

Last time,

M is grp of rigid motions of plane P

we proved every elt $m \in M$, $m = t_a P_\theta r_i$ ($i \in \{0, 1\}$)

good] b/c it describes all elts of M

bad] depends on choice of origin

e.g. rotation about not origin is weird from \vee

Let $b \in P$. rotation by θ around b
 \hookrightarrow conjugate rotation by t_b

$$m = t_b P_\theta t_{-b}$$

$$= t_b P_\theta \underbrace{t_{-b} P_\theta^{-1} P_\theta}_{P_\theta^{-1}} P_\theta$$

$$= t_b t_{-P_\theta(b)} P_\theta = t_{b - P_\theta(b)} P_\theta$$

Obs! if $P_\theta \neq 1$ (not $2\pi n$)

$\Rightarrow t_a P_\theta$ is rotation by θ about some point in the plane.

PP] find b so $t_a P_\theta = t_b P_\theta t_{-b}$

i.e. find b so $b - P_\theta b = a$

identify $\mathbb{R}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}$ then P^θ is mult by $z = e^{\frac{2\pi i \theta}{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow (1-z)b = a \Rightarrow b = \frac{a}{1-z}$$

Prop] Classification of elts in M .

Every elt in M is one of the following:

1) Orientation preserving

a) translation

b) rotations about some pt

c) orientation reversing

a) reflections (through some line)

b) glide (translate along line then reflect through it)

PP] idea

take $t_a P_\theta r_i$
realize as
one of the four.

Goal: Understand Symmetries of plane figures + subgrp of M

First Step finite subgrps

Eg D_n is the dihedral grp of regular n -gon

$\hookrightarrow 2n$ elts $\rightarrow n$ rotations by $\frac{2\pi k}{n} = \rho_{2\pi k}$ $\text{ice } \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

• n reflections $\rho_{2\pi k} \cdot r \sim 0$ rotate to x -axis then flip.

Eg $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is a subgrp of M

as it is a subgrp of D_n (just rotations)

E.g. $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$

$\xrightarrow{\text{realized by}}$



break reflectional symmetry

Thm Every finite subgrp of $M \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ or D_n

(in fact, conjugate to one of the examples written above)

Let G be a finite subgrp of M .

Strategy: Note that stuff above fixes origin

(to find point in P fixed by $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$)

look at $\{g_1x, \dots, g_nx\}$ for any $x \in P$.

let y be the center of mass (identify $P \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ take avg)

Lem This is the fixed pt for G .

Pf 1 y is uniquely characterized by minimizing dist to $\{g_1x, \dots, g_nx\}$.

Since g preserves distances and $\{g_1x, \dots, g_nx\}$

$$\begin{aligned} gy &= y \\ \Leftrightarrow g(g_1x) &= g(g_nx) \end{aligned}$$

Pf 2 Fix gen. Mult by g def'd by perm of G

$$\Rightarrow \sigma \in S_n \text{ so } g \cdot g(\sigma(i)) = g \sigma(i)$$

$$g = t \circ A \quad t = \rho_{\sigma(i)} - \text{linear}$$

$$g \cdot g_i(x) = g_{\sigma(i)} x$$

$$A(g_i(x)) + b \Rightarrow A(g_i(x)) = g_{\sigma(i)} x - b$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow g(y) &= Ay + b = \frac{1}{n} (A_1 x + \dots + A_n x) + b \\ &= \frac{1}{n} (A(g_{\sigma(1)}(x)) + \dots + A(g_{\sigma(n)}(x))) + b \\ &= A(g_{\sigma(1)}(x)) + \dots + A(g_{\sigma(n)}(x)) \\ &= y \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow G$ fixes $y \Rightarrow t_y^{-1} \alpha_t y$ fixes Θ .

With assume G fixes $\Theta \Rightarrow G \leq O(2) \cap M$

So reduced to classifying finite subgroups of $O(2)$.

Lemma Every finite subgroup of $SO(2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ for some n

Pf Let ρ_θ be the elt of $G \subseteq SO(2)$ with $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ minimal (θ (say $\theta \neq 0$)

Claim $G = \langle \rho_\theta \rangle$

Spec $\rho_\varphi \in G, 0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$

can find $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ $0 \leq \varphi - k\theta < \theta$

$\Rightarrow \varphi = k\theta$ by the minimality of θ (this is zero)

$\Rightarrow \rho_\varphi = \rho_\theta^k$

Prop A finite subgroup $G \subseteq O_2$ is conj to $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ or to D_n

Substep

Pf $G \cap SO_2$ has index 1 or 2 in G

if index 1 then G is fin subgroup of $SO(2) \Rightarrow$

$G = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

(if index 2 $\rightarrow G$ has a reflection
 $\Leftrightarrow D_n$)