

# 1 Groups

## 1.2 Subgroups

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $G = \langle a \rangle$  is a cyclic group,  $H$  is a nontrivial subgroup of  $G$ . If  $a^n \in H$ , then  $a^{-n} \in H$ . But  $a^0 = e$  and  $H$  is nontrivial,  $\exists$  a minimum positive integer  $n$ , s.t.,  $a^n \in H, \forall a^m \in H, m = kn + r, 0 \leq r < n$ . From  $a^m = a^{kn} \cdot a^r$  we see that  $a^r = (a^{kn})^{-1} \cdot a^m \in H$ . So  $r = 0$  implies that  $H = \langle a^n \rangle$ .  $(a^n)^s = (a^n)^t \Leftrightarrow a^{ns} = a^{nt} \Leftrightarrow s = t$ , hence  $H$  is an infinite cyclic group.

( $\Leftarrow$ )  $\forall a, b \in G, \langle a, b \rangle = G$ , or  $\langle a, b \rangle \subsetneq G$ . If  $ab \neq ba$ , then  $\langle a, b \rangle = G$  (For  $\langle a, b \rangle \subsetneq G$  is cyclic). So

$$a^2b^2 = b^2a^2, ab^2 = b^2a, a^2b = ba^2, ab^3 = b^3a.$$

Hence we have that

$$(ab)^2 = abab = ab^{-1}ab^3 = ab^2a = a^2b^2.$$

So  $ab = ba$ , hence  $G$  is abelian.

From the fundamental theorem of abelian group, we see that

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_r}, (m \geq 1, r \geq 0).$$

If  $r > 0$ , then  $2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$  is an infinite cyclic group, this is a contradiction. Hence  $r \leq 0$ , i.e.  $r = 0$ . If  $m > 1$ , then  $2\mathbb{Z} \oplus 2\mathbb{Z}$  is an infinite cyclic group. this is also a contradiction. Hence  $m \leq 1$ , i.e.  $m = 1$ . So  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , hence  $G$  is an infinite cyclic group.

- According to the definition of  $G$

$$G = \{a_1^{m_1} a_2^{m_2} \cdots a_n^{m_n} | a_i \in G, 0 \leq m_i \leq |a_i|\}.$$

$$\text{Hence } |G| = \prod_{i=1}^n |a_i| < \infty.$$

- Let  $a_i = \frac{q_i}{p_i}$  and  $p = [p_1, \cdots, p_n]$  is the LCM. Then  $pa_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(pa_1, \cdots, pa_n) = q$  is the GCD. So  $\exists k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , s.t.  $a_i = k_i \frac{q}{p}$ . Hence  $\langle a_1, \cdots, a_n \rangle \subset \langle \frac{q}{p} \rangle$  and  $\mu_1 pa_1 + \cdots + \mu_n pa_n = q$ . From this we have that  $\mu_1 a_1 + \cdots + \mu_n a_n = \frac{q}{p}$ , so  $\langle \frac{q}{p} \rangle \subset \langle a_1, \cdots, a_n \rangle$ . Hence  $\langle a_1, \cdots, a_n \rangle = \langle \frac{q}{p} \rangle$  is the cyclic subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ .
- Let  $|a| = k_1, |b| = k_2, |ab| = t_1$ , and  $|ba| = t_2$ . From  $(ab)^{t_1} = e$  we have that  $(ba)^{t_1} = a^{-1}(ab)^{t_1}a = e$ . So  $t_1 |t_2$ . Similarly from  $(ba)^{t_2} = e$  we have that  $(ab)^{t_2} = a(ba)^{t_2}a^{-1} = e$ . So  $t_2 |t_1$ . Hence  $t_1 = t_2$ .
  - When  $|ab| = \infty$ , if  $|ba| = n < \infty$ , then  $|ab| = n$ , this is a contradiction. Hence  $|ba| = \infty$ .

5. Let  $G = \langle x \rangle$ , if  $G = \langle a \rangle$ , then  $a = x^k$ . But  $\langle x^k \rangle = \langle x \rangle$ , so  $\exists l$  s.t.  $(x^k)^l = x$ . Hence  $kl = 12n = 1$ , i.e.  $(k, 12) = 1$ , from this we see that  $k = 1, 5, 7, 11$ . Hence the answer is 4.
6.  $H \leq G$ ,  $K \leq G$ ,  $HK = \{ab | a \in H, b \in K\}$   
 $(\Rightarrow)$  If  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $ba = (a^{-1}b^{-1})^{-1} \in HK$ . So  $KH \subseteq HK$ .  
Let  $a'b' = (ab)^{-1}$ . From  $(ab)^{-1} \in HK$  we have that  $ab = b'^{-1}a'^{-1} \in KH$ , so  $HK \subseteq KH$ . Hence  $HK = KH$ .  
 $(\Leftarrow)$  If  $HK = KH$ , then  $\forall ab \in HK$ ,  $b^{-1}a^{-1} \in KH = HK$  and

$$(HK)(HK) = H(KH)K = HHKK \subset HK.$$

So the product of any two elements in  $HK$  belongs to  $HK$ , and the inverse of any element in  $HK$  belongs to  $HK$ . Hence  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

7. It is clear that  $\langle (12), (13), \dots, (1n) \rangle \subseteq S_n$ . Since  $(1, i)(i, j)(1, i) = (1, j)$ ,  $(i, j) = (1, i)(1, j)(1, i)$ . Especially  $\sigma_i = (i, i+1) = (1, i)(1, i+1)(1, i) \in \langle (12), \dots, (1n) \rangle$ , so

$$S_n = \langle \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n \rangle \subseteq \langle (12), (13), \dots, (1n) \rangle.$$

Hence  $S_n = \langle (12), (13), \dots, (1n) \rangle$ .

8.  $(\Rightarrow)$  Obviously.  
 $(\Leftarrow)$  Since

$$G = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle = \{a_{i_1}^{\varepsilon_{i_1}} a_{i_2}^{\varepsilon_{i_2}} \dots | a_{i_1} \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}, \varepsilon_i = \pm 1\}$$

if  $a_i a_j = a_j a_i, \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , then

$$(a_{i_1}^{\varepsilon_{i_1}} a_{i_2}^{\varepsilon_{i_2}} \dots a_{i_k}^{\varepsilon_{i_k}})(a_{j_1}^{\varepsilon_{j_1}} a_{j_2}^{\varepsilon_{j_2}} \dots a_{j_l}^{\varepsilon_{j_l}}) = (a_{j_1}^{\varepsilon_{j_1}} a_{j_2}^{\varepsilon_{j_2}} \dots a_{j_l}^{\varepsilon_{j_l}})(a_{i_1}^{\varepsilon_{i_1}} a_{i_2}^{\varepsilon_{i_2}} \dots a_{i_k}^{\varepsilon_{i_k}}).$$

9. Computations show that  $A^2 = -E$ ,  $A^3 = -A$ ,  $A^4 = E$ ,  $B^2 = -E$ ,  $B^3 = -B$ ,  $B^4 = E$ ,  $A^2 B^2 = E$ ,  $A^2 B = -B$ ,  $A^3 B = -AB$ ,  $AB^2 = -A$ ,  $AB^3 = -AB$ . So

$$\mathbb{Q}_8 = \{E, -E, A, -A, B, -B, AB, -AB\}.$$

Denote  $E = 1, A = i, B = j, AB = k$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$ .

10. Computations show that  $A^2 = -E$ ,  $A^3 = -A$ ,  $A^2 B = -B$ ,  $A^3 B = -AB$ ,  $B^2 = E$ , So

$$D_4^* = \{E, -E, A, -A, B, -B, AB, -AB\}.$$

Since  $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = BA = -AB$ , hence  $D_4^*$  is a noncommutative group of order 8.

11. For any element in  $\mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) = \{\frac{a}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} | a \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , if  $a = a_1 p^m$ ,  $(a_1, p) = 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} = \frac{a_1}{p^{n+m}} + \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence we can assume that  $(a, p) = 1$ . So  $\exists u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ , s.t.  $ua + vp^n = 1$  and

$$\frac{1}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} = \frac{ua + vp^n}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} = \frac{ua}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} = u(\frac{a}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z}).$$

For any subgroup  $H$  of  $\mathbb{Z}(p^\infty)$ , if  $\frac{a}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} \in H$ ,  $(a, p) = 1$ , then  $\frac{1}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} \in H$ , hence  $H = \langle \frac{1}{p^{n_i}} + \mathbb{Z} | i \in X \rangle$ ,  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $X$  is finite, let  $n = \max_{i \in X} \{n_i\}$ , then  $H = \langle \frac{1}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} \rangle$ , so  $|H| = p^n$  and

$$\forall m < n, \langle \frac{1}{p^m} + \mathbb{Z} \rangle \subseteq \langle \frac{1}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} \rangle.$$

If  $X$  is infinite, then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists m \in X$ , s.t.,  $n \leq m$ .

Since  $\frac{1}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} \in \langle \frac{1}{p^m} + \mathbb{Z} \rangle \subseteq H$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\frac{1}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} \in H$ . Hence

$$\mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) = \{\frac{a}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} | n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

If  $H, N$  is finite, then  $H = \langle \frac{1}{p^m} + \mathbb{Z} \rangle$ ,  $N = \langle \frac{1}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z} \rangle$ . If  $m \geq n$ , then  $H \geq N$ . If  $m \leq n$ , then  $H \leq N$ . If  $H$  is finite,  $N = \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty)$ , then  $H \leq N$ . If  $N$  is finite,  $H = \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty)$ , then  $N \leq H$ . If  $H = N = \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty)$ , then  $H = N$ .

12. If  $H \subsetneq G$ , then  $\exists a \in G$  and  $a \notin H$ . So  $a^{-1} \in G$  and hence  $e \in G$ .  $\forall h \in H$ ,  $ah \notin H$  (otherwise if  $ah \in H$ , then  $a = ah h^{-1} \in H$ . This is a contradiction) so  $ah \in \langle G \setminus H \rangle$  and hence  $h = a^{-1}ah \in \langle G \setminus H \rangle$ , then we see that  $H \subseteq \langle G \setminus H \rangle$  and  $G \subseteq \langle G \setminus H \rangle$ , hence  $G = \langle G \setminus H \rangle$ .
13. From  $G = H \cup K$  is a group, we have that  $H \subseteq K$  or  $K \subseteq H$ . If  $H \neq G$ , then  $H \subsetneq G$ . Since  $G = H \cup K$ ,  $K = G$ . Similarly if  $K \neq G$ , then  $H = G$ .
14. Let

$$A = \langle \{T_{ij}(\lambda), d_i(\mu) | \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{P}^*, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n\} \rangle,$$

$$B = \langle \{T_{ij}(\lambda) | \lambda \in \mathbb{P}^*, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n\} \rangle.$$

It is clear that  $A \subseteq GL(n, \mathbb{P})$ . Next we show the other side.  $E(i, j) = d_i(-1)T_{ij}(1)T_{ji}(-1)T_{ij}(1)$ , because  $E = d_i(1)$  and  $\forall Q_i \in GL(n, \mathbb{P})$  can be reduced to  $E$  by a sequence of elementary row or column operations, which are generated by  $T_{ij}(\lambda), d_i(\mu)$ , so  $GL(n, \mathbb{P}) \subseteq A$ . Hence  $A = GL(n, \mathbb{P})$ .

Since  $|T_{ij}(\lambda)| = 1$ , it is clear that  $B \subseteq SL(n, \mathbb{P})$ .

$\forall Q_i \in SL(n, \mathbb{P})$  can be reduced to  $E$  by a sequence of elementary row or column operations, whose determinations are 1. When  $|d_i(\mu)| = 1$ ,  $\mu = 1$ , i.e.  $d_i(\mu) = E$ . So  $SL(n, \mathbb{P}) \subseteq B$ , hence  $SL(n, \mathbb{P}) = B$ .

15. If  $c = 0$ , then  $ad = 1$ . So  $a = d = 1$  or  $a = d = -1$ ,  $\therefore \frac{b}{d} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 $\therefore \frac{az+b}{d} = z + \frac{b}{d} = \tau^{\frac{a}{c}}(z)$   
 If  $c \neq 0$  and  $d = 0$ , then  $-bc = 1$ .  $\therefore \frac{a}{c} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\therefore \frac{az+b}{cz} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} \frac{1}{z} = \frac{a}{c} - \frac{1}{z} = \tau^{\frac{a}{c}}\sigma(z)$ .  
 If  $c \neq 0, d \neq 0$  and  $b = 0$ , then  $\frac{az}{cz+d} = \frac{1}{\frac{cz+d}{az}} = \frac{1}{\frac{c}{a} + \frac{1}{z}} = \sigma\tau^{\frac{c}{a}}\sigma(-z)$ .

If  $c \neq 0, d \neq 0, b \neq 0$  and  $a = 0$ , then  $\frac{b}{cz+d} = \frac{-1}{z-\frac{d}{b}} = \sigma\tau(\frac{-a}{b})(z)$ . If  $c \neq 0, d \neq 0, b \neq 0$  and  $a \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{az+b}{cz+d} = \frac{a(z+k_1)+b_1}{c(z+k_1)+d_1} = \frac{ay_1+b_1}{cy_1+d_1} = \frac{a+b_1\frac{1}{y_1}}{c+d_1\frac{1}{y_1}} = \frac{a_1+b_1(\frac{1}{y_1}+k_2)}{c_1+d_1(\frac{1}{y_1}+k_2)} = \frac{a_1+b_1y_2}{c_1+d_1y_2} = \frac{a_1\frac{1}{y_2}+b_1}{c_1\frac{1}{y_2}+d_1} = \frac{a_1(\frac{1}{y_2}+k_3)+b_2}{c_1(\frac{1}{y_2}+k_3)+d_2} = \dots$ . (Where  $d = ck_1 + d_1, d_1 < d$  if  $d_1 = 0$ , end.  $c = d_1k_2 + c_1, c_1 < d_1, d_1 = k_3c_1 + d_2, d_2 < d_1$ .) Only if  $c_i \neq 0$  or  $d_i \neq 0$  end. Keep doing this, there must be some  $i$ , s.t.,  $d_i = 0$  or  $c_i = 0$ . If  $d_i = 0$ , then

$$\frac{az+b}{cz+d} = \tau^{\frac{a_i-1}{c_i-1}} \sigma \tau^{k_{i-1}}(-\sigma) \dots \tau^{k_1}(z).$$

If  $c_i = 0$ , then

$$\frac{az+b}{cz+d} = \tau^{\frac{b_i}{d_i}} \sigma \tau^{k_i}(-\sigma) \dots \tau^{k_1}(z).$$

16.  $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = (\tau(1), \tau(2), \dots, \tau(n)) = (1 \ n \ n-1 \ n-2 \ \dots \ 2) = \sigma^{n-1}$ ,  $\therefore \tau\sigma = \sigma^{n-1}\tau$ ,  $\therefore \sigma^{i_1}\tau^{i_2}\sigma^{i_3}\tau^{i_4} = \sigma^{i_1}\sigma^{i_3(n-1)^{i_2}}\tau^{i_2+i_4} = \sigma^k\tau^{i_2+i_4} = \sigma^k\tau^l$ .  $\therefore \sigma^n = (1) \therefore 1 \leq k \leq n$ .  $\therefore \tau^2 = (1) \therefore 0 \leq l \leq 1$ , i.e.,  $l = 0, 1$ .  $\therefore <\sigma, \tau> = \{\sigma^i\tau^j | 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 0, 1\}$ . Hence  $|<\sigma, \tau>| = 2n$ .
17. (1) If  $(m, n) = 1$ , then  $(ab)^{mn} = l$ .  $\therefore l|mn$ . If  $(ab)^l = e$ , then  $a^l = b^{-l}$ .  $\therefore (ab)^{ml} = b^{ml} = e$ ,  $\therefore n|ml$ .  $(ab)^{nl} = a^{nl} = e$ ,  $\therefore m|nl$ .  $\therefore (m, n) = 1$ ,  $\therefore n|l$  and  $m|l$ ,  $\therefore mn|l$ . Hence  $mn = l$ .  
(2) If  $m = p_1^{s_1}p_2^{s_2}p_3^{s_3}$ ,  $n = p_1^{t_1}p_2^{t_2}p_3^{t_3}$  and  $s_1 \leq t_1, s_2 \geq t_2, s_3 \leq t_3$ , then  $[m, n] = p_1^{t_1}p_2^{s_2}p_3^{t_3}$ .  $\therefore |a^{p_1^{s_1}p_3^{s_3}}| = p_2^{s_2}, |b^{p_2^{t_2}}| = p_1^{t_1}p_3^{t_3}$ , and  $(p_2^{s_2}, p_1^{t_1}p_3^{t_3})$ . Hence  $|a^{p_1^{s_1}p_3^{s_3}}b^{p_2^{t_2}}| = [m, n]$ .
18. Since  $a^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a^4 = E$  and  $b^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b^3 = E$ ,  $|a| = 4$ ,  $|b| = 3$ .  $ab = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , therefore  $|\lambda E - ab| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda+1 & -1 \\ 0 & \lambda+1 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 1$ . If  $|ab|$  is finite, then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(ab)^n = E$ , thus  $\lambda^2 + 1 | \lambda^n - 1$ , it is a contradiction. Hence  $|ab|$  is infinite.
19. For any  $a, b \in \text{tor}(G)$ ,  $|a| = m, |b| = n$ , then  $(ab)^{mn} = e$ , therefore  $\text{ord}(ab)|mn$ , i.e.  $|ab|$  is finite, then  $ab \in \text{tor}(G)$ . Since  $(a^{-1})^m = e$ ,  $\text{ord}(a^{-1})|m$ , i.e.  $|a^{-1}|$  is finite, then  $a^{-1} \in \text{tor}(G)$ . Hence  $\text{tor}(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
20. According to the definition,  $O(n, \mathbb{Z}) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{Z}) | A^T A = E\} = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{Z}) | \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2 = 1, \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ki}a_{kj} = 0\} = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{Z}) | A = (a_1e_{i_1}, \dots, a_ne_{i_n}), a_i \in \{1, -1\}\}$  where  $(i_1 \dots i_n)$  is a transposition of  $(1 \dots n)$ .
21. According to the definition,  $S_p(2n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) | A^T J A = J$  where  $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E \\ -E & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , therefore  $|A^T J A| = |A||J||A| = |J|$ ,  $|A|^2 = 1$  for  $|J| \neq 0$ , and  $1 = Pf(J) = Pf(A^T J A) = (\det A)Pf(J) = \det A$ .