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# Summer Math Course

- Start from scratch
- Modernize
- Prove everything
- Blend in applications

Slogan: What I cannot prove, I do not understand.

"Mathematical Physics"  
by Robert Geroch  
hw 1: Buy this book

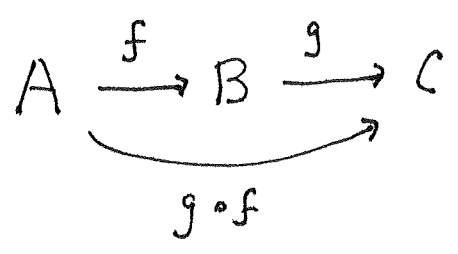
## Topics:

1. Category Theory
2. Groups and Rings
3. Vector Spaces
4. Topology
5. Analysis
6. Differential Topology
7. Lie Groups
8. More...

Categories ... take a little getting used to.

def: "Objects":  $A, B, C, \dots$

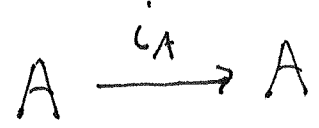
"Morphisms":  $\text{mor}(A, B)$



Morphisms must compose as if they were functions.

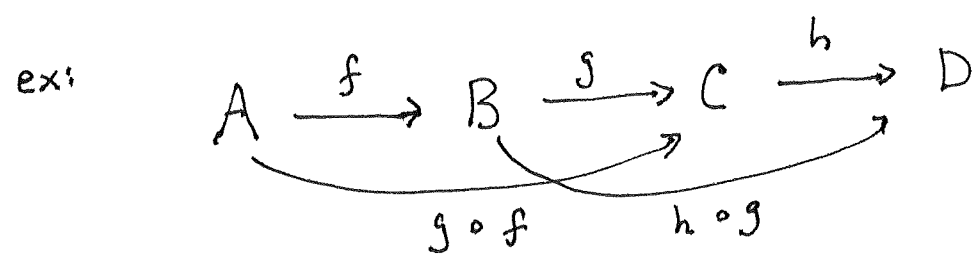
$(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f)$  Just like functions.

For any object  $A$ , there must be a morphism



such that  $f \circ i_A = f$  and  $i_A \circ f = f$ .

def: Commuting diagrams



Commutates  $\iff \circ$  is associative.

# Preview:

Objects	Morphisms
Sets	functions
groups	group homomorphisms
partially ordered sets	order preserving functions
$\mathbb{N}$	$m_{n,m} \equiv \{n \times m \text{ real matrices}\}$
Topological Spaces	continuous functions
Manifolds	smooth functions
Lie groups	smooth homomorphisms
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## Distinguished morphisms

- If  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$  is such that

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \\ \circlearrowleft \\ \xrightarrow{\beta} \end{array} A \xrightarrow{f} B \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta \quad \text{for all } X, \alpha, \beta$$

then  $f$  is a monomorphism.

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then  $f$  is an epimorphism.

- Given  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ , if a morphism  $f^{-1}$  exists such that

$$i_A \circlearrowleft A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \circlearrowright \\ \xleftarrow{f^{-1}} \end{array} B \circlearrowright i_B$$

commutes, then  $f$  is an isomorphism.

We then say  $A \cong B$ .

Example: The category of Sets

objects : sets

morphisms: "functions"

def: A relation  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ .

Notation:  $(a, b) \in f \iff a f b$ .

def: A function  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is a relation where  $\text{dom}(f) = A$  and  $a f x$  and  $a f y \implies x = y$ . see hw problem.

Q: How many functions are there

$$\{\} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R} ?$$

Ans: Exactly one. hw #3: What is it?

monomorphisms	1-1 functions	"injective"
epimorphisms	onto functions	"surjective"
isomorphisms	both 1-1 and onto	"bijective"

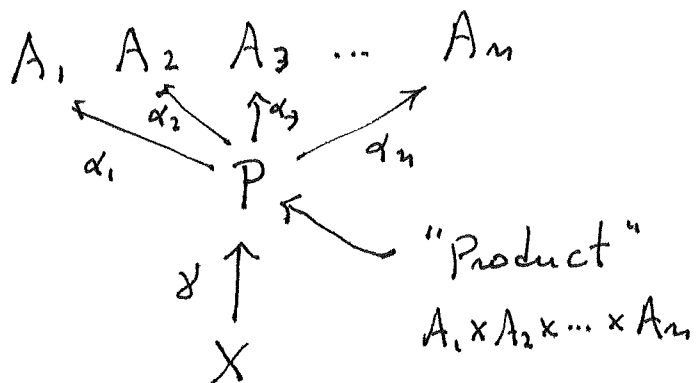
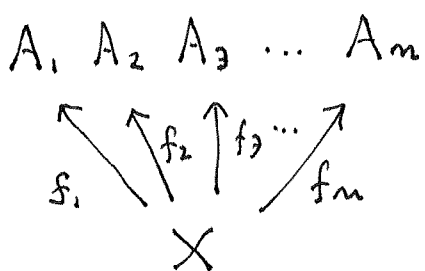
Proof: hw #3

Claim: If  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$  and  $B \xrightarrow{g} A$ , then  $A \cong B$ .

Proof: hw #4 [Cantor-Bernstein theorem].

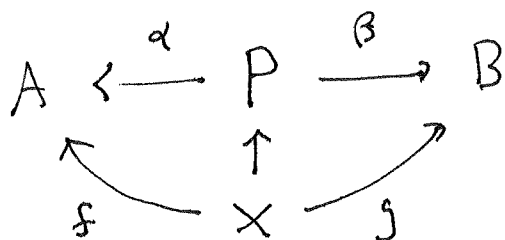
# The categorical product

## Motivation



Want  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) \longleftrightarrow \gamma$

def: Given  $A, B, (P, \alpha, \beta)$  is a product of  $A$  and  $B$  if, for any  $X, f, g$  as below,



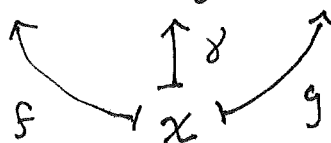
there is a unique  $\gamma$  such that the diagram commutes.

Example: sets  $P \equiv A \times B$  is the cartesian product

$$\alpha : (a, b) \mapsto a$$

$$\beta : (a, b) \mapsto b$$

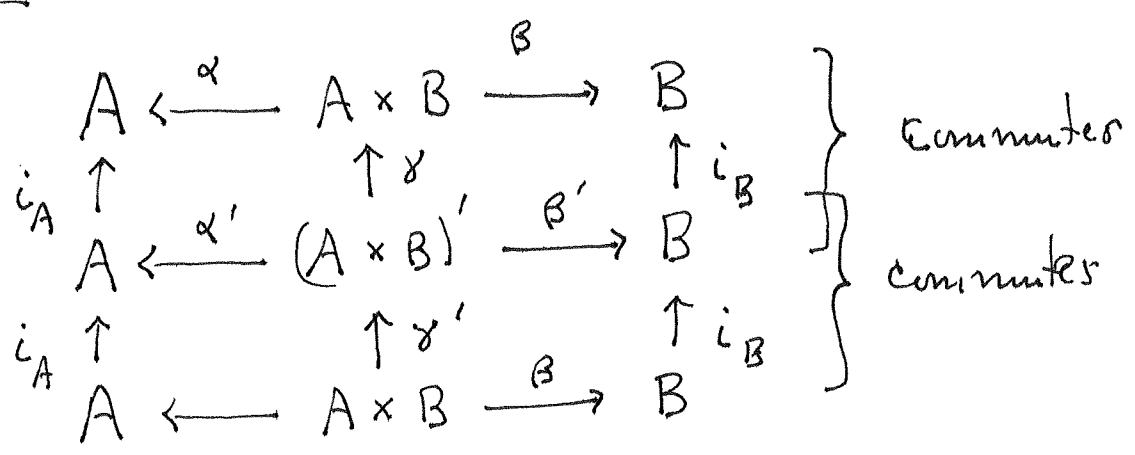
$$f(x) \mapsto (f(x), g(x)) \mapsto g(x)$$



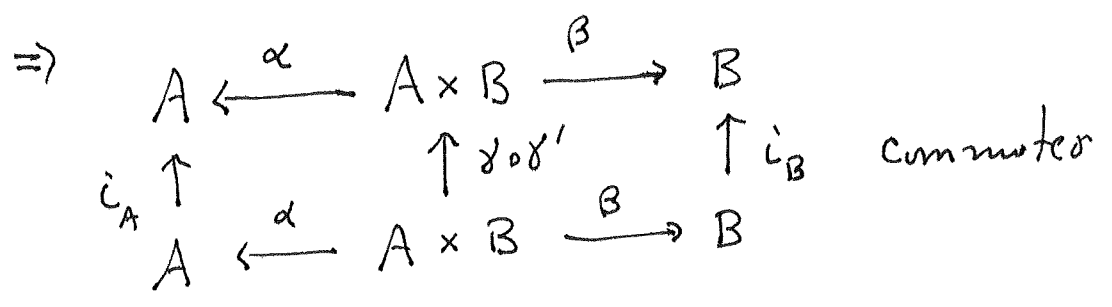
$$\gamma(x) \equiv (f(x), g(x)) \quad \checkmark$$

Theorem: Products are unique in any category.

Proof:



⇒ Whole diagram commutes



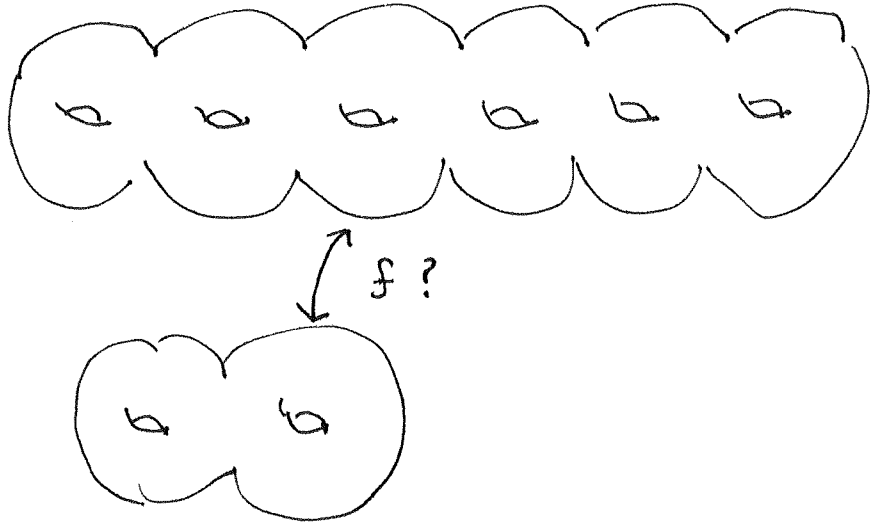
$$\Rightarrow \gamma \circ \gamma' = i_{A \times B} \Rightarrow \gamma' \circ \gamma = i_{(A \times B)'} \Rightarrow A \times B \cong (A \times B)'$$

Summary: Products are unique by "abstract nonsense."

hw #5: Re-do these proofs.

hw #6: What is the dual notion categorically [it's called the sum].? What is this in the category of sets?

# Interruption





...Back in the category of sets

def: Given a set  $X$ , a relation  $\leq \subset X \times X$  is a partial order if

$$x \leq x$$

$$x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$$

$$x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y.$$

Example: Let  $A, B, \dots$  be subsets of a set  $Z$ .

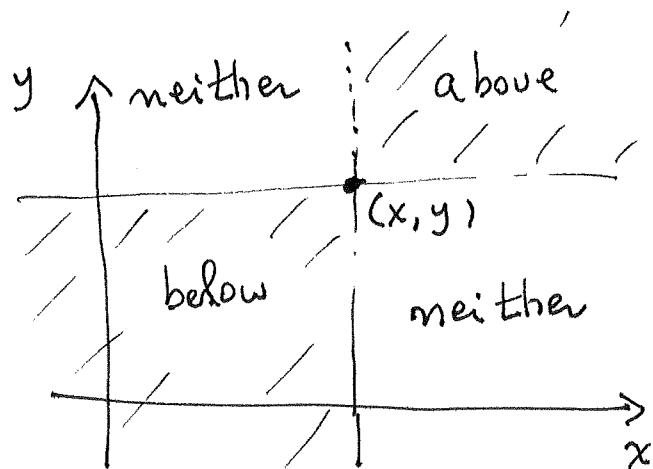
$A \leq B \equiv A \subset B$  is a partial order

"ordered by inclusion".

def: A chain is a partial order where

$$x \leq y \text{ or } y \leq x \text{ for every } x, y \in X.$$

Also called a total order.



ex: Let

$$(x, y) \leq (x', y')$$

$$\text{iff } x \leq x' \text{ and } y \leq y'$$

Equivalence relations ★ Very important

def:  $E \subset X \times X$  is an equivalence relation if

- a)  $x E y$  and  $y E z \Rightarrow x E z$  "E is transitive"
- b)  $x E y \Leftrightarrow y E x$  "E is symmetric"
- c)  $x E x$  "E is reflexive"

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

$[x]_E \equiv \{x' \in X : x' E x\}$  an equivalence class.

$X/E \equiv \{[x]_E : x \in X\}$  the set of equivalence classes.

Thm:  $X/E$  covers  $X$  without overlapping.

Proof: homework.

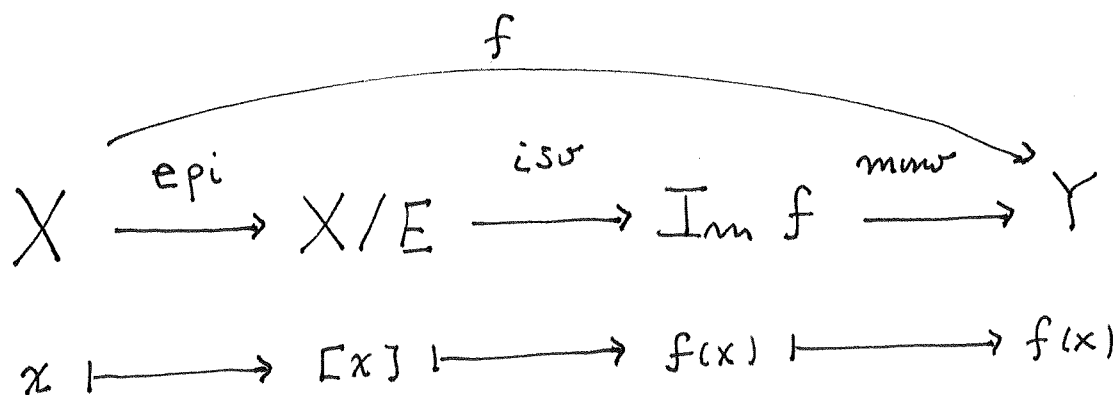
$E_q(R) \equiv \{ \text{the intersection of all equivalence relations containing the relation } R \}$

hw: Prove that: if  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are equivalence relations, then so is  $E_1 \cap E_2$ .

Now we will show that every function has an isomorphism hidden inside it!

$$\text{Let } X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

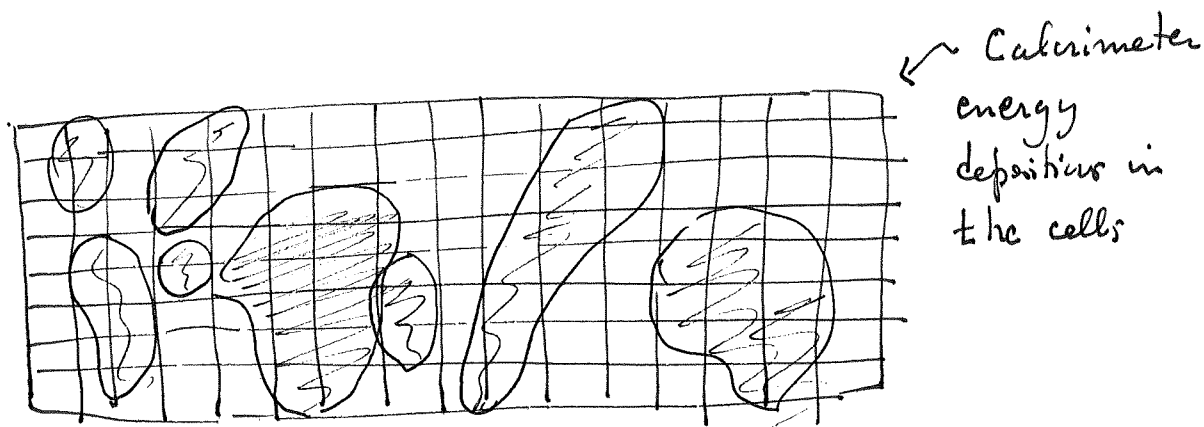
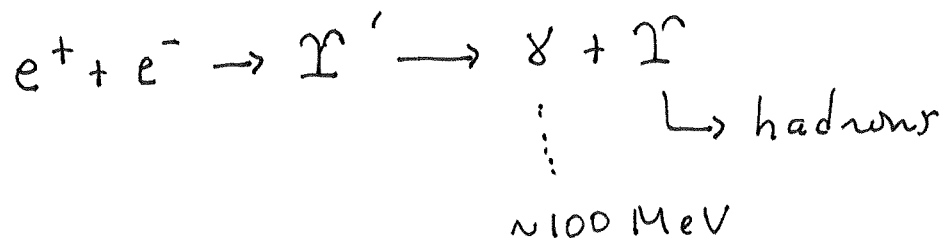
$$\text{Let } x E x' \text{ iff } f(x) = f(x')$$



This will also work in other categories.

# Application:

Cornell  $e^+e^-$  synchrotron

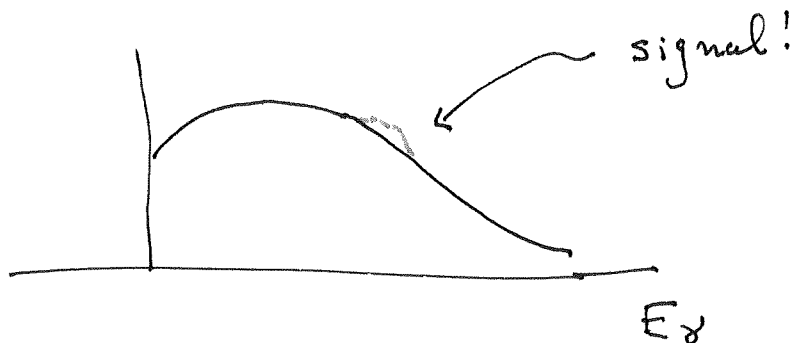


How to find the best clustering?

Ans:

1. Let  $x R y$  if  $y$  is the "best neighbor of  $x$ ".
2. Clusters are  $X / E_g(R)$ .

Algorithm for this is fast:  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ .



Next time:  
 Groups Reading:  
 Gesch Ch. 1-5.