

# 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*
- *$\exists e \in G \forall g \in G g * e = g = e * g$*
- *$\forall a \in G \exists b \in G$  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  $\Omega$  be a set then  $S_\Omega$  be the set of bijection from  $\Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ :

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= [n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ S_n &:= S_{[n] \text{ cycle}} \quad (a_1 \rightarrow a_2 \dots a_m) \in S_n \\ &\quad \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

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  $(p^2 - 1)(p^2 - p)$

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Recall that in the last class we saw that  $G \curvearrowright A$  which takes  $g \in G$  to  $\sigma_g$  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.*

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

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

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