

Def: $\rho = (A, A/R)$ is an equivalence relation if ρ is reflexive, transitive, symmetric.

Def: $\pi \subseteq P(A) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ is a partition of A if $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bigcup_{B \in \pi} B = A \\ B, B' \in \pi, B \neq B' \Rightarrow B \cap B' = \emptyset \end{array} \right.$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in A \quad \exists! B \in \pi \text{ s.t. } x \in B$$

Prop 1. If ρ is an equivalence on A , then the quotient (factor).

set $A/\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho\langle x \rangle \mid x \in A \}$ where $\rho\langle x \rangle = \{ y \in A \mid x \rho y \}$
 $[x]_\rho$ the class of modulo ρ
 is a partition of A .

Prop 2. If π is a partition of A , then the relation $\rho_\pi = (A, A/R_\pi)$ on A , where for $x, y \in A$
 $x \rho_\pi y \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \exists B \in \pi \text{ s.t. } x, y \in B$ is an equivalence rel on A

Moreover: $\rho_{A/\rho} = \rho$ and $A/\rho_\pi = \pi$.

Def 1. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function. The kernel of f is the following rel on A :

$$\forall x, y \in A \quad x \ker f y \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} f(x) = f(y)$$

Prop 1.

- 1) \sim_f is an equivalence rel on A
- 2) we have $A/\sim_f = \{f^{-1}(b) \mid b \in \text{Im } f\}$

Proof.

(1) (R) $\forall x \in A \quad x \sim_f x \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(x)$ true.

(T) let $x, y, z \in A$ s.t. $x \sim_f y$ and $y \sim_f z$.

Then $f(x) = f(y)$ and $f(y) = f(z) \Rightarrow f(x) = f(z)$.

$\Rightarrow x \sim_f z$.

(S) let $x, y \in A$ s.t. $x \sim_f y$. Then: $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow f(y) = f(x)$
 $\Rightarrow y \sim_f x$.

(2). We know that $A/\sim_f = \{(\sim_f)\langle x \rangle \mid x \in A\}$.

We only need to prove that for $x \in A$, if $b = f(x) \in \text{Im } f$, then $(\sim_f)\langle x \rangle = f^{-1}(b)$.

Indeed, let $y \in A$. We have: $y \in (\sim_f)\langle x \rangle \Leftrightarrow$
 $\Leftrightarrow x \sim_f y \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(y) \Leftrightarrow f(y) = b \Leftrightarrow y \in f^{-1}(b)$.

Def 2.

let f be an equivalence relation on A .

The function $P_f: A \rightarrow A/\sim_f \quad P_f(x) = (\sim_f)\langle x \rangle$

(every elem. is sent to its class)

is called the canonical projection.

Prop 2.

let f be an equivalence rel on A . Then

1) the can projection P_f is surjective.

2) here $P_f = f$.

proof. 1) let $f\langle x \rangle \in A/\rho$ where $x \in A$

Then: $f\langle x \rangle = p_f\langle x \rangle \in \text{Im} f$, hence p_f is surjective.

2) Both are relations on A .

$\forall x, y \in A$ we have:

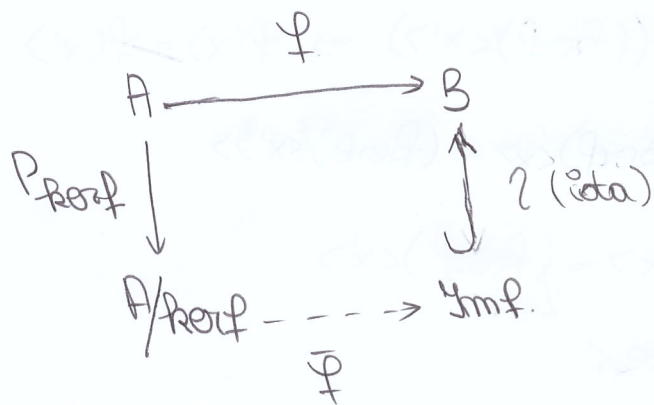
$$\begin{aligned} x \sim_{\ker p_f} y &\Leftrightarrow p_f(x) = p_f(y) \Leftrightarrow f\langle x \rangle = f\langle y \rangle \\ &\Leftrightarrow \underline{x f y} \quad \text{Hence } \ker p_f = f. \end{aligned}$$

The 1st Factorisation theorem

let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function.

Then $\exists!$ bijective function $\bar{f}: A/\ker f \rightarrow \text{Im} f$.

s.t. the following diagram is commutative:



From the proof we get:

$$\bar{f}(\ker f\langle x \rangle) = f(x)$$

$$\text{i.e. } f = \wr \circ \bar{f} \circ p_{\ker f}$$

(where the canonical $p_{\ker f}$ is surj.)

and the canonical inclusion

$\wr: \text{Im} f \rightarrow B$, $\wr(b) = b$ is injective.)

proof. (!) We assume that \bar{f} exists and has the claimed property, and we show that \bar{f} is unique:

let $(\ker f)\langle x \rangle \in A/\ker f$, where $x \in A$.

By the commutativity of the diagram, we have:

$$f(x) = (\wr \circ \bar{f} \circ p_{\ker f})(x) = \wr(\bar{f}(p_{\ker f}(x))) =$$

$$= \bar{f}((\ker f) \langle x \rangle)$$

$$\text{no } \forall x \in A,$$

$\boxed{\bar{f}(\ker f) \langle x \rangle = f(x)}$ is uniquely determined.

$$(\exists) \text{ let } f' : A/\ker f \rightarrow \text{Im } f, \quad \bar{f}((\ker f)(x)) = f(x) \quad \dots$$

• We prove that the definition of \bar{f} is correct, ^{i.e.} it does not depend on the choice of representatives. Indeed, let $x' \in (\ker f) \langle x \rangle$ be another representative in the class of x .

Then $x \sim x'$, so $f(x) = f(x')$ hence $\bar{f}((\ker f) \langle x' \rangle) = f(x') = f(x)$.

• We show that \bar{f} is injective:

$$\text{let } (\ker f) \langle x \rangle, (\ker f) \langle x' \rangle \Rightarrow A/\ker f \text{ n.t.}$$

$$\bar{f}((\ker f) \langle x \rangle) = \bar{f}((\ker f) \langle x' \rangle) \Rightarrow f(x) = f(x')$$

$$\Rightarrow x \sim x' \Rightarrow (\ker f) \langle x \rangle = (\ker f) \langle x' \rangle$$

Hence \bar{f} is injective.

• We show that \bar{f} is surjective:

$$\text{let } b \in \text{Im } f, \text{ so } \exists x \in A \text{ n.t. } f(x) = b. \text{ Then } b = f(x) = \bar{f}((\ker f) \langle x \rangle).$$

This shows that $\text{Im } \bar{f} = \text{Im } f$, hence \bar{f} is surj.

Hence \bar{f} is bijective.

• We show that the diagram is commutative:

(4)

Let $x \in A$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi \circ \bar{f} \circ P_{\ker f})(x) &= \pi(\bar{f}(P_{\ker f}(x))) = \pi(\bar{f}(\langle x \rangle)) \\ &= \pi(f(x)) = f(x), \text{ hence } \pi \circ \bar{f} \circ P_{\ker f} = f \end{aligned}$$

Exercise.

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Prove that the function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is injective.
 $\Leftrightarrow \ker f = \mathbb{1}_A$ (the kernel of f is the equality relation on A)

proof. Note that since $\ker f$ is reflexive, we always have that $\mathbb{1}_A \subseteq \ker f$.

(i.e. $x = x' \Rightarrow x \ker f x'$.)

" \Rightarrow " Assume f is not injective

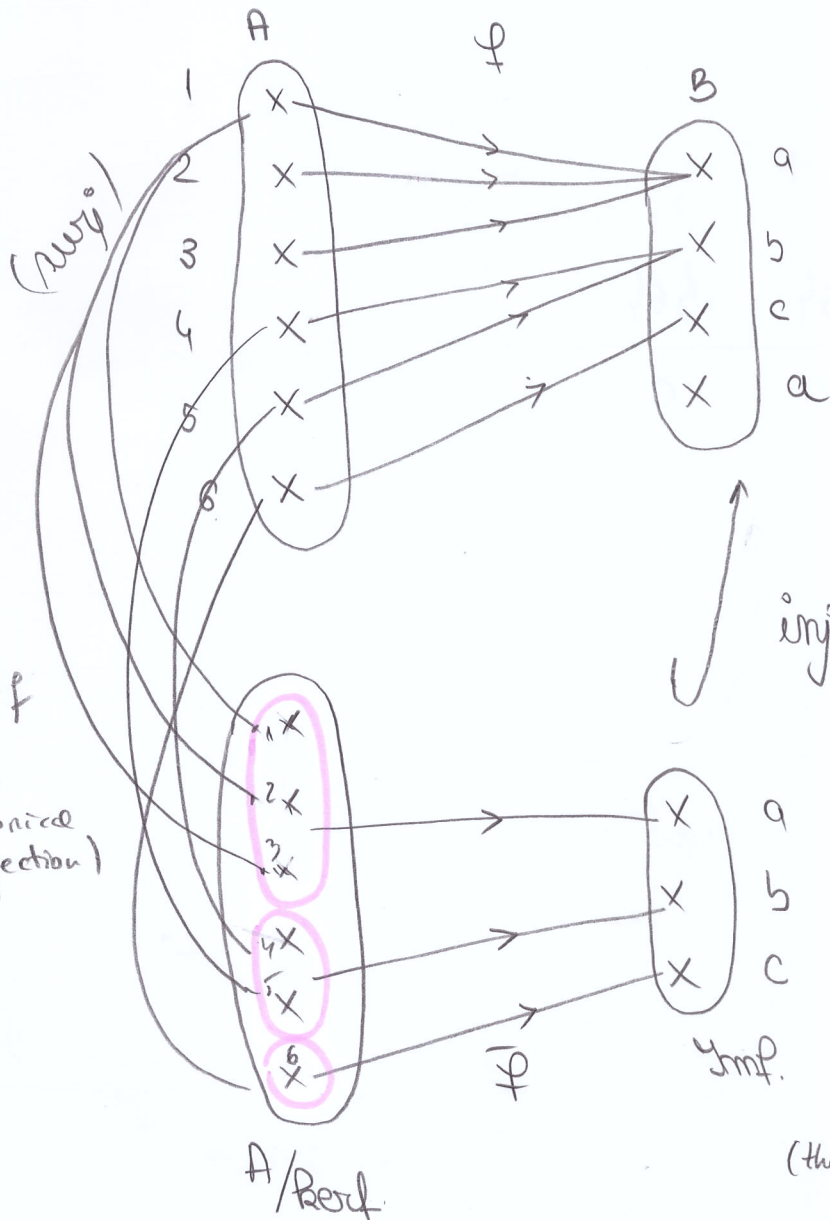
let $x, x' \in A$ s.t. $x \ker f x'$

Then $f(x) = f(x') \not\Rightarrow x = x'$

Hence $\ker f \subsetneq \mathbb{1}_A$.

We apply the 1st factorisation theorem to the function f given below:

Example



$\text{Im} f = \{a, b, c\} \subseteq B$ the image of f .

$$f^{-1}(a) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma: \text{Im} f &\rightarrow B \\ (\text{iota}) \quad \gamma(y) &= y \end{aligned}$$

(the canonical inclusion).

$$A/\ker f = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{5, 6\}\}$$

(the quotient set)

$$\ker f = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 4), (5, 5), (4, 5), (5, 4), (6, 6)\}$$

(the kernel of f)

In this example, we write down all the functions using tables:

$A \ni x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\text{Im} f \ni f(x)$	a	a	a	b	b	c
$A/\ker f \ni p_{\ker f}(x)$	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$	$\{4, 5\}$	$\{4, 5\}$	$\{6\}$

Diagram

$y \mapsto y$	a	b	c
$B \mapsto ?(y)$	a	b	c

$A / \text{ref} \mapsto \text{ref}(x)$	1,2,34	4,54	64
$\mapsto \text{ref}((\text{ref}) < x >)$	a	b	c