

Følner sequence

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1 Introduction

Recall the definition of a group:

Definition 1.1. A *group* is a non-empty set Γ together with a binary operation on Γ , denoted “ \cdot ”, that combines any two elements γ and γ' of Γ to form an element of Γ , denoted $\gamma \cdot \gamma'$, such that the following three requirements, known as *group axioms*, are satisfied:

- *Associativity*: For all g, h, j in Γ , one has $(g \cdot h) \cdot j = g \cdot (h \cdot j)$.
- *Identity*: There exists an element e in Γ such that, for every g in Γ , one has $e \cdot g = g$ and $g \cdot e = g$. Such an element is unique and is called the *identity element*.
- *Unique Inverse*: For each g in Γ , there exists an element h in Γ such that $g \cdot h = e$ and $h \cdot g = e$, where e is the identity element. For each g , the element h is unique and is called the *inverse* of g and is denoted g^{-1} .

Definition 1.2. We define a *right-Følner sequence* in a group, Γ , as a sequence $\Phi = (\Phi_N)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ of finite subsets of Γ satisfying

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|(\Phi_N \cdot \gamma^{-1}) \cap \Phi_N|}{|\Phi_N|} = 1$$

for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

Definition 1.3. Similarly, we define a *left-Følner sequence* in a group, Γ , as a sequence $\Phi = (\Phi_N)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ of finite subsets of Γ satisfying

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|(\gamma^{-1} \cdot \Phi_N) \cap \Phi_N|}{|\Phi_N|} = 1$$

for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

Definition 1.4. We call a sequence a *Følner sequence* if it is both a left and right Følner sequence.

A related definition is the following:

Definition 1.5. We call define *density of a subset* $A \subseteq \Gamma$ with respect to a Følner sequence, Φ , as

$$d_{\Phi}(A) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\Phi_N \cap A|}{|\Phi_N|},$$

if it exists.

For \mathbb{N} , the *natural density*, d , is defined when the Følner sequence is constructed with $\Phi_N = [1, \dots, N]$.

2 Results

Theorem 2.1 (The Test Theorem). *This is a Theorem.*



Tip

This is a test tip.

3 More Information

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