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Chapter 1

Introduction

Lecture 1: General Overview

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Let $E \neq \emptyset$ a set.

A binary operation \cdot on E is any map from $E \times E$ into E ,

$$\begin{aligned}(\cdot) : E \times E &\longrightarrow E \\(x, y) &\longmapsto x \cdot y\end{aligned}$$

Let $A \subset E$, we say A is a stable by (\cdot) if (\cdot) is also a Binary Operation on A ,

$$\begin{aligned}(\cdot_A) : A \times A &\longrightarrow A \\(x, y) &\longmapsto x \cdot_A y = x \cdot y\end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.0.1 (Group) : Let $G \neq \emptyset$ a set with a Binary Operation $(*)$, we say that G is a group if :

1. $(*)$ is associative, if :

$$\forall x, y, z \in G : (x * y) * z = x * (y * z)$$

2. $(*)$ admits a neutral elements if :

$$\exists e \in G, \forall x \in G : x * e = e * x = x$$

- 3.

$$\forall x \in G, \exists x' \in G : x * x' = x' * x = e$$

if $(*)$ is commutative i.e.:

$$\forall x, y \in G : x * y = y * x$$

then G is called an Abelian Group.

Notation: We denote $(*)$ by (\cdot) if its multiplicative, and $(+)$ if its additive.

Proposition 1.0.1 : Let (G, \cdot) be a group. then:

1. The Neutral Element is unique.

2. The inverse is unique

- 3.

$$\forall x, y \in G : (x \cdot y)^{-1} = y^{-1} \cdot x^{-1}$$

- 4.

$$\forall x, y, z \in G : \begin{cases} xy = xz \\ yx = zx \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} y = z \\ y = z \end{cases}$$

Proof. 1. Let $e_1, e_2 \in G$ be a Neutral Element, then:

$$e_1 = e_1 \cdot e_2 = e_2$$

2. let $x \in G$ and $x_1, x_2 \in G$ be its inverses, then:

$$x_1 = x_1 \cdot e = x_1 \cdot (x \cdot x_2) = (x_1 \cdot x) \cdot x_2 = e \cdot x_2 = x_2$$

3. Let $x, y' \in G$. then:

$$\begin{aligned} (x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot y)^{-1} = e &\implies y \cdot (x \cdot y)^{-1} = x^{-1} \\ &\implies (x \cdot y)^{-1} = y^{-1} \cdot x^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise

Let (G, \cdot) be a group and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in G$. then:

- $(x_1 \cdots x_n)^{-1} = x_n^{-1} \cdots x_1^{-1}$
- $(x_1^{-1})^{-1} = x_1$

Definition 1.0.2 : Let (G, \cdot) be a group, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x \in G$, define

$$x^n = \begin{cases} x \cdot x \cdots x \\ e \\ x^{-1} \cdot x^{-1} \cdots x^{-1} \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \text{if } n \geq 1 \\ \text{if } n = 0 \\ \text{if } n \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

Example:

1. $(\mathbb{Z}, +), (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot), (\mathbb{R}, +), (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$
2. The set $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ with addition of maps is an Abelian Group, with the null map as Neutral Element
3. The set S_n of all bijection of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ with composition of maps is a group

Definition 1.0.3 (Sub Group) : Let (G, \cdot) be a group and $H \subset G$ we say that H is a Subgroup of G if (H, \cdot) is a group

Proposition 1.0.2 :

Let (G, \cdot) a group and $H \subset G$. then H is a Subgroup of G if and only if:

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

Remark: The conditions (2) and (3) are equivalent to:

$$\forall x, y \in H : \quad x^{-1} \cdot y \in H$$

Proof.

$$\forall x, y \in H : \quad x^{-1} \cdot y \in H \implies \begin{cases} \forall x, y \in H : \quad x \cdot y \in H \\ \forall x \in H : \quad x^{-1} \in H \end{cases}$$

□

Notation: if H is a Subgroup of G , we denote

$$H \leq G$$

if $H \leq G$ with $H \neq G$, we call H a proper Subgroup of G and we write $H < G$

Exercise

Let (G, \cdot) be a group, then the set:

$$Z(G) = \{x \in G : \quad gx = xg, \forall g \in G\}$$

1. Prove that $Z(G) = G \iff G$ is an abelian group.

Proof. 1.

$$(\implies)$$

Suppose that G is an Abelian Group.

Let $x \in G$ and let $g \in G$, since G is an Abelian group, then $gx = xg$. then $x \in Z(G)$, then

$$Z(G) = G$$

$$(\impliedby)$$

Suppose that $Z(G) = G$, let $x, y \in G$. then $x, y \in Z(G)$. so $\forall g \in G$:

$$\begin{cases} xg = gx \\ yg = gy \end{cases}$$

so for $g = y$, we get $xy = yx$ so G is an abelian group

2. Let $G \leq (\mathbb{Z}, +)$.

- if $G = \{0\}$. then $G = 0\mathbb{Z}$.
- if $G \neq \{0\}$, then $\exists m \in G$ with $m \neq 0$, without loss of generality. suppose $m > 0$, so $G \cap \mathbb{N} \neq \emptyset$, so $n = \min G \cap \mathbb{N}$, let $x \in n\mathbb{Z}$. then $x = kn, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $x \in G$. hence $n\mathbb{Z} \subset G$. Let $x \in G$, so $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$, $0 \leq r \leq n-1$ such that $x = qn + r$. so $r = x - qn \in G$, if $r \neq 0$ then :

$$\begin{cases} r < n \\ r = G \cap \mathbb{N} \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} r < n \\ n = \min G \cap \mathbb{N} \leq r, \end{cases} \text{ is a contradiction}$$

so $x = qn \in n\mathbb{Z}$, so $G \subset n\mathbb{Z}$

□

Proposition 1.0.3 : Let $H, K \leq G$, with G is a group. then:

$$H \cap K \leq G$$

Proof. Since $e \in H$ and $e \in K$, then $e \in H \cap K \neq \emptyset$.

Let $x, y \in H \cap K$, then :

$$\begin{cases} x, y \in H \\ x, y \in K \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x^{-1}, y \in H \\ x^{-1}, y \in K \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x^{-1} \cdot y \in H \\ x^{-1} \cdot y \in K \end{cases} \implies x^{-1} \cdot y \in H \cap K$$

□

Proposition 1.0.4 : Let $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of Subgroup of a group G , then :

$$\bigcap_{i \in I} H_i \leq G$$

Remark: $H \cup K$ is not always a Subgroup of G .

Proposition 1.0.5 : Let $H, K \leq G$, Then $H \cup K \leq G \iff \begin{cases} H \subset K \\ K \subset H \end{cases}$

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Definition 1.0.4 : Let G be a group and $A \subset G$, The group spanned by A is the intersection of all SG of G containing A , i.e.:

$$\langle A \rangle = \bigcap_{H \leq G, A \subset H} H$$

Proposition 1.0.6 : $\langle A \rangle$ is the smallest SG of G containing A

Proof. $\langle A \rangle \leq G$

$$\begin{cases} e \in H, \forall H \leq G \implies \bigcap_{H \leq G} H \neq \emptyset \\ \forall x, y \in \langle A \rangle : x, y \in H, \forall H \leq G \text{ and } A \subset H \end{cases}$$

so $xy^{-1} \in H, \forall H \leq G$ and $A \subset H$

so $xy^{-1} \in \bigcap_{H \leq G, A \subset H} H$

Let $B \leq G$ such that $A \subset B$.

since

$$\bigcap_{H \leq G, A \subset H} H \subset B, \quad \text{so } \langle A \rangle \subset B$$

so $\langle A \rangle$ is the smallest SG of G containing A □

Proposition 1.0.7 : Let G be a group and $A \subset G$ such that $A \neq \emptyset$. Then:

$$\langle A \rangle := \left\{ x_1^{k_1} x_2^{k_2} \dots x_n^{k_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}, x_i \in A, k_i = \pm 1, i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \right\}$$

In particular if $A = \{a\}$. then by definition:

$$\langle A \rangle = \langle a \rangle = \{a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Definition 1.0.5 : Let G be a group and $A \subset G$, we say:

1. A span G if $G = \langle A \rangle$
2. G is of finite type if $G = \langle A \rangle$ and A is finite.
3. G is cyclic if $G = \langle a \rangle, a \in G$
4. G is a finite group if $|G| < \infty$, in this case we call $|G|$ the order of G .
5. The order of $x \in G$ is $|\langle x \rangle|$

Example:

1. $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is cyclic. Indeed, $\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle = \{n \cdot 1 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ or with -1 .
2. $(n\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is cyclic. Since $n\mathbb{Z} = \langle n \rangle = \{k \cdot n : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
3. $(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}}, +)$ is cyclic. Since

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}} &= \langle \bar{1} \rangle = \{n \cdot \bar{1} : n \in \{0, 1, \dots, 5\}\} \\ &= \langle \bar{5} \rangle = \{n \cdot \bar{5} : n \in \{0, 1, \dots, 5\}\}\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1.0.8 : Any cyclic group is Abelian.

Proof. Let $G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, we define:

$$HK = \{hk : h \in H, k \in K\}$$

□

PRODUCT OF SG:

Let G be a group and $H, K \leq G$, we define

$$HK = \{hk : h \in H, k \in K\}$$

Remark: $H, K \subset HK$

Proposition 1.0.9 :

$$HK \leq G \implies HK = KH$$

Proof. (\implies) since $HK \leq G$, then $HK \neq \emptyset$, let $x \in HK$. So $x = hk$ where $h, k \in H, K$. since it's a subgroup then, $x^{-1} = k^{-1}h^{-1} \in HK$, so $HK \subset KH$, let $x \in KH$. then $x = kh$ where $k, h \in K, H$ so $x^{-1} = h^{-1}k^{-1} \in HK$. Since $HK \leq G$ then $x \in HK$ so:

$$KH \subset HK$$

□

Proposition 1.0.10 : if $HK \leq G$, then HK is the smallest SG of G containing H and K that's so:

$$HK = \langle H \cup K \rangle$$

Proof. Set

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \left\{ x_1^{k_1} \cdot \dots \cdot x_n^{k_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}, x_i \in H \cup K, k_i = \pm 1 \right\} \\ &= \langle H \cup K \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Let $x \in HK$, then $x = hk \in L$. so $HK \subset L$, since $H, K \subset HK$. then $H \cup K \subset HK$, since $HK \leq G$, then $\langle H \cup K \rangle \subset HK$ (see definition):

$$HK = \langle H \cup K \rangle$$

□

1.1 Quotient Group

Exercise

Let $H \leq G$, G is a group and let $x, y \in G$. Show that:

1. $xH = H \iff x \in H$
2. $x^{-1}y \in H \iff y \in xH$
3. $H^{-1} = H$ with $H^{-1} = \{h^{-1} : h \in H\}$

Proof.

$$x \in H \implies H \subset xH$$

$$h \in H \implies h = xx^{-1}h = x(x^{-1}h) \in xH$$

□

- Let $H \leq G$, define on G the binary operations R_g and R_d by:

$$\forall x, y \in G : \begin{cases} x\mathcal{R}_g y \iff x^{-1}y \in H \\ x\mathcal{R}_d y \iff yx^{-1} \in H \end{cases}$$

we can show that \mathcal{R}_g and \mathcal{R}_d are equivalence relations, (reflexive, symmetric, transition) let $x \in G$.
that left class of x by \mathcal{R}_g is:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \{y \in G : x\mathcal{R}_g y\} \\ &= \{y \in G : x^{-1}y \in H\} = \{y \in G : y \in xH\} = xH \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the right class of x is:

$$\bar{x}^d = \{y \in G : x\mathcal{R}_d y\} = Hx$$

QUOTIENT OF G BY \mathcal{R}_g AND \mathcal{R}_d :

By definition:

$$\frac{G}{\mathcal{R}_g} = \{\bar{x} : x \in G\} = \{xH : x \in G\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_g$$

where:

$$\frac{G}{\mathcal{R}_d} = \{\bar{x}^d : x \in G\} = \{Hx : x \in G\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_d$$

Proposition 1.1.1 : $\left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_g$ and $\left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_d$ are partition of G .

Proof.

$$xH \neq \emptyset \quad (x = x \cdot e \in xH)$$

$$\bigcup_{x \in G} xH = G$$

$$xH \cap yH \neq \emptyset \implies xH = yH$$

□

Proposition 1.1.2 :

1. $(\frac{G}{H})_g$ and $(\frac{G}{H})_d$ are equipotent.
2. $\forall x \in G : xH$ and Hx are equipotent (in bijection).

Proof. 1. Let

$$\begin{aligned} f : (\frac{G}{H})_g &\longrightarrow (\frac{G}{H})_d \\ \bar{x} = xH &\longmapsto f(xH) = (xH)^{-1} = Hx^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

f is well defined:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} = \bar{y} &\implies f(\bar{x}) = f(\bar{y}) \\ \bar{x} = \bar{y} &\implies xH = yH \\ &\iff x^{-1}yH = H \\ &\implies Hy^{-1}x = H \\ &\implies Hy^{-1} = Hx^{-1} \implies f(\bar{x}) = f(\bar{y}) \end{aligned}$$

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Proposition 1.1.3 :

- $(\frac{G}{H})_d$ and $(\frac{G}{H})_d$ are equipotent.
- and for all $x \in G : xH$ and Hx are equipotent.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} f : (\frac{G}{H})_g &\longrightarrow (\frac{G}{H})_d \\ xH &\longmapsto Hx^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

we have for all $x, y \in G$:

$$xH = yH \implies Hx^{-1} = Hy^{-1} \implies f(xH) = f(yH)$$

so f is well defined.

$$f(xH) = f(yH) \iff Hx^{-1} = Hy^{-1} \implies xH = yH \implies f \text{ injective}$$

Let $Hy \in \left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_d$ then:

$$f(y^{-1}H) = Hy \text{ with } y^{-1}H \in \left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_g$$

hence f is surjective, thus f is bijective. Let

$$\begin{aligned} f: xH &\longrightarrow Hx \\ xh &\longmapsto hx \end{aligned}$$

we have that f is bijective. □

Theorem 1.1.4 (Lagrange Theorem) : Let G be a finite group and let $H \leq G$, then $|H| \mid |G|$

Proof. Let $H \leq G$. then $\left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_g$ is a partition of G , Let $\left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_g = \{x_1H, \dots, x_nH\}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, so $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^n x_iH$. Since $\left(\frac{G}{H}\right)_g$ is a partition of G , then:

$$|G| = \left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n x_iH \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_iH|$$

we have H and x_iH are equipotent for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, take

$$\begin{aligned} f: H &\longrightarrow x_iH \\ h &\longmapsto x_ih \end{aligned}$$

so

$$|G| = \sum_{i=1}^n |H| = n|H|$$

hence $|H| \mid |G|$ □

Notation:

$n = [G : H]$ called the index of H in G . if $|G| < +\infty$, then

$$[G : H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$$

For $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ and $H = n\mathbb{Z}$ where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have:

$$[G : H] = \left| \left(\frac{G}{H} \right) \right| = n$$

Corollary 1.1.5 : Every finite group G of prime order is cyclic spanned any element $x \in G \setminus \{e\}$

Proof. Let $x \in G \setminus \{e\}$. By lagrange theorem we have $|\langle x \rangle| \mid |G| = p$. so $\langle x \rangle = \{e\}$ or $G = \langle x \rangle$. since $x \neq e$, then $\langle x \rangle \neq \{e\}$. So $G = \langle x \rangle$ \square

Remark:

The reciprocal of this result is not true. we can have a cyclic group with a non prime order,

$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}} = \langle \bar{1} \rangle = \langle \bar{5} \rangle$$

is cyclic and $|\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}}| = 6$ not prime.

1.1.1 Normal Subgroups

Definition 1.1.1 : Let $H \leq G$. we say that H is a normal group of G if:

$$\forall x \in G : xH = Hx \quad (\text{denoted } H \triangleleft G)$$

Remark:

If G is abelian, then any subgroup of G is normal

Proposition 1.1.6 : Let $H \leq G$. then the following statments are equivalent:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \forall x \in G : xHx^{-1} = H$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \forall x \in G : xHx^{-1} \subset H$$

Proof. Exercise \square

Let G be a group and $(H \triangleleft G)$. then:

$$\left(\frac{G}{H} \right)_g = \left(\frac{G}{H} \right)_d \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{G}{H}$$

we equip $\frac{G}{H}$ by the binary operation, defined:

$$\forall x, y \in G : (xH) \cdot (yH) = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} = \overline{xy} = (xy) \cdot H$$

Theorem 1.1.7 : $(\frac{G}{H}, \cdot)$ is a group called the quotient group of G by H

Proof. \Rightarrow Associativity

\Rightarrow The neutral element of $(\frac{G}{H})$ is $H = \bar{e} = eH$

\Rightarrow for all $\bar{x} \in \frac{G}{H} : \bar{x}^{-1} = \overline{x^{-1}} = (xH)^{-1}$

\square

1.2 Group Morphism

Definition 1.2.1 : Let (G, \cdot) and (G', \mathcal{T}) be two groups. A map $f : G \longrightarrow G'$ is a group morphism if for all $x, y \in G$ we have:

$$f(x \cdot y) = f(x)\mathcal{T}f(y)$$

Proposition 1.2.1 : Let $f : G \longrightarrow G'$ a Group morphism, and e, e' are the neutral elements of G and G' resp. Then:

- ① $f(e) = e'$
- ② $\forall x \in G : f(x^{-1}) = [f(x)]^{-1}$
- ③ $\forall x \in G, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} : f(x^n) = [f(x)]^n$

Proof. [1] $\blacklozenge x = y = e \implies f(e) = f(e)f(e)$

[2] $\blacklozenge y = x^{-1} \implies e' = f(x)f(x^{-1})$

[3] \blacklozenge use induction

□

Example: Let $H \triangleleft G$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} i : H &\longrightarrow G \\ h &\longmapsto h \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} s : G &\longrightarrow \frac{G}{H} \\ x &\longmapsto \bar{x} = xH \end{aligned}$$

are group morphism called injective and surjective, resp.

1.2.1 Kernel-Image

Let $f : G \longrightarrow G'$, The kernel of f is:

$$\text{Ker}(f) = \{x \in G : f(x) = e'\} = f^{-1}(\{e'\})$$

The image of f is:

$$\text{Im}(f) = \{f(x) : x \in G\} = f(G)$$

Proposition 1.2.2 : Let $f : G \longrightarrow G'$ be a Group morphism, then:

① If $H \leq G$, then $f(H) \leq G'$

② $H' \leq G'$, then $f^{-1}(H') \leq G$

so

$$\text{Im}(f) = f(G) \leq G'$$

and

$$f^{-1}(\{e'\}) = \text{Ker}(f) \leq G$$

Proposition 1.2.3 : Let $f : G \longrightarrow G'$ be a group morphism, then:

① f injective $\iff \text{Ker}(f) = \{e\}$

② f surjective $\iff \text{Im}(f) = G'$

Proof. Exercise (you know it won't happen) ☹

□

Proposition 1.2.4 : Let $H \leq G$, then:

$$H \triangleleft G \iff \exists G' \text{ a group and GM } f : G \longrightarrow G' \text{ such that: } H = \text{Ker}(f)$$

Proof.

(\Leftarrow)

suppose that $\exists G'$ a group, and $f : G \longrightarrow G'$ a group morphism such that $H = \text{Ker}(f)$. Let $x \in G$, and let $y = xgx^{-1} \in x\text{Ker}(f)x^{-1}$, hence:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &= f(x)f(g)(x^{-1}) \\ &= f(x)f(x^{-1}) \\ &= e' \end{aligned}$$

so $y \in \text{Ker}(f)$. look at the hand below

$$\text{☞ } x\text{Ker}(f)x^{-1} \subset \text{Ker}(f)$$

Therefore $H = \text{Ker}(f) \triangleleft G$.

(\Rightarrow)

Let $H \triangleleft G$, and let

$$\begin{aligned} f : G &\longrightarrow \frac{G}{H} \\ x &\longmapsto \bar{x} = xH \end{aligned}$$

we have f is a group morphism, and $\text{Ker}(f) = H$ □

Theorem 1.2.5 (First Theorem of Isomorphism) : *Let $f : G \rightarrow G'$ be a group morphism, then $\frac{G}{\text{Ker}(f)} \sim \text{Im}(f)$*

Proof. \Leftarrow Let

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f} : \frac{G}{\text{Ker}(f)} &\longrightarrow \text{Im}(f) \\ \bar{x} &\longmapsto \tilde{f}(\bar{x}) = f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Let $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in \frac{G}{\text{Ker}(f)}$ such that $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$, then $x\text{Ker}(f) = y\text{Ker}(f)$, therefore $x^{-1}y \in \text{Ker}(f)$, hence we can deduce

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^{-1}y) = e &\iff f(x) = f(y) \\ &\iff \tilde{f}(\bar{x}) = \tilde{f}(\bar{y}) \end{aligned}$$

so f is well defined and injective. f is surjective by construction □