

# ABSTRACT ALGEBRA I

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## 1 Organization of the course

- 5 Homework 15 /
- Quizzes 10 /
- Exam
- Parciales 35 %

We will cover Chapter 1-9 skipping 6, which will include

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## 2 Introduction

We begin with section 0.3, let us consider the following quotient group, let  $n$  be a fixed integer  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}$  which is described better as:

- $a \iff n|(a-b)$  in better notation  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} = \{\bar{0} \dots \bar{n-1}\}$$

Prove:

$$\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a+b} \quad \bar{a}\bar{b} = \overline{ab}$$

Check that this is well defined. The strategy is to use that if  $\bar{a} = \bar{a'}$  and  $\bar{b} = \bar{b'}$  and it should imply that  $\overline{ab} = \overline{a'b'}$

**Example 1.**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{2}x &= \bar{1} \pmod{6} \\ \bar{2}x &= \bar{1} \pmod{5}\end{aligned}$$

Observe that we can use a force-brute approach to solve each equation, and we see that the first one is not solvable, meanwhile the second is by  $\bar{3}$ . we now denote

$$\left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}\right)^x = \{ \text{Elements with a multiplicative inverse} \}$$

for example

$$\bar{2} \in \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}\right)^x \text{ for } n = 5$$

**Theorem 1.** *The above group is given by  $\{\bar{a} \in (\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}})^x : (a, n) = 1\}$*

*Proof.* Observe  $(a, b) = \min \{ax + by > 0 : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  if we suppose  $(a, n) = 1 \implies \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   $\square$

**Example 2.** *Compute the remainder of  $37^{1000}$  in division by 29. Let us observe then  $|\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}|^x = \phi(n)$ , and the properties of  $\phi$  to calculate we use the prime decomposition. to solve the above problem we use Fermat little theorem.*

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

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### 3 Basic Axioms

**Definition 1.** *A binary **operation**  $*$  on a set  $G$  is a function:*

$$* : G \times G \rightarrow G$$

*,  $*(a, b) = a * b$  which if it has the following properties:*

- $*$  is associative, i.e
- $*$  is Abelian or commutative, i.e

**Example 3.** *Observe that the following sets are group  $(R, +)$ ,  $(R, \cdot)$ . The dot product fails since it is not an operation.*

**Definition 2.** *A group is an ordered pair  $(G, *)$  set with a binary operation such that the following properties hold:*

- $*$  is associative
- $\exists e \in G \forall g \in G g * e = g = e * g$
- $\forall a \in G \exists b \in G \text{ s.t } a * b = b * a = e$

$G$  is abelian if  $*$  is abelian.

**Example 4.**  $(\mathbb{R}, +), (\mathbb{C}^x, \cdot), (M_{\mathbb{R}}(2, 2), \cdot)$  is not associative,  $GL_n(\mathbb{R}), (\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}, +)$

So it is clear that it depends on the ground set and the operation.

**Example 5.** If  $(A, *)$  and  $(B, \diamond)$  are groups then  $A \times B$  has a natural group structure. Note: Prove that the operations hold the properties.

**Theorem 2.** If  $G$  is a group under  $*$ , then:

- the identity is unique
- $a^{-1}$  is unique for every  $a$
- $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$
- $(a * b)^{-1} = a^{-1} * b^{-1}$
- for any  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in G$ ,  $a_1 * \dots * a_n$  is well-defined

*Proof.* Assume we have  $e$  and  $e'$  as identity, so that  $e' * e = e'$  and because  $e'$  is an identity  $e' = e' * e = e$ . Note: Write number 2. Let  $b, b'$  be inverses of  $a$ ,  $b = be = b(ab')$ , then by associativity  $(ba)b' = eb' = b'$ . Note: For five use induction  $\square$

Remark: Mathematics on a different planet

**Proposition 1.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $a, b \in G$ . The equations  $ax = b$  and  $ya = b$  has unique solutions.

*Proof.* Prove it! you will need left and right cancellation.  $\square$

**Example 6. No cancellation**  $\bar{2}\bar{3} = \bar{0} \pmod{6}$ , observe that  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}}$  is not a group

**Definition 3.** The order of  $x \in G$  is the least positive integer  $n$  such that  $x^n = e$  and is denoted by  $(x)$ . if there's no such  $n$  then  $(x) = \infty$ .

**Example 7.** Order of  $\bar{2}$  is 5 in  $(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}, +)$  where  $e = 0$ , Order of  $\bar{2}$  in  $(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}, \cdot)$ .