

1. Let  $G$  be a group and let  $N$  and  $K$  be normal subgroups of  $G$ .

(a) Show that  $N \cap K \triangleleft K$ .

(b) Prove that  $NK = \{nk | n \in N, k \in K\}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

(c) Prove that  $N \triangleleft NK$ .

(d) Prove that the function  $f : K \rightarrow NK/N$  given by  $f(k) = Nk$  is a surjective homomorphism with kernel  $K \cap N$ .

(e) Prove that  $K/(N \cap K) \cong NK/N$ .

(a) Pf. Take arbitrary  $g \in K$  and  $h \in N \cap K$ .

Since  $N, K \triangleleft G$ ,  $gNg^{-1} \subseteq N$  and  $gKg^{-1} \subseteq K$

So  $ghg^{-1} \in N$  and  $ghg^{-1} \in K$   
So  $ghg^{-1} \in N \cap K$

Therefore  $\forall g \in K, g(N \cap K)g^{-1} \subseteq N \cap K$

By Thm 8.11,  $N \cap K \triangleleft K$

(b) Take arbitrary  $g \in G$  and  $h \in NK$

So  $h = nk$  for some  $n \in N$  and  $k \in K$

$$ghg^{-1} = gnk g^{-1} = (gn)(kg^{-1})$$

Since  $K, N$  are normal,  $gN = Ng$  and  $g^{-1}K = Kg^{-1}$

So  $gn = n'g$  for some  $n' \in N$

$kg^{-1} = g^{-1}k'$  for some  $k' \in K$

So  $ghg^{-1} = (gn)(kg^{-1}) = n'(gg^{-1})k' = n'k' \in NK$

Therefore we have proved  $\forall g \in G, gNkg^{-1} \subseteq NK$

Therefore  $NK \triangleleft G$

(c) Take arbitrary  $n \in N$  and  $h \in NK$

So  $h = n_2 k$  for some  $n_2 \in N, k \in K$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } hnh^{-1} &= n_2 k n (n_2 k)^{-1} \\ &= \underbrace{n_2 k n k^{-1} n_2^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $N \triangleleft G$ ,  $kN = Nk$

So  $kn = n'k$  for some  $n' \in N$

and  $n_2 n' = n'' n_2$  for some  $n'' \in N$

$$\Rightarrow hnh^{-1} = n'' (n_2 k k^{-1} n_2^{-1}) = n'' \in N$$

So  $\forall h \in NK, hNh^{-1} \subseteq N$

Therefore  $N \triangleleft NK$

(d) Since  $N \triangleleft NK$ ,  $NK/N$  is a well-defined quotient ring.

For  $f: K \rightarrow NK/N$  given by sending  
 $k \mapsto Nk$

Let  $h$  be an arbitrary element of  $NK/N$

So  $h = N(nk)$  for some  $nk \in Nk$   
where  $n \in N, k \in K$

By definition,  $N(nk) = \{n^*nk \mid n^* \in N\}$

$$= \{(n^*n)k \mid n^* \in N\}$$

$$= \{n^*k \mid n^* \in N\} = \underline{Nk}$$

So  $f(k) = Nk = N(nk) = h$

Therefore  $f$  is surjective.

Since the identity of  $NK/N$  is  $N$

Note that  $f(k) = Nk = N \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{k \in N}_{\text{(and } k \in K \text{ for sure)}} \Leftrightarrow \underline{k \in N \cap K}$

So  $\ker(f) = N \cap K$

(e) by the first isomorphism theorem,

$$K / \ker f \cong NK / N$$

so  $K / (N \cap K) \cong NK / N$

2. In the following problem, it may help to use the first isomorphism theorem.

(a) Prove that  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$  (HINT: consider the function  $e^{2\pi iz}$ ).

(b) Prove that  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1$ .

(c) Prove that the subset  $N = \{e, (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\} \subset A_4$  is a normal subgroup. What familiar group is the quotient  $A_4/N$  isomorphic to?

(a) pf. Consider the function  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$   
sending  $z \mapsto e^{2\pi iz}$

①  $f$  is a group homomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } \forall z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}, f(z_1 + z_2) &= e^{2\pi i(z_1 + z_2)} \\ &= e^{2\pi iz_1} \cdot e^{2\pi iz_2} = f(z_1) \cdot f(z_2) \end{aligned}$$

②  $f$  is surjective

since  $\forall z' \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ ,  $z'$  is a nonzero complex number so  $z' = k e^{2\pi i r}$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , by Euler's formula.

And  $k \in \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow k = e^{2\pi i x}$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

So consider  $z = x - ir$ ,  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i(x - ir)} = z'$

Therefore  $f$  is surjective.

③ Note that  $f(z) = e_{\mathbb{C}^\times} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \underline{z \in \mathbb{Z}}$

So  $\ker f = \mathbb{Z}$

So by the first isomorphism theorem,  $\mathbb{C}/\ker f \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$   
so  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$

(b) Still consider the map  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$  sending  
 $r \mapsto e^{2\pi i r}$

①  $f$  is a group homomorphism

$$\forall r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}, f(r_1 + r_2) = e^{2\pi i(r_1 + r_2)} = e^{2\pi i r_1} \cdot e^{2\pi i r_2} = f(r_1) \cdot f(r_2)$$

②  $f$  is surjective

since  $\forall s \in S^1, s = e^{2\pi i r}$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{R}$

③ Note that  $f(r) = e_s = 1 \Leftrightarrow r \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{since } \forall r \in \mathbb{Z}, s = e^{2\pi i r} = \cos(2\pi r) + i \sin(2\pi r) = \cos(2\pi r) = 1$$

so  $\ker(f) = \mathbb{Z}$

Therefore by the first isomorphism theorem,

$$\mathbb{R} / \ker f \cong S^1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z} \cong S^1$$

(c) First the subset  $N$  is a subgroup of  $A_4$

①  $e \in N$

since

$$\textcircled{2} e^2 = e \quad ((12)(34))^2 = e$$

$$((43)(24))^2 = e \quad ((14)(23))^2 = e$$

$A_4$  is closed under inverse

Then we show  $N \triangleleft A_4$

Let  $\sigma \in A_4$  be an arbitrary permutation

$t \in N$  be an arbitrary element

So  $t = (\sigma(a) \sigma(b)) (\sigma(c) \sigma(d))$   
for  $a, b, c, d$  respectively representing a  
unique number in  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sigma^{-1} t \sigma &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ \sigma(a) \sigma(b) \sigma(c) \sigma(d) \\ \sigma(b) \sigma(a) \sigma(d) \sigma(c) \\ b & a & d & c \end{pmatrix} \\ &\subseteq \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ \sigma(a) \sigma(b) \sigma(c) \sigma(d) \\ \sigma(b) \sigma(a) \sigma(d) \sigma(c) \\ b & a & d & c \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\forall \sigma \in A_n, t \in N$   
So the  $\sigma$ -conjugate of  $t = (\sigma(a) \sigma(b)) (\sigma(c) \sigma(d)) \in N$   
is  $(ab)(cd) \in N$

Therefore  $\forall \sigma \in A_n, \sigma N \sigma^{-1} \subseteq N$

by Thm,  $N \triangleleft A_n$

By Lagrange's Thm,

$$|A_4/N| = \frac{|A_4|}{|N|} = 3,$$

So  $A_4/N \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$  since every finite group  
of order 3  $\cong \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

3. Let  $p$  be a prime number. The goal of this problem is to prove that any group  $G$  of order  $p^2$  is abelian.

- (a) Let the group  $G$  act on itself by the conjugacy action defined in the previous problem set. Prove that  $h \in Z(G)$  if and only if the orbit (AKA the conjugacy class) of  $h$  has exactly 1 element.
- (b) Use the Class Equation to deduce that  $p$  divides  $|Z(G)|$ . (Thus there are two possibilities  $|Z(G)| = p$  or  $|G|$ , in the latter case  $G$  is abelian.)
- (c) Suppose that  $|Z(G)| = p$  and let  $g \in G$  with  $g \notin Z(G)$ . Define  $\langle Z(G), g \rangle$  to be the group generated by  $g$  and every element of  $Z(G)$ . Show that  $\langle Z(G), g \rangle$  is abelian.
- (d) Suppose that  $|Z(G)| = p$  and let  $g \in G$  with  $g \notin Z(G)$ . Define  $\langle Z(G), g \rangle$  to be the group generated by  $g$  and every element of  $Z(G)$ . Show that  $\langle Z(G), g \rangle = G$ .
- (e) Deduce (in one line) that  $G$  is abelian.
- (f) Give an example of a group with  $p^3$  elements that is not abelian.
- (g) Use the Class Equation to conclude that any  $p$ -group<sup>1</sup>  $H$  satisfies  $p$  divides  $|Z(H)|$ .

<sup>1</sup>A  $p$ -group  $H$  is a group such that  $|H| = p^k$  for some  $k > 0$  and  $p$  a prime number.

(a) Pf.  $Orb = \{g^{-1}hg \mid g \in G\}$

Assume  $h \in Z(G) \Rightarrow \forall g \in G, gh = hg$

$\Rightarrow Orb = \{g^{-1}gh \mid g \in G\} = \{h\}$

So  $|Orb| = 1$

Assume  $|Orb| = 1$

So  $\forall g \in G, g^{-1}hg = h$  since  $h \in Orb$

$\Rightarrow \forall g \in G, hg = gh$

$\hat{=} e \cdot h$

$\Rightarrow \underline{h \in Z(G)}$

Therefore  $|Orb| = 1$  iff  $h \in Z(G)$

(b) let  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  be the representatives of the distinct conjugacy classes of  $G$  not contained in  $Z(G)$ .

Class equation:  $|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_{i=1}^n |O(g_i)|$  by the conjugation action.

$$|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_{i=1}^n [G : C_G(g_i)]$$

Since  $p$  is prime and  $|G| = p^2$  ( $p \mid |G|$ )

every subgroup of  $|G|$  can only have size of:  $1, p$  or  $p^2$

since for each  $i$ ,  $O(g_i)$  is a subgroup of  $G$  that has more than one element

$$\text{so } |O(g_i)| = \underline{p \text{ or } p^2}$$

$$\text{So } p \mid \sum_{i=1}^n [G : C_G(g_i)] \Rightarrow p \mid \left( |G| - \sum_{i=1}^n [G : C_G(g_i)] \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{p \mid |Z(G)|} \quad (\text{Therefore either } |Z(G)| = p \text{ or } |Z(G)| = p^2)$$

(c) let  $z_1^{n_1} z_2^{n_2} \dots z_k^{n_k}$ ,

$g_1^{m_1} g_2^{m_2} \dots g_i^{m_i} \dots g_e^{m_e}$  be two arbitrary elements



$$\begin{aligned}
& (z_1^{n_1} z_2^{n_2} \dots g^{n_j} z_k^{n_k}) (g_1^{m_1} g_2^{m_2} \dots g^{m_i} g_e^{m_e}) \\
&= (g_1^{m_1} z_1^{n_1} z_2^{n_2} \dots g^{n_j} z_k^{n_k}) (g_2^{m_2} \dots g^{m_i} g_e^{m_e}) \\
&= \dots \\
&= (g_1^{m_1} g_2^{m_2} \dots g^{m_i} g_e^{m_e}) (z_1^{n_1} z_2^{n_2} \dots g^{n_j} z_k^{n_k})
\end{aligned}$$

Since every element of  $Z(G)$  commute with each other and  $g$ .

So  $\langle Z(G), g \rangle$  is Abelian

(d) We have known that any subgroup of  $G$  can only has order of 1,  $p$  or  $p^2$

$$\text{And since } |\langle Z(G), g \rangle| \geq \underbrace{|Z(G)| + 1}_{= p+1},$$

$$|\langle Z(G), g \rangle| = p^2 = |G|$$

$$\text{So } \langle Z(G), g \rangle = G.$$

(e) Since  $\langle Z(G), g \rangle = G$  by (d) and  $\langle Z(G), g \rangle$  is Abelian by (c),  $G$  is Abelian.

(f)  $|D_4| = 8$ , but  $D_4$  is not Abelian  
 $= 2^3$

(g) Let  $H$  be a  $p$ -group, so  $|H| = p^k$  for some prime  $p$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

By class equation:

$$|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_{i=1}^n [G : C_G(g_i)]$$

$= \sum_{i=1}^n |O(g_i)|$  by the conjugation action.

Since  $p$  is prime and  $|G| = p^k$  ( $p \mid |G|$ )

every subgroup of  $|G|$  can only have  
size of:  $1, p, p^2, \dots, p^k$

since for each  $i$ ,  $O(g_i)$  is a subgroup of  $G$  that has more than one element

so  $|O(g_i)| = p$  or  $p^2 \dots$  or  $p^k$

so  $p \mid \sum_{i=1}^n [G : C_G(g_i)]$

so  $p \mid (|G| - \sum_{i=1}^n [G : C_G(g_i)])$

so  $p \mid |Z(G)|$ .

**THEOREM 9.7: FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURE THEOREM FOR FINITE ABELIAN GROUPS:**  
 Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group. Then  $G$  is isomorphic to a group of the form

$$\mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{a_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{a_2}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_3^{a_3}} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_n^{a_n}}$$

where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are (not necessarily distinct!) prime numbers. Moreover, the product is unique, up to re-ordering the factors.

4. (a) Suppose that  $G$  is abelian and has order 8. Use the Structure Theorem for Finite Abelian Groups to show that up to isomorphism,  $G$  must be isomorphic to one of three possible groups, each a product of cyclic groups of prime power order.
- (b) Determine the number of abelian groups of order 18, up to isomorphism.
- (c) For  $p$  prime, how many isomorphism types of abelian groups of order  $p^4$ ?
- (d) If an abelian group of order 100 has no element of order 4, prove that  $G$  contains a Klein 4-group.

(a) Since the prime factorization of  $8 = 2^3$   
 And  $G$  is Abelian and  $|G| = 8$ ,  
 by the Structure theorem for finite Abelian

$$\begin{aligned} \text{either } G &\cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \text{or } G &\cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \quad (\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \\ \text{or } G &\cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \quad (\mathbb{Z}_8) \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad 18 = 3^2 \times 2$$

So the possible isomorphism is

$$\mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2,$$

$$(3 \times 3) \times 2 \quad 3 \times 3 \times 2$$

There are two possible isomorphism types.

(c) There are 5 isomorphism types.

$$p \times p \times p \times p : \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$(p \times p) \times p \times p : \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$(p \times p \times p) \times p : \mathbb{Z}_{p^3} \times \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$(p \times p \times p \times p) : \mathbb{Z}_{p^4}$$

$$(p \times p) \times (p \times p) : \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$$

(d) prime factorization of 100:  $100 = 2^2 \times 5^2$

Since  $G$  is Abelian and  $|G| = 100$ ,

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{2^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{5^2} \text{ ①}$$

$$\text{or } \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{5^2} \text{ ②}$$

$$\text{or } \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \text{ ③}$$

And note that ① is impossible since  $([1]_4, [0]_5)$  is an order 4 element in it

Therefore  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{25}$  or  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$   
② ③

For ②:  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times [0]_{25}$  is a subgroup which is a Klein 4-group.

For ③:  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times [0]_5 \times [0]_5$  is a subgroup which is a Klein 4-group.