

§1 Isomorphisms Continued

Theorem 1.1

If G is cyclic and $|G| = n$, then $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$.

Proof. Consider $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow G$ given by $\phi(i) = g^i$, then ϕ is a bijection.

Injective: $\phi(i) = \phi(j) \Rightarrow g^i = g^j \Rightarrow g^{i-j} = g^0 \Rightarrow i - j \equiv_n 0 \Rightarrow i = j$

Surjective: Let $G = \langle g \rangle$.

$\{g^0, g^1, \dots, g^{n-1}\} = G$

$\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} = \mathbb{Z}_n$

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Theorem 1.2

Cor 9.9.

If $|G| = p$ and p is prime, then $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$

Proof. We showed that $G = \langle g \rangle$ for any $g \neq e$.

My understanding: if prime order, it must be cyclic.

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Theorem 1.3

Isomorphism is an equivalence relation on a set of groups.

Reflexive: $G \cong G$ because $1_G : G \rightarrow G$ is isomorphism.

$$1_G(ab) = ab = 1_G(a) \cdot 1_G(b)$$

Symmetrical: $G \cong K \Rightarrow K \cong G$ because $\phi : G \rightarrow K$ isomorphism then $\phi^{-1} : K \rightarrow G$ is isomorphism.

Transitive: $f : G \rightarrow K$ and $h : K \rightarrow J$ are isomorphisms then $h \circ f : G \rightarrow J$ is isomorphism.

Theorem 1.4 (Cayley's Theorem)

Every group is isomorphic to a permutation group.

Recall 1.5. A permutation group is a subgroup of S_n

Proof. G is isomorphic to a subgroup of the group of bijections of the set G . You could think of this as S_G .

For $g \in G$, let $\lambda_g : G \rightarrow G$ be permutation "left multiply by g " i.e. $\lambda_g(x) = gx$ for all $x \in G$.

Let $\overline{G} = \{\lambda_g : g \in G\}$

Claim: $G \cong \overline{G}$ with $\phi(g) = \lambda_g$

Injectivity: if $\phi(x) = \phi(y)$ then λ_x and λ_y are some bijection of G .

$$x = xe = \lambda_x(e) = \lambda_y(e) = ye = y$$

Surjectivity (immediate). $\overline{G} = \{\lambda_g : g \in G\} = \{\phi(g) : g \in G\} = \phi(G)$

Homomorphism:

$$\phi(xy) = \lambda_{xy}$$

$$\phi(x)\phi(y) = \lambda_x\lambda_y$$

$$\lambda_{xy}(z) = (xy)z \text{ for all } z \in G$$

$$\lambda_x(\lambda_y(z)) = \lambda_x(yz) = x(yz)$$

$$(xy)z = x(yz) \checkmark$$

□

Example 1.6

$$G = \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$$

$$G \cong G \subset S_G \cong S_4$$

$$1 \rightarrow \lambda_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & i & -i \\ 1 & -1 & i & -i \end{bmatrix} = ()$$

$$-1 \rightarrow \lambda_{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & i & -i \\ -1 & 1 & -i & i \end{bmatrix} = (1 \ -1)(i \ -i)$$

$$i \rightarrow \lambda_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & i & -i \\ i & -i & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (1 \ i \ -1 \ -i)$$

$$-i \rightarrow \lambda_{-i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & i & -i \\ -i & i & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = (1 \ -i \ -1 \ i)$$

Example 1.7

$$Q_8 \cong \overline{Q_8} \subset S_8$$

Example 1.8

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{Z}_6 &\subset \rightarrow S_{\mathbb{Z}_6} = S_{\{0,1,2,3,4,5\}} \\ 2 \rightarrow_\phi \lambda_2 \quad \lambda_2 : \mathbb{Z}_6 &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_6 \quad \lambda_2(x) = 2 + x \\ \lambda_2 &= (0 \ 2 \ 4)(1 \ 3 \ 5) \\ \lambda_3 &= (0 \ 3)(1 \ 4)(2 \ 5) \\ \lambda_5 &= (0 \ 5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1)\end{aligned}$$