Suppose we have for sets  $S, T, U, V$  and  $\alpha : S \mapsto T; \beta : T \mapsto U; \gamma : U \mapsto V$ . Then  $\forall x \in S$ ,  $x((\alpha\beta)\gamma) = (x(\alpha\beta))\gamma = ((x\alpha)\beta)\gamma$  and  $x(\alpha(\beta\gamma)) = (x\alpha)(\beta\gamma) = ((x\alpha)\beta)\gamma$ , hence  $x((\alpha\beta)\gamma) = x(\alpha(\beta\gamma))$   $\square$

## 1.3 Equivalence Relations

**Definition 1.3.1.** The equivalence relation  $\sim$  of a pair of element satisfies:

1.  $a \sim a$  (reflexive property).
2.  $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$  (symmetric property)
3.  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$  (transitive property)

**Definition 1.3.2.** An equivalence class

**Theorem 1.3.1.** Two equivalence classes are either identical or mutually exclusive

*Proof.* Suppose we have an equivalence class  $[a]$  of element  $a$ , if  $b \in [a]$ , then  $[b] \subseteq [a]$ ; hence by maximality of  $[b]$ , we conclude  $[b] = [a]$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.3.1.1.** The collection of distinct equivalence classes gives a decomposition of the set  $S$  into mutually exculsive subsets. Conversely, suppose a set  $S = \cup S_i$ , where  $S_i$  are mutually exclusive, we can define relation  $\mathcal{R}$  as  $a \sim b \iff$  subsets  $S_i, S_j$  containing  $a, b$  are identical.

**Definition 1.3.3.** The quotient set of  $S$  with equivalence relation  $\mathcal{R}$ , denoted  $S/\mathcal{R}$ , is the collection of all equivalence classes in  $S$ , where  $s \mapsto [s]$  and  $S \mapsto S/\mathcal{R}$ , i.e. each element maps to its equivalence class.

## 2 Semi-Groups and Groups

### 2.1 Semi-Groups

**Definition 2.1.1.** A semi-group is a system consisting of a set  $\mathfrak{S}$  and an associative binary composition in  $\mathfrak{S}$ . i.e.  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathfrak{S}$ , we have  $(ab)c = a(bc)$ .

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

## 3 Rings

## 4 Fields