

1 Binary Operation

def: Let A be an arbitrary set, a binary operation is a function:

$$f : A \rightarrow A$$

- **remark:**

1. No exception: for every ordered pair (a_1, a_2) and $a_1, a_2 \in A$, there exists a corresponding element
 - Division is not a binary operation on \mathbb{R}
 - e.g. $(3, 0) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$, but $\frac{3}{0}$ is undefined
2. No ambiguity: for every ordered pair (a_1, a_2) and $a_1, a_2 \in A$, the corresponding pair will be unique defined.
3. Closed under the operation

- **remark:** Natural Number starts from 1

2 Power Set

def: let S be an arbitrary set. $P(S)$ is a set consists exactly of all subsets of S (including \emptyset and S)

- **e.g.** if $S = \{1, 2\}$, then $P(S) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$
- **Notation:** $*$, \cdot , $+$, or nothing. We also denote $*(x, y)$, $\cdot(x, y)$, $+(x, y)$, or (x, y)

3 Addition Properties

Axiom:

$$+ : A \times A \rightarrow A$$

1. closed under operation
2. commutative
3. associative
4. there exists a neutral element, 0 , s.t. $x + 0 = 0 + x = x$
5. there is an inverse s.t. $x + y = y + x = 0$

- **remark:** neutral element is always unique but may not always exist

Proof. $e_1 = f(e_1, e_2) = e_2$

□

- **remark:** if S has a neutral element, let $x \in S$. If $y \in S$ satisfies $f(x, y) = f(y, x) = e$, then y is called negative of inverse, which is also unique.
- **remark:** Def associativity, $\forall x, y, z \in S, f(f(x, y), z) = f(x, f(y, z))$
- **remark:** Def commutativity, $\forall x, y, f(x, y) = f(y, x)$

4 Group

def: A set of G if there exists a binary operation $*$ on G such that:

1. there exists a neutral element
2. there exists a unique inverse for every element in G
3. associative

5 Multiplication Axioms

1. there exists a neutral element other than 0, called 1
2. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0, \exists! y \in \mathbb{R}$ called the inverse of x
3. associative
4. commutative
5. Distributive Law: Let $*, +$, be two operations on a set S .
 - left distributive: $x * (y + z) = x * y + x * z$
 - right distributive: $(y + z) * x = y * x + z * x$

remark: In \mathbb{R} , $*$ is distributive to $+$

remark: $R^* = R \setminus \{0\}$ becomes a group under $*$

6 Order of Group Elements

Corollary. Let k be an element of a group G . Then $\text{ord}(k) = | \langle k \rangle |$
In other words, the order of k is equal to the order of the cyclic group generated by k

Theorem. (Structure of finite cyclic group)

Let G be a cyclic group of $\langle x \rangle$ with finite order n .

The following holds:

1. Every subgroup of G is cyclic and is of the shape $\langle x^d \rangle$ where $d > 0$ and $d|n$
More concretely, Let d_1, d_2, \dots, d_r be all distinct positive divisor of n . then $\langle x^{d_1} \rangle, \langle x^{d_2} \rangle, \dots, \langle x^{d_r} \rangle$ exhaust all subgroup of G .

2. if d and d' are both positive divisors of n , and $d \neq d'$, then $\langle x^d \rangle \neq \langle x^{d'} \rangle$
3. if $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then x^k is a generator of G iff $\gcd(k, n) = 1$
4. $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have $\langle x^k \rangle = \langle x^d \rangle$, where $d = \gcd(n, k)$
5. $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\text{ord}(x^k) = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)}$

Proof of the theorem above:

1. *Proof.* Take H be a subgroup of G ,.
 - if $H = \{e\}$, then $H = \langle x^n \rangle$
 - if $H = G$, then $H = \langle x \rangle$
 Now let $H \subseteq G$ be a nontrivial subgroup. Since $G = \{e, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}\}$, thus H contains some elements of the shape x^j , where $j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$. Take $d \in \mathbb{N}$ be the smallest natural number such that $x^d \in H$.
Claim: $\langle x^d \rangle = H$.
 1. Since H is a subgroup of G containing x^d . By definition $\langle x^d \rangle$ is the smallest subgroup of G containing x^d . Thus

$$\langle x^d \rangle \subseteq H$$

2. Take $y \in H \Rightarrow y \in G \Rightarrow y = x^m$, where $m = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$
 By definition using Division Algorithm:

$$\exists! q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$$

such that $m = qd + r, 0 \leq r < d$

$$x^r = x^{m-qd} = x^m (x^d)^{-q} \Rightarrow x^m = y \in H, (x^d)^{-q} \in H \Rightarrow x^r \in H$$

If $r > 0$, then r is a natural number strictly smaller than d , also $x_r \in H$, which contradicts the minimality of d . Thus,

$$r = 0 \Rightarrow H \subseteq \langle x^d \rangle$$

Above all, we know $H = \langle x^d \rangle$

Then show that $d|n$

Again, use Division Algorithm:

$$\exists! q', r'$$

such that $n = q'd + r', 0 \leq r' < d$.

$$x^{r'} = x^n x^{-q'd} = e (x^d)^{-q'} \in \langle x^d \rangle$$

so it contradicts with the minimality of d . Therefore $r' = 0$ □

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7 Study of Symmetric Group and Permutation Group

Def. Symmetric Group: Let A be a non-empty set. Then a symmetric group of A is the group consists of all bijective maps from A to itself under the usual compositions of functions.

Notation: $\text{sym}(A)$

Def. Symmetric Group: Let A be a non-empty set. Then a permutation group of A is a group G whose elements are bijective maps from A to itself under usual compositions of functions

Remark. Symmetric group is unique, because it contains **all** of the bijective maps from A to itself.

Permutation group is not unique, because it contains **some** of the bijective maps from A to itself.

A permutation group is a subgroup of symmetric group

Prop. Let S_n be a permutation group, then

$$|S_n| = n!$$

Def. Cauchy's two line notation:

e.g. Consider $\sigma \in S_3$

$$\sigma(1) = 2, \sigma(2) = 3, \sigma(3) = 1$$

Notation:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem. Cayley's theorem

Every group is isomorphic to permutation group of a certain set.

Proof. Let A be the underlying set of G .

Goal: construct a monomorphism $T : G \rightarrow \text{sym}(A)$

$\forall g \in G$, define: $T_g : A \rightarrow A$ such that $T_g(a) = ga$

claim: T_g is injective:

Let $a_1, a_2 \in A$ with $T_g(a_1) = T_g(a_2)$, so $ga_1 = ga_2 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$

claim: T_g is surjective:

Let $b \in A$, it suffices to find some $a \in A$, such that $T_g(a) = b$. Thus, $ga = b \Rightarrow a = g^{-1}b \in A$

Thus, we define the map $T : G \rightarrow \text{sym}(A)$ to be $T(g) = T_g$

claim: T is injective:

Let $g_1, g_2 \in G$

$$T(g_1) = T(g_2) \iff T_{g_1} = T_{g_2}$$

$$T_{g_1} : A \rightarrow A \iff T_{g_2} : A \rightarrow A$$

as bijective map from A to itself.

$$\iff T_{g_1}(a) = T_{g_2}(a), \forall a \in A$$

$$\text{Take } a = e_G \Rightarrow T_{g_1}(e_G) = T_{g_2}(e_G) \Rightarrow g_1 e_G = g_2 e_G \Rightarrow g_1 = g_2$$

claim: T preserves the group operation:

it suffices to show $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G, T(g_1, g_2) = T(g_1) \circ T(g_2) \iff T_{g_1 g_2} = T_{g_1} \circ T_{g_2}$

$$\forall a \in A, T_{g_1} \circ T_{g_2}(a) = T_{g_1}(g_2 a) = g_1 g_2 a$$

$$T_{g_1 g_2}(a) = g_1 g_2 a$$

Thus, $T_{g_1 g_2} = T_{g_1} \circ T_{g_2}$.

Therefore, we have a $T : G \rightarrow \text{sym}(A)$. G is isomorphic to T(G) which is a subgroup of sym(A), which is a permutation group.

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