

Chains on a Grating in Euclidean Space¹

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The notation and terminology used here are introduced in the following papers: [20], [10], [22], [23], [18], [8], [12], [9], [17], [1], [19], [14], [3], [6], [13], [16], [2], [11], [4], [7], [21], and [5].

1. PRELIMINARIES

We use the following convention: X , x , y , z are sets and n , m , k , k' , d' are natural numbers.

The following two propositions are true:

- (1) For all real numbers x , y such that $x < y$ there exists a real number z such that $x < z$ and $z < y$.
- (2) For all real numbers x , y there exists a real number z such that $x < z$ and $y < z$.

The scheme *FrSet 1 2* deals with a non empty set \mathcal{A} , a non empty set \mathcal{B} , a binary functor \mathcal{F} yielding an element of \mathcal{A} , and a binary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

$$\{\mathcal{F}(x, y); x \text{ ranges over elements of } \mathcal{B}, y \text{ ranges over elements of } \mathcal{B} : \mathcal{P}[x, y]\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$$

for all values of the parameters.

Let B be a set and let A be a subset of B . Then 2^A is a subset of 2^B .

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Let X be a set. A subset of X is an element of 2^X .

Let d be a real natural number. Let us observe that d is zero if and only if:

(Def. 1) $d \neq 0$.

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(Def. 2) $d \neq 1$.

Let us note that there exists a natural number which is non zero.

In the sequel d denotes a non zero natural number.

Let us consider d . Observe that $\text{Seg } d$ is non empty.

In the sequel i, i_0 denote elements of $\text{Seg } d$.

Let us consider X . Let us observe that X is trivial if and only if:

(Def. 3) For all x, y such that $x \in X$ and $y \in X$ holds $x = y$.

Next we state the proposition

(4)² $\{x, y\}$ is trivial iff $x = y$.

Let us observe that there exists a set which is non trivial and finite.

Let X be a non trivial set and let Y be a set. Note that $X \cup Y$ is non trivial and $Y \cup X$ is non trivial.

Let us observe that \mathbb{R} is non trivial.

Let X be a non trivial set. Observe that there exists a subset of X which is non trivial and finite.

The following proposition is true

(5) If X is trivial and $X \cup \{y\}$ is non trivial, then there exists x such that $X = \{x\}$.

Now we present two schemes. The scheme *NonEmptyFinite* deals with a non empty set \mathcal{A} , a non empty finite subset \mathcal{B} of \mathcal{A} , and a unary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

$\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{B}]$

provided the following requirements are met:

- For every element x of \mathcal{A} such that $x \in \mathcal{B}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\{x\}]$, and
- Let x be an element of \mathcal{A} and B be a non empty finite subset of \mathcal{A} . If $x \in \mathcal{B}$ and $B \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ and $x \notin B$ and $\mathcal{P}[B]$, then $\mathcal{P}[B \cup \{x\}]$.

The scheme *NonTrivialFinite* deals with a non trivial set \mathcal{A} , a non trivial finite subset \mathcal{B} of \mathcal{A} , and a unary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

$\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{B}]$

provided the following conditions are met:

- For all elements x, y of \mathcal{A} such that $x \in \mathcal{B}$ and $y \in \mathcal{B}$ and $x \neq y$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\{x, y\}]$, and
- Let x be an element of \mathcal{A} and B be a non trivial finite subset of \mathcal{A} . If $x \in \mathcal{B}$ and $B \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ and $x \notin B$ and $\mathcal{P}[B]$, then $\mathcal{P}[B \cup \{x\}]$.

Next we state the proposition

²The proposition (3) has been removed.

- (6) $\overline{X} = 2$ iff there exist x, y such that $x \in X$ and $y \in X$ and $x \neq y$ and for every z such that $z \in X$ holds $z = x$ or $z = y$.

Let X, Y be finite sets. Note that $X \dot{\div} Y$ is finite.

We now state three propositions:

- (7) m is even iff n is even iff $m + n$ is even.
 (8) Let X, Y be finite sets. Suppose X misses Y . Then $\text{card } X$ is even iff $\text{card } Y$ is even if and only if $\text{card}(X \cup Y)$ is even.
 (9) For all finite sets X, Y holds $\text{card } X$ is even iff $\text{card } Y$ is even iff $\text{card}(X \dot{\div} Y)$ is even.

Let us consider n . Then \mathcal{R}^n can be characterized by the condition:

- (Def. 4) For every x holds $x \in \mathcal{R}^n$ iff x is a function from $\text{Seg } n$ into \mathbb{R} .

We adopt the following rules: l, r, l', r', x are elements of \mathcal{R}^d , G_1 is a non trivial finite subset of \mathbb{R} , and $l_1, r_1, l'_1, r'_1, x_1$ are real numbers.

Let us consider d, x, i . Then $x(i)$ is a real number.

2. GRATINGS, CELLS, CHAINS, CYCLES

Let us consider d . A function from $\text{Seg } d$ into $2^{\mathbb{R}}$ is said to be a d -dimensional grating if:

- (Def. 5) For every i holds $it(i)$ is non trivial and finite.

In the sequel G is a d -dimensional grating.

Let us consider d, G, i . Then $G(i)$ is a non trivial finite subset of \mathbb{R} .

The following propositions are true:

- (10) $x \in \prod G$ iff for every i holds $x(i) \in G(i)$.
 (11) $\prod G$ is finite.
 (12) For every non empty finite subset X of \mathbb{R} there exists r_1 such that $r_1 \in X$ and for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in X$ holds $r_1 \geq x_1$.
 (13) For every non empty finite subset X of \mathbb{R} there exists l_1 such that $l_1 \in X$ and for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in X$ holds $l_1 \leq x_1$.
 (14) There exist l_1, r_1 such that $l_1 \in G_1$ and $r_1 \in G_1$ and $l_1 < r_1$ and for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in G_1$ holds $l_1 \not\leq x_1$ or $x_1 \not\leq r_1$.
 (15) There exist l_1, r_1 such that $l_1 \in G_1$ and $r_1 \in G_1$ and $r_1 < l_1$ and for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in G_1$ holds $x_1 \not\leq r_1$ and $l_1 \not\leq x_1$.

Let us consider G_1 . An element of $[\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}]$ is called a gap of G_1 if it satisfies the condition (Def. 6).

- (Def. 6) There exist l_1, r_1 such that

- (i) $it = \langle l_1, r_1 \rangle$,
- (ii) $l_1 \in G_1$,
- (iii) $r_1 \in G_1$, and

- (iv) $l_1 < r_1$ and for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in G_1$ holds $l_1 \not\leq x_1$ or $x_1 \not\leq r_1$ or $r_1 < l_1$ and for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in G_1$ holds $l_1 \not\leq x_1$ and $x_1 \not\leq r_1$.

The following propositions are true:

- (16) $\langle l_1, r_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:
- (i) $l_1 \in G_1$,
 - (ii) $r_1 \in G_1$, and
 - (iii) $l_1 < r_1$ and for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in G_1$ holds $l_1 \not\leq x_1$ or $x_1 \not\leq r_1$ or $r_1 < l_1$ and for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in G_1$ holds $l_1 \not\leq x_1$ and $x_1 \not\leq r_1$.
- (17) If $G_1 = \{l_1, r_1\}$, then $\langle l'_1, r'_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 iff $l'_1 = l_1$ and $r'_1 = r_1$ or $l'_1 = r_1$ and $r'_1 = l_1$.
- (18) If $x_1 \in G_1$, then there exists r_1 such that $\langle x_1, r_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 .
- (19) If $x_1 \in G_1$, then there exists l_1 such that $\langle l_1, x_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 .
- (20) If $\langle l_1, r_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 and $\langle l_1, r'_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 , then $r_1 = r'_1$.
- (21) If $\langle l_1, r_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 and $\langle l'_1, r_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 , then $l_1 = l'_1$.
- (22) If $r_1 < l_1$ and $\langle l_1, r_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 and $r'_1 < l'_1$ and $\langle l'_1, r'_1 \rangle$ is a gap of G_1 , then $l_1 = l'_1$ and $r_1 = r'_1$.

Let us consider d, l, r . The functor $\text{cell}(l, r)$ yielding a non empty subset of \mathcal{R}^d is defined as follows:

- (Def. 7) $\text{cell}(l, r) = \{x : \bigwedge_i (l(i) \leq x(i) \wedge x(i) \leq r(i)) \vee \bigvee_i (r(i) < l(i) \wedge (x(i) \leq r(i) \vee l(i) \leq x(i)))\}$.

We now state several propositions:

- (23) $x \in \text{cell}(l, r)$ iff for every i holds $l(i) \leq x(i)$ and $x(i) \leq r(i)$ or there exists i such that $r(i) < l(i)$ but $x(i) \leq r(i)$ or $l(i) \leq x(i)$.
- (24) If for every i holds $l(i) \leq r(i)$, then $x \in \text{cell}(l, r)$ iff for every i holds $l(i) \leq x(i)$ and $x(i) \leq r(i)$.
- (25) If there exists i such that $r(i) < l(i)$, then $x \in \text{cell}(l, r)$ iff there exists i such that $r(i) < l(i)$ but $x(i) \leq r(i)$ or $l(i) \leq x(i)$.
- (26) $l \in \text{cell}(l, r)$ and $r \in \text{cell}(l, r)$.
- (27) $\text{cell}(x, x) = \{x\}$.
- (28) If for every i holds $l'(i) \leq r'(i)$, then $\text{cell}(l, r) \subseteq \text{cell}(l', r')$ iff for every i holds $l'(i) \leq l(i)$ and $l(i) \leq r(i)$ and $r(i) \leq r'(i)$.
- (29) If for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$, then $\text{cell}(l, r) \subseteq \text{cell}(l', r')$ iff for every i holds $r(i) \leq r'(i)$ and $r'(i) < l'(i)$ and $l'(i) \leq l(i)$.
- (30) Suppose for every i holds $l(i) \leq r(i)$ and for every i holds $r'(i) < l'(i)$. Then $\text{cell}(l, r) \subseteq \text{cell}(l', r')$ if and only if there exists i such that $r(i) \leq r'(i)$ or $l'(i) \leq l(i)$.
- (31) If for every i holds $l(i) \leq r(i)$ or for every i holds $l(i) > r(i)$, then $\text{cell}(l, r) = \text{cell}(l', r')$ iff $l = l'$ and $r = r'$.

Let us consider d, G, k . Let us assume that $k \leq d$. The functor k -cells(G) yields a finite non empty subset of $2^{\mathcal{R}^d}$ and is defined by the condition (Def. 8).

(Def. 8) k -cells(G) = $\{\text{cell}(l, r) : \bigvee_{X:\text{subset of Seg } d} (\text{card } X = k \wedge \bigwedge_i (i \in X \wedge l(i) < r(i) \wedge \langle l(i), r(i) \rangle \text{ is a gap of } G(i) \vee i \notin X \wedge l(i) = r(i) \wedge l(i) \in G(i))) \vee k = d \wedge \bigwedge_i (r(i) < l(i) \wedge \langle l(i), r(i) \rangle \text{ is a gap of } G(i))\}$.

We now state a number of propositions:

- (32) Suppose $k \leq d$. Let A be a subset of \mathcal{R}^d . Then $A \in k$ -cells(G) if and only if there exist l, r such that $A = \text{cell}(l, r)$ but there exists a subset X of $\text{Seg } d$ such that $\text{card } X = k$ and for every i holds $i \in X$ and $l(i) < r(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$ or $i \notin X$ and $l(i) = r(i)$ and $l(i) \in G(i)$ or $k = d$ and for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$.
- (33) Suppose $k \leq d$. Then $\text{cell}(l, r) \in k$ -cells(G) if and only if one of the following conditions is satisfied:
 - (i) there exists a subset X of $\text{Seg } d$ such that $\text{card } X = k$ and for every i holds $i \in X$ and $l(i) < r(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$ or $i \notin X$ and $l(i) = r(i)$ and $l(i) \in G(i)$, or
 - (ii) $k = d$ and for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$.
- (34) Suppose $k \leq d$ and $\text{cell}(l, r) \in k$ -cells(G). Then
 - (i) for every i holds $l(i) < r(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$ or $l(i) = r(i)$ and $l(i) \in G(i)$, or
 - (ii) for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$.
- (35) If $k \leq d$ and $\text{cell}(l, r) \in k$ -cells(G), then for every i holds $l(i) \in G(i)$ and $r(i) \in G(i)$.
- (36) If $k \leq d$ and $\text{cell}(l, r) \in k$ -cells(G), then for every i holds $l(i) \leq r(i)$ or for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$.
- (37) For every subset A of \mathcal{R}^d holds $A \in 0$ -cells(G) iff there exists x such that $A = \text{cell}(x, x)$ and for every i holds $x(i) \in G(i)$.
- (38) $\text{cell}(l, r) \in 0$ -cells(G) iff $l = r$ and for every i holds $l(i) \in G(i)$.
- (39) Let A be a subset of \mathcal{R}^d . Then $A \in d$ -cells(G) if and only if there exist l, r such that $A = \text{cell}(l, r)$ but for every i holds $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$ but for every i holds $l(i) < r(i)$ or for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$.
- (40) $\text{cell}(l, r) \in d$ -cells(G) iff for every i holds $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$ but for every i holds $l(i) < r(i)$ or for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$.
- (41) Suppose $d = d' + 1$. Let A be a subset of \mathcal{R}^d . Then $A \in d'$ -cells(G) if and only if there exist l, r, i_0 such that $A = \text{cell}(l, r)$ and $l(i_0) = r(i_0)$ and $l(i_0) \in G(i_0)$ and for every i such that $i \neq i_0$ holds $l(i) < r(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$.
- (42) Suppose $d = d' + 1$. Then $\text{cell}(l, r) \in d'$ -cells(G) if and only if there exists i_0 such that $l(i_0) = r(i_0)$ and $l(i_0) \in G(i_0)$ and for every i such that $i \neq i_0$ holds $l(i) < r(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$.

- (43) Let A be a subset of \mathcal{R}^d . Then $A \in 1\text{-cells}(G)$ if and only if there exist l, r, i_0 such that $A = \text{cell}(l, r)$ and $l(i_0) < r(i_0)$ or $d = 1$ and $r(i_0) < l(i_0)$ and $\langle l(i_0), r(i_0) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i_0)$ and for every i such that $i \neq i_0$ holds $l(i) = r(i)$ and $l(i) \in G(i)$.
- (44) $\text{cell}(l, r) \in 1\text{-cells}(G)$ if and only if there exists i_0 such that $l(i_0) < r(i_0)$ or $d = 1$ and $r(i_0) < l(i_0)$ but $\langle l(i_0), r(i_0) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i_0)$ but for every i such that $i \neq i_0$ holds $l(i) = r(i)$ and $l(i) \in G(i)$.
- (45) Suppose $k \leq d$ and $k' \leq d$ and $\text{cell}(l, r) \in k\text{-cells}(G)$ and $\text{cell}(l', r') \in k'\text{-cells}(G)$ and $\text{cell}(l, r) \subseteq \text{cell}(l', r')$. Let given i . Then
- (i) $l(i) = l'(i)$ and $r(i) = r'(i)$, or
 - (ii) $l(i) = l'(i)$ and $r(i) = l'(i)$, or
 - (iii) $l(i) = r'(i)$ and $r(i) = r'(i)$, or
 - (iv) $l(i) \leq r(i)$ and $r'(i) < l'(i)$ and $r'(i) \leq l(i)$ and $r(i) \leq l'(i)$.
- (46) Suppose $k < k'$ and $k' \leq d$ and $\text{cell}(l, r) \in k\text{-cells}(G)$ and $\text{cell}(l', r') \in k'\text{-cells}(G)$ and $\text{cell}(l, r) \subseteq \text{cell}(l', r')$. Then there exists i such that $l(i) = l'(i)$ and $r(i) = l'(i)$ or $l(i) = r'(i)$ and $r(i) = r'(i)$.
- (47) Let X, X' be subsets of $\text{Seg } d$. Suppose that
- (i) $\text{cell}(l, r) \subseteq \text{cell}(l', r')$,
 - (ii) for every i holds $i \in X$ and $l(i) < r(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$ or $i \notin X$ and $l(i) = r(i)$ and $l(i) \in G(i)$, and
 - (iii) for every i holds $i \in X'$ and $l'(i) < r'(i)$ and $\langle l'(i), r'(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$ or $i \notin X'$ and $l'(i) = r'(i)$ and $l'(i) \in G(i)$.
- Then
- (iv) $X \subseteq X'$,
 - (v) for every i such that $i \in X$ or $i \notin X'$ holds $l(i) = l'(i)$ and $r(i) = r'(i)$, and
 - (vi) for every i such that $i \notin X$ and $i \in X'$ holds $l(i) = l'(i)$ and $r(i) = l'(i)$ or $l(i) = r'(i)$ and $r(i) = r'(i)$.

Let us consider d, G, k . A k -cell of G is an element of $k\text{-cells}(G)$.

Let us consider d, G, k . A k -chain of G is a subset of $k\text{-cells}(G)$.

Let us consider d, G, k . The functor $0_k G$ yields a k -chain of G and is defined as follows:

(Def. 9) $0_k G = \emptyset$.

Let us consider d, G . The functor ΩG yielding a d -chain of G is defined as follows:

(Def. 10) $\Omega G = d\text{-cells}(G)$.

Let us consider d, G, k and let C_1, C_2 be k -chains of G . Then $C_1 \dot{+} C_2$ is a k -chain of G . We introduce $C_1 + C_2$ as a synonym of $C_1 \dot{+} C_2$.

Let us consider d, G . The infinite cell of G yielding a d -cell of G is defined by:

(Def. 11) There exist l, r such that the infinite cell of $G = \text{cell}(l, r)$ and for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$.

We now state two propositions:

(48) If $\text{cell}(l, r)$ is a d -cell of G , then $\text{cell}(l, r) =$ the infinite cell of G iff for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$.

(49) $\text{cell}(l, r) =$ the infinite cell of G iff for every i holds $r(i) < l(i)$ and $\langle l(i), r(i) \rangle$ is a gap of $G(i)$.

The scheme *ChainInd* deals with a non zero natural number \mathcal{A} , a \mathcal{A} -dimensional grating \mathcal{B} , a natural number \mathcal{C} , a \mathcal{C} -chain \mathcal{D} of \mathcal{B} , and a unary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

$$\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{D}]$$

provided the parameters have the following properties:

- $\mathcal{P}[0_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{B}]$,
- For every \mathcal{C} -cell A of \mathcal{B} such that $A \in \mathcal{D}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\{A\}]$, and
- For all \mathcal{C} -chains C_1, C_2 of \mathcal{B} such that $C_1 \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ and $C_2 \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{P}[C_1]$ and $\mathcal{P}[C_2]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[C_1 + C_2]$.

Let us consider d, G, k and let A be a k -cell of G . The functor A^* yields a $k + 1$ -chain of G and is defined by:

(Def. 12) $A^* = \{B; B \text{ ranges over } k + 1\text{-cells of } G: A \subseteq B\}$.

Next we state the proposition

(50) For every k -cell A of G and for every $k + 1$ -cell B of G holds $B \in A^*$ iff $A \subseteq B$.

Let us consider d, G, k and let C be a $k + 1$ -chain of G . The functor ∂C yielding a k -chain of G is defined as follows:

(Def. 13) $\partial C = \{A; A \text{ ranges over } k\text{-cells of } G: k + 1 \leq d \wedge \text{card}(A^* \cap C) \text{ is odd}\}$.

We introduce \dot{C} as a synonym of ∂C .

Let us consider d, G, k , let C be a $k + 1$ -chain of G , and let C' be a k -chain of G . We say that C' bounds C if and only if:

(Def. 14) $C' = \partial C$.

The following propositions are true:

(51) For every k -cell A of G and for every $k + 1$ -chain C of G holds $A \in \partial C$ iff $k + 1 \leq d$ and $\text{card}(A^* \cap C)$ is odd.

(52) If $k + 1 > d$, then for every $k + 1$ -chain C of G holds $\partial C = 0_k G$.

(53) If $k + 1 \leq d$, then for every k -cell A of G and for every $k + 1$ -cell B of G holds $A \in \partial\{B\}$ iff $A \subseteq B$.

(54) If $d = d' + 1$, then for every d' -cell A of G holds $\text{card } A^* = 2$.

(55) For every d -dimensional grating G and for every $0 + 1$ -cell B of G holds $\text{card } \partial\{B\} = 2$.

(56) $\Omega G = (0_d G)^c$ and $0_d G = (\Omega G)^c$.

- (57) For every k -chain C of G holds $C + 0_k G = C$.
- (58) For every k -chain C of G holds $C + C = 0_k G$.
- (59) For every d -chain C of G holds $C^c = C + \Omega G$.
- (60) $\partial 0_{k+1} G = 0_k G$.
- (61) For every $d' + 1$ -dimensional grating G holds $\partial \Omega G = 0_{d'} G$.
- (62) For all $k + 1$ -chains C_1, C_2 of G holds $\partial(C_1 + C_2) = \partial C_1 + \partial C_2$.
- (63) For every $d' + 1$ -dimensional grating G and for every $d' + 1$ -chain C of G holds $\partial(C^c) = \partial C$.
- (64) For every $k + 1 + 1$ -chain C of G holds $\partial \partial C = 0_k G$.

Let us consider d, G, k . A k -chain of G is called a k -cycle of G if:

- (Def. 15) $k = 0$ and card it is even or there exists k' such that $k = k' + 1$ and there exists a $k' + 1$ -chain C of G such that $C = \text{it}$ and $\partial C = 0_{k'} G$.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (65) For every $k + 1$ -chain C of G holds C is a $k + 1$ -cycle of G iff $\partial C = 0_k G$.
- (66) If $k > d$, then every k -chain of G is a k -cycle of G .
- (67) For every 0-chain C of G holds C is a 0-cycle of G iff card C is even.

Let us consider d, G, k and let C be a $k + 1$ -cycle of G . Then ∂C can be characterized by the condition:

- (Def. 16) $\partial C = 0_k G$.

Let us consider d, G, k . Then $0_k G$ is a k -cycle of G .

Let us consider d, G . Then ΩG is a d -cycle of G .

Let us consider d, G, k and let C_1, C_2 be k -cycles of G . Then $C_1 \dot{+} C_2$ is a k -cycle of G . We introduce $C_1 + C_2$ as a synonym of $C_1 \dot{+} C_2$.

We now state the proposition

- (68) For every d -cycle C of G holds C^c is a d -cycle of G .

Let us consider d, G, k and let C be a $k + 1$ -chain of G . Then ∂C is a k -cycle of G .

3. GROUPS AND HOMOMORPHISMS

Let us consider d, G, k . The functor $k\text{-Chains}(G)$ yields a strict Abelian group and is defined by the conditions (Def. 17).

- (Def. 17)(i) The carrier of $k\text{-Chains}(G) = 2^{k\text{-cells}(G)}$,
- (ii) $0_{k\text{-Chains}(G)} = 0_k G$, and
 - (iii) for all elements A, B of $k\text{-Chains}(G)$ and for all k -chains A', B' of G such that $A = A'$ and $B = B'$ holds $A + B = A' + B'$.

Let us consider d, G, k . A k -grchain of G is an element of $k\text{-Chains}(G)$.

One can prove the following proposition

(69) For every set x holds x is a k -chain of G iff x is a k -grchain of G .

Let us consider d, G, k . The functor ∂ yielding a homomorphism from $(k + 1)$ -Chains(G) to k -Chains(G) is defined by:

(Def. 18) For every element A of $(k + 1)$ -Chains(G) and for every $k + 1$ -chain A' of G such that $A = A'$ holds $\partial(A) = \partial A'$.

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