

① (a) For $n \geq 3$, determine with proof the conjugacy classes of the dihedral group of order $2n$. (Hint: separately consider even n and odd n .)

Pf: Every element of D_n is r^i or rs^i for some $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

In order to find the conjugacy classes of D_n , we want to compute $r^i r^j r^{-i} = r^j$ and $r^i s^i g(r^j s^j)^{-1} = r^j s^j g s^{-j} \forall g \in D_n$.

Let $r^j \in D_n, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $r^i r^j r^{-i} = r^j$ and $r^i s^j s^{-i} = r^j$

So for $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, the only conjugates of r^j in D_n are r^j and r^{-j} . For s , we have $r^i s^j r^{-i} = r^{2j}$ and $r^i s^j s^{-j} = r^{2j}$.

So for $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, the only conjugates of s in D_n are the reflections r^{2j} with an even exponent.

If n is odd, then every integer mod n is a multiple of 2.

So when n is odd, s is conjugate to every reflection $\{r^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

If n is even, then we only get half of the reflections as conjugates of s .

The other half are conjugate to rs :

$$r^i(r^j s^j)r^{-i} = r^{2j+1}s^j \text{ and } (r^i s^j)(r^j s^j)^{-1} = r^{2j-1}s^j.$$

As i varies, this gives us $\{rs, r^2s, \dots, r^{n-1}s\}$.

So if n is odd, then the conjugacy classes are $\{1\}, \{r^{\pm i}\}, \{rs\}$ for $0 \leq i \leq n-1$.

If n is even, then the conjugacy classes are $\{1\}, \{r^{n/2}\}, \{rs\}, \{r^{2i}s\}, \{r^{2i+1}s\}$ for $0 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}-1$.

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(b) Let c_n be the number of conjugacy classes in the dihedral group of order $2n$. Compute $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_n}{n}$.

Pf: When n is odd, $c_n = 1 + n + n = 2n + 1$.

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{n} = 2.$$

$$\text{When } n \text{ is even, } c_n = 1 + 1 + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} = 2 + n + \frac{n}{2}.$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2+n+\frac{n}{2}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4+2n+n}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4+3n}{2n} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

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② Let p be the smallest prime dividing the order of a finite group G . Prove that if H is a subgroup of G with index p , then H is a normal subgroup. (Hint: Look at the left multiplication action of G on the left cosets of H .)

Pf: Suppose $H \trianglelefteq G$ and $[G:H] = p$.

Let π_H be the permutation representation afforded by multiplication on the set of left cosets of H in G .

Let $K = \ker(\pi_H)$ and let $[H:K] = k$.

Then $[G:K] = [G:H][H:K] = pk$.

Since H has p left cosets, G/K is isomorphic to a subgp. of S_p (namely, the image of G under π_H) by the first isom. thm.

By Lagrange's thm, $pk = |G/K|$ divides p !

Thus, $k \mid \frac{p!}{p} = (p-1)!$. But all prime divisors of $(p-1)!$ are less than p and by the minimality of p , every prime divisor of k is greater than or equal to p . This forces $k=1$. So $H = K \trianglelefteq G$.

$$\hookrightarrow [H:K]=1$$

□

③ View \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{Z} as additive groups. For $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, set $\varphi_a: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ by $\varphi_a(t) = 2^a t$.

(a) Show that φ_a is an automorphism of (the additive group) \mathbb{Q} for each $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and show $\psi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q})$ given by $a \mapsto \varphi_a$ is a homomorphism of gps.

Pf: First we will show that φ_a is an aut. of \mathbb{Q} for each $a \in \mathbb{Z}$:

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $\varphi_a(x+y) = 2^a(x+y) = 2^a x + 2^a y = \varphi_a(x) + \varphi_a(y)$

Therefore, φ_a is a homomorphism.

This onto: Let $y \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $\varphi_a(x) = 2^a x = y \Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{2^a} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

ψ is 1-1: Let $x \neq y$, then $\varphi_a(x) = 2^a x \neq \varphi_a(y) = 2^a y$

$$2^a x = 2^a y$$

$$2^{-a} 2^a x = y \Rightarrow x = y \quad \checkmark$$

Therefore, φ_a is a bijective hom.. Thus, φ_a is an automorphism.

Now we will show that ψ is a hom. of gps. We WTS

$$\psi(a+b) = \psi(a) + \psi(b) \Rightarrow \psi_{a+b} = \varphi_a \circ \varphi_b$$

$$\psi_{a+b}(x) = 2^{a+b} x = 2^a 2^b x = 2^a \varphi_b(x) = \varphi_a(\varphi_b(x)) = (\varphi_a \circ \varphi_b)(x).$$

Therefore, ψ is a homomorphism of groups.

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(b) Set $G = \mathbb{Q} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}$, a semidirect product. In G , let $H = \{(m, 0) : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and $x = (0, 1)$. Prove that $x H x^{-1} \subset H$.

Pf: Let $(m, 0) \in H$. Note that $(0, 1)^{-1} = (0, -1)$ b/c $(0, 1)(0, -1) = (0, 0)$.

We have that $x(m, 0)x^{-1}$ is

$$(0, 1)(m, 0)(0, -1) = (0 + \varphi_1(m), 1 + 0)(0, -1) = (2'm, 1)(0, -1)$$

$$= (2m + \varphi_1(0), 1 + (-1)) = (2m + 2^0 \cdot 0, 0) = (2m, 0) \in H.$$

Therefore, $x H x^{-1} \subset H$.

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(c) Show that $x = (0, 1)$ is not an element of the normalizer $N_G(H)$ of H in G .

Pf: $N_G(H) = \{y \in G : yHy^{-1} = H\}$.

We WTS that for $x = (0, 1)$, $x H x^{-1} \neq H$.

From part (b), $x H x^{-1}$ is always going to be of the form $(2k, 0)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Consider $(1, 0) \in H$. $(1, 0) \notin x H x^{-1}$.

Therefore, $x = (0, 1)$ is not an element of $N_G(H)$.

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④ (a) Define a Euclidean domain and prove all ideals in a Euclidean domain are principal.

Pf: An integral domain R is a Euclidean domain if there exists a Euclidean function $N: R - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ s.t. for $a, b \in R$ there exists $q, r \in R$ s.t. $a = bq + r$ and $r = 0$ or $N(r) < N(b)$.

Now we are going to prove that all ideals in a Euclidean domain R are principal. Let I be an ideal of R . If $I = \{0\}$, then I is principal.

Let $I \neq \{0\}$. Let $m \in I$ be the element w/ least possible norm in I

(so $N(m) = \min_{a \neq 0, a \in I} N(a)$) For any $a \in I$, we can write $a = mq + r$ w/ $r = 0$ or $N(r) < N(m)$ since R is a Euclidean domain.

Then $a - mq = r \in I \Rightarrow r = 0$ b/c of the minimality of the norm of m .

So we have $a = mq \Rightarrow m \mid a$. So $I = (m)$.

Therefore, all ideals in a Euclidean domain are principal.

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(b) Prove $F[X]$ is a Euclidean domain when F is a field.

Pf: We will prove that when F is a field, for $f(x), g(x) \in F[X]$, there exist $q(x), r(x) \in F[X]$ s.t. $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$ where $r=0$ ($\deg(r)=0$) or $\deg(r) < \deg(g)$.

First, we will show uniqueness of $q(x), r(x)$ described above.

Suppose $f(x) = g(x)q_1(x) + r_1(x) = g(x)q_2(x) + r_2(x)$, $r_1(x), q_1(x)$ a

stated above, $i=1, 2$.

Then $g(x)(q_1(x) - q_2(x)) = r_2(x) - r_1(x) \Rightarrow \deg(g(q_1 - q_2)) = \deg(r_2 - r_1)$

If $r_2(x) \neq r_1(x)$, then $r_2 - r_1 \neq 0$, so $\deg(r_2 - r_1) < \deg(g)$.

If $q_1(x) \neq q_2(x)$, then $q_1 - q_2 \neq 0$,

so $\deg(g(q_1 - q_2)) = \deg(g) + \deg(q_1 - q_2) \geq \deg(g)$. ↗

This is not possible: RHS has $\deg < \deg(g)$ and LHS has $\deg \geq \deg(g)$.

Therefore, $q(x), r(x)$ are unique.

Now we will show existence of $q(x), r(x) \in F[X]$: let $f(x), g(x) \in F[X], g \neq 0$.

Suppose $f(x) = g(x) \cdot 0 + r(x)$, so $g(x) = 0, r(x) = f(x)$.

Now suppose $\deg(f) \geq \deg(g)$. Then we will induct on $\deg(f) = m$:

the cases $0 \leq m \leq \deg(g)-1$ are done. When $m \geq \deg(g)$ write

$f(x) = a_m x^m + a_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ and

$g(x) = b_n x^n + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0, a_m, b_n \neq 0, m \geq n$.

Consider $f(x) = \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x)$, where we can use $\frac{a_m}{b_n} \cdot b_n = a_m$ b/c F = field.

Then $f(x) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x) = (a_m x^m + \dots + a_0) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} (b_n x^n + \dots + b_0)$

$$= a_m x^m + \dots + a_0 - a_m x^m - \frac{a_m b_{n-1}}{b_n} x^{m-n} - \dots - \frac{a_m b_0}{b_n}$$

So the degree m terms cancel out, and this poly. either has degree 0 or $\deg < m$. If $f(x) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x) = 0$, then $f(x) = \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x)$, so $g(x) = \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n}$ and $r(x) = 0$.

If $f(x) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x) \neq 0$, then since $\deg(f) > \deg(g)$, by induction we know $\deg(f) - \deg(g) \geq 1$.

From part (b), $f(x) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x) \in I$ s.t. $f(x) = Q(x)g(x) + R(x)$, $R(x) \neq 0$ or $\deg(R) < \deg(g)$.

$\Rightarrow f(x) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x) = \underbrace{g(x)}_{\text{stated above}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} + Q(x)\right)}_{r(x)} + R(x)$

Therefore, we conclude that if F is a field, then $F[X]$ is a Euclidean domain.

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(c) Prove $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is not a Euclidean domain.

Pf: Consider the ideal $(2, x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$. $(2, x)$ is not principal.

Suppose $(2, x) = (f(x))$ for $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Then $2 \in (f(x)) \$