

# Partial Functions from a Domain to the Set of Real Numbers

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**Summary.** Basic operations in the set of partial functions which map a domain to the set of all real numbers are introduced. They include addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, multiplication by a real number and also module. Main properties of these operations are proved. A definition of the partial function bounded on a set (bounded below and bounded above) is presented. There are theorems showing the laws of conservation of totality and boundeness for operations of partial functions. The characteristic function of a subset of a domain as a partial function is redefined and a few properties are proved.

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The papers [6], [3], [1], [7], [5], [2], and [4] provide the terminology and notation for this paper. For simplicity we follow the rules:  $X, Y$  will be sets,  $C$  will be a non-empty set,  $c$  will be an element of  $C$ ,  $f, f_1, f_2, f_3, g, g_1$  will be partial functions from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $r, r_1, p, p_1$  will be real numbers. We now state two propositions:

(1)  $(-1)^{-1} = -1$ .

(2) If  $0 \leq p$  and  $0 \leq r$  and  $p \leq p_1$  and  $r \leq r_1$ , then  $p \cdot r \leq p_1 \cdot r_1$ .

We now define four new functors. Let us consider  $C, f_1, f_2$ . The functor  $f_1 + f_2$  yields a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and is defined as follows:

$\text{dom}(f_1 + f_2) = \text{dom } f_1 \cap \text{dom } f_2$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom}(f_1 + f_2)$  holds  $(f_1 + f_2)(c) = f_1(c) + f_2(c)$ .

The functor  $f_1 - f_2$  yielding a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is defined as follows:

$\text{dom}(f_1 - f_2) = \text{dom } f_1 \cap \text{dom } f_2$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom}(f_1 - f_2)$  holds  $(f_1 - f_2)(c) = f_1(c) - f_2(c)$ .

The functor  $f_1 \diamond f_2$  yielding a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is defined by:

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$\text{dom}(f_1 \diamond f_2) = \text{dom } f_1 \cap \text{dom } f_2$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom}(f_1 \diamond f_2)$  holds  $(f_1 \diamond f_2)(c) = f_1(c) \cdot f_2(c)$ .

The functor  $\frac{f_1}{f_2}$  yielding a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is defined by:

$\text{dom } \frac{f_1}{f_2} = \text{dom } f_1 \cap (\text{dom } f_2 \setminus f_2^{-1} \{0\})$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } \frac{f_1}{f_2}$  holds  $\frac{f_1}{f_2}(c) = f_1(c) \cdot (f_2(c))^{-1}$ .

Let us consider  $C, f, r$ . The functor  $r \diamond f$  yields a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and is defined by:

$\text{dom}(r \diamond f) = \text{dom } f$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom}(r \diamond f)$  holds  $(r \diamond f)(c) = r \cdot f(c)$ .

We now define three new functors. Let us consider  $C, f$ . The functor  $|f|$  yields a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and is defined by:

$\text{dom } |f| = \text{dom } f$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } |f|$  holds  $|f|(c) = |f(c)|$ .

The functor  $-f$  yields a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and is defined by:

$\text{dom}(-f) = \text{dom } f$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom}(-f)$  holds  $(-f)(c) = -f(c)$ .

The functor  $\frac{1}{f}$  yielding a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is defined by:

$\text{dom } \frac{1}{f} = \text{dom } f \setminus f^{-1} \{0\}$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } \frac{1}{f}$  holds  $\frac{1}{f}(c) = (f(c))^{-1}$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (3)  $f = f_1 + f_2$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } f_1 \cap \text{dom } f_2$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) = f_1(c) + f_2(c)$ .
- (4)  $f = f_1 - f_2$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } f_1 \cap \text{dom } f_2$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) = f_1(c) - f_2(c)$ .
- (5)  $f = f_1 \diamond f_2$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } f_1 \cap \text{dom } f_2$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) = f_1(c) \cdot f_2(c)$ .
- (6)  $f = \frac{f_1}{f_2}$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } f_1 \cap (\text{dom } f_2 \setminus f_2^{-1} \{0\})$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) = f_1(c) \cdot (f_2(c))^{-1}$ .
- (7)  $f = r \diamond f_1$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } f_1$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) = r \cdot f_1(c)$ .
- (8)  $f = |f_1|$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } f_1$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) = |f_1(c)|$ .
- (9)  $f = -f_1$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } f_1$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) = -f_1(c)$ .
- (10)  $f_1 = \frac{1}{f}$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f_1 = \text{dom } f \setminus f^{-1} \{0\}$  and for every  $c$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } f_1$  holds  $f_1(c) = (f(c))^{-1}$ .
- (11)  $\text{dom } \frac{1}{g} \subseteq \text{dom } g$  and  $\text{dom } g \cap (\text{dom } g \setminus g^{-1} \{0\}) = \text{dom } g \setminus g^{-1} \{0\}$ .
- (12)  $\text{dom}(f_1 \diamond f_2) \setminus (f_1 \diamond f_2)^{-1} \{0\} = (\text{dom } f_1 \setminus f_1^{-1} \{0\}) \cap (\text{dom } f_2 \setminus f_2^{-1} \{0\})$ .
- (13) If  $c \in \text{dom } \frac{1}{f}$ , then  $f(c) \neq 0$ .
- (14)  $\frac{1}{f}^{-1} \{0\} = \emptyset$ .
- (15)  $|f|^{-1} \{0\} = f^{-1} \{0\}$  and  $(-f)^{-1} \{0\} = f^{-1} \{0\}$ .

- (16)  $\text{dom } \frac{1}{f} = \text{dom}(f \upharpoonright \text{dom } \frac{1}{f})$ .
- (17) If  $r \neq 0$ , then  $(r \diamond f)^{-1} \{0\} = f^{-1} \{0\}$ .
- (18)  $f_1 + f_2 = f_2 + f_1$ .
- (19)  $(f_1 + f_2) + f_3 = f_1 + (f_2 + f_3)$ .
- (20)  $f_1 \diamond f_2 = f_2 \diamond f_1$ .
- (21)  $(f_1 \diamond f_2) \diamond f_3 = f_1 \diamond (f_2 \diamond f_3)$ .
- (22)  $(f_1 + f_2) \diamond f_3 = f_1 \diamond f_3 + f_2 \diamond f_3$ .
- (23)  $f_3 \diamond (f_1 + f_2) = f_3 \diamond f_1 + f_3 \diamond f_2$ .
- (24)  $r \diamond (f_1 \diamond f_2) = (r \diamond f_1) \diamond f_2$ .
- (25)  $r \diamond (f_1 \diamond f_2) = f_1 \diamond (r \diamond f_2)$ .
- (26)  $(f_1 - f_2) \diamond f_3 = f_1 \diamond f_3 - f_2 \diamond f_3$ .
- (27)  $f_3 \diamond f_1 - f_3 \diamond f_2 = f_3 \diamond (f_1 - f_2)$ .
- (28)  $r \diamond (f_1 + f_2) = r \diamond f_1 + r \diamond f_2$ .
- (29)  $(r \cdot p) \diamond f = r \diamond (p \diamond f)$ .
- (30)  $r \diamond (f_1 - f_2) = r \diamond f_1 - r \diamond f_2$ .
- (31)  $f_1 - f_2 = (-1) \diamond (f_2 - f_1)$ .
- (32)  $f_1 - (f_2 + f_3) = (f_1 - f_2) - f_3$ .
- (33)  $1 \diamond f = f$ .
- (34)  $f_1 - (f_2 - f_3) = (f_1 - f_2) + f_3$ .
- (35)  $f_1 + (f_2 - f_3) = (f_1 + f_2) - f_3$ .
- (36)  $|f_1 \diamond f_2| = |f_1| \diamond |f_2|$ .
- (37)  $|r \diamond f| = |r| \diamond |f|$ .
- (38)  $-f = (-1) \diamond f$ .
- (39)  $-(-f) = f$ .
- (40)  $f_1 - f_2 = f_1 + (-f_2)$ .
- (41)  $f_1 - (-f_2) = f_1 + f_2$ .
- (42)  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{f}} = f \upharpoonright \text{dom } \frac{1}{f}$ .
- (43)  $\frac{1}{f_1 \diamond f_2} = \frac{1}{f_1} \diamond \frac{1}{f_2}$ .
- (44) If  $r \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{r \diamond f} = r^{-1} \diamond \frac{1}{f}$ .
- (45)  $\frac{1}{-f} = (-1) \diamond \frac{1}{f}$ .
- (46)  $\frac{1}{|f|} = |\frac{1}{f}|$ .
- (47)  $\frac{f}{g} = f \diamond \frac{1}{g}$ .
- (48)  $r \diamond \frac{g}{f} = \frac{r \diamond g}{f}$ .
- (49)  $\frac{f}{g} \diamond g = f \upharpoonright \text{dom } \frac{1}{g}$ .
- (50)  $\frac{f}{g} \diamond \frac{f_1}{g_1} = \frac{f \diamond f_1}{g \diamond g_1}$ .

- (51)  $\frac{1}{\frac{f_1}{f_2}} = \frac{f_2 \upharpoonright \text{dom } \frac{1}{f_2}}{f_1}$ .
- (52)  $g \diamond \frac{f_1}{f_2} = \frac{g \diamond f_1}{f_2}$ .
- (53)  $\frac{g}{\frac{f_1}{f_2}} = \frac{g \diamond f_2 \upharpoonright \text{dom } \frac{1}{f_2}}{f_1}$ .
- (54)  $-\frac{f}{g} = \frac{-f}{g}$  and  $\frac{f}{-g} = -\frac{f}{g}$ .
- (55)  $\frac{f_1}{f} + \frac{f_2}{f} = \frac{f_1 + f_2}{f}$  and  $\frac{f_1}{f} - \frac{f_2}{f} = \frac{f_1 - f_2}{f}$ .
- (56)  $\frac{f_1}{f} + \frac{g_1}{g} = \frac{f_1 \diamond g + g_1 \diamond f}{f \diamond g}$ .
- (57)  $\frac{\frac{f}{g}}{\frac{f_1}{g_1}} = \frac{f \diamond g_1 \upharpoonright \text{dom } \frac{1}{g_1}}{g \diamond f_1}$ .
- (58)  $\frac{f_1}{f} - \frac{g_1}{g} = \frac{f_1 \diamond g - g_1 \diamond f}{f \diamond g}$ .
- (59)  $|\frac{f_1}{f_2}| = \frac{|f_1|}{|f_2|}$ .
- (60)  $(f_1 + f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 \upharpoonright X + f_2 \upharpoonright X$  and  $(f_1 + f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 \upharpoonright X + f_2$  and  $(f_1 + f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 + f_2 \upharpoonright X$ .
- (61)  $(f_1 \diamond f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 \upharpoonright X \diamond f_2 \upharpoonright X$  and  $(f_1 \diamond f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 \upharpoonright X \diamond f_2$  and  $(f_1 \diamond f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 \diamond f_2 \upharpoonright X$ .
- (62)  $(-f) \upharpoonright X = -f \upharpoonright X$  and  $\frac{1}{f} \upharpoonright X = \frac{1}{f \upharpoonright X}$  and  $|f| \upharpoonright X = |f \upharpoonright X|$ .
- (63)  $(f_1 - f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 \upharpoonright X - f_2 \upharpoonright X$  and  $(f_1 - f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 \upharpoonright X - f_2$  and  $(f_1 - f_2) \upharpoonright X = f_1 - f_2 \upharpoonright X$ .
- (64)  $\frac{f_1}{f_2} \upharpoonright X = \frac{f_1 \upharpoonright X}{f_2 \upharpoonright X}$  and  $\frac{f_1}{f_2} \upharpoonright X = \frac{f_1 \upharpoonright X}{f_2}$  and  $\frac{f_1}{f_2} \upharpoonright X = \frac{f_1}{f_2 \upharpoonright X}$ .
- (65)  $(r \diamond f) \upharpoonright X = r \diamond f \upharpoonright X$ .
- (66)  $f_1$  is total and  $f_2$  is total if and only if  $f_1 + f_2$  is total but  $f_1$  is total and  $f_2$  is total if and only if  $f_1 - f_2$  is total but  $f_1$  is total and  $f_2$  is total if and only if  $f_1 \diamond f_2$  is total.
- (67)  $f$  is total if and only if  $r \diamond f$  is total.
- (68)  $f$  is total if and only if  $-f$  is total.
- (69)  $f$  is total if and only if  $|f|$  is total.
- (70)  $\frac{1}{f}$  is total if and only if  $f^{-1} \{0\} = \emptyset$  and  $f$  is total.
- (71)  $f_1$  is total and  $f_2^{-1} \{0\} = \emptyset$  and  $f_2$  is total if and only if  $\frac{f_1}{f_2}$  is total.
- (72) If  $f_1$  is total and  $f_2$  is total, then  $(f_1 + f_2)(c) = f_1(c) + f_2(c)$  and  $(f_1 - f_2)(c) = f_1(c) - f_2(c)$  and  $(f_1 \diamond f_2)(c) = f_1(c) \cdot f_2(c)$ .
- (73) If  $f$  is total, then  $(r \diamond f)(c) = r \cdot f(c)$ .
- (74) If  $f$  is total, then  $(-f)(c) = -f(c)$  and  $|f|(c) = |f(c)|$ .
- (75) If  $\frac{1}{f}$  is total, then  $\frac{1}{f}(c) = (f(c))^{-1}$ .
- (76) If  $f_1$  is total and  $\frac{1}{f_2}$  is total, then  $\frac{f_1}{f_2}(c) = f_1(c) \cdot (f_2(c))^{-1}$ .

Let us consider  $X, C$ . Then  $\chi_{X,C}$  is a partial function from  $C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (77)  $f = \chi_{X,C}$  if and only if  $\text{dom } f = C$  and for every  $c$  holds if  $c \in X$ , then  $f(c) = 1$  but if  $c \notin X$ , then  $f(c) = 0$ .
- (78)  $\chi_{X,C}$  is total.
- (79)  $c \in X$  if and only if  $\chi_{X,C}(c) = 1$ .
- (80)  $c \notin X$  if and only if  $\chi_{X,C}(c) = 0$ .
- (81)  $c \in C \setminus X$  if and only if  $\chi_{X,C}(c) = 0$ .
- (82)  $\chi_{\emptyset,C}(c) = 0$ .
- (83)  $\chi_{C,C}(c) = 1$ .
- (84)  $\chi_{X,C}(c) \neq 1$  if and only if  $\chi_{X,C}(c) = 0$ .
- (85) If  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ , then  $\chi_{X,C} + \chi_{Y,C} = \chi_{X \cup Y,C}$ .
- (86)  $\chi_{X,C} \diamond \chi_{Y,C} = \chi_{X \cap Y,C}$ .

We now define two new predicates. Let us consider  $C, f, Y$ . We say that  $f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$  if and only if:

there exists  $r$  such that for every  $c$  such that  $c \in Y \cap \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) \leq r$ .

We say that  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$  if and only if:

there exists  $r$  such that for every  $c$  such that  $c \in Y \cap \text{dom } f$  holds  $r \leq f(c)$ .

Let us consider  $C, f, Y$ . We say that  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$  if and only if:

$f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$  and  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$ .

The following propositions are true:

- (87)  $f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$  if and only if there exists  $r$  such that for every  $c$  such that  $c \in Y \cap \text{dom } f$  holds  $f(c) \leq r$ .
- (88)  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$  if and only if there exists  $r$  such that for every  $c$  such that  $c \in Y \cap \text{dom } f$  holds  $r \leq f(c)$ .
- (89)  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$  if and only if  $f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$  and  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$ .
- (90)  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$  if and only if there exists  $r$  such that for every  $c$  such that  $c \in Y \cap \text{dom } f$  holds  $|f(c)| \leq r$ .
- (91) If  $Y \subseteq X$  and  $f$  is upper bounded on  $X$ , then  $f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$  but if  $Y \subseteq X$  and  $f$  is lower bounded on  $X$ , then  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$  but if  $Y \subseteq X$  and  $f$  is bounded on  $X$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$ .
- (92) If  $f$  is upper bounded on  $X$  and  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $X \cap Y$ .
- (93) If  $X \cap \text{dom } f = \emptyset$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $X$ .
- (94) If  $0 = r$ , then  $r \diamond f$  is bounded on  $Y$ .
- (95) If  $f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$  and  $0 \leq r$ , then  $r \diamond f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$  but if  $f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$  and  $r \leq 0$ , then  $r \diamond f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$ .
- (96) If  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$  and  $0 \leq r$ , then  $r \diamond f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$  but if  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$  and  $r \leq 0$ , then  $r \diamond f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$ .
- (97) If  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$ , then  $r \diamond f$  is bounded on  $Y$ .

- (98)  $|f|$  is lower bounded on  $X$ .
- (99) If  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$ , then  $|f|$  is bounded on  $Y$  and  $-f$  is bounded on  $Y$ .
- (100) If  $f_1$  is upper bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is upper bounded on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 + f_2$  is upper bounded on  $X \cap Y$  but if  $f_1$  is lower bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is lower bounded on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 + f_2$  is lower bounded on  $X \cap Y$  but if  $f_1$  is bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is bounded on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 + f_2$  is bounded on  $X \cap Y$ .
- (101) If  $f_1$  is bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is bounded on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 \diamond f_2$  is bounded on  $X \cap Y$  and  $f_1 - f_2$  is bounded on  $X \cap Y$ .
- (102) If  $f$  is upper bounded on  $X$  and  $f$  is upper bounded on  $Y$ , then  $f$  is upper bounded on  $X \cup Y$ .
- (103) If  $f$  is lower bounded on  $X$  and  $f$  is lower bounded on  $Y$ , then  $f$  is lower bounded on  $X \cup Y$ .
- (104) If  $f$  is bounded on  $X$  and  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $X \cup Y$ .
- (105) If  $f_1$  is a constant on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 + f_2$  is a constant on  $X \cap Y$  and  $f_1 - f_2$  is a constant on  $X \cap Y$  and  $f_1 \diamond f_2$  is a constant on  $X \cap Y$ .
- (106) If  $f$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $p \diamond f$  is a constant on  $Y$ .
- (107) If  $f$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $|f|$  is a constant on  $Y$  and  $-f$  is a constant on  $Y$ .
- (108) If  $f$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$ .
- (109) If  $f$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then for every  $r$  holds  $r \diamond f$  is bounded on  $Y$  and  $-f$  is bounded on  $Y$  and  $|f|$  is bounded on  $Y$ .
- (110) If  $f_1$  is upper bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 + f_2$  is upper bounded on  $X \cap Y$  but if  $f_1$  is lower bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 + f_2$  is lower bounded on  $X \cap Y$  but if  $f_1$  is bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 + f_2$  is bounded on  $X \cap Y$ .
- (111) (i) If  $f_1$  is upper bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 - f_2$  is upper bounded on  $X \cap Y$ ,  
(ii) if  $f_1$  is lower bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 - f_2$  is lower bounded on  $X \cap Y$ ,  
(iii) if  $f_1$  is bounded on  $X$  and  $f_2$  is a constant on  $Y$ , then  $f_1 - f_2$  is bounded on  $X \cap Y$  and  $f_2 - f_1$  is bounded on  $X \cap Y$  and  $f_1 \diamond f_2$  is bounded on  $X \cap Y$ .

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