

The Set Mappings Generating Geometry and Physics

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ABSTRACT. All countable set mappings between sets of size c infinitesimals of domain intervals (n -tuples) generate the Euclidean volume equation as c goes to 0. Distance as a function of volume generates all the Minkowski distances (for example, Manhattan and Euclidean distance) and the properties of metric space. The Euclidean volume proof provides simpler and more rigorous derivations of Newton's gravity force and Coulomb's charge force equations (without using the inverse square law or Gauss's divergence theorem). The derivations of the gravity and charge force equations exposes a ratio (constant first derivative) principle that allows simpler derivations of the spacetime equations and some general relativity equations. A symmetry property can limit geometric distance and volume to 3 dimensions per ball and a limit of 3 3-dimensional balls. All proofs are verified in Coq.

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1. Introduction

The definitions of metric space, Euclidean distance, and area/volume in analysis [Gol76] [Rud76] mimic Euclidean geometry [Joy98]. Deriving those definitions from a set and limit-based foundation, without relying on any of the primitives and relations of Euclidean geometry, explains aspects of geometry and physics that mimicking cannot provide.

Countable volume, v_c , is the cardinal (number of members) of the set of all possible mappings between disjoint, countable, domain sets, x_i (the number of n-tuples): $v_c = |\times_{i=1}^n x_i| = \prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|$ (where vertical bars around a set indicates the cardinal). Countable distance, $d_c = |x_i| \Rightarrow d_c^n = \prod_{i=1}^n d_c = v_c$.

Applying the countable set definition of volume to sets of size c infinitesimals of domain intervals generates the volume equation as $c \rightarrow 0$. Distance as a function of volume generates all the L_p norms (Minkowski distances, for example, Manhattan and Euclidean distance) and the properties metric space.

The Euclidean volume proof is used to provide simpler and more rigorous derivations of Newton's gravity force and Coulomb's charge force equations (without using the inverse square law or Gauss's divergence theorem). The derivations of the gravity and charge forces expose a ratio (constant first derivative) principle that generates the spacetime equations and some general relativity equations.

All the proofs in this article have been verified using using the Coq proof verification system [Coq15]. The formal proofs are in the Coq files, "euclidrelations.v" and "threed.v," at: <https://github.com/treeck/RASRGeometry>.

2. Ruler measure and convergence

Note: Integrals, for example, $\int_0^b \int_0^a d^2c$, do not constrain the infinitesimals across multiple intervals to be the same size, for example, integrals do not constrain the infinitesimals in the domain interval, $[0, a] = [0, 1]$, to be the same size in the domain interval, $[0, b] = [0, \pi]$. Therefore, integrals cannot directly express express the number of mappings between the p_x number of size c infinitesimals in one interval and the p_y number of size c infinitesimals in another interval.

A ruler (measuring stick) measures the size of each interval *approximately* as the sum of the nearest integer number, p , of whole subintervals (infinitesimals), where each infinitesimal has the *same* size, c . Therefore, the ruler can directly express express the number of mappings between the p_x number of size c infinitesimals in one interval and the p_y number of size c infinitesimals in another interval.

DEFINITION 2.1. Ruler measure, M : $\forall c, s \in \mathbb{R}, [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}, s = b - a \wedge c > 0 \wedge (p = \text{floor}(s/c) \vee p = \text{ceiling}(s/c)) \wedge M = \sum_{i=1}^p c = pc$.

THEOREM 2.2. *Ruler convergence:* $M = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} pc = s$.

The proof is trivial but is included here for completeness. The theorem, "limit_c_0_M.eq_exact_size," and formal proof is in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

PROOF. (epsilon-delta proof)

By definition of the floor function, $\text{floor}(x) = \max(\{y : y \leq x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in \mathbb{R}\})$:

$$(2.1) \quad \forall c > 0, p = \text{floor}(s/c) \wedge 0 \leq |\text{floor}(s/c) - s/c| < 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq |p - s/c| < 1.$$

Multiply all sides of inequality 2.1 by c :

$$(2.2) \quad \forall c > 0, \quad 0 \leq |p - s/c| < 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq |pc - s| < |c|.$$

$$(2.3) \quad \forall \delta : |pc - s| < |c| = |c - 0| < \delta \\ \Rightarrow \quad \forall \epsilon = \delta : |c - 0| < \delta \wedge |pc - s| < \epsilon := M = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} pc = s. \quad \square$$

The following is an example of ruler convergence for the interval, $[0, \pi]$: $s = \pi - 0$, and $p = \text{floor}(s/c) \Rightarrow p \cdot c = 3.1_{c=10^{-1}}, 3.14_{c=10^{-2}}, 3.141_{c=10^{-3}}, \dots, \pi_{\lim_{c \rightarrow 0}}$.

3. Euclidean Volume

\mathbb{R}^n , the Lebesgue measure, Riemann integral, and Lebesgue integral define (assume) area/volume to be the product of domain interval lengths. The goal here is to derive the product of interval lengths from an abstract, set-based definition of volume without assuming the product of interval lengths and without using the notions of a unit area/volume, line, angle, rectangle, etc.

Countable volume is the cardinal (number of members) of the set of all possible mappings between disjoint, countable, domain sets (the number of n-tuples), which by the rule of product, is the Cartesian product of disjoint, countable, domain set mappings.

DEFINITION 3.1. Countable Volume:

$$v_c = |\times_{i=1}^n x_i| = \prod_{i=1}^n |x_i| : \quad \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i = \emptyset$$

THEOREM 3.2. *Euclidean volume, v , is length of the range interval, $[v_u, v_w]$, which is equal to product of domain interval lengths, $\{[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \dots, [a_n, b_n]\}$:*

$$v = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i, \quad v = v_w - v_u, \quad s_i = b_i - a_i.$$

The formal proof, “Euclidean_volume,” is in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

PROOF.

Use the ruler (2.1) to partition each of the domain intervals, $[a_i, b_i]$, into a set, x_i , containing p_i number of subintervals.

$$(3.1) \quad \forall i \ n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad i \in [1, n], \quad c > 0 \quad \wedge \quad \text{floor}(s_i/c) = p_i = |x_i|.$$

Apply the ruler convergence theorem (2.2) to equation 3.1:

$$(3.2) \quad \text{floor}(s_i/c) = p_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c) = s_i.$$

$$(3.3) \quad v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n |x_i| \quad \wedge \quad |x_i| = p_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i.$$

Multiply both sides of equation 3.3 by c^n :

$$(3.4) \quad v_c \cdot c^n = (\prod_{i=1}^n p_i) \cdot c^n = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i \cdot c).$$

Apply the ruler (2.1) to the range interval, $[v_u, v_w]$ (where $v = v_w - v_u$). Combine with equation 3.4. Apply the ruler convergence (2.2) and equation 3.2.

$$(3.5) \quad \forall v_c, n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad c > 0 \quad \exists v \in \mathbb{R} : \quad \text{floor}(v/c^n) = v_c \quad \wedge \quad v_c \cdot c^n = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i \cdot c) \\ \Rightarrow \quad v = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} v_c \cdot c^n = \prod_{i=1}^n \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_i \cdot c) = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i. \quad \square$$

4. Distance

4.1. Countable distance.

DEFINITION 4.1. Countable distance is the countable volume, v_c , case of each domain set, x_i having the same cardinal, $d_c = |x_i|$:

$$|x_i| = d_c \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n d_c = d_c^n.$$

4.2. Minkowski distance.

THEOREM 4.2. *Minkowski distance:* The Minkowski distance, d , is the length of the range interval, $[d_u, d_v]$, which is a function of the domain interval lengths, $\{[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \dots, [a_n, b_n]\}$:

$$d = (\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^n)^{1/n}, \quad d = d_v - d_u, \quad s_i = b_i - a_i.$$

The formal proof, “Minkowski_distance,” is in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

PROOF.

Multiply both sides the countable distance definition by c^n .

$$(4.1) \quad v_c = d_c^n \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_c \cdot c^n = d_c^n \cdot c^n = (d_c \cdot c)^n.$$

Apply the ruler (2.1) and ruler convergence (2.2):

$$(4.2) \quad v_c \cdot c^n = (d_c \cdot c)^n \quad \wedge \quad v_c = \text{floor}(v/c^n) \quad \wedge \quad d_c = \text{floor}(d/c) \\ \Rightarrow \quad v = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} v_c \cdot c^n = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (d_c \cdot c)^n = d^n \quad \Rightarrow \quad d = v^{1/n}.$$

$$(4.3) \quad \forall v, v_1, \dots, v_m : v = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i \quad \wedge \quad d = v^{1/n} \quad \Rightarrow \quad d = (\sum_{i=1}^m v_i)^{1/n}.$$

$$(4.4) \quad d = (\sum_{i=1}^m v_i)^{1/n} \quad \wedge \quad \exists s_i \in \mathbb{R} : s_i^n = v_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad d = (\sum_{i=1}^m s_i^n)^{1/n}. \quad \square$$

4.3. Metric Space. The properties of metric space have been motivated by Euclidean distance. But, all Minkowski distances generate all the properties of metric space. The formal proofs: symmetry, triangle_inequality, non_negativity, and identity_of_indiscernibles are in the Coq file, euclidrelations.v.

THEOREM 4.3. *Symmetry:* $d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} \Rightarrow d(u, v) = d(v, u)$.

PROOF. By the commutative law of addition:

$$(4.5) \quad \forall p : 1 \leq p \leq 2, \quad d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} = (s_1^p + s_2^p)^{1/p} \\ \Rightarrow \quad d(u, v) = (u^p + v^p)^{1/p} = (v^p + u^p)^{1/p} = d(v, u). \quad \square$$

THEOREM 4.4. *Triangle Inequality:*

$$d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} \Rightarrow d(u, w) \leq d(u, v) + d(v, w).$$

PROOF. $\forall p \geq 1, \quad k > 0, \quad u = s_1, \quad w = s_2, \quad v = w/k$:

$$(4.6) \quad (u^p + w^p)^{1/p} \leq ((u^p + w^p) + 2v^p)^{1/p} = ((u^p + v^p) + (v^p + w^p))^{1/p}.$$

Using Minkowski’s inequality, $(a + b)^{1/p} \leq a^{1/p} + b^{1/p}$:

$$(4.7) \quad (u^p + w^p)^{1/p} \leq ((u^p + v^p) + (v^p + w^p))^{1/p} \leq (u^p + v^p)^{1/p} + (v^p + w^p)^{1/p}. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 4.5. *Non-negativity:* $d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} \Rightarrow d(u, w) \geq 0$.

PROOF. By definition, the length of an interval is always ≥ 0 :

$$(4.8) \quad \forall [a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \quad s_1 = b_1 - a_1, \quad s_2 = b_2 - a_2, \quad \Rightarrow \quad s_1 \geq 0, \quad s_2 \geq 0.$$

$$(4.9) \quad s_1 \geq 0, \quad s_2 \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(s_1, s_2) = (\sum_{i=1}^2 s_i^p)^{1/p} \geq 0. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 4.6. *Identity of Indiscernibles:* $d(w, w) = 0$.

PROOF. Apply the triangle inequality property (4.4):

$$(4.10) \quad \forall d(u, v) = d(v, w) = 0 \wedge d(u, w) \leq d(u, v) + d(v, w) \Rightarrow d(u, w) \leq 0.$$

Combine the non-negativity property (4.5) and the previous inequality (4.10):

$$(4.11) \quad d(u, w) \geq 0 \wedge d(u, w) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq d(u, w) \leq 0 \Rightarrow d(u, w) = 0.$$

Combine the result of step 4.11 and the condition, $d(u, v) = 0$, in step 4.10.

$$(4.12) \quad d(u, w) = 0 \wedge d(u, v) = 0 \Rightarrow w = v.$$

Combine the condition, $d(v, w) = 0$, in step 4.10 and the result of step 4.12.

$$(4.13) \quad d(v, w) = 0 \wedge w = v \Rightarrow d(w, w) = 0. \quad \square$$

5. Applications to physics

5.1. Newton's gravity force equation. m_1 and m_2 , are the sizes of two independent mass intervals, where each size c component of a mass interval exerts a force on each size c component of the other mass interval. If p_1 and p_2 are the number of size c components in each mass interval, then the total force, F , is equal to the total number of forces, which is proportionate to the Cartesian product, $p_1 \cdot p_2$, and proportionate to the size, c , of each component. Applying the volume proof (3.2), the total size of the Cartesian product of size c components is $p_1 c \cdot p_2 c$.

$$(5.1) \quad p_1 = \text{floor}(m_1/c) \wedge p_2 = \text{floor}(m_2/c) \wedge F := m_0 a \propto p_1 c \cdot p_2 c \\ \Rightarrow F := m_0 a \propto \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_1 c \cdot p_2 c) = m_1 m_2,$$

where the force, F , is defined as the rest mass, m_0 , times acceleration, a . **Note** that integrals have no means of directly specifying the p_1 and p_2 of size c infinitesimals. Therefore, it is difficult to use integrals to rigorously derive: $\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} (p_1 c \cdot p_2 c) = m_1 m_2$.

$$(5.2) \quad F := m_0 a = m_0 dr/dt^2 = m_0 r/t^2 \propto m_1 m_2 \wedge m_0 = m_1 \Rightarrow r \propto m_1 \Rightarrow \\ \exists m_G, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : r = (dr/dm)m_2 = (r_c/m_G)m_2,$$

where: r is Euclidean distance, t is time, and r_c/m_G is a unit-factoring proportion ratio.

$$(5.3) \quad m_0 = m_1 \wedge r = (m_G/r_c)m_2 \wedge F = m_0 r/t^2 \\ \Rightarrow F = m_0 r/t^2 = (r_c/m_G)m_1 m_2/t^2.$$

From equation (5.3):

$$(5.4) \quad a = dr/dt^2 = r/t^2 \Rightarrow \exists t_c, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : t/r = (dt/dr) = t_c/r_c \Rightarrow t = (t_c/r_c)r.$$

$$(5.5) \quad t = (t_c/r_c)r \wedge F = (r_c/m_G)m_1 m_2/t^2 \Rightarrow \\ F = (r_c/m_G)(r_c^2/t_c^2)m_1 m_2/r^2 = (r_c^3/m_G t_c^2)m_1 m_2/r^2 = G m_1 m_2/r^2,$$

where the gravitational constant, $G = r_c^3/m_G t_c^2$, has the SI units: $m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2}$.

5.2. Coulomb's charge force. q_1 and q_2 , are the sizes of two independent charge intervals, where each size c component of a charge interval exerts a force on each size c component of the other charge interval. If p_1 and p_2 are the number of size c components in each charge interval, then the total force, F , is equal to the total number of forces, which is proportionate to the Cartesian product, $p_1 \cdot p_2$, and the size, c , of each component. Applying the volume proof (3.2), the total size of the Cartesian product of size c components is $p_1 c \cdot p_2 c$.

$$(5.6) \quad p_1 = \text{floor}(q_1/c) \quad \wedge \quad p_2 = \text{floor}(q_2/c) \quad \wedge \quad F \propto p_1 c \cdot p_2 c \\ \Rightarrow \quad F := m_0 a \propto \left(\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_1 c \cdot \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} p_2 c \right) = (q_1 q_2),$$

where the force, F , is defined as the rest mass, m_0 , times acceleration, a .

$$(5.7) \quad F := m_0 a = m_0 dr/dt^2 = m_0 r/t^2 \propto q_1 q_2 \quad \wedge \\ m_0 = (dm/dq)q_1 = (m_G/q_C)q_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r \propto q_1 \\ \Rightarrow \quad \exists q_C, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : r = (dr/dq)q_2 = (r_c/q_C)q_2,$$

where: r is Euclidean distance, t is time, m_G/q_C and r_c/q_C are unit-factoring proportion ratios.

$$(5.8) \quad m_0 = (m_G/q_C)q_1 \quad \wedge \quad r = (q_C/r_c)q_2 \quad \wedge \quad F = m_0 r/t^2 \\ \Rightarrow \quad F = m_0 r/t^2 = (m_G/q_C)(r_c/q_C)q_1 q_2/t^2 = (m_G r_c/q_C^2)q_1 q_2/t^2.$$

From equation (5.7):

$$(5.9) \quad a = dr/dt^2 = r/t^2 \Rightarrow \exists t_c, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : t/r = (dt/dr) = t_c/r_c \Rightarrow t = (t_c/r_c)r.$$

$$(5.10) \quad t = (t_c/r_c)r \quad \wedge \quad a_G = r_c/t_c^2 \quad \wedge \quad F = (m_G r_c/q_C^2)q_1 q_2/t^2 \Rightarrow \\ F = (r_c^2/t_c^2)(m_G r_c/q_C^2)q_1 q_2/r^2 = ((m_G a_G) r_c^2/q_C^2)q_1 q_2/r^2 = k_C q_1 q_2/r^2,$$

where the charge constant, $k_C = (m_G a_G) r_c^2/q_C^2$, has the SI units: Nm^2C^{-2} .

5.3. Spacetime equations. As shown in the derivations of Newton's gravity force (5.1) and Coulomb's charge force (5.2) equations: $r = (r_c/t_c)t = ct$, where $r_c/t_c = c$ is a unit-factoring proportion ratio. And, the smallest distance (and time) spanning the two inertial (independent, non-accelerating) frames of reference, $[0, r_1]$ and $[0, r_2]$, is the Euclidean distance, r .

$$(5.11) \quad r^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 \quad \wedge \quad r = dr/dt = (r_c/t_c)t = ct \quad \Rightarrow \quad (ct)^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad r_1^2 = (ct)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2),$$

where $r_2^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$, which is one form of Minkowski's flat spacetime interval equation [Bru17]. And the length contraction and time dilation equations also follow directly from $(ct)^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2$, where $v = r_1/t$:

$$(5.12) \quad r_2^2 = (ct)^2 - r_1^2 \quad \wedge \quad r' = r_2 \Rightarrow r'^2/t^2 = c^2 - v^2 \Rightarrow r' = ct\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}.$$

$$(5.13) \quad r' = ct\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2} \quad \wedge \quad r = ct \Rightarrow r' = r\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}.$$

$$(5.14) \quad r' = ct\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2} \Rightarrow r'/c = t\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2} \Rightarrow t = t'/\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}.$$

5.4. Some general relativity equations: Combining the ratio (constant first derivative) equations into partial differential equations: $r = (r_c/m_G)m = ct \Rightarrow (r_c/m_G)m \cdot ct = r^2 \Rightarrow m = (m_G/r_c c)r^2/t = (m_G/r_c c)rv$. For a constant mass, m , a decrease in the distance, r , between two mass centers causes a decrease in time, t , (time slows down). v is the relativistic orbital velocity at distance, r . $(r_c/m_G)m \cdot (ct) = r^3 \Rightarrow E = mc^2 = (m_G/r_c)r^3/t^2$. And $(r_c/m_G)m \cdot (ct) = r^3 \Rightarrow KE = mv^2/2 = (m_G c^2/2r_c)r$.

Given that $c = r_c/t_c \approx 3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1}$ and $G = r_c^3/m_G t_c^2 = (r_c/m_G)(r_c/t_c)^2 \approx 6.7 \cdot 10^{-11} m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2} \Rightarrow r_c/m_G \approx (6.7 \cdot 10^{-11} m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2})/(3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1})^2 \approx 7.4 \cdot 10^{-28} m kg^{-1}$, which can be used to quantify the constants in the previously derived equations. For example, $m = (m_G/r_c c)rv \approx (1/((7.4 \cdot 10^{-28} m kg^{-1})(3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1})))rv \approx (4.5 \cdot 10^{18} kg s m^{-2})rv$.

Likewise, for charge, $r = (r_c/q_C)q = ct \Rightarrow q = (q_C/r_c c)r^2/t = (q_C/r_c c)rv$, $E = qc^2 = (q_C/r_c)r^3/t^2$, and $KE = qv^2/2 = (q_C c^2/2r_c)r$. And if the ratio of an electron's mass to charge is m_G/q_C , then $m_G/q_C \approx 9.1 \cdot 10^{-31} kg/1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} C \approx 5.7 \cdot 10^{-12} kg C^{-1}$. And using Coulomb's constant in ratio form: $k_C = (r_c/t_c)^2(m_G r_c/q_C^2) \approx 9 \cdot 10^9 N m^2 C^{-2} \approx (3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1})^2(5.7 \cdot 10^{-12} kg C^{-1})(r_c/q_C) \Rightarrow r_c/q_C \approx 1.7 \cdot 10^5 m C^{-1}$. Therefore, $q = (q_C/r_c c)rv \approx (1/((1.7 \cdot 10^5 m C^{-1})(3 \cdot 10^8 m s^{-1})))rv \approx (1.9 \cdot 10^{-13} C s m^{-2})rv$.

5.5. 3 dimensional balls. Countable volume, $v_c = \prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|$, Euclidean volume, $v = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i$, countable distance, $d_c = (\prod_{i=1}^n |x_i|)^{1/n}$, and all Minkowski distances, $d = (\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^n)^{1/n}$, require that a set of domain intervals/dimensions can be assigned a *total order* ($i = 1$ to n). And the commutative properties of union, multiplication, and addition allow sequencing through each interval (dimension) in every possible order.

But, a total order is defined in terms of successor and predecessor relations. And “jumping” over set members to another member requires calculating an offset, which is implicitly sequencing via the successor and predecessor relations.

Therefore, sequencing directly via the successor and predecessor relations from one set member to every other member requires each set member to be sequentially adjacent (either a successor or predecessor) to every other member, herein referred to as a symmetry constraint. It will now be proved that coexistence of the symmetry constraint on a sequentially ordered set defines a cyclic set that contains at most 3 members, in this case, 3 dimensions per ball and 3 3-dimensional balls.

DEFINITION 5.1. Ordered geometry:

$$\forall i n \in \mathbb{N}, i \in [1, n-1], \forall x_i \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, \\ \text{successor } x_i = x_{i+1} \wedge \text{predecessor } x_{i+1} = x_i.$$

DEFINITION 5.2. Symmetry Constraint (every set member is sequentially adjacent to every other member):

$$\forall i j n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x_i x_j \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, \text{successor } x_i = x_j \Leftrightarrow \text{predecessor } x_j = x_i.$$

THEOREM 5.3. An ordered and symmetric set is a cyclic set.

$$i = n \wedge j = 1 \Rightarrow \text{successor } x_n = x_1 \wedge \text{predecessor } x_1 = x_n.$$

The formal proof, “ordered_symmetric_is_cyclic,” is in the Coq file, threed.v.

PROOF. A total order (5.1) defines unique successors and predecessors for all set members except for the successor of x_n and the predecessor of x_1 . Therefore, the only member that can be a successor of x_n , without creating a contradiction, is x_1 . And the only member that can be a predecessor of x_1 , without creating a contradiction, is x_n . Applying the symmetry constraint (5.2):

$$(5.15) \quad i = n \wedge j = 1 \wedge \text{successor } x_i = x_j \Rightarrow \text{successor } x_n = x_1.$$

Applying the definition of the symmetry constraint (5.2) to conclusion 5.15:

$$(5.16) \quad \text{successor } x_i = x_j \Rightarrow \text{predecessor } x_j = x_i \Rightarrow \text{predecessor } x_1 = x_n. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 5.4. *An ordered and symmetric set is limited to at most 3 members.*

The lemmas and formal proofs in the Coq file `threed.v` are:

Lemmas: `adj111`, `adj122`, `adj212`, `adj123`, `adj133`, `adj233`, `adj213`, `adj313`, `adj323`, and `not_all_mutually_adjacent_gt_3`.

The following proof uses Horn clauses (a subset of first order logic) that uses unification and resolution. Horn clauses make it clear which facts satisfy a proof goal.

PROOF.

It was proved that an ordered and symmetric set is a cyclic set (5.3).

DEFINITION 5.5. Successor of m is n :

$$(5.17) \quad \text{Successor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow (m = \text{setsize} \wedge n = 1) \vee (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

DEFINITION 5.6. Predecessor of m is n :

$$(5.18) \quad \text{Predecessor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = \text{setsize}) \vee (n = m - q \geq 1).$$

DEFINITION 5.7. Adjacent: member m is sequentially adjacent to member n if the successor of m is n or the predecessor of m is n . Notionally:

$$(5.19) \quad \text{Adjacent}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(m, n, \text{setsize}) \vee \text{Predecessor}(m, n, \text{setsize}).$$

Prove that every member is adjacent to every other member, where $\text{setsize} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$:

$$(5.20) \quad \text{Adjacent}(1, 1, 1) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(1, 1, 1) \leftarrow (m = \text{setsize} \wedge n = 1).$$

$$(5.21) \quad \text{Adjacent}(1, 2, 2) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(1, 2, 2) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

$$(5.22) \quad \text{Adjacent}(2, 1, 2) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(2, 1, 2) \leftarrow (n = \text{setsize} \wedge m = 1).$$

$$(5.23) \quad \text{Adjacent}(1, 2, 3) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(1, 2, 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

$$(5.24) \quad \text{Adjacent}(2, 1, 3) \leftarrow \text{Predecessor}(2, 1, 3) \leftarrow (n = m - q \geq 1).$$

$$(5.25) \quad \text{Adjacent}(3, 1, 3) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(3, 1, 3) \leftarrow (n = \text{setsize} \wedge m = 1).$$

$$(5.26) \quad \text{Adjacent}(1, 3, 3) \leftarrow \text{Predecessor}(1, 3, 3) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = \text{setsize}).$$

$$(5.27) \quad \text{Adjacent}(2, 3, 3) \leftarrow \text{Successor}(2, 3, 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq \text{setsize}).$$

$$(5.28) \quad \text{Adjacent}(3, 2, 3) \leftarrow \text{Predecessor}(3, 2, 3) \leftarrow (n = m - q \geq 1).$$

Must prove that for all $setsize > 3$, there exist non-adjacent members. For example, the first and third members are not $(-)$ adjacent:

$$(5.29) \quad \forall setsize > 3: \quad \neg Successor(1, 3, setsize > 3) \\ \leftarrow Successor(1, 2, setsize > 3) \leftarrow (n = m + 1 \leq setsize).$$

That is, member 2 is the only successor of member 1 for all $setsize > 3$, which implies member 3 is not a successor of member 1 for all $setsize > 3$.

$$(5.30) \quad \forall setsize > 3: \quad \neg Predecessor(1, 3, setsize > 3) \\ \leftarrow Predecessor(1, setsize, setsize > 3) \leftarrow (m = 1 \wedge n = setsize > 3).$$

That is, member $n = setsize > 3$ is the only predecessor of member 1, which implies member 3 is not a predecessor of member 1 for all $setsize > 3$.

$$(5.31) \quad \forall setsize > 3: \quad \neg Adjacent(1, 3, setsize > 3) \\ \leftarrow \neg Successor(1, 3, setsize > 3) \wedge \neg Predecessor(1, 3, setsize > 3). \quad \square$$

That is, for all $setsize > 3$, some elements are not sequentially adjacent to every other element (not symmetric).

6. Insights and implications

- (1) It was shown that the Minkowski distances (4.2) are a function of volume. And the Minkowski distances have the properties defining metric space (4.3). Defining distance measures as functions equivalent to a Minkowski distance (or all functions derived from volume) is a stricter (more useful) filter than the current definition of metric space.
- (2) The derivations of Euclidean volume and Minkowski distances use integer numbers of dimensions. But, non-integer numbers of dimensions (fractals) are accepted in Hilbert spaces. And fractal distances have interesting geometric properties. Intersecting domain sets would generate non-integer dimensions of volume and distance.
- (3) As shown in the derivations of Euclidean volume, Newton's gravity force, and Coulomb's charge force, the ruler (2.1) is a tool to directly express some counting relations in geometry, probability, physics, etc. that is not possible with integrals. And the ruler convergence (2.2) allows more rigorous derivation of real-valued relations from those counting relations.
- (4) Applying the volume proof (3.2) to the Cartesian product of same-sized, infinitesimal mass forces and charge forces to derive Newton's gravity force (5.1) and Coulomb's charge force (5.2) equations provide several firsts and several insights into physics.
 - (a) These are the first deductive derivations. All other derivations have been empirical and inductive (not fully provable).
 - (b) These are the first derivations not using the inverse square law or Gauss's divergence theorem.
 - (c) These are the first derivations to show that the definition of force, $F := ma$, containing acceleration, $a = dr/dt^2 = r/t^2 \Rightarrow \exists t_c, r_c \in \mathbb{R} : t/r = (dt/dr) = t_c/r_c \Rightarrow r = (dr/dt)t = (r_c/t_c)t$, generates the inverse square law:

$$F := m_0 a = m_0 r/t^2 = (r_c/t_c)^2 (m_x r_c/x_c^2) x_1 x_2 / r^2 = k_x x_1 x_2 / r^2.$$

- (d) Therefore, those versions of constants like: charge, vacuum magnetic permeability, fine structure, etc. that contain the value 4π are incorrect because the creators incorrectly assumed that the inverse square law was due to Gauss's flux divergence on a sphere having the surface area, $4\pi r^2$.
 - (e) These are the first derivations to show that time is proportionate to distance: $r = (dr/dt)t = (r_c/t_c)t = ct$, which, combined with Euclidean distance, is used to derive the spacetime equations (5.3) without the notion of the speed of light. The derivations show for the first time that gravity, charge force, spacetime, and general relativity all depend on time being proportionate to distance.
 - (f) These are the first derivations to show that all Euclidean distance intervals having a size, r , have proportionately sized intervals of other types (constant first derivative equations): $r = (dr/dq)q = (r_c/q_C)q = (dr/dm)m = (r_c/m_G)m = (dr/dt)t = (r_c/t_c)t = ct$, where combining the constant first derivatives (ratios) into partial differential equations allows simple derivations of some general relativity equations (5.4) without the need for integrating second derivative (spacetime curvature) tensors.
 - (g) A state is represented by a constant value that does not vary with distance and time interval lengths. For example, the change of spin values of two quantum entangled electrons and the change of polarization of two quantum entangled photons are independent of the amount of distance and time between the entangled particles.
- (5) It was proved that a totally ordered set with a symmetry constraint is a cyclic set with at most 3 members (5.3). And the definitions of geometric distance and volume both require a total order and symmetry, which provides several insights.
- (a) Using Occam's razor, a cyclic set of at most 3 members is the most parsimonious explanation of only observing 3 dimensions of geometric distance and volume.
 - (b) If there are higher dimensions of ordered and symmetric geometric space, then there is a set of three members (5.4), each member being an ordered and symmetric set of 3 dimensions (three balls), yielding a total of 9 ordered and symmetric dimensions of geometric space.
 - (c) Each ordered and symmetric ball can have at most 3 ordered and symmetric dimensions of discrete states of the same type.
 - (d) Each dimension of discrete physical states can have at most 3 ordered and symmetric discrete state values, which allows $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 27$ possible combinations of discrete values of the same type per ball, for example, vector orientation values: -1, 0, 1 per orthogonal plane in the ball.
 - (e) Each of the 3 possible ordered and symmetric dimensions of discrete physical states could contain an unordered collection (bag) of discrete state values. Bags are non-deterministic. For example, every time an unordered binary state is "pulled" from a bag, there is a 50 percent chance of getting one of the binary values.

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