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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

### 2.1 The Countable Sets

**Axioma 2.1.1** (The "Smallest" Infinite Set). A set  $\mathbb{S}$  is infinite iff  $\mathbb{S} \succ \mathbb{N}$ .

*Observatio 2.1.1.* 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 2.1.1** (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 2.1.1** (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 2.1.1** (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 Unions of countable and finite sets.
4. Any products of countable sets and finite sets. i.e., if  $\mathbb{S}, \mathbb{T}$  are countable,  $\{\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}\}, \{\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{T} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{S}\}$  are also countable.

*Coniectura 2.1.1.* Is the product of countable number of countable sets countable?

# Caput 3

## Algebra

### 3.1 Group

**Definitio 3.1.1** (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 3.1.1** (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 3.1.1.* 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 3.1.2** (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 3.1.3** (Cyclic Group). Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a group and  $g$  one of its element. Considering the set:

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

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 3.1.2** (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 3.1.3** (Lagrange Theorem). *Consider finite group  $\mathbb{G}$  and its subgroup  $\mathbb{S}$ .  $|\mathbb{S}|$  divides  $|\mathbb{G}|$ .*

*Exempli Gratia* 3.1.1. 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  $\mathbb{G} = \{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots\}$  be a group and  $\mathbb{S} = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots\}$  (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:  $\mathbb{D}_1 = \{g_1 s | s \in \mathbb{S}\}$ . The set  $\mathbb{D}_1$  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.  $(\forall d \in \mathbb{D}_1)$  the set  $\mathbb{D}'_1 = \{ds | s \in \mathbb{S}\} = \mathbb{D}_1$
4.  $g_1 s \in \mathbb{D}_1 \rightarrow g_1 s \notin \mathbb{S}$ .



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 sufficient to show property II is true.

To prove property III, we shall prove statement 1)  $\mathbb{D}_1 \subseteq \mathbb{D}'_1$  and 2)  $\mathbb{D}'_1 \subseteq \mathbb{D}_1$ . To prove statement 1), consider  $a \in \mathbb{D}_1$ ,  $\exists s_1 \in \mathbb{S}$  such that  $g_1 s_1 = a$ . Let  $\mathbb{D}'_1$  be defined as  $\mathbb{D}'_1 = \{bs | s \in \mathbb{S}\}$ . and  $b$  can be written in the form of  $g_1 s_2$ . Indeed  $bs_2^{-1} s_1 = a \rightarrow a \in \mathbb{D}'_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_1 \subseteq \mathbb{D}'_1$ . Statement 2) can be proved similarly.

Property IV can be proved by contradiction. Assuming  $\exists g_1 s \in \mathbb{D}_1$  and  $g_1 s \in \mathbb{S}$ . We have  $g_1 s s^{-1} \in \mathbb{S}$  (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  $\exists g_2 \in \mathbb{G} \setminus \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{D}_1$ . Construct the set  $\mathbb{D}_2 = \{g_2 s | s \in \mathbb{S}\}$ . All elements in  $\mathbb{D}_2$  have properties I, II of  $\mathbb{D}_1$ , and a stronger IV property:  $g_2 s \in \mathbb{D}_2 \rightarrow g_2 s \notin \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{D}_1$ .

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