

## Some simple facts (Lang Algebra)

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A group  $G$  acts on a set  $S$ :

$$G \times S \rightarrow S$$

$$(g, s) \mapsto g \cdot s$$

$$e \cdot s = s$$

$$(gg') \cdot s = g \cdot (g' \cdot s)$$

Alternatively,

$$\phi : G \rightarrow \text{Perm}(S) \text{ is a homomorphism}$$

$$(\phi(g))(s) = g \cdot s$$

Examples

trivial action:  $(\forall g) g \mapsto e_{\text{Perm}(S)}$

$G$  acting on self by left/right translation, conjugation

$G$  acting on the set of subgroups of  $G$  by conjugation:  $g \cdot H = gHg^{-1} = \{ghg^{-1} | h \in H\}$

normal subgroup  $N \trianglelefteq G$ : all  $g \in G$  fix  $N$  under conjugation

$V$  vector space over a field  $K$ ,  $GL(V)$  acts on  $V$  by  $L \cdot v = L(v)$

The orbit of  $s$ ,  $O(s) := \{g \cdot s | g \in G\}$

constitutes an equivalence relation on  $S$

The stabilizer (isotropy group) of  $s \in S$ ,  $G_s := \{g \in G | g \cdot s = s\}$

$G_s$  is closed under inverses:  $g \in G_s \rightarrow g \cdot s = s \rightarrow g^{-1}gs = g^{-1}s \rightarrow s = g^{-1}s$

There exists a natural bijection  $\alpha : G/G_s \rightarrow O(s)$ ,  $gG_s \mapsto g \cdot s$

well-defined:  $g_1G_s = g_2G_s \rightarrow \exists g \in G_s, g_1 = g_2g, \alpha(g_1G_s) = g_1s = g_2gs = g_2s = \alpha(g_2G_s)$

injective:  $\alpha(g_1G_s) = g_1 \cdot s = g_2 \cdot s = \alpha(g_2G_s) \rightarrow g_2^{-1}g_1 \cdot s = s, g_2^{-1}g_1 \in G_s$ , so  $g_1G_s = g_2G_s$

Action under conjugation:

the conjugacy classes of a set are the orbits of the action

$O(g) = \{g\} \leftrightarrow g \in Z(G)$  the center of the group

$$Z(G) = \{g \in G : xg = gx \forall x \in G\}$$

in a permutation group,  $\sigma(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k)\sigma^{-1} = (\sigma a_1, \sigma a_2, \sigma a_3, \dots, \sigma a_k)$

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Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of representative elements of the orbits of  $S$ .

The index of a subgroup  $H$  is  $(G : H) = \#(G/H)$

For finite  $G$ ,  $(G : H) = \frac{\#G}{\#H}$  ( $g \notin H, \exists$  natural bijection  $H \rightarrow gH$ )

$$\#S = \sum_{s \in \Sigma} \#O(s) = \sum_s (G : G_s)$$

defines a 'mass formula'  $\#S = (\sum_s \frac{1}{\#(G_s)})(\#G)$

Let  $G$  act on a subgroup  $H$  by left translation.

$\#H_s = \#H$  and from the above  $\#G = (G : H) \cdot \#H$ .

this is a statement of Lagrange's Theorem,  $(G : H) = \frac{\#G}{\#H}$ .

The kernel of the action  $K = \bigcap_{s \in S} G_s$ , which is just the kernel of  $G \xrightarrow{\phi} \text{Perm}(S)$ .

We can relate the stabilizers of points in the same orbit.

Let  $s' = gs$ .

Assume  $x \in G_s$ .

Since  $x \in G_s$ ,  $(gxg^{-1})gs = g(xs) = gs$ .

Hence  $gxg^{-1} \in G_{gs}$ , so  $gG_sg^{-1} \subset G_{gs}$ .

Apply this relation with  $g \rightarrow g^{-1}$  and  $s \rightarrow gs$ :

Assume  $x \in G_{gs}$ .

Then  $(g^{-1}xg)(s) = (g^{-1})(xgs) = (g^{-1}gs) = s$ .

So  $g^{-1}G_{gs}g \subset G_s \rightarrow G_{gs} \subset gG_sg^{-1}$

Thus,  $gG_sg^{-1} = G_{gs} = G_{s'}$ .

The stabilizer of  $s' = gs$  is a conjugate of the stabilizer of  $s$ .

$p$  : prime

$p$ -group: a finite group  $G$ ,  $\#G = p^n, n \geq 1$

"A  $p$ -group has a non-trivial center"

Notation:  $S^G$  is the set of points in  $S$  fixed under the group action. ( $gs = s \forall g \in G$ )

Let  $G$  act on itself by conjugation ( $S = G$ ). Then  $S^G = Z(G)$ .

For  $s \in S (= G)$ ,  $G_s$  is a subgroup, and its order divides the order of the group,  $p^n$ .

Either  $O(s)$  is trivial, and  $s \in S^G = Z(G)$ , otherwise  $\#(O(s)) = p^k$  for  $k > 0$

$\#S = \text{sum of } \# \text{ of elements in the orbits} \equiv_{\text{mod } p} \# \text{ of orbits of size } 1 = \#(S^G)$ .

$\#Z(G) \equiv_{\text{mod } p} \#(S^G) \equiv_{\text{mod } p} \#S = \#G = p^n \equiv_{\text{mod } p} 0$ .

$Z(G)$  cannot be 1, since the identity of the group is in the center.

Thus, the order of the center is divisible by  $p$ , and must be non-trivial.

$H \leq G$  a finite group,  $(G : H) = p$ , the smallest prime dividing  $\#G \rightarrow H \trianglelefteq G$

Let  $S = G/H$ ;  $\#(S) = (G : H) = p$ , and let  $G$  act on  $S$  by left translation.

This induces  $\varphi : G \rightarrow S_p$ ; recall  $\#S_p = p!$

The stabilizer of  $H$ ,  $G_H = \{x \in G | xH = H\}$ , hence  $G_H = H$ .

By inspection, we can see that  $G_{gH} = gHg^{-1}$ .

Let  $K = \bigcap_{g \in G} gHg^{-1}$ , the largest normal subgroup contained in  $H$ .

For each coset  $gH$ ,  $K$  stabilizes that coset, hence  $K$  is the kernel of  $\varphi$ .

By the First Isomorphism Theorem  $\varphi(G) \leq S_p$ .

$(G : K) = \#(G/K) = \#(\varphi(G))$ , which divides  $\#(S_p) = p!$

Further, since  $K \leq H \leq G$ ,  $(G : K) = (G : H)(H : K)$ .

Since  $(G : K)$  divides  $p!$  and  $(G : H)$  divides  $p$ ,  $(H : K)$  divides  $(p - 1)!$ .

But  $p$  is the smallest prime dividing  $\#G$ , so  $(H : K) = 1$ ,  $K = H$  and  $H$  is normal.

A familiar embedding of a group into a larger group; "Cauchy's Theorem"

$G \hookrightarrow \text{Perm}(G)$  by letting  $G$  act on itself by left-translation.

Its kernel  $K = \{g \in G \mid gs = s\forall s\} = \{e\}$  (consider  $s = e$ ), so an injection  $\rightarrow$  an embedding.

Recall  $S_n \subset$  group of  $n \times n$  invertible matrices.  $\sigma \mapsto M(\sigma)$  a permutation matrix.

Need to be careful in the construction to ensure  $M(\sigma\tau) = M(\sigma)M(\tau)$ !

E.g.  $\sigma = (132)$  does  $M(\sigma)$  have 1 in the 1st column, 3rd row?

Or in the 1st row, 3rd column? One of these yields  $M(\sigma\tau) = M(\tau)M(\sigma)$ .

$G$  finite of order  $n$ ;  $V$  the vector space of functions  $G \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Z}$ ; note  $V \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$

Linear maps  $V \rightarrow V$  correspond to  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}$ :  $GL(V) \approx GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Similarly, invertible linear maps correspond to  $n \times n$  invertible matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

We can embed  $G$  in  $GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$  by using a left action of  $G$  on  $GL(n, \mathbb{Z}) = \{\phi : V \rightarrow V\}$

Can think of this as an action on  $\mathbb{Z}^n \cong V$ , whose permutation group is simply  $GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Recall that  $V = \{f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

This left action takes the form  $L_g \mapsto \phi$  where  $\phi(f(x)) = f(xg)$

$L_{gg'} = L_{g'} \circ L_g$  as desired? Verify for yourself.

Yes:  $L_{gg'}(\phi(x)) = \phi(xgg') = L_{g'}(\phi(xg)) = L_{g'} \circ L_g(\phi(x))$

$g \mapsto L_g$  is a homomorphism  $G \rightarrow GL(V)$

Using  $\mathbb{F}_p$  instead of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , get  $G \hookrightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{F}_p)$ , an embedding into a finite group.

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Lagrange: If  $H \leq G$  then  $\#(H) \mid \#(G)$ .

$A_4$  with  $n = 6$ : a counterexample to the converse.

If  $|G| = p^k \cdot r$ ,  $(p, r) = 1$ , a p-Sylow subgroup of  $G$  is an  $H \leq G$  such that  $|H| = p^k$

$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  has 2-sylow subgroup  $\{0, 3, 6, 9\}$  and 3-sylow subgroup  $\{0, 4, 8\}$

$D_6$  generated by  $r, s$  subject to  $rs = sr^{-1}$ ,  $r^6 = e$ ,  $s^2 = e$

$\#(D_6) = 12$  so has 3-sylow subgroup  $\{1, r^2, r^4\}$

Also has 2-sylow subgroups  $\{1, r^3, s, r^3s\}$ ,  $\{1, r^3, rs, r^4s\}$ ,  $\{1, r^3, r^2s, r^5s\}$

$G = GL_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$ ,  $n \times n$  linear transformations in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , equal to  $Aut(\mathbb{F}_p^n)$

Approximating the order of  $|G|$ :

Asserting linear independence in each vector of an  $n \times n$  matrix

$|G| = (p^n - 1)(p^n - p)(p^n - p^2) \cdots (p^n - p^{n-1}) = p^{1+2+3+\cdots+n-1} \cdot r = p^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}} \cdot r$ ,  $(p, r) = 1$

Consider  $P$  the set of  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrices with 1's on the diagonal.

Then  $|P| = p^{1+2+3+\cdots+n-1} = p^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$ , and  $P$  is a p-Sylow subgroup.

Will use this fact in the subsequent proof.

Theorem: (Sylow I) For  $|H| = p^k \cdot r$ ,  $(p, r) = 1$ ,  $H$  has a p-Sylow subgroup.

Proof Sketch:

Show  $\exists G, H \leq G$ , such that  $G$  has a p-Sylow subgroup

Show that if  $G$  has a p-Sylow subgroup and  $H \leq G$ , then  $H$  has a p-Sylow subgroup

Proof:

Cayley's theorem, can embed  $H$  (of order  $n$ ) in  $S_n$  by acting on itself by translation. Additionally  $S_n \leq GL_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$  mapping to permutation matrices.

Alternatively, consider  $V \cong \mathbb{F}_p^n$ , the vector space of functions  $\varphi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$ .

Embed  $H$  into  $GL(V)$  by the action  $g \in H \mapsto$  automorphism taking  $\varphi(x)$  to  $\varphi(xg)$ .

$GL_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$  has  $p$ -Sylow subgroups. (upper triangular matrices with 1s on diag)

Let  $P$  be a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $G = GL_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$ . Let  $G$  act on the cosets of  $P$ .

Now,  $G_g P = gPg^{-1}$ . Similarly, when  $H$  acts on  $G/P$ ,  $G_g P = (gPg^{-1} \cap H)$

This intersection is a  $p$ -group.

Want to choose  $g \in G$  such that  $gPg^{-1} \cap H$  is a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup.

If  $(H : (gPg^{-1} \cap H))$  is coprime to  $p$ , then  $gPg^{-1} \cap H$  is a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup.

By Orbit-Stabilizer,  $(H : (gPg^{-1} \cap H)) = O(gP)$ .

Note this is an orbit of  $G/P$  induced by the action of the group  $H$ .

Since  $P$  is a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $G$ ,  $|G/P| \not\equiv_{\text{mod } p} 0$ .

The sum of the orbits is  $|G/P|$ .

Hence there must be some orbit with size coprime to  $p$ .

The stabilizer of this orbit  $gPg^{-1} \cap H$  is a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup  $H_p$ .

Corollary: All  $p$ -subgroups of  $H$  are contained in a conjugate of  $P$ .

Let  $J \leq H$  be a  $p$ -subgroup. Then  $J \cap gPg^{-1}$  is a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $J$  for some  $g \in G$ .

A  $p$ -group can't contain a proper  $p$ -Sylow subgroup, so  $J \cap gPg^{-1} = J$  and  $J \subset gPg^{-1}$ .

Corollary: (Sylow II) All  $p$ -Sylow groups are conjugate.

Let  $H \leq G$  and  $P \leq G$  be  $p$ -Sylow subgroups.

By the preceding corollary ( $G \leq G$ ,  $H \leq G$ ,  $P \leq G$ ),  $H \subset gPg^{-1}$  for some  $g \in G$ .

Since  $|H| = |P| = |gPg^{-1}|$ ,  $H \cap gPg^{-1} = H$ .

Corollary: Every  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  is contained in a  $p$ -Sylow of  $G$ .

By the above, each is contained in a conjugate of  $P$ , said conjugate being a  $p$ -Sylow.

The  $p$ -Sylow subgroups in  $G$  are all conjugate, so that:

If  $P$  is a  $p$ -Sylow of  $G$  then  $G/N(P) \leftrightarrow$  set of  $p$ -Sylows in  $G$ .

$N(P)$  the normalizer of  $P$

There are  $n_p = (G : N(P))$   $p$ -Sylows in total.

Lemma: If a finite  $p$ -group  $\Gamma$  acts on a set  $X$ , then  $\#(X) \equiv_{\text{mod } p} \#(X^\Gamma)$

( $X^\Gamma$  the fixed points of  $X$  under  $\Gamma$ ).

Proof:

Each  $\frac{|\Gamma|}{|\text{Stab}(x_i)|} \equiv_{\text{mod } p} 1$  if  $x_i$  fixed, else  $\frac{|\Gamma|}{|\text{Stab}(x_i)|} \equiv_{\text{mod } p} 0$ .

Hence  $\#X = \sum_i \#\text{Orb}(x_i) = \sum_i \frac{|\Gamma|}{|\text{Stab}(x_i)|} \equiv_{\text{mod } p} \#X^\Gamma$ .

Let  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$  describe the  $p$ -Sylow subgroups of  $G$  and  $n_p$  denote its cardinality.

Theorem: (Sylow III) If  $|G| = p^k \cdot r$ ,  $k > 0$  then  $n_p \equiv_{\text{mod } p} 1$ . Further,  $n_p | r$ .

Proof:

Let  $P$  act on  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$  by conjugation.

By the lemma,  $\#Syl_p(G) = n_p \equiv_{mod p} (Syl_p(G))^P$ .

Suppose  $Q$  is fixed under the group action. Then  $pQp^{-1} = Q \forall p \in P$ .

Then  $P \leq N(Q)$ ; similarly  $Q \leq N(Q)$ .

$P, Q$  are  $p$ -Sylow subgroups of  $N(Q)$ ; therefore  $P, Q$  are conjugate in  $N(Q)$ .

However,  $Q \trianglelefteq N(Q)$  so that  $Q$  is equal to all its conjugates in  $N(Q)$ , and  $P = Q$ .

Hence  $P$  is the only fixed Sylow- $p$  subgroup so  $(Syl_p(G))^P \equiv_{mod p} 1$ .

$G$  acts on  $Syl_p(G)$  as only one orbit since all  $p$ -Sylows in  $G$  are conjugate.

$(G : P) = n_p, n_p = |G| = p^k \cdot r, n_p | p^k \cdot r$ , but  $n_p \nmid p$ , so  $n_p | r$ .

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$P, Q$   $p$ -Sylows and  $P \subset N(Q)$  then  $P = Q$

reason:  $PQ \leq G$  a subgroup of  $G$

$HK$  not necessarily a group, but will be if one normalizes the other ( $H \subset N(K)$ )

A simple group is a non-trivial group with no non-trivial proper normal subgroups

A finite abelian group  $G$  is simple  $\leftrightarrow G$  is cyclic of prime order

show this

non-sporadic finite simple groups

$A_n (n \leq 5)$

recall the alternating groups  $A_n$  are the even permutations on  $\{1, \dots, n\}$

Lie groups over finite fields, e.g.  $\{\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\} \subset SL(2, \mathbb{Z}|p\mathbb{Z})$

$P$  = projective;  $PSL(2, \mathbb{Z}|p\mathbb{Z}) = SL(2, \mathbb{Z}|p\mathbb{Z})$

Simple groups of order  $\leq 60$ .

(a) There are no non-abelian simple groups of order  $< 60$

(b) If  $G$  is simple of order 60, then  $G \cong A_5$ .

( $\#A_n = \frac{n!}{2}$ )

$G$  simple of order 60.

$H < G$  simple (finite),  $H$  proper,  $(G : H) = n \geq 2$

$G$  acts on  $G/H$  by left translation.

The action is transitive (for each pair  $xH, yH, \exists$  permutation taking one to the other)

Therefore, this action is non-trivial.

$\pi : G \rightarrow \text{Perm}(G/H) = S_n$

$\ker(\pi) \neq G$  and is a normal subgroup  $\rightarrow$  the kernel is trivial.

$\pi : G \hookrightarrow S_n$  and in fact  $\pi : G \hookrightarrow A_n$  (if  $\#G > 2$ )

Why? because  $G \cap A_n \trianglelefteq G$

If  $G \subset S_n$ .

Then  $G \rightarrow S_n / A_n = \{\pm 1\}$  by the sign map, kernel is  $G \cap A_n$ .

Recall  $\text{sgn} : S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$   $\text{sgn}(\sigma) = (-1)^t$  given  $t$ , num of transpositions

$G / (G \cap A_n) \hookrightarrow S_n / A_n = \{\pm 1\}$

$$(G : G \cap A_n) = 1 \text{ or } 2.$$

If  $G$  is simple then this cannot be 2 (would be normal subgroup), so  $=1$ .

And  $G \hookrightarrow A_n$  for that  $A_n$ .

$G$  simple, order 60.

$H$  a proper subgroup of  $G$ , index  $n$ . (consider small values of  $n$ )

If  $n = 2$  then  $H$  is normal in  $G$ , a contradiction.

(smallest prime dividing the order of a group)

If  $n = 3$  or  $n = 4$ :  $G \hookrightarrow A_3, A_4$  but their orders are too small (3, 12)

If  $n = 5$ :  $G \hookrightarrow A_5$  and they are equal in cardinality  $\rightarrow$  done.

Remaining case:  $n = 15$ .

What is  $n_5$ , the number of 5-Sylow subgroups.

$$n_5 | 60/5 = 12, n_5 = (G : N(P)) \quad n_5 \text{ divides the index}$$

$$\text{Also, } n_5 \equiv_{\text{mod } 5} 1.$$

$$\text{Thus } n_5 = 1 \text{ or } n_5 = 6.$$

If  $n_5 = 1$  then only one 5-Sylow subgroup of  $G$ , must be normal.

This is impossible since  $G$  is simple.

Then  $n_5 = 6$ : tells you there are lots of elements of order 5 in  $G$ .

There is no overlap (excepting at the identity) between 5-Sylows.

Hence the number of elements of order 5 is  $6 \cdot 4 = 24$

Elements of order 5 in  $A_5$  are 5-cycles (a b c d e).

Need to take all strings of length 5: 120, and divide out by rotations 5.

Thus we get  $120/5 = 24$  (check).

Consider  $n_2$  the number of 2-Sylow subgroups.

Then  $n_2$  divides  $60/4 = 15$ , and  $n_2 \neq 1$  because of simplicity.

Also,  $n_2 = (G : N(P_2))$ , and this can't be 3 since  $G$  has no subgroup of index 3.

If  $n_2 = 5$  then  $N(P_2)$  is the desired index-5 subgroup  $\rightarrow$  done.

From divisibility  $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$ .

Eliminate 1 by simplicity, 3 since the index is too small, 5 works, consider 15.

Considering the situation where there are 15 2-Sylow subgroups (of order 4).

These are groups like the Klein 4-group (no elements of order 4).

There are 2 2-Sylow subgroups  $P$  and  $Q$  where  $P \cap Q$  has order 2.

Prove by counting.

Taking intersection, must be proper else they would be the same.

Hence  $P \cap Q$  has order 1 or 2.

If there is utterly no overlap, there are  $15 \cdot 3 + 1 = 46$  elt's of 2-Sylows.

And these do not have order 5. But there are 24 elements of order 5. Too many.

Now we know that some of these 2-Sylow subgroups have non-trivial overlap.

Consider  $N(P \cap Q)$  for some such intersection, will be a subgroup of  $G$ .

Cannot be all of  $G$ ,  $G$  is simple. (would make  $P \cap Q$  normal)

$N(P \cap Q)$  contains  $P$  and  $Q$  since both are abelian.

Each are normal subgroups of  $N(P \cap Q)$ , so its order is divisible by 4.

Hence could have order 12, 20, or 60 (divisible by 4, divides 60).

Its index cannot be 1 ( $G$  is simple) cannot be 3 ( $A_n$  too small),  $= 5$ .

**QED (revisit why).**

$G$  finite non-trivial.

If  $G$  is simple,  $\{e\} \subset G$ ,  $G/\{e\}$  simple.

If  $G$  is not simple  $G \supset G_1 \supset (e)$ ,  $G_1 \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $G/G_1$  smaller than  $G$ .

Use principle of strong induction for a full decomposition.

Obtain a successive extension of simple groups.

Given  $G$ , such a tower, let  $G_i/G_{i+1} = Q_i$  and consider the multiset  $\{Q_0, \dots, Q_{n-1}\}$ .

In multiset, order does not matter, and multiplicity does matter.

Jordan-Hölder Theorem: Each composition yields the same multiset up to isomorphism.

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Proposition: Given  $G$ ,  $\exists G_0 \supset G_1 \supset G_2 \supset \dots \supset G_n$ ,  $G = G_0$ ,  $G_{i+1} \trianglelefteq G_i$ ,  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  simple.

This is a normal tower or composition series; the simple quotients are the constituents.

If it is simple, then the filtration is  $G \supset \{e\}$ .

If  $G$  is not simple,  $G \supset N \supset \{e\}$ , where  $G/N$ ,  $N$  proper in  $G$ .

By strong induction, have filtrations for each. To conclude, use:

$\exists$  natural correspondence between subgroups of  $G/N$  and subgroups  $H$  of  $G$ ,  $N \leq H$

$G \supset L \supset N$ ,  $L/N \subset G/N$

$\pi : G \rightarrow G/N$ ,  $K \subset G/N$ ,  $\rightarrow \pi^{-1}(K) \leq G$

Jordan-Hölder Theorem:

$G = G_0 \supset G_1 \supset G_2 \supset \dots \supset G_n$

$G_{i+1} \trianglelefteq G_i$ ,  $G_i/G_{i+1} = Q_i$  simple.

The “multiplicity set”  $\{Q_0, \dots, Q_{n-1}\}$  is independent of the filtration.

Where order doesn’t count, multiplicity does, and  $Q_i$  up to isomorphism.

Related question: can two different groups have the same reduction?

Yes.  $S_3 \supset A_3 \supset \{e\}$ . Quotients  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ .

Also  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \supset 3\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \supset 6\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ , same quotients but radically different structure.

“Knowing the building blocks does not confer knowledge of the building”.

Jordan-Hölder Theorem: Proof.

Base case  $n = 1$ ,  $G \supset \{e\}$ ,  $G/\{e\}$  simple and  $G$  simple.

Supposing  $G \supset G_1 \supset \dots \supset G_n \supset \{e\} = G_{n+1}$  and  $G \supset G'_1 \supset \dots \supset G'_m \supset \{e\} = G'_{m+1}$ .

?  $m = n$ ,  $\{G_i/G_{i+1}\} = \{G'_j/G'_{j+1}\}$  ... If  $G'_1 = G_1$ , then done by induction.

Assume  $G_1, G'_1$  are distinct. Then  $G_1 \cap G'_1$  is smaller than  $G_1$  or  $G'_1$ .

Also,  $G_1 G'_1$  is a subgroup since its factors are normal by hypothesis.

Indeed, it is also a normal subgroup since  $G_1$  and  $G'_1$  are invariant under conjugation.

Additionally,  $G_1 G'_1$  is of size larger than  $G_1$  and  $G'_1$ . Thus it must be equal to  $G$ .

Can map  $G'_1/(G_1 \cap G'_1) \rightarrow G_1 G'_1/G_1$ . Kernel is exactly  $G_1 \cap G'_1$ , hence injection.

This defines  $G'_1/(G_1 \cap G'_1) \hookrightarrow G/G_1$ . Symmetrically,  $G_1/(G_1 \cap G'_1) = G/G'_1$ .

Have  $G_1 \supset \dots \supset G_n \supset \{e\} = G_{n+1}$ .

Take  $G_1 \supset G_1 \cap G'_1 = H \supset H_1 \supset H_2 \supset \dots \supset H_k \supset \{e\}$ , a Jordan-Hölder filtration of  $G_1$ .

Obtained by induction.

Note  $G_1/H = G/G'_1$  is the first quotient of this filtration.

By induction, these two filtrations have the same length.

The constituents of  $G_1$  are the constituents of  $H$ , with  $G_1/H = G/G'_1$  appended.

Constituents:  $G/G_1 + \text{constituents of } G_1 = G/G_1 + G/G'_1 + \text{constituents of } H$ .

Have  $G \supset G'_1 \supset H \supset H_1 \supset \dots \supset H_k = \{e\}$ , same length as  $G'_1 \supset G'_2 \supset \dots \supset G'_m = \{e\}$ .

Have related two different filtrations that have are unrelated, by a common filtration, which depends on the intersection of these two filtrations.

## Free Groups

S a set, define the free abelian group on S,  $\mathbb{Z}^S = \mathbb{Z}\langle S \rangle = \{\sum_{s \in S} n_s \cdot s \mid n_s \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

Where all but finitely many of the  $n_s$  are 0.

$S = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}^S = \mathbb{Z}^n = \{(c_1, \dots, c_n) \mid c_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} n_i x^i = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} n_i \cdot i \in \mathbb{Z}\langle S \rangle$$

where  $n_i = 0$  for  $i \gg 0$ .

“To map  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$  to A in the world of abelian groups is to map S to A in the world of sets.”

$S \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle S \rangle$  a set map,  $s \in S \mapsto 1 \cdot s$ .

Given  $f : \mathbb{Z}\langle S \rangle \rightarrow A$  a homomorphism.

And in fact,  $F : \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle, A) \rightarrow \text{Maps}(S, A)$ , F is a bijection.

These elements of the free abelian group are “formal sums”.

That is, an  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $f : \mathbb{Z}\langle S \rangle \rightarrow A$ ,  $f(\sum n_s s) = \sum_{s \in S} n_s f(s)$

An abelian group A is free of finite rank if  $A \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$  for some  $n \geq 0$  ( $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}\langle \emptyset \rangle = 0$ ).

Define  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ . If  $\mathbb{Z}^m \cong A \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$  then  $n = m$ .

Why? Take positive integer  $> 1$ , e.g. 2. Then  $\mathbb{Z}^n / 2\mathbb{Z}^n \cong \mathbb{Z}^m / 2\mathbb{Z}^m$ .

LHS has  $2^n$  elts and RHS has  $2^m$  elts so  $n = m$ .

A subgroup of a free abelian group of rank n is a free abelian group of rank  $\leq n$ .

Proof: by induction on n.

$n = 0$ :  $A = (0) = B$ .

$n = 1$ :  $A = \mathbb{Z} \supset B$ . What are the subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?  $(0), (t) = t\mathbb{Z}, t \geq 1$ .

Proof by division algorithm:  $\mathbb{Z} \supset B \neq 0$ ,  $t$  = smallest positive integer in B.

Division algorithm ensures that all elements are multiples of t.

$B \subset \mathbb{Z}^n \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\pi : (c_1, \dots, c_n) \mapsto c_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Cases:

(1)  $\pi(B) = (0), B \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$ , free of rank  $\leq n - 1$

(2)  $\pi(B) = t\mathbb{Z}, t \geq 1$

$B \xrightarrow{\pi|_B} t\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{surj.}} 0$

$\ker(\pi)|_B = C$  free of rank  $\leq n - 1$ .



Choose  $b \in B$  such that  $\pi(b) = t$ .

$C \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n-1} : C = \ker(\pi)|_B$ , free of rank  $\leq n-1$ .

$C = B \cap \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$

$C \subset B, \mathbb{Z} \cdot b \subset B$

**Missing (pf in Lang)**

Simple linear algebra.

$a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  corresponds to a homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow A, (c_1, \dots, c_n) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n c_i a_i$ .

These are linearly independent if  $f$  is 1-to-1, and these span/generate  $A$  if  $f$  is onto.

$A$  is finitely generated if  $A$  is spanned by  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  for some  $n \geq 0, a_i \in A$

$A$  is finitely generated iff  $A$  is a quotient of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  for some  $n$ .

Corollary: a subgroup of a finitely generated abelian group is again finitely generated.

$\mathbb{Z}^n \xrightarrow{f} A$  finitely generated, have  $B \subset A, f^{-1}(B) \leq \mathbb{Z}^n$ , and  $f^{-1}(B) \cong \mathbb{Z}^k, k \leq n$ .

$A$  finitely generated, torsion-free.

I.e. given  $a \in A$  and  $n \cdot a = 0, n \geq 1$ , then  $a = 0$ .

Statement:  $A$  is free and of finite rank.

Proof: Take a finite set of generators  $S$  in which take  $T$  lin indep and large as possible.

take  $T = a_1, \dots, a_k$  and  $S = a_1, \dots, a_k, \dots, a_m$

$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i a_i = 0, c_{k+1} \neq 0$

$B = \text{span}\{a_1, \dots, a_k\} \cong \mathbb{Z}^k$ .

$a_{k+1}, \dots, a_m$ : some multiple lies on  $B$ .

$N \geq 1; N \cdot A \subset B$ .

Th:  $NA$  free,  $N : A \rightarrow NA$   $A$  torsion free.

Multiplication on  $A$  by a positive integer is injective.

$A$  is isomorphic to  $NA$  by the multiplication by  $n$ , since  $NA$  is free,  $A$  is free.

**9/15**

Abelian group, finitely generated.

Last week:

free group has to do with some correspondence to a  $\mathbb{Z}^n$

subgroups of free finitely generated abelian groups are free and finitely generated

subgroups of finitely generated abelian groups are finitely generated

finitely generated, torsion free abelian group is a free abelian group

recall torsion free: for all  $n \geq 1$ , mult by  $n, n \cdot A$  is injective

opposite  $A$  torsion: for all  $a \in A, \exists n \geq 1$  such that  $n \times a = 0$

Example of a torsion abelian group:  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$

element  $p/q \mod \mathbb{Z}, q \geq 1, p \in \mathbb{Z}; q \times \frac{p}{q} = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$

finitely generated abelian groups up to isomorphism

$A$  is a direct sum of a free part  $\mathbb{Z}^r$  and a torsion part (a direct sum of cyclic groups)

Direct product of sets  $A_i$  indexed by  $S$ :

$$\bigoplus_{i \in S} A_i = \{f : S \rightarrow \cup_{i \in S} A_i : f(i) \in A_i\}$$

where for all but finitely many  $i$ ,  $f(i) = 0$

this is equivalent to the direct product when  $S$  is finite

**Image 1:** a map from a  $\bigoplus_{i \in S} A_i$  to  $B$  is determined by the mappings from the  $A_i$

The direct sum is a coproduct.

**Image 2:** a map into a  $\prod_{i \in S} A_i$  is determined by the mappings into the  $A_i$

The direct product is a product (in the categorical sense).

$S$  countably infinite,  $A_i = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

$\bigoplus_{i \in S} A_i$  is countable, but  $\prod_{i \in S} A_i$  is not

Categories: products, coproducts, morphisms

$\text{Mor}(?, B) = \prod \text{Mor}(A_i, B)$  ? = co-product

The coproduct of sets is disjoint union.

Abelian group  $A$  and subgroups  $X$  and  $Y$

we have inclusions from each into  $A$

$X \times Y = X \oplus Y \xrightarrow{h} A, (x, y) \mapsto x + y$

$h$  is injective if every  $a \in A$  is of the form  $x + y$

$h$  is one-to-one  $\leftrightarrow$  you can't write  $x + y = x' + y'$  unless  $x = x', y = y'$

If true, say  $A$  is the direct sum of its submodules  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Suppose  $A, X \subset A, A/X$  is free (f.g. free): then  $X$  has a complement  $Y$  in  $A, A \cong X \oplus A/X$

$A \xrightarrow{\pi} A/X$

$Y \subset A, \pi|_Y$  is an isom  $Y \rightarrow A/X$ .

$\pi|_Y$  inj  $\leftrightarrow Y \cap X = (0)$ .

$\pi|_Y$  surjective: given  $a + X \in A/X$  we can find  $y \in Y$  s.t.  $y + X = a + X$

$x = y \cdot a \in X$

$a = y \cdot x, x \in X, y \in Y$

$A/X$  free, say  $\cong \mathbb{Z}^r$

To map  $A/X$  to  $A$  is to choose images in  $A$  of the generators of  $A/X$  corresponding to the unit vectors of  $\mathbb{Z}^r$ .

There is a unique homomorphism  $s: A/X \rightarrow A$  so that  $s(q_i) = a_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$

$(\pi \cdot s)(q_i) = \pi(a_i) = q_i$

$\pi \circ s = \text{id}_{A/X}$

$Y = \text{image of } S \subset A$ .

$\pi|_Y$  surjective.  $\pi(s(q)) = q$  for all  $q \in A/X$

$\pi|_Y$  is 1-1. /  $\pi(s(q_0)) = 0$  but  $s(q_0) = q_0$  so equals 0.

$A$  a finitely generated abelian group

$X = A_{\text{tors}} = \{a \in A \mid na = 0 \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$ .

$X$  f.g., tors  $\rightarrow X$  finite abelian group.

$A/X$  torsion free, f.g.  $\rightarrow A$  free  $\approx \mathbb{Z}^r$

$A \approx \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus A_{\text{tors}}$ .  $A_{\text{tors}} = ???$

it is a finite abelian group, let  $B = A_{\text{tors}}$

$p$  prime,  $B_p = \{b \in B \mid p^t \cdot b = 0 \text{ for some } t \geq 0\}$ .

$B_p \subset B$ .

$\bigoplus_p B_p \xrightarrow{\iota} B$

Proposition:  $\iota$  is an isomorphism. (formal proof in Lang's book)

Proof essence:

suppose  $60 \cdot b = 0, 60 = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 12 \cdot 5$

$(12, 5) = 1$

$1 = r5 + s12 = 25 - 24$

$b = r \cdot 5 \cdot b + s \cdot 12 \cdot b$

$12x = 0, 5y = 0$

Every element can be written as a sum of terms killed by a power of a prime

$$A = \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus (\bigoplus_p B_p)$$

$\mathbb{Z}^n \approx F \xrightarrow{\varphi} A$   $A$  finitely generated (by  $n$  elements)

$\text{Ker}(\varphi) = X \subset F$ .

? understand  $A$  ! understand  $X$  inside  $F$ .

Elementary division theorem

There exists a basis of  $F \approx \mathbb{Z}^n$  s.t. ...  $X = \bigoplus_{i \leq r} 0 \oplus a_1 \mathbb{Z} \oplus a_2 \mathbb{Z} \oplus \cdots \oplus a_{n-r} \mathbb{Z}, a_i \geq 1$

$X \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$

$a_1 | a_2 | a_3 | \cdots | a_{n-r}$ , increasing multiplicatively

$A = F/X = \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_1 \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_2 \mathbb{Z} \oplus \cdots, a_i | a_{i+1}$

$A$  a finite abelian group  $\rightarrow A$  is a direct sum of cyclic groups

$p$  prime,  $\#A = p^4 = a_1 a_2 a_3 \cdots$

$A$  is direct sum of cyclic groups of  $p$ -power order.

$A \approx \mathbb{Z}/p^i \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^j \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^k \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^l$  at most

$i \leq j \leq k \leq l, i + j + k + l = 4, i, j, k, l, \geq 1$

## 9/17

An arbitrary finitely generated group that we want to understand

Pick some generators  $g_1, \cdots, g_n$

Get a map from  $Y = \mathbb{Z}^n$  to  $A$ , has some kernel

Considering  $A = Y/X$ , and how  $X$  lies in  $Y$  gives indication of structure of  $A$

Can think of  $X, Y$ , as lattices

Theorem:  $Y \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$  exists  $v_1, \cdots, v_n$  basis of  $Y$

such that in that basis  $X = a_1 \mathbb{Z} \oplus a_2 \mathbb{Z} \oplus \cdots \oplus a_m \mathbb{Z} \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \oplus \cdots \oplus 0$ .

$a_i \geq 1, a_1 | a_2, a_2 | a_3, \cdots a_{m-1} | a_m$ .

Example:  $A = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

$Y = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

$Y \supset X = 2\mathbb{Z} \oplus 3\mathbb{Z}$

Not at all true that the integers divide each other.

Puzzle. Not the case as in the theorem.

Need to prove to self that in some new basis,  $Y = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ ,

and  $X = \mathbb{Z} \oplus 6\mathbb{Z}, Y/X = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ .

$a_1 = 1$ , and  $a_2 = 6$ .

$X \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$ . Ask whether  $X = (0)$  the zero submodule. If so, simple. So can assume nonzero.

Consider linear forms, homomorphisms  $\mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

For each  $\lambda$  have  $\lambda(X) \subset \mathbb{Z}$ . e.g.,  $\lambda(X) = 3\mathbb{Z}$ . Some  $\lambda$ s are nonzero since  $X$  is nonzero.

Choose  $\lambda$  so that  $\lambda(X)$  is maximal.

Example:  $X = 2\mathbb{Z} \oplus 3\mathbb{Z}$ . The first coordinate fn yields  $2\mathbb{Z}$ , the second coordinate fn yields  $3\mathbb{Z}$ .

But with  $\lambda(u, v) = v - u$  we can get all of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

possible to get  $\lambda$ s yielding images  $2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $3\mathbb{Z}$ , but not to get  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda(X)$  containing both?

In any case, take a maximal  $\lambda$ , fix that  $\lambda$ .

$\lambda(X) = a\mathbb{Z}$  maximal

Pick  $x \in X$  so that  $\lambda(x) = a$ .

Claim:  $\mu(x) = b$  is divisible by  $a$  for all  $\mu \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^n, \mathbb{Z})$

$\gcd(a, b) = g = ra + sb$

$\tau := r\lambda + s\mu$ ,  $\tau(x) = g$

Now  $\tau(X) \supset \mathbb{Z}g \supset \mathbb{Z}a$

So  $\tau(x) = \lambda(x)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}g = \mathbb{Z}a$

$a|b$  for this reason of maximality

“Executive session”

$R$  a commutative ring

$R$ -module:  $M$

1) abelian group

2) endowed with a scalar multiplication  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in M$ ,  $rm \in M$

same as a vector space definition except  $R$  is not assumed to be a field

The context in which this elementary divisor theorem works.

A a finitely generated abelian group replaced by a finitely generated  $R$ -module

And there are 2 conditions on  $R$ .

$R$  is an integral domain:  $rs = 0 \rightarrow r = 0$  or  $s = 0$

Ideals of  $R$  are principal  $M \subset R \rightarrow M = R \cdot a$

Digression: motivation. Killer example.

$K$  a field, and  $R = K[t]$ . (very much like  $\mathbb{Z}$ , can do Euclidean division by remainders)

Have  $V$  and action of  $K[t]$ : (action of  $K$  and action of  $t$ )

$V$  + action of  $K \rightarrow K$ -vector space

Action of  $t$ :  $T : V \rightarrow V$  multiplication by  $t$ ,  $v \mapsto t \cdot v$ ,  $T(v) = t \cdot v$

Conversely, can form the corresponding polynomial in the linear transformation

Principal Ideal domain. Element of smallest degree, Euclidean algorithm.

Suppose we have an  $R$ -module  $V$ . This is a  $K$ -vector space  $V$  with action of  $t$

Multiplication by  $t$  gives a linear operator  $T : V \rightarrow V$  ( $t$  commutes with  $K$ )

Remark: if  $V$  is of finite dimension over  $K$ , then it is finitely generated as a  $K$ -module

In particular, it's finitely generated over the ring  $R = K[t]$

$A$  an abelian group. If  $A$  is torsion, we are especially interested.

Suppose we start with a linear operator on a finite-dimension vector space.

There is a characteristic polynomial  $h$  such that  $h(T) = 0$ .

Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

$h(t) \in R = K[t]$ . So  $h(t) \cdot v = 0$ .

$V$  is a torsion module because  $h(t)$  annihilates  $V$ .

Summary of what we have so far:

$0 \neq X \subset Y = \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $\lambda : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\lambda(X)$  is maximal among  $\mu(X)$ s,  $\lambda(X) = a\mathbb{Z}$ .

Have shown that  $a = \lambda(x)$ , then  $\mu(x)$  is divisible by  $a$  for all  $\mu$ .

Take  $\mu$  to be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate function,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $a|x_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  
 $x = a \cdot y$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $\lambda(y) = \lambda(x)/a = 1$

Think of  $Y$ : contains two submodules (subgroups)

$Y \supset \ker(\lambda)$ ,  $Y \supset \mathbb{Z} \cdot y$ .

Claim:  $Y = \ker(\lambda) \oplus \mathbb{Z}y$

1) each  $z \in Y$  is: e.g.  $(z - \lambda(z) \cdot y) + \lambda(z)y$

2) if  $my$  is in  $\ker(\lambda)$  then  $0 = \lambda(my) = m\lambda(y) = m$  so  $m = 0$ ,  $my = 0$ , intersection is 0

The corresponding statement for  $X$  is that  $X = (\ker(\lambda|_X)) \oplus \mathbb{Z}_X$

Kind of obvious that the intersection is 0.

Each component is a submodule of the corresp. one in  $Y$ .

$z \in X$ ,  $\lambda(z) = m\lambda(x) = m\lambda(y)$ .

$z = z - \lambda(z)y + \lambda(z)y$

$\lambda(z)y = m \cdot a \cdot y = mx$

$(z - \lambda(z)y) \in \ker(\lambda) \cap X = \ker(\lambda|_X)$

$\mathbb{Z}^n = Y = \ker(\lambda) \oplus \mathbb{Z}y$

$Y \supset X = \ker(\lambda|_X) \oplus \mathbb{Z}ay$

Apply inductively to portion of lower rank, having pulled off  $\mathbb{Z}a$

$X = a_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus a_2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus a_m\mathbb{Z} \oplus 0 \dots 0 \subset Y = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

need to have some kind of divisibility among these  $a$ , need to be explained

$a_1|a_2, \dots$

$Y = \mathbb{Z} \oplus Y'$  and  $X = a\mathbb{Z} + X'$ , working rightward

start thinking of various linear maps  $\lambda' : Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , and how they restrict to  $X$

taking a maximal one, etc., etc.

need to understand somehow that if we take this  $\lambda'(X') = a'\mathbb{Z}$

we want  $a|a'$ , meaning  $a'\mathbb{Z} \subset a\mathbb{Z}$ , do this with some greatest common divisor argument

Introduce  $g = \gcd(a, a')$  which we want to be  $a$ , write in form  $ra + sa'$

Need to find some interesting linear map from  $Y$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$

Have a map  $Y' \xrightarrow{\lambda'} \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  the identity

Both of these are linear maps that give linear maps  $Y \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

Choose  $x' \in X'$  so that  $\lambda'(x') = a'$

Have  $(a, 0)$  in  $X$  so that the second linear map (just taking the first coordinate)...

...applied to  $(a, 0)$  gives  $a$

Take  $Y = \mathbb{Z} \oplus Y'$

$\mathbb{Z} \oplus Y' \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{Z} \oplus Y' \rightarrow Y' \rightarrow Y' \xrightarrow{\lambda'} \mathbb{Z}$ , the composition of which call  $g$

$Y = \mathbb{Z} \oplus Y' \ni (a, x') \in X$

$f(a, x') = a$

$g(a, x') = \lambda(x') = a'$

$(rf + sg)(a, x') = G$ ,  $rf + sg = \mu$

$\mu(X) \supset \mathbb{Z} \cdot G \supset \mathbb{Z}a$

Maximality  $\rightarrow G = a$ .

Tells us that  $a$  really divides  $a'$  by maximality.

The  $Y$  and the  $X$  really divide off into two separate worlds.

$Y = \mathbb{Z} \oplus Y'$  and  $X = a\mathbb{Z} \oplus X'$

The world which we have already considered, and the trailing-off world of  $Y'$  and  $X'$   
 New map  $\mu$  defined on all of  $Y$  and  $X$ , by leaving the first coordinate alone.  
 Go back to the original example of the 2 and the 3.  $Y = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \supset X = 2\mathbb{Z} \oplus 3\mathbb{Z}$   
 $\lambda(u, v) = v - u$   
 $x = (2, 3), \lambda(x) = 1$   
 $a = 1, \lambda(X) = \mathbb{Z}$ , need to see how that line splits off in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and in  $X$ .  
 $Y = \mathbb{Z} \cdot y \oplus \ker(\lambda)$   
 $y = x/a = x, \ker(\lambda) = \{(u, v) : u = v\} = \mathbb{Z} \cdot (1, 1)$   
 $Y = \mathbb{Z} \cdot (2, 3) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot (1, 1) = \mathbb{Z}^2$   
 $X = \mathbb{Z} \cdot (2, 3) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot (1, 1) \cap (2\mathbb{Z} \oplus 3\mathbb{Z})$   
 so  $X = \mathbb{Z} \cdot (2, 3) \oplus 6 \cdot \mathbb{Z}(1, 1)$   
 $Y/X = \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ .

## 9/22

Rings  $R$ ,  $A$  (= 'anneau')

definition: whether or not  $1 \in R$  is can vary

Lang:  $1 \in R$ , Hungerford:  $1 \notin R$

In the former,  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is not a ring, in the latter, it is

gold standard of a ring, the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$

Ring: has an addition and a multiplication, modeled off of the integers

under  $+$ , ring is an abelian group with distinguished element 0

associative product (not necessarily commutative) with distinguished element 1

distributive laws  $(x + y)z = \dots$  and  $z(x + y) = zx + zy$

Example, given  $A$  an abelian group, the ring of endomorphisms

$R = \text{End}(A) = \text{Hom}(A, A)$ ,  $(f + g)(a) = f(a) + g(a)$ ,  $fg = f \circ g$

$\text{End}(A)$  can be viewed as a ring of matrices under matrix multiplication if  $A = \mathbb{Z}^n$

Example, any field e.g.  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}(i) = \{a + bi | a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Fields are commutative, and non-zero elements have multiplicative inverses

To be explored:  $X$  a set,  $R = P(X)$ ,  $r + s = \text{symmetric difference}$ ,  $r \cdot s = \text{intersection}$

Hamilton quaternions over  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $a + bi + cj + dk$  a "skew field"

An inverse is  $\frac{a-bi-cj-dk}{a^2+b^2+c^2+d^2}$

$G$  a group (written multiplicatively), take  $\mathbb{Z}[G] = \mathbb{Z}\langle G \rangle$  the free abelian group on  $G$

elements  $\sum n_g \cdot g, n_g \in \mathbb{Z}$  the sum finite

can multiply

$$(\sum n_g \cdot g)(\sum m_h \cdot h) = \sum_{x \in G} (\sum_{g, h, gh=x} n_g m_h) x$$

$$c_x = \sum_g n_g m_{g^{-1}x}$$

a convolution product

$G = \{x^i | i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ,  $x^i x^j = x^{i+j}$

typical element finite  $\sum_i n_i x^i$ ,  $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

e.g.  $x^{-3} + 2x^{-2} + 7x^{-1} + 9x^{100}$  a polynomial in  $x, x^{-1}$

### Ring Homomorphisms

is a homomorphism of abelian groups, and respects the multiplication operation

$\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$ , note  $\varphi(1) \neq 1$  is possible

$\ker(\varphi) = \{r \in R \mid \varphi(r) = 0\}$

Satisfies the property for being an ideal:  $x \in R, r \in \ker(\varphi) \rightarrow xr, rx \in \ker(\varphi)$

### Ideals

$xI \subset I$  left-sided,  $Ix \subset I$  right-sided, 2-sided (bilateral)

exact analogues of normal subgroups

two-sided ideal: well-defined quotient multiplication

$(r + I) \cdot (s + I) := rs + I$

$(r + I)(s + I) = r(s + i) + I = rs + ri + I$  and similarly

$(r + I)(s + I) = (r + i)s + I = rs + is + I$

ideals are kernels of ring homomorphisms

Principal Ideal  $I = R \cdot a$  for some  $a \in R$

the Ideal that  $a$  generates,  $(a)$  (minimal ideal containing  $a$ )

is exactly all multiples of  $a$  in  $R$

for subset  $X$ , intersection of all ideals containing  $X$  (intersections of ideals are ideals)

if  $X = \{a_1, \dots, a_t\}$ , the ideal is  $(a_1, \dots, a_t)$

the ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$  are the additive subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a \geq 0 = (a)$

an ideal of  $R$  is an additive subgroup with ideal property

$K$  field,  $R = K[x]$

euclidean division

all ideals of  $R$  are principal

$R = K[x, y]$  polynomials in  $x$  and  $y$

$R \xrightarrow{\varphi} K, f(x, y) \mapsto f(0, 0) \in K$  (the constant term of the polynomial)

$(x, y) = \ker(\varphi) = \{\text{polynomials with 0 constant term}\}.$

this is *not* principal

elements look like  $0 + ax + by + cx^2 + \dots$

Prime ideal  $P \subset R$  shall be:

proper

if  $rs \in P$  then  $r \in P$  or  $s \in P$

If  $P$  divides  $rs$  then  $P$  divides  $r$  or  $s$

Prime ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$

$(0), (p) = p\mathbb{Z}, p$  prime.

If  $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$  is a ring homomorphism and  $S$  contains a prime ideal  $P$

then  $\varphi^{-1}(P)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$

Proof:

Let  $x, y \in R$  and suppose  $xy \in \varphi^{-1}(P) = P'$

then  $\varphi(x)\varphi(y) = \varphi(xy) \in P \rightarrow \varphi(x) \in P$  or  $\varphi(y) \in P \square$

Corollary: Suppose  $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$  a non-trivial homomorphism of rings and  $(0)$  is prime in  $S$

Then the kernel of  $\varphi$  is prime.

$S$  is called an integral domain if

$$(0) \neq S$$

if  $xy = 0$  then  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$

Proposition:  $P \subset R$  is a prime ideal  $\leftrightarrow R/P$  is an integral domain

Maximal ideal  $M \subset R$  if  $M \neq R$  and  $M \subset M'$  a proper ideal,  $M = M'$

Proposition:  $M$  is maximal  $\leftrightarrow R/M$  is a field

Example:  $\mathbb{Z} \supset a\mathbb{Z}$  maximal  $\leftrightarrow a$  is prime

Corollary: Maximal ideals are prime

Pf: Fields are integral domains.

## 9/24: Midterm

### 9/29

(Charlie)

$A$  a ring,  $I$  an ideal in  $A$

have a correspondence between ideals  $J, I \subset J \subset A$  and the ideals of  $A/I$

$\pi: A \rightarrow A/I$  and  $\pi(J) = J/I \subset A/I$

for  $K$  ideal of  $A/I$ , consider  $\pi^{-1}(K) \subset A$

$I \subset \pi^{-1}(K)$ , show that is an ideal

$A$  a ring, its group of units  $A^* = \{u \in A \mid \exists v \in A, uv = 1\}$

$$\mathbb{Z}[i]^* = \{1, -1, i, -i\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{R}[x]^* = \mathbb{R}^*$$

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}] \ni 1, -1, 2 + \sqrt{5}, 2 - \sqrt{5}$$

$A$  a field  $\leftrightarrow A^* = A - \{0\}$  and  $A \neq \{0\}$

a field is an integral domain

the ideal  $\{0\}$  is maximal in a field

Every proper ideal of  $A$  is contained in a maximal ideal.

Proof by Zorn's Lemma.

Chinese Remainder Theorem

a ring  $A$  with ideals  $I_1, \dots, I_k, k \geq 2$

the ideals coprime: that is,  $I_i + I_j = A$ .

then there exists a surjective map  $A \rightarrow A/I_1 \times \dots \times A/I_k$

example

$$r\mathbb{Z} + s\mathbb{Z} = \gcd(r, s)\mathbb{Z}$$

$$(r\mathbb{Z})(s\mathbb{Z}) = r \cdot s\mathbb{Z}$$

$$r\mathbb{Z} \cap s\mathbb{Z} = \text{lcm}(r, s)\mathbb{Z}$$

$$(\text{lcm})(\gcd) = rs$$

for two:  $IJ, A/(IJ) \leftrightarrow (A/I) \times (A/J)$



$$(IJ = I \cap J)$$

Proof:

Assume  $I, J \subset A, I + J = A$

$$A \rightarrow A/I \times A/J$$

let  $x + y = 1$

$$x \rightarrow (0,1) \text{ and } y \rightarrow (1,0), cx + dy \rightarrow (c,d)$$

Quotient Fields

$$\text{e.g. } \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

$A$  an integral domain and  $S$  a “multiplicative subset” of  $A$

$$1 \in S, x, y \in S \rightarrow xy \in S$$

$$S^{-1}A = \text{equivalence class}$$

## 10/1

Commutative centre = integral domain.

PIDs UFDs

PID: Every ideal is principal,  $I = (a)$

generalization: every ideal is finitely generated  $I = (a_1, \dots, a_m) = \{\sum_{i=1}^m r_i a_i \mid r_i \in A\}$

Noetherian

equivalence of 3 conditions on a ring, for which, if holds, makes the ring Noetherian

(1) each ideal is finitely generated

(2) chains become stable

(3) Every non-empty set of ideals of  $A$  contains a maximal element.

Condition (2): stability of chains

$I_1 \subset I_2 \subset I_3 \subset \dots$  increasing chain of ideals in  $A$

$\exists N \geq 1$  so that  $I_n = I_N$  for all  $n \geq N$

e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$(2^{100}) \subset (2^{99}) \subset \dots$$

can have arbitrarily long chains in ring of integers

but all of them terminate

(1) implies (2)

Consider a  $I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$

and take  $I = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i$

$I$  finitely generated, each  $a_i$  needs to be in some  $I$

eventually all of them are in some  $I_N$ , so  $I \subset I_N$ , we are done

(2) implies (3)

Take  $I_1 \in S$ . If not a maximal elt of  $S$ ,  $I_1 \subset I_2, I_2 \in S$

If  $I_2$  not max, etc., continue and construct a chain

can't go to infinity if (2) is assumed; must end,  $I_N$  is maximal

irreducible elements of  $A$ : elements that can't be factored

an element  $a \in A, a \neq 0$  and not a unit

if  $a = bc$  then  $b$  is a unit or  $c$  is a unit

(0)  $\subset (a) \subset A$

maximal if  $A$  is a PID

$$(a) \subset I = (b) \subset A$$

$$a \in (b), a = bc$$

$b$  a unit then  $I = A$  and if  $c$  is a unit,  $I = (a)$

Proposition: If  $A$  is a PID, then every  $t \in A, t \neq 0, t$  not a unit

$t$  can be written as a product of irreducible elements

Proof:

Consider the set of (principal) ideals  $(t)$  for which the proposition is false

If  $S = \emptyset$ , done. Else consider a maximum element  $(m) \in S$

but if  $(m) \subsetneq (m')$  then  $(m')$  can be factored

if  $m$  irreducible it can be factored, if not  $m = m'm''$  where  $m', m''$  not units

$$(m) \subsetneq (m'), (m) \subsetneq (m'')$$

$(m'), (m'')$  not in  $S$ , they can be factored, we are done

This proof also works for Noetherian rings generally

common tactic by maximal counterexample

prime elements of  $A$

$a \neq 0$ , not a unit,  $a$  prime  $\leftrightarrow (a)$  is prime

if  $a|bc$  then  $a|b$  or  $a|c$

Primes are irreducible:

if  $a$  is prime and  $a = bc$  then  $a|b$  or  $a|c$

if  $a|b$  then  $b$  is a multiple of  $a$  and  $a$  is a multiple of  $b$

so  $a \sim b$ :  $b = u \cdot a$  and  $a = u^{-1} \cdot b$ , differ by a unit

irreducible elements might not be prime

$$A = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}] = \{a + b\sqrt{-3} | a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$2 \cdot 2 = (1 + \sqrt{-3})(1 - \sqrt{-3})$$

2 is irreducible and not prime,  $2|4$  but doesn't divide either on the right side

exists norm  $N : z \mapsto z\bar{z}$

$$a + b\sqrt{-3} \mapsto a^2 + 3b^2$$

2 is irreducible

$$2 = \alpha\beta, N(2) = N(\alpha)N(\beta), 4 = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$$

but norms can never be 2 so one of these must be a unit ( $N = 1$  implies  $\pm 1$ )

In a PID, irreducible elements are prime

an irred  $\rightarrow (a)$  is maximal  $\rightarrow (a)$  is prime  $\rightarrow a$  is prime

Unique factorization domain: every  $a \neq 0$ , unit has a factorization as a prod of irreducibles

this is unique up to reordering and transformation by units

$a \sim b$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are associated, if  $a = b \cdot u$  and  $b = a \cdot u^{-1}$  for some unit  $u$

Theorem: PIDs are UFDs

$$\text{PID: } a = \pi_1 \cdots \pi_n = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_m$$

$\sigma_m$  prime so  $\sigma_m$  divides some  $\pi_i$

can assume  $\sigma_m | \pi_n, \pi_n = \sigma_m \cdot c, c$  unit

proceed by induction on indices, end

A PID  $a, b \in A, (a, b) = \{ax + by | x, y \in A\} = (g)$  since principal

$$g = \gcd(a, b): (g) = (a, b) \ni a, b$$

$a$  and  $b$  are multiples of  $g$ ,  $g$  divides  $a, b$   
 $t$  can't be factored as a product of irreducibles,  $(t)$  is maximal in this property  
 if  $t$  irreducible  $t = t$ ; impossible  
 if  $t$  not irreducible,  $t = r \cdot s$ ,  $r, s$  non-units  
 $(t) \subsetneq (r)$   $(t) \subsetneq (s)$   
 $A = \mathbb{Z}[\dots (7)^{\frac{1}{2^N}} \dots]$   
 $7$  is not a unit in  $A$   
 Lemma: every element of  $A$  is "integral"  
 it satisfies an equation (monic polynomial)  $x^n + c_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + c_0 = 0$   
 monic: first coefficient = 1  
 $c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 integral ring  
 $1/7$  satisfies no such polynomial  
 $\mathbb{Z}[1/7]$  can be factored on and on  $n(7^{1/n})$ ; not a Noetherian ring

## 10/6

A-Modules (left modules)

$M$  = abelian group with an action of scalar multiplication of  $A$  (= ring)  
 (same axioms as for an  $A$ -vector space except that  $A \neq \text{field}$ )

$\text{End}(M) = \text{Hom}(M, M)$

$M = \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $\text{End}(M) = M(n, \mathbb{Z})$

action of  $A$  on  $M$ : a homomorphism of rings  $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{End}(M)$

$\varphi(a) \in \text{End}(M)$ ,  $\varphi(a) : M \rightarrow M$ ,  $(\varphi(a))(m) := a \cdot m$

$f, g \in \text{End}(M)$ :  $fg = f \circ g$

Diversion: Fresh water (Chicago) algebra:  $a \in A, m \in M, m^a, (m^a)^b = (m^a)^b$   
 instead of  $a \cdot m$  or  $a(m)$

Module properties

$\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$

$(ab) \cdot m = a \cdot (b \cdot m)$

$a \cdot (m + m') = a \cdot m + a \cdot m'$

$\varphi(a) \in \text{End}(M)$

$(a + b) \cdot m = a \cdot m + b \cdot m$

$\varphi(a + b) = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b)$

Examples:

$A = \text{field}$ : an  $A$ -module is an  $A$ -vector space

Th: (uses choice) every  $A$ -vector space has a basis  $\leftrightarrow$  all  $A$ -modules are free

$M$  free on the set of generators  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$

if every  $m \in M$  is uniquely a finite  $A$ -linear combination of the  $x_i$

For  $I$ , the free  $A$ -module on the set  $I$

$\{\sum_{i \in I} a_i x_i \mid a_i \in A \text{ all but finitely many are } 0\}$

could also notate  $\{\sum_{i \in I} a_i i \mid a_i \in A \text{ all but finitely many are } 0\}$ , just indexed by  $I$

Direct sums  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}, \oplus_{i \in I} M_i$

set of tuples indexed by  $I$ , with the  $i^{th}$  entry in  $M_i$ , all but finitely many entries are 0  
 $a \cdot (\cdots m_i \cdots)_{i \in I} = (\cdots a m_i \cdots)_{i \in I}$

Homomorphisms of  $A$ -modules  $M, N$

$M \xrightarrow{h} N$ , conditions of linearity  $h(x + y) = h(x) + h(y), h(a \cdot x) = ah(x)$

$A = \text{field}$ : linear map

$\text{Hom}_A(M, N)$  is an  $A$ -module

A map from a direct sum to a module uniquely determined by action on the summands

$$M \hookrightarrow \oplus_{j \in I} M_j \xrightarrow{h} N$$

$$M_i \xrightarrow{h_i} N$$

$$\text{Hom}_A(\oplus M_i, N) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \prod_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_A(M_i, N), h \mapsto (\cdots, h_i, \cdots)$$

$\alpha$  is a bijection

To map a free module to  $N$  is to choose the images of each of the generators

Unconstrained: can choose arbitrarily the images of the generators

Examples

$A = \mathbb{Z}, M = \text{ab grp}, \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{End}(M), 1 \mapsto \varphi(1) = id, 2 \mapsto id + id, -1 \mapsto -id$

$A = A, I \subset A$  left ideal,  $I = A$ -module,  $a \cdot i = ai \in I$

ring hom  $A \rightarrow A', M = A'$ -module,  $A \rightarrow A' \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{End}(M), A'$ -modules  $\mapsto A$ -modules

$M = \mathbb{Z}$ -module,  $n \geq 1, M^n = \oplus_{i=1}^n M$

$A = M(n, \mathbb{Z})$  acts on  $M^n$  by left matrix multiplication

could replace  $\mathbb{Z}$  by some ring  $R$ , new construction

An exercise:  $A$ -modules  $\leftrightarrow$  abelian groups, leftwards,  $M \mapsto M^n$ , rightwards, ?

Morita equivalence

Exact sequence  $X \xrightarrow{h} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z; \text{Im}(h) = \text{Ker}(g)$  (implies  $g \circ h = 0$ , but even stronger)

can make these as long as we like  $\cdots X_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} X_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \cdots$

exact if exact at each place  $X_i$ , i.e.  $\text{Ker}(f_{i+1}) = \text{Im}(f_i)$  for all  $i$

Examples

$Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \xrightarrow{0} 0$ , exact.  $g$  is surjective (epimorphism)

$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{h} Y$ , exact.  $h$  is injective (monomorphism)

$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{h} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \rightarrow 0$  is called a short exact sequence.  $Y/h(X) \cong Z$

$X \xrightarrow{h} Y, 0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(h) \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{h} \text{Im}(h) \rightarrow 0$ , exact,  $X/\text{Ker}(h) \cong \text{Im}(h)$

$0 \rightarrow \text{Im}(h) \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \text{Coker}(h) \rightarrow 0$

$0 \hookrightarrow \text{Ker}(h) \hookrightarrow X \xrightarrow{h} Y \rightarrow Y/\text{Im}(h) = \text{Coker}(h) \rightarrow 0$

$N \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y, 0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  exact.  $\text{Hom}_A(N, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, Y)$

use a functor, get a  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, Z) \rightarrow 0$

have exactness at  $\text{Hom}(N, X), \text{Hom}(N, Y)$   
 what about exactness at  $\text{Hom}(N, Z)$ ?  
 equivalent statement: every homomorphism  $N \rightarrow Z$  lifts to a homomorphism  $N \rightarrow Y$   
 the entering map not necessarily surjective  
 e.g.  $A = \mathbb{Z}, X = 2\mathbb{Z}, Y = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $Z = Y/X = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, N = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , lift does not exist  
 go from left to right using functor/construction  $\text{Hom}_A(N, \cdot)$   
 this functor/construction is “left exact” but not “right exact/fully exact”  
 the class of modules with full exactness are the projective modules

## 10/8

(Tal)

$A$  a ring and  $M, N$  modules

$\text{Hom}_A(M, N)$  is an abelian (group?/ring?)

if  $A$  is commutative, then it is an  $A$  – module

$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \rightarrow 0$  (exact?)

$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, Z) \rightarrow 0$

this sequence is left exact and exact at the center

surjectivity of the map  $\text{Hom}_A(N, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, Z)$

$Y \twoheadrightarrow Z$  via  $G, h : N \rightarrow Z$

does  $H$  exists such that  $g \circ H = h$ ?

the same question, rephrased:

suppose we map  $\text{Hom}_A(N, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, Z)$ , taking  $H$  to  $h$

is this map surjective?

an example of a case where it does not lift

take  $h > 1$

$\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/h\mathbb{Z}$  surjective

identity  $\mathbb{Z}/h\mathbb{Z}$ , look for map  $\mathbb{Z}/h\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

map doesn't exist, no lifting

(1) Suppose  $y \xrightarrow{g} Z$  is surjective.

If  $\text{Hom}_A(N, Y) \xrightarrow{g^*} \text{Hom}_A(N, Z)$  is also surjective, we say  $N$  is projective

an equivalent statement: the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(N, \cdot)$  is right exact

another equivalent statement: for all  $g, h$  there is a lifting  $H$

$g : y \twoheadrightarrow Z, h : N \rightarrow Z, H : N \rightarrow y$

(2) given a sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} N \rightarrow 0$

if  $\exists s$  such that  $g \circ s = id_N$  we say that the sequence splits

all exact sequences split (misreading notes?)

given  $y \xrightarrow{g} N \rightarrow 0$ , we can find  $s$  such that  $g \circ s = id$

(1) implies (2)

if  $N$  is projective, then the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} N \rightarrow 0$  splits

take  $h = id \rightarrow Z = N$

- $y \xrightarrow{g} N, id : N \rightarrow N, N \rightarrow Y$
- (3) the module  $N$  is a direct summand of a free module:  
 $\exists M$  such that  $N \oplus M \cong F$  where  $F = A\langle S \rangle$
- (2) implies (3)  
 choose a set of generators of  $N$ , call it  $S$ . You can have  $N \subset S$   
 induces  $A\langle S \rangle \rightarrow N$  surjective  
 we have  $f : N \rightarrow A\langle S \rangle$  by hypothesis  
 so  $A\langle S \rangle = \text{Ker}(g) \oplus f(N)$
- (3) implies (1)  
 $F = M \oplus N$  where  $F$  is free  
 want to show that if  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  then  $\text{Hom}_A(N, Y) \xrightarrow{g_*} \text{Hom}_A(N, Z)$  is surjective  
 $F = A\langle S \rangle$  same as  $\text{Hom}_A(F, X) = \text{Maps}(S, X)$   
 $S$  generates  $F$ , so a map  $F \rightarrow X$  is determined by  $S$   
 $\text{Hom}_A(F, Y) = \text{Maps}(S, Y)$  and  $\text{Hom}_A(F, Z) = \text{Maps}(S, Z)$   
 $\text{Maps}(S, Y) \rightarrow \text{Maps}(S, Z)$  obviously surjects,  $\text{Hom}_A(F, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(F, Z)$  surjects  
 $s \rightarrow z \in Z$  and  $Y \ni y \rightarrow z \in Z$   
 $\text{Hom}_A(M \oplus N, Y) = \text{Hom}_A(M, Y) \times \text{Hom}_A(N, Y)$   
 have surjective  $\text{Hom}_A(M \oplus N, Y) \xrightarrow{\sigma} \text{Hom}_A(M \oplus N, Z)$   
 $\text{Hom}_A(M, Y) \times \text{Hom}_A(N, Y) \xrightarrow{(g_*, g_*)} \text{Hom}_A(M, Z) \times \text{Hom}_Z(N, Z)$   
 since  $\sigma$  surjective,  $(g_*, g_*)$  surjective and  $g_*$  surjective  
 Thus  $\text{Hom}_A(N, Y) \xrightarrow{g_*} \text{Hom}_A(N, Z)$  surjective.

Diagram

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(M \oplus N, Y) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, Y) \text{ by } h \mapsto h \circ i \\ \text{Hom}(M \oplus N, Y) &\xrightarrow{g_*} \text{Hom}(M \oplus N, Z) \\ \text{Hom}(N, Y) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, Z) \\ \text{Hom}(M \oplus N, Z) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, Z) \\ g \circ h &\mapsto (g \circ h) \circ i = g \circ (h \circ i) \end{aligned}$$

Diagram

$$\begin{aligned} N &\xrightarrow{h \circ i} Y \\ N &\hookrightarrow M \oplus N \\ M \oplus N &\xrightarrow{h} Y \end{aligned}$$

Examples: free modules are projective.

Any free module is a summand of another module that generates (word unsure) a free module

If  $A$  is a field, all  $A$ -modules are free.

$A = K \oplus K = \{(a, b) | a, b \in K\}$ ,  $K$  a field

$F = A = N \oplus M$  where  $N = \{(a, 0) | a \in K\}$  and  $M = \{(0, b) | b \in K\}$

Projective, but not free over  $A$ .

Suppose  $N \cong A\langle S \rangle$ , basis over  $A \leftrightarrow S$

$N \cong A^n$ ,  $\dim_k N = 2h = 1$  (not sure about these figures)

$n > 1$ ,  $A = M(n, k)$ ,  $F = A$

$M \in A, x \in F$

$M_1 x$  matrix (not sure if right),  $x = (c_1 \cdots c_n)$   $n$  columns

$M \circ X = (M_{c_1}, \dots, M_{c_n})$

$F = K^n \oplus \cdots \oplus K^n$

$K^n$  projective, not free.

example (justification left for homework)

$k$  a number field; that is, contains  $\mathbb{Q}$  ( $\mathbb{Q}$ ?) and  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} k < \infty$

let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\alpha$  algebraic

$k = \text{span}(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{n-1})$

$k$  field

Diagram

$A \subset k, \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q}, A$  assoc with  $\mathbb{Z}, k$  with  $\mathbb{Q}$

$A = \{\beta \in k \mid \beta \text{ satisfies a monic polynomial with integer coefficients}\}$

Theorem: the ring  $A$  is a Dedekind domain.

Definition of a Dedekind domain

$I$  an ideal in  $A$ , then there exists  $J \subset A$  (is it an ideal?) such that

$$IJ = \left\{ \sum_{r=1}^t x_r y_r \mid x_r \in I, y_r \in J, t \geq 0 \right\}$$

is principal

What is  $J$ ?

Define  $I^{-1} = \{y \in k \mid yI \subset A\} \subset A$

$I^{-1}$  is an  $A$ -submodule of  $k$ .

$II^{-1} \subset A$ , in fact  $II^{-1} = A$

Theorem: If  $I$  is a nonzero ideal in a Dedekind Domain  $A$ ,  $I$  is a projective.

## 10/13

Category

notation e.g.  $\mathcal{A}$ , (sets)

objects, and  $\text{Mor}(A, B)$  a set of morphisms from the object  $A$  to the object  $B$

axioms: every object has an identity morphism

composition of which preserves morphisms, etc.

define isomorphisms in terms of the existence of inverses

in some categories, bijections are not isomorphisms

Examples

for  $A$  a ring, the category of  $A$ -modules

morphisms of which are the  $A$ -linear homomorphisms  $X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\text{Hom}_A(X, Y)$

pointed sets  $(X, x)$  in which a morphism is an  $f : (X, x) \rightarrow (Y, y)$ ,  $f(x) = y$

$A$ -modules  $X, Y, Z, W$  and fixed  $X$  take as objects pairs  $(Y, f)$  where  $f : Y \rightarrow X$

we have created a new category relative to  $X$

category of partially ordered sets, whose morphisms are isotone maps

### Functor

takes objects to objects, and also morphisms to morphisms

Diagram( $F$  is the functor,  $f$  is a morphism,  $A, A'$  are objects)

$$A \xrightarrow{F} F(A)$$

$$A \xrightarrow{f} A'$$

$$A \xrightarrow{F} F(A')$$

$$F(A) \xrightarrow{Ff} F(A')$$

since the arrows go in the same direction, this describes a covariant functor

if, say,  $F(A') \xrightarrow{Ff} F(A)$ , this would be a contravariant functor

### Examples

forgetful functors from for instance (groups)  $\rightarrow$  (sets) or ( $A$ -modules  $\rightarrow$  (abelian groups)

Fix  $X$ . Functor from  $A \in \text{Ob}(A) \rightarrow \text{Mor}(X, A)$  (morphisms in the category of sets)

or, contravariantly  $A \in \text{Ob}(A) \rightarrow \text{Mor}(A, X)$

in  $A$ -modules, fix  $X$  and take  $N$  to  $N \oplus X$

or from (sets) to (abelian groups) using the free group construction

### Representable Functors

covariant  $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{F} (\text{sets})$

Fix  $X$ . By the hom-functor  $h_X, A \mapsto \text{Mor}(X, A)$ .

Given an  $F$ , can it be written as a hom-functor?

That is, for some  $X$ , is  $F \cong h_X$ ?

Those which can be are said to be represented by  $X$  (not a complete definition)

### Fully defining a representable functor $F$

we need an  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  and a  $u \in F(X)$  such that for all  $A$  have a bijection

$$\text{Mor}(X, A) \rightarrow F(A)$$

if we have an  $h : X \rightarrow A$ , it induces a morphism  $h_* : F(X) \rightarrow F(A)$

the lower-star signifies a covariant (push-forward)

a contravariant (pull-back) would be represented by an upper-star

can associate  $h \in \text{Mor}(X, A)$  with  $h(u)$  and this  $h \mapsto h(u)$  is a bijection

epithet: to give an element of  $F(A)$  is to give a map  $X \rightarrow A$

### Example of a Representable Functors

Fix a set  $S$ , let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the category of abelian groups

Take  $G \mapsto F(G) = \text{Maps}(S, G)$

Want an abelian group  $X$  such that  $\text{Maps}(S, G) \cong \text{Hom}(X, G)$

Take  $X$  to be the free abelian group on  $S$

The universal element  $u$  is the set map taking  $s$  to  $1 \cdot s$

### Diagram:

$$X = \mathbb{Z}\langle S \rangle \xrightarrow{h} G$$



$$\begin{array}{c} S \xrightarrow{u} \mathbb{Z}\langle S \rangle \\ S \xrightarrow{h_*(u)} G \end{array}$$

a set map in the category of sets is given by a group map from the free group

Another example

From  $\mathcal{A}$  the category of abelian groups to sets

Fix  $M, N \in \mathcal{A}$ . Define the functor  $A \mapsto \text{Hom}(M, A) \times \text{Hom}(N, A)$

to give a pair of maps  $M \rightarrow A, N \rightarrow A$  is to give a map from the direct sum to  $A$

Take  $X = M \oplus N$  and  $u \in F(X) = \text{Hom}(M, X) \times \text{Hom}(N, X)$

$u$  is a universal pair of inclusions

to give a map of the direct sum is to give a map of the first and a map of the second

The uniqueness of  $(X, u)$

if they represent the same functor, they are isomorphic in a canonical sense

no choice involved in the formulation of isomorphism

say  $(X, u)$  and  $(X', u')$  represent the functor  $F$

then  $\text{Mor}(X, A) \ni h \mapsto h_*(u) \in F(A)$  and  $\text{Mor}(X', A) \ni h' \mapsto h'_*(u') \in F(A)$

taking the particular cases when  $A = X', A = X$

*not totally sure if the next two lines are totally right*

*I remember he said in class that these are "the same"  $h$  as those in the above line*

there is a bijection  $\text{Mor}(X, X') \rightarrow F(X')$ ; so for some  $h \in \text{Mor}(X, X'), h(u) = u'$

there is a bijection  $\text{Mor}(X', X) \rightarrow F(X)$  so for some  $h' \in \text{Mor}(X', X), h'(u') = u$

the representing property of  $X$  and  $X'$  gives two morphisms

their compositions are the identity on  $X$  and the identity on  $X'$  (why?)

Tensor Products

can be defined on noncommutative rings

one must be a left-module and the other a right-module

will be defined on a commutative ring  $\mathcal{A}$  for simplicity

$\mathcal{A}$ -modules  $X, Y, Z, M, N, T$

bilinear maps  $\text{Bil}(X \times Y, Z)$ : linear in each variable

i.e.  $\text{Bil}(X \times Y, Z) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Y, Z))$

two examples of bilinear maps

$X, Y = k^n$  for  $k$  a field,  $f(x, y) = \det(x|y|c_1|\cdots|c_{n-2}) \in k$

$x \in X, Y = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, A) \ni \varphi$  a linear form,  $(x, \varphi) \mapsto \varphi(x)$

Define a functor whose representing element is  $T$  a tensor product.

Fix  $X, Y$  in the category of  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules and have  $F : Z \mapsto \text{Bil}(X \times Y, Z)$

$F(Z) = \text{Mor}(T, Z) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(T, Z)$

$u \in F(T)$  gives the universal bilinear map  $u : X \times Y \rightarrow T$

A homomorphism  $T \rightarrow Z$  gives a bilinear map  $X \times Y \rightarrow Z$

i.e. there is a set bijection  $\text{Bil}(X \times Y, Z) \leftrightarrow \text{Mor}(T, Z)$

How one constructs such a  $T$ : next lecture.

$T$  has uniqueness property by canonical isomorphism.

We do some amount of work to show this construction is possible  
Then we can abstract away this work because of the universality of  $T$   
(last line unsure; maybe ask about it again)