

2. Groups

2.1 Groups

Let G be a set with the \cdot operation. Then (G, \cdot) is a group \iff

1. $a, b \in G \Rightarrow ab \in G$ - **closure**
2. $a, b, c \in G \Rightarrow (ab)c = a(bc)$ - **Associativity**
3. $\exists e \in G$ s.t. $ae = ea = e$, $\forall a \in G$ - **Identity**
4. $\forall a \in G \exists a' \in G$ s.t. $aa' = a'a = e$ - **Inverses**

Examples:

Group	Operation	Identity	Form of Element	Inverse	Abelian
\mathbb{Z}	Addition	0	k	$-k$	Yes
\mathbb{Q}^+	Multiplication	1	m/n , $m, n > 0$	n/m	Yes
\mathbb{Z}_n	Addition mod n	0	k	$n - k$	Yes
\mathbb{R}^*	Multiplication	1	x	$1/x$	Yes
\mathbb{C}^*	Multiplication	1	$a + bi$	$\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}a - \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}bi$	Yes
$GL(2, F)$	Matrix multiplication	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, $ad - bc \neq 0$	$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{ad - bc} & \frac{-b}{ad - bc} \\ \frac{-c}{ad - bc} & \frac{a}{ad - bc} \end{bmatrix}$	No
$U(n)$	Multiplication mod n	1	k , $\gcd(k, n) = 1$	Solution to $kx \bmod n = 1$	Yes
\mathbb{R}^n	Componentwise addition	$(0, 0, \dots, 0)$	(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)	$(-a_1, -a_2, \dots, -a_n)$	Yes
$SL(2, F)$	Matrix multiplication	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, $ad - bc = 1$	$\begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$	No
D_n	Composition	R_0	R_α, L	$R_{360 - \alpha}, L$	No

Properties

The identity e is unique

The inverse of an element a is unique

$$(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$$

2.2 Mappings

$$F : S \rightarrow S'$$

Example

- $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = x^2 \iff x \mapsto x^2$

injectivity, bijectivity, surjectivity - known

identity mapping, Inverse, composites - known

Permutations

$P(S)$ is a **group** with the composition as law

2.3 Homomorphisms

Let

- G, G' be groups

A Homomorphism is a map $f : G \rightarrow G'$ with the following property:

$$f(xy) = f(x)f(y) \quad \forall x, y \in G$$

- Homomorphisms preserve structure

Example

$x \mapsto e^x$ is a homomorphism from the multiplicative to the additive group

Properties of a homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow G'$

1. Let e, e' be the unit elements $\Rightarrow f(e) = e'$

◦ *Proof:*

◦ $f(e) = f(ee) = f(e)f(e) \mid_{f(e)^{-1}} \iff e' = f(e)$

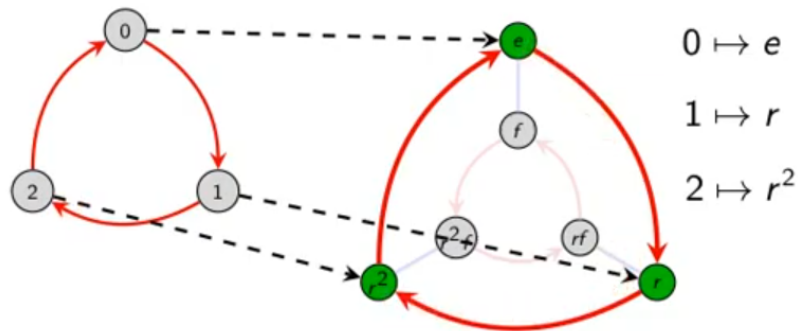
2. Let $x \in G \Rightarrow f(x^{-1}) = f(x)^{-1}$

◦ *Proof:*

◦ $e' = f(e) = f(xx^{-1}) = f(x)f(x^{-1}) \mid_{f(x)^{-1}} \iff f(x)^{-1} = f(x^{-1})$

3. Let $g : G' \rightarrow G''$ be a group homomorphism $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ is a group homomorphism from G to G''

Consider the statement: $\mathbb{Z}_3 < D_3$. Here is a visual:



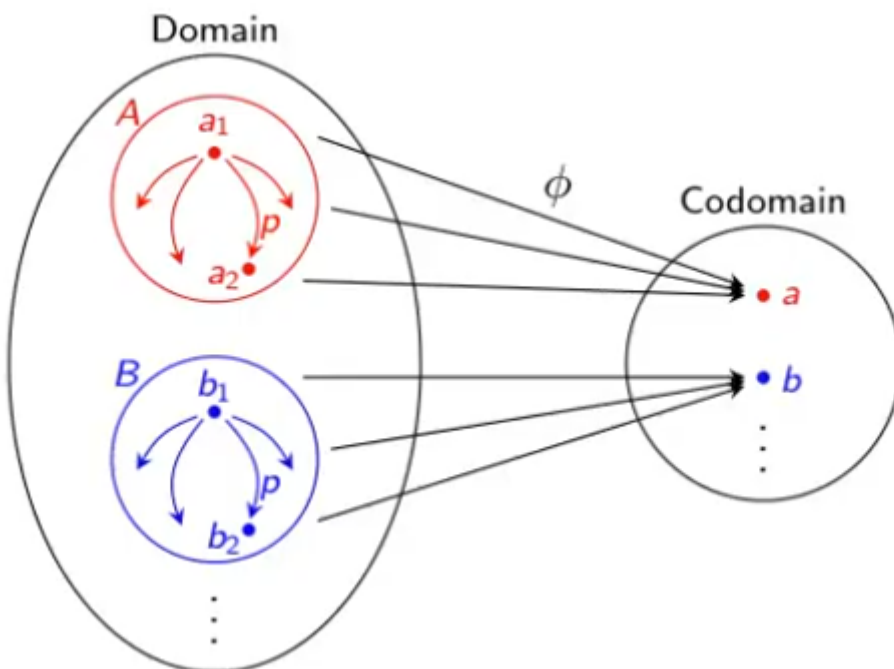
The group D_3 contains a size-3 cyclic subgroup $\langle r \rangle$, which is identical to \mathbb{Z}_3 **in structure only**. None of the elements of \mathbb{Z}_3 (namely 0, 1, 2) are actually in D_3 .

When we say $\mathbb{Z}_3 < D_3$, we really mean that the structure of \mathbb{Z}_3 shows up in D_3 .

In particular, there is a bijective correspondence between the elements in \mathbb{Z}_3 and those in the subgroup $\langle r \rangle$ in D_3 . Furthermore, the *relationship* between the corresponding nodes is the same.

Preimage

If $f : G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism and $h \in \text{Im}(f) < H$ the **preimage** of h is the set $f^{-1}(h) = \{g \in G : f(g) = h\}$



Property

- All preimages have the same structure

Kernel of a homomorphism

All $g \in G$ with $f(g) = e'$ form the **kernel**
 = Preimage of e'

Proprieties

- if $\text{Ker}(f) = e$ then f is injective
 - *Proof:* $x, y \in G$ and $f(x) = f(y)$
 - $e' = f(x)f(y)^{-1} = f(xy^{-1}) \Rightarrow xy^{-1} = e \Rightarrow x = y$

An injective homomorphism is called an **embedding**

Isomorphism

Let $f : G \rightarrow G'$ be a group homomorphism

f is an **isomorphism** $\iff \exists g : G' \rightarrow G$ s.t $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ are the identity mappings

Theorem

- If $\text{Ker}(f) = e$ then f is an isomorphism with the image $f(G)$
 - *Proof:* f is always surjective into its image and we proved above it's injective

2.4 Cosets

Let G be a group and H be a subgroup. The **set** of all elements ax with $x \in H$ is called a **coset** of H in G

- Denoted by aH

$g_n H$
\vdots
$g_2 H$
$g_1 H$
H

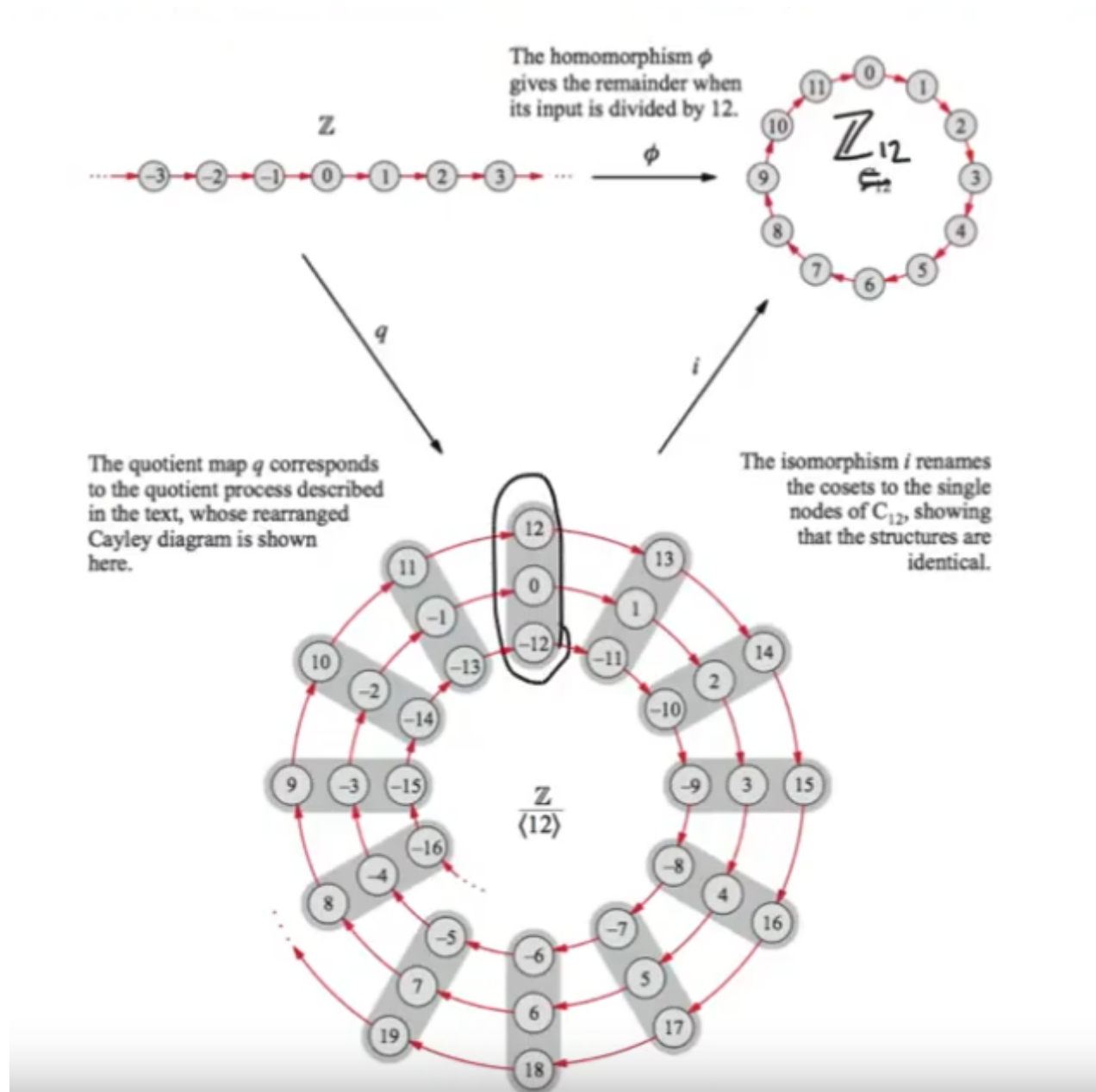
Hg_n	
Hg_2	\dots
Hg_1	
H	

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCcSZEL_3CQ&list=PLi01XoE8jYoi3SggnGorR_XOW3lCk-TP6&index=7
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=la_CSTWVkuc&list=PLwV-9DG53NDxU337smpTwm6sef4x-SCLv&index=12

Proprieties

Let $H < G$ and $a, b \in G$

- Two cosets of the same subgroup either are equal or have no element in common
- $|H| = |aH| = |bH|$ - same number of elements
- $a \in aH$
- $aH = H \iff a \in H$
- $aH = bH \iff a \in bH$
- $aH = Ha \iff H = aHa^{-1}$
- $aH < G \iff a \in H$



Note

- The coset is **not** necessarily a group

Normal subgroup

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal_subgroup

- <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1014535/is-there-any-intuitive-understanding-of-normal-subgroup/1014791>

Definition - normal subgroup

A subgroup H of a group G is called a **normal subgroup** of G if $aH = Ha \forall a \in G$
 Notation: $H \triangleleft G$.

Definition - conjugate

Let $a \in G$
 The set $aHa^{-1} = \{aha^{-1} | h \in H\}$ is called the conjugate of H by a

Test to see if H is normal

- H is a normal subgroup of $G \iff aHa^{-1} \subseteq H \forall a \in G$

Note

- for an element $h \in H$, ah is not necessarily equal to ha .
- The idea is that the cosets are equal.

Intuition

- Looks the same over all perspectives

2.5 Cyclic groups

A group G is cyclic if $\exists a \in G$ s.t. $G = \{a^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
 Notation: $G = \langle a \rangle$

Theorem

Let a be an element of order n and k a positive int
 $\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n,k)} \rangle$ and $|\langle a^k \rangle| = n/\gcd(n, k)$

Proof

- Let $d = \gcd(n, k)$, $k = dr$
- Since $a^k = (a^d)^r \Rightarrow \langle a^k \rangle \subseteq \langle a^d \rangle$ (1)
- By gcd $\Rightarrow \exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $d = ns + kt \Rightarrow a^d = a^{ns+kt} = a^{ns} a^{kt} = e(a^{kt}) = (a^k)^t \in \langle a^k \rangle \Rightarrow \langle a^d \rangle \subseteq \langle a^k \rangle$ (2)
- By (1) and (2) we proved the theorem

Theorem - Lagrange

Let $G = \langle a \rangle$
 The order of any subgroup H of G divides the order of G

Theorem - Isomorphisms between cyclic groups

Any 2 cyclic groups of order d are isomorphic.

If a is a generator of G then there is a unique isomorphism $f : \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$ s.t. $f(1) = a$

Note

- All groups of prime order are cyclic

2.6 Direct product

External

Let G_1, \dots, G_n a finite collection of groups

The **external direct product** is the set of all n -tuples for which the i 'th component is an element of G_i with the operation componentwise

Notation $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n = \{(g_1, \dots, g_n) \mid g_i \in G_i\}$

Example

- $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2)\}$
- Note that $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \sim \mathbb{Z}_6$

Theorem - order of an element in the external direct product

$$|(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)| = \text{lcm}(|g_1|, |g_2|, \dots, |g_n|)$$

Theorem - isomorphism

Let $m = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$

Then \mathbb{Z}_m is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_k} \iff \gcd(n_i, n_j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$

Theorem - direct product is cyclic?

$$G \oplus H \text{ is cyclic} \iff \gcd(|G|, |H|) = 1$$

Application - Binary strings

- An n -bit string can be an element of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ - n times

Internal

Let $H, K < G$

$G = H \times K$ if H, K are normal subgroups and $G = HK$ and $H \cap K = \{e\}$

2.7 Finite abelian groups

Torsion element

An element $a \in A$ is said to be a **torsion element** if it has finite period

The subset of all torsion elements of A is a **subgroup** of A and is called the **torsion**

subgroup

Property

- a has period m
- b has period n
- $\Rightarrow a \pm b$ has period dividing mn

Theorem

The group A is the direct sum of its subgroups $A(p)$ for all primes p dividing n

Fundamental Theorem of Finite Abelian Groups

Every finite Abelian group is a direct product of cyclic groups of prime power order
Moreover the number of terms and the orders of the cyclic groups are **uniquely** determined by the group

Every abelian group $G \approx \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{n_1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{n_2}} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{n_k}}$

Note

- p_i aren't necessarily distinct primes

Existence of subgroups of abelian groups

If m divides $|G|$ then G has a subgroup of order m