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- quiz 6 today 4-10 PM
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- hw7 : additional problems

$$\text{Also: } \sum_{k=m}^n \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1} \quad (0 \leq m \leq n)$$

induction on n

Base case: $n=m$.

(11.3) Equivalence Relations

Defn A relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ on A is called an equivalence relation iff it is

- (1) reflexive
- (2) symmetric
- (3) transitive

Recall: equiv. relations on $\mathbb{Z}$:

- $\circ =$ i.e. $\{(x, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

- $\circ \equiv_m$ i.e. $\{(x, y) \mid m \mid (x - y)\}$

Complete exercise for $\equiv_m$

- reflexive: ✓

$$m \mid 0 \rightarrow m \mid (x - x) \rightarrow x \equiv_m x$$

- symmetric: ✓

note: $m \mid a \rightarrow m \mid (-a)$ since $a = km \rightarrow -a = (-k)m$

Thus

$$x \equiv_m y \rightarrow m \mid (x - y)$$

$$\rightarrow m \mid (y - x)$$

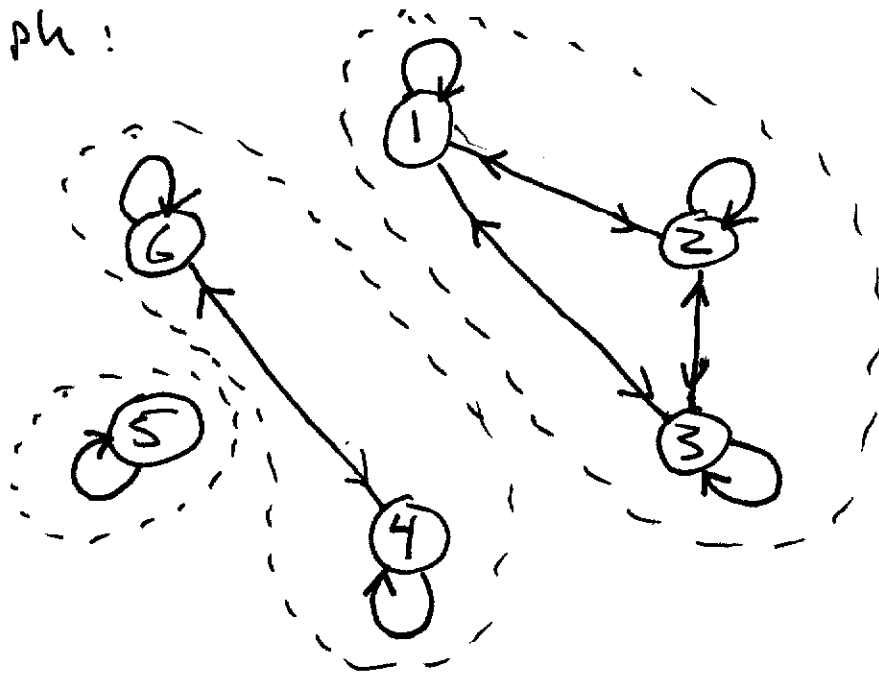
$$\rightarrow y \equiv_m x$$

- transitive: done last time ✓

Ex. let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and

$$R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), \\ (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (4,4), (4,6), (5,5), \\ (6,4), (6,6)\}$$

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check: ref, symm, trans.

Defn

let $R \subseteq A \times A$ be an equiv. rel.,
and let $a \in A$. The equivalence class containing a , denoted $[a]$,
is the set

$$[a] = \{x \in A \mid x R a\} \subseteq A$$

i.e. $[a]$ is the set of all $x \in A$
that are related to a (under R)

other notation: $[a]_R$

Ex. (Previous) $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$[1] = [2] = [3] = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$[4] = [6] = \{4, 6\}$$

$$[5] = \{5\}$$

lemma

Let R be an eq. rel. on A . Then

$$a R b \overset{\Rightarrow}{\underset{\Leftarrow}{\text{iff}}} [a] = [b]$$

for any $a, b \in A$.

Proof

($\Rightarrow$) Suppose $a R b$. It's suff. to show $x \in [a] \Leftrightarrow x \in [b]$, for then $[a] = [b]$

$$x \in [a] \Rightarrow x R a \quad (\text{def.})$$

$$\Rightarrow x R a \wedge a R b \quad (\text{hyp.})$$

$$\Rightarrow x R b \quad (\text{trans.}) \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [b] \quad (\text{def.})$$

also

$$x \in [b] \Rightarrow x R b \quad (\text{def.})$$

$$\Rightarrow x R b \wedge a R b \quad (\text{hyp.})$$

$$\Rightarrow x R b \wedge b R a \quad (\text{symm.}) \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow xRa \quad (\text{trans.}) \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [a] \quad (\text{def.})$$

$$\therefore [a] = [b]$$

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose $[a] = [b]$. Then aRa since R is reflexive. Hence

$$a \in [a] \quad (\text{def.})$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in [b] \quad (\text{hyp.})$$

$$\Rightarrow aRb \quad (\text{def.})$$



notice: all 3 Properties of R were used.

Given $m \in \mathbb{N}$, what are eq. classes of $\equiv_m$?

By the lemma

$$x \in [a]_m \text{ iff } x \equiv_m a$$

$$\text{iff } m \mid (x-a)$$

$$\text{iff } x-a = km \text{ (some } k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\text{iff } x = km + a$$

$$\text{so } [a]_m = \{ x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x = km + a \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$\text{Ex. } m = 2$$

$$x \in [0] \text{ iff } x = 2k \text{ iff } x \text{ even}$$

$$x \in [1] \text{ iff } x = 2k+1 \text{ iff } x \text{ odd}$$

Thus

$$[0] = [\pm 2] = [\pm 4] = \dots = \{ \text{even inte.} \}$$

$$[1] = [\pm 3] = [\pm 5] = \dots = \{ \text{odd inte.} \}.$$

Ex. $m=3$

$$x \in [0] \text{ iff } x = 3k$$

$$x \in [1] \text{ iff } x = 3k+1$$

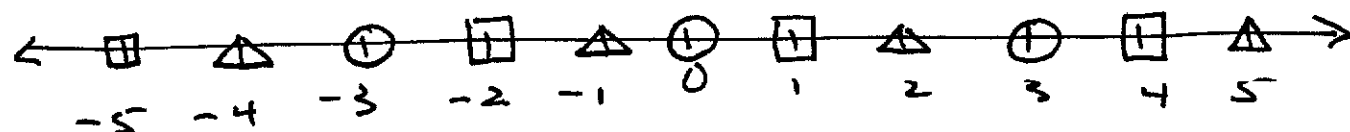
$$x \in [2] \text{ iff } x = 3k+2$$

Thus

$$[0] = [3] = [6] = \dots = \{3k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad \circ$$

$$[1] = [4] = [7] = \dots = \{3k+1 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad \square$$

$$[2] = [5] = [8] = \dots = \{3k+2 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad \triangle$$



In general, for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$, we can write $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ as

$$x = km + r \quad (0 \leq r < m)$$

by div. algorithm. Then $x \in [r]$

Thus for any $r : 0 \leq r < m$

$$[r] = [m+r] = [2m+r] = \dots = \{km+r \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

so : $[0], [1], [2], \dots, [m-1]$ are

all of the eq. classes of $\equiv_m$.

(11.4) Equivalence Classes and Partitions

Recall a Partition of a set A is a set of subsets of $A : \mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$, say $\mathcal{P} = \{S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots\}$ where

$$S_i \subseteq A$$

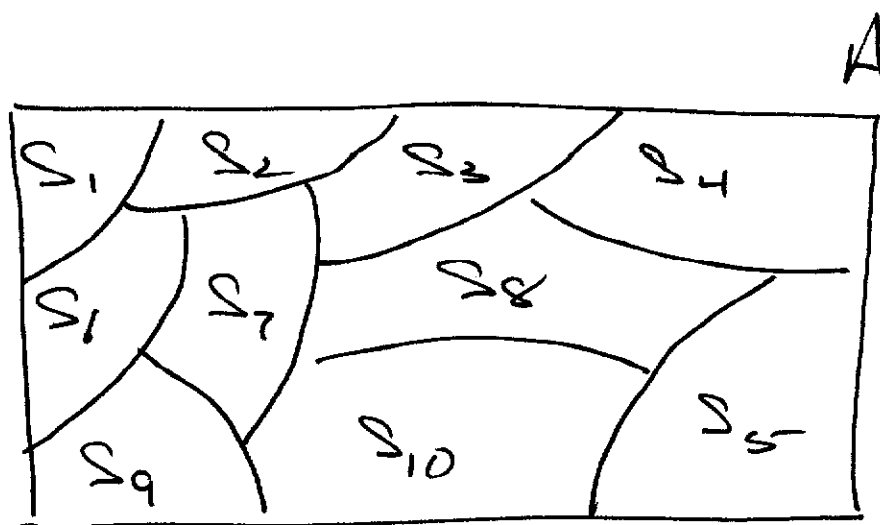
satisfies

$$(1) S_i \neq \emptyset$$

$$(2) \text{ if } i \neq j, \text{ then } S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$$

$$(3) \bigcup_i S_i = A$$

Picture:



Theorem

Let R be an eq. relation on A .
Then the set of eq. classes of R

$$\{[a] \mid a \in A\}$$

forms a Partition of A .

Proof

for any $a \in A$ we have $a \in [a]$
since aRa by reflexivity. This
shows $[a] \neq \emptyset$, which proves (i).

□

similarly $\{a\} \subseteq [a]$, so

$$A = \bigcup_{a \in A} \{a\} \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in A} [a] \subseteq A$$

∴ $A = \bigcup_{a \in A} [a]$, proving (3).

Finally we show $[a] \neq [b] \Rightarrow [a] \cap [b] = \emptyset$
for any $a, b \in A$, establishing (2).

we prove this by contraposition, i.e.
we show

$$[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow [a] = [b] \quad \checkmark$$

Assume $c \in [a] \cap [b]$. Then

$$c \in [a] \Rightarrow c R a \Rightarrow a R c \quad (\text{symm.})$$

$$c \in [b] \Rightarrow c R b$$

∴ $a R b$ (trans.)

$\therefore [a] = [b]$ by lemma in
preceding section.

This proves (2). ■

Theorem

Given a Partition

$$\mathcal{P} = \{S_i \subseteq A \mid i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

of A , there exists a unique
equivalence class $\mathcal{R}$ on A whose
eq. classes $[a]$ are exactly the
members S_i of $\mathcal{P}$, i.e.

$$\mathcal{P} = \{[a]_{\mathcal{R}} \mid a \in A\}$$

Proof:

Define $R \subseteq A \times A$ by

$$R = \{(a, b) \mid \exists i : a, b \in S_i\}.$$

In other words aRb iff both a and b belong to the same member of Partition $\mathcal{P}$.

