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If only I had the theorems! Then I should find the proofs easily enough.

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CHAPTER 1

Set Theory

AXIOM 1 (Existence). There exists a set.

Remark 2. This is implied by the Axiom of Infinity; however, we include it here so that we may define the empty set which is included in the statement of that axiom.

DEFINITION 3. Let A and B be sets. If every element of A is an element of B, we say that A is a *subset* of B, denoted $A \subseteq B$.

Proposition 1. If $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$ then $A \subseteq C$.

AXIOM 4 (Extensionality). A = B iff $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.

DEFINITION 5. A sentence is made by combining assertions of belonging (eg $x \in A$) and/or assertions of equality (eg A = B) using the usual logical operators: and, or, not, implies, if and only if, there exists, for all.

AXIOM 6 (Specification). For every set A, every set p and every sentence S(x,p) there is a set B whose elements are exactly those elements x of A for which S(x,p) holds.

DEFINITION 7. We notate this set B by $\{x \in A : S(x,p)\}$.

PROPOSITION 2. There exists a unique set X such that for any x, the sentence $x \in X$ is false.

Definition 8. We call this set the *empty set*, notated \emptyset .

PROPOSITION 3. For every set A there is a set B such that $B \notin A$.

AXIOM 9 (Pairing). For any two sets A and B there is a set X with $A \in X$ and $B \in X$.

PROPOSITION 4. There is a unique set Y such that for any a, a is in Y iff a = A or a = B.

DEFINITION 10. This set is called the *unordered pair* formed by A and B, denoted $\{A, B\}$.

DEFINITION 11. The set $\{A, A\}$ is denoted $\{A\}$, and called the *singleton* of A.

Remark 12. When speaking of sets of sets, we sometimes call them *collections*—this is just another name for a set.

AXIOM 13 (Union). For any collection X of sets there exists a set Y such that for any A in X, and any a in A, a is in Y.

Proposition 5. For a nonempty collection X of sets there is a unique set Z such that a is in Z if and only if there exists an A in X such that a is in A.

DEFINITION 14. This set is called the *union* of X, denoted $\bigcup X$. For two sets A and B we define $A \cup B = \bigcup \{A, B\}$.

PROPOSITION 6. For every nonempty collection C of sets, there is a unique set Y such that $x \in Y$ iff $x \in X$ for each X in C.

Definition 15. This set Y is called the *intersection* of C, denoted $\bigcap C$.

DEFINITION 16. Let A and B be sets. The *intersection* of A and B, notated $A \cap B$, is $\bigcap \{A, B\}$.

If $A \cap B = \emptyset$ then A and B are called disjoint.

Axiom 17 (Powers). For each set X there is a collection that contains all subsets of X.

Proposition 7. There is a unique collection Y such that $x \in Y$ iff $x \subseteq X$.

DEFINITION 18. This set Y is called the *power set* of X, denoted $\mathcal{P}(X)$.

DEFINITION 19. The ordered pair of a and b is the set defined as

$$(a,b) = \{\{a\}, \{a,b\}\}.$$

PROPOSITION 8. For any a, b, c, d, we have (a, b) = (c, d) iff a = c and b = d.

Proposition 9. For any sets A and B, the set

$$\{(x,y): x \in A, \ y \in B\}$$

exists.

Definition 20. This set is called the $\mathit{Cartesian}\ product$ of A and B, denoted $A\times B.$

Proposition 10. For any set R of ordered pairs there are sets A and B such that $R \subseteq A \times B$.

DEFINITION 21. A binary relation R from A to B is a subset of $A \times B$. If (a, b) is in R we write aRb.

If A = B then we call it a binary relation over A.

Definition 22. An equivalence relation is a binary relation \sim over A such that

- $a \sim a$ (reflexive),
- $a \sim b \iff b \sim a$ (symmetric), and
- if $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$ then $a \sim c$ (transitive).

The equivalence class of a under \sim is

$$[a] = \{x \in A : x \sim a\}.$$

Definition 23. A partition of a set A is a disjoint collection of nonempty subsets of A whose union is A.

A partition X of A induces a relation A/X, where a A/X b iff a and b belong to the same element of X.

Proposition 11. The collection of equivalence classes of an equivalence relation exists and is a partition.

DEFINITION 24. This partition is called the partition induced by the equivalence relation \sim , denoted X/\sim .

PROPOSITION 12. The equivalence relation induced by a partition induces that partition; the partition induced by an equivalence relation induces that relation.

DEFINITION 25. For a relation R from X to Y we define the *inverse* relation $R^{-1}: Y \to X$ by $xRy \iff yR^{-1}x$.

DEFINITION 26. A function $f:A\to B$ is a relation f over A and B such that for each $a\in A$ there is exactly one $b\in B$ such that afb. We usually write this as f(a)=b.

DEFINITION 27. For a set $E \subseteq A$, we define the *image* of E under f as $f(E) = \{f(x) : x \in E\}$. For a set $E \subseteq B$, we define the *inverse image* of E under F as $f^{-1}(E) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in E\}$.

DEFINITION 28. A function f is *injective* if for each b in B, there is at most one a in A such that f(a) = b. It is *surjective* if for each b in B there is at least one a in A such that f(a) = b. A function which is both injective and surjective is *bijective*.

DEFINITION 29. For functions $f: W \to X$ and $g: Y \to Z$, where $Y \subseteq X$, we define the *composite* $f \circ g: W \to Z$ as $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ for all x.

DEFINITION 30. A function x from a set I (the *index set*) to a set X is called an *indexed family* of X, and its range is an *indexed set*. We notate the indexed set by $\{x_i\}_{i\in I}$.

DEFINITION 31. The set of families of a set X indexed by a set I is X^{I} .

DEFINITION 32. For any set X we define $X^+ = X \cup \{X\}$.

AXIOM 33 (Infinity). There exists a set S containing \emptyset and containing X^+ for every X in S.

Proposition 13 (Peano Axioms). There exists a unique set ω satisfying

- $\emptyset \in \omega$.
- If $n \in \omega$ then $n^+ \in \omega$.
- If $S \subseteq \omega$ such that $\emptyset \in S$ and $n \in S \implies n^+ \in S$ then $S = \omega$.
- $n^+ \neq 0$ for all $n \in \omega$.
- If n and m are in ω , and if $n^+ = m^+$, then n = m.

THEOREM 14 (Recursion). If a is an element of a set X, and if $f: X \to X$ is a function, then there is a function $g: \omega \to X$ such that u(0) = a and $u(n^+) = f(u(n))$ for all n in ω .

Definition 34. A partial order is a binary relation \leq on a set A such that

- a < a (reflexive),
- if $a \le b$ and $b \le a$ then a = b (antisymmetric), and
- if $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$ then $a \leq c$ (transitive).

We define a < b if a < b and $a \neq b$.

If for all a and b we have $a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$ (strongly connected), then \leq is a total order.

A *chain* is a totally ordered subset of a partially ordered set.

DEFINITION 35. If X is a partially ordered set, and if $a \in X$, the set $s(a) = \{x \in X : x < a\}$ is called the *initial segment* determined by a.

DEFINITION 36. Two partially ordered sets X and Y are similar if there is a bijection $f: X \to Y$ such that $a \leq b \iff f(a) \leq f(b)$. This bijection is called a similarity.

DEFINITION 37. Let S be a subset of a partially ordered set A, and let a be an element of A. If $s \leq a$ for every s in S, then we call a an upper bound of S. If $a \leq s$ for every s in S, then we call a a lower bound of S. If a is an upper bound of S and a lower bound of the set of upper bounds of S, then we call a a least upper bound of S.

DEFINITION 38. A well-order on A is a total order \leq on A such that every nonempty subset S of A has an element a which is a lower bound for S. The set A together with the relation \leq is then called well-ordered.

THEOREM 15 (Transfinite Induction). Let S be a subset of a well-ordered set A such that for any $x \in A$, if $s(x) \subseteq S$ then $x \in S$. Then S = A.

DEFINITION 39. If a is an element of a well-ordered set A, and X is an arbitrary set, then a sequence of type a is an family of X indexed by s(a).

A sequence function of type A is a function whose domain consists of all sequences of type a for each $a \in A$, and whose codomain is A.

PROPOSITION 16 (Transfinite Recursion). If A is a well-ordered set, and if f is a sequence function of type A in X, then there is a unique function $U: A \to X$ such that U(a) = f(U|s(a)) for each a in W.

Proposition 17. If two well-ordered sets are similar, then the similarity is unique.

Theorem 18. If X and Y are well-ordered, then either X and Y are similar, or one is similar to an initial segment of the other.

DEFINITION 40. An ordinal number is a well-ordered set α such that for any $\xi \in \alpha$ we have $s(\xi) = \xi$.

We define the ordinals $0 = \emptyset$ and $1 = 0^+$.

Proposition 19. There is no set of all ordinal numbers.

Proposition 20. ω is an ordinal number.

PROPOSITION 21. If α is an ordinal number then so is α^+ , and so is any element of α .

Theorem 22. If two ordinal numbers are similar, then they are equal. Otherwise, one is an element of the other.

AXIOM 41 (Substitution). If p is a set and S(a, b, p) is a sentence such that for each a in a set A there exists a set B_a such that $b \in B_a \iff S(a, b, p)$, then there exists a function F with domain A such that $F(a) = B_a$ for each a in A.

AXIOM 42 (Foundation). Every set X contains a set Y such that X and Y are disjoint.

AXIOM 43 (Choice). Let X be a collection of sets whose members are all nonempty. Then there exists a function $f: X \to \bigcup X$ such that $f(Y) \in Y$ for all $Y \in X$.

Proposition 23. Every relation includes a function with the same domain.

Theorem 24 (Zorn's Lemma). Suppose a partially ordered set P has the property that every chain in P has an upper bound in P. Then there is an element $a \in P$ such that the only upper bound for $\{a\}$ is a.

Theorem 25 (Well-Ordering Theorem). Every set has a well-ordering.

Proposition 26. Every well-ordered set is similar to a unique ordinal number.

PROPOSITION 27. If a and b are ordinals, let $A = \{(x,0) : x \in a\}$ and $B = \{(y,1) : y \in b\}$, retaining the associated orders \leq_A and \leq_B . Then the set $A \cup B$ is well-ordered by $\leq_A \cup \leq_B \cup (A \times B)$.

DEFINITION 44. The ordinal corresponding to $A \cup B$ under this well-ordering is the *ordinal sum* of a and b, denoted a + b.

PROPOSITION 28. If A and B are ordinals, the ordering on $A \times B$ where (a, b) < (c, d) if either b < d or b = d and a < c is a well-ordering on $A \times B$.

DEFINITION 45. The ordinal corresponding to $A \times B$ under this well-ordering is the *ordinal product* of A and B, denoted AB or $A \cdot B$.

Proposition 29. For every pair of ordinals a, b there exists an ordinal c and a unique function $f_b: a^+ \to c$ such that such that $f_b(\emptyset) = 1$ and

$$f_b(x) = \begin{cases} f_b(\bigcup x)x & \bigcup x \neq x \\ \bigcup_{y \in x} f_b(y) & \bigcup x = x \end{cases}.$$

DEFINITION 46. We define $a^b = f_b(a)$.

Proposition 30. With ordinal sums, products and exponents as defined,

$$a + 0 = 0 + a = a$$

$$a + 1 = a^{+}$$

$$a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$$

$$a(bc) = (ab)c$$

$$a(b + c) = ab + ac$$

$$a^{b+c} = a^{b}a^{c}$$

$$a^{bc} = (a^{b})^{c}.$$

However, ordinal addition and multiplication are not commutative and not right-distributive. Also, $(ab)^c$ is generally distinct from a^cb^c .

DEFINITION 47. Two sets A and B are said to have the same *cardinality* (written |A| = |B|) if there is a bijection $f: A \to B$.

A set A has cardinality at most the cardinality of B ($|A| \leq |B|$) if there is an injection $f: A \to B$.

A set A has cardinality less than the cardinality of B (|A| < |B|) if $|A| \le |B|$ and $|A| \ne |B|$.

A set A is countable if $|A| \leq |\omega|$, and uncountable otherwise.

PROPOSITION 31. If there exists a surjection $f: A \to B$ then $|B| \le |A|$.

THEOREM 32 (Schröder-Bernstein). If $|A| \leq |B|$ and $|B| \leq |A|$ then |A| = |B|.

THEOREM 33 (Cantor). For any set A, $|\mathcal{P}(A)| > |A|$.

DEFINITION 48. A *cardinal number* is an ordinal number α such that for any ordinal number β with $|\alpha| = |\beta|$ we have $\alpha \subseteq \beta$.

Proposition 34. Every element of ω , as well as ω itself, is a cardinal number.

Proposition 35. For any set S, there is a unique cardinal number α with $|\alpha| = |S|$.

DEFINITION 49. For these sets S and α we define $|S| = \alpha$.

DEFINITION 50. A set A is said to be *finite* if $|A| \in \omega$, and *infinite* otherwise.

Proposition 36. A set is infinite if and only if it has the same cardinality as some proper subset.

Proposition 37. A countable set does not have any uncountable subsets. An uncountable set has a subset with cardinality equal to ω .

Proposition 38. A union of countably many countable sets is countable.

PROPOSITION 39. If A, B, C, D are sets such that |A| = |B|, |C| = |D|, and $A \cap C = B \cap D = \emptyset$, then $|A \cup B| = |C \cup D|$, $|A \times B| = |C \times D|$ and $|A^B| = |C^D|$.

DEFINITION 51. We define cardinal addition, multiplication and exponentiation as, for disjoint sets A and B,

$$|A| + |B| = |A \cup B|, \ |A| \times |B| = |A \times B|, \ |A|^{|B|} = |A^B|.$$

PROPOSITION 40. If a and b are ordinals, then |a+b| = |a|+|b|, |ab| = |a||b| and $|a^b| = |a|^{|b|}$. ordinal operations are used on the left side and the cardinal operations are used on the right.

Proposition 41. If a and b are cardinal numbers such that $a \ge \omega$ and $a \ge b$, then $a+b=a \times b=a$. If b is finite we also have $a^b=a$.

DEFINITION 52. For each infinite cardinal a, consider the set c(a) of all infinite cardinals strictly less than a. It is well-ordered, so it has an ordinal number α . Then $a = \aleph_{\alpha}$.

Remark 53. The *Continuum Hypothesis*, proven to be independent from all of the axioms of set theory we've mentioned, is that $\aleph_1 = 2^{\aleph_0}$.

The Generalised Continuum Hypothesis extends this to

$$\aleph_{\alpha+1} = 2^{\aleph_{\alpha}}$$

for all α .

Both of these statements are independent of ZFC.

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CHAPTER 2

Number Systems

DEFINITION 54. A binary operation on A is a function $\cdot: A \times A \to A$. We usually write $\cdot(a,b) = c$ as $a \cdot b = c$.

It is associative if $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ for any a, b, c in A.

It is *commutative* if $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ for any a, b in A.

DEFINITION 55. A monoid is an ordered pair (A, \cdot) of a set A and an associative binary operation \cdot on A such that there exists an element 1, called the *identity*, such that $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$ for all a.

Remark 56. There are two main notations for monoid-type structures. These are

- Multiplicative notation, in which the operation is notated $a \cdot b$ or simply ab, and the identity element is 1; and
- Additive notation, in which the operation is notated a+b and the identity element is 0.

DEFINITION 57. A group is a monoid (A, \cdot) such that for each element a of A there is an element b of A such that ab = 1 = ba.

A group is *abelian* if the operation is commutative.

Proposition 42. If ab = ba = 1 and ac = 1 or ca = 1 then b = c.

DEFINITION 58. The element b of A such that ab = ba = 1 is called the *inverse* of a. In multiplicative notation, the inverse of a is notated a^{-1} . In additive notation, the inverse of a is notated -a.

Remark 59. We often define $\frac{a}{b} = ab^{-1}$ in multiplicative notation, and a - b = a + (-b) in additive notation.

DEFINITION 60. A ring is an ordered triple $(A, +, \cdot)$ such that (A, +) is an abelian group, $(A \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ is a monoid, and the distributive laws hold:

$$a \cdot (b+c) = ab + ac$$
 and $(a+b) \cdot c = ac + bc$.

It is *commutative* if \cdot is commutative.

It is ordered if there is a total order \leq on A satisfying

- if $a \leq b$ then $a + c \leq b + c$, and
- if $0 \le a$ and $0 \le b$ then $0 \le ab$.

DEFINITION 61. A *field* is a commutative ring $(A, +, \cdot)$ such that $(A \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ is a group.

An *ordered field* is a field that is also an ordered ring.

DEFINITION 62. In an ordered ring R, the absolute value |a| of an element a of R is a if $0 \le a$, otherwise -a.

PROPOSITION 43 (Triangle Inequality on ordered rings). If a and b are in an ordered ring R, then $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$.

DEFINITION 63. Let X and Y be similar well-ordered sets, and let A and B be the least elements of X and Y respectively. Assume that all other elements of X and Y are operations on A and B respectively, and let f be the similarity between A and B.

A function $\varphi:A\to B$ is said to be a homomorphism if for every $a,b\in A$ and every $ext{v}\in X\setminus\{A\}$ we have

$$\varphi(a \cdot b) = \varphi(a)f(\cdot)\varphi(b).$$

An *isomorphism* is a bijective homorphism.

If there exists an isomorphism from A to B, then we say A and B are isomorphic.

Proposition 44. The property of being isomorphic is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Remark 64. We don't say that isomorphism is an equivalence relation, since it would imply there exists a set of all well-ordered sets of this type.

Such a set does not exist because if it did it would contain (S, Id_S) for each set S. This would imply the existence of a set of all sets.

THEOREM 45. There exists a unique ordered ring \mathbb{Z} (up to isomorphism) such that $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \geq 0\}$ is well-ordered.

 \mathbb{Z} is commutative.

DEFINITION 65. We call this set \mathbb{Z} the integers. The non-negative integers $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ are $\{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \geq 0\}$. The positive integers \mathbb{Z}^+ are $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \setminus \{0\}$.

Remark 66. As a byproduct of our construction, we get a canonical bijection between ω and $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. In particular, the cardinality of a finite set is a nonnegative integer.

Remark 67. We avoid use of the term *natural numbers*, and the symbol \mathbb{N} , since some use them to mean the positive integers and others use them to mean the nonnegative integers.

Proposition 46. Every ordered ring contains a unique subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} .

DEFINITION 68. In $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$, we define the operations

$$(a,b) + (c,d) = (ad + bc, bd),$$
 $(a,b)(c,d) = (ac,bd).$

We also define an equivalence relation \sim where $(a,b) \sim (c,d) \iff ad = bc$.

We define the rational numbers \mathbb{Q} as the partition of $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ induced by this equivalence relation, with [(a,b)]+[(c,d)]=[(ad+bc,ac+bd)] and $[(a,b)]\cdot[(c,d)]=[(ac,bd)]$.

PROPOSITION 47. The relation \sim is an equivalence relation. Moreover, the operations + and \cdot are independent of the representatives of each equivalence class. With these operations, \mathbb{Q} is a field.

Proposition 48. Every ordered field contains a unique subfield isomorphic to \mathbb{Q} .

DEFINITION 69. A partially ordered set S is *complete* if every nonempty subset that has an upper bound in S has a least upper bound in S.

Proposition 49. Let S be a complete partially ordered set. Every nonempty subset that has a lower bound in S has a greatest lower bound in S.

Theorem 50. There exists a unique complete ordered field, up to isomorphism.

Definition 70. We call this field \mathbb{R} .

DEFINITION 71. We define $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$, \mathbb{Q}^+ , $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, \mathbb{R}^+ in an analogous way to $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and \mathbb{Z}^+ .

DEFINITION 72. We define the *complex numbers* \mathbb{C} as \mathbb{R}^2 , with the operations $(a,b)+(c,d)=(a+c,b+d), \qquad (a,b)\cdot(c,d)=(ac-bd,ad+bc).$

We usually write (a,b) as a+bi. We define the *conjugate* of a+bi to be $\overline{a+bi}=a-bi$.

Proposition 51. \mathbb{C} is a field under these operations.

PROPOSITION 52. There are unique homomorphisms $\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{C}$. There is also an isomorphism $\mathbb{R} \to \{x \in \mathbb{C} : x = \overline{x}\}$.

Remark 73. Because of this, we usually take $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$.

Proposition 53. Let $a \in \mathbb{C}$. Then, $a\overline{a} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

PROPOSITION 54. Let $b \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$. There exists a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ such that $x \cdot x = b$.

DEFINITION 74. We call x the square root of b, denoted \sqrt{b} .

We call $\sqrt{a\overline{a}}$ the modulus of a, denoted |a|.

PROPOSITION 55 (Triangle Inequality over \mathbb{C}). If a and b are complex numbers, then $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$.

THEOREM 56. $|\mathbb{Z}^+| = |\mathbb{Z}_{>0}| = |\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{Q}| = \omega$, but $|\mathbb{R}| = |\mathbb{C}| = |\mathcal{P}(\omega)|$.

Definition 75. A polynomial over S is an expression of the form

$$p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_m z^m$$

for some integer m and coefficients $a_i \in S$.

We say the *degree* of p is d, where d is the largest integer such that $a_d \neq 0$. If no such d exists, the degree is $-\infty$.

PROPOSITION 57 (Division Algorithm). Suppose p and s are polynomials over a field $\mathbb F$ with $s \neq 0$. There exist unique polynomials q, r over $\mathbb F$ such that p = sq + r and $\deg r < \deg s$.

DEFINITION 76. A number $r \in \mathbb{F}$ is a root of a polynomial p over \mathbb{F} if p(r) = 0.

Proposition 58. A polynomial over a field \mathbb{F} has at most as many roots as its degree.

THEOREM 59 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra). Every nonconstant polynomial over $\mathbb C$ has a root.

PROPOSITION 60. If p is a polynomial over \mathbb{C} then it has a unique factorisation of the form $p(z) = c(z - r_1) \cdots (z - r_m)$, where all constants are complex numbers.

Proposition 61. If p is a polynomial over $\mathbb R$ then it has a unique factorisation of the form

$$p(x) = c(x - r_1) \cdots (x - r_m)(x^2 + b_1 x + c_1) \cdots (x^2 + b_n x + c_n),$$
where all constants are real numbers such that $b_j^2 < 4c_j$ for each j .

CHAPTER 3

Linear Algebra

DEFINITION 77. Let \mathbb{F} be a field. A vector space over \mathbb{F} is an abelian group V (of vectors) together with a function $\cdot : \mathbb{F} \times V \to V$ (scalar multiplication) such that

- a(bv) = (ab)v (compatible),
- 1v = v (identity), and
- a(u+v) = au + av and (a+b)v = av + bv (distributive).

DEFINITION 78. Let S be a subset of V. A linear combination of elements of S is a vector of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i s_i,$$

where each s_i is a distinct element of S.

DEFINITION 79. A basis of a vector space V is a set $S \subseteq V$ such that each element of V can be uniquely represented as a linear combination of elements of S.

Remark 80. For an infinite-dimensional vector space, there are multiple different notions of a basis. This one is usually called a *Hamel basis*.

Theorem 62. Let V be a vector space.

- V has a basis.
- Any two bases of V have the same cardinality.

DEFINITION 81. The dimension of V is the cardinality of a basis of V. If dim V is an integer, V is said to be finite-dimensional; otherwise, it is infinite-dimensional.

DEFINITION 82. A subspace W of V is a nonempty subset of V which is also a vector space over \mathbb{F} .

Proposition 63. A subset W of V is a subspace iff the following conditions hold:

- \bullet W is nonempty;
- $u, v \in W$ implies $u + v \in W$ (closed under addition); and
- if $a \in \mathbb{F}$ and $u \in W$ then $au \in W$ (closed under scalar multiplication).

DEFINITION 83. The span of a subset S of V is the set of linear combinations of elements of S.

Proposition 64. The span of S is the intersection of all subsets of V that contain S. It is also a subspace of V.

DEFINITION 84. A subset S of V is linearly independent if any linear combination of elements of S that produces 0 has all coefficients equal to 0. Otherwise, it is linearly dependent.

Proposition 65. A subset S of V is a basis iff it is linearly independent and its span is V.

PROPOSITION 66. Let V be finite-dimensional with dimension d. Let S be a set of vectors in V with |S| = d. Then S is linearly independent iff it spans V.

DEFINITION 85. A linear map, or linear transformation, from V to W is a group homomorphism $T: V \to W$ such that $T(\lambda v) = \lambda T(v)$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$. A linear map from a vector space to itself is an operator.

The product of linear maps S and T is $ST = S \circ T$.

PROPOSITION 67. The set $\mathcal{L}(V,W)$ of linear maps from V to W is a vector space. Right-multiplication by a linear map $T:U\to V$ defines a linear map from $\mathcal{L}(V,W)$ to $\mathcal{L}(U,W)$. Left-multiplication by T defines a linear map from $\mathcal{L}(W,U)$ to $\mathcal{L}(W,V)$.

DEFINITION 86. The $null\ space$ of a linear map T is the subset of its domain that T maps to 0.

PROPOSITION 68. Let V be finite-dimensional, and let $T:V\to W$ be a linear transformation. Then the null space of T is a subspace of V, the image of T is a subspace of W, and the sum of the dimensions of these two subspaces equals $\dim V$.

DEFINITION 87. A linear map $T:V\to W$ is *invertible* if there is a linear map $S:W\to V$ such that ST is the identity on V and TS is the identity on W. In this case, S is called an *inverse* of T.

Proposition 69. Two vector spaces over \mathbb{F} are isomorphic iff they have the same dimension.

Proposition 70. Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional and isomorphic, and T is a linear transformation from V to W. The following are equivalent:

- T is invertible.
- T is injective.
- T is surjective.

DEFINITION 88. The *product* of vector spaces is the Cartesian product, where addition and scalar multiplication are defined componentwise.

PROPOSITION 71. Suppose U is a subspace of V. Define the relation $a \sim b \iff b-a \in V$. Then \sim is an equivalence relation, and addition and scalar multiplication are invariant under it. The partition induced by this relation is a vector space.

Definition 89. This vector space is called the *quotient space* of V over U, denoted V/U.

PROPOSITION 72. Suppose T is a linear transformation with domain V, and let U be the null space of T. Then T is an isomorphism from V/U to the range of T.

DEFINITION 90. A linear functional on V is a linear map from V to \mathbb{F} .

DEFINITION 91. The space of linear functionals on V is the *dual space* of V, denoted V'.

PROPOSITION 73. If V is infinite-dimensional, $\dim V' > \dim V$.

Proposition 74. If V is finite-dimensional, $\dim V' = \dim V$.

Remark 92. This construction, applied twice, yields a canonical isomorphism between V'' and V, so they are often identified.

DEFINITION 93. For $U \subseteq V$, the annihilator of U, denoted U^0 , is

$$\{y \in V' : y(u) = 0 \ \forall u \in U\}.$$

DEFINITION 94. If v_1, \ldots, v_n is a basis of V, then there exists a basis of elements φ_j of V', where $\varphi_j v_k$ is 1 if j = k and 0 otherwise.

DEFINITION 95. This basis is called the *dual basis* of $v-1,\ldots,v_n$.

DEFINITION 96. The dual map of T is the linear map $T': W' \to V'$ defined by $T'\varphi = \varphi T$ for each $\varphi \in W'$.

Proposition 75. T' is a linear map. The dimensions of the range of T' and the range of T coincide.

DEFINITION 97. Suppose V and W have finite bases $\{v_i\}_1^m$ and $\{w_i\}_1^n$ respectively. The *matrix* A of T with respect to these bases is defined by

$$Tv_k = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,k} w_i.$$

We also identify $1 \times n$ and $n \times 1$ matrices with elements of \mathbb{F}^n .

PROPOSITION 76. This defines a bijection between the space of $m \times n$ matrices and the space of linear transformations $\mathbb{F}^n \to \mathbb{F}^m$.

DEFINITION 98. Thus, we identify the two, and can therefore talk of the image, null space, etc of a matrix.

DEFINITION 99. The rank of a matrix is the dimension of its image.

The transpose of a matrix is the matrix obtained by swapping rows and columns: $A_{j,k}^T = A_{k,j}$.

PROPOSITION 77. Let $T: V \to W$ be a linear transformation, where V and W are finite-dimensional. Pick bases $\{v_i\}$ and $\{w_i\}$ of V and W. The matrix of T' with respect to the dual bases of $\{w_i\}$ and $\{v_i\}$ is the transpose of the matrix of T with respect to $\{v_i\}$ and $\{w_i\}$.

COROLLARY 78. The rank of a matrix equals the rank of its transpose.

DEFINITION 100. Let $A:U\to W$ and $B:V\to W$ be linear maps. We augment A with B to get the linear map

$$(A|B): U \times V \to W, \ (A|B)(x,y) = Ax + By.$$

Proposition 79. For any $x:V\to U$ we have $Ax=B\iff (A|B)(x,-I)=0.$

Remark 101. Thus, to solve the linear system Ax = B it suffices to find the null space of (A|B). Notice also that the matrix of (A|B) is simply the matrix formed by concatenating the matrices of A and B.

Proposition 80. Let T and S be linear maps from V to W. The following are equivalent:

- The null spaces of T and S are the same.
- The images of T' and S' coincide.
- There is an invertible linear map $A: V \to V$ such that AT = S.

Definition 102. Such linear maps are called equivalent.

DEFINITION 103. A pivot is the first nonzero entry in a row of a matrix.

A matrix is in *row echelon form (REF)* if all rows consisting of only zeroes are at the bottom and the pivot of a nonzero row is strictly to the right of the pivot of the row above it.

A matrix is in reduced row echelon form (RREF) if it is in REF, all pivots are 1, and each column containing a pivot has zeroes everywhere else in the column.

Proposition 81. Every matrix is equivalent to a unique matrix in RREF.

DEFINITION 104. An *elementary matrix* is a matrix that differs from the identity in exactly one entry, where that entry is nonzero in the elementary matrix.

Proposition 82. A matrix is invertible iff it is a product of elementary matrices.

Remark 105. The null space of a matrix in RREF is easy to find. Thus, to find the null space of a matrix, we left-multiply by elementary matrices to find an equivalent matrix in RREF. This process is known as *Gaussian elimination*. It is efficient because multiplying by an elementary matrix has simple consequences:

- An elementary matrix which has a changed entry on the main diagonal multiplies a row by a scalar.
- An elementary matrix which has a nonzero entry off the main diagonal adds a scalar multiple of one row to another.

Most authors add a third (redundant) type of row operation and elementary matrix: swapping two rows.

The next proposition shows that Gaussian elimination also helps us find bases for the span of a set of vectors.

Proposition 83. Let T be a matrix which is equivalent to a matrix S in REF. Then,

- The rows of S with pivots form a basis for the span of the rows of T.
- Consider the columns of S with pivots. The corresponding columns of T form a basis for the span of the columns of T.

DEFINITION 106. Let $T: V \to V$ be a linear transformation. A subspace U of V is called *invariant* under T if $u \in U \Longrightarrow Tu \in U$.

A nonzero vector $v \in V$ is called an eigenvector of T if there is some $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $Tv = \lambda v$. We call λ an eigenvalue of T.

PROPOSITION 84. λ is an eigenvalue of T if and only if $T - \lambda I$ is not invertible.

Proposition 85. Any set of eigenvectors of T with distinct eigenvalues is linearly independent.

DEFINITION 107. Suppose $T:V\to V$ is linear, and U is a subspace of V invariant under T. The restriction $T|_U:U\to U$ is defined by $T|_U(u)=Tu$, while the quotient $T/U:V/U\to V/U$ is defined by (T/U)(v+U)=Tv+U.

DEFINITION 108. Suppose $T: V \to V$ is a linear transformation and

$$p(z) = \sum a_i z^i,$$

where each $a_i \in \mathbb{F}$. Then $p(T) = \sum a_i T^i$.

Theorem 86. Every operator on a finite-dimensional nonzero complex vector space has an eigenvalue.

DEFINITION 109. In defining the *matrix* of an operator, we choose the same basis for the domain and codomain.

Proposition 87. Suppose V is a finite-dimensional vector space and $T: V \to V$ is an operator. Then T has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to some basis of V.

Proposition 88. Suppose $T:V\to V$ has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to some basis of V. Then the eigenvalues of T are precisely the entries on the diagonal of that matrix.

DEFINITION 110. An operator is *diagonalisable* if it has a diagonal matrix with respect to some basis of the space.

Proposition 89. Let $T:V\to V$ be an operator over a finite-dimensional vector space. Then T is diagonalisable iff V has a basis consisting of eigenvectors of T.

DEFINITION 111. An inner product space is a vector space V over a field \mathbb{F} which is either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} , together with a function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \to \mathbb{F}$ satisfying

- $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$ (conjugate symmetry)
- $\langle ax + by, z \rangle = a \langle x, z \rangle + b \langle y, z \rangle$ (linearity in the first argument), and
- $\bullet \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \implies x = 0.$

Proposition 90. The dot product, defined by

$$(a_1,\ldots,a_n)\cdot(b_1,\ldots,b_n)=\sum a_i\overline{b_i},$$

is an inner product over both \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{C}^n .

Proposition 91 (Cauchy-Schwarz). $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq ||u|| ||v||$.

DEFINITION 112. A normed vector space is a vector space V over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} on which there is a norm: a function $\|\cdot\|:V\to\mathbb{R}$ satisfying

- $||x|| \ge 0$, with $||x|| = 0 \iff x = 0$,
- ||ax|| = |a|||x||, and
- $||x + y|| \le ||x|| + ||y||$ (the triangle inequality).

Proposition 92. If V is an inner product space, then $\langle x, x \rangle$ is real for all x. Moreover, $||x|| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ is a norm on V.

DEFINITION 113. Two vectors x and y are orthogonal if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$.

A set of vectors is *orthonormal* if each vector in the set has norm 1 and is orthogonal to all other vectors in the set.

Proposition 93. Suppose V is finite-dimensional. Then every orthonormal list of vectors in V can be extended to an orthonormal basis of V.

Remark 114. Thus, we may identify a finite-dimensional inner product space over \mathbb{F} with \mathbb{F}^n under the usual dot product.

Theorem 94 (Schur's Theorem). An operator over a finite-dimensional inner product space has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to an orthonormal basis of the space.

Theorem 95 (Riesz Representation). Any linear functional f on a finite-dimensional inner product space can be written as $f(x) = \langle x, v \rangle$ for some fixed vector v.

DEFINITION 115. Let U be a finite-dimensional subspace of V. The *orthogonal* projection of V onto U is the operator $P_U: V \to V$ defined by $P_Uv = u$ where $u \in U$ and $\langle v - u, x \rangle = 0 \ \forall x \in U$.

Proposition 96. The orthogonal projection is well defined, and satisfies

$$||P_u v|| \le ||v||.$$

For any $u \in U$, we have

$$||v - P_U v|| \le ||v - u||.$$

Remark 116. We may use this last result to solve minimisation problems, for example least-squares regression.

Proposition 97. Let $T:V\to W$ be linear. There exists a unique function $T^*:W\to V$ such that

$$\langle Tv, w \rangle = \langle v, T^*w \rangle$$

for every $v \in V$ and every $w \in W$. The function T^* is linear.

Definition 117. We call T^* the adjoint of T.

PROPOSITION 98. Let $T: V \to W$ be linear, where V and W are real or complex vector spaces. Let $\{v_i\}$ be an orthonormal basis for V, and let $\{w_i\}$ be an orthonormal basis for W. Then, the matrix of T^* with respect to $\{w_i\}$ and $\{v_i\}$ is the conjugate transpose of the matrix of T with respect to $\{v_i\}$ and $\{w_i\}$.

DEFINITION 118. Let T be an operator. If $T^* = T$, then T is self-adjoint. If $TT^* = T^*T$, then T is normal.

Proposition 99. Every eigenvalue of a self-adjoint operator is real.

Theorem 100 (Spectral Theorem). Let $T: V \to V$ be normal, where V is finite-dimensional. Then T has a diagonal matrix with respect to some orthonormal basis of V.

Remark 119. Thus, we may write $T = UBU^*$, where $UU^* = U^*U = I$ and B is diagonal.

Proposition 101. T is positive semidefinite iff there exists an operator R such that $T = R^*R$.

DEFINITION 120. An operator F is a square root of an operator T if $R^2 = T$.

Proposition 102. Every positive operator has a unique positive square root.

DEFINITION 121. If T is a positive operator, then \sqrt{T} denotes the unique positive semidefinite square root of T.

DEFINITION 122. A linear transformation is an *isometry* if it preserves norms. An operator which is also an isometry is *unitary*.

Proposition 103. An linear transformation T is unitary iff $T^*T = I$.

THEOREM 104 (Polar Decomposition). For each operator T, there exists a unitary operator S such that $T = S\sqrt{T^*T}$.

DEFINITION 123. The singular values of T are the eigenvalues of $\sqrt{T^*T}$, where each eigenvalue λ is counted the same number of times as the dimension of its eigenspace.

Proposition 105. The nonzero singular values of T and of T^* coincide.

THEOREM 106 (Singular Value Decomposition). Suppose $T: V \to W$ has singular values s_1, \ldots, s_n . Then there exist orthonormal bases e_1, \ldots, e_n of V and f_1, \ldots, f_n of W such that

$$Tv = \sum_{i} s_i \langle v, e_i \rangle f_i$$

for all $v \in V$.

PROPOSITION 107. Let $T: V \to W$ be a linear transformation. There exists a unique linear transformation $T^+: W \to T$ such that

- $TT^+T = T$;
- $T^+TT^+ = T^+;$
- TT^+ and T^+T are self-adjoint.

DEFINITION 124. This transformation T^+ is known as the pseudoinverse of T.

DEFINITION 125. A vector v is called a generalised eigenvector of T corresponding to an eigenvalue λ if $v \neq 0$ and $(T - \lambda I)^j v = 0$ for some positive integer j.

The generalised eigenspace of T corresponding to λ is the set of all generalised eigenvectors of T corresponding to λ , along with the 0 vector.

Proposition 108. For finite-dimensional V, v is a generalised eigenvector of T iff $(T - \lambda I)^{\dim V} v = 0$.

Proposition 109. Generalised eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.

Proposition 110. Suppose V is a finite-dimensional complex vector space, and T is an operator on V. Then there is a basis of V consisting of generalised eigenvectors of T.

Definition 126. The *multiplicity* of an eigenvalue λ of T is the dimension of the corresponding generalised eigenspace.

Proposition 111. Every operator on a nonzero finite-dimensional real vector space has an invariant subspace of dimension 1 or 2.

Definition 127. A block diagonal matrix is a square matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & A_m \end{pmatrix},$$

where each A_i is a square matrix lying along the diagonal and all other entries of the matrix are 0.

Theorem 112 (Jordan Form). If T is an operator on a finite-dimensional complex vector space, then there is a basis such that the matrix of T with respect to this basis is block diagonal with blocks of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix},$$

where each λ_i is a distinct eigenvalue of T.

Definition 128. The trace of a square matrix A is the sum of the diagonal entries of A.

PROPOSITION 113. If T is an operator over a finite-dimensional vector space V, and $\{a_i\}$ and $\{b_i\}$ are two bases for V, then the trace of the matrix of T with respect to $\{a_i\}$ equals the trace of the matrix of T with respect to $\{b_i\}$.

DEFINITION 129. We call this quantity the trace of T.

Proposition 114. The trace is additive.

Proposition 115. If V is complex, then the trace of T equals the sum of the eigenvalues of T counted according to multiplicity.

DEFINITION 130. If π is a permutation of $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$, the sign of π is -1^k , where $k = |\{(a, b) \in \{1, 2, ..., n\} : a < b, \pi(a) > \pi(b)\}|$.

Proposition 116. Let A be $n \times n$. The determinant of the linear transformation defined by A equals

$$\sum_{\pi} \operatorname{sign}(\pi) \prod_{i=1}^{n} A_{\pi(i),i},$$

where the sum is taken over all permutations π of $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$.

DEFINITION 131. We call this quantity the determinant of T.

Proposition 117. The determinant is multiplicative.

Proposition 118. If V is complex, then the determinant of T equals the product of the eigenvalues of T counted according to multiplicity.

DEFINITION 132. Let T be an operator on a finite-dimensional vector space. The *characteristic polynomial* p of T is defined by

$$p(\lambda) = \det(T - \lambda I).$$

Proposition 119. If T is an operator on a finite-dimensional complex vector space, then the characteristic polynomial p of T satisfies

$$p(z) = \prod (z - \lambda_i),$$

where λ_i are the eigenvalues of T counted according to multiplicity.

Theorem 120 (Cayley-Hamilton). Let p be the characteristic polynomial of T. Then p(T) = 0.

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CHAPTER 4

Analysis

DEFINITION 133. A metric space is a nonempty set M together with a function $d: M \times M \to \mathbb{R}$ (the metric) such that

- $d(x,y) = 0 \iff x = y$,
- d(x,y) = d(y,x) (symmetry),
- $d(x,z) \le d(x,y) + d(y,z)$ (triangle inequality).

Proposition 121. In a normed vector space, the function $d(x,y) = \|x - y\|$ is a metric.

DEFINITION 134. We call this the *induced metric*.

DEFINITION 135. In a metric space, the open ball $B_r(x)$ with centre x and radius r is the set of all points y with d(x,y) < r.

The closed ball $B_r(x)$ with centre x and radius r is the set of all points y with $d(x,y) \leq r$.

Definition 136. Let E be a subset of a metric space M.

- A point p is a *limit point* of E if every open ball centred at p contains a point $q \neq p$ such that $q \in E$.
- A point p is an *interior point* of E if there is an open ball centred at p which is a subset of E.
- E is closed if every limit point of E is a point of E.
- E is open if every point of E is an interior point of E.
- E is bounded if it is contained in some open ball.
- The complement E^c of a set E is the set $M \setminus E$.
- The *interior* of E is the set of interior points of E.
- The boundary ∂E of E is the set of points of M that are limit points of both E and E^c .

Proposition 122. The interior and boundary of E are disjoint, and their union is E.

Proposition 123. The following are equivalent:

- E is open.
- $E \cap \partial E = \emptyset$.
- E^c is closed.
- $\partial E \subseteq E^c$.

Proposition 124. Every open ball is open; every closed ball is closed.

Proposition 125. If p is a limit point of E, then every open ball centred around p contains infinitely many points of E.

Proposition 126. Any union of open sets is open; a finite intersection of open sets is open.

Any intersection of closed sets is closed; a finite union of closed sets is closed.

Definition 137. The closure of E is the set $E \cup \partial E$.

Proposition 127. The closure of E is closed; the interior of E is open.

Any closed set which contains E contains the closure of E. Any open set which is contained in E is contained in the interior of E.

PROPOSITION 128. Suppose $X \subseteq M$ inherits the metric. A subset E of X is open relative to X iff $E = X \cap Y$ for some open set Y.

DEFINITION 138. An open cover of E is a set of open sets whose union contains E.

Proposition 129. The following are equivalent:

- Every open cover of E contains a finite subset which is still an open cover of E.
- Every infinite subset of E contains a limit point in E.

Definition 139. Such a set is called *compact*.

PROPOSITION 130. Suppose $X \subseteq M$ inherits the metric. A subset E of X is open relative to X iff E is compact relative to M.

Proposition 131. A compact subset of a metric space is closed and bounded; a closed subset of a compact metric space is compact.

Proposition 132. If S is a collection of compact subsets of a metric space such that any finite intersection of elements of S is nonempty, then $\bigcap S$ is nonempty.

Theorem 133 (Heine-Borel). A subset of \mathbb{R}^n is compact iff it is closed and bounded.

Theorem 134 (Weierstrass). Every bounded infinite subset of \mathbb{R}^n has a limit point.

DEFINITION 140. Two subsets A and B of a metric space X are separated if both $A \cap \overline{B}$ and $B \cap \overline{A}$.

A set E is disconnected if it is the union of two nonempty separated sets, and connected otherwise.

Proposition 135. A metric space M is connected iff the only sets which are both open and closed are the empty set and M.

Proposition 136. A subset of \mathbb{R}^1 is connected iff it is an interval.

DEFINITION 141. A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent if there is a point L such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $n \geq N$ implies $d(a_n, L) < \varepsilon$. We write

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = L.$$

PROPOSITION 137. Suppose $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ are sequences of complex numbers which converge to a and b respectively. Then the sequences $\{a_n+b_n\}$, $\{a_nb_n\}$, $\{\frac{a_n}{b_n}\}$ converge to a+b, ab, $\frac{a}{b}$ respectively (where in the last one we require $b_n \neq 0$ for each n).

Proposition 138. A sequence in \mathbb{R}^n or \mathbb{C}^n converges iff it converges coordinatewise.

DEFINITION 142. A sequence $\{p_n\}$ is Cauchy if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an integer N such that $d(p_n, p_m) < \varepsilon$ if $m, n \geq N$.

A metric space is *complete* if every Cauchy sequence converges.

Proposition 139. Every convergent sequence is Cauchy.

Proposition 140. Every compact metric space is complete.

PROPOSITION 141. \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{C}^n are complete.

DEFINITION 143. Let $f: X \to Y$ be a function, where Y is a metric space and X is a subset of a metric space E. Let p be a limit point of X. We say that

$$\lim_{x \to p} f(x) = q$$

if for every sequence $\{x_n\}$ in E which converges to p but does not contain p, $f(x_n)$ converges to q.

DEFINITION 144. We say that f is *continuous* at p if for every sequence $\{x_n\}$ in E which converges to p, $f(x_n)$ converges to f(p).

We say that f is *continuous* on X, or simply *continuous*, if it is continuous at every point in X.

Proposition 142. A function f is continuous iff the inverse image of every open set is open.

Proposition 143. If f is continuous, then

- The image of a compact set is compact.
- The image of a connected set is connected.

COROLLARY 144 (Intermediate Value Theorem). If the codomain of f is \mathbb{R} , then it is an interval. If the domain of f is a compact set, then the interval is closed.

DEFINITION 145. A function f is uniformly continuous if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that if $d(a,b) < \delta$ then $d(f(a),f(b)) < \varepsilon$.

Theorem 145. Every continuous function on a compact set is uniformly continuous.

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CHAPTER 5

Theory of Computation

DEFINITION 146. A deterministic finite automaton (DFA) is a 5-tuple

$$(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F),$$

where Q is a finite set called the *states*, Σ is a finite set called the *alphabet*, δ : $Q \times \Sigma \to Q$ is the *transition function*, $q_0 \in Q$ is the *start state*, and $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of *accept states*.

DEFINITION 147. We say that machine M accepts string $s = s_0 s_1 \cdots s_n$ if $\delta(\delta(\cdots \delta(\delta(q_0, s_0), s_1) \cdots, s_{n-1}), s_n)$ is an accept state.

DEFINITION 148. The set A of all strings that machine M accepts is the language of machine M, notated L(M). We say that M recognises A.

Definition 149. A language is a $regular\ language$ if it is recognised by some finite automaton.

Definition 150. Let A and B be languages. We define the regular operations

- Union: $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \lor x \in B\}.$
- Concatenation: $A \circ B = \{xy : x \in A \land y \in B\}.$
- Star: $A^* = \{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_k : k \ge 0 \land \forall i, x_i \in A\}.$

Definition 151. The empty string is notated ε .

Remark 152. Note that $\varepsilon \in A^*$ for all A.

Definition 153. A nondeterministic finite automaton (NFA) is a 5-tuple

$$(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F),$$

where Q is a finite set of states, Σ is a finite alphabet, $\delta: Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \to \mathcal{P}(Q)$ is the transition function, $q_0 \in Q$ is the start state, and $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of accept states.

Definition 154. Two machines are equivalent if they describe the same language.

Proposition 146. Every NFA has an equivalent DFA.

COROLLARY 147. A language is regular iff some NFA recognises it.

DEFINITION 155. Let Σ be an alphabet. An atomic regular expression is one of

- $a \ (a \in \Sigma),$
- ε , and
- Ø.

Regular expressions are obtained by combining simpler regular expressions with the operations \cup , \circ , *.

A regular expression R describes a language L(R) obtained by replacing each instance of a and ε with $\{a\}$ and $\{\varepsilon\}$, respectively, and then applying the regular operations.

DEFINITION 156. A generalised nondeterministic finite automaton (GNFA) is a 5-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_s, q_a)$, where Q is a finite set of states, Σ is a finite input alphabet, $\delta: (Q - \{q_a\}) \times (Q - \{q_s\}) \to \mathcal{R}$ is the transition function, and $q_s, q_a \in Q$ are the start and accept states respectively.

A GNFA accepts a string w in Σ^* if $w = w_1 w_2 \cdots w_k$, where each w_i is in Σ^* and a sequence of states q_0, q_1, \ldots, q_k exists such that $q_0 = q_s, q_k = q_a$ and for each i we have $w_i \in L(\delta(q_{i-1}, q_i))$.

Proposition 148. A language is regular iff some GNFA recognises it.

Theorem 149. A language is regular iff some regular expression describes it.

LEMMA 150 (Pumping Lemma). If A is a regular language, then there is a positive integer p such that if s is any string in A of length at least p, then s may be divided into three pieces, s = xyz, where y is nonempty, $|xy| \le p$ and $x \circ y^* \circ z \subseteq A$.

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APPENDIX A

Proofs