

A Free Magma, Semigroup, Monoid, and Group

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I. Introduction

A magma is a set with a binary operation. Some informations of a magma are in Bourbaki. And informations of semigroups, monoids, and groups are well-known. Futhermore, we can easily construct a free abelian group on any set X.

In this paper, I am going to construct a free magma on X which is not a semigroup and to make a free semigroup on X by using an associative congruence relation on the free magma. The free semigroup is not necessarily monoid. By adding a new element in the free semigroup, I am also going to form a free monoid which is not necessarily a group. Finally, by using a congruence relation on the free magma, I intend to set a free group on X which is not necessarily abelian, and then to build a free abelian group.

II. A free magma

Given set X, let $X_1 = X$, $X_n = \bigsqcup_{p=1}^{n-1} (X_p \times X_{n-p})$ for all positive integer n, and $M(X) = \bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$. For any $a \in M(X)$, we write $l(a) = n$ if $a \in X_n$. If $a, b \in M(X)$, $l(a) = p$, $l(b) = q$, and $p+q = n$, and we define $\mu(a, b) = (a, b) \in X_n$, then $\mu : M(X) \times M(X) \rightarrow M(X)$ is a well-defined map, and so $(M(X), \mu)$ is a magma. The following theorem tells us $M(X)$ is a free magma on X.

Theorem I. Let X be a set, (S, m) be a magma, and $f : X \rightarrow (S, m)$ be a function. then there exists a unique magma homomorphism $\hat{f} : (M(X), \mu) \rightarrow (S, m)$ such that $\hat{f}(x) = f(x)$ if $x \in X$ (i.e. \hat{f} is a magma homomorphism if $\hat{f}(\mu(a, b)) = m(\hat{f}(a), \hat{f}(b))$).

Proof) First, I find a magma homomorphism $\hat{f} : (M(X), \mu) \rightarrow (S, m)$ such that $\hat{f}(x) = f(x)$.

Let $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow (S, m)$ be a map with $f_1(x) = f(x)$, and $f_n : X_n \rightarrow (S, m)$ be a map which if $a \in X_p$, $b \in X_{n-p}$, and $1 \leq p \leq n-1$, then $f_n(a, b) = m(f_p(a), f_{n-p}(b))$. Then we can define the function \hat{f} given by $\hat{f}(c) = f_n(c)$ if $l(c) = n$. The map \hat{f} is a magma homomorphism : Because if $a, b \in M(X)$, $l(a) = p$, $l(b) = q$, and $p+q = n$, then $\hat{f}(\mu(a, b)) = \hat{f}((a, b)) = f_n(a, b) = m(f_p(a), f_q(b)) = m(\hat{f}(a), \hat{f}(b))$.

Second, I show uniqueness of \hat{f} . Assume $g : M(X) \rightarrow (S, m)$ is a magma homomorphism which $g(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in X$ and $\hat{f} \neq g$. Then $\hat{f}(c) \neq g(c)$ for some $c \in M(X)$. Let $l(c) = n$. If $n = 1$, then $g(c) = f(c) = \hat{f}(c)$. So $n \geq 2$. Let $C = (a, b)$, $l(a) = p < n$, and $l(b) = q < n$. Then $g(c) = m(g(a), g(b))$. By induction on n, $g(c) = m(\hat{f}(a), \hat{f}(b)) = \hat{f}(\mu(a, b))$. Hence $g(c) = \hat{f}(c)$. This leads to contradiction. Therefore $\hat{f} = g$.

Corollary. If (S, m) is a magma, then there exists a set X and a surjective magma homomorphism $h : (M(X), \mu) \rightarrow (S, m)$.

PROOF. Let $X = S$ as a set and $f : X \rightarrow S$ be identity function. By Theorem I, $h = \hat{f}$.

III. A free semigroup

A congruence relation on a magma S is an equivalence relation R such that $(ax, ay) \in R$ and $(xa, ya) \in R$ for all $a \in S, (x, y) \in R$. If S is a magma, then $S \times S$ is a congruence relation on S , and if $\{Ra \mid a \in A\}$ is a collection of congruence relations on S , then $\bigcap_{a \in A} Ra$ is a congruence relation on S .

Theorem III. 1. Let R be a congruence relation on a magma (S, m) . Then (a) $m : S/R \times S/R \rightarrow S/R$ defined by $m([x]_R, [y]_R) = [m(x, y)]_R$ is a well-defined map, where $[x]_R$ is an equivalence [congruence] class on S .

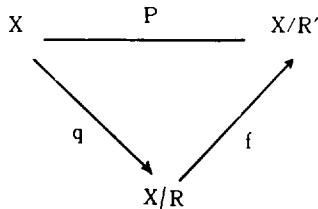
(b) $P : (S, m) \rightarrow (S/R, \bar{m})$ defined by $p(x) = [x]_R$ is a magma homomorphism.

Proof) The part of (a). Suppose $[x]_R = [x']_R$ and $[y]_R = [y']_R$. Then $(x, x') \in R$ and $(y, y') \in R$. Since R is congruent, $(xy, x'y) \in R$ and $(x'y, x'y') \in R$. Hence $(x'y, x'y') \in R$. So $[m(x, y)]_R = [m(x', y')]_R$.

The part of (b). $P(m(x, y)) = [m([x]_R, [y]_R)] = \bar{m}(p(x), p(y))$.

Let S be a magma. A congruence relation R on S is associative if $((ab)c, a(bc)) \in R$ for any $a, b, c \in S$. If R' is an associative congruence relation on S , then S/R' is a semigroup under the binary operation $[x]_{R'} \cdot [y]_{R'} = [xy]_{R'}$. Because the operation is welldefined by Theorem III. 1. and the associativity holds, for $((ab)c, a(bc)) \in R'$. Furthermore, if we assume $\{Ra \mid a \in A\}$ is a collection of associative congruence relations on a magma S , then $R = \bigcap_{a \in A} Ra$ is also an associative congruence relation on S , and so S/R is also a semigroup.

Lemma Let X be a set and R, R' be equivalence relations on X with $R \subseteq R'$. Then the diagram.

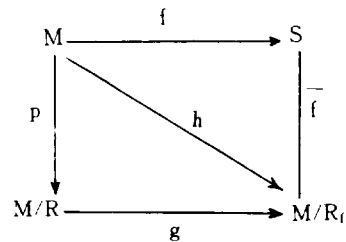


is commutative, where $p(x) = [x]_R, q(x) = [x]_{R'}$ and $f([x]_R) = [x]_{R'}$.

PROOF. I show f is well-defined. Suppose $[x]_R = [y]_R$. Then $(x, y) \in R$. So $(x, y) \in R'$. Hence $f([x]_R) = [x]_{R'} = [y]_{R'} = f([y]_R)$.

Theorem III. 2. Let M be a magma, $R = \bigcap \{R' \mid R' \text{ is an associative congruence relation on } M\}$. Then M/R is a semigroup, and if $f : M \rightarrow S$ is a magma homomorphism with S a semigroup, then there is a unique semigroup homomorphism $f_1 : M/R \rightarrow S$ such that $f_1([x]_R) = f(x)$.

Proof) Let $R_f = \{(x, y) \mid f(x) = f(y), x, y \in M\}$. Then R_f is an associative congruence relation on M and $R \subseteq R_f$ and then the diagram

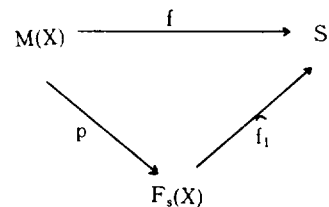


is commutative, where $p(x) = [x]_R, g([x]_R) = [x]_{R_f}, h(x) = [x]_{R_f}$, and $f([x]_{R_f}) = f(x)$. Let $f_1 = \bar{f} \cdot g$. We are done.

Let X be a set. Then $M(X)$ is a free magma on X . Let $R = \bigcap \{R' \mid R' \text{ is an associative congruence relation on } M(X)\}$. We denote $M(X)/R$ by $F_s(X)$. Then the following theorem inform us that $F_s(X)$ is a free semigroup on X .

Theorem III. 3. Let X be a set, S be a semigroup, and $f : X \rightarrow S$ be a function. Then there exists a unique semigroup homomorphism $\hat{f} : F_s(X) \rightarrow S$ such that $\hat{f} \cdot j = f$, where $j : X \rightarrow F_s(X)$ defined by $j(x) = [x]_R$. Moreover, j is one-one.

Proof) By theorem I, there is a unique magma homomorphism $\hat{f} : M(X) \rightarrow S$ such that $\hat{f}(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Then the diagram



is commutative by Theorem III. 2. Let $\hat{f} = \hat{f}_1$. Then f is a semigroup homomorphism and $\hat{f}(j(x)) = \hat{f}_1([x]_R) = \hat{f}_1(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in X$. I show \hat{f}_1 is unique. Since \hat{f} is uniquely determined from f and \hat{f}_1 uniquely determined by \hat{f} , so f is uniquely determined from f . I prove the part of moreover. Let $\hat{X} = X \sqcup \{0\}$, $0 \notin X$ and define a map $*$: $\hat{X} \times \hat{X} \rightarrow \hat{X}$ by $a * b = 0$ for any $a, b \in \hat{X}$. Then $(\hat{X}, *)$ is a semigroup and $X \subset \hat{X}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow \hat{X}$ be an inclusion map. Then there is a semigroup homomorphism $\hat{f}: F_s(X) \rightarrow \hat{X}$ such that $\hat{f} \cdot j = f$. If $x, x' \in X$, and $j(x) = j(x')$, then $f(j(x)) = f(j(x'))$. Then $f(x) = f(x')$ or $x = x'$. So j is one-one.

Corollary. Let X be a set. $X_1 = X$, $X_2 = X \times X$, ... , and $X^+ = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} X_i$. If $a = (x_1, \dots, x_i) \in X_i$, $b = (y_1, \dots, y_j) \in X_j$, we define $m: X^+ \times X^+ \rightarrow X^+$ by $m(a, b) = (x_1, \dots, x_i, y_1, \dots, y_j)$. Then (X^+, m) is a semigroup. The inclusion map $f: X \rightarrow X^+$ extends to a unique semigroup homomorphism $\hat{f}: F_s(X) \rightarrow X^+$ such that $\hat{f} \cdot j = f$. Moreover, \hat{f} is a semigroup isomorphism.

IV. A free monoid

Let (S, m) be a semigroup and define $S_1 = S \sqcup \{e\}$ (where e is a new element not in S), $m': S_1 \times S_1 \rightarrow S_1$ by $m'(e, e) = e$, $m'(e, s) = m(s, e) = s$, and $m'(s, s') = m(s, s')$ if $s, s' \in S$. Then m' is associative on S_1 and e is an identity. So (S_1, m') is a monoid. Let $f: S \rightarrow S'$ is a semigroup homomorphism. Let define $f_1: S_1 \rightarrow S'_1$ by $f_1(e) = e'$ and $f_1(a) = f(a) \in S'$. Then f_1 is a monoid homomorphism. Let X be a set. Then $F_s(X)$ is a free semigroup on X . We denote $F_s(X)_1 = F_m(X)$. The following theorem tells us $F_s(X)_1$ is a free monoid on X .

Theorem IV. 1. Let M be a monoid with identity e' and $f: X \rightarrow M$ be a function. Then there is a unique monoid homomorphism $\hat{f}: F_m(X) \rightarrow M$ such that $\hat{f} \cdot j = f$, where $j: X \rightarrow F_s(X) \subseteq F_m(X)$.

Proof Since M is a semigroup, by Theorem III. 3, there is a semigroup homomorphism $\hat{f}: F_s(X) \rightarrow M$ such that $\hat{f} \cdot j = f$. Let $\hat{f}: F_m(X) \rightarrow M$ defined by $\hat{f}(a) = \hat{f}(a)$ if $a \in F_s(X)$ and $\hat{f}(a) = e'$. Then \hat{f} is a monoid homomorphism and $\hat{f} \cdot j = \hat{f} \cdot j = f$. I prove uniqueness of \hat{f} . Suppose $g: F_m(X) \rightarrow M$ is a monoid homomorphism with $g \cdot j = f$. Since

$F_s(X) \subseteq F_m(X)$ and $g(ab) = g(a)g(b)$ for any $a, b \in F_s(X)$, so the restriction of g on $F_s(X)$ is a semigroup homomorphism and $g \cdot j = f$. By uniqueness for $F_s(X)$, we have $g|_{F_s(X)} = \hat{f}$. Thus $g(a) = \hat{f}(a)$ for any $a \in F_s(X)$ and $g(e) = e'$. Hence $g = \hat{f}$.

Let S be a monoid with identity e , and B be a subset of S . Let $\langle B \rangle = \{x_1 \cdots x_k \mid x_i \in B \cup \{e\}, k = 1, 2, \dots\}$. Then $\langle B \rangle$ is a submonoid, we call the submonoid generated by B . We note that if $f: S \rightarrow S'$ is an onto monoid homomorphism, and B generates S , then $\langle B \rangle$ generates S' . The following theorem tells us that $F_m(X)$ is a monoid generated by $j(X)$.

Theorem IV. 2. Let X be a set. Then $F_m(X)$ is generated by $j(X)$

Proof Consider $\langle j(X) \rangle = F$ is a submonoid of $F_m(X)$.

Let $K: X \rightarrow F$ defined by $K(x) = j(x)$ for all $x \in X$. From K we get a unique monoid homomorphism $\check{K}: F_m(X) \rightarrow F$ with $\check{K} \cdot j = K$. Then $F_m(X) \xrightarrow{\check{K}} F \xrightarrow{h} F_m(X)$, $h = \text{incl} \cdot \check{K}$, and $h(j(x)) = \text{incl}(\check{K}(j(x))) = j(x)$. So h is a monoid homomorphism from $F_m(X)$ to $F_m(X)$ with $h \cdot j = j$. However, the identity map $\text{id}_{F_m(X)}$ is also a monoid homomorphism with $\text{id}_{F_m(X)} \cdot j = j$. Since $F_m(X)$ is a free monoid, $h = \text{id}_{F_m(X)}$. Hence $F = F_m(X)$.

V. A free group

Let X be a set and \bar{X} be a copy of X under $X \rightarrow \bar{X}$ by $x \rightarrow \bar{x}$. Consider $F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X})$. Let $R = \bigcap \{R' \mid R' \text{ is a congruence relation on } F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X}) \text{ with } (j(x)j(\bar{x}), e) \in R' \text{ and } (j(\bar{x})j(x), e) \in R'\}$. Then R is a congruence relation on $F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X})$ and $(j(x)j(\bar{x}), e) \in R$, $(j(\bar{x})j(x), e) \in R$ for all $x \in X$. Define $F(X) = F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X})/R$, and let $K: X \rightarrow F(X)$ be defined by $K(x) = [j(x)]_R$. Then the following theorem tells us $F(X)$ is a free group on X .

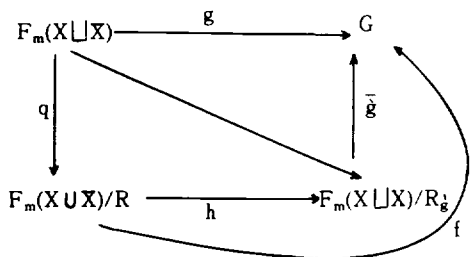
Theorem V. 1. Let G be a group and $f: X \rightarrow G$ be a function. Then there is a unique group homomorphism $\hat{f}: F(X) \rightarrow G$ such that $\hat{f} \cdot k = f$.

Proof. By Theorem IV. 2, $j(X \sqcup \bar{X})$ generates $F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X})$. Let the canonical map $q: F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X}) \rightarrow F(X)$ be defined by $q(a) = [a]_R$. Since

q is onto, so $q(j(X \sqcup \bar{X}))$ generates $F(X)$. Let $B = q(j(X \sqcup \bar{X}))$. If $b \in B$, then $b = q(j(x)) = [j(x)]_R$ or $b = q(j(\bar{x})) = [j(\bar{x})]_R$. Let define

$$b' = \begin{cases} [j(\bar{x})]_R & \text{if } b = [j(x)]_R \\ [j(x)]_R & \text{if } b = [j(\bar{x})]_R \end{cases}$$

Since $[j(x) j(\bar{x})]_R = [e]_R = [j(\bar{x}) j(x)]_R$ we have $[j(x)]_R [j(\bar{x})]_R = e_{F(X)} = [j(\bar{x})]_R [j(x)]_R$ where $e_{F(X)} = [e]_R$ is the identity in $F(X)$. So $bb' = b'b = e_{F(X)}$. Thus $\langle B \rangle = F(X)$ has inverses. So $F(X)$ is a group. I find a group homomorphism \hat{f} . Define $g : X \sqcup \bar{X} \rightarrow G$ by $g(x) = f(x)$ if $x \in X$ and $g(\bar{x}) = f(x)^{-1}$ if $\bar{x} \in \bar{X}$. Then g is determined by f . And then there is a unique monoid homomorphism $\hat{g} : F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X}) \rightarrow G$ such that $\hat{g} \cdot j = g$ (Theorem IV. 1) and $\hat{g}(j(x)j(\bar{x})) = (\hat{g}(j(x))) = (x)g(\bar{x}) = e$. So $(j(x) j(\bar{x}), e) \in R_{\hat{g}} = \{(x, y) \mid \hat{g}(x) = \hat{g}(y) x, y \in F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X})\}$ (congruence relation on $F_m(X \sqcup \bar{X})$). Also $(j(\bar{x})j(x), e) \in R_{\hat{g}}$. So $R_{\hat{g}} \supseteq R$. By the diagram



where $\hat{f} = \bar{g} \cdot h$, \hat{f} is a group homomorphism uniquely determined by f .

Corollary. In Theorem V. 1., $K : X \rightarrow F(X)$ is one-one. Proof. Let $P(X)$ be a family of all subsets of X . Then $P(X)$ is a group with the binary operation $A * B = (A - B) \sqcup (B - A)$ if $A, B \subset X$. Consider $f : X \rightarrow P(X)$ defined by $f(x) = \{x\}$. Then f is one-one. By Theorem V. 1., there is a group homomorphism $\hat{f} : F(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ such that $\hat{f} \cdot K = f$. If $K(x) = K(x')$ for $x, x' \in X$, then $(\hat{f} \cdot K)(x) = (f \cdot K)(x')$, i. e. $f(x) = f(x')$. So $x = x'$.

Remark. Suppose we want to construct a group that has elements a, b such that $a^2 = e, b^3 = e$, and $aba = b^2$. Consider $X = \{A, B\}$, $F(X)$, and $R = \{(A^2, e) \mid R' \text{ is a congruence relation on } F(X) \text{ with } (A^2, e) \in R', (B^3, e) \in R', (ABA, B^2) \in R'\}$. Then $F(X)/R$ is that group which $a = [A]_R$ and $b = [B]_R$.

VI. A free abelian group

Remark (1). Let G be a group, S be a subset of G , and assume that if $g \in G$ and $s \in S$, then $gsg^{-1} \in S$. Let $N = \bigcap \{H \mid H \text{ is a subgroup of } G \text{ containing } S\}$. Then N is a normal subgroup of G . And any normal subgroup K of G with $S \subseteq K$ has $N \subseteq K$. Furthermore, if $f : G \rightarrow G'$ is a group homomorphism with $f(s) = e$ for all $s \in S$, then $N \subseteq \ker(f)$ and $f = h \cdot K$, where $K : G \rightarrow G'/N$ is given by $K(g) = gN$ and $h : G/N \rightarrow G'$ is given by $h(gN) = f(g)$.

(2) Let G be a group and $(a, b) = a^{-1}b^{-1}ab$ for $a, b \in G$. Let A, B be normal subgroups of G and let $S = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$. Then $gsg^{-1} \in S$ if $g \in G$ and $s \in S$. Let $(A, B) = \bigcap \{H \mid H \text{ is a subgroup of } G \text{ containing } S\}$. Let $K : G \rightarrow G/(A, B)$ be the homomorphism defined by $K(g) = g(A, B)$. Then $K(a)K(b) = K(b)K(a)$ for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. If $f : G \rightarrow G'$ is a group homomorphism with $f(a)f(b) = f(b)f(a)$ for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, then $(A, B) \subseteq \ker(f)$. Furthermore, if $A = B = G$ and $f : G \rightarrow G'$ is a group homomorphism with G' abelian, then $(G, G) \subseteq \ker(f)$, and then $G/(G, G)$ is abelian.

By the above Remark (1), (2), we can state and prove the following theorem.

Theorem VI. 1. Let $G = F(X)$ be the free group on X , and let $K : X \rightarrow G$ be the injective map associated to it. Let $F_{ab}(X) = G/(G, G)$ and let $\bar{K} : X \rightarrow F_{ab}(X)$ be defined by $\bar{K}(x) = k(X)/(G, G)$. Then $F_{ab}(X)$ is abelian, and if $f : X \rightarrow G'$ is any function from X to an abelian group, then there is a unique group homomorphism $\bar{f} : F_{ab}(X) \rightarrow G'$ such that $\bar{f}(\bar{K}(x)) = f(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Proof. By the above Remark (1), (2), $F_{ab}(X)$ is abelian. So we find the function $\hat{f} : F_{ab}(X) \rightarrow G'$. By Theorem V. 1. there is a unique group homomorphism $\hat{f} : G \rightarrow G'$ such that $\hat{f} \cdot K = f$ on X . Since G' is abelian, so $(G, G) \subseteq \ker(\hat{f})$ by the above Remark. Let $P : G \rightarrow F_{ab}(X)$ defined by $P(a) = a(G, G)$ for all $a \in G$, and define $\bar{f} : F_{ab}(X) \rightarrow G'$ by $\bar{f}(P(a)) = \hat{f}(a)$. Then \bar{f} is well-defined by the above remark. Since \hat{f} is a group homomorphism, so \bar{f} is

a group homomorphism : Because

$\bar{f}(P(a)P(b)) = \bar{f}(P(ab)) = \bar{f}(ab) = \bar{f}(a)\bar{f}(b) = \bar{f}(P(a))\bar{f}(P(b))$. And then \bar{f} is determined uniquely by f which $\bar{f} \cdot p = \bar{f}$.

Corollary. In Theorem VI, 1. $F_{ab}(X)$ is a free abelian group on $\bar{K}(X)$.

Proof. Let G' be an abelian group and $f : \bar{K}(X) \rightarrow G'$ be a function. Then $f \cdot \bar{K} : X \rightarrow G'$ is a function. By Theorem VI, 1., there is a unique group homomorphism $\bar{f} : F_{ab}(X) \rightarrow G'$ such that $\bar{f} \cdot p = f$.

$\bar{K} = f \cdot \bar{K}$ on X . And so $\bar{f} = f$ on $\bar{K}(X)$.

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