

Tutorial #3.4: Cosets

Exercise 1:

- $\langle 8 \rangle$ in $(\mathbb{Z}_{24}, +)$

Since $\langle 8 \rangle = \{0, 8, 16\}$, the left cosets of $\langle 8 \rangle$ in \mathbb{Z}_{24} is

$$\begin{aligned}0 + \langle 8 \rangle &= \{0, 8, 16\} = 8 + \langle 8 \rangle = 16 + \langle 8 \rangle \\1 + \langle 8 \rangle &= \{1, 9, 17\} = 9 + \langle 8 \rangle = 17 + \langle 8 \rangle \\2 + \langle 8 \rangle &= \{2, 10, 18\} = 10 + \langle 8 \rangle = 18 + \langle 8 \rangle \\3 + \langle 8 \rangle &= \{3, 11, 19\} = 11 + \langle 8 \rangle = 19 + \langle 8 \rangle \\4 + \langle 8 \rangle &= \{4, 12, 20\} = 12 + \langle 8 \rangle = 20 + \langle 8 \rangle \\5 + \langle 8 \rangle &= \{5, 13, 21\} = 13 + \langle 8 \rangle = 21 + \langle 8 \rangle \\6 + \langle 8 \rangle &= \{6, 14, 22\} = 14 + \langle 8 \rangle = 22 + \langle 8 \rangle \\7 + \langle 8 \rangle &= \{7, 15, 23\} = 15 + \langle 8 \rangle = 23 + \langle 8 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

It's trivial that $(\mathbb{Z}_{24}, +)$ is an abelian group. Thus $(\mathbb{Z}_{24}, +)$ is commutative and the right cosets is the same as above.

- $\langle 3 \rangle$ in $(U(8), \cdot)$

Since $\langle 3 \rangle = \{1, 3\}$, $(U(8), \cdot) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$, the cosets of $\langle 3 \rangle$ in $(U(8), \cdot)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}1 * \langle 3 \rangle &= \{1, 3\} = 3 * \langle 3 \rangle \\5 * \langle 3 \rangle &= \{5, 7\} = 7 * \langle 3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

It's trivial that $(U(8), \cdot)$ is an abelian group. Thus $(U(8), \cdot)$ is commutative and the right cosets is the same as above.

Exercise 2:

Let k be the order of group G . Assume that the order k does not divide n . Then we have: $n = kd + r$ with $d, r \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < r < k$. Since $g^n = e \iff g^{kd+r} = e \iff g^{kd}g^r = e \iff eg^r = e \iff g^r = e$, this contradicts with the property of order of the group.

Conclusion: The order of group k must divide n .

Exercise 3:

$H = \{3k, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$, the left cosets of $(H, +)$ in \mathbb{Z} are:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 + H &= \{3k, k \in \mathbb{N}\} &= 3d + H &\quad \forall d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 1 + H &= \{3k + 1, k \in \mathbb{N}\} &= 3d + 1 + H &\quad \forall d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 2 + H &= \{3k + 2, k \in \mathbb{N}\} &= 3d + 2 + H &\quad \forall d \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

1. $11 + H$ and $17 + H$

Since 11 and $17 \in \{3d + 1, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, these two cosets are equivalent.

2. $-1 + H$ and $5 + H$

Since -1 and $5 \in \{3d + 2, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, these two cosets are equivalent.

3. $7 + H$ and $23 + H$

Since $7 + H \in \{3d + 1, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, $23 + H \in \{3d + 2, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, these two cosets are not equivalent.

Exercise 4:

G is a group order by 15 and is generated by a . Thus, $G = \{a^1, a^2, \dots, a^{14}, e\}$.

Left cosets of $\langle a^5 \rangle$ in $\langle a \rangle$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} e * \langle a^5 \rangle &= \{e, a^5, a^{10}\} \\ a * \langle a^5 \rangle &= \{a, a^6, a^{11}\} \\ a^2 * \langle a^5 \rangle &= \{a^2, a^7, a^{12}\} \\ a^3 * \langle a^5 \rangle &= \{a^3, a^8, a^{13}\} \\ a^4 * \langle a^5 \rangle &= \{a^4, a^9, a^{14}\} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5:

Since G is a group of order 60, let $a \in G$, we have $a^{60} = e$ following the property of order of a group.

Let k be the order of the subgroup of G . Thus, $a^k = e$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since $e^n = e \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a^k = e$, $a^{60} = e$, there exist such $n \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfies that $kn = 60$. Hence, k must divides n .

Conclusion: $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 60\}$