

A Concrete Introduction to Number Theory and Algebra– 群同构、群同态与商群

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Isomorphisms(同构.)

Motivation.

Many groups may have different appearances, however they are essentially same.

Isomorphisms(同构).

Definition of Isomorphism.

Two group (\mathbb{G}, \cdot) and (\mathbb{H}, \circ) are isomorphic if there exists a one-to-one and onto map $\phi : \mathbb{G} \mapsto \mathbb{H}$ such that the group operation is preserved; that is,

$$\phi(a \cdot b) = \phi(a) \circ \phi(b)$$

for all a and b in \mathbb{G} . If \mathbb{G} is isomorphic to \mathbb{H} , we write $\mathbb{G} \cong \mathbb{H}$. The map ϕ is called an isomorphism.

Examples of Isomorphisms.

Example

$\mathbb{Z}_4 \cong \langle i \rangle$, since we can define a bijective map $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_4 \mapsto \langle i \rangle$ by $\phi(n) = i^n$. The map ϕ is one-to-one and onto, since

$$\phi(0) = 1$$

$$\phi(1) = i$$

$$\phi(2) = -1$$

$$\phi(3) = -i.$$

Moreover, ϕ preserves the group operation, since

$$\phi(m+n) = i^{m+n} = i^m i^n = \phi(m)\phi(n).$$

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Isomorphic groups.

Since $\mathbb{Z}_8^* = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$, $\mathbb{Z}_{12}^* = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$, we can find an isomorphism ϕ to show that:

$$\mathbb{Z}_8^* \cong \mathbb{Z}_{12}^*$$

An isomorphism $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_8^* \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_{12}^*$ is defined by :

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\mapsto 1 \\ 3 &\mapsto 5 \\ 5 &\mapsto 7 \\ 7 &\mapsto 11 \end{aligned}$$

Can you find another isomorphism between these two groups?

Examples of Isomorphisms.

(Question.)

Do \mathbb{Z}_{61}^* isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{77}^* ? Why or why not?

Theorem about Isomorphisms.

Proposition

Let $\phi : \mathbb{G} \mapsto \mathbb{H}$ be an isomorphism of two groups, then the following statements are true.

- 1 $\phi^{-1} : \mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathbb{G}$ is an isomorphism;
- 2 $|\mathbb{G}| = |\mathbb{H}|$;
- 3 If \mathbb{G} is abelian, then \mathbb{H} is abelian;
- 4 If \mathbb{G} is cyclic, then \mathbb{H} is cyclic;
- 5 if \mathbb{G} has a subgroup of order n , then \mathbb{H} has a subgroup of order n .

Proof.

Left as an exercise.



Theorem about Isomorphisms.

Theorem

All cyclic groups of infinite order are isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} .

Proof.

Suppose \mathbb{G} is a cyclic group with infinite order, and $g \in \mathbb{G}$ is a generator. Define $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{G}$ by $\phi : n \mapsto g^n$. Then

$$\phi(m+n) = g^{m+n} = g^m g^n = \phi(m)\phi(n).$$

Show ϕ is a bijective map. Left as an exercise. □

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If \mathbb{G} is a cyclic group of order n , then \mathbb{G} is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n .

Proof.

Let \mathbb{G} be a cyclic group with order n , generated by g . Define $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_n \mapsto \mathbb{G}$ by $\phi : k \mapsto g^k$, where $0 \leq k < n$. Show ϕ is an isomorphism. Left as an exercise. □

Theorem about Isomorphisms.

Corollary

If \mathbb{G} is a cyclic group of order p where p is a prime, then \mathbb{G} is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_p .

Proof.

Easy!



Theorem about Isomorphisms.

Theorem

The isomorphism of groups determines an equivalence relation on the class of all groups.

Proof.

Left as an exercise. □

Theorem about Isomorphisms.

Theorem

(Cayley) *Every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations.*

Proof.

Omitted. Note that, it is important. □

Homomorphisms. (同态)

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for all a and b in \mathbb{G} . The map ϕ is called a homomorphism.

(Basic idea.)

We relax the requirement that an isomorphism of groups be bijective, we have a homomorphism.

Examples of Homomorphisms.

Example

\mathbb{Z} 是加法群，定义映射 $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$ 为 $\phi(k) = 2k$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$ 。可以验证 ϕ 是一种群同态，因为

$$\phi(i+j) = 2(i+j) = 2i + 2j = \phi(i) + \phi(j)$$

ϕ 把整数映射为偶数。偶数在加法下成群。

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Example of Homomorphisms.

Let \mathbb{G} be a group and $g \in \mathbb{G}$. Define a map $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{G}$ by $\phi(n) = g^n$. Then ϕ is a group homomorphism, since

$$\phi(m+n) = g^{m+n} = g^m g^n = \phi(m)\phi(n).$$

This homomorphism maps \mathbb{Z} onto the cyclic subgroup of \mathbb{G} generated by g .

Examples of Homomorphisms.

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设 p 为素数, 定义映射 $\phi: \mathbb{Z}_p^* \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ 为 $\phi(g) = g^2, \forall g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$. 可验证, ϕ 是一种同态映射, 因为对任意的 $g_1, g_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ 满足:

$$\phi(g_1 g_2) = (g_1 g_2)^2 = g_1^2 g_2^2 = \phi(g_1) \phi(g_2).$$

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A subgroup \mathbb{H} of a group \mathbb{G} is normal in \mathbb{G} iff $\forall g \in \mathbb{G}$, $g\mathbb{H}g^{-1} \subset \mathbb{H}$. Moreover, for all $\forall g \in \mathbb{G}$, $g\mathbb{H}g^{-1} = \mathbb{H}$

Basic Properties of Normal Subgroup.

Proposition

Let \mathbb{G} be a group and \mathbb{H} be a subgroup of \mathbb{G} . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1 The subgroup \mathbb{H} is a normal subgroup of \mathbb{G} , namely, $g\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}g$ for all $g \in \mathbb{G}$.
- 2 For all $g \in \mathbb{G}$, $g\mathbb{H}g^{-1} = \mathbb{H}$.

Basic Properties of Normal Subgroup.

Proof.

(Proof of last proposition–1.) (1) \Rightarrow (2). Since \mathbb{H} is a normal subgroup of \mathbb{G} , $g\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}g$ for all $g \in \mathbb{G}$. Hence, for a given $g \in \mathbb{G}$ and $h \in \mathbb{H}$, there exists an $h' \in \mathbb{H}$ such that $gh = h'g$. Therefore, $ghg^{-1} = h' \in \mathbb{H}$ or $g\mathbb{H}g^{-1} \subset \mathbb{H}$. For $h \in \mathbb{H}$, $g^{-1}hg = g^{-1}h(g^{-1})^{-1} \in \mathbb{H}$. Hence, $g^{-1}hg = h'$ for some $h' \in \mathbb{H}$. Therefore, $h = gh'g^{-1} \in g\mathbb{H}g^{-1}$, namely, $\mathbb{H} \subset g\mathbb{H}g^{-1}$.



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Proof.

(Proof of last proposition–2.)

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Suppose that for all $g \in \mathbb{G}$, $g\mathbb{H}g^{-1} = \mathbb{H}$. Then for any $h \in \mathbb{H}$ there exists an $h' \in \mathbb{H}$ such that $ghg^{-1} = h'$. Consequently, $gh = h'g$ which means $g\mathbb{H} \subset \mathbb{H}g$. Similarly, we can prove that $\mathbb{H}g \subset g\mathbb{H}$. □

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- ① *If e is the identity of \mathbb{G}_1 , then $\phi(e)$ is the identity of \mathbb{G}_2 ;*
- ② *For any element $g \in \mathbb{G}_1$, $\phi(g^{-1}) = [\phi(g)]^{-1}$;*
- ③ *If \mathbb{H}_1 is a subgroup of \mathbb{G}_1 , then $\phi(\mathbb{H}_1)$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{G}_2 ;*
- ④ *If \mathbb{H}_2 is a subgroup of \mathbb{G}_2 , then $\phi^{-1}(\mathbb{H}_2)$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{G}_1 . Furthermore, if \mathbb{H}_2 is normal in \mathbb{G}_2 , then $\phi^{-1}(\mathbb{H}_2)$ is normal in \mathbb{G}_1 .*

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Proof.

Omitted.



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Example

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可验证, ϕ 把 $\{1, p-1\}$ 映射为群 $\phi(\mathbb{Z}_p^*)$ 的单位元 1, 所以
 $\text{Ker } \phi = \{1, p-1\}$.

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Proof.

Trivial. Since the trivial subgroup of \mathbb{H} is normal. □

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另一种理解.

有没有另一种理解方式? 借助正常的思维 (什么是正常思维?) 与底层定义 (直接借助群元素的操作!).

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正常思维!

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Proof.

要证明 $(a\mathbb{H})(b\mathbb{H}) \subset ab\mathbb{H}$, 即任取 $ah_1bh_2 \in a\mathbb{H}b\mathbb{H}$, 证 $ah_1bh_2 \in ab\mathbb{H}$ 。但是, 这是容易的, 因为:

$$\begin{aligned} ah_1bh_2 &= h_3abh_2 \\ &= abh_4h_2 \\ &= abh_5 \in ab\mathbb{H} \end{aligned}$$

另一个方向, 证明 $ab\mathbb{H} \subset (a\mathbb{H})(b\mathbb{H})$ 则留给大家作为练习。



Theorem of Quotient Groups.

Theorem

(Quotient Groups). If \mathbb{H} is a normal subgroup of a group \mathbb{G} , then the cosets of \mathbb{H} in \mathbb{G} form a group \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H} of order $[\mathbb{G} : \mathbb{H}]$.

Theorem of Quotient Groups.

Proof.

(Basic ideas.)

- 1 What is the group operation? $(a\mathbb{H})(b\mathbb{H}) = ab\mathbb{H}$

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- 3 Why we need "well-defined"?
- 4 Check the axioms of group. Easy!



Theorem of Quotient Groups.

Remark

(良定义操作.) 所谓良定义的操作, 就是要求操作独立于所参与操作的代表元。比如, 对任意群 \mathbb{G} 和其上的某种操作 $\psi : \mathbb{G} \mapsto \mathbb{G}$, 要求 ψ 良定义就是要求对任意的群元 $a, b \in \mathbb{G}$, 如果 $a = b$, 则 $\psi(a) = \psi(b)$ 。一眼看上去, 这个要求很无理, 毫无意义, 但是对于商群来说就必不可少。请注意, 商群中操作的是陪集, $a\mathbb{H} = b\mathbb{H}$ 并不意味 $a = b$ 。

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For $a = bn_1$ and $c = dn_2$ for some n_1 and n_2 in \mathbb{H} . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} ac\mathbb{H} &= bn_1dn_2\mathbb{H} \\ &= bn_1d\mathbb{H} \\ &= bn_1\mathbb{H}d \\ &= b\mathbb{H}d \\ &= bd\mathbb{H} \end{aligned}$$

Example for Quotient Groups.

(Example of Quotient Groups).

Consider the normal subgroup $3\mathbb{Z}$ of \mathbb{Z} . The cosets of $3\mathbb{Z}$ in \mathbb{Z} are

$$0 + 3\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}$$

$$1 + 3\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}$$

$$2 + 3\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots\}.$$

The group $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ is given by the multiplicative table below.

+	$0 + 3\mathbb{Z}$	$1 + 3\mathbb{Z}$	$2 + 3\mathbb{Z}$
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Example for Quotient Groups.

(Quotient Groups of \mathbb{Z}_n^*).

Let $n = 15$, then $\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$. Let $g = 2$, we set $\mathbb{S} = \langle g \rangle = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ which is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_n^* . Then $\mathbb{Z}_n^*/7\mathbb{S} = \{\mathbb{S}, 7\mathbb{S}\}$, please check that \mathbb{S} is the identity, $7\mathbb{S}$'s inverse is itself, namely $(7\mathbb{S})(7\mathbb{S}) = 4\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{S}$.

Isomorphism Theorem.

同构定理.

上述知识点可以形成这样一条知识链：从一个群同态 $\phi : \mathbb{G}_1 \mapsto \mathbb{G}_2$ 出发。首先可以找到 ϕ 的 Kernel，于是得到一个 \mathbb{G}_1 的正规子群；接着，构造 \mathbb{G}_1 上的商群 $\mathbb{G}_1/\text{Ker } \phi$ 。从而完成我们一直以来的主要任务：研究群（商群）的结构！

Canonical Homomorphism.

正规同态（自然同态）.

Let \mathbb{H} be a normal subgroup of \mathbb{G} , define a map

$$\phi : \mathbb{G} \mapsto \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H}$$

by

$$\phi(g) = g\mathbb{H}.$$

This map is indeed a homomorphism, check it! We call this map a natural or canonical homomorphism, and $\ker \phi = \mathbb{H}$.

First Isomorphism Theorem.

Theorem

(First Isomorphism Theorem.) If $\psi : \mathbb{G} \mapsto \mathbb{H}$ is a group homomorphism with $\mathbb{K} = \ker \psi$, then \mathbb{K} is normal in \mathbb{G} . Let $\phi : \mathbb{G} \mapsto \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{K}$ be the canonical homomorphism. Then there exists a unique isomorphism $\eta : \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{K} \mapsto \psi(\mathbb{G})$ such that $\psi = \eta\phi$.

First Isomorphism Theorem.

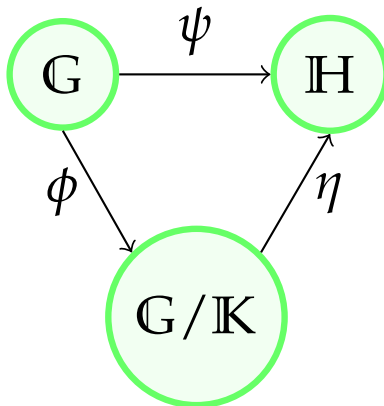


Figure: A diagrammatic interpretation of First Isomorphism Theorem.

First Isomorphism Theorem.

(证明思路.)

- 1 Define $\eta : \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{K} \mapsto \psi(\mathbb{G})$ by $\eta(g\mathbb{K}) = \psi(g)$;
- 2 Prove η is well-defined;
- 3 Prove that η is a homomorphism and is a bijective map.

First Isomorphism Theorem.

(证明第一步.)

- 定义映射 $\eta : \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{K} \mapsto \psi(\mathbb{G})$ 为 $\eta(g\mathbb{K}) = \psi(g)$.

First Isomorphism Theorem.

(证明第二步.)

- 证明 η 是良定义映射, 即证明如果对于两个不同的 $g_1, g_2 \in \mathbb{G}$, 有 $g_1\mathbb{K} = g_2\mathbb{K}$, 则 $\eta(g_1\mathbb{K}) = \eta(g_2\mathbb{K})$ 。因为 $g_1\mathbb{K} = g_2\mathbb{K}$, 则存在 $k \in \mathbb{K}$ 使得 $g_1 = g_2k$, 这仅仅利用了陪集相等的定义。因此:

$$\eta(g_1\mathbb{K}) = \psi(g_1) = \psi(g_2k) = \psi(g_2)\psi(k) = \psi(g_2) = \eta(g_2\mathbb{K})$$

请注意, 上式中第四个等号之所以成立是因为 $k \in \mathbb{K}$, 而 \mathbb{K} 是 ψ 的 Kernel, k 必然映射到 \mathbb{H} 的单位元。这就证明了 η 映射独立于陪集代表元的选择。之所以 η 是唯一定义的, 因为给定了 ψ 和 ϕ , 而 $\psi = \eta\phi$ 。

First Isomorphism Theorem.

(证明第三步.)

- 可证明 η 是同态且是双射。 η 是同态，因为：

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(g_1 \mathbb{K} g_2 \mathbb{K}) &= \eta(g_1 g_2 \mathbb{K}) \\ &= \psi(g_1 g_2) \\ &= \psi(g_1) \psi(g_2) \\ &= \eta(g_1 \mathbb{K}) \eta(g_2 \mathbb{K})\end{aligned}$$

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(一点点提醒.)

为什么 η 显然是满射？

First Isomorphism Theorem.

(证明第三步.)

- 证明 η 是单射。任取 $g_1\mathbb{K}, g_2\mathbb{K}$, 假设 $\eta(g_1\mathbb{K}) = \eta(g_2\mathbb{K})$, 则 $\psi(g_1) = \psi(g_2)$ 。 g_1 和 g_2 是 \mathbb{G} 中两个不同的元素, 所以

$$\psi(g_1) = \psi(g_2 g_2^{-1} g_1) = \psi(g_2) \psi(g_2^{-1} g_1)$$

即 $\psi(g_2^{-1} g_1)$ 是 $\psi(\mathbb{G})$ 的单位元, 也即 $g_2^{-1} g_1 \in \mathbb{K}$ 。所以 $g_2^{-1} g_1 \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{K}$, 最后得到 $g_1 \mathbb{K} = g_2 \mathbb{K}$ 。

Example for First Isomorphism Theorem.

(Homomorphism from Cyclic Group.)

设 \mathbb{G} 是由生成元 g 生成的循环群。定义映射 $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{G}$ 为 $n \mapsto g^n, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ 。 ϕ 是同态映射，因为：

$$\phi(m+n) = g^{m+n} = g^m g^n = \phi(m)\phi(n)。$$

ϕ 显然是满射。如果 \mathbb{G} 的阶为 m ，因为 g 是生成元，则 $\text{ord}(g) = m$ 。于是， $g^m = e$ ，且有 $\text{Ker } \phi = m\mathbb{Z}$ 。根据第一同构定理，则有：

$$\mathbb{Z}/\text{Ker } \phi = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{G}。$$

如果 \mathbb{G} 是无限阶，则 g 也是无限阶，则 $\text{Ker } \phi = \{0\}$ ，则 \mathbb{Z} 与 \mathbb{G} 同构。因此，两个循环群同构当且仅当它们有相同的阶。在同构的意义上，只有两种循环群： \mathbb{Z} 和 \mathbb{Z}_n 。

Example for First Isomorphism Theorem.

(Homomorphism from \mathbb{Z}_p^* to \mathbb{Z}_p^* .)

Let p be a prime, \mathbb{Z}_p^* is a cyclic group. Define a map $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_p^* \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ by $\phi(g) = g^2$ for all $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$. Then ϕ is a group homomorphism, since

$$\phi(g_1 g_2) = (g_1 g_2)^2 = g_1^2 g_2^2 = \phi(g_1) \phi(g_2).$$

Clearly ϕ is not onto, and $\text{Ker } \phi = \{1, p-1\}$ is a normal subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_p^* . We know $\text{Ker } \phi$ because we believe that the following equation

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

has only two solutions, namely 1 and $p-1$. Check that $\mathbb{S} = \{\phi(g) : \text{for all } g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}$ is a group. What is the order of \mathbb{S} ? By the First Isomorphism Theorem, $|\mathbb{S}| = |\mathbb{Z}_p^* / \text{Ker } \phi| = |\mathbb{Z}_p^*| / |\text{Ker } \phi|$.

Example for First Isomorphism Theorem.

(Homomorphism from \mathbb{Z}_n^* to \mathbb{Z}_n^* .)

Let $n = pq$ be a composite integer, p and q are two primes, and \mathbb{Z}_n^* is a group. Define a map $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_n^* \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ by $\phi(g) = g^2$ for all $g \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$. Then ϕ is a group homomorphism. $S = \{\phi(g) : \text{for all } g \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*\}$, if we know the order of $\text{Ker } \phi$, then we know the order of $S = |\mathbb{Z}_n^*|/|\text{Ker } \phi|$ by the First Isomorphism Theorem. How many solutions does the following equation have?

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Unfortunately, we donot solve it until we learn CRT.

Example for First Isomorphism Theorem.

Homomorphism for Signed Group

Let n be a positive integer. For $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, we define $|x|$ as the absolute value of x , where x is represented as a signed integer in the set $\{-(n-1)/2, \dots, (n-1)/2\}$. From \mathbb{Z}_n^* , we define the set \mathbb{G}^+ as

$$\mathbb{G}^+ = \{|x| : x \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*\}$$

with the following operations

$$g \circ h = |g \cdot h \bmod n|,$$

where $g, h \in \mathbb{G}^+$. We know that (\mathbb{G}^+, \circ) is indeed a group. What is the order of the group, and why?

Example for First Isomorphism Theorem.

Find the order of \mathbb{G}^+ .

$$\mathbb{G}^+ = \{|x| : x \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*\}$$

Answer.

We observe that taking absolute value is a homomorphism, since

$$\phi(x \cdot y) = |x \cdot y| = |x| \cdot |y| = \phi(x) \cdot \phi(y)$$

Since $-1 \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, $\text{Ker}\phi = \{1, -1\}$. Then the order of \mathbb{G}^+ is $|\mathbb{Z}_n^*|/2$.

Second Isomorphism Theorem.

Theorem

(第二同构定理.) H 是群 G 的子群 (不必然是正规子群), K 是群 G 的正规子群。则 HK 是群 G 的子群, $H \cap K$ 是 H 的正规子群, 且

$$H/(H \cap K) \cong HK/K.$$

Correspondence Theorem.

Correspondence Theorem. (对应定理)

Let \mathbb{H} be a normal subgroup of a group \mathbb{G} . Then $\mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathbb{H}/\mathbb{H}$ is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of subgroups \mathbb{H} containing \mathbb{H} and the set of subgroups of \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H} . Furthermore, the normal subgroups of \mathbb{G} containing \mathbb{H} correspond to normal subgroups of \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H} .

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Correspondence Theorem.

Proof ideas of the Correspondence Theorem.

- 1 \mathbb{H}/\mathbb{H} is a subgroup of \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H} ;
- 2 The map $\mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathbb{H}/\mathbb{H}$ is one-to-one and onto;
- 3 \mathbb{H} is normal in \mathbb{G} , if and only if \mathbb{H}/\mathbb{H} is normal in \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H} .

Third Isomorphism Theorem.

Theorem

(第三同构定理) H 和 K 是群 G 的正规子群, 且 $K \subset H$ 。则:

$$G/H \cong \frac{G/K}{H/K}.$$