

# Review 1

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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  $\sigma$ .
- (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)  $\sigma$  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
- (g) Cauchy's Theorem