

# 2024/013 MATH3301 Assignment 3

1.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n = \frac{n}{1} \in \mathbb{Q}, \text{ so } \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$

$$0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, n+m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, -n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\forall r \in \mathbb{Q}, r + \mathbb{Z} + (-r) = r + (-r) + \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \mathbb{Z} \trianglelefteq \mathbb{Q}$$

(a)  $\frac{1}{3} + \mathbb{Z} = \{n + \frac{1}{3} \in \mathbb{Q} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \mathbb{Z} = \{n + \frac{1}{4} \in \mathbb{Q} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad (\text{Addition is commutative, so order doesn't matter})$$

For all  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ :

$$r \in (\frac{1}{3} + \mathbb{Z}) \cap (\frac{1}{4} + \mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow \exists n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, r = n_1 + \frac{1}{3} = n_2 + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12n_1 + 4 = 12n_2 + 3 \Rightarrow |2| \mid 2(n_2 - n_1) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{F}$$

$$\text{Hence, } (\frac{1}{3} + \mathbb{Z}) \cap (\frac{1}{4} + \mathbb{Z}) = \emptyset$$



(b) Follow the same argument in (a),

$\mathbb{N} \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}), n \mapsto (\frac{1}{n} + \mathbb{Z})$  is an injection,

so  $|\mathbb{N}| = +\infty$  implies  $|\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}| = +\infty$

(c) Define  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{Q}$  by  $r \sim r'$  if  $r \in r' + \mathbb{Z}$

$$\frac{2}{3} \notin 0 + \mathbb{Z}, \frac{2}{3} + \mathbb{Z} \neq 0 + \mathbb{Z}$$

$$2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3} \sim \frac{1}{3} \notin 0 + \mathbb{Z}, 2 \cdot (\frac{2}{3} + \mathbb{Z}) \neq 0 + \mathbb{Z}$$

$$3 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = 2 \in 0 + \mathbb{Z}, 3 \cdot (\frac{2}{3} + \mathbb{Z}) = 0 + \mathbb{Z}$$

This implies  $\text{ord}(\frac{2}{3} + \mathbb{Z}) = 3$

(d) Follow the same argument in (a),

$$(x + \mathbb{Z}) \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow \exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } n \geq 1, x = \frac{m}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } n \geq 1, n \cdot (x + \mathbb{Z}) = (nx) + \mathbb{Z} = m + \mathbb{Z} = 0 + \mathbb{Z}$$

(e) Define  $\phi: (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow e^{2\pi i \mathbb{Q}}, (0 + \mathbb{Z}) \mapsto e^{2\pi i \cdot 0}$  (obviously, this map is surjective)

For all  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\theta_1 + \mathbb{Z} = \theta_2 + \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, \theta_1 = \theta_2 + n \Rightarrow e^{2\pi i \theta_1} = e^{2\pi i (\theta_2 + n)} = e^{2\pi i \theta_2} \cdot e^{2\pi i n} = e^{2\pi i \theta_2}$ ,  $\phi$  is well-defined

For all  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $e^{2\pi i \theta_1} = e^{2\pi i \theta_2} \Rightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, \theta_1 = \theta_2 + n \Rightarrow \theta_1 + \mathbb{Z} = (\theta_2 + n) + \mathbb{Z} = \theta_2 + \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\phi$  is injective

For all  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\phi((\theta_1 + \mathbb{Z}) + (\theta_2 + \mathbb{Z})) = \phi((\theta_1 + \theta_2) + \mathbb{Z}) = e^{2\pi i (\theta_1 + \theta_2)} = e^{2\pi i \theta_1} e^{2\pi i \theta_2} = \phi(\theta_1 + \mathbb{Z}) \phi(\theta_2 + \mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\phi$  is a homomorphism



2. Consider the group  $\mathcal{P}(U)$  under  $A \Delta B = \{x \in U: x \in A \text{ exclusive or } x \in B\}$

For all  $A \in \mathcal{P}(U)$ ,  $A^2 = A \Delta A = \{x \in U: x \in A \text{ exclusive or } x \in A\} = \{x \in U: \text{False}\} = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{ord}(A) \leq 2 < +\infty$

However, take  $U = \mathbb{N}$ , where  $|\mathbb{N}| = +\infty$ , so  $|\mathcal{P}(U)| = +\infty$ .

Hence, every element has finite order doesn't imply the group is finite.

3.

$$0(2,3) = (0,0), 1(2,3) = (2,3) \neq (0,0), 2(2,3) = (4,6) = (0,0), \text{ord}((2,3)) = 2$$

There are  $[\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6 : \langle (2,3) \rangle] = |\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6| / |\langle (2,3) \rangle| = |\mathbb{Z}_4| \times |\mathbb{Z}_6| / \text{ord}((2,3)) = 4 \cdot 6 / 2 = 12 \text{ cosets}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0,0) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(0,0), (2,3)\}, \quad (0,1) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(0,1), (2,4)\}, \quad (0,2) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(0,2), (2,5)\}, \\ (1,0) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(1,0), (3,3)\}, \quad (1,1) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(1,1), (3,4)\}, \quad (1,2) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(1,2), (3,5)\}, \\ (2,0) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(2,0), (0,3)\}, \quad (2,1) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(2,1), (0,4)\}, \quad (2,2) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(2,2), (0,5)\}, \\ (3,0) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(3,0), (1,3)\}, \quad (3,1) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(3,1), (1,4)\}, \quad (3,2) + \langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(3,2), (1,5)\} \end{array} \right\}$$

||

$$(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6) / \langle (2,3) \rangle$$





4. (a)  $N \trianglelefteq G \Rightarrow [\forall g \in G \text{ and } n \in N, gng^{-1} \in N] \text{ and } N \leq G$

$\Rightarrow [\forall h \in H \text{ and } n \in H \cap N, hnh^{-1} \in H \cap N] \text{ and } H \cap N \leq H \Rightarrow H \cap N \trianglelefteq H$

Hence, the quotient group  $H/(H \cap N)$  is well-defined.

$N \trianglelefteq G \Rightarrow \forall g \in G \text{ and } n \in N, gn \in Ng \text{ and } ng \in gN$

$\Rightarrow \forall g \in G, gN = Ng \Rightarrow HN = \{hN\}_{h \in H} = \{Nh\}_{h \in H} = NH \Rightarrow HN \leq G$

Hence, the group  $HN$  is well-defined.

$N \trianglelefteq G \text{ and } N \leq HN \text{ and } HN \leq G \Rightarrow N \trianglelefteq HN$

Hence, the quotient group  $(HN)/N$  is well-defined.

(b) Define  $\phi: H/(H \cap N) \rightarrow (HN)/N, h(H \cap N) \mapsto hN$  (obviously, this map is surjective)

For all  $h_1, h_2 \in H, h_1(H \cap N) = h_2(H \cap N) \Rightarrow \exists n \in H \cap N, h_1 = h_2n$

$\Rightarrow \exists m \in N, h_1e = h_2en \Rightarrow h_1eN = h_2eN, \phi$  is well-defined.

For all  $h_1, h_2 \in H, h_1eN = h_2eN \Rightarrow \exists m \in N, h_1e = h_2en$

$\Rightarrow \exists m = h_2^{-1}h_1 \in H \cap N, h_1 = h_2m \Rightarrow h_1(H \cap N) = h_2(H \cap N), \phi$  is injective.

For all  $h_1, h_2 \in H, \phi([h_1(H \cap N)][h_2(H \cap N)]) = \phi(h_1h_2(H \cap N)) = h_1h_2eN = h_1eN h_2eN = (h_1eN)(h_2eN) = \phi([h_1(H \cap N)])\phi([h_2(H \cap N)])$

This implies  $\phi$  is an isomorphism,  $H/(H \cap N) \cong (HN)/N$ .



\* Take the sequence:

(b) Another approach.

Define  $\mu: H \rightarrow G/N$ ,  $\mu(h) = hN$ .

As  $\mu$  is the restriction of  $\pi: G \rightarrow G/N$ ,  $\pi(g) = gN$  on the domain  $H \leq G$ ,  $\mu$  is a homomorphism.

Notice that: (i)  $\ker(\mu) = \{h \in H: \mu(h) = eN\} = \{h \in H: hN = eN\} = \{h \in H: h \in eN\} = H \cap N$

(ii)  $\text{Im}(\mu) = \{\mu(h) \in G/N: h \in H\} = \{hN \in G/N: h \in H\} = \{hN \in G/N: h \in H \text{ and } n \in N\} = (HN)/N$

so  $H/(H \cap N) = H/\ker(\mu) = \text{Im}(\mu) = (HN)/N$ .

5. (a) For all  $gN \in G/N$  and  $hN \in H/N$ :

(i)  $H \trianglelefteq G \Rightarrow ghg^{-1} \in H$ ; (ii)  $(gN)(hN)(gN)^{-1} = (ghN)(g^{-1}N) = ghg^{-1}N \in H/N$ ;

Hence,  $H/N \trianglelefteq G/N$ .

(b) Define  $\mu: G/N \rightarrow G/H$ ,  $gN \mapsto gH$  (obviously, this map is surjective,  $\text{Im}(\mu) = G/H$ )

For all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ ,  $g_1N = g_2N \Rightarrow \exists n \in N, g_1 = g_2n \Rightarrow \exists n \in H, g_1 = g_2n \Rightarrow g_1H = g_2H$ ,  $\mu$  is well-defined.

For all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ ,  $\mu((g_1N)(g_2N)) = \mu(g_1g_2N) = g_1g_2H = (g_1H)(g_2H) = \mu(g_1N)\mu(g_2N)$ ,  $\mu$  is a homomorphism.

Notice that  $\ker(\mu) = \{gN \in G/N: \mu(gN) = eH\} = \{gN \in G/N: gH = eH\} = \{gN \in G/N: g \in eH\} = H/N$ ,

so  $(G/N)/(H/N) = (G/N)/\ker(\mu) \cong \text{Im}(\mu) = G/H$





6. (a) For all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ :

$$(g_1 H)(g_2 H) = (g_2 H)(g_1 H) \Leftrightarrow g_1 g_2 H = g_2 g_1 H \Leftrightarrow \exists h \in H, g_1 g_2 = g_2 g_1 h \Leftrightarrow [g_1, g_2] = g_1^{-1} g_1^{-1} g_1 g_2 h \in H$$

Hence:

$$G/H \text{ is abelian} \Leftrightarrow \forall g_1, g_2 \in G, (g_1 H)(g_2 H) = (g_2 H)(g_1 H) \Leftrightarrow \forall g_1, g_2 \in G, [g_1, g_2] \in H \Leftrightarrow [G, G] \leq H$$

(b) Note that  $[G, G] \leq G$ , and for all  $g, a, b \in G$ ,  $g[a, b]g^{-1} = [gag^{-1}, gbg^{-1}]$ ,  $[G, G] \trianglelefteq G$ .

Note that  $[G, G] \leq [G, G]$ ,  $G/[G, G]$  is Abelian, so  $[G, G]$  is a valid choice.

For all valid choice  $H$ ,  $G/N$  is Abelian  $\Rightarrow [G, G] \leq N$ , so  $N$  is greater than  $[G, G]$ .

Hence,  $[G, G]$  is the smallest normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G/N$  is Abelian.

7. Assume to the contrary that  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, then there exists  $gZ(G) \in G/Z(G)$ , such that for all  $xZ(G) \in G/Z(G)$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $xZ(G) = (gZ(G))^n = g^n Z(G)$ .

For all  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in G$ , there exist  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $\alpha_1 \in g^{n_1} Z(G)$  and  $\alpha_2 \in g^{n_2} Z(G)$ .

There exist  $c_1, c_2 \in Z(G)$ , such that  $\lambda_1 = g^{n_1} c_1$  and  $\lambda_2 = g^{n_2} c_2$ , so:

$$x_1 x_2 = g^{n_1} c_1 g^{n_2} c_2 = g^{n_1} g^{n_2} c_1 c_2 = g^{n_2} g^{n_1} c_2 c_1 = g^{n_2} c_2 g^{n_1} c_1 = x_2 x_1, G \text{ is Abelian.}$$

Hence, we've proven the contrapositive.

Consider the non Abelian group  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & y & z \\ 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  with centre  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . The quotient is Abelian as  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ 0 & 1 & x_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & y_2 & z_2 \\ 0 & 1 & x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & y_1 + y_2 & z_1 + z_2 + x_1 y_2 \\ 0 & 1 & x_1 + x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



8. Take the sequence:

$$D_4 = \{e, r, r^2, r^3, 6, r6, r^26, r^36\}, \mathbb{Z}_4 = \{e, r, r^2, r^3\}, \{e\}$$

(i)  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \leq D_4$  and  $[D_4 : \mathbb{Z}_4] = |D_4|/|\mathbb{Z}_4| = 8/4 = 2$ , so  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \trianglelefteq D_4$ ;

(ii)  $|D_4/\mathbb{Z}_4| = [D_4 : \mathbb{Z}_4] = 2$  is prime, so  $D_4/\mathbb{Z}_4 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$  is Abelian;

(iii)  $\{e\} \trianglelefteq \mathbb{Z}_4$ ;

(iv)  $\mathbb{Z}_4/\{e\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$  is Abelian.

Hence,  $D_4$  is solvable.

9.(a)  $\sigma = (i, j, k), \sigma^{-1} = (k, j, i), \tau = (k, a, b), \tau^{-1} = (b, a, k)$

$$\sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}\tau^{-1}(i) = \sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}(i) = \sigma\tau(k) = \sigma(a) = a$$

$$\sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}\tau^{-1}(a) = \sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}(k) = \sigma\tau(j) = \sigma(j) = k$$

$$\sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}\tau^{-1}(k) = \sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}(b) = \sigma\tau(b) = \sigma(k) = i$$

$$\sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}\tau^{-1}(b) = \sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}(a) = \sigma\tau(a) = \sigma(b) = b$$

$$\sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}\tau^{-1}(j) = \sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}(j) = \sigma\tau(i) = \sigma(i) = j \quad \text{Hence, } \sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}\tau^{-1} = (i, a, k).$$

(b) For all  $i, a, k \in G$ , assume that  $i, a, k$  are distinct.

Choose  $j = a$  and  $b = i$ , then  $(i, a, k) = (i, j, k)(k, a, b)(i, j, k)^{-1}(k, a, b)^{-1} \in [H, H]$



(c) Assume to the contrary that  $S_5$  is solvable, that is, there exist:

$$S_5 = H_0, H_1, H_2, \dots, H_r \setminus \{e\},$$

such that: (i) Each  $H_{i+1} \trianglelefteq H_i$ ; (ii) Each  $H_i/H_{i+1}$  is Abelian.

Construct:  $U = \{\mu \in \mathbb{Z} : H_\mu \text{ contains all 3-cycles}\}$

As  $S_5 = H_0$  contains all 3-cycles,  $0 \in U$ ,  $U \neq \emptyset$ ;

As  $\{e\} = H_r$  contains no 3-cycle,  $r \notin U$ ,  $U$  has an upperbound  $r-1$ .

According to the Well-ordering Principle,  $u = \max U$  exists.

As  $u \in U$ ,  $H_u$  contains all 3-cycles. From question 6,  $H_{u+1} \trianglelefteq H_u$  and  $H_u/H_{u+1}$  is Abelian implies  $[H_u, H_u] \subseteq H_{u+1}$ .

As  $u+1 \notin U$ ,  $H_{u+1}$  doesn't contain some 3-cycle, contradicting to  $[H_u, H_u]$  contains all 3-cycles.

Hence, our assumption is false, and we've proven that  $S_5$  is not solvable.

