# Abstract algebras

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• Chapter I. Preliminaries

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- If B is a subset of A and B is different from A, we write  $B \subset A$ . We say B is a proper subset of A. The inclusion of B in A is *strict*.

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- The difference  $X \setminus A$  is called the *complement* set of A in X. We write C(A) or A'.

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- (1)  $A \cup B = A$  if and only if  $B \subseteq A$ .
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- (3)  $A \subseteq A \cup B$  and  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ .
- (4)  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq B$ .

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(3) Associative law of union:

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$$(4)\ (B\cap C)\backslash A=(B\backslash A)\cap (C\backslash A).$$

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Let  $X = \{1, 2\}$ , then  $P(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}\}$ . If there are n elements in X, then  $|P(X)| = 2^n$ , where |P(X)| denote the order of P(X).

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A map(or function) f consists of a nonempty set X, of a nonempty set Y and of a law that assigns to each  $x \in X$ , exactly one element, denoted by f(x) of Y. Denote

$$f: X \to Y: x \mapsto y.$$

• X is called the domain of map f, Y is called the codomain of map f, f(x) is called the image (value) of x, x is called the preimage of f(x);

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- Note that if A is a nonempty proper subset of X.  $1_a$  and  $i_a$  have different domain, thus  $1_A \neq i_A$ .  $1_A = i_A$  if and only if A = X.

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• (4) Constant map: Let X be a nonempty set and let y be a fixed element of Y. The map  $f_y: X \to Y: x \mapsto y$  is called the constant map. Note that  $f_y(X) = \{y\}$  and  $\text{Im}(f) = \{f(x) | x \in X\} \subseteq Y$ .

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• f is bijective  $\iff \forall y \in Y$ , there exists an unique  $x \in X$ , such that f(x) = y.

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- $f: Z \to Z, g: Z \to Z$ , then  $g \circ f \neq f \circ g$ .

### Proposition

Let  $f: X \to Y, g: Y \to Z, h: Z \to T$  be maps. Then

- (1)  $f \circ 1x = f = 1y \circ f$ .
- (2)  $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$ .

### Proposition

Let  $f: X \mapsto Y$  and  $g: Y \mapsto Z$  be maps

- (1) If f and g are both injective, then  $g \circ f$  is injective.
- (2) If f and g are both surjective, then  $g \circ f$  is surjective.
- (3) If  $g \circ f$  is injective, then f is injective.
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### Corollary

Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  be maps,

- (1) If f and g are both bijective, then also  $g \circ f$  is bijective.
- (2) If  $g \circ f$  is bijective, then f is injective and g is surjective.
  - Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Z}: x \mapsto -x$ , and  $g: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{N}: x \mapsto |x|$ . Then  $g \circ f = 1_N$ . We have f is injective and g is surjective.

#### Definition

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a map. A map  $g: Y \to X$  is called a *left inverse* of f if  $g \circ f = 1_X$ . A map  $h: Y \to X$  is called a *right inverse* of f if  $f \circ h = 1_Y$ . A map  $g: Y \to X$  is called a *two-sided inverse*, if g is a left inverse and a right inverse, i.e.  $g \circ f = 1_X$ ,  $f \circ g = 1_Y$ .

#### Theorem

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a map, then

- (1) f is injective if and only if f has (at least) a left inverse.
- (2) f is surjective if and only if f has (at least) a right inverse.

#### Examples:

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- (2) Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{N}$  be the map defined by f(x) = |x|. The map  $h = i_{\mathbb{N}} : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Z}$  is a right inverse of f. Also  $g: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Z}$  defined by g(x) = -x is a right inverse of f.

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- Such an inverse of f is called the *inverse* of f and it is denoted by  $f^{-1}$ . Also  $f^{-1}$  is bijective and  $((f^{-1})^{-1}) = f$ .

### Corollary

Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  be bijections. Then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is a bijection and  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$ .

#### Theorem

A map is invertible if and only if it is both injective (one-to-one) and surjective (onto).

#### Proposition

Let  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  be a map and left  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of subsets of X. Then

$$(1)f(\bigcup_{i\in I} A_i) = \bigcup_{i\in I} f(A_i)$$
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#### Example

Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the constant map equal to 0 Let  $A_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x \leq 0\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x < 0\}$ . Then  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , while  $f(A_1) = \{0\} = f(A_2)$ , so that  $f(A_1) \cap f(A_2) = \{0\}$ .

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# 1.4 Equivalence relations and equivalence classes

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#### Exercise:

Let p,q,r and s be integers, where q and s are nonzero. Define  $p/q \sim r/s$  if ps = qr. Then  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

#### Example

The binary relation R on  $\mathbb Q$  given by  $xRy \Longleftrightarrow x-y \in \mathbb Q$  is an equivalence relation.

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A partition  $\mathfrak{P}$  of a set X is a collection of sets  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , such that  $X_i \cap X_j = \emptyset, i \neq j$  and  $\bigcup_i X_i = X$ .



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# 1.5 Arithmetic

#### Definition

A partial ordering relation on a set X is a relation that is reflexive  $(x \le x \text{ for all } s \in S)$ , antisymmetric  $(x \le y \text{ and } y \le x \text{ implies } x = y)$ , and transitive  $(x \le y \text{ and } y \le z \text{ implies } x \le z)$ . A ordered pair (X, R) is called a partial ordered set if X is a set and R is a partial order relation on X.

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The binary relation R on  $\mathbb{Z}$  given by xRy if and only if  $|x| \leq |y|, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  is reflexive, transitive, it is neither symmetric nor antisymmetric. Since if  $|x| \leq |y|$  and  $|y| \leq |x|$ , then |x| = |y|. We can not have x = y.

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### Theorem (Principle of well-ordering)

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#### Lemma

Zorn's Lemma: If S is a nonempty partially ordered set such that every chain of S has an upper bound in S, then S has a maximal element.

### Theorem (Division Algorithm)

Let a and b be integers, with b > 0. Then there exists an unique integer q and r such that a = bq + r, where  $0 \le r < b$ .

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#### Definition

The greatest common divisor of integers a and b is a positive integer d such that d is a common divisor of a and b and if d' is any other common divisor of a and d, then d'|d. We write  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ .

#### Theorem

Let a and b be nonzero integers. Then there exist integers r and s such that gcd(a,b) = ar + bs. Furthermore, the greatest common divisor of a and b is unique.

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#### Definition

p is a prime number if the positive numbers that divide p are 1 and p itself. An integer n>1 that is not prime is said to be composite.

#### Lemma

Let a and b be integers and p be a prime number. If  $p \mid ab$ , then either  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ .

• Proof: Suppose that  $p \nmid a$ , then we will show that p must divide b.

Since gcd(a, p) = 1, there exists integers r and s such that ar + ps = 1.

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#### Theorem

Fundamental theorem of Arithmetic: Let n be an integer, such that n > 1. Then  $n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \cdot, p_k$  are primes(not necessary distinct). Furthermore, this factorization is unique, that is if  $n = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_l$ , then k = l, and the  $q_i$ 's are just the  $p_i$ 's rearranged.

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- Conversely, assume that d|b. There are integers u, v such that d = au + nv. Multiplying integer  $\frac{b}{d}$ , we obtain  $b = a(\frac{ub}{d}) + n(\frac{vb}{d})$ . Put  $x = \frac{ub}{d}$ ; then  $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and x is a solution of the congruence.

#### Corollary

Let a, n be integers with n > 0. Then the congruence equation  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  has a solution x if and only if a is relatively prime to n.

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#### Theorem

The Chinese Remainder Theorem: Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  and  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$  be integers with  $m_i > 0$ ; assume that  $gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1$  if  $i \neq j$ . Then there is a common solution x of the system of congruences

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv a_1 (\mod m_1) \\ \vdots \\ x \equiv a_k (\mod m_k) \end{cases}$$

• Proof: Put  $m = m_1 m_2 \cdots m_k$  and  $\widehat{m_i} = \frac{m}{m_i}$ . Then  $m_i$  and  $\widehat{m_i}$  are relatively prime, so there exist an integer  $l_i$  such that  $\widehat{m_i}l_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}$ . Now put  $x = a_1\widehat{m_1}l_1 + \cdots + a_k\widehat{m_k}l_k$ . Then

$$x = a_i \widehat{m_i} l_i + \sum_{j \neq i} a_j \widehat{m_j} l_j$$

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• Suppose that today is January 1, 2023, Sunday. There are 2557 days from January 1, 2030. Now  $2557 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$ . We conclude that January 1, 2030 will be Tuesday.

• It is well know that an integer is divisible by 3 if and only if the sum of its digits is a multiple of 3. Let  $m = m_k m_{k-1} \cdots m_1 m_0$  be the decimal representation of an integer m, where  $0 \le m_i \le 9$ . Then  $m = m_k 10^k + m_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \cdots m_1 10 + m_0$ . Note that  $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , i.e.  $\overline{10} = \overline{1}$ . Then  $\overline{10}^i = \overline{1}^i = \overline{1}$  for  $i \ge 0$ . It follows that  $m \equiv m_k + m_{k-1} + \cdots + m_1 + m_0 \pmod{3}$ .

• There is an ancient problem in an Indian manuscript of the 7th Century. There are some eggs in a basket. When eggs are removed k = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 times, there is 1 eggs left, and when k = 7, there is no eggs left. What is the smallest number of eggs in the basket.

Let x be the number of eggs in the basket. The conditions require that  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$  for k = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$  for k = 7. Clearly this amounts to x satisfying the four congruences

$$x \equiv 1 (\mod 3),$$

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• Therefore one solution is given by  $x = 1 \cdot 7 \cdot 43 + 0 \cdot 60 \cdot 2 = 301$ . If y is any other solution, note that y - x must be divisible by  $60 \times 7 = 420$ . Thus the general solution is x = 301 + 420q,  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So the smallest positive solution is 301.