# Chains on a Grating in Euclidean Space<sup>1</sup>

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The articles [20], [10], [23], [24], [3], [8], [13], [9], [18], [1], [19], [15], [4], [7], [14], [17], [2], [21], [12], [5], [11], [22], and [6] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

#### 1. Preliminaries

We follow the rules: X, x, y, z are sets and n, m, k, k', d' are natural numbers. We now state two propositions:

- (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  $2^B$ .

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)  $d \geqslant 0$ .

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

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

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

In the sequel d is a non zero natural number.

Let us consider d. Note that Seg d is non empty.

In the sequel i,  $i_0$  denote elements of 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.

We now state the proposition

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 $(4)^1$  {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 note that  $\mathbb{R}$  is non trivial.

Let *X* be a non trivial set. One can check that there exists a subset of *X* which is non trivial and finite.

Next we state the proposition

(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 satisfied:

- 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  $\mathcal{P}[B \cup \{x\}]$ .

One can prove the following proposition

(6)  $\overline{\overline{X}} = 2$  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. One can check that X = Y is finite.

Next we 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 card X is even iff card Y is even if and only if card  $(X \cup Y)$  is even.
- (9) For all finite sets X, Y holds card X is even iff card Y is even iff card (X Y) is even.

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

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

We use the following convention: l, r, l', r', x denote elements of  $\mathcal{R}^d$ ,  $G_1$  denotes a non trivial finite subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $l_1$ ,  $r_1$ ,  $l'_1$ ,  $r'_1$ ,  $x_1$  denote 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 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  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Next we state several propositions:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The proposition (3) has been removed.

- (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  $r_1 \ge x_1$ .
- (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  $l_1 \not< x_1$  or  $x_1 \not< r_1$ .
- (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  $x_1 \nleq r_1$  and  $l_1 \nleq x_1$ .

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  $l_1 \not< x_1$  or  $x_1 \not< r_1$  or  $r_1 < l_1$  and for every  $x_1$  such that  $x_1 \in G_1$  holds  $l_1 \not< x_1$  and  $x_1 \not< r_1$ .

Next we state several propositions:

- (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  $l_1 \not< x_1$  or  $x_1 \not< r_1$  or  $r_1 < l_1$  and for every  $x_1$  such that  $x_1 \in G_1$  holds  $l_1 \not< x_1$  and  $x_1 \not< r_1$ .
- (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  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r)$  yields a non empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and is defined as follows:

(Def. 7) 
$$\operatorname{cell}(l,r) = \{x : \bigwedge_i (l(i) \le x(i) \land x(i) \le r(i)) \lor \bigvee_i (r(i) < l(i) \land (x(i) \le r(i) \lor l(i) \le x(i)))\}.$$

We now state several propositions:

- (23)  $x \in \text{cell}(l,r)$  iff for every i holds  $l(i) \le x(i)$  and  $x(i) \le r(i)$  or there exists i such that r(i) < l(i) but  $x(i) \le r(i)$  or  $l(i) \le x(i)$ .
- (24) If for every i holds  $l(i) \le r(i)$ , then  $x \in \text{cell}(l,r)$  iff for every i holds  $l(i) \le x(i)$  and  $x(i) \le r(i)$ .

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

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

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

We now state a number of propositions:

- (32) Suppose  $k \le d$ . 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  $A = \operatorname{cell}(l, r)$  but there exists a subset X of  $\operatorname{Seg} d$  such that  $\operatorname{card} X = k$  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  $k \le d$ . Then  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in k\text{-cells}(G)$  if and only if one of the following conditions is satisfied:
  - (i) there exists a subset X of Seg d such that  $\operatorname{card} X = k$  and for every i holds  $i \in X$  and l(i) < r(i) and l(i), r(i) is a gap of l(i) or  $l \notin X$  and l(i) = r(i) and  $l(i) \in l(i)$ , 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  $k \le d$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in k\text{-cells}(G)$ . 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  $k \le d$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in k$ -cells(G), then for every i holds  $l(i) \in G(i)$  and  $r(i) \in G(i)$ .
- (36) If  $k \le d$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in k\text{-cells}(G)$ , then for every i holds  $l(i) \le r(i)$  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 = cell(x, x) and for every i holds  $x(i) \in G(i)$ .
- (38)  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in 0$ - $\operatorname{cells}(G)$  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 = 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)  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in d$ - $\operatorname{cells}(G)$  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  $A = \operatorname{cell}(l, r)$  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  $\operatorname{cell}(l, r) \in d'$ -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  $A = \operatorname{cell}(l,r)$  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)  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in 1$ - $\operatorname{cells}(G)$  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  $k \le d$  and  $k' \le d$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in k\text{-cells}(G)$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l',r') \in k'\text{-cells}(G)$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \subseteq \operatorname{cell}(l',r')$ . 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 r'(i) = r'(i)
- (iv)  $l(i) \le r(i)$  and r'(i) < l'(i) and  $r'(i) \le l(i)$  and  $r(i) \le l'(i)$ .
- (46) Suppose k < k' and  $k' \le d$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \in k\text{-cells}(G)$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l',r') \in k'\text{-cells}(G)$  and  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \subseteq \operatorname{cell}(l',r')$ . 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 Seg d. Suppose that
  - (i)  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) \subseteq \operatorname{cell}(l',r')$ ,
- (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  $\{l'(i), r'(i)\}$  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-cells(G).

Let us consider d, G, k. A k-chain of G is a subset of k-cells(G).

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

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

Let us consider d, G. The functor  $\Omega G$  yields a d-chain of G and is defined by:

(Def. 10)  $\Omega G = d$ -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 = 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).

Next we state two propositions:

- (48) If cell(l,r) is a *d*-cell of *G*, then cell(l,r) = the infinite cell of *G* iff for every *i* holds r(i) < l(i).
- (49)  $\operatorname{cell}(l,r) = \operatorname{the infinite cell of } G \operatorname{iff for every } i \operatorname{holds } r(i) < l(i) \operatorname{and } \langle l(i), r(i) \rangle \operatorname{is a gap of } G(i).$

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 meet the following requirements:

- $\mathcal{P}[0_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{B}],$
- For every C-cell A of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $A \in \mathcal{D}$  holds  $\mathcal{P}[\{A\}]$ , and
- For all 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  $A^*$  yielding a k+1-chain of G is defined by:

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

The following proposition is true

(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  $\partial C$  yields a k-chain of G and is defined as follows:

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

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

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)  $C' = \partial C$ .

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (51) For every k-cell A of G and for every k+1-chain C of G holds  $A \in \partial C$  iff  $k+1 \le d$  and  $\operatorname{card}(A^* \cap C)$  is odd.
- (52) If k+1 > d, then for every k+1-chain C of G holds  $\partial C = 0_k G$ .
- (53) If  $k+1 \le d$ , 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 card  $A^* = 2$ .
- (55) For every *d*-dimensional grating *G* and for every 0+1-cell *B* of *G* holds 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)  $\partial 0_{k+1}G = 0_kG$ .
- (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 cardit is even or there exists k' such that k = k' + 1 and there exists a k' + 1-chain C of G such that C = it and  $\partial C = 0_{k'}G$ .

Next we state three 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  $\partial C$  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  $\Omega G$  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  $C_1 \dot{-} C_2$ .

One can prove the following 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  $\partial C$  is a k-cycle of G.

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Let us consider d, G, k. The functor k-Chains(G) yielding a strict Abelian group is defined by the conditions (Def. 17).

- (Def. 17)(i) The carrier of k-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-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-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  $\partial$  yielding a homomorphism from (k+1)-Chains(G) to k-Chains(G) is defined as follows:

(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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