

# Abstract Algebra

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# Chapter 1

## 1.1 Introductory Notes

### 1.1.1 Things to Remember

**Note:**

- Definitions will usually be stated as “if” even though they mean “if and only if”.
- Any form of proof is valid. Avoid proofs by contradiction because of disbelief in the law of excluded middle.
- When you define an object, you can *only* utilize its definition to prove anything about it.

### 1.1.2 Set Review

**Definition 1.1.1: Set**

In mathematics, a set is an undefined term. Basically, “everyone knows what it is.” A few examples of sets are:

- The empty set is the set with no elements. It is denoted by  $\phi$  or  $\emptyset$ .
- $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of natural numbers.
- $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers.
- $\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of rational numbers.
- $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers.
- $\mathbb{C}$  is the set of complex numbers.

**Note:**

- A set is a well-defined collection of objects. The objects in a set are called elements of the set.
- A set is generally defined as a capital letter.
- $(A = B) \iff (\forall x : x \in A \iff x \in B)$
- $(A \subset B) \iff (\forall x \in A : x \in B)$
- $A$  is a proper subset of  $B$  if  $A \subset B$  and  $A \neq B$ .

**Theorem 1.1.1**

$$A = B \iff A \subset B \wedge B \subset A$$

**Note:**

- $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$
- $A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$
- $A \setminus B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$
- $C \setminus (A \cup B) = (C \setminus A) \cap (C \setminus B)$

**1.1.3 Cartesian Products and Functions****Note:**

- $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$

**Example 1.1.1** (Cartesian Product of two sets)

Let  $A = \{1, 2, \Delta\}$  and  $B = \{0, \pi\}$

- $(1, 0)$
- $(2, 0)$
- $(\Delta, 0)$
- $(1, \pi)$
- $(2, \pi)$
- $(\Delta, \pi)$

**Note:**

Relations are subsets of Cartesian Products. For example, we can say that  $<$  is a relation on the subset of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  consisting of all ordered pairs of real numbers such that the first element is less than the second.

**Definition 1.1.2: Function**

A function  $f$  from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$  such that for every  $a \in A$ , there is exactly one  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in f$ .

**Note:**

Let  $R$  be a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ .

- $A$  is the domain
- $B$  is the codomain
- $\{b : aRb\}$  is the image
- $R$  is injective (one-to-one) if  $a_1Rb \wedge a_2Rb \implies a_1 = a_2$
- $R$  is surjective (onto) if  $\forall b \in B : \exists a \in A : aRb$ . Basically if the image is the entire codomain.
- $R$  is bijective if it is injective and surjective

**Note:**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{R} & B \\ B & \xrightarrow{S} & C \end{array}$$

Define the composition as  $S \circ R = \{(a, c) : \text{there is some } b \text{ such that } (a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in S\}$

### Theorem 1.1.2

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow C$ , and  $h : C \rightarrow D$ . Then

- $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$
- If  $f$  and  $g$  are injective, so is  $g \circ f$
- If  $f$  and  $g$  are surjective, so is  $g \circ f$
- If  $f$  and  $g$  are bijective, so is  $g \circ f$

## 1.1.4 Equivalence Relations

### Definition 1.1.3: Equivalence Relation

An equivalence relation is a relation that has the following special properties:

- Reflexivity:  $aRa$  for all  $a \in A$
- Symmetry:  $aRb \implies bRa$
- Transitivity:  $aRb \wedge bRc \implies aRc$

### Definition 1.1.4: Partition

Given a set  $S$ , a partition of  $S$  is a collection of subsets of  $S$  such that their union is  $S$ .

#### Note:

Equivalence relations go hand in hand with partitions.

#### Note:

If  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation  $a \sim b$ , then  $\sim$  partitions a set  $X$  into chunks.  $X/\sim$  is the set of chunks. Addition is *well-defined* as an operation on  $\mathbb{Z}/x\mathbb{Z}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## 1.1.5 Complex Numbers and Matrices

### Definition 1.1.5: Complex Number

A complex number is a number of the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $i$  is the imaginary unit.  $i^2 = -1$ .

#### Note:

Complex numbers generally take the form  $z = a + bi$ .  $\bar{z} = a - bi$  is the complex conjugate of  $z$ .

### Definition 1.1.6: Matrix

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers.

### 1.1.6 Number Theory

## 1.2 Random Examples

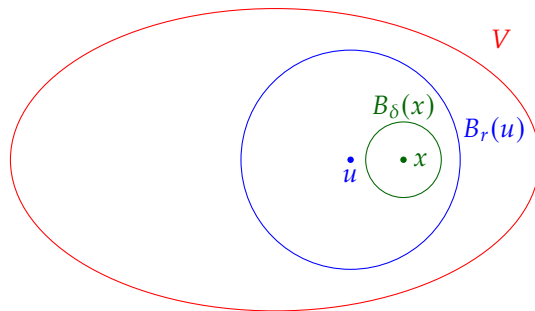
### Claim 1.2.1 Topology

Topology is cool

### Example 1.2.1 (Open Set and Close Set)

- Open Set:
- $\phi$
  - $\bigcup_{x \in X} B_r(x)$  (Any  $r > 0$  will do)
  - $B_r(x)$  is open
- Closed Set:
- $\overline{X}, \phi$
  - $\overline{B_r(x)}$
  - $x\text{-axis} \cup y\text{-axis}$

**Proof:** By openness of  $V$ ,  $x \in B_r(u) \subset V$



Given  $x \in B_r(u) \subset V$ , we want  $\delta > 0$  such that  $x \in B_\delta(x) \subset B_r(u) \subset V$ . Let  $d = d(u, x)$ . Choose  $\delta$  such that  $d + \delta < r$  (e.g.  $\delta < \frac{r-d}{2}$ )

If  $y \in B_\delta(x)$  we will be done by showing that  $d(u, y) < r$  but

$$d(u, y) \leq d(u, x) + d(x, y) < d + \delta < r$$

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### Corollary 1.2.1

By the result of the proof, we can then show...

### Lemma 1.2.1

Suppose  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Proposition 1.2.1

$1 + 1 = 2$ .

### 1.3 Random

#### Definition 1.3.1: Normed Linear Space and Norm $\|\cdot\|$

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}$ ). A norm on  $V$  is function  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  satisfying

- ①  $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0 \ \forall x \in V$
- ②  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \ \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}(\text{or } \mathbb{C}), x \in V$
- ③  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \ \forall x, y \in V$  (Triangle Inequality/Subadditivity)

And  $V$  is called a normed linear space.

• Same definition works with  $V$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  (again  $\|\cdot\| \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ) where ② becomes  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$   $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, x \in V$ , where for  $\lambda = a + ib$ ,  $|\lambda| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

**Special Case  $p = 1$ :**  $\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_m|$  is clearly a norm by usual triangle inequality.

**Special Case  $p \rightarrow \infty$  ( $\mathbb{R}^m$  with  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ ):**  $\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_m|\}$

For  $m = 1$  these  $p$ -norms are nothing but  $|x|$ . Now exercise

**Solution: For Property ③ for norm-2**

**When field is  $\mathbb{R}$ :**

We have to show

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i (x_i + y_i)^2 &\leq \left( \sqrt{\sum_i x_i^2} + \sqrt{\sum_i y_i^2} \right)^2 \\ \implies \sum_i (x_i^2 + 2x_i y_i + y_i^2) &\leq \sum_i x_i^2 + 2\sqrt{\left[ \sum_i x_i^2 \right] \left[ \sum_i y_i^2 \right]} + \sum_i y_i^2 \\ \implies \left[ \sum_i x_i y_i \right]^2 &\leq \left[ \sum_i x_i^2 \right] \left[ \sum_i y_i^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

So in other words prove  $\langle x, y \rangle^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle$  where

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_i x_i y_i$$

#### Note:

- $\|x\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle$
- $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$
- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear in each slot i.e.

$$\langle rx + x', y \rangle = r \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x', y \rangle \text{ and similarly for second slot}$$

Here in  $\langle x, y \rangle$   $x$  is in first slot and  $y$  is in second slot.

Now the statement is just the Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality. For proof

$$\langle x, y \rangle^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle$$

expand everything of  $\langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle$  which is going to give a quadratic equation in variable  $\lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle &= \langle x, x - \lambda y \rangle - \lambda \langle y, x - \lambda y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle - \lambda \langle x, y \rangle - \lambda \langle y, x \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle - 2\lambda \langle x, y \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle y, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now unless  $x = \lambda y$  we have  $\langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle > 0$  Hence the quadratic equation has no root therefore the discriminant is greater than zero.

**When field is  $\mathbb{C}$  :**

Modify the definition by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_i \overline{x_i} y_i$$

Then we still have  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$

## 1.4 Algorithms

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**Algorithm 1:** what

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**Input:** This is some input

**Output:** This is some output

*/\* This is a comment \*/*

```
1 some code here;
2  $x \leftarrow 0$ ;
3  $y \leftarrow 0$ ;
4 if  $x > 5$  then
5   |  $x$  is greater than 5 ;                                // This is also a comment
6 else
7   |  $x$  is less than or equal to 5;
8 end
9 foreach  $y$  in  $0..5$  do
10  |  $y \leftarrow y + 1$ ;
11 end
12 for  $y$  in  $0..5$  do
13  |  $y \leftarrow y - 1$ ;
14 end
15 while  $x > 5$  do
16  |  $x \leftarrow x - 1$ ;
17 end
18 return Return something here;
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