

DE MATHEMATICA PURA
On Pure Mathematics

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Abstract

These are my notes when taking the class *Fundamentals of Pure Mathematics* at the University of Edinburgh. They are not a replicate of the lecture notes: they are my thoughts and explorations. Terms like “Theorem, Proposition” are coined in Latin. As the English terms descended from Latin, most of them are self-explanatory.

Caput 1

Notation

- The `\mathbb{}` fonts are used to denote sets. (\mathbb{S} , \mathbb{Y} , etc.)
- $\mathbb{A} \succ \mathbb{B}$ denotes there exists a surjective function $f : A \rightarrow B$. \prec , \asymp denotes injective, bijective, respectively.
- e is used to denote the identity of a group.
- When there is no ambiguity, the notation for the operation of group is omitted. (i.e., $a \odot b = ab$). a^{-1} is used to denote the inverse of a .

Caput 2

Analysis

Axioma 2.0.1 (The "Smallest" Infinite Set). A set \mathbb{S} is infinite iff $\mathbb{S} \succ \mathbb{N}$.

Observatio 2.0.1. Although FPM is a pure mathematic class with emphasis on rigor, no rigorous definition for the infinite set has been proposed. This definition/axiom is of my own conception.

Definitio 2.0.1 (Countable Set). A set \mathbb{S} is countable iff $\mathbb{N} \asymp \mathbb{S}$ (there exists a bijection $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$).

Corollarium 2.0.1 (At Most Countable). *Let \mathbb{A} be an infinite set. $(\mathbb{A} \prec \mathbb{N})$ iff $(\mathbb{A} \asymp \mathbb{N})$.*

Proof. We want to prove $\mathbb{A} \prec \mathbb{N}$ is equivalent to $\mathbb{A} \asymp \mathbb{N}$. $\mathbb{A} \asymp \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{A} \prec \mathbb{N}$ is by definition. We only need to prove the other direction; i.e., provided $\mathbb{A} \prec \mathbb{N}$, find a bijective function $h : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

Let $f : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be an injective mapping. If f is bijective, we are done. If f is injective but not bijective, let \mathbb{N}^- be the range of f . As \mathbb{A} is infinite, \mathbb{N}^- is also infinite. Let $f' : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^-$ such that $f(a) = f'(a)$. f' is an bijective mapping.

Thus we only need to show there exists a mapping $g : \mathbb{N}^- \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that is bijective.

g can be constructed by such: sort \mathbb{N}^- and \mathbb{N} in ascending order. Let the first element in the sorted \mathbb{N}^- maps to the first in the sorted \mathbb{N} , the second to second, etc. As \mathbb{N}^- is infinite, g must be bijective.

Indeed $h = g \circ f' : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is the bijective mapping we seek. Q.E.D.

Theorema 2.0.1 (List of Countable and Uncountable Sets). *Any of the following sets are countable.*

1. \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}

2. *Any infinite subset of countable sets.*
3. *Any products of countable sets. If \mathbb{S} is countable, $\{\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}\}, \{\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{S}\}$ are also countable.*

Caput 3

Algebra

Definitio 3.0.1 (Group). Group is a set \mathbb{S} with an operation \odot that fulfills the following four properties:

1. Closure
2. Associativity: $(a \odot b) \odot c = a \odot (b \odot c)$;
3. Identity
4. Inverse

Theorema 3.0.1 (Consequence of the Definition). *There are many non-obvious properties that directly follows the definition.*

1. *General Associativity: Parenthesis does not matter, as long as the order is the same: $a \odot b \odot c \odot d \odot e \odot f \odot g \cdots = (a \odot ((b \odot c) \odot e (\odot f \odot g) \cdots)) = \cdots$*
2. *Order of Inverse: $(a \odot b)^{-1} = b^{-1} \odot a^{-1}$.*

Here are some examples of groups.

1. $\mathbb{S} = \{e\}$
2. $\mathbb{S} = \{e, a, b, c\}$. With the following operation: 1. All elements are their own inverse; 2. The group is abelian. 2. $a \odot b = c, a \odot c = b, b \odot c = a$.

Coniectura 3.0.1. These are some of my hypothesis and thoughts.

1. different properties of odd finite groups and even finite groups
2. If defining the revert of the operation \odot to be \oslash as such: $a \odot b = a \oslash b^{-1}$. What are the sets such that it would be a group under both \odot & \oslash ?

3. Can we have a set \mathbb{S} , such that under the operation \odot we have $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{S}, a \odot b = b \odot a$ but without associativity? (Community without associativity?)

Definitio 3.0.2 (Order of Group and element). The order of the group \mathbb{S} is $|\mathbb{S}|$ (How many elements it has).

The order of an element $s \in \mathbb{S}$ is the smallest integer i such that $s^i = e$. (If such i exists)

Definitio 3.0.3 (Cyclic Group). Let \mathbb{G} be a group and g one of its element. Considering the set:

$$\mathbb{S} = \{\cdots g^{-2}, g^{-1}, e, g, g^1, g^2 \cdots\}$$

If \mathbb{S} is finite, it is called a cyclic group. (It can be shown that it must be a subgroup of \mathbb{G}).

Theorema 3.0.2 (Properties of Cyclic Group). *Here are some properties immediately follows the definition of cyclic group.*

1. *Any subgroup of a cyclic group is also cyclic.*

Theorema 3.0.3 (Lagrange Theorem). *Consider finite group \mathbb{G} and its subgroup \mathbb{S} . $|\mathbb{S}|$ divides $|\mathbb{G}|$.*

Exempli Gratia 3.0.1. The followings demonstrate Lagrange Theorem.

1. \mathbb{Z}_{10} under addition modula 10 and its subgroup $\mathbb{S} = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 10\}$.
 $|\mathbb{Z}_{10}| = 10, |\mathbb{S}| = 5$.

Proof of Lagrange Theorem. Let $\mathbb{G} = \{g_1, g_2, g_3, \cdots\}$ be a group and $\mathbb{S} = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \cdots\}$ (let $s_0 = e$) be its subgroup. If $\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{G}$, we are done. If not, sine detrimento universalitatis (without loss of generality), let $g_i \notin \mathbb{S}$. Consider the set: $\mathbb{D}_1 = \{g_1 s | s \in \mathbb{S}\}$. All elements in \mathbb{D}_1 has the following properties:

1. $g_1 s \in \mathbb{D}_1 \rightarrow g_1 s \in \mathbb{G}$
2. $|\mathbb{D}_1| = |\mathbb{S}|$.
3. $g_1 s \in \mathbb{D}_1 \rightarrow g_1 s \notin \mathbb{S}$.

Property I is true because \mathbb{G} is a group with the property closure.

By claiming that $g_1 s_i \neq g_1 s_j$ for $i \neq j$ it is sufficently to show property II is true. Property III can be proved by contradiction. Assuming $\exists g_1 s \in \mathbb{D}_1$

and $g_1s \in \mathbb{S}$. We have $g_1ss^{-1} \in \mathbb{S}$ (by Inverse and Closure property of group) $\rightarrow g_1 \in \mathbb{S}$, (by associativity property of group) contradicting our assumption that $g \notin \mathbb{S}$.

If $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{S} \cup \mathbb{D}_1$, we are done, as $|\mathbb{G}| = 2|\mathbb{S}|$.

If $\exists g_2 \in \mathbb{G} \vee g_2 \notin \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{D}_1$. Construct the set $\mathbb{D}_2 = \{g_ws | s \in \mathbb{S}\}$. All elements in \mathbb{D}_2 have properties I, II of \mathbb{D}_1 , and a stronger III property: $g_1s \in \mathbb{D}_2 \rightarrow g_1s \notin \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{D}_1$.

Thus by same reasoning, if $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{S} \cup \mathbb{D}_1 \cup \mathbb{D}_2$, $|\mathbb{G}| = 3|\mathbb{S}|$. If not, we can construct more disjointed sets $\mathbb{D}_3, \mathbb{D}_4, \dots, \mathbb{D}_n$ until the union of them and \mathbb{S} forms \mathbb{G} . This can always be done as \mathbb{G} is finite, and will have an order of $(n+1) \cdot |\mathbb{S}|$. Q.E.D.

Appendix I

Latin and Abbreviations

Theorema

SDU(sine detrimento universalitatis)

Theorem

without any of generosity