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$$(g_1, g'_1) \cdot (g_2, g'_2) = (g_1 g_2, g'_1 g'_2).$$

Identity: $(1, 1')$. Inverse: $(g, g')^{-1} = (g^{-1}, g'^{-1})$.

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

G' with $\{(1, g') \in G \times G' \mid g' \in G'\}$

- we proved that under this identification, G, G' are normal subgroups of $G \times G'$.
- $|G \times G'| = |G| \times |G'|$.

- Subgroups

Q. Given a group G . can we identify G as a product of its subgroups H & K ? (i.e. $G \cong H \times K$)
 ↑ with some "natural" choice of isomorphism.

$$f: H \times K \longrightarrow G \quad f: H \times K \longrightarrow G$$

Diagram illustrating the mapping f from $H \times K$ to G . The left diagram shows $f(h, 1) = h$ and $f(1, k) = k$. The right diagram shows $f(h, k) = hk$.

so we wish $f(h, 1) = h$. $f(1, k) = k$.

If f is an isomorphism. $f(h, k) = f(h, 1)f(1, k) = hk$.
 (note $(h, k) = (h, 1) \cdot (1, k)$)

- Theorem

Theorem. G is a group. H, K are subgroups of G .
 $f: H \times K \rightarrow G$, $f(h, k) = hk$ is an isomorphism iff the following 3 conditions hold:

- ① H, K are normal subgroups of G
- ② $H \cap K = \{1\}$.
- ③ $G = HK = \{hk \in G \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$.

- Proof

1. \Rightarrow

Proof. If $f: H \times K \rightarrow G$ is an isomorphism, then normal subgroups map to normal subgroups. Since $H \times \{1\}$ and $\{1\} \times K$ are normal subgroups in $H \times K$, their images, H and K , are normal subgroups in G .

The image of f is HK , and f is an isomorphism, so $HK = G$.

Suppose $H \cap K \neq \{1\}$, then there exists $g \in H \cap K$, $g \neq 1$. But then $f(g, 1) = g = f(1, g)$, contradict to f is an isomorphism. We conclude $H \cap K = \{1\}$.

2. \Leftarrow

• f is injective: $\overset{\in K}{(h, k) \in \ker(f)} \Leftrightarrow f(h, k) = 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow hk = 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow h = k^{-1}$
 $\overset{\in H}{h} \overset{\in K}{k^{-1}}$
 so $h = k^{-1} \in H \cap K = \{1\}$
 $h = k^{-1} = 1, h = k = 1.$

The assumption $HK = G$ implies f is surjective.

It remains to check f is a homomorphism. $f((h_1, k_1)(h_2, k_2)) = f(h_1h_2, k_1k_2) = h_1h_2k_1k_2$. It suffices to prove $hk = kh$ for any $h \in H$ and $k \in K$. $hk = kh$ if and only if $hkh^{-1}k^{-1} = 1$. Observe that $hkh^{-1}k^{-1} = (hkh^{-1})k^{-1}$. K is a normal subgroup, so $hkh^{-1} \in K$, $hkh^{-1}k^{-1} \in K$. Similarly we can show $hkh^{-1}k^{-1} \in H$, and by the fact $H \cap K = \{1\}$, we conclude $hkh^{-1}k^{-1} = 1$, i.e., $hk = kh$.

• $G = H \times K$

Notation. If $f: H \times K \rightarrow G$, $f(h, k) = hk$ is an isomorphism.
 we say G is the product of H and K , write $G = H \times K$

Example. $K_4 = \{1, a, b, c\}$. The Klein Four Group.

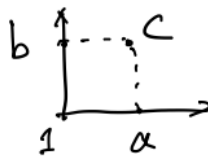
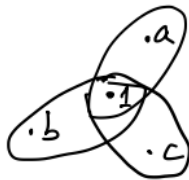
$$\langle a \rangle = \{1, a\}, \langle b \rangle = \{1, b\}$$

• K_4 abelian, so $\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle$ are normal subgroups.

$$\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \{1\}$$

$$\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle = \{1 \cdot 1, 1 \cdot b, a \cdot 1, a \cdot b\} = \{1, b, a, c\} = K_4$$

$$\text{so } K_4 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$



• Proposition

Prop. If r and s are relatively prime positive numbers.
 then $C_{rs} \cong C_r \times C_s$ (C_k means cyclic group of order k)
 (we can also write $\mathbb{Z}/rs\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}$).

- Proof

Pf. $C_{rs} = \langle a \rangle$. $|a| = rs$.

consider $\langle a^s \rangle$ and $\langle a^r \rangle$.

$$|a^s| = r, |a^r| = s$$

$$(a^s)^k = 1 \Leftrightarrow a^{sk} = 1 \Leftrightarrow rs | sk \Leftrightarrow r | k.$$

- $\langle a^s \rangle$ & $\langle a^r \rangle$ are normal subgroups. since C_{rs} is abelian.
- $\langle a^s \rangle \cap \langle a^r \rangle = \{1\}$ since $\gcd(|a^s|, |a^r|) = 1$:

Lemma. If H and K are subgroups of G . with $|H|, |K|$ relatively prime. then $H \cap K = \{1\}$.

Pf. $H \cap K$ is a subgroup of H . so $|H \cap K|$ divides $|H|$.
 similarly, it divides $|K|$.
 $\gcd(|H|, |K|) = 1$. so $|H \cap K| = 1$. $H \cap K = \{1\}$.

$$\bullet \langle a \rangle = \langle a^s \rangle \cdot \langle a^r \rangle$$

only need to verify $\langle a \rangle \leq \langle a^s \rangle \langle a^r \rangle$.

$$\gcd(s, r) = 1. \text{ so } \exists k, l \in \mathbb{Z}. 1 = ks + lr$$

$$\text{Then for any } m \in \mathbb{Z}. m = mks + mlr$$

$$a^m = a^{mks + mlr} = (a^s)^{mk} \cdot (a^r)^{ml} \in \langle a^s \rangle \cdot \langle a^r \rangle$$

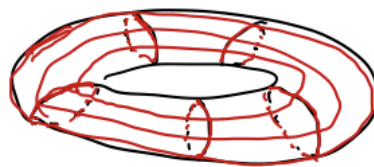
We conclude $C_{rs} = \langle a^s \rangle \times \langle a^r \rangle \cong C_r \times C_s$.

Interpretation: $\gcd(r, s) = 1$.

$$s \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 6 & 12 & 3 & 9 & 15 \\ \hline 11 & 2 & 8 & 14 & 5 \\ \hline 1 & 7 & 13 & 4 & 10 \\ \hline \end{array} \right.$$

r

identify opposite edges to form a torus



By going "upper-right", we can visit all the squares.

Chinese Remainder Theorem

Chinese Remainder Theorem (Sun Zi Suan Jing) $\gcd(r, s) = 1$.

The function $f: \mathbb{Z}/rs\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}$ is an isomorphism.

$$k \bmod rs \mapsto (k \bmod r, k \bmod s).$$

In practice, it means the system of congruence equations

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv a \pmod{r} \\ x \equiv b \pmod{s} \end{cases}$$

has unique solution up to congruence mod rs .

$$\gcd(r, s) = 1. \text{ so } \exists k, l. \boxed{kr + ls = 1} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} ls \equiv 1 \pmod{r} \\ kr \equiv 1 \pmod{s} \end{cases}$$

Let $\boxed{x = als + bkr.}$ ← solution

$$x \equiv als \equiv a \pmod{r}$$

$$x \equiv bkr \equiv b \pmod{s}$$

to find k, l .
need to apply
"Euclidean algorithm"

Remarks ① This can be generalized to more equations:

r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n are pairwise relatively prime

Then $\begin{cases} x \equiv a_1 \pmod{r_1} \\ x \equiv a_2 \pmod{r_2} \\ \vdots \\ x \equiv a_n \pmod{r_n} \end{cases}$ has unique solution, up to congruence mod $r_1 r_2 \dots r_n$.

Correspondingly.

$$\underline{\mathbb{Z}/r_1 r_2 \dots r_n \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/r_1 \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/r_2 \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/r_n \mathbb{Z} .}$$

②. The isomorphism $f: \mathbb{Z}/rs\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}$ $\gcd(r,s)=1$.

is an isomorphism of "rings"

③ If $\gcd(r,s) \neq 1$, you can prove that

$\mathbb{Z}/rs\mathbb{Z}$ is not isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}$.

(idea: try to show in $\mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}$ there's no element of order rs).

• $(g, g') \in G \times G'$. $|g|=m$, $|g'|=n$. What is $|(g, g')|$?

$$\underline{(g, g')^k = (1, 1')} \Leftrightarrow (g^k, g'^k) = (1, 1')$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} g^k = 1 \\ g'^k = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |g| \mid k, |g'| \mid k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k \text{ is a common multiple of } m \text{ \& } n.$$

$$\text{so } \underline{|(g, g')| = \text{lcm}(m, n)}$$