

Math 220  
Section 108  
Lecture 18

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# Recall - Equivalence Classes

## Definition (Definition 9.3.3 of PLP)

Given an equivalence relation  $R$  defined on a set  $A$ , we define the **equivalence class** of  $x \in A$  (with respect to  $R$ ) to be the set of elements related to  $x$ :

$$[x] = \{y \in A : yRx\}.$$

# Variation of an old final question

3. Let  $R$  be a relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined as

$$R = \{(a, b) : \cos^2(a) + \sin^2(b) = 1\}.$$

$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

trig identity  $\uparrow$

(a) Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) For  $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$ , find the equivalence class  $[\theta]$ .

(a) reflexive:  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \cos^2(a) + \sin^2(a) = 1$   
since it is a trig identity. So  $aRa$ .

symmetric: Given  $aRb$ , we have

$$\cos^2(a) + \sin^2(b) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \sin^2(a)) + (1 - \cos^2(b)) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$2 = 1 + \sin^2 a + \cos^2 b$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$1 = \cos^2 b + \sin^2 a,$$

so  $bRa$ .

## (Continued 1/2)

(Continued) 3. Define:  $R = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : \cos^2(a) + \sin^2(b) = 1\}$ .

(a) Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) For  $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$ , find the equivalence class  $[\theta]$ .

(a) (c.t.d.) transitive: Given  $aRb$  &  $bRc$ , some  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

we have ①  $\cos^2 a + \sin^2 b = 1$  & ②  $\cos^2 b + \sin^2 c = 1$ .

$$\text{①} + \text{②} : \cos^2 a + \underbrace{\sin^2 b + \cos^2 b}_1 + \sin^2 c = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 a + 1 + \sin^2 c = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 a + \sin^2 c = 1,$$

$$\Rightarrow aRc.$$

(b) Consider  $[\theta] = \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid tR\theta\}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 t + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 t = \sin^2 t.$$

## (Continued 2/2)

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(a) Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) For  $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$ , find the equivalence class  $[\theta]$ .

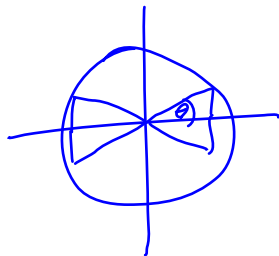
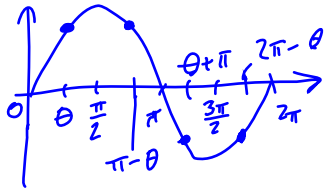
(b) (std.) So  $|\sin \theta| = |\sin t|$ .

If  $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$ :

$$[\theta] = \{\theta + 2\pi k, \pi - \theta + 2\pi k, \theta + \pi + 2\pi k, 2\pi - \theta + 2\pi k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

If  $\theta = 0$ :  $[\theta] = \{\pi k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

If  $\theta = \pi/2$ :  $[\theta] = \{\pi/2 + \pi k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .



# Recall - Partitions

Definition (Definition 9.3.11 of PLP)

A **partition** of a set  $A$  is a collection  $\mathcal{P}$  of non-empty subsets of  $A$ , so that

- if  $x \in A$ , then there exists  $X \in \mathcal{P}$  so that  $x \in X$ , and
- if  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}$ , then either  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$  or  $X = Y$ .

$$\{1, 2\} = A \quad 1 = 2$$

Theorem (Theorem 9.3.12 of PLP)

Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $A$ . The set of equivalence classes of  $R$  forms a partition of  $A$ . That is,  $\mathcal{P} = \{[x] \mid x \in A\}$  is a partition of  $A$ .

$$\{1, 2\} = X \\ \{3\} \quad X \cap Y = \emptyset$$

# Partitions

4. (a) Give an example of a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9, 10\}$  that has exactly four elements.  
(b) Is the power set  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  a partition of  $A$ ?  
(c) Is a partition of  $A$  a subset of the power set  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ ?

(a)  $\mathcal{P} = \{ \{1, 10\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{8\}, \{5, 6, 7, 9\} \}$ .  $\leftarrow$

(b)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ , so it can't be a partition.  
 $\mathcal{P}(A) - \emptyset$  : This is still not a partition, since  $\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\} \in \mathcal{P}(A) - \emptyset$  and they overlap, i.e.  $\{1, 2\} \cap \{2, 3\} \neq \emptyset$ .

(c) Yes. Every element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is a subset of  $A$ , so  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

$|\mathcal{P}| = 4$   
 $\#\mathcal{P} = 4$

# Partitions

5. Suppose  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition of a set  $A$ . Define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  where  $xRy$  if  $x, y \in S$  for some  $S \in \mathcal{P}$ . Prove  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

reflexive: Given any  $a \in A$ ,  $aRa$  since  $a$  is in the same element of  $\mathcal{P}$  as itself.

symmetric: If  $aRb$ , then  $a, b \in S$ , for some  $S \in \mathcal{P}$ . So  $b, a \in S$ , some  $S \in \mathcal{P}$ , so  $bRa$ .

transitive: If  $aRb$  &  $bRc$ ,  $\exists S_1, S_2 \in \mathcal{P}$  s.t.  $a, b \in S_1$  &  $b, c \in S_2$ . Since  $b \in S_1 \cap S_2$ , and so  $S_1 \cap S_2$



## (Continued)

(Continued) 5. Suppose  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition of a set  $A$ . Define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  where  $xRy$  if  $x, y \in S$  for some  $S \in \mathcal{P}$ . Prove  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

is non-empty. Therefore, we must  $S_1 = S_2$ ,  
and so  $a, b, c \in S_1$ . So  $aRc$ .

So  $R$  is an equivalence relation.