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Def: A partition of a set S is a family of sets $\mathcal{A}$

where

① Every $A \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies $A \subseteq S$.

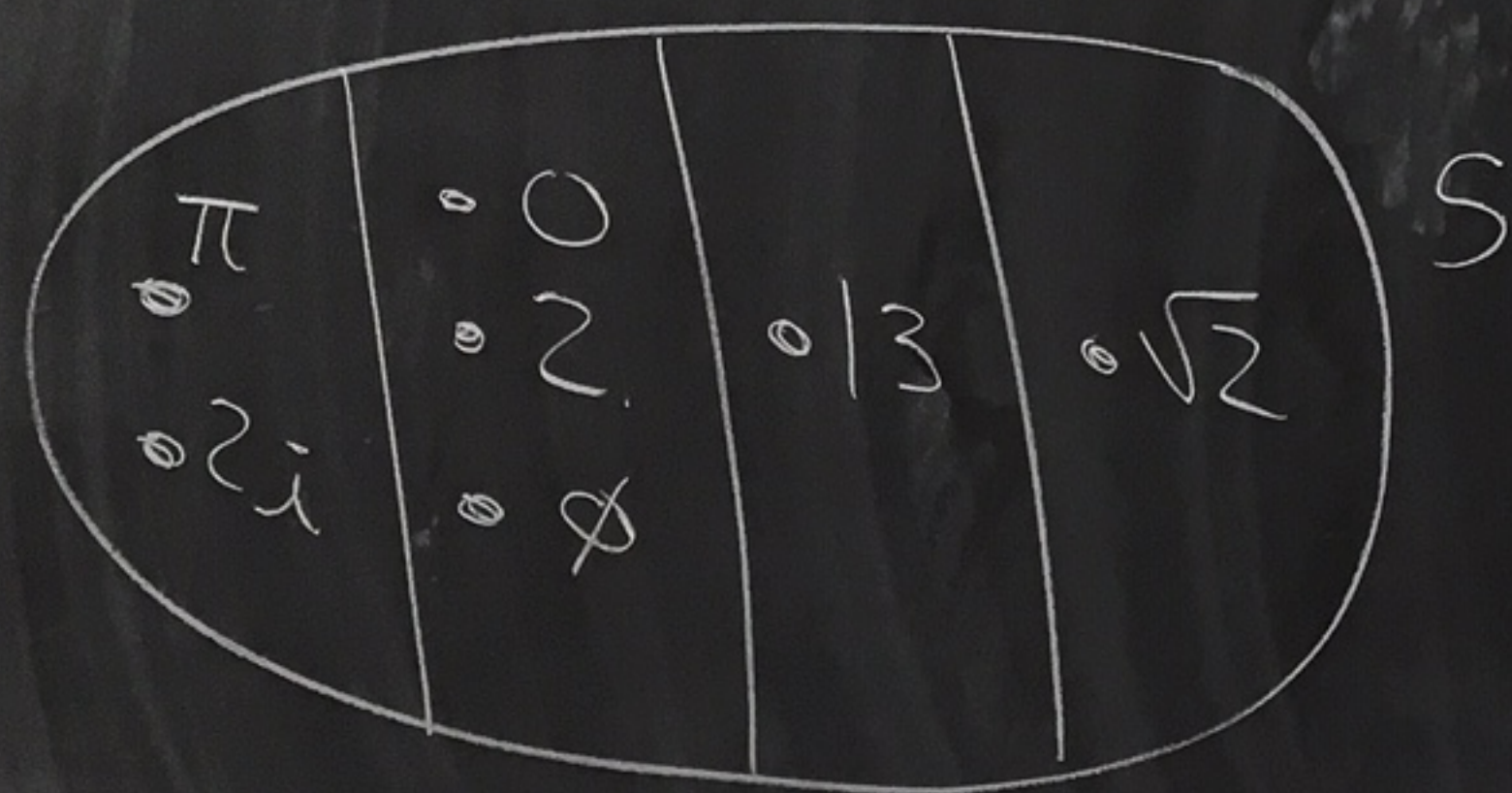
② $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = S$

③ If $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ and $A \neq B$
then $A \cap B = \emptyset$

Ex: $S = \{\pi, 13, 0, 2, \sqrt{2}, 2i, \phi\}$

$\mathcal{A}_0 = \{\{\pi, 2i\}, \{0, 2, \phi\}, \{13\}, \{\sqrt{2}\}\}$

$\mathcal{A}_0$ partitions S into 4 disjoint pieces.



$\mathcal{A}_0$ is a partition of S

① $\{\pi, 2i\} \subseteq S$
 $\{0, 2, \phi\} \subseteq S$
 $\{13\} \subseteq S$
 $\{\sqrt{2}\} \subseteq S$

② $\bigcup A = \{\pi, 2i\} \cup \{0, 2, \phi\} \cup \{13\} \cup \{\sqrt{2}\} = S$

$A \in \mathcal{A}_0$

③ $\{\pi, 2i\} \cap \{0, 2, \phi\} = \phi$
 $\{\pi, 2i\} \cap \{13\} = \phi$
 $\{\pi, 2i\} \cap \{\sqrt{2}\} = \phi$

$\{0, 2, \phi\} \cap \{13\} = \phi$
 $\{0, 2, \phi\} \cap \{\sqrt{2}\} = \phi$
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Ex: $S = \mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}\}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_3$ is a partition of $\mathbb{Z}$

$$\bar{0} = \{\dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}$$

$$\bar{1} = \{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}$$

$$\bar{2} = \{\dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots\}$$

Theorem: Let S be a non-empty set.

Let $\sim$ be an equivalence relation on S .

The set of equivalence classes

$$S/\sim = \{ \bar{a} \mid a \in S \}$$

is a partition of S .

Ex: $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \mathbb{Z}/(\equiv \text{mod } 4) = \{ \bar{a} \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3} \}$

Ex:

$$S = \mathbb{Z}$$

$\sim$ is $\equiv \pmod{3}$

$$\bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{Z}} \bar{a} = \overline{0} \cup \overline{1} \cup \overline{2} \cup \overline{3} \cup \overline{4} \cup \overline{5} \cup \overline{6} \cup \overline{7} \cup \overline{8} \cup \overline{9} \cup \dots$$

$$= \overline{0} \cup \overline{1} \cup \overline{2}$$

$$= \bigcup_{\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_3} \bar{a}$$

proof of theorem:

① Let $\bar{a} \in S/\sim$ where $a \in S$.

Then

$$\bar{a} = \{b \mid b \in S \text{ and } a \sim b\} \subseteq S.$$

② Recall that if $\bar{a} \in S/\sim$ then $a \in \bar{a}$ by the super-equivalence class theorem.

$$\text{Thus, } S = \bigcup_{a \in S} \{a\} \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in S} \bar{a} \subseteq \bigcup_{\bar{a} \in S/\sim} \bar{a}$$

$$\boxed{\{a\} \subseteq \bar{a}}$$

$$\text{So, } S \subseteq \bigcup_{\bar{a} \in S/\sim} \bar{a}.$$

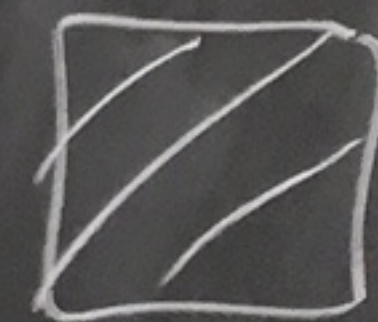
From ① each $\bar{a} \subseteq S$, so

$$\bigcup_{\bar{a} \in S/\sim} \bar{a} \subseteq S.$$

Thus,

$$S = \bigcup_{\bar{a} \in S/\sim} \bar{a}.$$

③ By the super-duper equivalence class theorem, if $a, b \in S$ then either $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$ or $\bar{a} \cap \bar{b} = \emptyset$.



Theorem: Let S be a non-empty set.

Let $\mathcal{A}_0$ be a partition of S .

Define a relation on S by
the following: Given $a, b \in S$,

then $a \sim b$ iff there exists
 $A \in \mathcal{A}_0$ with $a \in A$ and $b \in A$.

Then:

① $\sim$ is an equivalence relation on S .

② $S/\sim = \mathcal{A}_0$

Ex: $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$\mathcal{A} = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}\}$

We now construct an equivalence relation $\sim$ on S using $\mathcal{A}$.

Examples: $1 \sim 2$ since $1 \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $2 \in \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $4 \sim 4$ since $4 \in \{4\}$ and $4 \in \{4\}$

$\sim = \{ \underbrace{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,2), (2,1), (2,3), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3)}_{\text{comes from } \{1,2,3\}}, \underbrace{(4,4)}_{\text{comes from } \{4\}}, \underbrace{(5,5)}_{\text{comes from } 5} \}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \bar{1} &= \{1, 2, 3\} = \bar{2} = \bar{3} \\ \bar{4} &= \{4\} \\ \bar{5} &= \{5\} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \bar{1} &= \{1, 2, 3\} \\ \bar{4} &= \{4\} \\ \bar{5} &= \{5\} \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{equivalence classes}$

$S/\sim = \{\bar{1}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\} = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}\} = \mathcal{A}$

proof of theorem: Recall $a \sim b$ iff
there exists $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with $a \in A$ and $b \in A$.

① (reflexive) Let $x \in S$.

By the def of partition, $S = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$.

So, $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$.

So, there exists $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with $x \in A$.

Thus, $x \sim x$ [since $x \in A$ and $x \in A$].

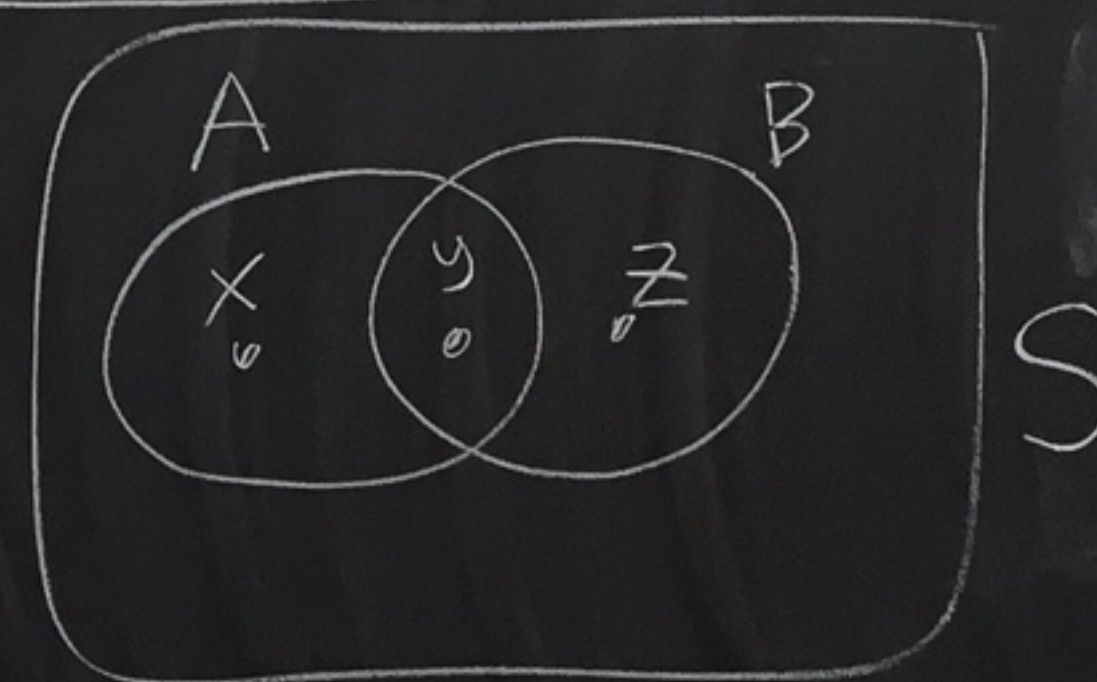
(symmetric) Let $x, y \in S$ and $x \sim y$.
Then there exists $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with
 $x \in A$ and $y \in A$.

So, $y \in A$ and $x \in A$.
Thus, $y \sim x$.

(transitive) Let $x, y, z \in S$ and $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$.

Since $x \sim y$ there exists $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with $x \in A$ and $y \in A$.
Since $y \sim z$ there exists $B \in \mathcal{A}$ with $y \in B$ and $z \in B$.

→ Since $y \in A \cap B$ we know $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$.
Since $\mathcal{A}$ is a partition we
must have $A = B$ [since if $A \neq B$,
the partition def part 3
would imply $A \cap B = \emptyset$].
Thus, $x \in A$ and $z \in A$.
So, $x \sim z$ $\square$



② We want to show that $S/\sim = \mathcal{A}$.

$\subseteq$: Let $\bar{a} \in S/\sim$.

Pick the unique $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with $a \in A$.

Then $\bar{a} = A$ by the def of $\sim$.

So, $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{A}$.

$\supseteq$: Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

Pick any $a \in A$.

Then by the def of $\sim$ we have $\bar{a} = A$.

So, $A = \bar{a} \in S/\sim$. $\square$