# Free Groups

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#### Abstract

Free Groups are, in a sense, the most generic kind of group. They are defined over a set of generators with no additional relations in between them. They play an important role in the definition of group presentations and in other fields.

This theory provides the definition of Free Group as the set of fully canceled words in the generators. The universal property is proven, as well as some isomorphisms results about Free Groups.

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# 1 Cancelation of words of generators and their inverses

```
theory Cancelation
imports
HOL-Proofs-Lambda. Commutation
begin
```

This theory defines cancelation via relations. The one-step relation can-cels-to-1 a b describes that b is obtained from a by removing exactly one pair of generators, while cancels-to is the reflexive transitive hull of that relation. Due to confluence, this relation has a normal form, allowing for the definition of normalize.

#### 1.1 Auxiliary results

Some lemmas that would be useful in a more general setting are collected beforehand.

#### 1.1.1 Auxiliary results about relations

These were helpfully provided by Andreas Lochbihler.

```
{\bf theorem}\ \mathit{lconfluent-confluent}:
```

```
\llbracket \ wfP \ (R^{\widehat{}}--1); \bigwedge a \ b \ c. \ R \ a \ b \Longrightarrow R \ a \ c \Longrightarrow \exists \ d. \ R^{\widehat{}}** \ b \ d \land R^{\widehat{}}** \ c \ d \ \rrbracket \Longrightarrow confluent \ R \ \langle proof \rangle
```

**lemma** confluentD:

```
\llbracket confluent \ R; \ R^*** \ a \ b; \ R^*** \ a \ c \ \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \exists \ d. \ R^*** \ b \ d \land R^*** \ c \ d \langle proof \rangle
```

**lemma** tranclp-DomainP: R^++ a  $b \Longrightarrow Domainp$  R a  $\langle proof \rangle$ 

```
lemma confluent-unique-normal-form: 
 [ confluent \ R; \ R^*** \ a \ b; \ R^*** \ a \ c; \ \neg \ Domainp \ R \ b; \ \neg \ Domainp \ R \ c \ ]] \Longrightarrow b = c \ \langle proof \rangle
```

#### 1.2 Definition of the canceling relation

```
type-synonym 'a \ g-i = (bool \times 'a)
type-synonym 'a \ word-g-i = 'a \ g-i \ list
```

These type aliases encode the notion of a "generator or its inverse" ( $^{\prime}a$  g- $^{i}$ ) and the notion of a "word in generators and their inverses" ( $^{\prime}a$  word- $^{i}$ ), which form the building blocks of Free Groups.

```
definition canceling :: 'a g-i \Rightarrow 'a g-i \Rightarrow bool where canceling a b = ((snd \ a = snd \ b) \land (fst \ a \neq fst \ b))
```

#### 1.2.1 Simple results about canceling

A generators cancels with its inverse, either way. The relation is symmetic.

```
lemma cancel-cancel: \llbracket canceling a b; canceling b c \rrbracket \Longrightarrow a = c \langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma cancel-sym: canceling a b \Longrightarrow canceling b a \langle proof \rangle
```

**lemma** cancel-sym-neg:  $\neg$  canceling  $a \ b \Longrightarrow \neg$  canceling  $b \ a \ \langle proof \rangle$ 

#### 1.3 Definition of the cancels-to relation

**definition** cancel-at ::  $nat \Rightarrow 'a \ word$ -g- $i \Rightarrow 'a \ word$ -g-i

First, we define the function that removes the *i*th and (i+1)st element from a word of generators, together with basic properties.

```
where cancel-at i \ l = take \ i \ l \ @ \ drop \ (2+i) \ l

lemma cancel-at-length[simp]:
1+i < length \ l \Longrightarrow length \ (cancel-at \ i \ l) = length \ l - 2
\langle proof \rangle

lemma cancel-at-nth1[simp]:
[ \ n < i; \ 1+i < length \ l \ ]] \Longrightarrow (cancel-at \ i \ l) \ ! \ n = l \ ! \ n
\langle proof \rangle

lemma cancel-at-nth2[simp]:
assumes n \ge i and n < length \ l - 2
shows (cancel-at \ i \ l) \ ! \ n = l \ ! \ (n + 2)
```

Then we can define the relation *cancels-to-1-at* i a b which specifies that b can be obtained by a by canceling the ith and (i+1)st position.

Based on that, we existentially quantify over the position i to obtain the relation cancels-to-1, of which cancels-to is the reflexive and transitive closure.

A word is *canceled* if it can not be canceled any futher.

```
definition cancels-to-1-at :: nat \Rightarrow 'a \ word-q-i \Rightarrow 'a \ word-q-i \Rightarrow bool
where cancels-to-1-at i l1 l2 = (0 \le i \land (1+i) < length l1
                               \land canceling (l1 ! i) (l1 ! (1+i))
                               \wedge (l2 = cancel-at \ i \ l1))
definition cancels-to-1 :: 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow bool
where cancels-to-1 l1\ l2 = (\exists i. cancels-to-1-at\ i\ l1\ l2)
definition cancels-to :: 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow bool
where cancels-to = cancels-to-1^***
lemma cancels-to-trans [trans]:
  \llbracket cancels-to \ a \ b; \ cancels-to \ b \ c \ \rrbracket \Longrightarrow cancels-to \ a \ c
\langle proof \rangle
definition canceled :: 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow bool
 where canceled l = (\neg Domainp cancels-to-1 \ l)
\mathbf{lemma}\ \mathit{cancels-to-1-unfold}\colon
  assumes cancels-to-1 x y
  obtains xs1 x1 x2 xs2
  where x = xs1 @ x1 # x2 # xs2
    and y = xs1 @ xs2
    and canceling x1 x2
\langle proof \rangle
lemma cancels-to-1-fold:
  canceling x1 \ x2 \implies cancels-to-1 \ (xs1 @ x1 \# x2 \# xs2) \ (xs1 @ xs2)
\langle proof \rangle
```

#### 1.3.1 Existence of the normal form

One of two steps to show that we have a normal form is the following lemma, guaranteeing that by canceling, we always end up at a fully canceled word.

```
lemma canceling-terminates: wfP (cancels-to-1^--1) \langle proof \rangle
```

The next two lemmas prepare for the proof of confluence. It does not matter in which order we cancel, we can obtain the same result.

```
lemma canceling-neighbor: assumes cancels-to-1-at i l a and cancels-to-1-at (Suc\ i) l b shows a=b
```

```
\langle proof \rangle
lemma canceling-indep:
 assumes cancels-to-1-at i l a and cancels-to-1-at j l b and j > Suc i
 obtains c where cancels-to-1-at (j-2) a c and cancels-to-1-at i b c
\langle proof \rangle
    This is the confluence lemma
lemma confluent-cancels-to-1: confluent cancels-to-1
\langle proof \rangle
    And finally, we show that there exists a unique normal form for each
word.
lemma norm-form-unig:
 assumes cancels-to a b
     and cancels-to a c
     and canceled b
     and canceled c
 shows b = c
\langle proof \rangle
         Some properties of cancelation
1.3.2
Distributivity rules of cancelation and append.
lemma cancel-to-1-append:
 assumes cancels-to-1 a b
 shows cancels-to-1 (l@a@l') (l@b@l')
\langle proof \rangle
lemma cancel-to-append:
 assumes cancels-to a b
 shows cancels-to (l@a@l') (l@b@l')
\langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma}\ \mathit{cancels-to-append2}\colon
 assumes cancels-to a a'
     and cancels-to b b'
 shows cancels-to (a@b) (a'@b')
\langle proof \rangle
    The empty list is canceled, a one letter word is canceled and a word is
trivially cancled from itself.
lemma empty-canceled[simp]: canceled []
\langle proof \rangle
lemma singleton-canceled[simp]: canceled [a]
\langle proof \rangle
lemma cons-canceled:
```

```
assumes canceled (a\#x)
 {f shows} canceled x
\langle proof \rangle
lemma cancels-to-self[simp]: cancels-to l l
\langle proof \rangle
```

#### 1.4 Definition of normalization

Using the THE construct, we can define the normalization function normalize as the unique fully cancled word that the argument cancels to.

```
definition normalize :: 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow 'a word-g-i
where normalize l = (THE \ l'. \ cancels-to \ l \ l' \land \ canceled \ l')
```

Some obvious properties of the normalize function, and other useful lemmas.

```
lemma
 shows normalized-canceled[simp]: canceled (normalize l)
 and normalized-cancels-to[simp]: cancels-to l (normalize l)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma normalize-discover:
 assumes canceled l'
     and cancels-to l l'
 shows normalize l = l'
\langle proof \rangle
    Words, related by cancelation, have the same normal form.
\mathbf{lemma}\ normalize\text{-}canceled[simp]:
```

assumes cancels-to l l'

```
shows normalize l = normalize l'
\langle proof \rangle
```

Normalization is idempotent.

```
lemma normalize-idemp[simp]:
 assumes canceled l
 shows normalize l = l
\langle proof \rangle
```

This lemma lifts the distributivity results from above to the normalize function.

```
lemma normalize-append-cancel-to:
 assumes cancels-to l1 l1'
          cancels-to l2 l2'
 shows normalize (l1 @ l2) = normalize (l1' @ l2')
\langle proof \rangle
```

## 1.5 Normalization preserves generators

Somewhat obvious, but still required to formalize Free Groups, is the fact that canceling a word of generators of a specific set (and their inverses) results in a word in generators from that set.

```
\mathbf{lemma}\ \mathit{cancels-to-1-preserves-generators}:
  assumes cancels-to-1 l l'
      and l \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
  shows l' \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
\langle proof \rangle
{\bf lemma}\ cancels-to-preserves-generators:
  assumes cancels-to l l'
      and l \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
  shows l' \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
\langle proof \rangle
{\bf lemma}\ normalize \hbox{-} preserves \hbox{-} generators \hbox{:}
  assumes l \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
    shows normalize l \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
\langle proof \rangle
    Two simplification lemmas about lists.
lemma empty-in-lists[simp]:
  [] \in lists \ A \ \langle proof \rangle
lemma lists-empty[simp]: lists {} = {[]}
  \langle proof \rangle
```

## 1.6 Normalization and renaming generators

Renaming the generators, i.e. mapping them through an injective function, commutes with normalization. Similarly, replacing generators by their inverses and vica-versa commutes with normalization. Both operations are similar enough to be handled at once here.

```
lemma rename-gens-cancel-at: cancel-at i (map f l) = map f (cancel-at i l) \langle proof \rangle

lemma rename-gens-cancels-to-1:
assumes inj f
and cancels-to-1 l l'
shows cancels-to-1 (map (map-prod f g) l) (map (map-prod f g) l') \langle proof \rangle

lemma rename-gens-cancels-to:
assumes inj f
and cancels-to l l'
shows cancels-to (map (map-prod f g) l) (map (map-prod f g) l')
```

## 2 Generators

```
theory Generators
imports
HOL-Algebra. Group
HOL-Algebra. Lattice
begin
```

This theory is not specific to Free Groups and could be moved to a more general place. It defines the subgroup generated by a set of generators and that homomorphisms agree on the generated subgroup if they agree on the generators.

```
notation subgroup (infix \le 80)
```

#### 2.1 The subgroup generated by a set

The span of a set of subgroup generators, i.e. the generated subgroup, can be defined inductively or as the intersection of all subgroups containing the generators. Here, we define it inductively and proof the equivalence

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{lemma (in } \textit{group) } \textit{gen-subgroup-is-subgroup:} \\ \textit{gens} \subseteq \textit{carrier } G \Longrightarrow \langle \textit{gens} \rangle_G \leq G \\ \langle \textit{proof} \rangle \\ \\ \textbf{lemma (in } \textit{group) } \textit{gen-subgroup-is-smallest-containing:} \\ \textbf{assumes } \textit{gens} \subseteq \textit{carrier } G \\ \textbf{shows } \bigcap \{H. \ H \leq G \land \textit{gens} \subseteq H\} = \langle \textit{gens} \rangle_G \\ \langle \textit{proof} \rangle \end{array}
```

## 2.2 Generators and homomorphisms

Two homorphisms agreeing on some elements agree on the span of those elements.

```
lemma hom-unique-on-span:

assumes group G

and group H

and gens \subseteq carrier \ G

and h \in hom \ G \ H

and h' \in hom \ G \ H

and \forall \ g \in gens. \ h \ g = h' \ g

shows \forall \ x \in \langle gens \rangle_G. \ h \ x = h' \ x

\langle proof \rangle
```

#### 2.3 Sets of generators

There is no definition for "gens is a generating set of G". This is easily expressed by  $\langle gens \rangle = carrier G$ .

The following is an application of *hom-unique-on-span* on a generating set of the whole group.

```
lemma (in group) hom-unique-by-gens: assumes group H and gens: \langle gens \rangle_G = carrier \ G and h \in hom \ G \ H and h' \in hom \ G \ H and \forall \ g \in gens. \ h \ g = h' \ g shows \forall \ x \in carrier \ G. \ h \ x = h' \ x \langle proof \rangle
lemma (in group-hom) hom-span: assumes gens \subseteq carrier \ G shows h \ `(\langle gens \rangle_G) = \langle h \ `gens \rangle_H \ \langle proof \rangle
```

#### 2.4 Product of a list of group elements

Not strictly related to generators of groups, this is still a general group concept and not related to Free Groups.

```
abbreviation (in monoid) m-concat
  where m-concat l \equiv foldr (\otimes) l 1
lemma (in monoid) m-concat-closed[simp]:
 set \ l \subseteq carrier \ G \Longrightarrow m\text{-}concat \ l \in carrier \ G
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma (in monoid) m-concat-append[simp]:
  assumes set \ a \subseteq carrier \ G
     and set b \subseteq carrier G
 shows m-concat (a@b) = m-concat a \otimes m-concat b
\langle proof \rangle
lemma (in monoid) m-concat-cons[simp]:
  \llbracket x \in carrier \ G ; set \ xs \subseteq carrier \ G \rrbracket \Longrightarrow m\text{-}concat \ (x\#xs) = x \otimes m\text{-}concat \ xs
\langle proof \rangle
lemma (in monoid) nat-pow-mult1l:
 assumes x: x \in carrier G
 shows x \otimes x [ ] n = x [ ] Suc n
\langle proof \rangle
lemma (in monoid) m-concat-power[simp]: x \in carrier G \Longrightarrow m\text{-}concat (replicate
n(x) = x \cap n
\langle proof \rangle
2.5
        Isomorphisms
A nicer way of proving that something is a group homomorphism or isomor-
phism.
```

```
lemma group-homI[intro]:
   assumes range: h ' (carrier g1) \subseteq carrier g2
   and hom: \forall x \in carrier \ g1. \forall y \in carrier \ g1. h (x \otimes_{g1} y) = h x \otimes_{g2} h y
   shows h \in hom \ g1 \ g2
\langle proof \rangle

lemma (in group-hom) hom-injI:
   assumes \forall x \in carrier \ G. h x = \mathbf{1}_H \longrightarrow x = \mathbf{1}_G
   shows inj-on h (carrier G)
\langle proof \rangle

lemma (in group-hom) group-hom-isoI:
   assumes inj1: \forall x \in carrier \ G. h x = \mathbf{1}_H \longrightarrow x = \mathbf{1}_G
   and surj: h ' (carrier G) = carrier \ H
   shows h \in iso \ G \ H
\langle proof \rangle

lemma group-isoI[intro]:
```

```
assumes G: group\ G and H: group\ H and inj1: \forall\ x \in carrier\ G.\ h\ x = \mathbf{1}_H \longrightarrow x = \mathbf{1}_G and surj: h ' (carrier\ G) = carrier\ H and hom: \forall\ x \in carrier\ G.\ \forall\ y \in carrier\ G.\ h\ (x \otimes_G y) = h\ x \otimes_H h\ y shows h \in iso\ G\ H \langle proof \rangle end
```

## 3 The Free Group

```
theory FreeGroups
imports
HOL-Algebra.Group
Cancelation
Generators
begin
```

Based on the work in *Free-Groups.Cancelation*, the free group is now easily defined over the set of fully canceled words with the corresponding operations.

#### 3.1 Inversion

To define the inverse of a word, we first create a helper function that inverts a single generator, and show that it is self-inverse.

```
definition inv1 :: 'a \ g \cdot i \Rightarrow 'a \ g \cdot i

where inv1 = apfst \ Not

lemma inv1 \cdot inv1 :: inv1 \circ inv1 = id

\langle proof \rangle

lemmas inv1 \cdot inv1 \cdot simp \ [simp] = inv1 \cdot inv1 \ [unfolded \ id \cdot def]

lemma snd \cdot inv1 :: snd \circ inv1 = snd

\langle proof \rangle
```

The inverse of a word is obtained by reversing the order of the generators and inverting each generator using inv1. Some properties of inv-fg are noted.

```
definition inv-fg :: 'a \ word-g-i \Rightarrow 'a \ word-g-i
where inv-fg \ l = rev \ (map \ inv1 \ l)
lemma cancelling-inf[simp] : canceling \ (inv1 \ a) \ (inv1 \ b) = canceling \ a \ b
\langle proof \rangle
lemma inv-idemp : inv-fg \ (inv-fg \ l) = l
\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma inv-fg-cancel: normalize (l @ inv-fg \ l) = [] \langle proof \rangle

lemma inv-fg-cancel2: normalize (inv-fg l @ l) = [] \langle proof \rangle

lemma canceled-rev:
   assumes canceled l
   shows canceled (rev l) \langle proof \rangle

lemma inv-fg-closure1:
   assumes canceled l
   shows canceled (inv-fg l)
\langle proof \rangle

lemma inv-fg-closure2:
   l \in lists \ (UNIV \times gens) \implies inv-fg \ l \in lists \ (UNIV \times gens)
\langle proof \rangle
```

#### 3.2 The definition

Finally, we can define the Free Group over a set of generators, and show that it is indeed a group.

```
definition free-group :: 'a set => ((bool * 'a) list) monoid ($\mathcal{F}_1$)
where
\mathcal{F}_{gens} \equiv \{ \{ carrier = \{ l \in lists \ (UNIV \times gens). \ canceled \ l \ \}, \\ mult = \lambda \ x \ y. \ normalize \ (x @ y), \\ one = [] \}
lemma occuring-gens-in-element:
x \in carrier \ \mathcal{F}_{gens} \Longrightarrow x \in lists \ (UNIV \times gens) \\ \langle proof \rangle
theorem free-group-is-group: group \mathcal{F}_{gens}
\langle proof \rangle
lemma inv-is-inv-fg[simp]:
x \in carrier \ \mathcal{F}_{gens} \Longrightarrow inv_{\mathcal{F}_{gens}} \ x = inv-fg x
\langle proof \rangle
```

#### 3.3 The universal property

Free Groups are important due to their universal property: Every map of the set of generators to another group can be extended uniquely to an ho-

```
momorphism from the Free Group.
definition insert (\iota)
  where \iota g = [(False, g)]
lemma insert-closed:
  g \in gens \Longrightarrow \iota \ g \in carrier \ \mathcal{F}_{gens}
  \langle proof \rangle
definition (in group) lift-gi
  where lift-gi f gi = (if fst gi then inv (f (snd gi)) else f (snd gi))
lemma (in group) lift-gi-closed:
  assumes cl: f \in gens \rightarrow carrier G
      and \mathit{snd}\ \mathit{gi} \in \mathit{gens}
 shows lift-gi f gi \in carrier G
\langle proof \rangle
definition (in group) lift
  where lift f w = m\text{-}concat \ (map \ (lift\text{-}gi \ f) \ w)
lemma (in group) lift-nil[simp]: lift f = 1
 \langle proof \rangle
lemma (in group) lift-closed[simp]:
 assumes cl: f \in gens \rightarrow carrier G
      and x \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
 shows lift f x \in carrier G
\langle proof \rangle
lemma (in group) lift-append[simp]:
  assumes cl: f \in gens \rightarrow carrier G
      and x \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
      and y \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
 shows lift f(x @ y) = lift f x \otimes lift f y
\langle proof \rangle
lemma (in group) lift-cancels-to:
 assumes cancels-to x y
      and x \in lists (UNIV \times gens)
      and cl: f \in gens \rightarrow carrier G
 shows lift f x = lift f y
\langle proof \rangle
lemma (in group) lift-is-hom:
 assumes cl: f \in gens \rightarrow carrier G
  shows lift f \in hom \mathcal{F}_{gens} G
\langle proof \rangle
```

**lemma** gens-span-free-group:

```
shows \langle \iota \text{ '} gens \rangle_{\mathcal{F}gens} = carrier \ \mathcal{F}_{gens}

\langle proof \rangle

lemma (in group) lift-is-unique:

assumes group \ G

and cl: f \in gens \rightarrow carrier \ G

and h \in hom \ \mathcal{F}_{gens} \ G

and \forall \ g \in gens. \ h \ (\iota \ g) = f \ g

shows \forall \ x \in carrier \ \mathcal{F}_{gens}. \ h \ x = lift \ f \ x

\langle proof \rangle

end
```

## 4 The Unit Group

```
theory UnitGroup
imports
  HOL-Algebra. Group
  Generators
begin
    There is, up to isomorphisms, only one group with one element.
definition unit-group :: unit monoid
where
 unit-group \equiv (
    carrier = UNIV,
    mult = \lambda x y. (),
    one = ()
theorem unit-group-is-group: group unit-group
 \langle proof \rangle
theorem (in group) unit-group-unique:
 assumes card (carrier G) = 1
 shows \exists h. h \in iso G unit-group
\langle proof \rangle
end
theory C2
imports HOL-Algebra. Group
begin
```

# 5 The group C2

The two-element group is defined over the set of boolean values. This allows to use the equality of boolean values as the group operation.

definition C2

```
where C2 = \{ | carrier = UNIV, mult = (=), one = True | \}
\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{lemma} \ [simp] \colon (\otimes_{C2}) = (=) \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{lemma} \ [simp] \colon \mathbf{1}_{C2} = True \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{lemma} \ [simp] \colon carrier \ C2 = UNIV \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{lemma} \ C2\text{-}is\text{-}group \colon group \ C2 \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
\mathbf{end}
```

## 6 Isomorphisms of Free Groups

```
\begin{array}{c} \textbf{theory} \ Isomorphisms \\ \textbf{imports} \\ UnitGroup \\ HOL-Algebra.IntRing \\ FreeGroups \\ C2 \\ HOL-Cardinals.Cardinal-Order-Relation \\ \textbf{begin} \end{array}
```

#### 6.1 The Free Group over the empty set

The Free Group over an empty set of generators is isomorphic to the trivial group.

```
lemma free-group-over-empty-set: \exists h. h \in iso \mathcal{F}_{\{\}} unit-group \langle proof \rangle
```

#### 6.2 The Free Group over one generator

The Free Group over one generator is isomorphic to the free abelian group over one element, also known as the integers.

```
abbreviation int-group where int-group \equiv (| carrier = carrier \mathcal{Z}, monoid.mult = (+), one = 0::int |) lemma replicate-set-eq[simp]: \forall x \in set \ xs. \ x = y \Longrightarrow xs = replicate \ (length \ xs) \ y \ \langle proof \rangle lemma int-group-gen-by-one: \langle \{1\} \rangle_{int-group} = carrier \ int-group \ \langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma free-group-over-one-gen: \exists h. h \in iso \mathcal{F}_{\{()\}} int-group \langle proof \rangle
```

#### 6.3 Free Groups over isomorphic sets of generators

Free Groups are isomorphic if their set of generators are isomorphic.

```
definition lift-generator-function :: ('a \Rightarrow 'b) \Rightarrow (bool \times 'a) list \Rightarrow (bool \times 'b) list where lift-generator-function f = map \ (map\text{-}prod \ id \ f)

theorem isomorphic-free-groups:

assumes bij-betw f \ gens1 \ gens2

shows lift-generator-function f \in iso \ \mathcal{F}_{gens1} \ \mathcal{F}_{gens2}

\langle proof \rangle
```

## 6.4 Bases of isomorphic free groups

Isomorphic free groups have bases of same cardinality. The proof is very different for infinite bases and for finite bases.

The proof for the finite case uses the set of of homomorphisms from the free group to the group with two elements, as suggested by Christian Sievers. The definition of *hom* is not suitable for proofs about the cardinality of that set, as its definition does not require extensionality. This is amended by the following definition:

```
definition homr
  where home G H = \{h. h \in hom \ G H \land h \in extensional \ (carrier \ G)\}
lemma (in group-hom) restrict-hom[intro!]:
  shows restrict h (carrier G) \in homr G H
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma hom-F-C2-Powerset:
  \exists f. \ bij-betw \ f \ (Pow \ X) \ (homr \ (\mathcal{F}_X) \ C2)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma group-iso-betw-hom:
  assumes group G1 and group G2
     and iso: i \in iso G1 G2
  shows \exists f . bij-betw f (homr G2 H) (homr G1 H)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma isomorphic-free-groups-bases-finite:
  assumes iso: i \in iso \mathcal{F}_X \mathcal{F}_Y
     and finite: finite X
  shows \exists f. \ bij\text{-}betw \ f \ X \ Y
```

The proof for the infinite case is trivial once the fact that the free group over an infinite set has the same cardinality is established.

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{lemma} \ \textit{free-group-card-infinite:} \\ \textbf{assumes} \ \neg \ \textit{finite} \ \textit{X} \\ \textbf{shows} \ |\textit{X}| = o \ |\textit{carrier} \ \mathcal{F}_{\textit{X}}| \\ \langle \textit{proof} \rangle \\ \\ \textbf{theorem} \ \textit{isomorphic-free-groups-bases:} \\ \textbf{assumes} \ \textit{iso:} \ i \in \textit{iso} \ \mathcal{F}_{\textit{X}} \ \mathcal{F}_{\textit{Y}} \\ \textbf{shows} \ \exists \textit{f. bij-betw} \ \textit{f} \ \textit{X} \ \textit{Y} \\ \langle \textit{proof} \rangle \\ \end{array}
```

end

## 7 The Ping Pong lemma

```
theory PingPongLemma
imports
  HOL-Algebra.Bij
  FreeGroups
begin
```

The Ping Pong Lemma is a way to recognice a Free Group by its action on a set (often a topological space or a graph). The name stems from the way that elements of the set are passed forth and back between the subsets given there.

We start with two auxiliary lemmas, one about the identity of the group of bijections, and one about sets of cardinality larger than one.

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{lemma} \ Bij\text{-}one[simp] \colon \\ \textbf{assumes} \ x \in X \\ \textbf{shows} \ \textbf{1}_{BijGroup} \ X \ x = x \\ \langle proof \rangle \\ \\ \textbf{lemma} \ other\text{-}member \colon \\ \textbf{assumes} \ I \neq \{\} \ \textbf{and} \ i \in I \ \textbf{and} \ card \ I \neq 1 \\ \textbf{obtains} \ j \ \textbf{where} \ j \in I \ \textbf{and} \ j \neq i \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
```

And now we can attempt the lemma. The gencount condition is a weaker variant of "x has to lie outside all subsets" that is only required if the set of generators is one. Otherwise, we will be able to find a suitable x to start with in the proof.

```
lemma ping-pong-lemma: assumes group G and act \in hom \ G \ (BijGroup \ X) and g \in (I \to carrier \ G) and \langle g \ `I\rangle_G = carrier \ G and sub1: \forall i \in I. \ Xout \ i \subseteq X and sub2: \forall i \in I. \ Xin \ i \subseteq X
```

```
and disj1: \forall i \in I. \ \forall j \in I. \ i \neq j \longrightarrow Xout \ i \cap Xout \ j = \{\} and disj2: \forall i \in I. \ \forall j \in I. \ i \neq j \longrightarrow Xin \ i \cap Xin \ j = \{\} and disj3: \forall i \in I. \ \forall j \in I. \ Xin \ i \cap Xout \ j = \{\} and x \in X and gencount: \forall i \ . \ I = \{i\} \longrightarrow (x \notin Xout \ i \wedge x \notin Xin \ i) and ping: \forall i \in I. \ act \ (g \ i) \ `(X - Xout \ i) \subseteq Xin \ i and pong: \forall i \in I. \ act \ (inv_G \ (g \ i)) \ `(X - Xin \ i) \subseteq Xout \ i shows group.lift \ G \ g \in iso \ (\mathcal{F}_I) \ G
```

 $\mathbf{end}$