

Divisibility

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1 Definitions

1.1 Preorder

Definition 1.1 (Reflexivity). $A \mid A$

Definition 1.2 (Transitivity). $A \mid B$ and $B \mid C \implies A \mid C$

Definition 1.3 (Isomorphic). $A = B \iff A \mid B$ and $B \mid A$

Lemma 1.1. $A = B \iff (A \mid B \iff TRUE \implies B \mid A)$

1.2 Yoneda

Definition 1.4 (Yoneda \mid). $A \mid B \iff \forall X (X \mid A \implies X \mid B)$

Lemma 1.2 (Yoneda 1 $=$). $A = B \iff \forall X (X \mid A \iff X \mid B)$

Lemma 1.3 (Yoneda 2 $=$). $A = B \iff \forall X (A \mid X \iff B \mid X)$

1.3 Initial and Terminal Object (1 and 0)

Definition 1.5 (Initial). $1 \mid A$

Definition 1.6 (Terminal). $A \mid 0$

1.4 Meets ($A \text{ gcd } B$)

Definition 1.7 (Meet). $A \mid B \text{ gcd } C \iff A \mid B$ and $A \mid C$

Lemma 1.4 (Zero Element). $A \text{ gcd } 0 = A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & X \mid A \text{ gcd } 0 \\ \iff & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\ & X \mid A \text{ and } X \mid 0 \\ \iff & \{ \text{Terminal} \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \mid A \text{ and } TRUE \\
\iff & \{ A \text{ and } TRUE = A \} \\
& X \mid A
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.5 (Absolute Element). $A \text{ gcd } 1 = 1$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& 1 \mid A \text{ gcd } 1 \\
\iff & \{ \text{Initial} \} \\
& TRUE \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& A \text{ gcd } 1 \mid A \text{ gcd } 1 \\
\iff & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& A \text{ gcd } 1 \mid A \text{ and } A \text{ gcd } 1 \mid 1 \\
\implies & \{ A \text{ and } B \implies B \} \\
& A \text{ gcd } 1 \mid 1
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.6 (Associativity). $A \text{ gcd}(B \text{ gcd } C) = (A \text{ gcd } B) \text{ gcd } C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \mid A \text{ gcd}(B \text{ gcd } C) \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \mid A \text{ and } X \mid B \text{ gcd } C \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \mid A \text{ and } (X \mid B \text{ and } X \mid C) \\
= & \{ \text{Associativity of And} \} \\
& (X \mid A \text{ and } X \mid B) \text{ and } X \mid C \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \mid A \text{ gcd } B \text{ and } X \mid C \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \mid (A \text{ gcd } B) \text{ gcd } C
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.7 (Commutativity). $A \text{ gcd } B = B \text{ gcd } A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \mid A \text{ gcd } B \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \mid A \text{ and } X \mid B \\
= & \{ \text{Commutativity of And} \} \\
& X \mid B \text{ and } X \mid A \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \mid B \text{ gcd } A
\end{aligned}$$

□

1.5 Joins ($A \text{ lcm } B$)

Definition 1.8 (Join). $A \text{ lcm } B \mid C \iff A \mid C \text{ and } B \mid C$

Lemma 1.8 (Zero Element). $A \text{ lcm } 1 = A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \text{ lcm } 1 \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \mid X \text{ and } 1 \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Initial} \} \\
& A \mid X \text{ and } \text{TRUE} \\
\iff & \{ A \text{ and } \text{TRUE} = A \} \\
& A \mid X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.9 (Absolute Element). $0 \text{ lcm } A = 0$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& 0 \text{ lcm } A \mid 0 \\
\iff & \{ \text{Terminal} \} \\
& \text{TRUE} \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& 0 \text{ lcm } A \mid 0 \text{ lcm } A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& 0 \mid 0 \text{ lcm } A \text{ and } A \mid 0 \text{ lcm } A \\
\implies & \{ A \text{ and } B \implies A \} \\
& 0 \mid 0 \text{ lcm } A
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.10 (Associativity). $A \text{ lcm } (B \text{ lcm } C) = (A \text{ lcm } B) \text{ lcm } C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \text{ lcm } (B \text{ lcm } C) \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \mid X \text{ and } B \text{ lcm } C \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \mid X \text{ and } (B \mid X \text{ and } C \mid X) \\
\iff & \{ \text{Associativity of And} \} \\
& (A \mid X \text{ and } B \mid X) \text{ and } C \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \text{ lcm } B \mid X \text{ and } C \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& (A \text{ lcm } B) \text{ lcm } C \mid X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.11 (Commutativity). $A \text{ lcm } B = B \text{ lcm } A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \text{ lcm } B \mid X \\
= & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \mid X \text{ and } B \mid X \\
= & \{ \text{Commutativity of And} \} \\
& B \mid X \text{ and } A \mid X \\
= & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& B \text{ lcm } A \mid X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.12 (Golden Rule). $A \mid \text{Agcd } B \iff B \text{ lcm } A \mid B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \mid \text{Agcd } B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& A \mid A \text{ and } A \mid B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& \text{TRUE} \text{ and } A \mid B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& B \mid B \text{ and } A \mid B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$B \text{ lcm } A \mid B$$

□

1.6 Adjoints ($*$ and $/$)

Definition 1.9 (Adjoint). $A * B \mid C \iff A \mid C/B$

Definition 1.10 (Associativity of $*$). $A * (B * C) = (A * B) * C$

Definition 1.11 (Commutativity of $*$). $A * B = B * A$

Lemma 1.13 ($*$ distributes over Joins). $(A \text{ lcm } B) * C = (A * C) \text{ lcm } (B * C)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (A \text{ lcm } B) * C \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{ Adjoint } \} \\
& A \text{ lcm } B \mid X/C \\
\iff & \{ \text{ Join } \} \\
& A \mid X/C \text{ and } B \mid X/C \\
\iff & \{ \text{ Adjoint } \} \\
& A * C \mid X \text{ and } B * C \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{ Join } \} \\
& (A * C) \text{ lcm } (B * C) \mid X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.14 ($/$ distributes over Meets). $(A \text{ gcd } B)/C = (A/C) \text{ gcd } (B/C)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \mid (A \text{ gcd } B)/C \\
\iff & \{ \text{ Adjoint } \} \\
& X * C \mid A \text{ gcd } B \\
\iff & \{ \text{ Meet } \} \\
& X * C \mid A \text{ and } X * C \mid B \\
\iff & \{ \text{ Adjoint } \} \\
& X \mid A/C \text{ and } X \mid B/C \\
\iff & \{ \text{ Meet } \} \\
& X \mid (A/C) \text{ gcd } (B/C)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.15 (Preservation of infima). $1 * A = 1$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& 1 * A \mid X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& 1 \mid X/A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Initial} \} \\
& \text{TRUE} \\
\iff & \{ \text{Initial} \} \\
& 1 \mid X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.16 (Preservation of suprema). $0/A = 0$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \mid 0/A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X * A \mid 0 \\
\iff & \{ \text{Terminal} \} \\
& \text{TRUE} \\
\iff & \{ \text{Terminal} \} \\
& X \mid 0
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.17 (Left cancellation law). $(A/B) * B \mid A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (A/B) * B \mid A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& A/B \mid A/B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& \text{TRUE}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.18 (Right Cancellation law). $A \mid (A * B)/B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \mid (A * B)/B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& A * B \mid A * B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \}
\end{aligned}$$

$TRUE$

□

Lemma 1.19 (Monotonicity of $*$). $A \mid B \implies A * C \mid B * C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A \mid B \\
 \iff & \{ A \text{ and } TRUE = A \} \\
 & A \mid B \text{ and } TRUE \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Right Cancellation Law} \} \\
 & A \mid B \text{ and } B \mid (B * C)/C \\
 \implies & \{ \text{Transitivity of } \mid \} \\
 & A \mid (B * C)/C \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
 & A * C \mid B * C
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.20 (Monotonicity of $/$). $A \mid B \implies A/C \mid B/C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A \mid B \\
 \iff & \{ TRUE \text{ and } A = A \} \\
 & TRUE \text{ and } A \mid B \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Left Cancellation Law} \} \\
 & (A/C) * C \mid A \text{ and } A \mid B \\
 \implies & \{ \text{Transitivity of } \mid \} \\
 & (A/C) * C \mid B \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
 & A/C \mid B/C
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.21 (Weak-inverse $*$). $A * B = ((A * B)/B) * B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((A * B)/B) * B \mid A * B \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Left Cancellation Law} \} \\
 & TRUE \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Right Cancellation Law} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \mid (A * B)/B \\
\Rightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Monotonicity of } * \} \\
& A * B \mid ((A * B)/B) * B
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.22 (Weak-inverse /). $A/B = ((A/B) * B)/B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A/B \mid ((A/B) * B)/B \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Right Cancellation Law} \} \\
& TRUE \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Left Cancellation Law} \} \\
& (A/B) * B \mid A \\
\Rightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Monotonicity of } / \} \\
& ((A/B) * B)/B \mid A/B
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.23 (/ distributes over *). $A/(B * C) = (A/B)/C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \mid (A/B)/C \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X * C \mid A/B \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& (X * C) * B \mid A \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Associativity of } * \} \\
& X * (C * B) \mid A \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X \mid A/(C * B)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.24 (Duality). $A \text{ gcd } B \mid (A * B)/(B \text{ lcm } A)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \mid A \text{ gcd } B \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \mid A \text{ and } X \mid B \\
\Rightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Monotonicity of } * \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& X * B \mid A * B \text{ and } X * A \mid B * A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Commutativity of } * \} \\
& B * X \mid A * B \text{ and } A * X \mid A * B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& B \mid (A * B)/X \text{ and } A \mid (A * B)/X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& B \text{ lcm } A \mid (A * B)/X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& (B \text{ lcm } A) * X \mid A * B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Commutativity of } * \} \\
& X * (B \text{ lcm } A) \mid A * B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X \mid (A * B)/(B \text{ lcm } A)
\end{aligned}$$

□

2 Exercises

1. (Weakening) $A \mid A \text{ lcm } B$
2. (Projection) $A \text{ gcd } B \mid A$
3. (Idempotency) $A \text{ lcm } A = A$
4. (Meet \mid Join) $A \text{ gcd } B \mid A \text{ lcm } B$
5. (Monotonicity of lcm) $A \mid B \text{ and } C \mid D \implies A \text{ lcm } C \mid B \text{ lcm } D$
6. $A * A/A = A$
7. (Self-Distributivity) $A \text{ gcd}(B \text{ gcd } C) = (A \text{ gcd } B) \text{ gcd}(A \text{ gcd } C)$
8. (Absorption) $A \text{ gcd}(A \text{ lcm } B) = A$