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Abstract

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theory Pluenecke-Ruzsa-Inequality
imports
  Jacobson-Basic-Algebra.Ring-Theory
  Complex-Main
```

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begin
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notation plus (infixl + 65)
notation minus (infixl - 65)
notation uminus (- - [81] 80)
```

1.1 Key definitions (sumset, difference set) and basic lemmas

Working in an arbitrary Abelian group, with additive syntax

```
locale additive-abelian-group = abelian-group  $G$  ( $\oplus$ )  $\mathbf{0}$ 
for  $G$  and addition (infixl  $\oplus$  65) and zero ( $\mathbf{0}$ )
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begin
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abbreviation G-minus:: 'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a (infixl  $\ominus$  70)
where  $x \ominus y \equiv x \oplus \textit{inverse } y$ 
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lemma inverse-closed:  $x \in G \implies \textit{inverse } x \in G$ 
by blast
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1.1.1 Sumsets

```
inductive-set sumset :: 'a set  $\Rightarrow$  'a set  $\Rightarrow$  'a set for  $A B$ 
where
  sumsetI[intro]:  $\llbracket a \in A; a \in G; b \in B; b \in G \rrbracket \implies a \oplus b \in \textit{sumset } A B$ 
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```
lemma sumset-eq:  $\textit{sumset } A B = \{c. \exists a \in A \cap G. \exists b \in B \cap G. c = a \oplus b\}$ 
by (auto simp: sumset.simps elim!: sumset.cases)
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lemma sumset:  $\textit{sumset } A B = (\bigcup a \in A \cap G. \bigcup b \in B \cap G. \{a \oplus b\})$ 
by (auto simp: sumset-eq)
```

lemma *sumset-subset-carrier*: $sumset A B \subseteq G$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-Int-carrier* [*simp*]: $sumset A B \cap G = sumset A B$
by (*simp add: Int-absorb2 sumset-subset-carrier*)

lemma *sumset-mono*: $[[A' \subseteq A; B' \subseteq B]] \implies sumset A' B' \subseteq sumset A B$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-insert1*: *NO-MATCH* $\{\} A \implies sumset (insert x A) B = sumset \{x\} B \cup sumset A B$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-insert2*: *NO-MATCH* $\{\} B \implies sumset A (insert x B) = sumset A \{x\} \cup sumset A B$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-subset-Un1*: $sumset (A \cup A') B = sumset A B \cup sumset A' B$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-subset-Un2*: $sumset A (B \cup B') = sumset A B \cup sumset A B'$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-subset-insert*: $sumset A B \subseteq sumset A (insert x B) \quad sumset A B \subseteq sumset (insert x A) B$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-subset-Un*: $sumset A B \subseteq sumset A (B \cup C) \quad sumset A B \subseteq sumset (A \cup C) B$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-empty* [*simp*]: $sumset A \{\} = \{\} \quad sumset \{\} A = \{\}$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-empty'*:
assumes $A \cap G = \{\}$
shows $sumset B A = \{\} \quad sumset A B = \{\}$
using *assms* **by** (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-is-empty-iff* [*simp*]: $sumset A B = \{\} \iff A \cap G = \{\} \vee B \cap G = \{\}$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-D* [*simp*]: $sumset A \{\mathbf{0}\} = A \cap G \quad sumset \{\mathbf{0}\} A = A \cap G$
by (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *sumset-Int-carrier-eq* [*simp*]: $sumset A (B \cap G) = sumset A B \quad sumset (A \cap G) B = sumset A B$

by (auto simp: sumset-eq)

lemma *sumset-assoc*:
 shows $\text{sumset } (\text{sumset } A B) C = \text{sumset } A (\text{sumset } B C)$
 by (fastforce simp add: sumset-eq associative Bex-def)

lemma *sumset-commute*:
 shows $\text{sumset } A B = \text{sumset } B A$
 by (auto simp: sumset-eq; meson Int-iff commutative)

lemma *finite-sumset*:
 assumes *finite* A *finite* B **shows** *finite* $(\text{sumset } A B)$
 using *assms* by (auto simp: sumset-eq)

lemma *finite-sumset'*:
 assumes *finite* $(A \cap G)$ *finite* $(B \cap G)$
 shows *finite* $(\text{sumset } A B)$
 using *assms* by (auto simp: sumset-eq)

lemma *sumsetdiff-sing*: $\text{sumset } (A - B) \{x\} = \text{sumset } A \{x\} - \text{sumset } B \{x\}$
 by (auto simp: sumset-eq)

lemma *card-sumset-singleton-eq*:
 assumes *finite* A **shows** $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \{a\}) = (\text{if } a \in G \text{ then } \text{card } (A \cap G) \text{ else } 0)$
proof (cases $a \in G$)
 case *True*
 then have $\text{sumset } A \{a\} = (\lambda x. x \oplus a) ` (A \cap G)$
 by (auto simp: sumset-eq)
 moreover have *inj-on* $(\lambda x. x \oplus a) (A \cap G)$
 by (auto simp: inj-on-def *True*)
 ultimately **show** *?thesis*
 by (metis *True* *card-image*)
qed (auto simp: sumset-eq)

lemma *card-sumset-le*:
 assumes *finite* A **shows** $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \{a\}) \leq \text{card } A$
 by (simp add: *assms* *card-mono* *card-sumset-singleton-eq*)

lemma *infinite-sumset-aux*:
 assumes *infinite* $(A \cap G)$
 shows *infinite* $(\text{sumset } A B) \longleftrightarrow B \cap G \neq \{\}$
proof (cases $B \cap G = \{\}$)
 case *False*
 then **obtain** b **where** $b \in B$ $b \in G$ **by** *blast*
 with *assms* *commutative* **have** $((\oplus)b) ` (A \cap G) \subseteq \text{sumset } A B$
 by (auto simp: sumset)
 moreover **have** *inj-on* $((\oplus)b) (A \cap G)$
 by (meson *IntD2* *b inj-onI invertible invertible-left-cancel*)

ultimately show *?thesis*
by (*metis False assms inj-on-finite*)
qed (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *infinite-sumset-iff*:
shows $\text{infinite } (\text{sumset } A \ B) \longleftrightarrow \text{infinite } (A \cap G) \wedge B \cap G \neq \{\} \vee A \cap G \neq \{\} \wedge \text{infinite } (B \cap G)$
by (*metis (no-types, lifting) finite-sumset' infinite-sumset-aux sumset-commute*)

lemma *card-le-sumset*:
assumes A : *finite* A $a \in A$ $a \in G$
and B : *finite* B $B \subseteq G$
shows $\text{card } B \leq \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ B)$
proof –
have $B \subseteq (\oplus)$ (*inverse* a) ‘*sumset* $A \ B$
using $A \ B$
apply (*clarsimp simp: sumset image-iff*)
by (*metis Int-absorb2 Int-iff invertible invertible-left-inverse2*)
with $A \ B$ **show** *?thesis*
by (*meson finite-sumset surj-card-le*)
qed

lemma *card-sumset-0-iff'*: $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ B) = 0 \longleftrightarrow \text{card } (A \cap G) = 0 \vee \text{card } (B \cap G) = 0$
proof (*cases infinite (A ∩ G) ∨ infinite (B ∩ G)*)
case *True*
then show *?thesis*
by (*metis card-eq-0-iff infinite-sumset-iff sumset-empty'*)
qed (*auto simp: sumset-eq*)

lemma *card-sumset-0-iff*:
assumes $A \subseteq G$ $B \subseteq G$
shows $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ B) = 0 \longleftrightarrow \text{card } A = 0 \vee \text{card } B = 0$
by (*metis assms le-iff-inf card-sumset-0-iff'*)

lemma *card-sumset-leq*:
assumes $A \subseteq G$
shows $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ A) \leq \text{Suc}(\text{card } A)$ *choose 2*
using *assms*
proof (*induction card A arbitrary: A*)
case 0
then show *?case*
by (*metis card-sumset-0-iff zero-le*)
next
case (*Suc* n A)
then obtain $a \ A'$ **where** $a \in A$ $A' = A - \{a\}$ $a \in G$
by (*metis Zero-neq-Suc card-eq-0-iff subset-empty subset-eq*)
then have n : $\text{card } A' = n$
by (*metis Suc(2) card-Diff-singleton diff-Suc-Suc minus-nat.diff-0 One-nat-def*)

```

have finite A
  by (metis Suc(2) Zero-neq-Suc card.infinite)
have card (sumset A A) ≤ card (sumset A' A') + card A
proof -
  have A: A = A' ∪ {a}
    using a by auto
  then have sumset A A = (sumset A' A') ∪ (sumset A {a})
    by (auto simp: sumset-eq commutative)
  with a ⟨finite A⟩ card-sumset-le show ?thesis
    by (simp add: order-trans[OF card-Un-le])
qed
also have ... ≤ (card A) choose 2 + card A
  using Suc a by (metis add-le-mono1 insert-Diff-single insert-absorb insert-subset
n)
also have ... ≤ Suc (card A) choose 2
  by (simp add: numeral-2-eq-2)
finally show ?case .
qed

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1.1.2 Iterated sumsets

definition *sumset-iterated* :: 'a set ⇒ nat ⇒ 'a set
 where *sumset-iterated* A r ≡ *Finite-Set.fold* (sumset ∘ (λ-. A)) {0} {..*r*}

lemma *sumset-iterated-0* [simp]: *sumset-iterated* A 0 = {0}
 by (simp add: *sumset-iterated-def*)

lemma *sumset-iterated-Suc* [simp]: *sumset-iterated* A (Suc k) = *sumset* A (*sumset-iterated* A k)

(is ?lhs = ?rhs)

proof -

interpret *comp-fun-commute-on* {..k} *sumset* ∘ (λ-. A)

using *sumset-assoc sumset-commute* **by** (auto simp: *comp-fun-commute-on-def*)

have ?lhs = (*sumset* ∘ (λ-. A)) k (*Finite-Set.fold* (*sumset* ∘ (λ-. A)) {0} {..*k*})

unfolding *sumset-iterated-def lessThan-Suc*

by (*subst fold-insert, auto*)

also have ... = ?rhs

by (*simp add: sumset-iterated-def*)

finally show ?thesis .

qed

lemma *sumset-iterated-2*:

shows *sumset-iterated* A 2 = *sumset* A A

by (*simp add: eval-nat-numeral*)

lemma *sumset-iterated-r*: *r* > 0 ⇒ *sumset-iterated* A *r* = *sumset* A (*sumset-iterated* A (*r*-1))

using *gr0-conv-Suc* **by** *force*

lemma *sumset-iterated-subset-carrier*: $\text{sumset-iterated } A \ k \subseteq G$
by (*cases k*; *simp add: sumset-subset-carrier*)

lemma *finite-sumset-iterated*: $\text{finite } A \implies \text{finite } (\text{sumset-iterated } A \ r)$
by (*induction r*) (*auto simp: finite-sumset*)

lemma *sumset-iterated-empty*: $r > 0 \implies \text{sumset-iterated } \{\} \ r = \{\}$
by (*induction r*) *auto*

1.1.3 Difference sets

inductive-set *minusset* :: 'a set \Rightarrow 'a set **for** A
where

minussetI[*intro*]: $\llbracket a \in A; a \in G \rrbracket \implies \text{inverse } a \in \text{minusset } A$

lemma *minusset-eq*: $\text{minusset } A = \text{inverse } (A \cap G)$
by (*auto simp: minusset.simps*)

abbreviation *differenceset* $A \ B \equiv \text{sumset } A \ (\text{minusset } B)$

lemma *minusset-is-empty-iff* [*simp*]: $\text{minusset } A = \{\} \longleftrightarrow A \cap G = \{\}$
by (*auto simp: minusset-eq*)

lemma *minusset-triv* [*simp*]: $\text{minusset } \{0\} = \{0\}$
by (*auto simp: minusset-eq*)

lemma *minusset-subset-carrier*: $\text{minusset } A \subseteq G$
by (*auto simp: minusset-eq*)

lemma *minus-minusset* [*simp*]: $\text{minusset } (\text{minusset } A) = A \cap G$
apply (*auto simp: minusset-eq*)
by (*metis inverse-equality invertible invertibleE minusset.minussetI minusset-eq*)

lemma *card-minusset* [*simp*]: $\text{card } (\text{minusset } A) = \text{card } (A \cap G)$

proof (*rule bij-betw-same-card*)

show *bij-betw* (*inverse*) (*minusset A*) (*A \cap G*)

unfolding *minusset-eq* **by** (*force intro: bij-betwI*)

qed

lemma *card-minusset'*: $A \subseteq G \implies \text{card } (\text{minusset } A) = \text{card } A$
by (*simp add: Int-absorb2*)

lemma *diff-minus-set*:

differenceset (*minusset A*) $B = \text{minusset } (\text{sumset } A \ B)$ (**is** *?lhs = ?rhs*)

proof (*rule Set.set-eqI*)

fix u

have $u \in \text{?lhs} \longleftrightarrow$

$(\exists x \in A \cap G. \exists y \in B \cap G. u = \text{inverse } x \ominus y)$

by (*auto simp: sumset minusset-eq*)
 also have $\dots \longleftrightarrow (\exists x \in A \cap G. \exists y \in B \cap G. u = \text{inverse } (y \oplus x))$
 using *inverse-composition-commute* by *auto*
 also have $\dots \longleftrightarrow u \in ?rhs$
 by (*auto simp: sumset minusset-eq commutative*)
 finally show $u \in ?lhs \longleftrightarrow u \in ?rhs$.
 qed

lemma *differenceset-commute* [*simp*]:
 shows $\text{minusset } (\text{differenceset } B A) = \text{differenceset } A B$
 by (*metis diff-minus-set minus-minusset sumset-Int-carrier-eq(1) sumset-commute*)

lemma *card-differenceset-commute*: $\text{card } (\text{differenceset } B A) = \text{card } (\text{differenceset } A B)$
 by (*metis card-minusset' differenceset-commute sumset-subset-carrier*)

lemma *minusset-distrib-sum*:
 shows $\text{minusset } (\text{sumset } A B) = \text{sumset } (\text{minusset } A) (\text{minusset } B)$
 by (*simp add: diff-minus-set*)

lemma *minusset-iterated-minusset*: $\text{sumset-iterated } (\text{minusset } A) k = \text{minusset } (\text{sumset-iterated } A k)$
 by (*induction k*) (*auto simp: diff-minus-set*)

lemma *card-sumset-iterated-minusset*:
 $\text{card } (\text{sumset-iterated } (\text{minusset } A) k) = \text{card } (\text{sumset-iterated } A k)$
 by (*metis card-minusset' minusset-iterated-minusset sumset-iterated-subset-carrier*)

lemma *finite-minusset*: $\text{finite } A \implies \text{finite } (\text{minusset } A)$
 by (*simp add: minusset-eq*)

lemma *finite-differenceset*: $\text{finite } A \implies \text{finite } B \implies \text{finite } (\text{differenceset } A B)$
 by (*simp add: finite-minusset finite-sumset*)

1.2 The Ruzsa triangle inequality

lemma *Ruzsa-triangle-ineq1*:
 assumes $U: \text{finite } U \ U \subseteq G$
 and $V: \text{finite } V \ V \subseteq G$
 and $W: \text{finite } W \ W \subseteq G$
 shows $(\text{card } U) * \text{card}(\text{differenceset } V W) \leq \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U V) * \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U W)$

proof –

have *fn*: $\text{finite } (\text{differenceset } U V) \ \text{finite } (\text{differenceset } U W)$
 using $U \ V \ W$ *finite-minusset finite-sumset* by *auto*
 have $\exists v \ w. v \in V \wedge w \in W \wedge x = v \ominus w$ if $x \in \text{differenceset } V W$ for x
 using *that* by (*auto simp: sumset-eq minusset-eq*)
 then obtain $v \ w$ where *vinV*: $v \in V$ and *winW*: $w \in W$ and *vw-eq*: $v \ominus (w \ominus x) = x$

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    if  $x \in \text{differenceset } V \ W$  for  $x$  by metis
  have  $\text{vin}G: v \ x \in G$  and  $\text{win}G: w \ x \in G$  if  $x \in \text{differenceset } V \ W$  for  $x$ 
    using  $V \ W$  that  $\text{vin}V \ \text{win}W$  by auto
  define  $\varphi$  where  $\varphi \equiv \lambda(u,x). (u \ominus (v \ x), u \ominus (w \ x))$ 
  have inj-on  $\varphi \ (U \times \text{differenceset } V \ W)$ 
  proof (clarsimp simp add:  $\varphi$ -def inj-on-def)
    fix  $u1 :: 'a$  and  $x1 :: 'a$  and  $u2 :: 'a$  and  $x2 :: 'a$ 
    assume  $u1 \in U \ u2 \in U$ 
      and  $x1: x1 \in \text{differenceset } V \ W$ 
      and  $x2: x2 \in \text{differenceset } V \ W$ 
      and  $v: u1 \ominus v \ x1 = u2 \ominus v \ x2$ 
      and  $w: u1 \ominus w \ x1 = u2 \ominus w \ x2$ 
    then obtain  $u1 \in G \ u2 \in G \ x1 \in G \ x2 \in G$ 
      by (meson  $\langle U \subseteq G \rangle$  subset-iff sumset-subset-carrier)
    show  $u1 = u2 \wedge x1 = x2$ 
  proof
    have  $v \ x1 \ominus w \ x1 = (u1 \ominus w \ x1) \ominus (u1 \ominus v \ x1)$ 
    by (smt (verit, del-insts)  $\langle u1 \in G \rangle$  associative commutative composition-closed inverse-closed)
      invertible invertible-right-inverse2 vinG winG x1)
    also have  $\dots = (u2 \ominus w \ x2) \ominus (u2 \ominus v \ x2)$ 
      using  $v \ w$  by presburger
    also have  $\dots = v \ x2 \ominus w \ x2$ 
    by (smt (verit, del-insts)  $\langle u2 \in G \rangle$  associative commutative composition-closed inverse-equality)
      invertible invertible-def invertible-right-inverse2 vinG winG x2)
    finally have  $v \ x1 \ominus w \ x1 = v \ x2 \ominus w \ x2$  .
    then show  $x1=x2$ 
      by (simp add:  $x1 \ x2 \ vw$ -eq)
    then show  $u1=u2$ 
      using  $\langle u1 \in G \rangle \langle u2 \in G \rangle \ w \ \text{win}G \ x1$  by force
  qed
  qed
  moreover have  $\varphi \in (U \times \text{differenceset } V \ W) \rightarrow (\text{differenceset } U \ V) \times (\text{differenceset } U \ W)$ 
    using  $\langle U \subseteq G \rangle \langle V \subseteq G \rangle \langle W \subseteq G \rangle$ 
    by (fastforce simp:  $\varphi$ -def intro: vinV winW)
  ultimately have  $\text{card } (U \times \text{differenceset } V \ W) \leq \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U \ V \times \text{differenceset } U \ W)$ 
    using card-inj fin by blast
  then show ?thesis
    by (simp flip: card-cartesian-product)
  qed

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definition *Ruzsa-distance*:: $'a \ \text{set} \Rightarrow 'a \ \text{set} \Rightarrow \text{real}$
 where *Ruzsa-distance* $A \ B \equiv \text{card}(\text{differenceset } A \ B) / (\text{sqrt}(\text{card } A) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } B))$

lemma *Ruzsa-triangle-ineq2*:
assumes U : *finite* U $U \subseteq G$ $U \neq \{\}$
and V : *finite* V $V \subseteq G$
and W : *finite* W $W \subseteq G$
shows $\text{Ruzsa-distance } V W \leq (\text{Ruzsa-distance } V U) * (\text{Ruzsa-distance } U W)$
proof –
have $\text{card } U * \text{card } (\text{differenceset } V W) \leq \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U V) * \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U W)$
using *assms Ruzsa-triangle-ineq1 by metis*
– now divide both sides with the same quantity
then have $\text{card } U * \text{card } (\text{differenceset } V W) / (\text{card } U * \text{sqrt } (\text{card } V) * \text{sqrt } (\text{card } W))$
 $\leq \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U V) * \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U W) / (\text{card } U * \text{sqrt } (\text{card } V) * \text{sqrt } (\text{card } W))$
using *assms*
by (*metis divide-right-mono mult-eq-0-iff mult-left-mono of-nat-0-le-iff of-nat-mono real-sqrt-ge-0-iff*)
then have $*$: $\text{card}(\text{differenceset } V W) / (\text{sqrt}(\text{card } V) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } W)) \leq$
 $\text{card } (\text{differenceset } U V) * \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U W)$
 $/ (\text{card } U * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } V) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } W))$
using *assms by simp*
have $\text{card } (\text{differenceset } U V) * \text{card } (\text{differenceset } U W) / (\text{card } U * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } V) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } W))$
 $= \text{card}(\text{differenceset } V U) / (\text{sqrt}(\text{card } U) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } V)) * \text{card}(\text{differenceset } U W) / (\text{sqrt}(\text{card } U) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } W))$
using *assms*
by (*simp add: divide-simps*) (*metis card-minusset differenceset-commute minus-minusset*)
then have
 $\text{card}(\text{differenceset } V W) / (\text{sqrt}(\text{card } V) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } W)) \leq$
 $\text{card}(\text{differenceset } V U) / (\text{sqrt}(\text{card } U) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } V)) * \text{card}(\text{differenceset } U W) / (\text{sqrt}(\text{card } U) * \text{sqrt}(\text{card } W))$
using $*$ *assms by auto*
then show *?thesis unfolding Ruzsa-distance-def*
by (*metis divide-divide-eq-left divide-divide-eq-left' times-divide-eq-right*)
qed

1.3 Petridis’s proof of the Plünnecke-Ruzsa inequality

lemma *Plu-2-2*:
assumes $K0$: $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A0 B) \leq K0 * \text{real } (\text{card } A0)$
and $A0$: *finite* $A0$ $A0 \subseteq G$ $A0 \neq \{\}$
and B : *finite* B $B \subseteq G$ $B \neq \{\}$
obtains $A K$
where $A \subseteq A0$ $A \neq \{\}$ $0 < K$ $K \leq K0$
and $\bigwedge C. C \subseteq G \implies \text{finite } C \implies \text{card } (\text{sumset } A (\text{sumset } B C)) \leq K * \text{real } (\text{card}(\text{sumset } A C))$
proof

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define  $K_S$  where  $K_S \equiv (\lambda A. \text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ B) / \text{real} (\text{card } A)) \text{ ‘ } (\text{Pow } A0 - \{\{\}\})$ 
define  $K$  where  $K \equiv \text{Min } K_S$ 
define  $A$  where  $A \equiv @A. A \in \text{Pow } A0 - \{\{\}\} \wedge K = \text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ B) / \text{real} (\text{card } A)$ 
obtain  $K_S$ : finite  $K_S \ K_S \neq \{\}$ 
  using  $K_S\text{-def}$   $A0$  by blast
then have  $K \in K_S$ 
  using  $K\text{-def}$   $\text{Min-in}$  by blast
then have  $\exists A. A \in \text{Pow } A0 - \{\{\}\} \wedge K = \text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ B) / \text{real} (\text{card } A)$ 
  using  $K_S\text{-def}$  by blast
then obtain  $A \in \text{Pow } A0 - \{\{\}\}$  and  $\text{Keq}$ :  $K = \text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ B) / \text{real} (\text{card } A)$ 
  by (metis (mono-tags, lifting)  $A\text{-def}$  someI-ex)
then show  $A: A \subseteq A0 \ A \neq \{\}$ 
  by auto
with  $A0$  finite-subset have  $A \subseteq G$  finite  $A$ 
  by blast+
have  $gt0$ :  $0 < \text{real} (\text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ B)) / \text{real} (\text{card } A)$  if  $A \neq \{\}$  and  $A \subseteq A0$ 
for  $A$ 
  using that assms
  by (smt (verit, best) order-trans card-0-eq card-sumset-0-iff divide-pos-pos of-nat-le-0-iff finite-subset)
then show  $K > 0$ 
  using  $A$   $\text{Keq}$  by presburger
have  $K\text{-card}A$ :  $K * (\text{card } A) = \text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ B)$ 
  unfolding  $\text{Keq}$  using  $\text{Keq} \langle 0 < K \rangle$  by force
have  $K\text{-le}$ :  $\text{real} (\text{card} (\text{sumset } A' \ B)) / \text{card } A' \geq K$  if  $A' \subseteq A \ A' \neq \{\}$  for  $A'$ 
  using  $K_S$   $K\text{-def}$   $K_S\text{-def}$   $\langle A \subseteq A0 \rangle$  that by force
with  $A0$  have  $\text{card} (\text{sumset } A0 \ B) / \text{real} (\text{card } A0) \in K_S$ 
  by (auto simp:  $K_S\text{-def}$ )
with  $A0$  show  $K \leq K0$ 
  by (metis  $K_S$   $K\text{-def}$   $\text{Min-le-iff}$  card-gt-0-iff mult-imp-div-pos-le of-nat-0-less-iff  $K0$ )
show  $\text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ C)) \leq K * \text{real} (\text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ C))$ 
  if finite  $C \ C \subseteq G$  for  $C$ 
  using that
proof (induction  $C$ )
  case empty
  then show ?case by simp
  — This is actually trivial: it does not follow from  $\text{real} (\text{card} (\text{sumset } A \ B)) = K * \text{real} (\text{card } A)$  as claimed in the notes.
next
  case (insert  $x \ C$ )
  then have  $x \in G \ C \subseteq G$  finite  $C$ 
  by auto
define  $A'$  where  $A' \equiv A \cap \{a. (a \oplus x) \in \text{sumset } A \ C\}$ 
with  $\langle \text{finite } A \rangle$  have finite  $A' \ A' \subseteq A$  by auto
then have [simp]:  $\text{real} (\text{card } A - \text{card } A') = \text{real} (\text{card } A) - \text{real} (\text{card } A')$ 

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by (*meson* \langle finite A \rangle *card-mono of-nat-diff*)
have 0 : $\text{sumset } A \ C \cap \text{sumset } (A - A') \ \{x\} = \{\}$
 by (*clarsimp simp add: A'-def sumset-eq disjoint-iff*) (*metis IntI*)
have 1 : $\text{sumset } A \ (\text{insert } x \ C) = \text{sumset } A \ C \cup \text{sumset } (A - A') \ \{x\}$
 by (*auto simp: A'-def sumset-eq*)
have $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{insert } x \ C)) = \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ C) + \text{card } (\text{sumset } (A - A') \ \{x\})$
 by (*simp add: 0 1* \langle finite A \rangle *card-Un-disjoint finite-sumset local.insert*)
also have $\dots = \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ C) + \text{card } ((A - A') \cap G)$
 using \langle finite A \rangle $\langle x \in G \rangle$ by (*simp add: card-sumset-singleton-eq*)
also have $\dots = \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ C) + \text{card } (A - A')$
 by (*metis* $\langle A \subseteq G \rangle$ *Int-absorb2 Int-Diff Int-commute*)
also have $\dots = \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ C) + (\text{card } A - \text{card } A')$
 by (*simp add: A'-def* \langle finite A \rangle *card-Diff-subset*)
finally have $*$: $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{insert } x \ C)) = \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ C) + (\text{card } A - \text{card } A')$.
have $\text{sumset } A' \ (\text{sumset } B \ \{x\}) \subseteq \text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ C)$
 by (*clarsimp simp add: A'-def sumset-eq Bex-def*) (*metis associative commutative composition-closed*)
then have $\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ (\text{insert } x \ C))$
 $\subseteq \text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ C) \cup (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ \{x\}) - \text{sumset } A' \ (\text{sumset } B \ \{x\}))$
 by (*auto simp: sumset-insert2 sumset-subset-Un2*)
then have $\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ (\text{insert } x \ C))) \leq \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ C))$
 $+ \text{card } ((\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ \{x\}) - \text{sumset } A' \ (\text{sumset } B \ \{x\})))$
 by (*smt (verit, best) B(1)* \langle finite A \rangle \langle finite C \rangle *order-trans card-Un-le card-mono finite.emptyI*
finite.insertI finite-Diff finite-Un finite-sumset)
also have $\dots = \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ C)) + (\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ \{x\})) - \text{card } (\text{sumset } A' \ (\text{sumset } B \ \{x\})))$
 by (*simp add: A' \subseteq A* \langle finite A' \rangle \langle finite B \rangle *card-Diff-subset finite-sumset sumset-mono*)
also have $\dots \leq \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ (\text{sumset } B \ C)) + (\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ B) - \text{card } (\text{sumset } A' \ B))$
 using \langle finite A \rangle \langle finite A' \rangle \langle finite B \rangle by (*simp add: card-sumset-singleton-eq finite-sumset flip: sumset-assoc*)
also have $\dots \leq K * \text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ C) + (K * \text{card } A - K * \text{card } A')$
proof (*cases* $A' = \{\}$)
case *True*
 with *local.insert* $\langle C \subseteq G \rangle$ *K-cardA* **show** *?thesis* by *auto*
next
case *False*
then have $K * \text{card } A' \leq \text{real } (\text{card } (\text{sumset } A' \ B))$
 using *K-le[OF A' \subseteq A]* by (*simp add: divide-simps split: if-split-asm*)
then have $\text{real } (\text{card } (\text{sumset } A \ B) - \text{card } (\text{sumset } A' \ B)) \leq K * \text{real } (\text{card } A) - K * \text{real } (\text{card } A')$
 by (*simp add: B(1) K-cardA A' \subseteq A* \langle finite A \rangle *card-mono finite-sumset*)

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of-nat-diff sumset-mono)
  with local.insert show ?thesis by simp
qed
also have ... ≤ K * real (card (sumset A (insert x C)))
  using * ⟨A' ⊆ A⟩ by (simp add: algebra-simps)
finally show ?case
  using of-nat-mono by blast
qed
qed

lemma Cor-Plu-2-3:
  assumes K: card (sumset A B) ≤ K * real (card A)
    and A: finite A A ⊆ G A ≠ {}
    and B: finite B B ⊆ G
  obtains A' where A' ⊆ A A' ≠ {}
    ∧ r. card (sumset A' (sumset-iterated B r)) ≤ K ^ r * real (card A')
proof (cases B = {})
case True
  have K ≥ 0
    using assms by (simp add: True zero-le-mult-iff)
  moreover have *: sumset-iterated B r = (if r=0 then {0} else {}) for r
    by (metis True sumset-iterated-0 sumset-iterated-empty zero-less-iff-neq-zero)
  ultimately have real (card (sumset A (sumset-iterated B r)))
    ≤ K ^ r * real (card A) for r
    by (simp add: * Int-commute Int-absorb2 ⟨A ⊆ G⟩)
  with ⟨A ≠ {}⟩ that show ?thesis by blast
next
case False
  obtain A' K'
    where A': A' ⊆ A A' ≠ {} 0 < K' K' ≤ K
      and A'-card: ∧ C. C ⊆ G ⇒ finite C ⇒ card (sumset A' (sumset B C))
        ≤ K' * real (card (sumset A' C))
    by (metis A B Plu-2-2 K False)
  with A have A' ⊆ G by blast
  have *: card (sumset A' (sumset-iterated B (Suc r))) ≤ K' * card (sumset A'
    (sumset-iterated B r))
    (is ?lhs ≤ ?rhs)
  for r
proof -
  have ?lhs = card (sumset A' (sumset B (sumset-iterated B r)))
    using that by (simp add: sumset-iterated-r)
  also have ... ≤ ?rhs
    using A'-card B finite-sumset-iterated sumset-iterated-subset-carrier by meson
  finally show ?thesis .
qed
have **: card (sumset A' (sumset-iterated B r)) ≤ K' ^ r * real (card A') for r
proof (induction r)
case 0
  with ⟨A' ⊆ G⟩ show ?case

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    by (simp add: Int-absorb2)
  next
    case (Suc r)
    then show ?case
    by (smt (verit) * ⟨0 < K ⟩ mult.commute mult.left-commute mult-le-cancel-left-pos
power-Suc)
  qed
  show thesis
  proof
    show real (card (sumset A' (sumset-iterated B r))) ≤ K ^ r * real (card A')
  for r
    by (meson ** A' order-trans less-eq-real-def mult-right-mono of-nat-0-le-iff
power-mono)
  qed (use A' in auto)
qed

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The following Corollary of the above is an important special case, also referred to as the original version of Plünnecke's inequality first shown by Plünnecke.

lemma *Cor-Plu-2-3-Pluennecke-ineq:*

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  assumes K: card (sumset A B) ≤ K * real (card A)
    and A: finite A A ⊆ G A ≠ {}
    and B: finite B B ⊆ G
  shows real (card (sumset-iterated B r)) ≤ K ^ r * real (card A)
  proof -
    obtain A' where *: A' ⊆ A A' ≠ {}
      card (sumset A' (sumset-iterated B r)) ≤ K ^ r * real (card A')
    using assms Cor-Plu-2-3 by metis
  with assms have **: card (sumset-iterated B r) ≤ card (sumset A' (sumset-iterated
B r))
    by (meson card-le-sumset finite-subset finite-sumset-iterated subset-empty sub-
set-iff sumset-iterated-subset-carrier)
  with * show ?thesis
    by (smt (verit, best) A(1) K card-mono mult-left-mono of-nat-0-le-iff of-nat-le-iff
zero-le-mult-iff zero-le-power)
  qed

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Special case where $B = A$

lemma *Cor-Plu-2-3-1:*

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  assumes K: card (sumset A A) ≤ K * real (card A)
    and A: finite A A ⊆ G A ≠ {}
  shows card (sumset-iterated A r) ≤ K ^ r * real (card A)
  proof -
    have K > 0
      by (meson A K Plu-2-2 less-le-trans)
    obtain A' where A': A' ⊆ A A' ≠ {}
      and A'-card: ⋀r. card (sumset A' (sumset-iterated A r)) ≤ K ^ r * real (card
A')
    by (meson A Cor-Plu-2-3 K)
  qed

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with A **obtain** a **where** $a \in A'$ $a \in G$ *finite* A'
 by (*metis ex-in-conv finite-subset subset-iff*)
then have $\text{card}(\text{sumset-iterated } A \ r) \leq \text{card}(\text{sumset } A' (\text{sumset-iterated } A \ r))$
 using A *card-le-sumset finite-sumset-iterated sumset-iterated-subset-carrier* **by**
meson
also have $\dots \leq K^{\wedge} r * \text{real}(\text{card } A')$
 using A' -*card* **by** *meson*
also have $\dots \leq K^{\wedge} r * \text{real}(\text{card } A)$
 by (*simp add: \langle A' \subseteq A \rangle \langle \text{finite } A \rangle \langle 0 < K \rangle \text{card-mono}*)
finally show *?thesis*
 by *linarith*
qed

Special case where $B = - A$

lemma *Cor-Plu-2-3-2*:

assumes K : $\text{card}(\text{differenceset } A \ A) \leq K * \text{real}(\text{card } A)$
and A : *finite* A $A \subseteq G$ $A \neq \{\}$
shows $\text{card}(\text{sumset-iterated } A \ r) \leq K^{\wedge} r * \text{real}(\text{card } A)$
proof –
have $\text{card } A > 0$
 by (*simp add: A card-gt-0-iff*)
with K **have** $K \geq 0$
 by (*smt (verit, del-insts) of-nat-0-less-iff of-nat-less-0-iff zero-le-mult-iff*)
obtain A' **where** A' : $A' \subseteq A$ $A' \neq \{\}$
and A' -*card*: $\bigwedge r. \text{card}(\text{sumset } A' (\text{sumset-iterated}(\text{minusset } A) \ r)) \leq K^{\wedge} r * \text{real}(\text{card } A')$
 by (*metis A Cor-Plu-2-3 assms(1) card-eq-0-iff card-minusset' minusset-subset-carrier*)
with A **obtain** a **where** $a \in A'$ $a \in G$ *finite* A'
 by (*metis ex-in-conv finite-subset subset-iff*)
then have $\text{card}(\text{sumset-iterated } A \ r) \leq \text{card}(\text{sumset } A' (\text{sumset-iterated}(\text{minusset } A) \ r))$
 by (*metis A(1) card-le-sumset card-sumset-iterated-minusset finite-minusset finite-sumset-iterated sumset-iterated-subset-carrier*)
also have $\dots \leq K^{\wedge} r * \text{real}(\text{card } A')$
 using A' -*card* **by** *meson*
also have $\dots \leq K^{\wedge} r * \text{real}(\text{card } A)$
 by (*simp add: \langle A' \subseteq A \rangle \langle \text{finite } A \rangle \langle 0 \leq K \rangle \text{card-mono mult-left-mono}*)
finally show *?thesis*
 by *linarith*
qed

The following result is known as the Plünnecke-Ruzsa inequality (Theorem 2.5 in Gowers's notes). The proof will make use of the Ruzsa triangle inequality.

theorem *Pluenncke-Ruzsa-ineq*:

assumes K : $\text{card}(\text{sumset } A \ B) \leq K * \text{real}(\text{card } A)$
and A : *finite* A $A \subseteq G$ $A \neq \{\}$
and B : *finite* B $B \subseteq G$
and $0 < r$ $0 < s$

shows $\text{card}(\text{differenceset}(\text{sumset-iterated } B \ r) (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ s)) \leq K^{\wedge(r+s)}$
 $* \text{real}(\text{card } A)$
proof –
have $\text{card } A > 0$
by (*simp add: A card-gt-0-iff*)
with K **have** $K \geq 0$
by (*smt (verit, del-insts) of-nat-0-less-iff of-nat-less-0-iff zero-le-mult-iff*)
obtain A' **where** $A': A' \subseteq A \ A' \neq \{\}$
and $A'\text{-le: } \bigwedge r. \text{card}(\text{sumset } A' (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ r)) \leq K^{\wedge r} * \text{real}(\text{card } A')$
using *Cor-Plu-2-3 assms by metis*
define C **where** $C \equiv \text{minusset } A'$
have $\text{minusset } C = A'$ **and** $C \neq \{\}$ **and** $\text{card}A: \text{card } A' \leq \text{card } A$ **and** $\text{card}C:$
 $\text{card } C = \text{card } A'$
using $A' \ A \ \text{card-mono}$ **by** (*auto simp: C-def card-minusset' Int-absorb2*)
then **have** $\text{card}CA: \text{card } C \leq \text{card } A$ **by** *linarith*
have $\bigwedge r. \text{card}(\text{differenceset } C (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ r)) \leq K^{\wedge r} * \text{real}(\text{card } A')$
using $A'\text{-le } C\text{-def card-minusset' diff-minus-set sumset-subset-carrier}$ **by** *presburger*
then **have** $r: \text{card}(\text{differenceset } C (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ r)) \leq K^{\wedge r} * \text{real}(\text{card } C)$
and $s: \text{card}(\text{differenceset } C (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ s)) \leq K^{\wedge s} * \text{real}(\text{card } C)$
using $\text{card}C$ **by** *presburger+*
have $\text{card } C > 0$
by (*metis A' <finite A> cardC card-gt-0-iff finite-subset*)
moreover **have** $C \subseteq G$
by (*simp add: C-def minusset-subset-carrier*)
ultimately **have** $\text{card } C * \text{card}(\text{differenceset}(\text{sumset-iterated } B \ r) (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ s))$
 $\leq \text{card}(\text{differenceset } C (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ r)) * \text{card}(\text{differenceset } C (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ s))$
by (*meson Ruzsa-triangle-ineq1 B card-gt-0-iff finite-sumset-iterated sumset-iterated-subset-carrier*)
also **have** $\dots \leq K^{\wedge(r+s)} * \text{card } C * \text{card } C$
using *mult-mono [OF r s] <0 ≤ K>* **by** (*simp add: power-add field-simps*)
finally **have** $\text{card}(\text{differenceset}(\text{sumset-iterated } B \ r) (\text{sumset-iterated } B \ s)) \leq$
 $K^{\wedge(r+s)} * \text{card } C$
using $\langle \text{card } C > 0 \rangle$ **by** (*simp add: field-simps*)
then **show** *?thesis*
by (*smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) <0 ≤ K> cardA cardC mult-left-mono of-nat-mono zero-le-power*)
qed

The following is an alternative version of the Plünnecke-Ruzsa inequality (Theorem 2.1 in Gowers's notes).

theorem *Pluenecke-Ruzsa-ineq-alt:*
assumes *finite A* $A \subseteq G$
and $\text{card}(\text{sumset } A \ A) \leq K * \text{real}(\text{card } A)$ $r > 0$ $s > 0$
shows $\text{card}(\text{differenceset}(\text{sumset-iterated } A \ r) (\text{sumset-iterated } A \ s)) \leq K^{\wedge(r+s)}$
 $* \text{real}(\text{card } A)$
proof (*cases A = {}*)
case *True*

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then have sumset-iterated  $A$   $r = \{\}$  if  $r > 0$  for  $r$ 
  using sumset-iterated-empty that by force
with assms show ?thesis
  by (auto simp: True)
next
  case False
  with assms Pluennecke-Ruzsa-ineq show ?thesis by presburger
qed

theorem Pluennecke-Ruzsa-ineq-alt-2:
  assumes finite  $A$   $A \subseteq G$ 
  and card (differenceset  $A$   $A$ )  $\leq K * \text{real}(\text{card } A)$   $r > 0$   $s > 0$ 
  shows card (differenceset (sumset-iterated  $A$   $r$ ) (sumset-iterated  $A$   $s$ ))  $\leq K^{\wedge(r+s)}$ 
  * real(card  $A$ )
proof (cases  $A = \{\}$ )
  case True
  then have sumset-iterated  $A$   $r = \{\}$  if  $r > 0$  for  $r$ 
    using sumset-iterated-empty that by force
  with assms show ?thesis
    by (auto simp: True)
next
  case False
  with assms Pluennecke-Ruzsa-ineq show ?thesis
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-threshold) card-minusset' differenceset-commute finite-minusset
    minusset-distrib-sum minusset-iterated-minusset minusset-subset-carrier)
qed
end

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1.4 Supplementary material on sumsets for sets of integers: basic inequalities

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lemma moninv-int: monoid.invertible UNIV (+) 0 u for  $u::\text{int}$ 
  using monoid.invertibleI [where  $v = -u$ ] by (simp add: Group-Theory.monoid-def)

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interpretation int: additive-abelian-group UNIV (+) 0::int
  by unfold-locales (use moninv-int in auto)

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lemma card-sumset-geq1:
  assumes  $A: A \neq \{\}$  finite  $A$  and  $B: B \neq \{\}$  finite  $B$ 
  shows card(int.sumset  $A$   $B$ )  $\geq (\text{card } A) + (\text{card } B) - 1$ 
  using  $A$ 
proof (induction card  $A$  arbitrary: A)
  case (Suc  $n$ )
  define  $a$  where  $a = \text{Max } A$ 
  define  $A'$  where  $A' \equiv A - \{a\}$ 
  then obtain  $a: a \in A$   $A' = A - \{a\}$  finite  $A'$   $a \notin A'$  and  $A: A = \text{insert } a$   $A'$ 
    using Max-in Suc a-def by blast

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with Suc have n: card A' = n
  by (metis card-Diff-singleton diff-Suc-Suc minus-nat.diff-0 One-nat-def)
show ?case
proof (cases A' = {})
  case True
  then show ?thesis
    by (simp add: A B(2) int.card-sumset-singleton-eq int.sumset-commute)
next
case False
have a + Max B  $\notin$  int.sumset A' B
  using ⟨finite A⟩ ⟨finite B⟩
  by (smt (verit, best) DiffE Max-ge a a-def int.sumset.cases singleton-iff)
then have *:  $\neg$  int.sumset A' B  $\cup$  (+) a ' B  $\subseteq$  int.sumset A' B
  using B Max-in by blast
have card A + card B - 1  $\leq$  Suc (card (int.sumset A' B))
  using Suc False A a using le-diff-conv by force
also have ...  $\leq$  card (int.sumset A' B  $\cup$  (+) a ' B)
  using a B
  by (metis * card-seteq finite-Un finite-imageI int.finite-sumset not-less-eq-eq
sup-ge1)
also have ...  $\leq$  card (int.sumset A B)
proof (rule card-mono)
  show finite (int.sumset A B)
    using B Suc.premis int.finite-sumset by blast
  show int.sumset A' B  $\cup$  (+) a ' B  $\subseteq$  int.sumset A B
    using A by (force simp: int.sumset)
qed
finally show ?thesis .
qed
qed auto

lemma card-sumset-geq2:
  shows card(int.sumset A A)  $\geq$  2 * (card A) - 1
  using card-sumset-geq1 [of A]
  by (metis mult.commute Nat.add-0-right card-eq-0-iff diff-0-eq-0 le0 mult-2-right)

end

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