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## First Isomorphism Theorem

### • Lemma

Lemma.  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is a homomorphism.  $a, b \in G$ .  
Then  $f(a) = f(b) \Leftrightarrow aN = bN$ , where  $N = \ker f$ .

Pf. " $\Rightarrow$ ": If  $f(a) = f(b)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f(b)^{-1}f(a) &= 1' \Rightarrow f(b^{-1}a) = 1' \\ &\Rightarrow b^{-1}a \in N \\ &\Rightarrow aN = bN \end{aligned}$$

" $\Leftarrow$ ": If  $aN = bN$ .

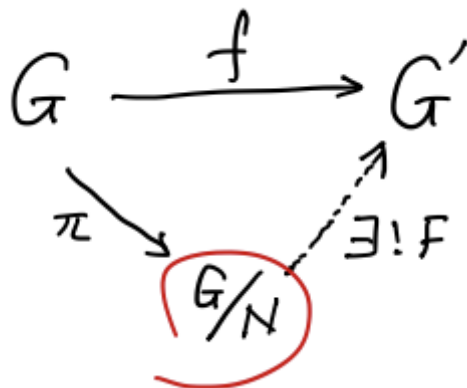
Then  $\exists n \in N$  such that  $b = an$ .

$$f(b) = f(an) = f(a)f(n) = f(a) \cdot 1' = f(a)$$

- **Theorem**

Theorem (First Isomorphism Theorem).

$f: G \rightarrow G'$  is a surjective homomorphism. Then there exists a unique homomorphism  $F: G/N \rightarrow G'$  ( $N = \ker f$ ) such that  $F$  is an isomorphism and  $f = F \circ \pi$ , where  $\pi: G \rightarrow G/N$   $\pi(g) = gN$  is the quotient map.



- **Proof**

$$\pi(g) = gN \rightarrow \text{vuk}$$

Pf Define  $F: G/N \rightarrow G'$  by

$$F(gN) = f(g).$$

• Verify  $F$  is well-defined:

If  $aN \equiv bN$ , then by Lemma, we know

$$f(a) = f(b), \text{ i.e., } f(aN) = f(bN).$$

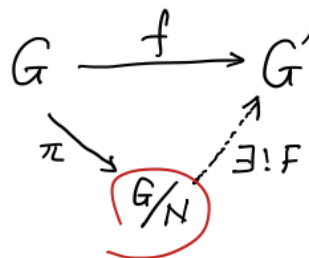
- $F$  is a homomorphism:

$$F(g_1 N, g_2 N) = F(g_1 g_2 N) = f(g_1 g_2) = f(g_1) f(g_2) = F(g_1 N) \cdot F(g_2 N).$$

•  $f$  is the unique homomorphism satisfying  $f = f \circ \pi$

Assume  $F$  and  $F'$  both satisfy  $f = F \cdot \pi$

Then 
$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(g) &= F \cdot \pi(g) = \underline{F(gN)} \\ &\parallel \\ F' \cdot \pi(g) &= \underline{F'(gN)} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow F = F'$$



- $F$  is one-to-one by the Lemma:  $F(aN) = F(bN) \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow aN = bN$
- $F$  is onto since  $f$  is onto.

$\forall g' \in G', \exists g \in G, f(g) = g'. \text{ Then } g' = F(gN).$

We conclude  $F$  is the unique isomorphism satisfying  $f = F \circ \pi$ .

In particular, we see  $\boxed{G/N \cong G'}$  for surjective  $f: G \rightarrow G'$ .

### • Cor

Cor.  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is a homomorphism.  $N = \ker(f)$ . Then  $G/N \cong \text{Im}(f)$

Pf. We can consider  $f$  as  $f: G \rightarrow \text{Im}(f)$ . Then it becomes surjective, so we can apply the Theorem.

Cor. If  $G$  is a finite group.  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is a homomorphism.

Then:  $|G| = |\ker(f)| \cdot |\text{Im}(f)|$

Pf. By the previous Cor.  $G/N \cong \text{Im}(f)$ .

$$\frac{|G|}{|N|} = [G:N] = |G/N| = |\text{Im}(f)| \Rightarrow |G| = |\ker(f)| \cdot |\text{Im}(f)|$$

Remark. It implies  $|\text{Im}(f)|$  divides  $|G|$ .

Cor. If  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is a homomorphism.  $\gcd(|G|, |G'|) = 1$ . Then  $f$  is the trivial map. (i.e.,  $\forall g \in G, f(g) = 1'$ ).

Pf. We just saw  $|\text{Im}(f)|$  divides  $|G|$ .

Also,  $\text{Im}(f)$  is a subgroup of  $G'$ ,  $|\text{Im}(f)|$  divides  $|G'|$

$\gcd(|G|, |G'|) = 1$ , so  $|\text{Im}(f)| = 1$ .  $\text{Im}(f) = \{1'\}$

This means  $\forall g \in G, f(g) = 1'$ .

### • Examples



Example. ①.  $G = \langle a \rangle$ . cyclic group of order  $n$ .

$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle$  is a surjective homomorphism.  
 $k \mapsto a^k$

$$\ker(f) = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid a^k = 1\} = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \text{ divides } k\} = n\mathbb{Z}$$

By The First Isomorphism Theorem:  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong G = \langle a \rangle$

so if  $G_1 = \langle a \rangle$  and  $G_2 = \langle b \rangle$  are both cyclic groups of order  $n$ , then  $G_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong G_2$ .

We can say that, up to isomorphism, there's a unique group of order  $p$ , if  $p$  is prime.

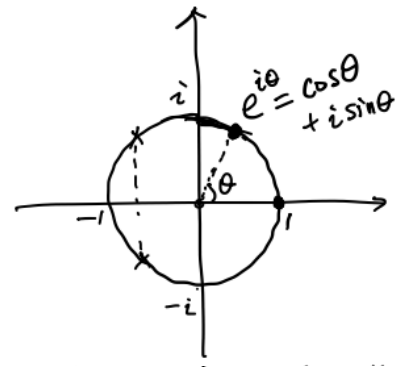
②.  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  is a group.

Let  $S^1$  be the group of complex numbers of length 1.  
 composition is multiplication.

$$e^{i\theta_1} \cdot e^{i\theta_2} = e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

Remark.  $S^1$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}^\times$

$\mathbb{C}^\times = \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , with multiplication.



Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$   
 $r \mapsto e^{i2\pi r}$

$f$  is a homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} f(r_1 + r_2) &= e^{i2\pi(r_1 + r_2)} = e^{i2\pi r_1 + i2\pi r_2} \\ &= e^{i2\pi r_1} \cdot e^{i2\pi r_2} \\ &= f(r_1) f(r_2) \end{aligned}$$

$f$  is surjective:

$$\forall e^{i\theta} = e^{i2\pi \cdot \frac{\theta}{2\pi}} = f\left(\frac{\theta}{2\pi}\right)$$

By the First Isomorphism Theorem.

$$\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1$$

$S^1$ : "sphere of dim 1"

$S^2$ : "sphere of dim 2"

$$S^k = \{\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1} \mid |\vec{v}| = 1\}$$

"k-sphere".

$$\ker(f) = \{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid e^{i2\pi r} = 1\}$$

$$= \{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid 2\pi r \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}$$

•  $\pi: G \rightarrow G/N$ . the quotient map defined by  $\pi(g) = gN$ .

is a homomorphism.

$$\pi(ab) = abN = (aN)(bN) = \pi(a)\pi(b). \quad \boxed{\ker \pi = N}$$

This implies that any normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  is the kernel of some homomorphism defined on  $G$ .

so "kernel"  $\longleftrightarrow$  "normal subgroup"

## Product Groups

- Definition

Def.  $G, G'$  are groups. Define their product group to be  $G \times G'$ , the set of all ordered pairs  $(g, g')$  with  $g \in G, g' \in G'$ . The composition is  $(g_1, g'_1)(g_2, g'_2) = (g_1g_2, g'_1g'_2)$

It's not hard to verify the definition is a group.

with identity  $(1, 1')$ . and inverse  $(g, g')^{-1} = (g^{-1}, g'^{-1})$ .

- Properties

Elementary Properties:  $|G \times G'| = |G| \cdot |G'|$

- We can identify  $G$  with  $\{(g, 1') \in G \times G' \mid g \in G\}$   
 $G'$  with  $\{(1, g') \in G \times G' \mid g' \in G'\}$

Indeed they follow from the "inclusion"

$$i_1: G \rightarrow G \times G'. \quad i_1(g) = (g, 1')$$

$$i_2: G' \rightarrow G \times G'. \quad i_2(g') = (1, g')$$

We identify  $G$  with  $\text{Im}(i_1)$ .

$G'$  with  $\text{Im}(i_2)$ .

Under this identification, we see

$G$  &  $G'$  are normal subgroups in  $G \times G'$ .

$$\forall (g, 1') \in \text{Im}(i_1). \quad \forall (x, y) \in G \times G'.$$

$$(x, y)(g, 1')(x, y)^{-1} = (xg, y)(\bar{x}', \bar{y}') = (xg\bar{x}', y\bar{y}')$$

similarly we can verify  $\text{Im}(i_2)$ .  $= (xg\bar{x}', 1') \in \text{Im}(i_1)$