

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

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 ϕ 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*
- *$\exists e \in G \forall g \in G g * e = g = e * g$*
- *$\forall a \in G \exists b \in G$ 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 $((\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}})^x, \cdot)$.

4 Dihedral Group

Geometric Group.

$D_{2n} = \{\text{the group of symmetries of the } n\text{-gon}\}$

$$|D_{2n}| = 2n$$

elements: n rotations through $\theta = 0, \frac{2\pi}{n}, 2\frac{2\pi}{n}, \dots, (n-1)\frac{2\pi}{n}$ and n more which are reflections thorough vertices. and n reflections thorough edges. Rotations through $\frac{2\pi}{n} = r$, there are n , and let $s, \dots |s| = n$. and $s \neq r^i$ for any i .

- $s \neq r^j$ for any j .
- $sr^i \neq s^j$ for all $0 \leq i \neq j \leq n-1$
- $rs = sr^{-1}$, more generally
- $r^i s = sr^{-i}$ for $0 \leq i \leq n$

Definition 4. $S \subset G$, the subgroup generated by S , denoted $\langle S \rangle =$ the smallest subgroup containing S . And formally $\bigcap_{S \subset H \text{ subgroup}} H$ which is the collection of all finite products and inverse of elements of S

Example 8. $\langle r \rangle$ in D_{2n} is $\{r^i : i\}$ which is exactly $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$, meanwhile $\langle s \rangle = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$ which $\langle r, s \rangle = D_{2n}$

Any equation that the generators satisfy is called a **relation**

Notation Presentation with generators and relations.

$$G = \langle S | R_1, \dots, R_m \rangle$$

Example 9.

$$D_{2n} = \langle r, s | r^n = s^2 = 1, rs = sr^{-1} \rangle$$

Example 10. Symmetries of a regular tetrahedron = 12

5 Symmetric Group

Let Ω be a set then S_Ω be the set of bijection from $\Omega \rightarrow \Omega$:

$$S_\Omega = \{\sigma : \sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega\}$$

$$\Omega = [n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$$S_n := S_{[n] \text{ cycle}} \quad (a_1 \rightarrow a_2 \dots a_m) \in S_n \\ \text{otherwise}$$

We define elements $(ij)^{-1} = (ij)$ $(ijk) = (jki)$. we observe $|S_n| = n!$

Example 11. $|S_3| = 6$ and S_3 is not abelian. S_n $n \geq 3$ is nonabelian.

Disjoint cycles commute, rearranging the elements inside a cycle doesn't change it

Matrix Group

Definition 5. A **field** is the smallest math structure in which we can perform addition, and multiplication and division by nonzero element. To be more precise, a field F is a set with two operations $+$ and \times , such that:

- $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$
- $F^\times = F - \{0\}$ all nonzero elements are invertible.

Given any field F , we can construct $\text{GL}_n(F)$ this is the group of all the invertible matrices over F . to do: How many elements do we have in $|\text{GL}_n|(F_p)$ for case 2 $(p^2 - 1)(p^2 - p)$

Recall that in the last class we saw that $G \curvearrowright A$ which takes $g \in G$ to σ_g a permutation for $a \in A$ $\sigma_g(a) = g \cdot a$. observe that we define:

Definition 6.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Kernel}(\phi) &= \{g \in G | \sigma_g = \text{id}_A\} \\ &= \{g \in G | g \cdot a = a \text{ for all } a \in A\}\end{aligned}$$

is a subgroup.

Example 12. Observe $G \curvearrowright G$ any groups acts on itself.

Example 13. V a vector space over F , $F - \{0\} = F^\times \curvearrowright V$ by scalar multiplication

Example 14. $D_{2n} \curvearrowright [n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$ so that $D_{2n} \rightarrow S_n$

So observe that for $n = 3$ we have that $D_6 \rightarrow S_3$, we observe that this is an isomorphism (it just need to satisfy injectivity since it has the same elements).

6 Subgroups

Exercises to be done: 3,9,12,15,17

Definition 7. Let G be a nonempty group. A subset H of G is a subgroup (denoted $H \leq G$), if H is closed under multiplications and inverses, more formally: $x, y \in H, x^{-1} \in H, \forall x, y \in H$

Example 15. $2\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Q} \leq \mathbb{R} \leq \mathbb{C} \leq \dots$ with addition, and observe that $(\mathbb{Q}^\times, \cdot) \not\leq (\mathbb{R}, +)$ since zero is not there

Proposition 2. $H \subseteq G$, then $H \leq G$ if and only if :

1. $H \neq \emptyset$
2. $\forall x, y \in H \quad xy^{-1} \in H$

Proof. By condition 1, $x \in H$, so, by (2) $e = xx^{-1} \in H$. Use (2), let $x = e$, $\forall y(y \in H \implies y^{-1} \in H)$ \square

Exercise 6 G abelian torsion subgroup, $\text{tor}(G) = \{g \in G | |g| < \infty\}$ Observe it is not empty, we find that $\text{tor}(G)$ is not empty. and we prove that in general, $|g| = |g^{-1}|$.

$$\begin{aligned}g^n = e &\iff g^{-n} = e \\ (g^{-1})^n &= e\end{aligned}$$

Example $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$, the $\text{Tor GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is not a subgroup.

centralizers and normalizers

Definition 8. Let $A \subseteq_{\text{subset}} G$. The centralizer of A in G is $C_G(A) = \{g \in G \mid gag^{-1} = a \ \forall a \in A\}$

$$gag^{-1} = a \iff ga = ag$$

this is the set of all elements that commute with all elements of A

Example 16. $A = \{e\} \implies C_G(A) = G$, another **example** can be $r \notin C_D(\{s\})$ but $s \in C_{D_{2n}}(\{s\})$.

Show that $C_G(A)$ is a subgroup.

Proof.

$$g \in C_G(A) \stackrel{?}{\implies} g^{-1} \in C_G(A)$$

and we can observe that $gag^{-1} = a \implies a = g^{-1}ag$ □

Notation if $A = \{a\} \implies$ we write $C_g(a)$ **Examples** $C_{Q_8}(i) = \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$

Semidirect products

Setup $H, K < G$ with:

$$H \triangleleft$$