

Final Review

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Review 1

1. **Groups and Homomorphisms:** Binary operations, Definition of groups, Order of Group, Abelian Group, Subgroups

Results:

- (a) Identity is unique, Inverses are unique, $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$, $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$.
- (b) Subgroup criteria I and II
- (c) Subgroups of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ are in $n\mathbb{Z}$.

2. **Homomorphisms:** Functions, Composition, injective, surjective, bijective, definition of homomorphisms, isomorphisms, image, and kernel.

Results:

- (a) $f(e_G) = e_H$, $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1}$
- (b) Compositions of homomorphisms is a homomorphism
- (c) Inverse of an Isomorphism is an Isomorphism
- (d) Image and kernel are subgroups
- (e) If $a \in G$, $k \in \ker f$, then $ak^{-1}a \in \ker f$.
- (f) Injective iff $\ker f = \{e\}$
- (g) Surjective iff $\text{Im}\{f\} = H$ where $f : G \rightarrow H$

3. **Cyclic Groups:** Definition of a cyclic, C_n , order of an element, exponent of a group,

Results:

- (a) $\forall a \in G : \text{ord}(a) = |\langle a \rangle|$
- (b) Cyclic \rightarrow Abelian.

4. **Dihedral Groups:** Definition of dihedral groups D_{2n} (Symmetries of a regular n -gon).

5. **Direct Product of Groups:** Definition of direct products

- (a) $C_m \times C_n \cong C_{nm}$ iff $\gcd(n, m) = 1$
- (b) Direct Product Theorem

6. **Symmetric groups:** Permutations, Symmetric group of a set X , Row and cycle notation, k -cycles and transpositions, cycle type/shape, sign of permutations, Alternating subgroups.

Results:

- (a) $\text{Sym } X$ is a group
- (b) Disjoint cycles commute

- (c) Any $\sigma \in S_n$ is uniquely a product of disjoint cycles.
 - (d) $\text{ord}(\sigma)$, $\sigma \in S_n$ is the lcm of the lengths in the disjoint cycle representation of σ .
 - (e) Every $\lambda \in S_n$ is a product of transpositions.
 - (f) The number of transpositions is always either even or odd in the result above.
 - (g) $\forall n \geq 2$, $\text{sgn} : S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ is a homomorphism.
 - (h) σ is an even permutation $\text{sgn}(\sigma) = 1$ iff the number of cycles of even length is even.
 - (i) Every subgroup of S_n contains either no odd permutations or exactly half.
7. **Lagrange:** Cosets, Partitions of a set, Index of subgroups, equivalence relations and equivalence classes, Euler totient function

Results:

- (a) Lagrange's Theorem
 - (b) Left cosets partition G and all cosets have the same size
 - (c) $\text{ord}(a) \mid |G|$
 - (d) $\forall a \in G : a^{|G|} = e$
 - (e) Groups of prime order are cyclic
 - (f) Fermat-Euler Theorem
 - (g) Every group of order 4 is either C_4 or $C_2 \times C_2$
 - (h) Any group of order 6 is either cyclic or dihedral.
8. **Quotient Groups:** Normal subgroups, quotient groups, simple groups

Results:

- (a) Index of 2 implies that the group is a normal subgroup
 - (b) Subgroups of abelian groups are normal
 - (c) Kernels are normal
 - (d) If $K \triangleleft G$, left cosets of K form a group
 - (e) Natural projection $G \rightarrow G/K$ is a surjective group homomorphism
 - (f) Quotient of cyclic is cyclic
 - (g) Isomorphism theorem: $G/\ker f \cong \text{Im}\{f\}$
 - (h) Any cyclic group is \mathbb{Z} or $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$
9. **Group Actions:** Group action, Kernel of action, faithful action, orbit, stabilizer, transitive action, conjugation of an element, conjugacy classes, centralizers, center, normalizer.

Results:

- (a) Criteria for group actions
- (b) Stabilizer of X is a subgroup
- (c) Orbits partition your set X
- (d) Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem: $|\text{Orb}(x)||\text{Stab}(x)| = |G|$
- (e) Important Actions: Left regular action, Conjugation action, Cayley's Theorem, Normal subgroups are unions of conjugacy classes, G acts on its subgroups
- (f) Stabilizers of elements in the same orbit are conjugate

Review 2

1. **Rings:** Rings, commutative rings, subrings, unit in a ring, field, product of rings, polynomials, polynomial rings, degree of a polynomial, monic poly, power series, Laurent series and polys.

Results:

- (a) equivalents from group theory

2. **Homomorphisms, Ideals, Quotients, Isomorphisms:** Homomorphisms of rings, isomorphisms, kernels, images, ideals, proper ideals, generators of ideals, principle ideals, quotient rings, characteristic

Results:

- (a) $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ injective iff $\ker \varphi = \{0\}$
- (b) surjective iff $\text{Im}\{\varphi\} = R_2$
- (c) $\ker \varphi$ is an ideals
- (d) the quotient is a ring R/I and the projection $\pi : R \rightarrow R/I$ is a surjective homomorphism with $\ker \pi = I$.
- (e) Euclidean division algorithm for polynomials over a field. Euclidean function is the degree.
- (f) First isomorphism theorem: $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ and $R_1/\ker \varphi \cong \text{Im}\{\varphi\}$
- (g) Second isomorphism theorem: $R \leq S$, $J \triangleleft S$, then $J \cap R \triangleleft R$ and $\frac{R+J}{J} \leq \frac{S}{J}$

$$\frac{R+J}{J} \cong \frac{R}{R \cap J}$$

- (h) Third isomorphism theorem: $I \triangleleft R$, $J \triangleleft R$, $I \subseteq J$:

$$J/I \triangleleft R/I$$

and

$$(R/I)/(J/I) \cong R/J$$

3. **Integral domains, Field of fractions, Maximal ideals:** Integral domain, zero divisor, field of fractions, maximal ideals, prime ideals

Results:

- (a) finite ID \rightarrow field
- (b) R ID $\rightarrow R[x]$ is an ID
- (c) every ID has a field of fractions
- (d) $R \neq \{0\}$ is a field iff the only ideals are $\{0\}$ and R .
- (e) $I \triangleleft R$ is maximal iff R/I is a field
- (f) $I \triangleleft R$ is prime iff R/I is an ID
- (g) Every maximal ideal is prime
- (h) characteristic is 0 or prime

4. **Factorization in IDs:** Units, division, associates, irreducibles, primes, euclidean functions, euclidean domains, principal ideal domains, unique factorization domains, ascending chain condition, noetherian rings, greatest common divisor

Results:

- (a) (r) is prime iff $r = 0$ or r is prime
- (b) prime \rightarrow irreducible but the converse is not always true in an ID
- (c) Euclidean domain \rightarrow PID
- (d) In PIDs irreducibles \rightarrow prime
- (e) PIDs satisfy the ascending chain condition (ACC)
- (f) So PID \rightarrow UFD
- (g) In UFDs, gcds exists and is unique up to associates

5. **Factorization in Polynomial Rings:** Content, primitive polynomials, polynomials in several variables

Results:

- (a) R is a UFD, f, g are primitive, then fg is primitive
- (b) $c(f)c(g)$ is an associated of $c(fg)$
- (c) Gauss's lemma
- (d) R is a UFD $\rightarrow R[x]$ is a UFD
- (e) Eisenstein's criterion for irreducibility.

6. **Gaussian integers:** $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

Results:

- (a) A prime p in \mathbb{Z} is prime in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ iff $p \neq a^2 + b^2$, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.
- (b) If p is prime, in \mathbb{Z} , and $F_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, then $F_p^* = F_p \setminus \{0\}$ is cyclic of order $p - 1$
- (c) Primes in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ up to associates
- (d) We have p is prime, $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$
- (e) $z \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$, $N(z) = z\bar{z} = p$ for some prime p , $p = 2$ or $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$
- (f) A non-negative $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a sum of squares iff $n = \prod p_i^{n_i}$, p_i are distinct, then $p_i \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \rightarrow n_i$ is even.

7. **Algebraic Integers:** Algebraic integers, $\mathbb{Z}(\alpha)$ for algebraic integers α , minimal polynomial

Results:

- (a) $\ker(ev_\alpha) \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}[x]$ is principal, generated by the minimal polynomial
- (b) $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ is algebraic $\rightarrow \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$