

# Assignment 1

1.  $\mathcal{C}^A$ : – The objects are things of the form  $f : A \rightarrow Z$   
 – Morphisms between objects are things like  $\sigma \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z_1, Z_2)$  that make

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ f_1 \swarrow & & \searrow f_2 \\ Z_1 & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & Z_2 \end{array}$$

commute.

- Let two morphisms  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(Z_1, Z_2)$  and  $\psi \in \text{Hom}(Z_2, Z_3)$  be given. Then we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & A & & \\ & f_1 \swarrow & \downarrow f_2 & \searrow f_3 & \\ Z_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & Z_2 & \xrightarrow{\psi} & Z_3 \end{array}$$

and we know that the left triangle and the right triangle commute. But then  $f_3 = \psi \circ f_2$ , and  $f_2 = \varphi \circ f_1$ , so  $f_3 = \psi \circ \varphi \circ f_1$ , which is precisely what we wanted.

- The identity is the identity on  $Z$  inherited from  $\mathcal{C}$ , namely the morphism  $\text{id}_Z \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z)$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ f \swarrow & & \searrow f \\ Z & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_Z} & Z \end{array}$$

commutes. Notice that the identity here obeys the comp. rule on both sides. Namely, the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & A & & \\ & z \swarrow & \downarrow z & \searrow g & \\ Z & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_Z} & Z & \xrightarrow{\psi} & G \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & & A & & \\ & f \swarrow & \downarrow z & \searrow z & \\ F & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & Z & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_Z} & Z \end{array}$$

Both commute and then also  $\text{id}_Z \circ \varphi = \varphi$  and  $\psi \circ \text{id}_Z = \psi$ .

- $\mathcal{C}_{A,B}$ : – The Objects are things that look like

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & A \\ & f \nearrow & \\ Z & & \\ & g \searrow & \\ & & B \end{array}$$

- Morphisms between objects are maps  $\sigma \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z_1, Z_2)$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & Z_1 & & \\ & \swarrow f_1 & \downarrow \sigma & \searrow g_1 & \\ A & & & & B \\ & \swarrow f_2 & \downarrow & \searrow g_2 & \\ & & Z_2 & & \end{array}$$

commutes. Notice that the terminal objects in this category are precisely products.

- We check now composition. Let  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(F, G), \psi \in \text{Hom}(G, H)$  be given. Then we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & F & & \\ & \swarrow f_A & \downarrow \varphi & \searrow f_B & \\ A & & G & \xrightarrow{g_B} & B \\ & \swarrow g_A & \downarrow \psi & \searrow h_B & \\ & & H & & \end{array}$$

But we know that the upper part of the diagram commutes since  $\varphi$  is a morphism, and likewise for the bottom part of the diagram with  $\psi$ . We want to show that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & F & & \\ & \swarrow f_A & \downarrow \psi \circ \varphi & \searrow f_B & \\ A & & H & & B \\ & \swarrow h_A & & \searrow h_B & \end{array}$$

commutes, but this is immediate since we know that  $f_A = g_A \circ \varphi$ , but also  $g_A = h_A \circ \psi$ , so  $f_A = h_A \circ \psi \circ \varphi$ , which is what we wanted to show. (Technically this is only half, but the  $B$  side follows identically).

- The identity morphism is obviously just the identity inherited from  $\mathcal{C}$ , namely, it is  $\text{id}_Z \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z)$ , the morphism which causes the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & Z & & \\ & \swarrow z_A & \downarrow \text{id}_Z & \searrow z_B & \\ A & & Z & & B \\ & \swarrow z_A & & \searrow z_B & \end{array}$$

to commute.

2. *Proof.* Suppose that we have  $F, G \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$  that are both final objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then, since  $F, G$  are final, then there exists unique morphisms  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(F, G)$ ,  $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G, F)$ , and our goal is to show that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & g & \\ F & \xleftarrow{\quad} & G \\ & f & \end{array}$$

commutes and namely that  $f$  undoes  $g$ , and visa-versa.

In order to see this, recall that there must exist identity morphisms on  $F$  and  $G$ , so then the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{f} & G \\ \text{id}_F \searrow & & \downarrow g \\ & F & \xrightarrow{f} G \end{array}$$

must commute with  $g \circ f = \text{id}_F$  and  $f \circ g = \text{id}_G$ , so  $f$  and  $g$  are inverses, and so  $F$  and  $G$  are isomorphic.  $\square$

3. The property ought to be that, for  $A, B, C, Z \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $A \times B \times C$  is terminal, and has projections into  $A, B$ , and  $C$  such that for any  $z_A : Z \rightarrow A$ ,  $z_B : Z \rightarrow B$ ,  $z_C : Z \rightarrow C$ , there exists a unique  $\varphi$  such that the  $z$ s factor through  $\varphi$ . In other words, there exists a unique  $\varphi$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & Z & & \\ & \swarrow z_A & \downarrow \varphi & \searrow z_B & \\ & A & A \times B \times C & B & \\ \pi_A \swarrow & & \downarrow \pi_C & \nearrow \pi_B & \\ & & C & & \end{array}$$

commutes.

4. For each of  $p = 5, 7, 17$ :

$p = 5$  :  $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^* \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ , so 2 generates the group

$p = 7$  :  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^* \cong \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ , so 3 generates the group

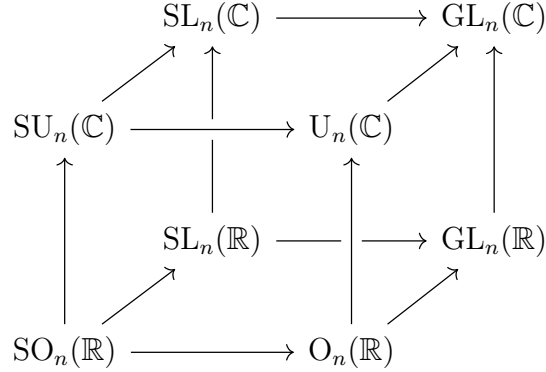
$p = 17$  :  $(\mathbb{Z}/17\mathbb{Z})^* \cong \mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$ , so 3 generates the group

5. Recall that the universal property of the free group tells us that for any group  $G$  and map  $f : A \rightarrow G$ , there exists a unique  $\varphi$  to make

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{j} & F(A) \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \varphi \\ & & G \end{array}$$

So in particular, consider any group for which  $f$  can be made an injection.  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  will do. Then if  $f$  is an injection, then  $\varphi \circ j$  must also be an injection, and thus  $j$  is an injection.

6. Let arrows denote a subset (subgroup) relation. Then



is a nice cube showing all inclusions. Now we move on to show that all these inclusions are subgroups... well, here we go I guess. We'll start at the bottom left corner, show that we have that  $\forall a, b \in H, ab^{-1} \in H$ . Then, since  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is a group, we'll get subgroup relations.

$\mathrm{SO}_n(\mathbb{R})$ :  $\forall Q, R \in \mathrm{SO}_n(\mathbb{R})$ , notice that  $QR^{-1} = QR^T$ , but also  $QR^T * (QR^T)^T = QR^T RQ^T = I$ , and also  $\det(QR^T) = 1$  by the multiplicative property of the determinant, so  $QR^T \in \mathrm{SO}_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

$\mathrm{O}_n(\mathbb{R})$ : Follows directly from above.

$\mathrm{SU}_n(\mathbb{C})$ : Replace the transposes above with the Hermitian adjoint and the proof is identical

$\mathrm{U}_n(\mathbb{C})$ : Follows directly from above.

$\mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ : Follows directly from the multiplicative property of the determinant, and the fact that  $\det(A^{-1}) = \det(A)^{-1}$ , so  $\forall Q, R \in \mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $QR^{-1}$  has determinant 1, since  $Q$  and  $R^{-1}$  each have determinant 1.

$\mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ : Follows identically to above.

$\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ : replace “has determinant 1” in the  $\mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$  argument with “has nonzero determinant” and you're done.

7. *Proof.* Let  $h \in [G, G]$  be given. Then  $\forall g \in G, g^{-1}hg = h(h^{-1}g^{-1}hg) = h[h, g] \in [G, G]$ , so  $[G, G] \trianglelefteq G$ .  $\triangle$

Now we show that  $G/[G, G]$  is abelian. Let  $g[G, G] \in G/[G, G]$  and  $h[G, G] \in G/[G, G]$  be given. Then

$$gh[G, G] = gh[h, g][G, G] = gh h^{-1} g^{-1} h g[G, G] = hg[G, G]$$

so  $G/[G, G]$  is commutative.  $\square$

8. *Proof.* I give no quarter to the abelian nature of the group, and appeal to Sylow's first theorem. Since  $n$  is odd, the multiplicity of 2 in the order of the group is 1, so there exists a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$ , and thus an element of order 2. Now suppose for the sake of contradiction that there exists more than 1 element of order 2. Then the subgroup generated by these two elements is the Vierergruppe, which has order 4, but  $4 \nmid 2n$ , since  $n$  is odd, so Lagrange tells us that there can't be more than one element of order 2.  $\square$

9. • We first show  $G^\circ$  is a group:

- **(Associative)**: Inherited from  $G$
- **(Identity)**: Identities are two-sided anyway in groups, so the identity from  $G$  works.
- **(Inverses)**: Again, inverses are two-sided, so inverses in  $G^\circ$  are the same as inverses in  $G$

• *Proof.* First notice that  $\text{id}$  is bijective regardless of our assumption.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $G$  is commutative. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{id}(g \circ h) &= g \circ h \\ &= h \times g \\ &= \text{id}(h) \times \text{id}(g) \\ &= \text{id}(g) \times \text{id}(h).\end{aligned}$$

so  $\text{id}$  is a homomorphism, and thus an isomorphism.  $\triangle$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose now that  $\text{id}$  is an isomorphism. Then in particular

$$\begin{aligned}\text{id}(g \circ h) &= g \times h \\ &= h \circ g \\ &= \text{id}(h \circ g) \\ &= h \times g\end{aligned}$$

so we have commutativity. **If there's anything on this assignment that I don't believe, it's this.**  $\square$

• *Proof.* We give the isomorphism explicitly. Take  $\iota : G^\circ \rightarrow G$  be the map that takes  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$ . Now in the language of group actions,  $\iota$  is a permutation, and thus a bijection.  $\triangle$

Now we check that this is actually a homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned}\iota(g \circ h) &= (g \circ h)^{-1} \\ &= h^{-1} \circ g^{-1} \\ &= g^{-1} \times h^{-1} \\ &= \iota(g) \times \iota(h)\end{aligned}$$

So we have an isomorphism.  $\square$

- If we have an action  $G$  acting on  $X$  on the right via  $(\cdot)$ , then define  $g \cdot x := x \cdot g^{-1}$ . Notice that this works because  $g \cdot (h \cdot x) = g \cdot (x \cdot h^{-1}) = (x \cdot h^{-1}) \cdot g^{-1}$ . But since we already know that the right action is compatible, we get that this equals  $(x \cdot h^{-1}g^{-1}) = (x \cdot (gh)^{-1}) = gh \cdot x$ .