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 $\sim /src/HOL/Proofs/Lambda/Commutation$ begin

This theory defines cancelation via relations. The one-step relation cancels-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 Auxillary results

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

1.1.1 Auxillary results about relations

These were helpfully provided by Andreas Lochbihler.

theorem lconfluent-confluent: $\llbracket wfP \ (R^{-}-1); \land a \ b \ c. \ R \ a \ b \Longrightarrow R \ a \ c \Longrightarrow \exists \ d. \ R^{***} \ b \ d \land R^{***} \ c \ d \ \rrbracket \Longrightarrow$ $confluent \ R$ $\langle proof \rangle$ **lemma** confluentD:

 $\llbracket \text{ confluent } R; R^*** a b; R^*** a c \ \rrbracket \Longrightarrow \exists d. R^*** b d \land R^*** c d \land proof \land$

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" ('a g-i) and the notion of a "word in generators and their inverses" ('a word-g-i), which form the building blocks of Free Groups.

definition canceling :: 'a $g \cdot i \Rightarrow$ 'a $g \cdot i \Rightarrow$ 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 symmetric.

lemma cancel-cancel: [[canceling a b; canceling b c]] \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

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

definition cancel-at :: nat \Rightarrow 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow 'a word-g-i where cancel-at i $l = take \ i \ l \ drop \ (2+i) \ l$

lemma cancel-at-length[simp]: $1+i < \text{length } l \implies \text{length } (\text{cancel-at } i \ l) = \text{length } l - 2$ $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

lemma cancel-at-nth2[simp]: **assumes** $n \ge i$ and n < length l - 2 **shows** (cancel-at i l) ! n = l ! (n + 2) $\langle proof \rangle$ 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 :: 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow 'a word-g-i \Rightarrow bool where cancels-to-1 ll 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]:

[ cancels-to \ a \ b; cancels-to \ b \ c \ ] \implies cancels-to \ a \ c \ \langle proof \rangle
```

definition canceled :: 'a word-g- $i \Rightarrow bool$ where canceled $l = (\neg DomainP cancels-to-1 l)$

```
lemma cancels-to-1-unfold:

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) (proof)

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.

1.3.2 Some properties of cancelation

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')
 ⟨proof⟩
lemma cancel-to-append:
  assumes cancels-to a b
  shows cancels-to (l@a@l') (l@b@l')
 ⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma cancels-to-append2:

assumes cancels-to a a'

and cancels-to b b'

shows cancels-to (a@b) (a'@b')

⟨proof⟩
```

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)
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-iwhere 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'
   ⟨proof⟩
```

Words, related by cancelation, have the same normal form.

```
lemma normalize-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 '
   and cancels-to l2 l2 '
   shows normalize (l1 @ l2) = normalize (l1 ' @ l2')
   ⟨proof⟩
```

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.

```
assumes l \in lists (UNIV × gens)
shows normalize l \in lists (UNIV × 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 $i \pmod{f l} = map f \pmod{i}$ $\binom{proof}{}$

```
lemma rename-gens-cancels-to-1:
  assumes inj f
    and cancels-to-1 l l'
    shows cancels-to-1 (map (map-pair f g) l) (map (map-pair f g) l')
  ⟨proof⟩
```

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

 $\langle proof \rangle$

```
lemma rename-gens-canceled:
  assumes inj-on g (snd'set l)
    and canceled l
   shows canceled (map (map-pair f g) l)
   ⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma rename-gens-normalize:

assumes inj f

and inj-on g (snd ' set l)

shows normalize (map (map-pair f g) l) = map (map-pair f g) (normalize l)

\langle proof \rangle
```

 \mathbf{end}

2 Generators

theory Generators imports

> $\sim / src/HOL/Algebra/Group$ $\sim - / src/HOL/Algebra/Lattice$

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 ≤ 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

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{inductive-set } gen-span :: ('a,'b) \ monoid-scheme \ \Rightarrow \ 'a \ set \ \Rightarrow \ 'a \ set \ (\langle -\rangle 1) \\ \text{for } G \ \text{and } gens \\ \text{where } gen-one \ [introl, \ simp]: \mathbf{1}_G \in \langle gens \rangle_G \\ | \ gen-gens: \ x \in gens \ \Longrightarrow \ x \in \langle gens \rangle_G \\ | \ gen-inv: \ x \in \langle gens \rangle_G \ \Longrightarrow \ inv_G \ x \in \langle gens \rangle_G \\ | \ gen-mult: \ \llbracket \ x \in \langle gens \rangle_G; \ y \in \langle gens \rangle_G \ \rrbracket \ \Longrightarrow \ x \otimes_G \ y \in \langle gens \rangle_G \\ \text{lemma (in } group) \ gen-span-closed: \\ \text{assumes } gens \ \subseteq \ carrier \ G \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{shows} \ \langle gens \rangle_G \subseteq \ carrier \ G \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}$

lemma (in group) gen-subgroup-is-smallest-containing: **assumes** gens \subseteq carrier G **shows** $\bigcap \{H. H \leq G \land gens \subseteq H\} = \langle gens \rangle_G$ $\langle proof \rangle$

2.2 Generators and homomorphisms

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

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 $l \equiv foldr$ (op \otimes) $l \mathbf{1}$

lemma (in monoid) m-concat-closed[simp]: set $l \subseteq$ carrier $G \Longrightarrow$ m-concat $l \in$ carrier $G \land proof \rangle$

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]: [[$x \in carrier \ G$; set $xs \subseteq carrier \ G$]] \implies m-concat (x # xs) = $x \otimes$ m-concat $xs \land proof \land$

lemma (in monoid) nat-pow-mult11: assumes $x: x \in carrier \ G$ shows $x \otimes x$ (^) n = x (^) Suc n $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma (in monoid) m-concat-power[simp]: $x \in carrier \ G \implies m$ -concat (replicate $n \ x) = x$ (^) $n \ \langle proof \rangle$

2.5 Isomorphisms

A nicer way of proving that something is a group homomorphism or isomorphism.

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{lemma group-hom}I[intro]:\\ \textbf{assumes range: }h`(carrier g1) \subseteq carrier g2\\ \textbf{and hom: }\forall x \in carrier g1. \forall y \in carrier g1. h (x \otimes_{g1} y) = h x \otimes_{g2} h y\\ \textbf{shows }h \in hom g1 g2\\ \langle proof \rangle\\\\ \textbf{lemma (in group-hom) hom-injI:}\\ \textbf{assumes }\forall x \in carrier G. h x = \mathbf{1}_H \longrightarrow x = \mathbf{1}_G\\ \textbf{shows inj-on }h (carrier G)\\ \langle proof \rangle\\\\\\ \textbf{lemma (in group-hom) group-hom-isoI:}\\ \textbf{assumes inj1: }\forall x \in carrier G. h x = \mathbf{1}_H \longrightarrow x = \mathbf{1}_G\\ \textbf{and surj: }h`(carrier G) = carrier H\\ \textbf{shows }h \in G \cong H\\ \langle proof \rangle\\\\\end{array}
```

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 G \cong H
\langle proof \rangle
end
```

3 The Free Group

theory FreeGroups imports ~~/src/HOL/Algebra/Group Cancelation Generators begin

Based on the work in *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-i \Rightarrow 'a \ g-i
where inv1 = apfst \ Not
lemma inv1-inv1: inv1 \circ inv1 = id
```

 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemmas inv1-inv1-simp [simp] = inv1-inv1 [unfolded id-def]

lemma snd-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) = []

 $\langle proof \rangle$

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{lemma inv-fg-cancel 2: normalize (inv-fg l @ l) = []} \\ \langle proof \rangle \\ \textbf{lemma canceled-rev:} \\ \textbf{assumes canceled l} \\ \textbf{shows canceled (rev l)} \\ \langle proof \rangle \\ \textbf{lemma inv-fg-closure 1:} \\ \textbf{assumes canceled l} \\ \textbf{shows canceled l} \\ \textbf{shows canceled (inv-fg l)} \\ \langle proof \rangle \\ \textbf{lemma inv-fg-closure 2:} \\ l \in lists (UNIV \times gens) \Longrightarrow inv-fg l \in lists (UNIV \times gens) \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
```

3.2 The definition

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

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{definition free-group :: 'a set => ((bool * 'a) list) monoid (\mathcal{F}_{1})} \\ \textbf{where} \\ \mathcal{F}_{gens} \equiv (\\ carrier = \{l \in lists \ (UNIV \times gens). \ canceled \ l \ \}, \\ mult = \lambda \ x \ y. \ normalize \ (x @ y), \\ one = [] \\ \end{array} \right)$

```
lemma occuring-gens-in-element:
```

 $\begin{array}{l} x \in carrier \ \mathcal{F}_{gens} \Longrightarrow x \in lists \ (UNIV \times gens) \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}$

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 homomorphism from the Free Group. definition insert (ι) 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 snd $gi \in gens$ **shows** *lift-gi* f $gi \in carrier G$ $\langle proof \rangle$ definition (in group) lift where lift f w = m-concat (map (lift-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 $cl: f \in gens \to carrier G$ 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 yand $x \in lists$ (UNIV \times gens) and $cl: f \in gens \to carrier G$ 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 $\langle \iota \, , gens \rangle_{\mathcal{F}gens} = carrier \, \mathcal{F}_{gens}$

$\langle proof \rangle$

end

4 The Unit Group

```
theory UnitGroup

imports

~~/src/HOL/Algebra/Group

Generators

begin
```

There is, up to isomorphisms, only one group with one element.

 ${\bf definition} \ unit-group :: \ unit \ monoid$

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 G \cong unit-group
\langle proof \rangle
```

```
end
theory C2
imports ~~/src/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 = op =, one = True |)

lemma [simp]: op \otimes_{C2} = op = \langle proof \rangle

lemma [simp]: \mathbf{1}_{C2} = True \langle proof \rangle

lemma [simp]: carrier C2 = UNIV \langle proof \rangle

lemma C2-is-group: group C2 \langle proof \rangle

end
```

6 Isomorphisms of Free Groups

```
theory Isomorphisms

imports

UnitGroup

~~/src/HOL/Algebra/IntRing

FreeGroups

C2

~~/src/HOL/Cardinals/Cardinal-Order-Relation

begin
```

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 \mathcal{F}_{\{\}} \cong 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}, mult = op +, one = 0::int |)
```

lemma replicate-set-eq[simp]: $\forall x \in set xs. x = y \implies xs = replicate (length xs) y \langle proof \rangle$

lemma *int-group-gen-by-one*: $\langle \{1\} \rangle_{int-group} = carrier$ *int-group* $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma free-group-over-one-gen: $\exists h. h \in \mathcal{F}_{\{()\}} \cong int$ -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-pair id f)

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{theorem isomorphic-free-groups:}\\ \textbf{assumes bij-betw }f \ gens1 \ gens2\\ \textbf{shows }lift-generator-function \ f \in \mathcal{F}_{gens1} \cong \mathcal{F}_{gens2}\\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}$

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 home where homr $G H = \{h, h \in hom \ G H \land h \in extensional (carrier G)\}$ **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: $i \in G1 \cong G2$ **shows** $\exists f . bij-betw f (homr G2 H) (homr G1 H)$ $\langle proof \rangle$ **lemma** isomorphic-free-groups-bases-finite: assumes iso: $i \in \mathcal{F}_X \cong \mathcal{F}_Y$ and finite: finite X**shows** $\exists f. bij-betw f X Y$

 $\langle proof \rangle$

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.

lemma free-group-card-infinite: assumes infinite Xshows $|X| = o |carrier \mathcal{F}_X|$ $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem isomorphic-free-groups-bases: assumes iso: $i \in \mathcal{F}_X \cong \mathcal{F}_Y$ **shows** $\exists f. bij-betw f X Y$ $\langle proof \rangle$

end

7 The Ping Pong lemma

theory PingPongLemma imports $\sim \sim / src/HOL/Algebra/Bij$ 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.

```
lemma Bij-one[simp]:
  assumes x \in X
  shows \mathbf{1}_{BijGroup \ X} x = x
\langle proof \rangle
lemma other-member:
   assumes I \neq \{\} and i \in I and card I \neq 1
   obtains j where j \in I and j \neq i
\langle proof \rangle
```

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.

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lemma ping-pong-lemma:
 assumes group G
 and act \in hom \ G \ (BijGroup \ X)
 and g \in (I \rightarrow carrier G)
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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 $disj3: \forall i \in I$. $\forall j \in I$. Xin $i \cap Xout \ j = \{\}$ and $x \in X$ and gencount: $\forall \ i \ I = \{i\} \longrightarrow (x \notin Xout \ i \land x \notin Xin \ i)$ 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}