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# Part I

## Preview

# Chapter 1

## Session 1 — Galileo and Multiplication of Objects

**Exercise 1** Many examples — every instance of a product in a category gives an example. I will not list them.

**Exercise 2** I am not entirely sure what solution the authors had in mind. Here are some that come to my mind:

Place a spirit level between the two points and see if it reads as level.

Place a smooth plank between the two points and see if a ball placed at one point rolls to the other, or *vice versa*.

Hang a plumbline at each point and see if they form a right angle with the line joining the two points.

Of these, the third is my favourite.

Part II

Part I — The category of  
sets

## Chapter 2

# Article I — Sets, maps, composition

**Exercise 1** Easy.

**Exercise 2** There are 8 maps from  $A$  to  $B$ .

**Exercise 3** There are 27 maps from  $A$  to  $A$ .

**Exercise 4** There are 9 maps from  $B$  to  $A$ .

**Exercise 5** There are 4 maps from  $B$  to  $B$ .

**Exercise 6** There are 10 such maps from  $A$  to  $A$ .

**Exercise 7** There are 3 such maps from  $B$  to  $B$ .

**Exercise 8** There is no such pair of maps.

**Exercise 9** There are 12 such pairs of maps.

## Chapter 3

# Session 3 — Composing maps and counting maps

**Exercise 1** (a) and (c) make sense.

**Exercise 2** (a) and (c) still make sense.



## Part III

# Part II — The algebra of composition

## Chapter 4

# Article II — Isomorphisms

### 4.1 1. Isomorphisms

#### Exercise 1

(R) We have  $1_A \circ 1_A = 1_A$  by the Identity Laws, so  $1_A$  is an isomorphism with inverse  $1_A$ .

(S) We have  $g \circ f = 1_A$  and  $f \circ g = 1_B$  (this is what it means for  $g$  to be an inverse for  $f$ ). This says exactly that  $f$  is an inverse for  $g$ .

(T) Let  $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$  be an inverse for  $f$  and  $k^{-1} : C \rightarrow B$  be an inverse for  $k$ . We prove  $f^{-1} \circ k^{-1}$  is an inverse for  $k \circ f$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1} \circ k^{-1} \circ k \circ f &= f^{-1} \circ 1_B \circ f && \text{(definition of inverse)} \\ &= f^{-1} \circ f && \text{(Identity Law)} \\ &= 1_A && \text{(definition of inverse)} \end{aligned}$$

and  $k \circ f \circ f^{-1} \circ k^{-1} = 1_C$  similarly.

#### Exercise 2 We have

$$\begin{aligned} g &= g \circ 1_B && \text{(Identity Law)} \\ &= g \circ f \circ k && (k \text{ is an inverse of } f) \\ &= 1_A \circ k && (g \text{ is an inverse of } f) \\ &= k && \text{(Identity Law)} \end{aligned}$$

#### Exercise 3

(a) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Let  $h, k : C \rightarrow A$ .  
Suppose  $f \circ h = f \circ k$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1} \circ f \circ h &= f^{-1} \circ f \circ k \\ \therefore 1_A \circ h &= 1_A \circ k && \text{(Definition of inverse)} \\ \therefore h &= k && \text{(Identity Law)} \square \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Let  $h, k : B \rightarrow C$ .  
Suppose  $h \circ f = k \circ f$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ f \circ f^{-1} &= k \circ f \circ f^{-1} \\ \therefore h \circ 1_B &= k \circ 1_B && \text{(Definition of inverse)} \\ \therefore h &= k && \text{(Identity Law)} \square \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $A = \{0, 1\}$ . Define  $f : A \rightarrow A$  by  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f(1) = 0$ . Define  $h : A \rightarrow A$  by  $h(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ . Define  $k : A \rightarrow A$  by  $k(x) = 1$  for all  $x$ .  
 $f$  is invertible, and is its own inverse.  
We have  $h \circ f = f \circ k = h$ .  
We do not have  $h = k$ .

#### Exercise 4

- (1) This function is invertible with inverse  $f^{-1}(x) = (x - 7)/3$ .
- (2) This function is invertible with inverse  $g^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .
- (3) This function is not invertible because  $h(1) = h(-1) = 1$ .
- (4) This function is not invertible because  $k(1) = k(-1) = 1$ .
- (5) This function is not invertible because there is no  $x$  such that  $l(x) = 2$ .

## 4.2 2 — General division problems: Determination and choice

**Exercise 5** There are 6 maps  $f$  such that  $g \circ f = 1_{\{0,1\}}$ ; we can map 0 to any of  $b, p$  or  $q$ , and 1 to either of  $r$  or  $s$ .

Given any one of these maps  $f$ , there are 8 maps  $g$  such that  $g \circ f = 1_{\{0,1\}}$ . We must map  $f(0)$  to 0,  $f(1)$  to 1, and the other three elements to any of 0 or 1.

**Exercise 6** If  $r : B \rightarrow A$  is a section for  $f$ , then we take  $t = g \circ r$ . We have  $t \circ f = g \circ r \circ f = g \circ 1_A = g$ .

**Exercise 7** Let  $s : B \rightarrow A$  be a section for  $f$ . Let  $T$  be any set and  $t_1, t_2 : T \rightarrow B$ . Suppose  $t_1 \circ f = t_2 \circ f$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 \circ f \circ s &= t_2 \circ f \circ s \\ \therefore t_1 \circ 1_B &= t_2 \circ 1_B \\ \therefore t_1 &= t_2 \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 8** If  $s_1 : B \rightarrow A$  is a section for  $r_1 : A \rightarrow B$  and  $s_2 : C \rightarrow B$  is a section for  $r_2 : B \rightarrow C$ , then  $s_1 \circ s_2$  is a section for  $r_2 \circ r_1$  since

$$\begin{aligned} r_2 \circ r_1 \circ s_1 \circ s_2 &= r_2 \circ 1_B \circ s_2 \\ &= r_2 \circ s_2 \\ &= 1_C \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 9** We have

$$\begin{aligned} e \circ e &= f \circ r \circ f \circ r \\ &= f \circ 1 \circ r && (r \text{ is a retraction of } f) \\ &= f \circ r \\ &= e \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 10** From the proof of Proposition 3,  $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$  is both a section and a retraction for  $g \circ f$ .

**Exercise 11** Set  $f(\textit{Fatima}) = \textit{coffee}$ ,  $f(\textit{Omer}) = \textit{tea}$  and  $f(\textit{Alysia}) = \textit{cocoa}$ . Then  $f$  is an isomorphism.

There is no isomorphism  $g : A \rightarrow C$ . For if  $g(\textit{Fatima}) = \textit{true}$  then  $g(\textit{Omer})$  must be *false*, and then it is impossible to choose a value for  $g(\textit{Alysia})$  without having  $g(\textit{Alysia}) = g(\textit{Fatima})$  or  $g(\textit{Alysia}) = g(\textit{Omer})$ . Similarly if  $g(\textit{Fatima}) = \textit{false}$  then  $g(\textit{Omer})$  must be *true*, and then again we cannot choose a value for  $g(\textit{Alysia})$ .

## Chapter 5

# Session 4 — Division of Maps: Isomorphisms

### 5.1 4. A small zoo of isomorphisms in other categories

**Exercise 1** We have  $h(d(x)) = h(2x) = x$  and  $d(h(x)) = d(x/2) = x$  for any  $x$ .

**Exercise 2**  $f(\text{odd}) = \text{negative}$  and  $f(\text{even}) = \text{positive}$

**Exercise 3**

(a) This is not an isomorphism because  $p(0 + 0) = 1$  but  $p(0) + p(0) = 2$

(b) This is not an isomorphism because it is not surjective; there is no  $x$  such that  $sq(x) = -1$ .

(c) This is not an isomorphism because it is not injective. We have  $sq(1) = sq(-1) = 1$ .

(d) This is an isomorphism; it is bijective and  $-(x + y) = (-x) + (-y)$ .

(e) This is not an isomorphism because  $m(1 \times 1) = -1$  but  $m(1) \times m(1) = 1$ .

(f) This is not a well-defined map because  $c(-1) = -1 \notin \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .

## Chapter 6

# Session 5 — Division of Maps: Sections and Retractions

### 6.1 1. Determination Problems

#### Exercise 1

- (a) Suppose  $h = g \circ f$  and  $fa_1 = fa_2$ . Then  $ha_1 = g(fa_1) = g(fa_2) = ha_2$ .
- (b) No. Take  $A = C = \emptyset$  and  $B = \{*\}$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $h : A \rightarrow C$  be the unique such maps. Vacuously, if  $fa_1 = fa_2$  then  $ha_1 = ha_2$ . But there is no map  $g : B \rightarrow C$ .

### 6.2 3. Choice Problems

#### Exercise 2

- (a) Suppose  $g \circ f = h$ . Let  $a \in A$ . Let  $b = f(a)$ . Then  $h(a) = g(f(a)) = g(b)$ .
- (b) This is equivalent to the Axiom of Choice.

### 6.3 5. Stacking or Sorting

**Exercise 3** I'm not going to draw all of them, but there are 8 of them.

## Chapter 7

# Session 9 — Retracts and Idempotents

### 7.1 1. Retracts and Comparisons

**Exercise 1** If  $A$  is empty, then the nowhere-defined function is a map  $A \rightarrow B$ .  
If  $B$  has a point, say  $b$ , then the constant map with value  $b$  is a map  $A \rightarrow B$ .

### 7.2 2. Idempotents as records of retracts

**Exercise 3** Suppose  $s : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $r : B \rightarrow A$  and  $s' : A' \rightarrow B$ ,  $r' : B \rightarrow A'$  are splittings of  $e : B \rightarrow B$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} f &= r' \circ s & : A &\rightarrow A' \\ f^{-1} &= r \circ s' & : A' &\rightarrow A \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ f^{-1} &= r' \circ s \circ r \circ s' \\ &= r' \circ e \circ s' \\ &= r' \circ s' \circ r' \circ s' \\ &= 1 \\ f^{-1} \circ f &= r \circ s' \circ r' \circ s \\ &= r \circ e \circ s \\ &= r \circ s \circ r \circ s \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Chapter 8

### Quiz

**Question 1** Let  $A = \{*\}$  and  $B = \{0, 1\}$ . Define  $f : A \rightarrow B$  by  $f(*) = 0$ . Then the unique function  $r : B \rightarrow A$  is a retraction for  $f$  (since  $r(f(*)) = *$ ) but not a section for  $f$  (since  $f(r(1)) = 0$ ). Therefore there is no section for  $f$ , since there is only one map  $B \rightarrow A$ .

**Question 2**

(a) Yes: if  $ppp = p$  then  $pqpq = pq$

(b) Yes: if  $ppp = p$  then  $qpqp = qp$

**Question 2\*** Let  $q' = qpq$  Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}pq'p &= pqpqp \\&= pqp \\&= p \\q'pq' &= qpqpqpq \\&= qpqpq \\&= qpq \\&= q'\end{aligned}$$

**Question 1\*** Take  $A = B = \mathbb{N}$  and define  $f : A \rightarrow B$  by  $f(x) = 2x$ . Then  $f$  has a retraction  $r$  given by

$$r(y) = \begin{cases} y/2 & \text{if } y \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } y \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

It has no section since it is not surjective (Article II Proposition 1).



## Chapter 9

# Summary / quiz on pairs of 'opposed' maps

**Question 1** Given two maps  $f, g$  with domains and codomains as above, we can always form the composites  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$ . All we can say about  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$  as maps in themselves is that they are endomaps.

**Question 2** If we know that  $g$  is a retraction for  $f$ , that means  $g \circ f$  is actually the identity map  $1_A$ ; then we can prove that  $f \circ g$  is not only an endomap, but actually an idempotent. The latter means that the equation  $f \circ g \circ f \circ g = f \circ g$  is true.

**Question 3** If we even know that  $f$  is an isomorphism *and* that  $g \circ f = 1_A$ , then  $f \circ g$  is not only an idempotent, but is the identity map  $1_B$ . If, moreover,  $s$  is a map for which  $f \circ s = 1_B$ , we can conclude that  $s = g$ .

**Question 4** Going back to 0, i.e. assuming no equations, but only the domain and codomain statements about  $f$  and  $g$ , the composite  $f \circ g \circ f$  could be different from  $f$ . Likewise  $f \circ g \circ f \circ g$  could be different from  $f \circ g$ .

# Chapter 10

## Test 1

### Question 1

(a) Let  $f(Mara) = Aurelio$ ,  $f(Aurelio) = Mara$  and  $f(Andrea) = Andrea$ .

(b) Let  $e(Mara) = Aurelio$ ,  $e(Aurelio) = Aurelio$  and  $e(Andrea) = Andrea$ .

(c) Let  $B = \{0, 1\}$ . Define  $s : B \rightarrow A$  by  $s(0) = Aurelio$  and  $s(1) = Andrea$ . Define  $r : A \rightarrow B$  by  $r(Mara) = 0$ ,  $r(Aurelio) = 0$  and  $r(Andrea) = 1$ .

**Question 2** Define  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(y) = (y + 7)/4$ .

(a)  $g(f(x)) = g(4x - 7) = (4x - 7 + 7)/4 = 4x/4 = x$

(b)  $f(g(x)) = f((x + 7)/4) = 4((x + 7)/4) - 7 = x + 7 - 7 = x$

## Chapter 11

# Session 10 — Brouwer's Theorems

### 11.1 4. Relation between fixed point and retraction theorems

**Exercise 1** Suppose for a contradiction there is no point  $x$  such that  $f(x) = g(x)$ . Define  $r : D \rightarrow C$  as follows: for  $x \in D$ ,  $r(x)$  is the point on  $C$  that is pointed at by the arrow with tail at  $f(x)$  and head at  $g(x)$ . For  $x \in C$ , we have  $g(j(x)) = j(x)$ , so the point that is pointed at by any arrow with head at  $g(j(x))$  is  $x$ . Hence

$$r(j(x)) = x$$

and so  $r$  is a retraction for  $j$ , contradicting the retraction theorem.

**Exercise 2** Let  $f : A \rightarrow A$  be any endomap. Then  $s \circ f \circ r : X \rightarrow X$  is an endomap on  $X$ . Hence there exists  $x : T \rightarrow X$  such that  $sfrx = x$ . But then we have

$$\begin{aligned} rsfrrx &= rx \\ \therefore frrx &= rx \end{aligned}$$

and so  $r \circ x : T \rightarrow A$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

**Exercise 3** Let  $A$  be either  $E$ ,  $C$  or  $S$ , and  $X$  be  $I$ ,  $D$  or  $B$  respectively. Assume that every endomap  $X \rightarrow X$  has a fixed point.

Assume for a contradiction that  $X$  is a retract of  $A$ . By Exercise 2, every endomap on  $A$  has a fixed point. This is a contradiction, as the antipodal map on  $A$  has no fixed point.

## 11.2 7. Using maps to formulate guesses

### Exercise 1

(a) We can express 'I start in Buffalo and end in Rochester' as  $m \circ j = i \circ j$ .  
We can express 'You start and finish anywhere between Buffalo and Rochester'  
as: there exists  $f : I \rightarrow E$  such that  $y \circ j = i \circ f$ .

(b) There exists  $t : 1 \rightarrow I$  such that  $mt = yt$ .

(c) Let  $C$  be the circle,  $D$  the disk and  $P$  the plane. Let  $j : C \rightarrow D$  and  
 $i : D \rightarrow P$  be the inclusions.

For any maps  $m, y : D \rightarrow P$  such that:

- $mj = ij$
- there exists  $f : C \rightarrow D$  such that  $yj = if$

then there exists  $t : 1 \rightarrow D$  such that  $mt = yt$ .

(d) I have not been able to find any smooth maps for which it is not true.

## Part IV

# Part III — Categories of Structured Sets

## Chapter 12

# Article III — Examples of Categories

### 12.1 1. The category $\mathcal{S}^\circ$ of endomaps of sets

**Exercise 1** Let  $f : (X, \alpha) \rightarrow (Y, \beta)$  and  $g : (Y, \beta) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ . Then

$$g \circ f \circ \alpha = g \circ \beta \circ f = \gamma \circ g \circ f$$

and so  $g \circ f : (X, \alpha) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ .

### 12.2 4. Categories of endomaps

**Exercise 2** Suppose  $e : A \rightarrow A$  is idempotent and has a retraction  $r : A \rightarrow A$ . Then

$$1_A = r \circ e = r \circ e \circ e = 1_A \circ e = e$$

so  $e = 1_A$ . Thus, the identities are the only idempotents that have retractions.

**Exercise 3** Suppose  $A$  has an even number of elements, say  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2n}\}$ . Define  $\theta : A \rightarrow A$  by  $\theta(a_{2k+1}) = a_{2k+2}$  and  $\theta(a_{2k+2}) = a_{2k+1}$  ( $0 \leq k < n$ ). Then  $\theta$  is an involution with no fixed point.

Conversely, suppose  $\theta : A \rightarrow A$  is an involution with no fixed point. Enumerate the elements of  $A$  as follows: Pick any element  $a_1 \in A$ . Let  $a_2 = \theta(a_1)$ ; then  $a_1 = \theta(a_2)$ .

Assuming we have picked  $a_1, \dots, a_{2m}$  such that  $\{a_1, \dots, a_{2m}\}$  is closed under  $\theta$  and  $A \neq \{a_1, \dots, a_{2m}\}$ , pick  $a_{2m+1} \in A - \{a_1, \dots, a_{2m}\}$ . Then  $\theta(a_{2m+1}) \notin \{a_1, \dots, a_{2m}\}$  (since  $\theta(\theta(a_{2m+1})) = a_{2m+1}$ ) and  $\theta(a_{2m+1}) \neq a_{2m+1}$  (since  $\theta$  has no fixed point). So let  $a_{2m+2} = \theta(a_{2m+1})$ .

This process must end because  $A$  is finite. So  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_{2n}\}$  for some  $n$ .

Suppose now  $A$  has an odd number of elements, say  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2n+1}\}$ . Define  $\theta : A \rightarrow A$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\theta(a_{2k+1}) &= a_{2k+2} & (0 \leq k < n) \\ \theta(a_{2k+2}) &= a_{2k+1} & (0 \leq k < n) \\ \theta(a_{2n+1}) &= a_{2n+1}\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\theta$  is an involution whose only fixed point is  $a_{2n+1}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\theta : A \rightarrow A$  is an involution with one fixed point  $f$ . Then  $\theta \upharpoonright (A - \{f\})$  is an involution on  $A - \{f\}$  with no fixed point. So  $A - \{f\}$  has an even number of elements, and so  $A$  has an odd number of elements.

**Exercise 4** The map  $\alpha$  is an involution because  $-(-x) = x$ . It is not idempotent because  $-(-1) \neq -1$ . Its only fixed point is 0.

**Exercise 5** The map  $\alpha$  is not an involution because  $\| -1 \| = 1 \neq -1$ . It is idempotent because  $\|x\| = |x|$ . Its fixed points are the non-negative integers.

**Exercise 6** The map  $\alpha$  is an automorphism with inverse  $\alpha^{-1}(x) = x - 3$ .

**Exercise 7** The map  $\alpha$  is not an automorphism because there is no integer  $x$  with  $\alpha(x) = 1$ .

**Exercise 8** If  $\alpha$  is idempotent then  $\alpha \circ \alpha \circ \alpha = \alpha \circ \alpha = \alpha$ .

If  $\alpha$  is an involution then  $\alpha \circ \alpha \circ \alpha = 1 \circ \alpha = \alpha$ .

**Exercise 9** Label the elements in the diagram 0, 1, 2 from top to bottom. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^3(0) &= \alpha^2(1) = \alpha(2) = 1 \\ &= \alpha(0) \\ \alpha^3(1) &= \alpha^2(2) = \alpha(1) = 2 \\ &= \alpha(1) \\ \alpha^3(2) &= \alpha^2(1) = \alpha(2) = 1 \\ &= \alpha(2)\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\alpha^3 = \alpha$ .

However,  $\alpha$  is not idempotent because  $\alpha^2(0) = 2 \neq \alpha(0)$ . And  $\alpha$  is not an involution because  $\alpha^2(0) = 2 \neq 0$ .

## 12.3 5. Irreflexive graphs

**Exercise 10**

$$s(a) = k, s(b) = m, s(c) = k, s(d) = p, s(e) = m$$

$$t(a) = m, t(b) = m, t(c) = m, t(d) = q, t(e) = r$$

The arrow  $b$  has  $s(b) = t(b)$ . There is no arrow  $x$  with  $t(x) = k$ .

**Exercise 11** We have

$$s'' \circ g \circ f = g \circ s' \circ f = g \circ f \circ s$$

$$t'' \circ g \circ f = g \circ t' \circ f = g \circ f \circ t$$

and so  $g \circ f : (X, P, s, t) \rightarrow (Z, R, s'', t'')$ .

## 12.4 6. Endomaps as special graphs

**Exercise 12**

$$I(g \circ f) = (g \circ f, g \circ f) = (g, g) \circ (f, f) = I(g) \circ I(f)$$

**Exercise 13** For any  $x \in X$  we have  $f_A(x) = 1_Y(f_A(x)) = f_D(1_X(x)) = f_D(x)$ , and so  $f_A = f_D$ . Thus  $(f_A, f_D) = I(f_A)$ .

## 12.5 7. The simpler category $\mathcal{S}^\downarrow$ : Objects are just maps of sets

**Exercise 14** Let  $X = \{*\}$  and  $Y = \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $\alpha$  be the only map  $X \rightarrow X$ , and  $\beta : Y \rightarrow Y$  be the map with  $\beta(0) = 1$  and  $\beta(1) = 0$ . Let  $f_A(*) = 0$  and  $f_D(*) = 1$ . Then  $f_D \circ \alpha = \beta \circ f_A$  but  $f_A \neq f_D$ .

## 12.6 8. Reflexive graphs

**Exercise 15** Let  $x_1 = s$  and  $x_2 = t$ , so  $e_i = ix_i$  for each  $i$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} e_k e_j &= ix_k ix_j \\ &= i1_P x_j \\ &= ix_j \\ &= e_j \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $e_j e_j = e_j$ , so each  $e_j$  is idempotent.



**Exercise 16** Let  $(f_A, f_D) : (X, P, s, t, i) \rightarrow (Y, Q, s', t', j)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_D s &= s' f_A \\ \therefore f_D &= f_D s i \\ &= s' f_A i \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 17** A map between  $(M, F, \phi, \phi', \mu, \mu')$  and  $(N, G, \psi, \psi', \nu, \nu')$  is a pair of functions  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $g : F \rightarrow G$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi f &= f \phi \\ \psi' g &= f \phi' \\ \nu g &= g \mu \\ \nu' f &= g \nu \end{aligned}$$