

Abstract Algebra Summary

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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 α 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^α . The image set of S is denoted as $S\alpha$ or S^α .

If α is a one-to-one mapping, s is unique for every t , and we call an inverse mapping α^{-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 α maps set S onto set T and β 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 α , $\mathbb{1}_S\alpha = \alpha = \alpha\mathbb{1}_S$.

Theorem 1.2.1. If α is a one-to-one mapping of S onto T and has inverse α^{-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 α, β 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 $S \setminus \mathcal{R}$, is the collection of all equivalence classes in S , where $s \mapsto [s]$ and $S \mapsto S \setminus \mathcal{R}$, 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 $(ab)c = a(bc)$.

Definition 2.1.2. Element a and b are said to be commute if $ab = ba, a, b \in \mathfrak{S}$. If it holds for any pair a, b in \mathfrak{S} then \mathfrak{S} is called commutative.

Definition 2.1.3. An element $e_l \in \mathfrak{S}$ is called left identity if $\forall a \in \mathfrak{S}, e_l a = a$. Similarly, e_r is right identity if $\forall a \in \mathfrak{S}, e_r a = a$.

Theorem 2.1.1. If e_l, e_r both exists in \mathfrak{S} , then $e_l = e_r$, i.e. if two side identity exists then it is unique.

Proof. We have $e_r = e_r e_l = e_l$, from the definition of identity looking from two sides. \square

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3 Rings

4 Fields