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To my parents.

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Introduction

These are my personal notes in mathematics.

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Conventions

Set Theory

The Zermelo-Fraenkel axioms of set theory with the axiom of choice by default.

Alternative foundations with homotopy type theory and the univalence axiom may be considered when appropriate in the appropriate sections.

Universes may also be used.

Logic

Conjunction always refer to inclusive conjunction. So the word "or" means, x or y or both.

Category theory

We follow these conventions ¹ by default.

¹ J. De Jong. *Stacks Project*. Columbia University, 2025

Definition 2.0.1. *A (small) category, \mathbf{C} consists of a set of objects. For each pair of objects there exists a set of morphisms.*

Note that all italicised words can be changed to define enrichment, operads when necessarily.

Algebra

In algebra, a ring is a commutative unitary ring.

In representation theory, we may drop commutativity.

In analysis, we may drop the condition of unitary.

Notation

The natural integers refers to the positive integers, however this will be avoided.

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Set Theory

Definitions

Zermelo-Fraenkel Axioms

This follows Jech ¹.

¹ Thomas Jech. *Set Theory*. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg New York, 4th edition, 2006

Definition 3.0.1 (Pairing axiom). *For any two sets X and Y , then there exists a set, denote $\{X, Y\}$, where the set contains exactly $\{X, Y\}$.*

Definition 3.0.2 (Extensionality axiom). *If sets X and Y have the same elements, we define equality where the set X is equal to the set Y .*

Definition 3.0.3 (Union axiom). *The union over elements of a set exists.*

Definition 3.0.4 (Infinity axiom). *An infinite set exists.*

Definition 3.0.5 (Regularity axiom). *All nonempty sets have a membership minimal element.*

Definition 3.0.6 (Separation axiom schema). *If P is a property parameterised by p , then for any set X and parameter p , then there exists a set Y that has elements y in X that contains all elements y in X that has property P .*

Definition 3.0.7 (Powerset axiom). *For any set X , there exists the set of all subsets of X called the power set of X , and is denoted by $P(X)$.*

Definition 3.0.8 (Replacement axiom schema). *If a class F is a function, then for any set X , there exists a set called the function set with elements of the form $F(x)$ for an element x in set X , this set is denoted $F(X)$.*

Definition 3.0.9 (Strong choice axiom). *All families of nonempty sets have a choice function.*

Naive sets

This section is purely metamathematical and it is not rigorous.

Definition 3.0.10 (Naive set). *A naive set is a list of unique elements.*

Definition 3.0.11 (Naive membership). *If an element x is in a naive set X , we say x is a member in X , and it is denoted by $x \in X$.*

Definition 3.0.12 (Union of sets). *Let X and Y be naive sets. Then, there exists a set, called the union of X and Y , denoted $X \cup Y$, which contains the list of unique elements in either X or Y , or both.*

Lemma 3.0.13 (Union exists). *The union of naive sets exists.*

Proof. Use Axiom 3.0.3 on all the elements in a pair of naive sets X and Y . Use Axiom 3.0.4 for infinite sets. □

Definition 3.0.14 (Intersection of sets). *Let X and Y be naive sets. Then, there exists a set, called the intersection of X and Y , denoted $X \cap Y$, which contains the list of unique elements in X and in Y .*

Lemma 3.0.15 (Intersection exists). *The intersection of naive sets exists.*

Proof. Use Axiom 3.0.3 on all the elements in a pair of naive sets X and Y in common. Use Axiom 3.0.4 for infinite sets. □

Definition 3.0.16 (Complementation of sets). *Let X and Y be naive sets. Then, there exists a set, called the complementation of X and Y , denoted $X - Y$, which contains the list of unique elements in X but not in Y .*

Lemma 3.0.17 (Complementation exists). *The complementation of naive sets exists.*

Proof. Use Axiom 3.0.3 on all the elements in a pair of naive sets X and Y in common only considering elements in X but exclude elements that are in both X and Y . Use Axiom 3.0.4 for infinite sets. □

Lemmas

We shall implicitly use without reference the axioms of set theory.

Lemma 3.0.18 (De Morgan's first law for pairs of naive sets). *Let X and Y be a naive sets.*

Then the set $X^c \cup Y^c$ is equal to $(X \cap Y)^c$.

The rule applies for arbitrary unions of complements to the complement of arbitrary intersections.

Proof. We read the set $X^c \cup Y^c$ as consisting of the elements c such that it is either not in X or it is the elements not in Y , or both.

By case analysis, we take the elements that are not in both set X and set Y . These elements form precisely the set $(X \cap Y)^c$.

This proves the base case. Now consider the arbitrary union of the precedent case with the successive set complement. The law for the pairs applies again, and the successive case is shown. The proof follows by induction. \square

Lemma 3.0.19 (De Morgan's second law for pairs of naive sets). *Let X and Y be a naive sets.*

Then the set $X^c \cap Y^c$ is equal to $(X \cup Y)^c$.

The rule applies for arbitrary intersection of complements to the complement of arbitrary unions.

Proof. We read the set $X^c \cap Y^c$ as consisting of the elements c such that they are not in X and they are not elements not in Y .

By case analysis, we take the elements that are not in either set X or set Y or both. These elements form precisely the set $(X \cup Y)^c$.

This proves the base case. Now consider the arbitrary intersection of the precedent case with the successive set complement. The law for the pairs applies again, and the successive case is shown. The proof follows by induction. \square

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Categories

Definitions

Definition 4.0.1 (Category). A category \mathbf{C} has a set of objects, denoted $\text{Ob}(\mathbf{C})$ or with objects X .

It has a set of morphisms between objects X, Y denoted $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$.

It has a composition map for objects X, Y, Z where $\cdot : \text{Hom}(Z, Y) \times \text{Hom}(Y, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(Z, X)$ such that for morphism p in $\text{Hom}(Y, X)$ and morphism q in $\text{Hom}(Z, Y)$ we have a morphism $q \cdot p$ in the set of morphisms $\text{Hom}(Z, X)$.

These are to satisfy the following rules:

1. For every object X in the set of objects $\text{Ob}(\mathbf{C})$, there exists an identity morphism $i \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(X, X)$ such that it composes with morphisms p and q where $p = i \cdot p$ and $q \cdot i = q$.
2. The composition of morphism is associative where $p \cdot (q \cdot r) = (p \cdot q) \cdot r$.

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Topology

Definitions

We follow Steen and Seebach's presentation of topology ¹.

Definition 5.0.1 (Topology of open sets). *For a set X , a collection of open subsets of the set X is called a topology, denoted by τ if arbitrary unions and finite intersections of each subset is in τ .*

Definition 5.0.2 (Topology of closed sets). *For a set X , a collection of closed subsets of the set X is called a topology, denoted by τ if arbitrary intersections and finite unions of each subset is in τ .*

Definition 5.0.3 (Open set). *An open set is a set U in a topology τ of a set X .*

Definition 5.0.4 (Closed set). *An closed set S is the complement of an open set U of a topology τ with respect to the main set X .*

Lemma 5.0.5 (Topology of closed sets). *The closed sets $(X - U)^c$ of a topological space (X, τ) form a topology τ given the open sets U in the topology τ .*

Proof. The complement of the entire space X relative to finite intersection of open sets U is a arbitrary union of closed sets, this follows by De Morgan's laws or Lemma 3.0.18 and Lemma 3.0.19. The complement of the entire space X relative to arbitrary union of open sets U is a finite intersection of closed sets, this follows by De Morgan's laws. □

Definition 5.0.6 (Topological space). *For a set X , a collection of subsets of the set X is called a topology, denoted by τ if arbitrary unions and finite intersections of each subset is in τ . A pair (X, τ) is a topological space. By abuse of notation, we call X a topological space.*

¹ Lynn Arthur Steen and Jr.
J. Arthur Seebach. *Counterexamples
in Topology*. Dover, paperback edition,
1995

Definition 5.0.7 (Coarser). Suppose τ_1 and τ_2 are topologies for a set X . Recall that these are collections of subsets.²

If the set τ_1 is contained in the set τ_2 , we say the topology τ_1 is coarser than τ_2 .

² Topologies may not be comparable.

Definition 5.0.8 (Finer). Suppose τ_1 and τ_2 are topologies for a set X . Recall that these are collections of subsets.³

If the set τ_1 is contained in the set τ_2 , we say the topology τ_2 is coarser than τ_1 .

³ Topologies may not be comparable.

Definition 5.0.9 (Neighbourhood). Suppose τ is a topology for a set X . Let p be a point in the set X . A neighbourhood of a point p in the set X is a subset of an open set U in the topology τ containing the point p .

Definition 5.0.10 (Open neighbourhood). Suppose τ is a topology for a set X . Let p be a point in the set X . A open neighbourhood of a point p in the set X is a open subset of an open set U in the topology τ containing the point p .

Examples

Example 5.0.11 (Indiscrete topology). Let X be a set. The topology consisting of the empty set and the set X is the indiscrete topology.

Remark 5.0.12 (Indiscrete topology remarks). 1. This topology is comparable to every other topology.

Example 5.0.13 (Discrete topology). Let X be a set. The topology consisting of all subsets of the set X is the discrete topology.

Example 5.0.14 (Finite particular point topology). Let X be a finite set. Let p be a point in the finite set X . Consider the topology τ consisting of arbitrary unions and finite intersection of subsets of the finite set containing the point p .

Example 5.0.15 (Countably infinite particular point topology). Let X be a countably infinite set. Let p be a point in the countably infinite set X . Consider the topology τ consisting of arbitrary unions and finite intersection of subsets of the finite set containing the point p .

Example 5.0.16 (Uncountably infinite particular point topology). Let X be a uncountably infinite set. Let p be a point in the uncountably infinite set X . Consider the topology τ consisting of arbitrary unions and finite intersection of subsets of the finite set containing the point p .

Example 5.0.17 (Zariski topology). Let X be the collection of algebraic sets. An algebraic set is the locus of zeros of polynomials. The Zariski topology is the topology formed by the collection of algebraic sets of a space as the closed sets.⁴

⁴ This is not fully defined since we did not say what an algebraic set really is. And we need to prove this.

Exercises

Exercise 5.0.18. Show that not all topologies are comparable.

Proof. Consider a set of two elements, with the finite particular point topology on each point as per Example 5.0.12. The topologies generated are not comparable. \square

Exercise 5.0.19. Show that a subset in a topology can be open and closed.

Proof. Consider an two point set with the indiscrete topology as per Example 5.0.9. \square

Exercise 5.0.20. Show that a topology can be comparable to every other topology.

Proof. Consider a set with the indiscrete topology as per Example 5.0.9. It is coarser than every other topology.

By definition, a topology must contain the indiscrete topology which consists of arbitrary unions of all subsets which is the full set, as well as finite intersections of all subsets which is the empty set for disjoint sets. \square

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