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1 Lecture 1 - Sets

1.1 What are Sets

Definition 1. *A set is a collection of elements*

Commonly these are denoted by a listing of elements within braces. For example $\{1, 2, 3\}$ is the set containing 1, 2, and 3. Sometimes ellipses may be used inside the set

Example 1. $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ denotes the set of the natural numbers \mathbb{N}

When ellipses are seen a natural continuation of elements is assumed in this case the rest of the natural numbers. Note here \mathbb{N} contains 0.

Definition 2. *If x is an element of a set X we may write $x \in X$*

Example 2. $1 \in \mathbb{N}$

We can also demonstrate the converse

Example 3. $-1 \notin \mathbb{N}$

1.2 Set Relations

1.2.1 Equality

The first thing we want to be able to tell about pairs of sets is whether two are the same.

Definition 3. *Sets X and Y are equal if for every $x \in X$ we have $x \in Y$ and for every $y \in Y$ we have $y \in X$*

From this definition falls out two interesting things

- Sets do not care about the order of their elements
- Sets do not care how many times their elements occur

This makes them fundamentally different from lists.

Example 4. $\{1, 2, 3\} = \{2, 2, 3, 1, 1, 3, 3\}$

1.2.2 Empty Set

Before the next relation it is useful to introduce a special set known as the empty set.

Definition 4. *There exists a set \emptyset such that there does not exist an $x \in \emptyset$ called the empty set*

An interesting result is given two empty sets \emptyset_1 and \emptyset_2 these two are always equal. This is because any element in the first is necessarily in the second and vice versa as their are no elements in either. This tells us that there is only one empty set.

1.2.3 Numeric Sets

Another useful set to know is as follows before the next relation

Definition 5. *The set denoted $[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$*

This is the set of all the natural numbers less than n and is non-standard notation.

1.2.4 Subsets

Definition 6. *We can say a set X is a subset of a set Y if for every $x \in X$ we also know that $x \in Y$ this is denoted $X \subseteq Y$*

Example 5. $\{0, 1\} \subseteq \{0, 1, 2\}$

Example 6. $[n] \subseteq [n + 1]$

From here we can derive the fact that if $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$ we can say $X = Y$. Each direction of the subset satisfies half the condition for equality so having both directions of the subset we can claim equality. this is similar to how when $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$ we know that $x = y$.

For every set X we can also say two things

1. $\emptyset \subseteq X$
2. $X \subseteq X$

Which is also similar to what we can say for \leq

1.3 Set Function

1.4 Power Set

Every set can have many power sets so it is useful to be able to easily reference this collection of subsets

Definition 7. *For a set X let $\mathcal{P}(X)$ denote its power set such that $x \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ if and only if $x \subseteq X$*

Example 7. $\mathcal{P}(\{1, 2\}) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$

Example 8. $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$

It is important to remember that $\{\emptyset\}$ is a distinct set from \emptyset as the first contains \emptyset as an element $\emptyset \in \{\emptyset\}$. We also have a useful result that

$$|\mathbb{P}([[n]])| = 2^n$$

As for each element in $[[n]]$ for each subset of $[[n]]$ it can either be in or out of the subset.

2 Lecture 2 + 3 - Functions

2.1 Specification

Definition 8. Specification : Let X be a set and $S(x)$ be a property for $x \in X$. We can form a set

$$\{x \in X | S(X)\}$$

This gives the subset of X satisfying $S(x)$ for all x in the subset

An example of this is $\{k \in \mathbb{N} | k < n\}$ being the set of natural numbers less than n . This is the same as the set $[[n]]$ as defined earlier.

It is important to make sure you keep track of what set you are specifying against. For example the sets $\{k \in \mathbb{N} | x^2 - 1 = 0\}$ and $\{k \in \mathbb{Z} | x^2 - 1 = 0\}$ are different sets as the latter also contains -1 . Its also important to remember you are taking a subset of a set in this invocation. Not doing so is unrestricted comprehension and leads to Russel's paradox.

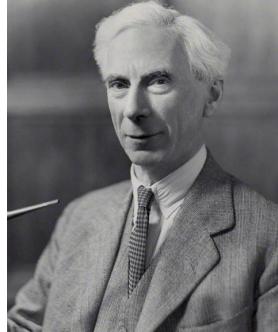


Figure 1: Russel angered by your use of unrestricted comprehension

2.2 Functions

2.2.1 Basics

Here we can start with a slightly informal definition of a function.

Definition 9. Let X and Y be sets. A function f from X to Y (denoted $f : X \rightarrow Y$) contains three pieces of information

1. A domain X
2. A codomain Y
3. A rule mapping every $x \in X$ to one $f(x) \in Y$

Two examples of functions are given as $f_1 : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ with $f_1(x) = x^2$ and another example is $f_2 : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ with $f_2(x) = x^2$. These both are different functions as they have different codomains. Two functions are only equal if all three pieces of information agree.

It is important to note that the rule portion of a function need not be given by a formula and can instead just tell you where each element goes. For example $g : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{2, 3\}$ can have its rule expressed as $g(0) = 2$ and $g(1) = 2$. We can also get the useful property

$$|[[n]] \rightarrow [[m]]| = m^n$$

If a function f is $X \rightarrow X$ we say it is a function on X . A special function is the identity function on X $id_X : X \rightarrow X$ given by rule $id_X(x) = x$

2.2.2 Types of functions

Definition 10. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called injective if $f(x) = f(x') \Rightarrow x = x'$ for all $x, x' \in X$

Definition 11. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called surjective if for any $y \in Y$ there is an $x \in X$ such that $y = f(x)$

And if a function satisfies both of these we can call it bijective.

For finite sets we can say a lot of things about injections and surjections between them. For a pair of sets X, Y if $|X| = |Y|$ then any injective function is surjective. This is due to the fact to be injective each element in the domain needs a separate element in the codomain. So there are as many elements in the image as the domain which is the same as the size of the codomain so every element in the codomain is hit. And for the reverse argument each element in the codomain binds a unique element in the domain which is every element in the domain. It can't bind 2 elements to one element in the codomain otherwise the image would not be the codomain and as such would not be surjective.

We also get the fact we have no injections $f : [[n]] \rightarrow [[m]]$ if $m < n$ and no surjections $f : [[n]] \rightarrow [[m]]$ if $n < m$

2.2.3 Cardinality

Definition 12. Given any sets X and Y , X and Y have the same cardinality iff there exists a bijection $f : X \rightarrow Y$. This is denoted $|X| = |Y|$

Definition 13. For a finite set X if there is a bijection $f : [[n]] \rightarrow X$ then we may say that $|X| = n$

This makes sense for finite sets but has some interesting implications for infinite sets. Consider and $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined as follows

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -2x - 1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

This function is a bijection between the two sets mapping even naturals to positives and odds to negatives. As such we have $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Z}|$ despite $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$. We can construct a similar argument between \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Q} by use of **The Cantor Pairing Function** which constructs the bijection between pairs of natural numbers and naturals which gets you 99% of the way to a bijection and infact shows that $|\mathbb{N}| \geq |\mathbb{Q}|$ as there are multiple pairs of naturals that can give a single rational number.

This is however not possible between \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{N} . It can be shown there is no such bijection. this is done using Cantor's diagonalization argument to prove that there is no surjection.

Proof. Assume that theres is a surjection $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ This would allow us to list elements of \mathbb{R} on the output. Here we will represent elements of \mathbb{R} in binary expansions

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 0.010110101111\dots \\ f(2) &= 0.101100110001\dots \\ f(\dots) &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now we con construct a new number x . We make x by making the n th digit of x the opposite of the n th digit of $f(n)$. Now the question is : is x on our list. If x is in the image of f then there is some k such that $f(k) = x$ but this means that x will differ from $f(k)$ in the k th digit so x cannot be $f(k)$ so x cannot be in the image so f cannot be a surjection \square

We can also very similarly consider cantor theorem

Proposition 1. There is no surjection $X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$

Proof. By contradiction assume there is a function $f : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ such that f is a surjection. The means for an $A \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ we know there is an $a \in X$ so that $f(a) = A$ We can define a set $C \subseteq X$ as follows

$$C = \{x \in X | x \notin f(x)\} \in \mathcal{P}(X)$$

As f is a surjection there exists a d such that $f(d) = C$. We can consider two cases.

1. Consider $d \in C$. this gives that $d \in f(d)$ so by defnition $d \notin f(d)$ leading to a contraditcion
2. Consider $d \notin C$ this gives that $d \notin f(d)$ so by definition $d \in C$ leading to a contradicition

Both paths lead to a contradiction so we can assume our premise was wrong meaning that there is no such surjection. \square

This is somewhat related to how russells pradox works.

3 Lecture 4 + 5 + 6- More sets

3.1 Products

Definition 14. Given $x \in X, y \in Y$ We can construct an ordered pair (x, y) . We may say for two pairs $(x, y) = (x', y')$ if and only if $x = x', y = y'$

Definition 15. The cartesian product $X \times Y$ is the set of all pairs (x, y) such that $x \in X, y \in Y$

$$X \times Y = \{(x, y) | x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

We can from here get a few algebraic properties of the cartesian product.

Proposition 2. $X \times \emptyset = \emptyset$

Proof. Suppose by contradiction $X \times \emptyset \neq \emptyset$. this means there is a pair $(a, b) \in X \times \emptyset$ this means there is a $b \in \emptyset$ which is false yeilding a contradiction. \square

We also know that $|[[m]] \times [[n]]| = mn$ and that $X \times Y$ does not generally equal $Y \times X$.

Definition 16. $X^2 = X \times X$

3.2 Relations

Definition 17. A relation R from $X \rightarrow Y$ consists of three parts

1. A set X as the domain
2. A set Y as the codomain
3. A set $R \subseteq X \times Y$

You may write xRy to say that x is related to y is $(x, y) \in R$

Definition 18. A relation R from $X \rightarrow Y$ may be called graphical if the every $x \in X$ there is only one pair $(x, y) \in R$

3.2.1 Functions

Definition 19. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a graphical relation F from $X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$f(x) = y \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in F$$

Example 9. 1. $\{(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3)\} \subseteq [[3]] \times [[5]]$ is a graphical relation and associates to $f(x) = x + 1$

2. $\{(0, 0), (0, 1)\} \subseteq [[1]] \times [[2]]$ is not graphical as there is more than one pair for zero

Definition 20. A function f with graphical relation F can be called injective if for every $y \in Y$ there is at most one $(x, y) \in F$

3.3 Unions

Definition 21. Given two sets X, Y we can define their union as the set

$$\{z | z \in X \text{ or } z \in Y\}$$

And given a set of sets \mathbb{X}

$$\bigcup_{X \in \mathbb{X}} X = \{x | x \in X \text{ for some } X \in \mathbb{X}\}$$

For example let $\mathbb{X} = \{[[n]] | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ then $\bigcup_{X \in \mathbb{X}} X = \mathbb{N}$

3.4 Intersections

Definition 22. The intersection of two sets X, Y is

$$X \cap Y = \{z | z \in X \text{ and } z \in Y\}$$

Let \mathbb{X} be a set of sets

$$\bigcap_{x \in \mathbb{X}} X = \{z | z \in X \text{ for all } X \in \mathbb{X}\}$$

For example let $\mathbb{X} = \{[[n]] | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ then $\bigcap_{X \in \mathbb{X}} X = \emptyset$

3.5 Set difference

Definition 23. The set difference of X, Y is

$$X - Y = \{x \in X | x \notin Y\}$$

For example $\mathbb{Z} - \mathbb{N} = \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$

3.6 Alegebra of Sets

3.6.1 Difference

The following identities hold for the set difference

- $X - \emptyset = X$
- $\emptyset - X = \emptyset$
- $X - X = \emptyset$

3.6.2 Union

The union is associative and commutative. The following identities also hold

- $X \subseteq X \cup Y$
- $X \cup \emptyset = X$

3.6.3 Intersection

The intersection is also associative and commutative. The following idnetities also hold

- $X \cap Y \subseteq X$
- $X \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

3.6.4 Misc

Both the intersection and the union can distrobute over each other. The following identity also holds.

$$X - (Y \cup Z) = (X - Y) \cap (X - Z)$$

The identity also holds if you reverse the unions and intersections

4 Lecture 6 - Composition

Definition 24. Suppose $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are both functions then we can compose these to get the new function $(g \circ f) : X \rightarrow Z$ where $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$

The associated graphical realtionship is as follows

$$\{(x, g(f(x))) | x \in X\} \subseteq X \times Z$$

Theorem. $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$

Definition 25. Given an $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we can say a function $g : Y \rightarrow X$ is a

- left inverse of f if $(g \circ f) = id_X$
- right inverse of f if $(f \circ g) = id_Y$

Theorem. Given $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we can say

- If f has a left inverse it is injective
- If f has a right inverse it is surjective

5 Lecture 7 - Relations

5.1 Functions on Functions

Definition 26. Given a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we say show the image of $A \subseteq X$ as

$$f(A) = \{f(x) \in Y | x \in A\} \subseteq Y$$

Definition 27. Given a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we may say the preimage of a set $B \subseteq Y$ as follows

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X | f(x) \in B\} \subseteq X$$

5.2 Relations - Equivalence Properties

Definition 28. Suppose we have a set X and a relation $R \subseteq X^2$ we may make the following comments on the relation

- If for all $x \in X$ we know that xRx we may call this relation reflexive
- If for all $x, y \in X$ we have $xRy \implies yRx$ we may call this relation symmetric
- If for all $x, y, z \in X$ we have $xRy \wedge yRz \implies xRz$

Definition 29. If a relation $R \subseteq X^2$ is all of reflexive symmetric and transitive we may call this an equivalence relation.

The idea of an equivalence relation is to capture the idea of what makes two things equal. If there are properties that you dont care about for an object you can create an equality relation. Though not an equivalence relation (due to there being no set of sets) we can somewhat see this idea in the definition of equality for sets where we ignore ordering and repetition for the determination of equality.

5.3 Partial Orders

Definition 30. Suppose X is a set and a relation $R \subseteq X^2$. We may call this relation antisymmetric if for all $x, y \in X$, xRy and yRx implies that $x = y$

An example of such a relation is \geq

Definition 31. Suppose we have a set X and a relation $R \subseteq X^2$ that is reflexive transitive and antisymmetric. We may call this relation a partial order and we may call the pair (X, R) a poset.

Example 10. A special poset is the boolean poset on X which is the pair $(\mathcal{P}(X), \subseteq)$

5.4 Total Orders

Definition 32. Suppose we have a set X and a relation $R \subseteq X^2$ if we have that for all $x, y \in X$ that either xRy or yRx we may call this relation total.

Definition 33. If a relation R is total and is a partial order we may call it a total order.

6 Lecture 8

6.1 Partitions

Definition 34. Suppose X is a set. A set $P \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a partition if

- Every element of P is non-empty
- $\bigcup_{p \in P} p = X$
- Elements of P are mutually disjoint

We can note two special partitions one that partitions the set into singletons and one that contains only one partition that is the entire set itself.

6.2 Equivalence Classes

Definition 35. Suppose we have a set X with an equivalence relation $E \subseteq X^2$. Given an $x \in X$ we may show its equivalence class as follows

$$[x]_E = \{y \in X | xEy\}$$

Similar to the two partitions given earlier we have the identity relation whose equivalence classes are singletons and the universal relation whose sole equivalence class is the whole set X .

We may denote the set of all equivalence classes as follows

$$X/E = \{[x]_E | x \in X\}$$

We can also define a function $q_E : X \rightarrow X/E$ defined as $q_E(x) = [x]_E$

Proposition 3. Given a set X and an equivalence relation E we may say X/E is a partition of X

Proof. To prove this we must go through each of the properties of partitions

- As we know that $x \in [x]_E$ we can see no class is empty
- By the point above we know that all x is in at least one class so the union is the original set
- We will attempt to prove by contradiction that all classes are disjoint. Suppose by contradiction for some x, y that there is a $z \in [x]_E \cap [y]_E$ where $[x]_E \neq [y]_E$. We can deduce that xRz and yRz . By the properties of an equivalence relation we can deduce xRy . This means for all $y' \in [y]_E$ we can say $y' \in [x]_E$ and also show the same for x so they are the same set leading to a contradiction.

□

6.3 Well definedness

Functions out of equivalence classes have to be careful that they operate the same no matter what representation of a class it operates on. So if we have some $x \neq y$, $[x]_E = [y]_E$ we do want to have $f([x]_E) = f([y]_E)$. As such we can introduce a property called well definedness.

Definition 36. Consider two sets X, Y an equivalence relation on X, E and a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$. We may call f well defined if for all $x, x' \in X$ if xEx' then $f(x) = f(x')$

This definition can be used to induce a function $f_E : X/E \rightarrow Y$.

7 Lecture 9

Omitted because tedious to write

8 Lecture 10 - Modular Arithmetic

Definition 37. Let E_n be the equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} given by

$$xE_ny \iff y = x + kn$$

$$[a]_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | aE_nx\}$$

Is the congruence class of a module n

$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} = \{[a]_n | a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Given a congruence class $[b]_n$ we say b is a representative instance for $[b]_n$

Theorem. *There is a bijection $q_n : [[n]] \rightarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}$ that takes a natural number to an equivalence class. To do the inverse case we must choose a representative for the class.*

$$q_n(k) = [k]_n$$

Definition 38. Recall $[b]_n = [b + kn]_n, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

If $[x]_n = [y]_n$ we write

$$x \equiv y \pmod{n}$$

and say x is congruent to y modulo n

Definition 39. We define the following operations

- *Addition* : $[a]_n + [b]_n := [a + b]_n$
- *Multiplication* : $[a]_n \times [b]_n := [a \times n]_n$
- *Negation* : $-[a]_n := [-a]_n$

We also define two special elements

- $[0]_n$ is the zero element so $[0]_n + a = a$ and $[0]_n \times b = [0]_n$
- $[1]_n$ is the unit(identity??) element so $[1]_n \times b = b$

With these definitions we want to have that if $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$ and $b \equiv d \pmod{n}$ then $[a + b]_n = [c + d]_n$. This is the same as saying we want addition to be a function $+ : \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}$. So we are essentially looking for a well definedness.

Proof. The fact $[a]_n = [c]_n$ means that $c = a + kn$. Like wise for b, d we can say $d = b + jn$.

$$\begin{aligned} [c + d]_n &= [a + kn + b + jn]_n \\ &= [a + b + (k + j)n]_n \\ &= [a + b]_n \end{aligned}$$

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We may carry out similar proofs for multiplication and negation

Proof. The fact $[a]_n = [c]_n$ means that $c = a + kn$. Like wise for b, d we can say $d = b + jn$.

$$\begin{aligned} [c \times d]_n &= [(a + kn)(b + jn)]_n \\ &= [a \times b + akn + bkn + jkn^2]_n \\ &= [a \times n + (ak + bk + jkn)n]_n \\ &= [a \times b]_n \end{aligned}$$

□

Proof. The fact $[a]_n = [c]_n$ means that $c = a + kn$.

$$-[a]_n = [-1]_n \times [a]_n$$

By the fact multiplication is well defined negation is well defined \square

By the fact that all of these definitions are in terms of simple arithmetic theorems regarding these arithmetic operations still hold under modular arithmetic so we get to keep commutivity associativity distributivity which is very fun :3.

Example 11. Say you were told to find the last digit of 3^{1000} . This is at the same as finding an $x \in [[10]]$ such that $x \equiv 3^{1000} \pmod{10}$

$$3^{1000} = 9^{500} \equiv (-1)^{500} = 1 \pmod{10}$$

9 Lecture 11 - Boolean Operators

Definition 40. A Boolean is an element of the set $\{T, F\}$

Consider the statement "2 is a prime number". This statement has an boolean value in this case that value is T . Another statement is "2 is an odd number" this aslo has a boolean value which in this case is T . Both of these statements are propositions.

Definition 41. A proposition is a statement that evaluates to a boolean

Definition 42. A boolean operator σ of arity n (an n -ary function) is a function $\sigma : \{T, F\}^n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$

Definition 43. Negation : $\neg : \{T, F\} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$. This has arity 1

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Definition 44. Or : $\vee : \{T, F\}^2 \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ is a 2-ary operator defined as follows

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Definition 45. And : $\wedge : \{T, F\}^2 \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ is a 2-ary operator defined as follows

p	q	$p \wedge q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

Definition 46. Implies : $\Rightarrow: \{T, F\}^2 \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ is a 2-ary operator defined as follows

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Definition 47. Is equivalent to (iff) : $\Leftrightarrow: \{T, F\}^2 \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ is a 2-ary operator defined as follows

p	q	$p \Leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Definition 48. We say two n -ary boolean operators are equal if they are equal as functions.

Example 12. The expression $\neg((\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)) = P \wedge Q$

Theorem. Any boolean operator is a composition of those operators given above (not even all five is needed as some can be expressed as other. all operators can be made with (nand)/(or with negation))

10 Lecture 12

The operations given last time (and, or) satosfy identities similarly to intersections and unions.

For the or we have

- $P \vee T = T$
- $P \vee F = P$

It is also commutative and associative. We also know that $P \vee P = P$

For and we know

- $P \wedge T = P$
- $P \wedge F = F$

They are also commutative and associative and $P \wedge P = P$

These also distrobute over each other

- $P \vee (Q \wedge R) = (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$
- $P \wedge (Q \vee R) = (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$

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Definition 49. A boolean operator $f : \{T, F\}^n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ is a tautology if $f(x) = T$ for all $x \in \{T, F\}^n$

Definition 50. A boolean operator $f : \{T, F\}^n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ if $f(x) = F$ is an antimony for all $x \in \{T, F\}^n$

Example 13. The statement $P \vee \neg P$ is a tautology

Definition 51. The lookup table for a boolean operations $f : \{T, F\}^n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ is a two columned table. The first column is $x \in \{T, F\}^n$ and the second is $f(x)$

For large and complex tables this can be hard to do (well not hard but very fucking long)

Example 14.

$$(P \wedge (Q \vee R)) \Rightarrow R$$

P	Q	R	f
F	F	F	T
F	F	T	T
F	T	F	T
F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
T	F	T	T
T	T	F	F
T	T	T	T

Theorem. If f, g are of the same arity then $f = g$ if and only if $f \Leftrightarrow g$

The following are useful tautologies

- DNE : $\neg\neg P \Leftrightarrow P$
- Contraposition : $(Q \Rightarrow P) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \Rightarrow \neg Q)$
- Bidirectionality : $(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow ((P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (Q \Rightarrow P))$
- LEM : $(P \vee \neg P)$
- Modus Ponens : $(P \wedge (P \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow R$
- Chaining : $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow R)$
- Contradiction : $((\neg P) \Rightarrow F) \Rightarrow P$

11 Lecture 14

Theorem. Suppose $X \neq \emptyset$

$$\forall x \forall y P(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x P(x, y)$$

We can also further show the one way chain of implications

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \forall y P(x, y) &\Rightarrow \exists x \forall y P(x, y) \\ &\Rightarrow \forall y \exists x P(x, y) \\ &\Rightarrow \exists x \exists y P(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

And further

$$\exists x \exists y P(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x P(x, y)$$

Theorem. Suppose $X = \emptyset$

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x P(x) &\Leftrightarrow T \\ \exists x P(x) &\Leftrightarrow F\end{aligned}$$

Definition 52. Let A be a set of axioms. Let D be a set of deduction rules. A proof of S from A is a sequence of statements $(S_k)_{k=0}^n$ such that S_k is either an axiom or S_k can be deduced from $(S_i)_{i < k}$ using elements of D .

Example 15.

$$A = \{(\exists X, |X| = 0), (\exists X, |X| = n \Rightarrow \exists Y, |Y| = 2^n)\}$$

$$D = \{(P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)) \Rightarrow Q\}$$

Theorem.

$$\exists x, |x| = 2$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}S_0 &: (\exists X, |X| = 0) \\ S_1 &: (\exists X, |X| = 0 \Rightarrow \exists Y, |Y| = 1) \\ S_2 &: \exists Y, |Y| = 1 \text{ by } D \\ S_3 &: (\exists Y, |Y| = 1 \Rightarrow \exists Z, |Z| = 2) \\ S_4 &: \exists Z, |Z| = 2 \text{ by } D\end{aligned}$$

□

Proving things like this is unwieldy so we generally use the following definition

Definition 53. Proof (Informal) : A convincing argument of a statement.

Theorem. There are arbitrarily large primes

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists p \in \mathbb{N}, (p > n) \wedge (\text{prime}(p))$$

The normal proof for this is done and it is done by contradiction. Proofs done by contradiction is done by $(\neg P \Rightarrow F) \Rightarrow P$ Which under the assumption of LEM is a tautology. One part of the proof entails the fact all primes $p \leq n$ where from there you construct a set of such primes. This relies on the axiom of specification and when doing formal proof you would need to quote this and do it properly but for general convincing arguments you won't need to state it.

Theorem. Show there exists infinitely many primes p such that $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

12 Lecture 16 - Contradiction + induction

12.1 Contradiction

A proof by contradiction of a statement P involves the assumption of $\neg P$ and making an attempt to show that it is contradictory and so by LEM P must be true. Formally a contradiction is a statement of the form $(C \wedge \neg C)$

Theorem. If $0 < x < 1$ then $\frac{1}{x(1-x)} \geq 4$

Proof. Suppose for contradiction that we have $0 < x < 1$ and $\frac{1}{x(1-x)} < 4$

We may also note $0 < 1 - x < 1$. So we may then say $x(1-x) > 0$ So from the assumption we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &< 4x(1-x) \\ 1 &< 4x - 4x^2 \\ 4x^2 - 4x + 1 &< 0 \\ (2x+1)^2 &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

But we know that for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ that $y^2 \geq 0$ so we know that $(2x+1)^2 \geq 0$ yeilding a contradiction. \square

12.2 Induction

Theorem. Let $P(n)$ be a sequence of statements for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose it is known that $P(0)$ holds and that $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$ holds then we may say $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$

If instead we want to start the proof from another base case i.e. $P(n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq l$. Induction can still be used. Formally this would be proving a proposition $C(n) := P(n+l)$

12.3 Strong Induction

Definition 54. If there is a sequence of statements $P(n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $P(l)$ holds and if $P(k)$ holds for all $l < k < m$ implies that $P(m)$ holds we may say that it holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq l$

Theorem. All $n \geq 2$ can be written as a product of primes.

Proof. This proof will be done by strong induction

- Base Case $n = 2$: 2 is the product 2 so the base case holds
- Inductive Step Assume it holds for all $k, 2 < k < m$: We aim to show the statement holds for m . We may consider here two cases
 - Consider m is prime. This product then is just m so $P(m)$ holds‘

- Consider m is not prime. As m is not one it is therefore composite. This means we can write $m = rs$ where $1 < r, s < m$. As such by the inductive hypothesis r, s both have prime factorisations. So we may note

$$r = p_1 \times \cdots \times p_a$$

$$s = q_1 \times \cdots \times q_b$$

Where all p_i, q_j are primes. As such we may write

$$m = p_1 \times \cdots \times p_a \times q_1 \times \cdots \times q_b$$

□

13 Lecture 18

13.1 Well ordering

Well ordering is a property that we can generally apply to many sets. This is an extension to other types of ordering where we necessitate that there is also a least element. In general we can't decide if there is a relation that well orders a set so we generally assume this is true (AOC). For the natural numbers we propose it as follows

Theorem. *Every non empty subset S of \mathbb{N} There is a $t \in S$ such that for all $s' \in S, t \leq s'$*

This proof may be done by induction

Proof. The theorem may be more simply stated as For every subset S of \mathbb{N} . If S is non empty then there is a least element. We will aim to prove the contrapositive; If S has no least element then it is empty. As such we would know that $S \cap [[n]] = \emptyset$ for all n . As such we may do this by inducting on n .

- Base case $n = 0$: AS for all sets $X \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ The base case trivially holds
- Inductive case, Assume for some $k \geq 0, S \cap [[k]] = \emptyset$. We will then assume by contradiction that $S \cap [[k+1]] \neq \emptyset$. From here we can conclude that $n+1 \in S$ which would make it the least element contradicting the statement so it is empty.

□

13.2 Recursion

Sometimes functions are defined in terms of themselves. One way this is done is linear recursion. Linear recursion is given below.

Definition 55. Given a function $F : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow X$ and theat there is a $x_0 \in X$ We can uniquely define a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ satisfying the following

- $f(0) = x_0$
- $f(k + 1) = F(k, f(k))$

This definition can be further generalised by allwing the recursive case access to more than the previous term.

We can also use reccurence to define a repeated composition of some function.

Definition 56. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ we may defined its repeated application as follows

- $f^{(0)} = id_X$
- $f^{(n+1)} = f \circ f^{(n)}$

Definition 57. We may say $x \in X$ is a fixed point of $f : X \rightarrow X$ if $f(x) = x$

Definition 58. We may define and denote the orbit of $x \in X$ under $f : X \rightarrow X$ as follows

$$\mathcal{O}_f(x) = \{f^{(n)}(x) | x \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

If x is a fixed point of f then we may say that $\mathcal{O}_f(x) = \{x\}$. If f is a permutation then the orbits partition the set

13.3 Pigeon hole principle

The pigeon hole priciple roughly states that if you have some finite collection of elements and some amounts of categories you can put them in if

- You have more items than categories
- You have each element is in a category

We may say that some category has at least 2 elements.

We will now make some attempt to build up to a proof of this.

We will first prove the following

Theorem. If $f : [[n]] \rightarrow [[n + 1]]$ is a function it is not a surjeciton.

Proof. We will do this by induction on n .

- Base case: Suppose by contradiction that is is surjective. This means that thhere is a $a \in \emptyset$ such that $f(a) = 0$ which is a contradiciton

- Inductive case: Assume by contradiction $f : [[n+1]] \rightarrow [[n+2]]$ is a surjection it is not a function. Construct a function $g : [[n]] \rightarrow [[n+1]]$ as follows

$$g(k) = \begin{cases} f(k) & f(k) < n+1 \\ f(n) & f(k) = n+1, f(n) < n+1 \\ 0 & f(k) = f(n) = n+1 \end{cases}$$

Now we aim to show that this is surjective. Consider some $l \in [[n+1]]$. We can also say $l \in [[n+2]]$. This means there is a $k \in [[n+1]], f(k) = l$. This means either $k = n$ or $k < n$

- Suppose $k < n$. We may say then that $g(k) = l$
- Suppose instead that $k = n$. As such k is not in the domain of g . By the surjectivity of f there is some $k', f(k') = n+1$. In the current case we have $f(n) = f(k) = l$ and we also know that $l < n+1 = f(k')$ as such $k' \neq n$ so $g(k') = l$.

So we have g is a surjection which contradicts the hypothesis.

□

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Definition 59.

$$D(n) = \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k \text{ divides } n\}$$

Definition 60.

$$\gcd(m, n) = \begin{cases} 0 & m = n = 0 \\ \max(D(m) \cap D(n)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Some generally useful facts are

$$\begin{cases} \gcd(n, 0) = 0 \\ \gcd(n, 1) = n \\ \gcd(m, n) = \gcd(n, m) \end{cases}$$

This definition of gcd is really clunky to use and very long slow and error prone

Theorem. Given $m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m, n \neq 0$. Let

- $m = p_1^{a_1} \cdot p_2^{a_2} \cdots$
- $n = p_1^{b_1} \cdot p_2^{b_2} \cdots$

Be the prime factorisations. We may then say

$$\gcd(m, n) = p_1^{c_1} \cdot p_2^{c_2} \cdots$$

Where $c_i = \min(a_i, b_i)$

This is also clunky. We may note the following

Lemma 1. if $m \geq n$ then $\gcd(m, n) = \gcd(m - n, n)$

Theorem. Suppose $m, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 0$. There is a unique $q, r \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m = qn + r$ and $r < n$

From here we can say if $m = qn + r$ then $\gcd(m, n) = \gcd(r, n)$ by successive subtraction of r .

From here we can induce the fast euclid algorithm for gcd.

- Set $n = 0, A_0 = m, B_0 = n$
- while B_n is non-zero find q_n, r_n as given above
- Set $A_{n+1} = B_n, B_{n+1} = r_n$
- If B_n was zero then A_n

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Proposition 4. Given $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ and $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $ac + bd$ is divisible by $\gcd(a, b)$

Lemma 2. Berzouts Lemma: Given $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $ac + bd = \gcd(a, b)$

In order to find these two integer we utilise the fast euclidean algorithm. We write out $r_n = A_n - q_n B_n$ for each iteration of the algorithm. Working from the last equality substitute in the one from the previous iteration repeatedly. This will eventually give you an equation in terms of the original two parameters to the gcd.

15.1 Group

Definition 61. A group is a set G equipped with a function $\cdot : G \times G \rightarrow G$ satisfying

- There exists an element $e_G \in G$ called the identity such that for all $g \in G$

$$e_G \cdot g = g = g \cdot e_G$$

- For all $g \in G$ there is a $h \in G$ such that

$$g \cdot h = e_G = h \cdot g$$

This is unique and is called the inverse usually denoted g^{-1}

- For all $a, b, c \in G$ we have

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$$

A group is a type of algebra. Algebras are sets equipped with functions on this group. They are often used as a way to abstract away particulars of many objects in order to make proofs that can hold in a more general case. For this definition of groups the property of closure is given by the domain and codomains of the group operation.

Example 16. An example of a group is $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$. We can show this by checking the properties

- The identity element for this 0
- The inverse of $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is $-n \in \mathbb{N}$
- It is known that integer addition is associative

16 Lecture 22 - Dihedral Groups

Definition 62. Suppose $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ We may define 2 functions $R_\theta, M_\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defines as following

$$R_\theta(x, y) = (x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta, x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta)$$

$$M_\theta(x, y) = (x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta, x \sin \theta - y \cos \theta)$$

Both of these function respectively encode rotations and reflections of objects on the plane. As such we can note $R_0 = Id_{\mathbb{R}^2=R_{2\pi}}$ In general we may say

$$R_\phi \circ R_\theta = R_{\phi+\theta}$$

Which is clear from the fact that it is a rotation and can be shown properly by making use of trig identities. Similarly for M we can say

$$M_\theta \circ M_\theta = Id_{\mathbb{R}^2}$$

As this is a double reflection in the same line it simply returns to the original position. This can also be properly proven by making use of the trig identities.

Lemma 3. Here are some general identities

$$R_0 = R_{2\pi} = Id_{\mathbb{R}^2} \tag{1}$$

$$R_\lambda \circ R_\theta = R_{\lambda+\theta} \tag{2}$$

$$M_\lambda \circ M_\theta = R_{\lambda-\theta} \tag{3}$$

$$R_\lambda \circ M_\theta = M_{\lambda+\theta} \tag{4}$$

$$M_\lambda \circ M_\theta = M_{\lambda-\theta} \tag{5}$$

$$M_\theta \circ R_\theta = R_0 \tag{6}$$

We can notice that if we collect all functions R, M into a set D we can notice (D, \circ) is a Group.

Definition 63. Let $\Theta(n) = \{\frac{2\pi k}{n} | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Definition 64. Let $D_{2n} = \{R_\theta, M_\theta | \theta \in \Theta(n)\}$

Definition 65. We can define the Dihedral Group of order n to be (D_{2n}, \circ)

We can note that the dihedral group of order $2n$ encodes the symmetries of a regular n -gon. For example the dihedral group D_8 encodes the reflectional and rotational symmetry of a square.

Definition 66. Let (G, \circ) be a group. Consider a $g \in G$ we can define two functions $L_g, R_g : G \rightarrow G$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} R_g(h) &= h \circ g \\ L_g(h) &= g \circ h \end{aligned}$$

These are the right and left multiplications of g

Lemma 4. Both of these are Bijections

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17.1 Group Tables

Definition 67. Given a group G the group table has rows and columns indexed by elements of G and position $(g, h) = gh$

Example 17. The group table for $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, +)$

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

17.2 Sub Groups

Definition 68. Suppose (G, \circ) is a group then for $H \subseteq G$ is a subgroup if

- $e_G \in H$
- If $g \in H$ then $g^{-1} \in H$
- If $g, h \in H$ then $gh \in H$

The definition is essentially asking if (H, \circ) also forms a group. IF H is a subgroup of G we may say $H \leq G$. By making use of the second and third requirement of forming a subgroup we can use certain elements of the original group G as "generators" for the subgroups. Consider for the group $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ Using the element 2 we can generate the subgroup $\{0, 2, 4\}$ and if you use the element 1 we generate the entire group.

Definition 69. We say G is commutative or abelian if $gh = hg$ for all $g, h \in G$

18 Symmetric groups

Definition 70. *The symmetric group $Sym(X)$ is the set of all bijections $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$ with composition as the group action.*

Permutations may be written with a one or two line notation. In two line notation two lines of elements are written. One of the lines is the group elements before permutation the second after. In some cases the initial order will be obvious (such as for numeric sets) so only the second line is given giving a one line notation.

18.1 Cycles

Definition 71. *Given a permutation $\sigma \in Sym(n)$ We can call the orbit decomposition*

$$\mathcal{O}_\sigma = \{\mathcal{O}_\sigma(k) \mid k \in [[n]]\}$$

This is a partition of the symmetric $[[n]]$ which is simple to prove.

Definition 72. *We call σ a k -cycle if there is exactly one $R \in \mathcal{O}_\sigma$ with cardinality k and everything else has cardinality 1.*

We call R the support of σ

The only one cycle in $Sym(X)$ is Id_X . Two cycles are sometimes called transpositions.

Given the smallest element of a support $a \in R$ we may write

$$(a \quad \sigma(a) \quad \sigma^2(a) \quad \dots \quad \sigma^{k-1}(a))$$

as the cycle notation for σ . The composition of disjoint cycles with disjoint supports is commutative as they affect different elements.

18.2 Inversion and parity

Definition 73. *We can let \mathcal{D}_n denote all the unordered pairs of cardinality 2 $\{a, b\}$ where $a, b \in [[n]], a \neq b$*

This allows us given a $\sigma \in Sym(n)$ to induce a function $\sigma : \mathcal{D}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_n$ where

$$\sigma(\{a, b\}) = \{\sigma(a), \sigma(b)\}$$

As we know that the image of distinct elements are distinct as σ is bijective so we maintain cardinality 2.

Definition 74. *Consider a permutation $\sigma \in Sym(n)$ and a pair $A \in \mathcal{D}_n$ if we have that σ flips the order of the elements of A ($a < b \Rightarrow \sigma(a) > \sigma(b)$) we may call A an inversion of σ*

We can let $INV_\sigma : \mathcal{D}_n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be an indicator function of inversions.

Proposition 5. Suppose $\rho, \sigma \in Sym(n)$ and let $A \in \mathcal{D}_n$

$$INV_{\rho \circ \sigma}(A) \equiv INV_{\rho}(A) + INV_{\sigma} \pmod{2}$$

This is trivial to prove.

$$INV(\sigma) = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{D}_n} INV_{\sigma}(A)$$

With this we make the following definition

Definition 75.

$$pari : Sym(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$pari(\sigma) = [INV(\sigma)]_2$$

This function denotes the parity of σ or the parity of the count of inversions.

We can note that pari forms a Homomorphisms

Proposition 6.

$$pari(\rho \circ \sigma) = pari(\rho) + pari(\sigma)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} pari(\rho \circ \sigma) &\equiv INV(\rho \circ \sigma) \\ &\equiv \sum_{A \in \mathcal{D}_n} INV_{\rho \circ \sigma}(A) \\ &\equiv \sum_{A \in \mathcal{D}_n} INV_{\rho}(A) + \sum_{A \in \mathcal{D}_n} INV_{\sigma}(A) \\ &\equiv INV(\rho) + INV(\sigma) \\ &\equiv pari(\rho) + pari(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

□

We may note that this suggest further that the set of even permutations forms a closed subgroup (Alternating group)

19 Lecture 26 - Group Homomorphisms

Definition 76. Suppose you have two groups $(G, \circ_G), (H, \circ_H)$ we say a function $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$ if it satisfies

$$\varphi(x \circ_G y) = \varphi(x) \circ_H \varphi(y)$$

for all $x, y \in G$

Some useful identities are that $\varphi(e_G) = e_H$ and from here it follows that $\varphi(g^{-1}) = \varphi(g)^{-1}$ and this generalizes to all powers

Example 18. Define a function $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ as $\varphi(k) = e^k$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(x+y) &= e^{x+y} \\ &= e^x \times e^y \\ &= \varphi(x) \times \varphi(y)\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 7. Given a pair of homomorphisms $\varphi : G \rightarrow H, \psi : H \rightarrow K$ we may construct a homomorphism $(\psi \circ \varphi) : G \rightarrow K$

Definition 77. We can say that φ is an isomorphism if it is a homomorphism and it is bijective.

I will here prove that the inverse is a homomorphism. We should not each $h \in H$ associates a $g \in G$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(x) \circ \varphi(y)) &= \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(x \circ y)) \\ &= x \circ y \\ &= \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(x)) \circ \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(y))\end{aligned}$$

□

We can use isomorphisms to form to create an equivalence relation where we call two elements of the equivalence class isomorphic.

20 Lecture 28 - Parity, Images and kernels

20.1 Parity

It would be nice to have an easier way to compute the parity than counting crosses (especially for cycle notations)

Proposition 8. All transpositions σ satisfy $\text{pari}(\sigma) \equiv 0$

Proof. We know $\sigma = (a \ b)$. Wlog let $a < b$ so we can see then that $\sigma(a) = b > a = \sigma(a)$. So $\{a, b\}$ is a inversion. For an element $c, a < c < b$ we have that c is a inversion with both a, b . as such we have that

$$\text{Inv}(\sigma) = 1 + 2(a + b - 1) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

□

Proposition 9. Every permutation can be written as a compositions of non disjoint transpositions

Proof. Let an $n > 1$ cycle be written as $(a_1 \dots a_n)$. Then we may show it as trasnpositions as follows

$$(a_1 \ a_2) \dots (a_{n-1} \ a_n)$$

□

This means that by decomposing a permutation into transpositions we can compute its parity. From here we deduce

Proposition 10. *If σ is a l cycle then we have*

$$pari(\sigma) = \begin{cases} [0]_2 & l \text{ is odd} \\ [1]_2 & l \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

20.2 Images and kernels

Definition 78. *Let $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism we may define the following*

- $Image(\varphi) = \{\varphi(g) | g \in G\}$
- $The kenenel of \varphi is Kern(\varphi) = \{g \in G | \varphi(g) = e_H\}$

Theorem. *The image of φ is a subgroup of H*

Proof. We must check all of the properties of subgroups

- Identiy : $e_H = \varphi(e_G)$
- Closure Inverse : $h^{-1} = \varphi(g)^{-1} = \varphi(g^{-1})$
- Closure Product : $h_1 \circ h_2 = \varphi(g_1) \circ \varphi(g_2) = \varphi(g_1 \circ g_2)$

□

Theorem. *The kenrel of φ is a subgroup of G*

Proof. • Identity is clear

- Closure under inverses : Let $g \in G$ be in the kernel

$$e_H = \varphi(g) \circ \varphi(g)^{-1} = e_H \circ \varphi(g^{-1})$$

Therefore we may conclude $\varphi(g^{-1}) = e_H$ so the inverse of g is in the kernel

- Closure under operation : Let $g, h \in G$ be in the kernel.

$$e_H = \varphi(g) \circ \varphi(h) = \varphi(g \circ h)$$

So the $g \circ h$ is in the kernel

□

21 Lecture 29 - Cosets

Definition 79. Let G be a group and let $H \leq G$. We can define a relation R on G .

$$gRh \iff g^{-1}h \in H$$

Lemma 5. The above is an equivalence

Proof. • Reflexivity : $gg^{-1} = e_G \in H$ so gRg

- Symmetric : if gRh we have $g^{-1}h \in H$. By closure under inverses we have $h^{-1}g \in H$ so hRg
- if gRh and hRk then $g^{-1}h, h^{-1}k \in H$. By closure under product we have $g^{-1}k \in H$ so gRk

□

Definition 80. A coset of H is an equivalence class of R as defined above. The coset $[g]_R$ is denoted gH

Since $[g]_R = \{x \in G | g^{-1}x \in H\}$ this definition is essentially telling us that by multiplying every element in gH by g^{-1} we get elements of H .

$$\begin{aligned} [g]_R &= \{x \in G | g^{-1}x \in H\} \\ &= \{x \in G | \exists h \in H, h = g^{-1}x\} \\ &= \{x \in G | \exists h \in H, hg = x\} \\ &= \{hg | h \in H\} \end{aligned}$$

It is important to note all of this defines **LEFT** cosets. We write G/H to denote G/R .

Proposition 11. The cosets form a partition of the group

This comes from it being a set quotient.

It is important to also note $g \in gH$ as gRg sure to the fact $e_G \in H$. We can remember that L_g is a bijection so all cosets are the same size.