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Notations and Conventions

\mathbb{R}^n	n -dimensional real space
\mathbb{C}^n	n -dimensional complex space
$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$	set of all $m \times n$ real-valued matrices
$\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$	set of all $m \times n$ complex-valued matrices
x_i	i th entry of column vector \mathbf{x}
a_{ij}	(i, j) th entry of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbf{a}_i	i th column of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbf{a}_i^T	i th row of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbb{S}^n	set of all $n \times n$ real symmetric matrices, i.e., $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i, j
\mathbb{H}^n	set of all $n \times n$ complex Hermitian matrices, i.e., $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and $\bar{a}_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i, j
\mathbf{A}^T	transpose of \mathbf{A} , i.e, $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^T$ means $b_{ji} = a_{ij}$ for all i, j
\mathbf{A}^H	Hermitian transpose of \mathbf{A} , i.e, $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^H$ means $b_{ji} = \bar{a}_{ij}$ for all i, j
$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A})$	sum of diagonal entries of square matrix \mathbf{A}
$\mathbf{1}$	A vector with all 1 entries
$\mathbf{0}$	either a vector of all zeros, or a matrix of all zeros
\mathbf{e}_i	a unit vector with the nonzero element at the i th entry
$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$	the column space of \mathbf{A}
$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$	the row space of \mathbf{A}
$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$	the null space of \mathbf{A}
$\text{Proj}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{A})$	the projection of \mathbf{A} onto the set \mathcal{M}

Chapter 3

Week3

3.1. Tuesday

Definition 3.1 [Cartesian Product]

$$\prod_{i=1}^n S_i = S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in S_i\}$$

Theorem 3.1 $\prod_{i=1}^n G_i$ is a group under the operation

$$(g_1, \dots, g_n)(h_1, \dots, h_n) = (g_1 h_1, \dots, g_n h_n)$$

Proof. • It's obvious that the operation is closed.

- Check inverse and identity.

$$\text{identity} = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$$

- Check the operation is associate:

$$\begin{aligned} [(g_1, \dots, g_n)(h_1, \dots, h_n)](k_1, \dots, k_n) &= (g_1 h_1, \dots, g_n h_n)(k_1, \dots, k_n) \\ &= (g_1 h_1 k_1, \dots, g_n h_n k_n) \\ &= (g_1, \dots, g_n)(h_1 k_1, \dots, h_n k_n) \\ &= (g_1, \dots, g_n)[(h_1, \dots, h_n)(k_1, \dots, k_n)] \end{aligned}$$

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R If the operation of each G_i is the **addition**, then

$$\prod_{i=1}^n G_i := \oplus_{i=1}^n G_i$$

■ **Example 3.1** 1. $G = (S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \cdot)$ is not abelian, e.g.,

$$((12), 0) \cdot ((23), 0)$$

2. $G = (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, +) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$ is cyclic

$$d(1, 1) = (0, 0) \implies d = 6k$$

3. The **Klein 4-group** $V = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ is not cyclic

$$d(x, y) = (0, 0)$$

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Theorem 3.2 $G = \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ is **cyclic** iff $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

Proof. Let $k = \text{lcm}(m, n) = \frac{mn}{\gcd(m, n)} \leq mn$.

Necessity. Consider $(a, b) \in G$:

$$k(a, b) = (ka, kb) := (msa, ntb) = (0, 0),$$

i.e., $|(a, b)| \leq k$. In particular, $mn \leq k$, thus $k = mn$, i.e., $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

Sufficiency. Consider $(1, 1) \in G$: $d(1, 1) = (0, *) \implies d = xm$; and $d(1, 1) = (*, 0) \implies d = yn$. Thus $|(1, 1)| = \text{lcm}(m, n) = mn$, i.e., this group is cyclic. ■

Corollary 3.1 $\prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}_{m_i}$ is cyclic iff (m_i, m_j) are mutually coprime.

Definition 3.2 Let G be a group, S a non-empty subset.

$$\langle S \rangle := \{a_1^{m_1}, \dots, a_n^{m_n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m_i \in \mathbb{Z}, a_i \in S\}$$

If S is finite, then $\langle S \rangle$ is **finitely generated**. ■

Verify that this is a group, i.e., a subgroup of G . Note that a_i 's need not to be distinct.
e.g.,

$$S = \{a, b\} \implies a^{-1}bab^2 \in \langle S \rangle$$

Proposition 3.1

$$\langle S \rangle = \bigcap_{\{H \mid S \subseteq H \subseteq G\}} H$$

■ **Example 3.2** 1. $\langle \text{cycles in } S_n \rangle = S_n = \langle \text{transpositions} \rangle$

2. $S_n = \langle (12), (1, 2, \dots, n) \rangle$.

hint: $(i, i+1) \in S_n, (i, j) \in S_n$

3. $D_n = \langle r, s \rangle$

Proposition 3.2 \mathbb{Q} is not finitely generated.

Theorem 3.3 — **Fundamental Theorem of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups.** Any finitely generated abelian group (is isomorphic to)

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \mathbb{Z}_{p_i^{r_i}} \times \mathbb{Z}^n,$$

$r_i, n \in \mathbb{N}$.

■ **Example 3.3** abelian group of order $360 = 2^3 3^2 5$:

$$G_2 \times G_3 \times G_5$$

$$G_5 = \mathbb{Z}_5, G_3 = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_9, G_2 = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4, \mathbb{Z}_8.$$

Thus there are 6 possible abelian groups of order 360. ■

How about abelian group of order 7^5 ?

Definition 3.3 [Partition] Let $S \neq \emptyset$. A **partition** P of S is $\{S_i \mid i \in I\}$ such that

1. $S_i \neq \emptyset, \forall i \in I$
2. $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$
3. $\bigcup_{i \in I} S_i = S$

Also, we denote $S = \bigsqcup_{i \in I} S_i$ ■

Definition 3.4 [Equivalence Relation] An **equivalence relation** on S is a relation \sim such that

1. Reflexive: $a \sim a, \forall a \in S$
2. Symmetric: $a \sim b$ implies $b \sim a$
3. Transitive: $a \sim b, b \sim c$ implies $a \sim c$.

Equivalence relation is essentially the same meaning of partition:

- Partition implies equivalence relation: Define $a \sim b$ if $a, b \in S_i$
- Equivalence relation implies partition: Define $C_a := \{b \in S \mid b \sim a\}$. (For the symmetricity part, show that $C_a \cap C_b \neq \emptyset$ implies $C_a = C_b$.)

We call C_a the **equivalence class** with the representative a . If $b \in C_a$, then $C_b = C_a$, so any element in an equivalence class can be its representative.

Proposition 3.3 Any $\sigma \in S_n$ is a product of disjoint cycles.

Proof. Given $a, b \in X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, define $a \sim b$ if $b = \sigma^k(a)$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. ■

