

§ 2 Quick Review

2.1 Set Notations

Set : A well-defined collection of distinct objects (elements)

\subseteq : subset

\in : belongs to

$|A|$: Number of elements (Cardinality) of the set A

Example 2.1.1

$$S = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

That means S is a set containing 3 elements, namely 1, 2 and 3.

OR : 1, 2, 3 $\in S$

If $T = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, then we say S is a subset of T, or $S \subseteq T$.

That means every element in S is also an element in T.

Notations often used :

N : set of all natural numbers (positive integers)

Z : set of all integers

Q : set of all rational numbers

R : set of all real numbers

C : set of all complex numbers

\emptyset : empty set . i.e. $\emptyset = \{\}$ Nothing

[a,b] : set of all real numbers x such that $a \leq x \leq b$

(a,b) : set of all real numbers x such that $a < x < b$

[a,∞) : set of all real numbers x such that $a \leq x$

Example 2.1.2

• $\emptyset \subseteq A$ for any set A.

• $N \subseteq Z \subseteq Q \subseteq R \subseteq C$

• Let $A = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$. A consists of 3 elements, but in fact each element is again a set

Example 2.1.3

Set of all positive even integers
 $= \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$
 $= \{2m : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$

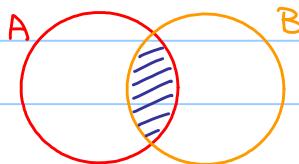
i.e. this set consists of elements of the form $2m$ such that $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Set of all positive odd integers = ? (How to describe?)

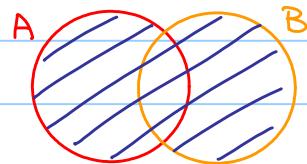
Answer: $\{2m-1 : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Set Operations :

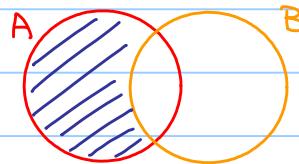
Let A, B be two sets.



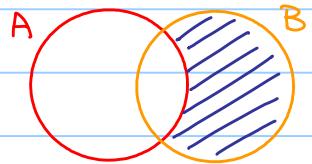
Intersection : $A \cap B$



Union : $A \cup B$



Relative complement of B in A : $A \setminus B$



Relative complement of A in B : $B \setminus A$

Example 2.1.4

Let $A = \{1, 2\}$, $B = \{2, 3\}$, $C = \{3\}$

- $A \cap B = \{2\}$ $A \cap C = \emptyset$
- $A \cup B = A \cup C = \{1, 2, 3\}$

(Sometimes, we use $A \sqcup C$ instead of $A \cup C$ to emphasize it is a disjoint union, i.e. $A \cap C = \emptyset$.)

- $A \setminus B = \{1\}$ $B \setminus A = \{3\}$

Example 2.1.5

$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}$: set of all real numbers except 2

(Caution: We cannot write $\mathbb{R} \setminus 2$ as 2 is not a set!)

$A \times B$: Product of two sets A and B defined by $\{(a,b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$

Example 2.1.6

- Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{4, 5\}$.

$$A \times B = \{(1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{(4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (5, 1), (5, 2), (5, 3)\}$$

- $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ = set of points on a plane

\forall : for all

\exists : there exists (at least one)

$\exists!$: there exists unique

\rightarrow : if ... then \Rightarrow : implies

\leftrightarrow : if and only if \Leftrightarrow : equivalent to

s.t. : such that

\wedge : and \vee : or

\neg : not

Example 2.1.7

$\forall y \in (0, \infty)$, $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $x^2 = y$

↓ translate

For all positive real numbers y , there exists (at least one) real number x such that $x^2 = y$.

(In fact, $x = \sqrt{y}$ or $x = -\sqrt{y}$)

$\forall y \in (0, \infty)$, $\exists! x \in (0, \infty)$ s.t. $x^2 = y$

↓ translate

For all positive real numbers y , there exists unique positive real number x such that $x^2 = y$.

(In fact, $x = \sqrt{y}$ only!)

Example 2.1.8

Let $x > 0$, $y = \sqrt{x}$ \rightarrow $y^2 = x$
 $y^2 = x$ \rightarrow $y = \sqrt{x}$ (Why?)

$$y = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow y^2 = x$$

Example 2.1.9

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$\angle ABC = 90^\circ \Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2 \quad (\text{Pyth. thm.})$$

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2 \Rightarrow \angle ABC = 90^\circ \quad (\text{Converse of Pyth. thm.})$$

we denote it by $\angle ABC = 90^\circ \Leftrightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$

2.2 Relation

Definition 2.2.1

A relation R from a set A to a set B is a subset R of $A \times B$.

Also, we say that "a is related to b" if $(a, b) \in R$, sometimes it can be denoted by aRb or $a \sim b$.

We denote the relation by R or \sim .

In particular, if $A = B$, then R is said to be a relation defined on A .

Example 2.2.1

Let $A = \{2, 3\}$, $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Let R be a relation from A to B given by $R = \{(a, b) \in A \times B \mid b \text{ is divisible by } a\}$

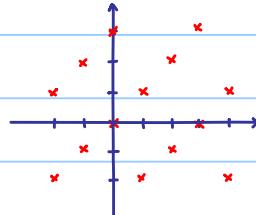
Then $R = \{(2, 4), (2, 6), (3, 3), (3, 6)\}$

Remark: Given a relation R from a set A to a set B , R consists of pairs of (a, b) such that
a and b are related in some sense.

Example 2.2.2

Let R be a relation defined on \mathbb{Z} which is given by $(a, b) \in R$ if $b - a$ is divisible by 3.

Then the relation can be visualized as :



Example 2.2.3

Let L be the set of all straight lines in \mathbb{R}^2 (in usual sense)

Let R be a relation defined on L which is given by $(l_1, l_2) \in R$ if $l_1 \parallel l_2$.

Example 2.2.4

Let P be the set of line segment in \mathbb{R}^2 (in usual sense)

and let $\varphi: P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be the distance function, i.e. $\varphi(s) = \text{distance of line segment } s$.

Define \approx as a relation on P such that $s_1 \approx s_2$ if $\varphi(s_1) = \varphi(s_2)$.

We can also define another relation \leq on P/\approx such that $[s_1] \leq [s_2]$ if $\varphi(s_1) \leq \varphi(s_2)$.

Example 2.2.5

Let " $|$ " be a relation on \mathbb{N} such that $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n|m$ if m is divisible by n .

Definition 2.2.2

Let \sim be a relation defined on a set A .

Then \sim is said to be an equivalence relation on A if

- 1) (reflexive) $a \sim a$ for all $a \in A$
- 2) (symmetric) if $a \sim b$, then $b \sim a$
- 3) (transitive) if $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$, then $a \sim c$.

Example 2.2.6 / Exercise 2.2.1

The relations in example 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and \approx in example 2.2.4 are actually equivalence relations

Remark: An equivalence relation on a set A tells us whether two elements in A are equal in some sense.



e.g. s_1 and s_2 are different line segments

but if we classify line segments by their lengths,

they are regarded to be the "same".

Let S be an abstract space and let P be the set of all line segment in S .

Instead of using a length function, we can pick a subset (relation) $R \subseteq P \times P$ and say $s_1, s_2 \in P$ are the "same" (or equivalent) if $(s_1, s_2) \in R$

Naturally, R should be chosen such that it is an equivalence relation

Example 2.2.7

Define a relation R on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*$ (i.e. $R \subseteq (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*) \times (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*)$) where $\mathbb{Z}^* = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ as the following.

$(m,n) \sim (p,q)$ if $mq - np = 0$.

(Think: If we have two fractions $\frac{m}{n}$ and $\frac{p}{q}$ where $m,p \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n,q \in \mathbb{Z}^*$, they can be regarded as elements of $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*$. Also, they are the same if and only if $mq - np = 0$.)

Show that R is an equivalence relation.

1) If $(m,n) \in R$, then $(m,n) \sim (m,n)$ since $mn - mn = 0$

2) If $(m,n), (p,q) \in R$ and $(m,n) \sim (p,q)$, then $mq - np = 0$ which means $pn - qm = 0$ as well.

$$\therefore (p,q) \sim (m,n)$$

3) If $(m,n), (p,q), (r,s) \in R$, $(m,n) \sim (p,q)$ and $(p,q) \sim (r,s)$ then $mq - np = ps - qr = 0$.

$$q(ms - nr) = msg - nps - nrq + nps$$

$$= s(mq - np) + n(ps - qr) = 0$$

$$q \neq 0 \Rightarrow ms - nr = 0$$

$$\therefore (m,n) \sim (r,s)$$

Exercise 2.2.2

Prove that \sim is an equivalence relation on A if and only if both of the following hold:

1) $a \sim a \forall a \in A$

2) If $a \sim b$ and $a \sim c$, then $b \sim c$.

Remark: Symmetric and transitive conditions are put into a single statement.

Definition 2.2.3

Let \sim be an equivalence relation on the set A .

$[a] = \{b \in A : a \sim b\}$ is called the equivalence class of a by \sim .

Any element of an equivalence class is called a representative.

$A/\sim = \{[a] : a \in A\}$ is called the quotient set of A by \sim .

Example 2.2.8

If R is the equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} which is given by $(a,b) \in R$ if $b-a$ is divisible by 3.

Note that $\dots = [0] = [3] = [6] = \dots$ ($= \{3m : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$)

$\dots = [1] = [4] = [7] = \dots$ ($= \{3m+1 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$)

$\dots = [2] = [5] = [8] = \dots$ ($= \{3m+2 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$)

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \mathbb{Z}/\sim = \{[0], [1], [2]\}$$

There are only three equivalence classes and also we can observe that $\mathbb{Z} = [0] \sqcup [1] \sqcup [2]$.

Exercise 2.2.3

Consider the relation \cong on P in example 2.2.4, describable P/\cong .

(Ans: P/\cong is a set of equivalence classes where each of them is a subset of line segments with same length.)

Also, note that P is the disjoint union of equivalence classes.)

We can generalize the above as the following.

Proposition 2.2.1

Let \sim be an equivalence relation on the set A . Then

- 1) $a \in [a]$ for all $a \in A$
- 2) $[a] = [a']$ if and only if $a \sim a'$
- 3) A equals to the disjoint union of equivalence classes

proof:

1) Trivial, since $a \sim a$ for all $a \in A$.

2) \Rightarrow Assume $[a] = [a']$

From 1, $a' \in [a'] = [a]$, so $a \sim a'$

\Leftarrow Assume $a \sim a'$.

Let $b \in [a]$. By definition $a \sim b$.

$a \sim a'$ and $a \sim b \Rightarrow a \sim b \Rightarrow b \in [a] \Rightarrow [a'] \subseteq [a]$

By similar argument, we can show that $[a] \subseteq [a']$.

$\therefore [a] = [a']$.

3) Since every equivalence class is a subset of A , so does the union of equivalence classes.

For all $a \in A$, by 1, $a \in [a]$, so a belongs to the union of equivalence classes.

\therefore union of equivalence classes = A and what remains to show is the union is a disjoint union.

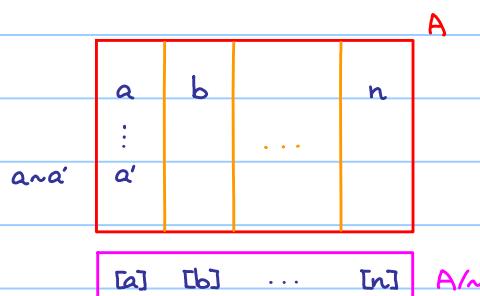
It is equivalent to show if $c \in [a] \cap [b]$, then $[a] = [b]$.

$c \in [a] \cap [b] \Rightarrow a \sim c$ and $b \sim c$

$\Rightarrow a \sim b$ ($\because b \sim c \Rightarrow c \sim b$)

$\Rightarrow [a] = [b]$ (by 2)

Sometimes, we say that the equivalence classes form a partition of A .



Definition 2.2.4

A partial order relation on a set A is a relation \leq (usually denoted by \leq instead of \sim) such that

1) (reflexive) $a \leq a$ for all $a \in A$

2) (antisymmetric) if $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$, then $a = b$.

3) (transitive) if $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$, then $a \leq c$.

Example 2.2.9 / Exercise 2.2.4

The relation in example 2.2.5 and \leq in example 2.2.4 are actually partial order relations

Remark: A partial order relation on a set A tells us comparison of particular pairs of elements in A in some sense.

However, not every pair of elements in A can be compared, i.e. there exist distinct $a, b \in A$ such that both $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$ are not true.

For example, consider " $|$ " in example 2.2.5, we have $3|6$, but both $5|7$ and $7|5$ are not true.

It leads the following definition

Definition 2.2.5

A total order relation on a set A is a relation \leq (usually denoted by \leq instead of \sim) such that

- 1) (antisymmetric) if $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$, then $a = b$.
- 2) (transitive) if $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$, then $a \leq c$.
- 3) (totality) for all $a, b \in A$, $a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$.

Remark: The last condition guarantees us every pair of elements in A can be compared.

Furthermore, a strict total order relation $<$ associated by a total order relation \leq can be defined by $a < b$ if and only if $a \leq b$ and $a \neq b$

Exercise 2.2.3

Show that a total order relation is a partial order relation.

(Ans: Consider (3) and $a=b \Rightarrow a \leq a \forall a \in A$)

Example 2.2.9 / Exercise 2.2.4

The relation \leq in example 2.2.4 is a total order relation but the relation in example 2.2.8 is not.

Proposition 2.2.2

Let $<$ be a strict total order relation on A and let $a, b, c \in A$. Then,

- 1) (transitive) $a < b$ and $b < c \Rightarrow a < c$
- 2) (trichotomous) exactly one of $a < b$, $a = b$, $b < a$ is true

proof:

$$1) a < b \Rightarrow a \leq b \text{ and } a \neq b \quad b < c \Rightarrow b \leq c \text{ and } b \neq c$$

$$\therefore a \leq b \text{ and } b \leq c \Rightarrow a \leq c$$

What we remain to show is $a \neq c$.

Suppose that $a = c$, then we have $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c = a$ which forces $a = b$ (Contradiction)

$$\therefore a \neq c$$

- 2) Direct consequence of totality of a total order relation.

Again, let S be an abstract space and let P be the set of all line segment in S . Instead of using a length function, we can pick a subset (relation) $R \subseteq P/\cong \times P/\cong$ and compare $[s], [s_2] \in P/\cong$ if $(s, s_2) \in R$.

Naturally, R should be chosen such that it is a total order relation.

2.3 Functions

Definition 2.3.1

A function f from A to B is a relation from A to B (i.e. $f \subseteq A \times B$) such that

- 1) $\text{pr}_1(f) := \{a \in A : (a, b) \in f\} = A$
- 2) If $(a, b_1), (a, b_2) \in f$, then $b_1 = b_2$.

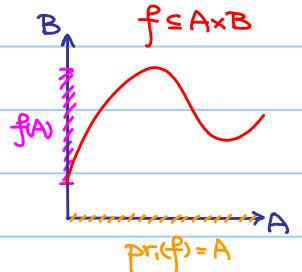
The sets A and B are said to be the domain and codomain of the function f respectively.

(range(f) = $f(A) = \text{pr}_2(f) := \{b \in B : (a, b) \in f\}$) is said to be the range of f .

We denote it by $f: A \rightarrow B$ and we write $f(a) = b$ or $a \mapsto b$ if $(a, b) \in f$.

Remark: (1) guarantees that $f(a)$ is well-defined and

- (2) guarantees that $a \in A$ is sent to a unique element in B



Example 2.3.1

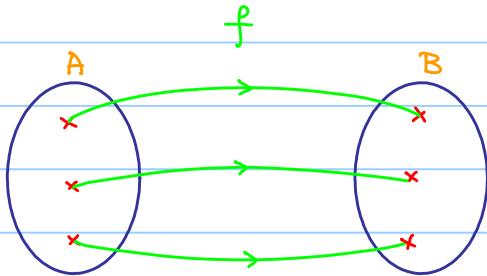
Addition of real numbers can also be regarded as a function $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(a, b) = a + b$.

In general, let S be a set. a function $f: S \times S \rightarrow S$ is said to be a binary operation on A .

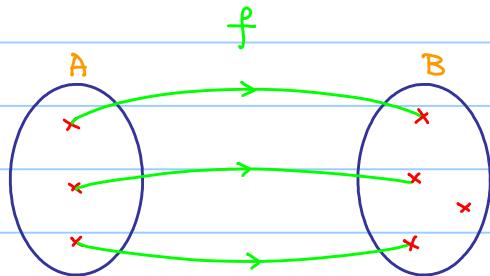
Sometimes, we simply write $a * b$ to denote $f(a, b)$.

Injective and Surjective Functions

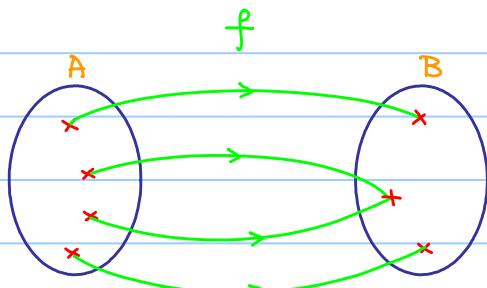
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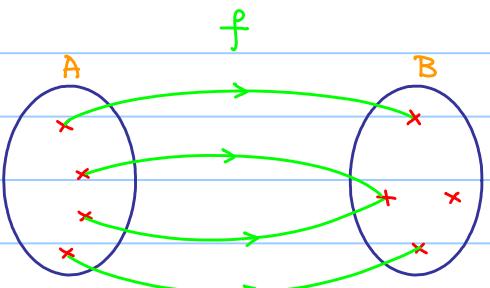
injective + surjective



injective but NOT surjective



surjective but NOT injective



injective : every $y \in \text{range}(f)$ comes from exactly one $x \in A$

surjective : every $y \in B$ comes from one $x \in A$

Definition 2.3.1

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function.

1) f is said to be an **injective** function if

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

(Explanation : Once the output are the same , the inputs must be the same !)

2) f is said to be a **surjective** function if

$$\forall y \in B, \exists x \in A \text{ st. } f(x) = y \quad (f(A) = B)$$

If f is both injective and surjective , then it is said to be **bijective**.

Definition 2.3.2

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function. If $g: B \rightarrow A$ is a function such that

$$1) g(f(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in A$$

$$2) f(g(y)) = y \quad \forall y \in B$$

Then g is said to be an inverse of f .

Theorem 2.3.1

1) If an inverse of f exists, it is unique, so we denote it by f^{-1} .

2) f has an inverse if and only if f is bijective.

Example 2.3.2

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = x^2$ is neither injective nor surjective.

$f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ defined by $f(x) = x^2$ is bijective. Its inverse $f^{-1}: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is denoted by $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

Example 2.3.3

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $B = \{a, b, c\}$ and let $f: A \rightarrow B$ defined by $f(1) = a$, $f(2) = b$, $f(3) = c$.

It can be check directly that f is bijective.

Remark: Naively, if $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a bijective function, then the "number" of elements in A and B are the same.

Example 2.3.1

Let P be the set of line segment in \mathbb{R}^2 (in usual sense)

and let $\varphi: P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be the distance function, i.e. $\varphi(s) = \text{distance of line segment } s$.

a) Show that φ is surjective but not injective.

b) Let \approx be the equivalence relation on P such that $s_1 \approx s_2$ if $\varphi(s_1) = \varphi(s_2)$.

Let $\tilde{\varphi}: P/\approx \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a function defined by $\tilde{\varphi}([s]) = \varphi(s)$.

Show that $\tilde{\varphi}$ is well-defined and bijective.

(Hence, P/\approx has the same "number" of elements as \mathbb{R})

2.4 More on Equivalence Relation

Suppose \sim is an equivalence relation on A and $*$ is a binary operation on A .

Main question: Does $*$ induce a binary operation $\tilde{*}$ on A/\sim ?

Naturally. We try to define $[a] \tilde{*} [b] = [a*b]$.

Trouble: It may happen that $a' \in [a]$, $b' \in [b]$ (i.e. $a \sim a'$ and $b \sim b'$) but $[a'*b'] \neq [a*b]$ (i.e. $a*b \neq a'*b'$).

A						
a	b		$a*b$			
:	:
a'	b'			$a'*b'$		

$[a]$	$[b]$...	$[a*b]$			
"	"					
$[a']$	$[b']$			$[a'*b']$		

A/ \sim

What we require: If $a \sim a'$, $b \sim b'$, then $a*b \sim a'*b'$.

Theorem 2.4.1

$*$ induces a binary operation $\tilde{*}$ on A/\sim if the above condition holds.

For simplicity, we abuse the use of notation and denote the binary operation on A/\sim by $*$ again.

Example 2.4.1

Define a relation R on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*$ as in example 2.2.5.

addition defined
on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*$

Define a binary operation (addition +) on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*$ by $(m,n) + (p,q) = (mq+np, nq)$.

(Think: Regard (m,n) as $\frac{m}{n}$, $(m,n) + (p,q)$ is defined as $\frac{mq+np}{nq}$)

ordinary addition
on \mathbb{Z}

If $(m,n) \sim (m',n')$ and $(p,q) \sim (p',q')$, i.e. $mn' - nm' = pq' - qp' = 0$

$$(m',n') + (p',q') = (mq' + np', nq')$$

$$\text{Then } (mq + np)nq' - nq(mq' + np') = 0 \Rightarrow (m,n) + (p,q) \sim (m',n') + (p',q')$$

∴ We can define addition on $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*/\sim$

Remark: Usually, we say $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4} \in \mathbb{Q}$. To be precise, it should be $[\frac{1}{2}], [\frac{3}{4}] \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$[\frac{1}{2}] + [\frac{3}{4}] = [\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}] \quad (+ \text{ is defined on } \mathbb{Q}, + \text{ is defined on } \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*)$$

$$= [\frac{1 \times 4 + 3 \times 2}{2 \times 4}] = [\frac{10}{8}] = [\frac{5}{4}] \quad (\because \frac{10}{8} \sim \frac{5}{4})$$

However, we can freely take other representatives in $[\frac{1}{2}], [\frac{3}{4}]$, say $\frac{3}{6} \in [\frac{1}{2}]$ and $\frac{9}{12} \in [\frac{3}{4}]$ and

$$[\frac{1}{2}] + [\frac{3}{4}] = [\frac{3}{6} + \frac{9}{12}] = [\frac{3 \times 12 + 9 \times 6}{6 \times 12}] = [\frac{90}{72}] = [\frac{5}{4}]$$

Exercise 2.4.1

Let \sim be the equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} defined in example 2.2.2.

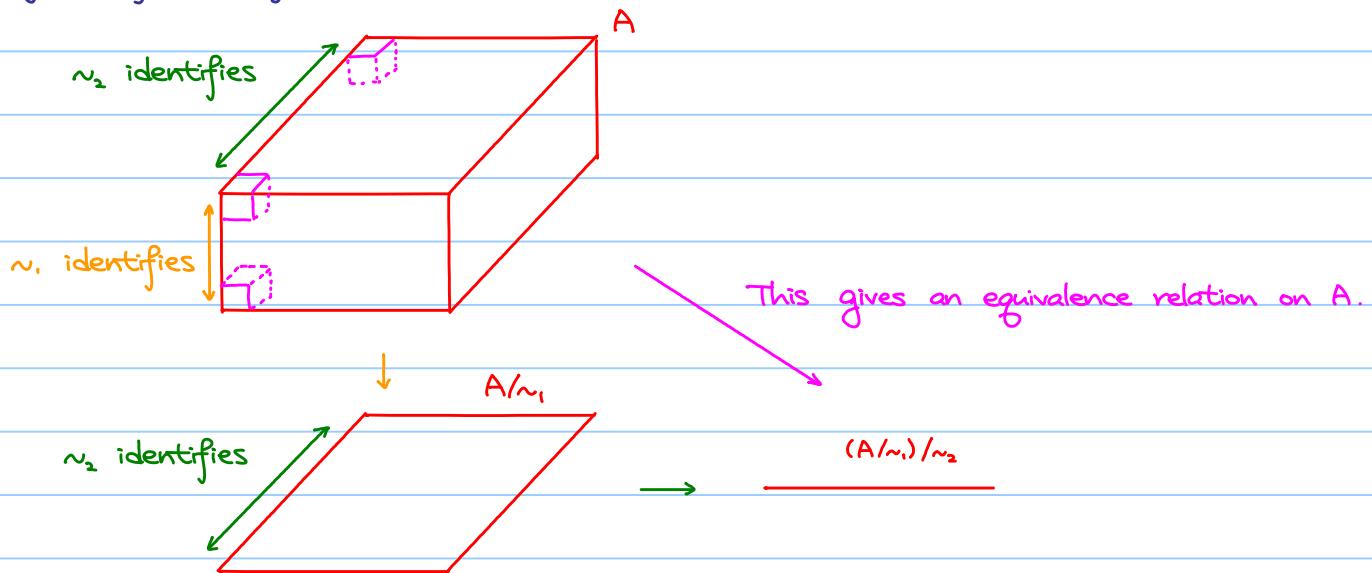
Prove that addition of \mathbb{Z} induces an addition on \mathbb{Z}/\sim .

Exercise 2.4.2

Let \sim_1 be an equivalence relation on A and \sim_2 be an equivalence relation on A/\sim_1 .

Let \sim be a relation on A defined by $a \sim b$ if $[a]_{\sim_1} \sim_2 [b]_{\sim_1}$.

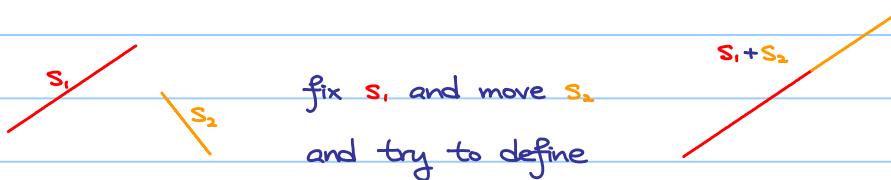
Prove that \sim is an equivalence relation on A and $A/\sim = (A/\sim_1)/\sim_2$, to be precise there exists a bijective function $f: A/\sim \rightarrow (A/\sim_1)/\sim_2$.



Think:

Let P be the set of line segments in \mathbb{R}^2 (in usual sense).

How do we define addition on P ?



However, there is an ambiguity, which endpoint of s_1 should we connect?



Therefore, instead of P , actually we define addition on P/\cong . Let $[s_1], [s_2] \in P/\cong$.

Then, we define $[s_1] + [s_2] = [s]$ where $\varphi(s) = \varphi(s_1) + \varphi(s_2)$ (Why it is well-defined?)

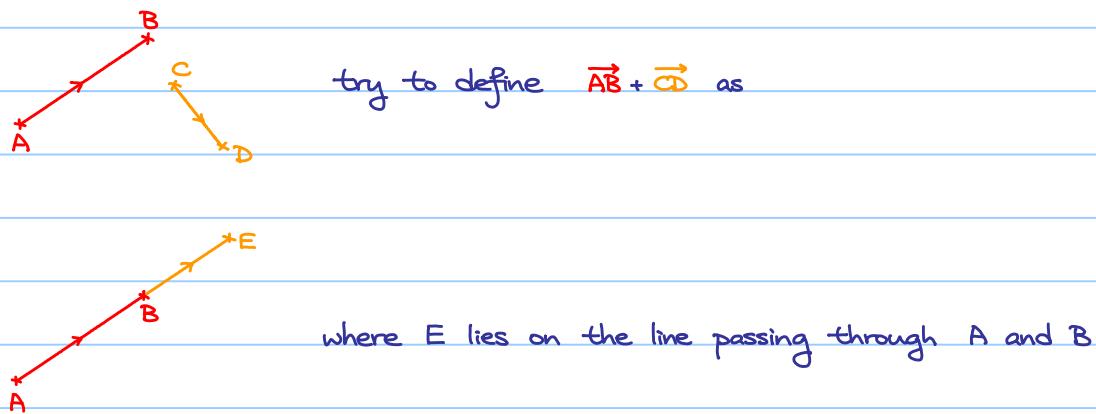
However, if S is an abstract space and there is no distance function anymore but only an equivalence relation \cong on P , how do we define addition on P/\cong ?

Here is the idea (detail will be discussed later) :

Let \tilde{P} be the set of all oriented line segments.



Addition on \tilde{P} can be defined as :



Define a relation \sim on \tilde{P} such that $\vec{AB} \sim \vec{BA}$

Actually, \sim is an equivalence relation and $(\tilde{P}/\sim) = P$.

Then it gives an equivalence relation \sim_0 on \tilde{P} such that $\tilde{P}/\sim_0 = (\tilde{P}/\sim)/\cong = P/\cong$.

We would also like to show that addition on \tilde{P} induces an addition on $\tilde{P}/\sim_0 = P/\cong$.

Recall theorem 2.4.1, what we have to show is :

if $\vec{AB} \sim_0 \vec{A'B'}$ and $\vec{CD} \sim_0 \vec{C'D'}$, then $\vec{AB} + \vec{CD} \sim_0 \vec{A'B'} + \vec{C'D'}$.