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# Abstract

Mathematic notation has been dominated by sets and, when repeated elements are required, sequences generally make an appearance. Historical inertia has caused these structures to be used in many situations where they are ill-suited often evidenced by phrases like "without loss of generality", "up to ordering of terms", "up to a sign". However, by tackling these problems instead with more apt data structures, we can eliminate some of these stipulations and more formally reduce symmetric cases in reasoning. In particular, this thesis will deal with *hybrid sets* (that is, signed multisets), as well *hybrid functions* (that is, functions with hybrid sets for their domain) with applications in piecewise functions, integration on manifolds, (...). More than just an aesthetic change, by allowing negative multiplicity (even if it would not make physical sense), we may symbolically manipulate structures in ways that might otherwise be cumbersome or inefficient.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Motivation

Some data structures in mathematics are more well-loved than others and none more than Cantor's set. The very foundations of mathematics lie in set theory: numbers are defined in terms of sets as are ordered tuples which in turn lead to relations, functions, sequences and from there branches into countless other structures. But this trunk typically omits a satisfactory treatment of several *generalized sets*. For example, it is difficult to begin speaking about *hybrid sets* without immediately punctuating, "that is, multisets with negative multiplicity". It is a statement of progress that multisets have even entered into (relatively) common mathematical parlance.

Still, sequences need no introduction and are generally relied on when a structure allowing repeated elements is needed. The addition of an ordering is often not even needed but "surely it can't hurt?" Consider the *Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic*:

"Every positive integer, except 1, is a product of primes." ... "The standard form of  $n$  is unique; apart from rearrangement of factors,  $n$  can be expressed as a product of primes in one way only." (Hardy and Wright 1979, p.2-3)

By recognizing the possibility of rearranging factors, the authors implicitly define type the "product of primes" as a sequence. But for iterated commutative operators (e.g.  $\sum, \prod, \cap, \cup$ ), the order of terms is irrelevant. So then, why order terms to begin with? Reisig [14] uses

multisets to define relation nets where “... several individuals of some sort do not have to be distinguished” and furthermore “One should not be forced to distinguish individuals if one doesn’t wish to. This would lead to overspecification”. The same applies here. Secondly, iterated operators over an empty set is simply the respective identity ( $\prod_{x \in \emptyset} x = 1$ ), and so 1 is a product of primes. Despite the empty sequence being just as well-defined as the empty set; it tends to be treated as an aberrant case. Some definitions even disregard the singleton sequence to say, “is prime or the product of primes”.

Stripped of these qualifications we are left with simply:

“Every positive integer is the product of a unique multiset of primes.”

Although the definition is equivalent, by using appropriate data structures, the result is more elegant and less case-based reasoning for later uses of the definition. In this spirit that we will graft hybrid sets into areas of mathematics where conventional structures don’t fit as tightly as we’d like.

## 1.2 Objectives

This thesis will include and extend the work of [8] on hybrid sets and their applications. In particular, integration is a natural application of signed domains that had not been explored from this perspective. Take the identity:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = - \int_b^a f(x) \, dx \quad (1.1)$$

The domain of integration on the left-side is considered to be the interval  $[a, b]$  or in set builder notation,  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$ . It would follow then that the right hand should have domain  $[b, a]$ . Under traditional set definitions, this is not well defined. Using hybrid sets allows us to give meaning to an inverted interval. When generalized to higher dimensions, this goal becomes an attempt to unify the *Lebesgue integral* and *integration of forms*. Such a model



would allow for integration of differential forms over subsets of manifolds.

I don't currently have a set of objectives for the Petri net chapter. Another couple lines will go here once I have a better idea what the chapter will look like.

## 1.3 Related Work

It is difficult to date the origin of multisets. The term was coined by N.G. de Bruijn in correspondence with Donald Knuth, [12] but thought of as a “collection of objects that may or may not be distinguished” is as old as tally marks. In regards to the generalization to *signed* multisets, Hailperin [11] suggests that Boole's 1854 *Laws of Thought* [7] is a treatise of signed multisets. Whether this was Boole's intent is debated [cite]. Sets with negative membership explicitly began to appear in [19] and were formalized under the name Hybrid sets in Blizard's extensive work with generalized sets [5, 6] Although hybrid set and signed multiset are the most common nomenclature, other names appearing in literature include multiset (specifying positive when for unsigned multisets) [14] and integral multiset [20].

Existing explicit applications of hybrid sets are currently limited. Loeb *et al.* [10, 13] use hybrid sets to generalize several combinatoric identities to negative values. Bailey *et al.* [1] and Banâtre *et al.* [2] have also had success with hybrid sets in chemical programming. Representing a solution is represented as a collection of atoms and molecules, negative multiplicities are treated as “antimatter”. For a deeper overview and systemization of generalized sets, see [16, 17]. Finally, Bartoletti [3, 4] and Schmidt [15] also investigate petri and relation nets (to be examined in chapter 5), albeit not from the perspective of hybrid sets.

## 1.4 Thesis Outline

In chapter 2, the foundations for hybrid sets and functions with hybrid set domains will be laid. Some immediate applications to piecewise functions will be presented. In chapter 3, the algebra of domains will be more deeply explored with generalized partitions and inclusion-exclusion

and present an method for computing the support of a hybrid set. In chapter 4, hybrid functions will be applied towards integration. Starting from foundations we will use hybrid functions to unify integration of forms with integration on subsets of manifolds and prove Stokes' theorem on the new model. Finally in chapter 5, hybrid sets will be applied to Petri and relation nets with the scope of ...

## Chapter 2

# Hybrid Set Theory

The motivation behind hybrid sets and functions can be traced to wanting a better approach to piecewise functions. Piecewise functions are enormously useful constructions in many areas (...) The perennial example of a piecewise function is  $\text{abs} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{0\}$  given in the form:

$$\text{abs}(x) = \begin{cases} -x & : x < 0 \\ x & : x \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

To evaluate  $\text{abs}$  for an argument  $x$ , one must first determine which sub-function to use. If  $x < 0$  then the first case is evaluated and  $\text{abs}$  will return the result of  $x \mapsto -x$ . Otherwise, if  $x \geq 0$  the second case is evaluated and the result of  $x \mapsto x$  is returned. Rather than as a condition, we could just as easily think of “ $x < 0$ ” and “ $x \geq 0$ ” as partitions of the real line. Evaluation then occurs by checking whether  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{0\}$  or  $x \in \mathbb{R}_-$ . In general, a piecewise function  $f$  will take the form:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x) & : x \in P_1 \\ f_2(x) & : x \in P_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ f_n(x) & : x \in P_n \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where the set  $\{P_i\}$  forms a partition of the domain of  $f$  and for each  $f_i$  is defined over all of the corresponding  $P_i$ . To formalize this we require the ability to restrict a function's domain and join disjoint pieces together.

**Definition** Given a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  for any subset of the domain,  $Z \subset X$ , the *restriction of  $f$  to  $Z$*  is the function  $f|_Z : Z \rightarrow Y$ , such that  $f|_Z(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in Z$ .

**Definition** Define  $\oplus$ , the *join* of two functions,  $f$  and  $g$  by:

$$f \oplus g = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } g(x) = \perp \\ g(x) & \text{if } f(x) = \perp \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

Is there a way to define without using piecewise functions?

This allows us to re-write our previous definition of (2.2) as:

$$f = f|_{P_1} \oplus f|_{P_2} \oplus \dots \oplus f|_{P_n} \quad (2.4)$$

To Do: problem with this approach + join

But we must be careful as this definition is not associative. Let  $x \in A \cap B \cap C$ , then  $((f|_A \oplus g|_B) \oplus h|_C)(x) = h(x)$  but  $(f|_A \oplus (g|_B \oplus h|_C))(x) = f(x)$

Other conventions exist, for example *Maple's* `piecewise(cond_1, f_1, cond_2, f_2, ..., cond_n, f_n, f_otherwise)` effectively uses a short-circuted  $\oplus$ ; it takes the first sub-function,  $f_i$ , such that the corresponding condition,  $cond_i$ , evaluates to *true*. This approach simply trades associativity for commutivity. In this section we will construct a formal system to manipulate partial functions more elegantly.

## 2.1 Hybrid Sets

To Do: join

We shall consider *hybrid sets*: an extension of multisets which has multiplicities ranging over  $\mathbb{N}_0$ , a hybrid set has multiplicities over all of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

However first we must establish *partial sets* (unrelated to a *poset* or “partially ordered set”).

Similar to a partial function being only partially defined over its domain, for a partial set, there may exist some items for which membership is undefined.

For an underlying set  $U$  we will consider a hybrid set as a function  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  as a way to track the multiplicities of any particular element.

**Definition** Let  $U$  be a universe, then any function  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is called a *hybrid set*.

On its own, this definition does us very little good; much of the usefulness of sets is derived from their rich notation.

**Definition** Let  $H$  be a hybrid set. Then we say that  $H(x)$  is the **multiplicity** of the element  $x$ . We write,  $x \in^n H$  if  $H(x) = n$ . Furthermore we will use  $x \in H$  to denote  $H(x) \neq 0$  (or equivalently,  $x \in^n H$  for  $n \neq 0$ ). Conversely,  $x \notin H$  denotes  $x \in^0 H$  or  $H(x) = 0$ . The symbol  $\emptyset$  will be used to denote the empty hybrid set for which all elements have multiplicity 0. Finally the **support of a hybrid set** is the (non-hybrid) set  $\text{supp } H$ , where  $x \in \text{supp } H$  if and only if  $x \in H$

We will use the notation:

$$H = \{ \{ x_1^{m_1}, x_2^{m_2}, \dots \} \}$$

to describe the hybrid set  $H$  where the element  $x_i$  has multiplicity  $m_i$ . We allow for repetitions in  $\{x_i\}$  but interpret the overall multiplicity of an element  $x_i$  as the sum of multiplicities among copies. This is, (using Iverson brackets):

$$H(x) = \sum_{x_i \in m_i H} [x = x_i] m_i \quad (2.5)$$

For example,  $H = \llbracket a^1, a^1, b^{-2}, a^3, b^1 \rrbracket = \llbracket a^5, b^{-1} \rrbracket$ . A writing in which  $x_i \neq x_j$  for all  $i \neq j$  is referred to as a *normalized form* of a hybrid set. For normalized hybrid sets it follows that  $H(x_i) = m_i$ .

Traditional sets use the operations  $\cup$  union,  $\cap$  intersection, and  $\setminus$  complementation. In the same way a hybrid set is a function  $H : U \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , a set could be considered as function  $S : U \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Then set operations correspond to point-wise OR, AND, and NOT. That is, for two sets  $A$  and  $B$ , then  $(A \cup B)(x) = A(x) \text{ OR } B(x)$ . One could easily extend union and intersection to hybrid sets using point-wise min and max [cite], but it would make more sense to have operations corresponding to primitive operations in  $\mathbb{Z}$  instead. Thus we will define  $\oplus$ ,  $\ominus$ , and  $\otimes$  by point-wise  $+$ ,  $-$ , and  $\cdot$ .

**Definition** For any two hybrid sets  $A$  and  $B$  over a common universe  $U$ , we define the operations  $\oplus, \ominus, \otimes : \mathbb{Z}^U \times \mathbb{Z}^U \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^U$  such that for all  $x \in U$ :

$$(A \oplus B)(x) = A(x) + B(x) \quad (2.6)$$

$$(A \ominus B)(x) = A(x) - B(x) \quad (2.7)$$

$$(A \otimes B)(x) = A(x) \cdot B(x) \quad (2.8)$$

We also define,  $\ominus A$  as  $\emptyset \ominus A$  and for  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$(cA)(x) = c \cdot A(x) \quad (2.9)$$

**Definition** We say  $A$  and  $B$  are **disjoint** if and only if  $A \otimes B = \emptyset$

Taken alone, hybrid sets can be used to model various objects.

### 2.1.1 Example: *Rational Arithmetic*

Any positive rational number can be represented as a hybrid set over the set of primes and vice versa (i.e.  $(\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{P}}, \oplus) \simeq (\mathbb{Q}_+, \cdot)$ ). For any rational number  $a/b$ , both  $a$  and  $b$  being integers will have a prime decomposition:  $a = p_1^{m_1} \cdot p_2^{m_2} \cdot \dots$  and  $b = q_1^{n_1} \cdot q_2^{n_2} \cdot \dots$ . Then there is an isomorphism:

$$f(a/b) = \llbracket p_1^{m_1}, p_2^{m_2}, \dots \rrbracket \ominus \llbracket q_1^{n_1}, q_2^{n_2}, \dots \rrbracket \quad (2.10)$$

**Example** Concretely, we have:

$$20/9 \cdot 15/8 = \llbracket 5^1, 2^2, 3^{-2} \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket 5^1, 3^1, 2^{-3} \rrbracket = \llbracket 5^2, 2^{-1}, 3^{-1} \rrbracket = 25/6$$

Typically one would need to specify equivalence classes on  $\mathbb{Q}$  to consolidate the identity  $ca/cb = a/b$ . With hybrid set representation, this identity comes for free: any common factor between numerator and denominator will cancel result in cancelling multiplicities. For example,  $2/4 = \llbracket 2^1, 2^{-2} \rrbracket$  which is the un-normalized form of  $\llbracket 2^{-1} \rrbracket = 1/2$ .

Is there a (nice!) way to extend this for 0 and negative  $\mathbb{Q}$  that preserves uniqueness up to normalization?

### 2.1.2 Example: *Rational Polynomials*

Hybrid sets can also be used to represent the roots and asymptotes of a rational polynomial.

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**Example** Concretely:

$$\frac{(x-2)}{(x-1)^2(x+1)} = \llbracket 2^1, 1^{-2}, -1^{-1} \rrbracket \quad (2.11)$$

In traditional set theory, a partition of  $X$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$  such that the subsets are mutually disjoint and their union is equivalent to  $X$ . When dealing with hybrid sets we no longer have union but use point-wise sum instead.

**Definition** A **generalized partition  $P$  of a hybrid set  $H(x)$**  is a sequence of hybrid sets  $P = \{P_i\}_{i=1}^n$  such that

$$P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus \dots \oplus P_n = H \quad (2.12)$$

We say that  **$P$  is a strict partition of  $H$**  if  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  are disjoint for all  $i \neq j$ .

Traditional boolean sets can be trivially converted to hybrid sets. For a set  $X$ , this is done simply by taking  $H(x) = 1$  if  $x \in X$  and  $H(x) = 0$  if  $x \notin X$ . In this way any traditional set partition is a strict, generalized set partition. By principle of inclusion-exclusion,

$$P_i \cup P_j = P_i \oplus P_j \ominus (P_i \cap P_j)$$

Since  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  are disjoint then we have that  $\bigcup_i P_i = \bigoplus_i P_i$  and thus a strict partition. What about the converse, how do generalized partitions relate to partitions? First we must consider that not all hybrid sets can be cast back down to traditional sets.

**Definition** Given a hybrid set  $H$  over universe  $U$ , if for all  $x \in U$   $H(x) = 1$  or  $H(x) = 0$  then we say that  **$H(x)$  is reducible**. If  $H$  is reducible then we denote the **reduction of  $H$**  by  $\mathcal{R}(H)$  as the (non-hybrid) set over  $U$  with the same membership.

If a hybrid set  $H$  is reducible, we still cannot be guaranteed that a generalized partition  $P$  of  $H$  will be a strict. Consider the reducible hybrid set  $[0, 1]$  (that is,  $H(x) = 1$  if  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $H(x) = 0$  otherwise). Then  $P = \{[0, 2], \ominus(1, 2]\}$  is a generalized partition of  $H$ . A generalized partition of a reducible set is strict if and only if each generalized partition is reducible. Generalized partitions and reducibility will be very useful to us over the next section.



## 2.2 Hybrid Functions

A function is typically defined as a mapping from elements of one set to another set. We will consider functions which have hybrid sets as their domain (but still map to traditional sets) which we will call *hybrid functions*. But first we must establish *hybrid relations*.

**Definition** For two sets  $S$  and  $T$ , a hybrid set over their Cartesian product  $S \times T$  is called a **hybrid (binary) relation between  $S$  and  $T$** . We denote the set of all such hybrid relations by  $\mathbb{Z}^{S \times T}$ .

### 2.2.1 Example: Algebra of Orderings

Consider a set  $S$  with some ordering  $>$ . Then we can define the hybrid relations  $[>]$  and  $[=]$  as a hybrid relations between  $S$  and itself (i.e. elements of  $\mathbb{Z}^{S \times S}$ ). Which we define as,

$$[>] = \left\{ (x, y)^1, (y, x)^{-1} : x > y \right\} \quad (2.13)$$

$$[=] = \left\{ (x, x)^1, : x \in S \right\} \quad (2.14)$$

These hybrid relations can then be algebraically manipulated to create other relations on  $S$ . For example, we can construct their respective dual relations  $[<]$  and  $[\neq]$  as well as the non-strict  $[\geq]$ :

$$[<] = \ominus[>] \quad (2.15)$$

$$[\neq] = (S \times S) \ominus [=] \quad (2.16)$$

$$[\geq] = [=] \oplus [>] \quad (2.17)$$

We can even use  $\text{supp}$  to define the notion of a total ordering. We say that  $\geq$  is a total ordering of  $S$  if:

$$\text{supp}[\geq] = S \times S \quad (2.18)$$

**Definition** A **hybrid function from  $S$  to  $T$**  is a hybrid relation  $H$  between  $S$  and  $T$  such that  $(x, y) \in H$  and  $(x, z) \in H$  implies  $y = z$ . We denote the set of all such hybrid functions by  $\mathbb{Z}^{S \rightarrow T}$ .

Although this tells us what *is* and *is not* a hybrid function, it is not the most useful definition to work with. We would like to think of a hybrid function not as a mapping from a hybrid set to a boolean set but as a function between two sets with a multiplicity attached to each mapping. From this perspective, we would generally have a function and hybrid set already in mind. Given a hybrid set  $H$  over  $U$  and a function  $f : B \rightarrow S$  be a function where  $B \subseteq U$  and  $S$  a set. Then we denote by  $f^H$  the hybrid function from  $B$  to  $S$  defined by:

$$f^H := \bigoplus_{x \in B} H(x) \left\{ (x, f(x))^1 \right\} \quad (2.19)$$

There is little literature or established use for hybrid functions; their primary use to us will be as something that we can turn back into traditional functions. One may notice that we have defined hybrid functions by their graph, taking the reduction (if it exists) of a hybrid function one naturally gets the graph of a function.

**Definition** If  $H$  is a reducible hybrid set, then  $f^H$  is a **reducible hybrid function**. Additionally, if  $f^H$  is reducible, we extend  $\mathcal{R}$  by:

$$\mathcal{R}(f^H)(x) = f|_{\mathcal{R}(H)}(x) \quad (2.20)$$

Since  $\mathcal{R}(H)$  only exists if  $H(x)$  is everywhere 0 or 1;  $\mathcal{R}(f^H)$  only makes sense when  $f^H$  is reducible. Assuming that we end up with a reducible function, hybrid functions make an excellent primitives to construct piecewise functions. Earlier in (2.3) we defined the *join of functions* to allow us to construct piecewise functions from *restricted functions*. The join of two hybrid functions is quite trivially defined.

**Definition** The **join**,  $f^F \oplus g^G$  of two hybrid functions  $f^F$  and  $g^G$  is the hybrid relation given

by their point-wise sum.

$$f^F \oplus g^G := f^F \oplus g^G \quad (2.21)$$

However, we will immediately dispense with using  $\oplus$  altogether and simply use  $\oplus$  in order to prevent confusion between hybrid functional join and traditional functional join when they occur together. It is important to note that the join operator is closed under hybrid relations but not under hybrid functions. For any two hybrid *functions* the result will be a hybrid *relation* but not necessarily another hybrid function. We must still be wary of overlapping regions but there are some cases where we can be guaranteed to get a hybrid function. This definition is still nearly as “dangerous” as non-hybrid functional join but crucially, overlapping regions are not forgotten.

**Theorem 2.2.1** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be hybrid sets over  $U$  and let  $f : U \rightarrow S$  be a function. Then  $f^A \oplus f^B$  is a hybrid function. Moreover,*

$$f^A \oplus f^B = f^{A \oplus B} \quad (2.22)$$

Clearly, if  $(x, f(x)) \in f^A$ ,  $(y, f(y)) \in f^B$  and  $x = y$  then  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Since  $f$  is common between both hybrid functions, there cannot be disagreement among points. Additionally,

$$\begin{aligned} f^A \oplus f^B &= \bigoplus_{x \in U} A(x) \left\| (x, f(x))^1 \right\| \oplus \bigoplus_{x \in U} B(x) \left\| (x, f(x))^1 \right\| \\ &= \bigoplus_{x \in U} (A(x) + B(x)) \left\| (x, f(x))^1 \right\| \\ &= \bigoplus_{x \in U} (A \oplus B)(x) \left\| (x, f(x))^1 \right\| \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Inductively, this holds for any number of hybrid sets with a common function. For instance, given any generalized partition  $P = P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus \dots \oplus P_n$ , we have the following equation reminiscent of (2.4):

$$f^P = f^{P_1} \oplus f^{P_2} \oplus \dots \oplus f^{P_n} \quad (2.24)$$

Joining a function with itself is not the most interesting construction. Piecewise functions are useful for their ability to tie together two *different functions*. If two functions have separate, non-overlapping regions, then our definition is again trivial.

**Theorem 2.2.2** *Given two function  $f : U \rightarrow S$  and  $g : U \rightarrow S$ . The following identity holds if and only if  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint:*

$$f^A \oplus g^B = (f \oplus g)^{A \oplus B} \quad (2.25)$$

Notice here the use of  $\oplus$  on the right hand side. Here we are joining two non-hybrid functions. Since  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, the problems that arose earlier are not a problem. Disjointness is still too strong of a condition for us. The join of two non-disjoint functions may still be a hybrid function even if their respective functions do not agree at *all* points. So long as long as they agree on all points in overlapping regions intersection the functions can be safely joined.

**Definition** We say that two hybrid functions  $f^A$  and  $g^B$  are **compatible** if and only if  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in \text{supp}(A \otimes B)$ .  $f^A \oplus g^B$  is a hybrid function if and only if  $f^A$  and  $g^B$  are compatible.

As with our definition of disjointness, the pointwise product  $\otimes$ , of hybrid sets acts as a hybrid set analog for intersection  $\cap$ , of sets. The notion of compatibility generalizes the two cases we have already seen.  $f^A \oplus f^B$  are compatible hybrid functions because  $f$  agrees with itself everywhere. For  $A$  and  $B$  disjoint,  $f^A$  and  $g^B$  are compatible since  $A \otimes B$  is empty. Compatibility is not associative. Consider the following sequence:

$$(f^H \oplus g^H) \oplus g^{\ominus H} = f^H \oplus (g^H \oplus g^{\ominus H}) = f^H \oplus g^{\emptyset} = f^H \quad (2.26)$$

Although  $f^H$  and  $g^H$  could be mutually incompatible; we can only certain that  $f^H \oplus g^H$  is a hybrid relation. Regardless of their compatibility, when this is joined with  $g^{\ominus H}$ , the  $g$  terms cancel. What we are left with *is* a hybrid function. Similarly, reducibility is clearly not preserved by  $\oplus$  as taking  $g = f$  gives an intermediate  $f^{2H}$ , which is only reducible if  $H = \emptyset$

Non-compatible functions are not the end of the line.

Sometimes non-compatible functions will be desired

For non-compatible  $f^A \in \mathbb{Z}^{U \rightarrow S}$  and  $g^B \in \mathbb{Z}^{U \rightarrow S'}$ , we tag  $\oplus$  with an operation  $*$  :  $S \times S' \rightarrow T$ .

Then  $f^A \oplus^* g^B$

**Definition**  $(f^F \oplus^* g^G)(x) = (F(x) + G(x)) \left\| (x, (f * g)(x))^1 \right\|$

Returning to the example of the sign function from section 2.1, we could think of the function as the join of 3 different hybrid functions:

$$\text{sign} = -1^{(-\infty, 0)} \oplus 0^{[0]} \oplus 1^{(0, \infty)} \quad (2.27)$$

Extended real line

It seems silly to have a partition for a single point

we could also use:

$$-1^{(-\infty, 0]} \oplus^+ 1^{[0, \infty)} \quad (2.28)$$

Going from 3 regions to 2 is a small step, marked join allows us many gains in general

Given two piecewise functions with  $n$  regions each.

Taking say the sum of such a function would lead to  $n^2$  regions.

### 2.2.2 Example: *Piecewise functions on generalized partitions*

(2 pages)

$$\begin{aligned} (f * g)(x) &= \left\| f_1(x)^{A_1}, f_2(x)^{A_2} \right\| * \left\| g_1(x)^{B_1}, g_2(x)^{B_2} \right\| \\ &= \left\| (f_1(x) * g_1(x))^{A_1} \right\| \oplus^* \left\| (f_2(x) * g_1(x))^{B_1 \oplus A_2} \right\| \oplus^* \left\| (f_2(x) * g_2(x))^{B_2} \right\| \end{aligned}$$

Formula for  $f * g$  where  $f = f_1^{P_1} \oplus f_2^{P_2} \oplus f_n^{P_n}$  and  $g = g_1^{Q_1} \oplus \dots \oplus g_m^{Q_m}$

$$\begin{aligned}
f * g &= \left\{ (f_1 * g_m)^{P_1} \right\} \oplus^* \dots \oplus^* \left\{ (f_{n-1} * g_m)^{P_{n-1}} \right\} \\
&\oplus^* \left\{ (f_n * g_1)^{Q_1} \right\} \oplus^* \dots \oplus^* \left\{ (f_n * g_{m-1})^{Q_{m-1}} \right\} \\
&\oplus^* \left\{ (f_n * g_n)^{U \ominus (P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Q_{n-1} \oplus Q_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Q_{m-1})} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Can't actually do this example until  $\oplus^*$  is introduced, which doesn't work with basic hybrid functions

## 2.3 Pseudo-functions and Hybrid Forms

**Definition** Refinement

**Example** Refinement of intervals

**Definition** Pseudo-function

Properties of pseudo-functions

### 2.3.1 Example: *Piecewise functions revisited*

Repeat piece-wise function example with unsafe points (1 page)

$$(-x^2 + 2)^{[-1,1]} \oplus \left( \frac{1}{x^2} \right)^{\mathbb{R} \ominus [1,1]} \quad (2.29)$$

### 2.3.2 Example: *Convolution*

## Chapter 3

# Symbolic Linear Algebra

In mathematics literature, is common practice to use ellipses: “...” in matrices. For example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} & \dots & A_{1,n} \\ 0 & A_{2,2} & \dots & A_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & A_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.1)$$

and symbolic blocks as in

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right] \quad (3.2)$$

where  $A, B, C, D$  are sub matrices.

Computer algebra has unsatisfactory structures to represent these

more

### 3.1 Oriented Intervals

**Definition** Given a totally ordered set  $(X, \leq)$  (and with an implied strict ordering  $<$ ), for any  $a, b \in X$ , an **interval between  $a$  and  $b$**  is the set of elements in  $X$  between  $a$  and  $b$ , up to inclusion of  $a$  and  $b$  themselves. Formally:

$$[a, b] = \{x \in X \mid a \leq x \leq b\} \quad (3.3)$$

$$[a, b) = \{x \in X \mid a \leq x < b\} \quad (3.4)$$

$$(a, b] = \{x \in X \mid a < x \leq b\} \quad (3.5)$$

$$(a, b) = \{x \in X \mid a < x < b\} \quad (3.6)$$

It should be noted that for  $b < a$ ,  $[b, a]$  is the empty set. Also, the interval  $[a, a]$  contains a single point while  $(a, a)$ ,  $(a, a]$ , and  $[a, a)$  are all empty. As intervals are simply sets, they can naturally be interpreted as hybrid sets. If  $a \leq b \leq c$ , for intervals  $[a, b)$  and  $[b, c)$  using the hybrid set operator  $\oplus$ , one has  $[a, b) \oplus [b, c) = [a, c)$ . In this case,  $\oplus$  behaves like concatenation but this is not always true. When  $a \leq c \leq b$  then  $[a, b) \oplus [b, c) = [a, b)$ . When working with intervals, a case-based approach to consider relative ordering of endpoints easily becomes quite cumbersome. Thus we turn to oriented intervals.

1 more line

**Definition** We define **oriented intervals** with  $a, b \in X$ , where  $X$  is a totally ordered set, using hybrid set point-wise subtraction as follows:

$$\llbracket a, b \rrbracket = [a, b) \ominus [b, a) \quad (3.7)$$

$$\llbracket (a, b) \rrbracket = (a, b) \ominus (b, a) \quad (3.8)$$

$$\llbracket [a, b] \rrbracket = [a, b] \ominus [b, a] \quad (3.9)$$

$$\llbracket (a, b) \rrbracket = (a, b) \ominus [b, a] \quad (3.10)$$



For any choice of distinct  $a$  and  $b$ , exactly one term will be empty. Unlike traditional intervals where  $[a, b)$  would be empty if  $b < a$ , the oriented interval  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$  simply has elements with negative multiplicity. Several results follow immediately from this definition.

**Theorem 3.1.1** *For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$\llbracket a, b \rrbracket = \ominus \llbracket b, a \rrbracket \quad (3.11)$$

$$\llbracket a, b \rrbracket = \ominus \llbracket b, a \rrbracket \quad (3.12)$$

$$\llbracket a, b \rrbracket = \ominus \llbracket a, b \rrbracket \quad (3.13)$$

$$\llbracket a, b \rrbracket = \ominus \llbracket a, b \rrbracket \quad (3.14)$$

We should make a note here how oriented intervals behave when  $a = b$ . Like their unoriented analogues, the oriented intervals  $\llbracket a, a \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket a, a \rrbracket$  are both empty while  $\llbracket a, a \rrbracket$  contains the point at  $a$  (with multiplicity 1). However, unlike traditional intervals  $\llbracket a, a \rrbracket$  is *not* empty but rather,  $\llbracket a, a \rrbracket = \ominus \llbracket a, a \rrbracket = \left\{ a^{-1} \right\}$ .

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**Theorem 3.1.2** *For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  (regardless of relative ordering),*

$$\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket b, c \rrbracket = \llbracket a, c \rrbracket \quad (3.15)$$

**Proof**  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket b, c \rrbracket$

$$= ([a, b) \ominus [b, a)) \oplus ([b, c) \ominus [c, b))$$

$$= ([a, b) \oplus [b, c)) \ominus ([c, b) \oplus [b, a))$$

$$\text{If } a \geq c \text{ then } [c, a) = \emptyset \text{ and so } \llbracket a, c \rrbracket = [a, c).$$

**Case 1:**  $a \leq b \leq c$  then  $[c, b) = [b, a) = \emptyset$  and  $[a, b) \oplus [b, c) = [a, c)$

**Case 2:**  $b \leq a \leq c$  then  $[b, c) \ominus [b, a) = [b, a) \oplus [a, c) \ominus [b, a) = [a, c)$

**Case 3:**  $a \leq c \leq b$  then  $[a, b) \ominus [c, b) = ([a, c) \oplus [c, b)) \ominus [c, b) = [a, c)$

Similar arguments will show that when  $c \geq a$ , that  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket b, c \rrbracket = \ominus[a, c)$ .

This sort of reasoning is routine but a constant annoyance when dealing with intervals and is exactly the reason we want to be working with oriented intervals. Many similar formulations such as  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket b, c \rrbracket = \llbracket a, c \rrbracket$  are also valid for any ordering of  $a, b, c$ . We will not enumerate all possible cases here.

Note about partitions

## 3.2 Symbolic Vectors

### Vectors as hybrid functions

We will use the following  $n$ -dimensional vectors as a running example in this section:

$$U^T = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u_{n-k}] \quad (3.16)$$

$$V^T = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_\ell, v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v_{n-\ell}] \quad (3.17)$$

Using intervals, these vectors can be represented by hybrid functions over their indices.

For example

$$U^T = (i \mapsto u_i)^{\llbracket 1, k \rrbracket} \oplus (i \mapsto u_{i-k})^{\llbracket k, n \rrbracket} \quad (3.18)$$

$$V^T = (i \mapsto v_i)^{\llbracket 1, \ell \rrbracket} \oplus (i \mapsto v_{i-\ell})^{\llbracket \ell, n \rrbracket} \quad (3.19)$$

Although for clarity and succinctness we will use  $(u_i)$  instead of  $(i \mapsto u_i)$ .

However we are more interested in performing arithmetic with these vectors.

### 3.2.1 Vector Addition

Consider pointwise vector addition  $U^T + V^T$ :

$$U^T + V^T = \left( (u_i)^{\llbracket 1, k \rrbracket} \oplus (u'_{i-k})^{\llbracket k, n \rrbracket} \right) \oplus^+ \left( (v_i)^{\llbracket 1, \ell \rrbracket} \oplus (v'_{i-\ell})^{\llbracket \ell, n \rrbracket} \right) \quad (3.20)$$

$$= \left( (u_i)^{\llbracket 1, k \rrbracket} \oplus (u'_{i-k})^{\llbracket k, \ell \rrbracket} \oplus (u'_{i-k})^{\llbracket \ell, n \rrbracket} \right) \oplus^+ \left( (v_i)^{\llbracket 1, k \rrbracket} \oplus (v_i)^{\llbracket k, \ell \rrbracket} \oplus (v'_{i-\ell})^{\llbracket \ell, n \rrbracket} \right) \quad (3.21)$$

$$= \left( (u_i + v_i)^{\llbracket 1, k \rrbracket} \oplus^+ (u'_{i-k} + v_i)^{\llbracket k, \ell \rrbracket} \oplus^+ (u'_{i-k} + v'_{i-\ell})^{\llbracket \ell, n \rrbracket} \right) \quad (3.22)$$

This formulation is not unique.

The choice to partition  $\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$  into  $\llbracket 1, k \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket k, \ell \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket \ell, n \rrbracket$  was arbitrary.

We can just as easily partition  $\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$  into  $\llbracket 1, \ell \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket \ell, k \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket k, n \rrbracket$  to get the equivalent

expression:

$$U^T + V^T = ((u_i + v_i)^{\llbracket 1, \ell \rrbracket} \oplus^+ (u_i + v'_{i-\ell})^{\langle\langle \ell, k \rangle\rangle} \oplus^+ (u'_{i-k} + v'_{i-\ell})^{\langle\langle k, n \rangle\rangle}) \quad (3.23)$$

We must be careful while evaluating these expressions to not forget that  $(u'_{i-k} + v_i)$  is actually shorthand for the function:

$$i \mapsto u'_{i-k} + v_i$$

For example, consider the concrete example where  $n = 5$ ,  $k = 4$  and  $\ell = 1$  so that  $U^T = [u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u'_1]$  and  $V^T = [v_1, v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, v'_4]$ .

We will also only assume that the functions  $u_i$ ,  $u'_i$ ,  $v_i$  and  $v'_i$  are defined only on the intervals in which they appear (e.g.  $u_5$  is undefined, as is  $v'_1$ ).

Then the expression in (3.19) becomes:

$$(u_i + v_i)^{\llbracket 1, 4 \rrbracket} \oplus^+ (u'_{i-4} + v_i)^{\langle\langle 4, 1 \rangle\rangle} \oplus^+ (u'_{i-4} + v'_{i-1})^{\langle\langle 1, 5 \rangle\rangle} \quad (3.24)$$

None of the individual subterms cannot be evaluated directly.

In the first term,  $v_i$  is not totally defined over the interval  $\llbracket 1, 4 \rrbracket$ .

In the third term, on the interval  $\langle\langle 1, 5 \rangle\rangle$ ,  $u'_{i-4}$  would even be evaluated on negative indices.

However, these unevaluable terms also appear in the middle term however the interval  $\langle\langle 4, 1 \rangle\rangle$  is a negatively oriented interval and the offending points cancel!

### 3.2.2 Inner Product

The inner product or dot product of two vectors is given by:

$$A \cdot B = \sum_i A_i B_i \quad (3.25)$$

Returning to the running example of  $U^T$  and  $V^T$ , as defined in (3.13) and (3.14) respectively, we will consider  $U^T \cdot V^T$ .

**Definition** Let  $X = \{x_1^{m_1}, x_2^{m_2}, \dots, x_n^{m_n}\}$  be a hybrid set with elements  $x_i$  in a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Given a hybrid function over  $X$ ,  $f^X$ , we define the **sum over**  $f^X$ , denoted with  $\sum$ , as

$$\sum(f^X) := \sum_{i=1}^n (m_i \cdot f(x_i)) \quad (3.26)$$

The **product over**  $f^X$ , denoted with  $\prod$  is defined similarly.

Then the dot product of  $U^T$  and  $V^T$  becomes very familiar:

$$U^T \cdot V^T = \sum \left( (u_i v_i)^{\llbracket 1, k \rrbracket} \oplus^{\times} (u'_{i-k} v_i)^{\llbracket k, \ell \rrbracket} \oplus^{\times} (u'_{i-k} v'_{i-\ell})^{\llbracket \ell, n \rrbracket} \right) \quad (3.27)$$

The inner expression is identical to  $U^T + V^T$  except for a replacement of  $+$  with  $\times$ .

### 3.2.3 Outer Product

While the inner product took two  $n$ -vectors and returned a single number, the outer product would take those two  $n$ -vectors and return an  $n \times n$  matrix. Alternatively, one could think of  $U^T$  and  $V^T$  as  $1 \times n$  matrices. Then the inner product is the  $1 \times 1$  matrix given by  $U^T \cdot V$  while the outer product is given by  $U \cdot V^T$ . Formally we define:

**Definition** Let  $A^T = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$  and  $B^T = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m]$ , then the **outer product** (or *tensor product*)  $\boxtimes$  is given by:

$$A \boxtimes B = A B^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 b_1 & \dots & a_1 b_m \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_n b_1 & \dots & a_n b_m \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.28)$$

Hybrid sets won't allow us to do anything differently.

But it will provide a nice lead in to our notation for matrix multiplication.

### 3.3 Abstract Matrices

It is common practice in mathematics to represent matrices symbolically with sub-matrices such as:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ A_3 & A_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.29)$$

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix then  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  are not entries but  $(k \times \ell)$ ,  $(n - k \times \ell)$ ,  $(k \times n - \ell)$  and  $(n - k \times n - \ell)$  matrices respectively. Ellipses are also routinely used for interpolating over regions of a matrix, as in:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & x_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.30)$$

#### 3.3.1 Matrix Addition

#### 3.3.2 Matrix Multiplication

# Chapter 4

## Integration I

Given a function  $f$  with real variable  $x$  and an interval  $[a, b]$  on the (extended) real line, a traditional **definite integral** would be of the form:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{[a,b)} f(x) \, dx$$

Which we interpret as the signed area bounded by  $f$  between  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ . However, defining this definite integral using (unoriented) intervals like this is a bit of a misnomer. In the case where  $a \geq b$  it is typical to use the identity:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = - \int_b^a f(x) \, dx \tag{4.1}$$

to evaluate the integral. But, as we saw in the previous chapter, when  $a \geq b$ , the interval  $[a, b]$  is the empty set, hence we *cannot* make the similar translation to

$$\int_{[a,b)} f(x) \, dx = - \int_{[b,a)} f(x) \, dx \tag{4.2}$$

Using sets as domains of integration like this generally appears in context of Lebesgue integrals, but Riemann integrals (which generally use  $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx$  instead) often just hide their

mis-use of intervals. For example, it is typically glossed over that when doing the formal Riemann sum for an integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ , one would use the tagged partition given as a series  $x_i$

such that  $a = x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b$ .

(citations  
needed)

Another advantage to using oriented sets is a more natural language for manipulating domains of integration than sets. There is no common understanding of the sum of two sets, but since we have the point-wise sum  $\oplus$  for hybrid sets, we simply say that the integral operator is *bi-linear*. By this we mean, it is linear with respect to both operands: the function it is integrating over:

$$\int_X f(x) + g(x) dx = \int_X f(x) dx + \int_X g(x) dx \quad (4.3)$$

and the domain of integration:

$$\int_{X \oplus Y} f(x) dx = \int_X f(x) dx + \int_Y f(x) dx \quad (4.4)$$

By definition, this immediately gives way to the very useful identities:

$$\int_{\llbracket a, c \rrbracket} f(x) dx = \int_{\llbracket a, b \rrbracket} f(x) dx + \int_{\llbracket b, c \rrbracket} f(x) dx \quad (4.5)$$

$$\int_{\llbracket a, b \rrbracket} f(x) dx = \int_{\ominus \llbracket b, a \rrbracket} f(x) dx = - \int_{\llbracket b, a \rrbracket} f(x) dx \quad (4.6)$$

for all  $a, b$  and  $c$ .

In one dimension, many of these changes may seem trivial advances but in higher dimensions, the oriented and measure-theoretic approaches diverge. [18] Using hybrid sets as domains of integration allow us to use the best features of both. In this chapter we will present an introduce integration over oriented intervals and generalize to oriented  $n$ -cubes in higher dimensions. We will also explore the boundary operator and the cubic homology formed by  $n$ -cubes. This will provide a base for the following chapter to investigate the cubic singular homology, integration of forms and Stokes' theorem. In Chapter 6, we will introduce the oriented Lebesgue integral.



## 4.1 Higher dimension intervals

For now, we will concern ourselves only with oriented,  $n$ -dimensional, axis-aligned rectangles in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In one dimension, the previously discussed oriented intervals cover most of the “obvious shapes” one would be interested in. Moving to two dimensions, there are many more “obvious shapes” to consider but we will temporarily ignore triangles, circles and even rectangles that are tilted. We could also use triangles instead of rectangles as our primitive of choice. This would generalize to  $n$ -simplexes in higher dimensions. Since  $n$ -simplexes and  $n$ -cubes end up b[9] But, first we must introduce some notation to describe these and higher dimension rectangles.

At the moment the only rectangles we have defined are the one-dimensional “oriented interval”. Hence we will also refer to this as a 1-cube. We construct higher dimensional  $n$  rectangles using the Cartesian product.

**Definition** Let  $X = \llbracket x_1^{m_1}, \dots, x_k^{m_k} \rrbracket$  and  $Y = \llbracket y_1^{n_1}, \dots, y_\ell^{n_\ell} \rrbracket$  be hybrid sets. We define the **Cartesian product of hybrid sets  $X$  and  $Y$** , denoted with  $\times$  operator as:

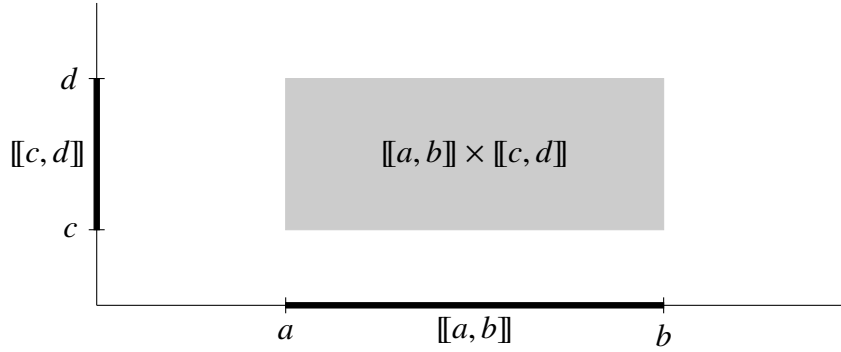
$$X \times Y = \llbracket (x, y)^{m \cdot n} : x^m \in X, y^n \in Y \rrbracket \quad (4.7)$$

If  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket c, d \rrbracket$  are both positively oriented 1-rectangles then their Cartesian product is shown in Figure 4.1 is clearly a two dimensional rectangle or *2-rectangle*. Taking the Cartesian product of a 2-rectangle and 1-rectangle gives a 3-rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We should note here that we do not distinguish between  $((x, y), z)$  and  $(x, (y, z))$  but rather we treat both as different names for the ordered triple  $(x, y, z)$ . We similarly associate parentheses in higher dimensions as well.

**Theorem 4.1.1** *The Cartesian product of a  $k$ -rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  (where,  $k \leq m$ ) and  $\ell$ -rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (again,  $\ell \leq n$ ) is a  $(k + \ell)$ -rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ .*

For completeness we will also define a 0-rectangle as a hybrid set containing a single point with multiplicity 1 or  $-1$ . Firstly this allows us to embed  $k$ -rectangles in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For example  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \times \llbracket c, d \rrbracket \times \llbracket e^1 \rrbracket$  is the product of two 1-rectangles and a 0-rectangle (all over  $\mathbb{R}$ ) and so

Figure 4.1: The Cartesian product of two positively oriented 1-rectangles  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket c, d \rrbracket$  is a positively oriented 2-rectangle.



it is a 2-rectangle over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Specifically, it is the 2-rectangle  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \times \llbracket c, d \rrbracket$  on the plane  $z = 3$ . This also illustrates the principle that given a  $k$ -rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where  $n > k$  we can always find a  $k$  dimensional subspace which also contains the rectangle. We will re-use the interval notation from earlier although one should be careful to “type-check” while interpreting. When  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers then we continue to use the definition  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket = [a, b) \ominus [b, a)$ . However, when  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are  $n$ -tuples (for example, coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then this is *not* the oriented line interval  $[a, b) \ominus [b, a)$ ).

**Definition** Let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  be ordered  $n$ -tuples then we use the notation:

$$\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket = \llbracket a_1, b_1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket a_2, b_2 \rrbracket \times \dots \times \llbracket a_n, b_n \rrbracket \quad (4.8)$$

The dimension of  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  is equal to the number of indices where  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are distinct. For any  $i$  where  $a_i = b_i$ , the corresponding term:  $\llbracket a_i, b_i \rrbracket$  will be a hybrid set containing a single point, that is, a 0-rectangle. The orientation of  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  is based on the number of negatively oriented intervals  $\llbracket a_i, b_i \rrbracket$ . Should there be an odd number of indices  $i$  such that  $a_i > b_i$  then  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  will also be negatively oriented. Otherwise, it will be positively oriented.

## 4.2 Riemann Integral on $n$ -cubes

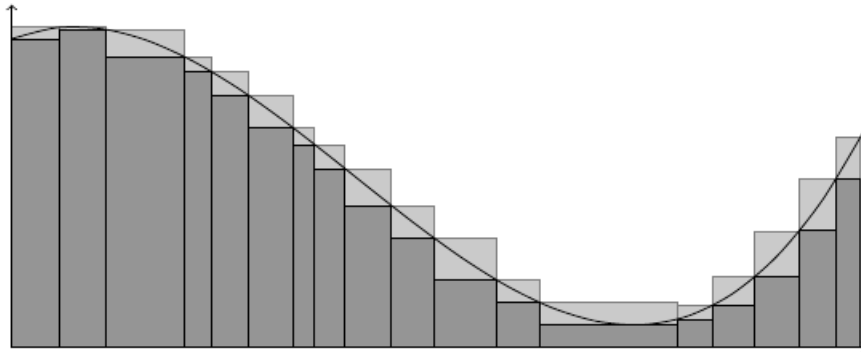
Now that we have oriented  $n$ -dimensional cubes, we would like to define the integral over one. For now, we will content ourselves with the Riemann integral and Euclidean volume. More complex domains and other metrics will be handled in later chapters with push-backs and the Lebesgue integral. The volume of an oriented  $n$ -cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we define to be the product of its side lengths. Formally,

**Definition** Let  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  be a  $k$ -cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  again with  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ . We denote the **volume of  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$**  with  $\text{vol}$  and define it as:

$$\text{vol}(\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket) = (b_1 - a_1) \cdot (b_2 - a_2) \cdot \dots \cdot (b_n - a_n) \quad (4.9)$$

For any  $k < n$ , a  $k$ -cube will have volume zero. In at least one dimension, the cube will be degenerate (i.e.  $a_i = b_i$ ) and so will contribute zero to the product. Additionally, one can also observe that  $\text{vol}(\ominus \llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket) = -\text{vol}(\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket)$ .

Figure 4.2: Upper and lower Riemann sums shown for the same sequence shown with light and dark rectangles respectively. A function over an oriented interval is Riemann integrable if the two sums converge.



Given an  $n$ -cube  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  we must cut each  $\llbracket a_i, b_i \rrbracket$  into partitions. Previously we used generalized partitions and did not mind if pieces overlapped or exceeded the original range. However, for building our Riemann sums, we are only interested in partitions in the traditional, non-intersecting sense.

**Definition** Given an oriented interval  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$  of the real line, we say that a partition of  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$ ,  $\{P_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is an **interval partition of  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$**  if its pieces are:

1. *Oriented intervals*:  $P_i$  is an oriented interval of the real line for all  $i$ .
2. *Disjoint*:  $P_i \otimes P_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i, j$

We denote the set of all such partition as  $\mathcal{P}\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$ .

This greatly restricts the types of partitions we have access to. Every interval partition will be — up to substitution of “ $\llbracket$ ”, “ $\rrbracket$ ” in place of “ $($ ”, “ $)$ ” — of the form:

$$\left\{ \llbracket a, x_1 \rrbracket, \llbracket x_1, x_2 \rrbracket, \llbracket x_2, x_3 \rrbracket, \dots, \llbracket x_{n-1}, b \rrbracket \right\} \quad (4.10)$$

where  $x_i$  is a monotone sequence (that is, either non-increasing or non-decreasing). This is not to say that  $P_i = \llbracket x_{i-1}, x_i \rrbracket$  as the pieces of  $P$  may not be given in this order. Regardless of the ordering, we select partitions  $P^j \in \mathcal{P}\llbracket a^j, b^j \rrbracket$  for each dimension of  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$ . To build our mesh, we construct smaller  $n$ -cubes  $I_{i_1, \dots, i_n}$  using the Cartesian product of pieces:

$$I_{i_1, \dots, i_n} = i_1 \times \dots \times i_n \quad (4.11)$$

where each  $i_j$  is taken from  $P^j$ . We are now ready to construct Riemann sums.

**Definition** Given  $P = \{P_j\}_{j=1}^n$  where  $P_j \in \mathcal{P}\llbracket a_j, b_j \rrbracket$ , and  $f : \llbracket a, b \rrbracket \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  then we define a Riemann sum  $f_P$  to be:

$$f_P = \sum_{i_1 \in P_1} \dots \sum_{i_n \in P_n} f(x_{i_1, \dots, i_n}) \text{vol}(I_{i_1, \dots, i_n}) \quad (4.12)$$

where  $x_{i_1, \dots, i_n}$  is any point chosen from  $I_{i_1, \dots, i_n}$ .

Note that we specify *a* Riemann sum, not *the* Riemann sum. There are several ways to choose  $x_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \in I_{i_1, \dots, i_n}$  and different samplings can lead to different Riemann sums for the same partition and same function. In  $\mathbb{R}^1$ , several common ways to sample include the left and right

Riemann sums (which sample at the left and right boundaries), the trapezoidal Riemann sum (which averages the left and right) the upper Riemann sum (which samples at  $\max(f(x_{i_1, \dots, i_n}))$ ) and the lower Riemann sum (which samples at  $\min(f(x_{i_1, \dots, i_n}))$ ).

Recall our discussion of refinements from Chapter 2. Given 2 partitions  $P$  and  $P'$  of the same set then we say  $P \leq P'$  if  $P'$  is a refinement of  $P$ . In this way we can induce a partial ordering on  $\mathcal{P}[[a, b]]$ . There is a unique smallest element in this partial ordering which is  $[[a, b]]$  itself; every partition by definition will refine  $[[a, b]]$ . Additionally, given  $P, P' \in \mathcal{P}[[a, b]]$  then propose that we can always find  $Q$  that simultaneously refines both. If  $P = P'$  then trivially  $Q = P$  is a common refinement. Otherwise, we take:

$$Q = [[a, b]] \otimes \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P} \bigoplus_{p' \in P'} p \otimes p' \right) \quad (4.13)$$

The heavy lifting here is done by the fact that every point in  $[[a, b]]$  is covered by exactly one  $p \in P$  and exactly one  $p' \in P$ . The product of any two partition pieces will then be the smallest common interval with multiplicity 1. Multiplying the entire thing by  $[[a, b]]$  is done to correct the sign. As we go up in our ordering, our mesh becomes increasingly fine. Taking the Riemann sum of the suprema of this poset gives us the Riemann integral.

**Definition** The Riemann integral of a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  over a  $k$ -cube  $[[a, b]]$  where  $P = \sup \{ \mathcal{P}[[a, b]] \}$

$$\int_{[[a, b]]} f(x) dx = f_P \quad (4.14)$$

We say that a function is **Riemann integrable** if the upper and lower Riemann sums converge.

### 4.3 Boundary Operator

In one dimension, the boundary of an interval was quite straight-forward. For a positively oriented interval, the boundary was composed of two points; the right end-point was positive and the left end-point was negative. From the perspective of  $k$ -rectangles, the  $\partial$  operator has mapped an oriented 1-rectangle to a set of oriented 0-rectangles. We will now generalize the boundary to map an oriented  $n$ -rectangle to an  $(n - 1)$ -rectangle.

**Definition** Let  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  be a  $k$ -rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Additionally, let  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$  be the unique non-decreasing sequence of indices such that  $a_{i_j} \neq b_{i_j}$ . The **boundary of  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$** , denoted the operator  $\partial$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \partial(\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^k (-1)^j \Big( \llbracket (\mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket}), \quad & (\mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket i_j, n \rrbracket}) \rrbracket \\ & \ominus \llbracket (\mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket i_j, n \rrbracket}), \quad (\mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket}) \rrbracket \Big) \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

The above equation will require a bit of unpacking to digest featuring oriented intervals in two different contexts. The first appears in the superscripts of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ . The intervals  $\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket i_j, n \rrbracket$  are and is an interval over vector indices just as in Chapter 3. Thus, the term  $\mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket}$  refers to the vector  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i_j-1})$  while the term  $\mathbf{b}^{\llbracket i_j, n \rrbracket}$  refers to  $(b_{i_j+1}, b_{i_j+2}, \dots, b_n)$ . This provides a compact notation to partition the original range of indices into 3 pieces:  $\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket$ ,  $\llbracket i_j \rrbracket$ , and  $\llbracket i_j, n \rrbracket$ . Formally, we are actually using the hybrid sets  $\llbracket (i_j)^1 \rrbracket$  but we omit multiplicity of one (and will continue to do so through out the section) to lighten notation.

Next we use the pointwise sum  $\oplus$  we reconstruct  $n$ -dimensional vectors from our pieces. We then construct a  $(k - 1)$ -rectangle using these vectors as in (4.8). Hence we will have terms of the forms:

$$\llbracket a_1, b_1 \rrbracket \times \dots \times \llbracket a_{i_{j-1}}, b_{i_{j-1}} \rrbracket \times \llbracket a_{i_j}, a_{i_j} \rrbracket \times \llbracket a_{i_{j+1}}, b_{i_{j+1}} \rrbracket \times \dots \times \llbracket a_n, b_n \rrbracket \quad (4.16)$$

$$\llbracket a_1, b_1 \rrbracket \times \dots \times \llbracket a_{i_{j-1}}, b_{i_{j-1}} \rrbracket \times \llbracket b_{i_j}, b_{i_j} \rrbracket \times \llbracket a_{i_{j+1}}, b_{i_{j+1}} \rrbracket \times \dots \times \llbracket a_n, b_n \rrbracket \quad (4.17)$$

In each Cartesian product, the terms at  $i_j$ :  $\llbracket a_{i_j}, a_{i_j} \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket b_{i_j}, b_{i_j} \rrbracket$  are both 0-cubes. Since we defined the sequence  $i_j$  by  $a_{i_j} \neq b_{i_j}$ , these 0-rectangles are replacing 1-cubes in  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$ . Hence we are indeed left with a  $(k - 1)$ -cube.

### 4.3.1 Example: *Boundary of a 1-rectangle*

Let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1)$  be trivial 1-tuples. Then  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket = \llbracket a_1, b_1 \rrbracket$ . It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial(\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket) &= (-1)^i (\llbracket \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1,1 \rrbracket}, \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1,1 \rrbracket} \rrbracket \times \llbracket a_1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket \mathbf{a}^{\langle 1,1 \rangle}, \mathbf{b}^{\langle 1,1 \rangle} \rrbracket \\
 &\quad \ominus \llbracket \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1,1 \rangle}, \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1,1 \rangle} \rrbracket \times \llbracket b_1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket \mathbf{a}^{\langle 1,1 \rangle}, \mathbf{b}^{\langle 1,1 \rangle} \rrbracket) \\
 &= \ominus \llbracket \mathbf{a}^0, \mathbf{b}^0 \rrbracket \times \llbracket a_1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket \mathbf{a}^0, \mathbf{b}^0 \rrbracket \\
 &\quad \oplus \llbracket \mathbf{a}^0, \mathbf{b}^0 \rrbracket \times \llbracket b_1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket \mathbf{a}^0, \mathbf{b}^0 \rrbracket \\
 &= \llbracket b_1 \rrbracket \ominus \llbracket a_1 \rrbracket \\
 &= \llbracket a^{-1}, b^1 \rrbracket
 \end{aligned}$$

One may notice a relationship between this result and the fundamental theorem of calculus:

$$\int_a^b F'(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) \quad (4.18)$$

Which one could easily rewrite as  $\int_{\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket} F'(x) dx = \sum(\partial(\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket))$ . Indeed, this is why we have defined the boundary function as such, but more general statements await. We defined the boundary for not just intervals on  $\mathbb{R}$  but  $k$ -cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

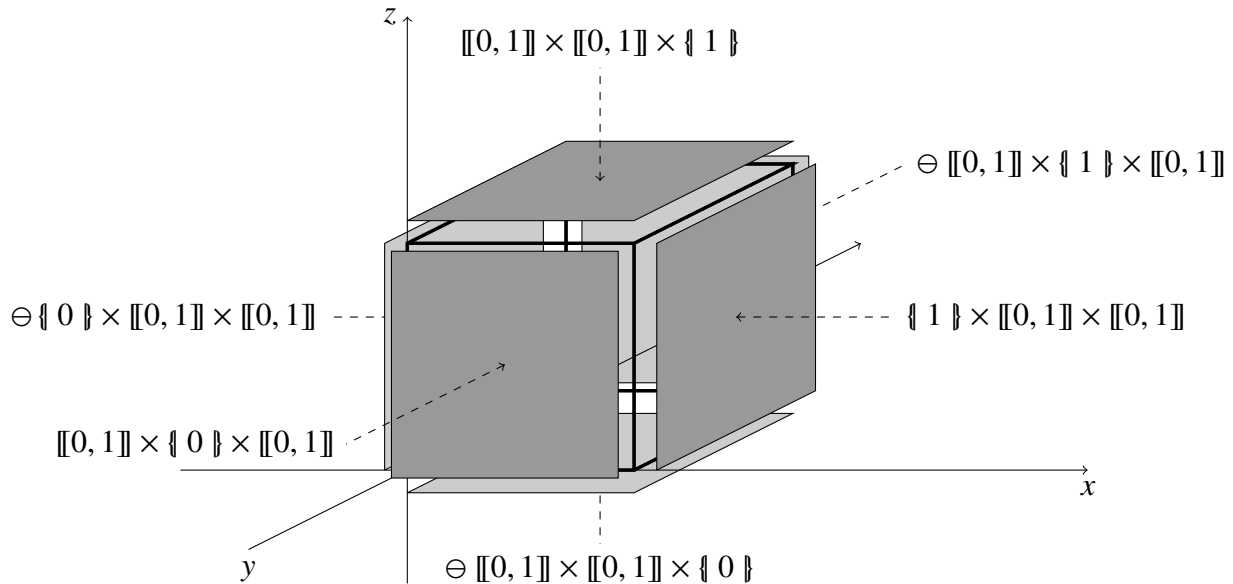
### 4.3.2 Example: *Boundary of a 3-rectangle*

Let  $\mathbf{a} = (0, 0, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 1, 1)$ . Omitting the intermediate step, we find the boundary of  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  to be:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial(\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket) = & \ominus (\{0\} \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket) \oplus (\{1\} \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket) \\ & \oplus (\llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \{0\} \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket) \ominus (\llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \{1\} \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket) \\ & \ominus (\llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \{0\}) \oplus (\llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \{1\}) \end{aligned}$$

This may not be the most enlightening expression on its own. In Figure 4.3 below, the 3-rectangle given by  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  can be seen as a cube in three dimensions. Physically, the 3-rectangle is a solid cube and includes all interior points. The boundary meanwhile are just the rectangular outer faces, which conveniently, there are also six to match the six terms of  $\partial\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$ .

Figure 4.3: The unit cube in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with positive orientation can be represented as the 3-rectangle:  $\llbracket (0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1) \rrbracket$  is shown as a wire-frame. The six faces that make up its boundary are shaded and labeled with their corresponding terms.

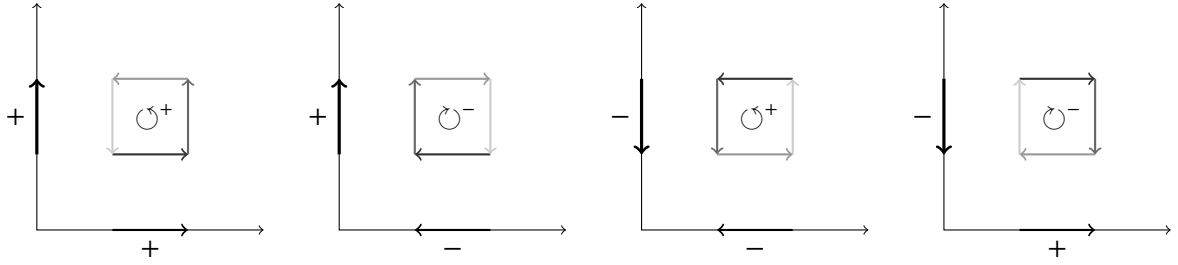


There are several ways to interpret and visualize the  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$  sign associated with each face. Most naturally in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for 2-rectangles is to give each a front and back side with the sign determining which to use. Alternatively, a 2-rectangle has a boundary formed by 1-rectangles



which when drawn as arrows, will all meet head-to-tail. This induces a clockwise or counter-clockwise cycle around the edge of the rectangle and so  $\circlearrowright$  and  $\circlearrowleft$  are also commonly used. This can be seen in Figure 4.4. One may even notice that the normals produced by both are the same and choose to use that. These are all conceptual tools, which are convenient to use particularly in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . There may not be such a nice physical interpretation in other spaces.

Figure 4.4: One way of visualizing the orientation of 2-rectangles using clockwise and counter-clockwise cycles of arrows for 1-rectangles. The boundary of  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \times \llbracket c, d \rrbracket$  becomes the cycle:  $(a, c) \rightarrow (b, c) \rightarrow (b, d) \rightarrow (a, d) \rightarrow (a, c)$ . Showing the relationship between  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket \times \llbracket c, d \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket b, a \rrbracket \times \llbracket d, c \rrbracket$



## 4.4 Chains

In fact, we have already seen  $k$ -chains without mentioning them explicitly. The boundary of a  $k$ -cube was the sum  $\oplus$ , of  $2k(k-1)$  cubes. Chains do not have to be boundaries however, any linear combination of  $k$ -cubes will do.

**Definition** We denote the Abelian group of all  $k$ -cubes in  $X$  as  $C_k(X)$  (omitting  $X$  when obvious by context). An element  $c \in C_k(X)$  is called a  **$k$ -chain on  $X$**  and is of the form:

$$c = \bigoplus_{c_i \in X} \lambda_i c_i \quad (4.19)$$

with integer coefficients  $\lambda_i$  and  $k$ -cubes in  $c_i$ . If coefficients  $\lambda_i$  are  $\pm 1$  and  $c$  is *locally finite* (i.e. each  $c_i$  intersects with only finitely many  $c_j$  that have non-zero coefficients) then we say that  $c$  is a **domain of integration**.

Since  $k$ -chains are just linear combinations of  $k$ -cubes, we naturally extend many of our definitions linearly as well. The integral  $\int_c f$  of a  $k$ -chain  $c = \bigoplus_i \lambda_i c_i$  is defined as  $\lambda_1 \int_{c_1} f + \lambda_2 \int_{c_2} f + \dots$ . Doing the same for the boundary operator  $\partial$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_k : C_k &\rightarrow C_{k-1} \\ \partial_k(c) &= \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \partial_k(c_i) \end{aligned}$$

Elegantly, the boundary operator now maps  $k$ -chains to  $(k - 1)$ -chains!

$$\dots \xleftarrow{\partial_{k-1}} C_{k-1} \xleftarrow{\partial_k} C_k \xleftarrow{\partial_{k+1}} C_{k+1} \xleftarrow{\partial_{k+2}} \dots \quad (4.20)$$

The most natural next question becomes “What does  $\partial_{k-1}(\partial_k(c))$  look like?”

#### 4.4.1 Example: Boundary of a boundary (of a 2-cube)

Let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2)$ . We wish to compute  $\partial_1(\partial_2(\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket))$

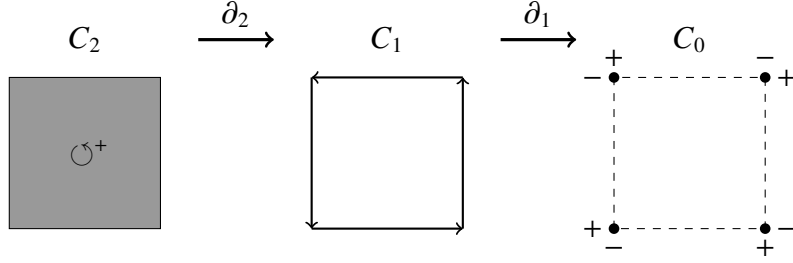
$$\begin{aligned} \partial_1(\partial_2(\llbracket a_1, b_1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket a_2, b_2 \rrbracket)) &= \ominus \partial_1(\llbracket 0 \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket) \oplus \partial_1(\llbracket 1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket) \\ &\quad \oplus \partial_1(\llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0 \rrbracket) \ominus \partial_1(\llbracket 0, 1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket 1 \rrbracket) \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \ominus (\ominus \llbracket (0, 0) \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket (0, 1) \rrbracket) \oplus (\ominus \llbracket (1, 0) \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket (1, 1) \rrbracket) \\ &\quad \oplus (\ominus \llbracket (0, 0) \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket (1, 0) \rrbracket) \ominus (\ominus \llbracket (0, 1) \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket (1, 1) \rrbracket) \end{aligned} \quad (4.22)$$

$$= \emptyset \quad (4.23)$$

When moving from (4.21) to (4.22), in addition to applying  $\partial_1$  we also simplify,  $\llbracket x \rrbracket \times \llbracket y \rrbracket = \llbracket (x, y) \rrbracket$ . The identity “ $\partial\partial = 0$ ” is not unique to 2-cubes but holds for higher dimensions as well.

Figure 4.5: The boundary of 2-cube gives a cycle of oriented edges. Taking the boundary of again, at each corner, the negative boundary of one edge will be canceled by the positive boundary of the preceding edge.



Let  $\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket$  be a  $k$ -rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_k \partial_{k-1} (\llbracket \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rrbracket) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^k (-1)^j \left( \partial_{n-1} (\llbracket \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket}, \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \mathbf{b}^{\langle i_j, n \rangle} \rrbracket) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \ominus \partial_{n-1} (\llbracket \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \mathbf{a}^{\langle i_j, n \rangle}, \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket} \rrbracket) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^k \bigoplus_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{j+\ell} \llbracket (\mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket}, (\mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \langle i_j, i_{j, \ell} \rangle \oplus \langle i_{j, \ell}, n \rangle \oplus \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \llbracket i_{j, \ell} \rrbracket)) \rrbracket \\ &\quad \ominus \llbracket (\mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, i_{j, \ell} \rrbracket} \oplus \langle i_{j, \ell}, n \rangle \oplus \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket i_{j, \ell} \rrbracket}), (\mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \langle i_j, n \rangle \oplus \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket i_j \rrbracket}) \rrbracket \\ &\quad \ominus \llbracket (\mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \langle i_j, n \rangle \oplus \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket i_j \rrbracket}), (\mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1, i_{j, \ell} \rrbracket} \oplus \langle i_{j, \ell}, n \rangle \oplus \mathbf{a}^{\llbracket i_{j, \ell} \rrbracket}) \rrbracket \\ &\quad \oplus \llbracket (\mathbf{a}^{\llbracket 1, i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \langle i_j, i_{j, \ell} \rangle \oplus \langle i_{j, \ell}, n \rangle \oplus \mathbf{b}^{\llbracket i_j \rrbracket} \oplus \llbracket i_{j, \ell} \rrbracket), (\mathbf{b}^{\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket}) \rrbracket \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

Note that we have  $i_j$  and  $i'_\ell$ ; after applying the first boundary operator, one dimension of the  $k$ -cube is degenerate. Hence for each sequence:  $\{i_j\}_{j=1}^k$  we construct  $\{i_{j, \ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{k-1}$  given by:

$$i_{j, 1}, \dots, i_{j, k-1} = i_1, \dots, \widehat{i_j}, \dots, i_k \quad (4.26)$$

The double sum iterates over all pairs but  $\oplus$  commutes so the  $(k-2)$ -cube with degenerate dimensions  $\llbracket i_j \rrbracket \oplus \llbracket i_{j, \ell} \rrbracket$  will be iterated over twice. The sequences depend on one another so it

is not as simple as simply swapping  $\ell$  and  $j$ :

$$[[i_j]] \oplus [[i_{j,\ell}]] = \begin{cases} [[i_\ell]] \oplus [[i_{\ell,j-1}]] & j > \ell \\ [[i_{\ell+1}]] \oplus [[i_{\ell+1,j}]] & j \leq \ell \end{cases} \quad (4.27)$$

So each term representing a  $(k-2)$ -cube will occur twice in the sum. Once with the iteration  $(j, \ell)$  and once with  $(\ell, j-1)$  or  $(\ell+1, j)$ . In either case,  $(-1)^{j+\ell}$  is inverted meaning the two cubes will cancel. Leaving us with the boundary of a boundary being empty. By linearity this extends to all chains as well as the sum of empty sets is of course still empty.

**Definition** A **chain complex** is a sequence of Abelian groups  $\dots, A_2, A_1, A_0, A_{-1}, A_{-2}, \dots$  which are connected by homomorphisms  $d_n : A_n \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  such that  $d_n \circ d_{n+1} = 0$  for all  $n$ . Typically written out as:

$$\dots \xleftarrow{d_{k-1}} A_{k-1} \xleftarrow{d_k} A_k \xleftarrow{d_{k+1}} A_{k+1} \xleftarrow{d_{k+2}} \dots \quad (4.28)$$

A **cochain complex** is a sequence of Abelian groups  $\dots, A^{-2}, A^{-1}, A^0, A^1, A^2, \dots$  which are connected by homomorphisms  $d^n : A^n \rightarrow A^{n+1}$  such that  $d^n \circ d^{n-1} = 0$  for all  $n$ . Typically written out as:

$$\dots \xrightarrow{d^{k-1}} A^{k-1} \xrightarrow{d^k} A^k \xrightarrow{d^{k+1}} A^{k+1} \xrightarrow{d^{k+2}} \dots \quad (4.29)$$

$(C_\bullet, \partial_\bullet)$  is just one instance of a chain complex known as the “*cubic homology*”. In the next chapter we will look at the more general “*cubic singular homology*”. As well as the related cochain complex: the “*De Rham cohomology*” and how the two relate.

# Chapter 5

## Integration II

### 5.1 Differential Forms

**Definition** A  $k$ -form  $\beta$  on the open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has the form:

open set or Lebesgue measurable sets??

$$\beta = \sum_j b_j(x) dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_k} \quad (5.1)$$

where  $j = (j_1, \dots, j_k)$  is a  $k$  dimensional multi-index. We say that  $\beta \in \Lambda^k(\Omega)$

We have not yet defined the  $\wedge$  operator.

Anti-commutative:  $dx \wedge dy = -dy \wedge dx$ . Which implies for any permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ :

$$dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k = \text{sgn}(\sigma) dx_{\sigma(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{\sigma(k)} \quad (5.2)$$

Anti-commutativity additionally implies that for all  $x_i$ ,  $dx_i \wedge dx_i = 0$ .

Let  $\alpha = \sum_i a_i(x) dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_\ell} \in \Lambda^\ell(\Omega)$  and  $\beta = \sum_j b_j(x) dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_k} \in \Lambda^k(\Omega)$  then define:

$$\alpha \wedge \beta := \sum_{i,j} a_i(x) b_j(x) dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_\ell} \wedge dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_k} \quad (5.3)$$

Thus we can think of  $\wedge$  as mapping a  $k$ -form and an  $\ell$ -form to a  $(k + \ell)$ -form,  $\wedge : \Lambda^\ell(\Omega) \times \Lambda^k(\Omega) \rightarrow \Lambda^{k+\ell}(\Omega)$ . By anti-commutativity we have:

$$\alpha \wedge \beta = (-1)^{k\ell} \beta \wedge \alpha \quad (5.4)$$

**Definition** Let  $\alpha$  be a  $k$ -form on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  of the form  $\alpha = A(x) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{L}^1(\Omega, dx)$  then we define:

$$\int_{\Omega} \alpha = \int_{\Omega} A(x) dx \quad (5.5)$$

Where the left-hand side is the integral of a  $k$ -form and the right-hand side is a Lebesgue integral. For any  $\beta \in \Lambda^k(\Omega)$  we extend this definition linearly as the sum of integrals.

Define  $dx$  from  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Need to lift sign change from permutations

## 5.2 Pull-backs

Benefit of differential forms is how cleanly they handle changes in coordinates.

**Definition**  $F : X \rightarrow \Omega$  Define the pullback  $F^*\beta$

$$F^*\beta = \sum_j b_j(F(x))(F^*dx_{j_1}) \wedge \dots \wedge (F^*dx_{j_k}) \quad (5.6)$$

and

$$F^*dx_j = \sum_\ell \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x_\ell} dx_\ell \quad (5.7)$$

Which can be reduced by:

$$F^*\beta = \sum_j b_j(F(x))(F^*dx_{j_1}) \wedge \dots \wedge (F^*dx_{j_k}) \quad (5.8)$$

$$= \sum_j b_j(F(x)) \left( \sum_\ell \frac{\partial F^{j_1}}{\partial x_\ell} dx_\ell \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left( \sum_\ell \frac{\partial F^{j_k}}{\partial x_\ell} dx_\ell \right) \quad (5.9)$$

$$= \dots \quad (5.10)$$

$$= \sum_j b_j(F(x)) \det(J_F) dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_k} \quad (5.11)$$

Which is significant given the change of variable formula for integration:

$$\int_{\phi(U)} f(v) dv = \int_U f(\phi(u)) |\det \phi'(u)| du \quad (5.12)$$

**Theorem 5.2.1** *Let  $F : X \rightarrow \Omega$  be an (orientation-preserving diffeomorphism) and  $\alpha$  an integrable  $n$ -form on  $\Omega$  then*

$$\int_\Omega \alpha = \int_X F^*\alpha \quad (5.13)$$

More algebra of differential forms

$$F^*(\alpha \wedge \beta) = (F^*\alpha) \wedge (F^*\beta) \quad (5.14)$$

**Definition** Exterior derivative

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$$d(\alpha \wedge \beta) = (d\alpha) \wedge \beta + (-1)^j \alpha \wedge (d\beta) \quad (5.15)$$

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$$F^*(d\beta) = dF^*\beta \quad (5.16)$$

## 5.3 Integration over Manifolds

**Example** Integrate an atlas with overlapping charts (using inclusion-exclusion)



## 5.4 Stokes' Theorem

### 5.4.1 Example: *Contour Integration*

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Using Stokes' theorem and Inclusion/Exclusion to evaluate a tricky theorem like:

$$f(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z^2 + 2z + 2)} \quad (5.17)$$

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# Chapter 6

## Integration III

“Chapter goals”

Section 4.1 will cover a conventional treatment of the Lebesgue integral, for those already familiar with the construction, this may be skipped.

### 6.1 Sigma Algebras

Before we can talk about the Lebesgue integral we must first set the stage, so to speak.

**Definition** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A  $\sigma$ -**algebra on the set**  $X$ ,  $\Sigma$ , is a family of subsets of  $X$  such that:

1.  $\Sigma$  is non-empty
2. *Closed under complement.* If  $E \in \Sigma$ , then  $X \setminus E \in \Sigma$ .
3. *Closed under countable union.* If  $E_1, E_2, \dots \in \Sigma$  then  $(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots) \in \Sigma$ .

The pair  $(X, \Sigma)$  is called a **measurable space** and elements of  $\Sigma$  are called the **measurable sets** (of  $X$ ).

It can easily be shown through the use of De Morgan’s laws that a  $\sigma$ -algebra is also closed under countable intersection as well.

**Example**  $\{\emptyset, X\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ . In fact,  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are members of *every*  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ .

**Example**  $2^X$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$ .

However, we would also like to be able to construct more interesting  $\sigma$ -algebras.

**Definition** Given an arbitrary family of subsets  $F \subseteq 2^X$ , there is a unique smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $F$  which is called the  **$\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $F$**  and we will denote as  $\sigma(F)$ .

Can be constructed by taking the intersection of all  $\sigma$ -algebras containing  $F$ .

Of particular interest to us is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by a topology,  $\mathcal{T}(X)$ .

Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra:  $\mathcal{B}(X) = \sigma(\mathcal{T}(X))$

## 6.2 The Lebesgue Integral

**Definition** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(X, \mu)$  a measurable set. If  $\mathbb{I}_S$  is indicator function  $\mathbb{I}_S : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  given by  $\mathbb{I}_S(x) = 1$  if  $x \in S$  and  $\mathbb{I}_S(x) = 0$  otherwise. Then we define:

$$\int_X \mathbb{I}_S d\mu := \mu(S) \quad (6.1)$$

We define a simple function as a function which maps to a finite set.

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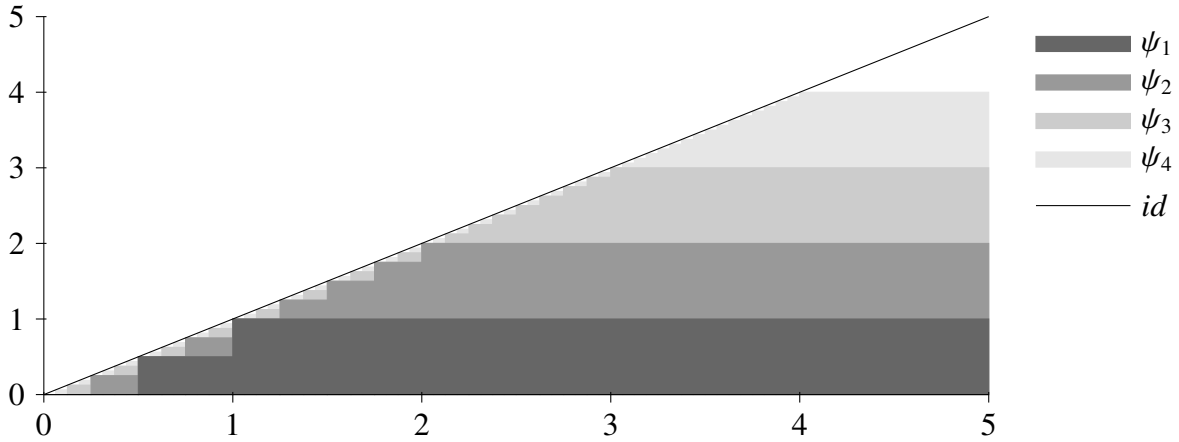
**Theorem 6.2.1** *If  $\varphi$  is a simple function, then we it can be represented as a finite sum of indicator functions:*

$$\varphi := \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \mathbb{I}_{E_k} \quad (6.2)$$

Where  $\{a_k\}_{k=0}^n$  is the set of values in the range of  $\varphi$  and  $E_k = \varphi^{-1}(\{a_k\})$ , the set of all points which map to  $a_k$ .

This allows us to define the integral of a simple function.

Figure 6.1: asdfasdf



**Definition** Let  $\varphi = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \mathbb{I}_{E_k}$  be a simple function. We define the integral:

$$\int_X \varphi d\mu = \int_X \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \mathbb{I}_{E_k} d\mu = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \int_X \mathbb{I}_{E_k} d\mu \quad (6.3)$$

Next we define integral of a non negative functions in  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}$

**Definition** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ .

$$\int_X f d\mu := \sup \left\{ \int_X \varphi : \varphi \text{ simple, and } 0 \leq \varphi \leq f \right\} \quad (6.4)$$

We use the simple function  $\psi_n$  defined as:

$$\psi_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n2^n-1} \left[ \left( \frac{k}{2^n} \right)^{\left[ \frac{k}{2^n}, \frac{k+1}{2^n} \right)} \right] + n^{[n, \infty]} \quad (6.5)$$

Notationally, this definition is rather heavy but is easily understood geometrically as seen in Figure 4.1

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Which for any non-negative  $f$  allows us to define  $\varphi_n = \psi_n \circ f$  a simple function.

Obviously we have  $\varphi_n$  simple since  $\psi_n$  is simple.

Since  $\psi_n(x) \leq x$  for all  $x$  then we also have  $0 \leq \varphi_n \leq f$ .

Most importantly we have  $0 \leq f(x) - \varphi_n(x) \leq 2^{-n}$  and so  $\varphi_n$ , uniformly approaches  $f$  as  $n$  approaches infinity.

**Theorem 6.2.2** *Let  $f$  be a function mapping to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f = f^+ - f^-$  where  $f^+$  and  $f^-$  are non-negative functions given by:*

$$f^+(x) := \max(0, f(x)) \quad (6.6)$$

$$f^-(x) := \max(0, -f(x)) \quad (6.7)$$

Now we have everything we need to define integrals for arbitrary functions mapping to  $\mathbb{R}$ :

**Definition** asdfasd

$$\int_X f d\mu = \int_X f^+ d\mu - \int_X f^- d\mu \quad (6.8)$$

This was a standard treatment of Lebesgue integration.

Mathematically it is very simple to extend this to integrals of hybrid sets over  $L(X, \mu)$  by linearity. That is, given  $\Gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathcal{L}(X, \mu)}$ :

$$\int_{\Gamma} f d\mu = \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \Gamma(\sigma) \int_{\sigma} f d\mu \quad (6.9)$$

## **Chapter 7**

### **Inclusion/Exclusion for Parallel**

# Chapter 8

## Conclusions

The primary objective of this thesis was to extend [8] by investigating further applications of hybrid sets and functions. Although this paper was focused on results for integration and Petri net graphs, this is not to take away from the “smaller” results shown along the way. As a first example, we showed that, (notational choice:  $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{P}}$ ,  $h(\mathbb{P})$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{P})?$ ), the hybrid sets over prime numbers is equivalent to  $\mathbb{Q}_+$ .

Hybrid sets come into their own within the context of hybrid functions as we saw with arithmetic on piecewise functions and symbolic matrices. Combined with tricks from linear algebra, the usage of hybrid functions allowed for large decreases in both cases. Hybrid pseudo-functions leave a function associated with an element unevaluated and allow for algebra to be performed on the domains before requesting any functions be evaluated.

Hybrid functions were shown to be a good model for domains of integration. An atlas can succinctly be defined in terms of a set of hybrid relation over a universe of Euclidean rectangles mapping to a common manifold. Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion was used instead of the typical *partitions of unity* to reduce the atlas to its support. Unlike some of the previous examples, any leftover negative terms produced by PIE are completely well-founded and have natural geometric interpretations. Moreover,  $\partial$ , the boundary operator on a  $k$ -chain explicitly constructs them. The beauty (and usefulness) of  $\partial$  was then shown with a proof of the gener-

alized Stokes' theorem. Which in turn we used in conjunction with generalized partitions to transform an otherwise difficult to compute integral.

Finally, we showed a novel formulation of Petri net graphs. Instead of considering transitions as a special type of node, we represented transitions along with corresponding arc weights as a single hybrid set. Conditions for liveness and coverability were also discussed. Relaxing the condition of non-negative markings gives way to *lending Petri nets* [3] [4] for which hybrid sets were even better suited. Unfortunately, I just discovered the Bartoletti papers and have not had a chance to read more than the abstract.



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