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- ① (a) In a finite abelian group, prove the order of each element divides the maximal order of all elements. (You may use the classification of finite abelian groups.)

Pf: Let G be a finite abelian group s.t. $|G| = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$.

Using the classification of finite abelian gps, we can write G as $\mathbb{Z}/(n_1) \times \mathbb{Z}/(n_2) \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/(n_k)$.

The order of an element (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) in G is $\text{lcm}(|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_k|)$.

Observe that $|(1, 1, \dots, 1)| = \text{lcm}(1, 1, 1, \dots, 1) = \text{lcm}(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) = n$

Note that $n \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = (n a_1, n a_2, \dots, n a_k) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ because
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 $n_1 | n \quad n_2 | n \quad \dots \quad n_k | n$ n is the maximal order of all elements.

For any $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in G$, $n \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = 0$.

So $|(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)| \leq n$ and $|(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)| \mid n$.

Therefore, the order of each elt. divides the maximal order of all elts. \square

- (b) In a field F , use part (a) to prove every finite subgroup of $F^\times = F - \{0\}$ is cyclic.

Pf: Let G be a finite subgroup of F^\times , with $|G| = n$.

From part (a), if m is the maximal order of an element in G , then $|x| \mid m \forall x \in G$. So $x^m = 1 \forall x \in G$.

$x^m = 1$ is a polynomial of degree m with (at least) n solutions in a field, so $n \leq m$.

We know $\exists y \in G$ with $|y| = m$, $m \mid n$, so $m \leq n$.

Therefore, $m = n$.

G has an element of order $n = |G|$, so G is cyclic. \square

- ② Let R be a commutative ring w/ identity and $R[x]$ be the polynomial ring over R .

- (a) Prove the ideal (x) in $R[x]$ is a prime ideal if and only if R is an integral domain.

Pf: Let (x) be a prime ideal in $R[x]$. So if $a, b \in R$ and $ab \in (x)$, then either $a \in (x)$ or $b \in (x)$.

We know that $R[x]/(x) \cong R$.

If $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in R[x]/(x) \cong R$, then $\bar{a}\bar{b} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$ means that $ab \in (x)$ b/c (x) is prime, so at least one of a, b is in (x) , so $\bar{a} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$ or $\bar{b} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$. This is the definition of an integral domain (if $ab=0$ in R , then $a=0$ or $b=0$ in R).

Therefore, R is an integral domain.

Let R be an integral domain. Then if $a, b \in R$ and $ab=0$, then $a=0$ or $b=0$. R is an integral domain $\Rightarrow R[x]$ is an integral domain.

Consider the ideal (x) .

Suppose $ab \in (x)$. Then $\bar{a}\bar{b} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$, so $\bar{a} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$ or $\bar{b} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$ since $R[x]$ is an integral domain (i.e., $a \in (x)$ or $b \in (x)$).

Therefore, (x) is a prime ideal in $R[x]$. \square

- (b) Let I be an ideal of R . Prove that the following set is an ideal in $R[x]$: $I[x] := \{f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \in R[x] : a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in I\}$.

Pf: First we will show that $I[x]$ is a subring of $R[x]$.

Note that $I[x]$ is nonempty since $0 \in I[x]$ and $I \subset I[x]$.

Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \in I[x]$ and

$$g(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \dots + b_m x^m \in I[x].$$

Then $f(x) - g(x) = (a_0 - b_0) + (a_1 - b_1)x + \dots + (a_n - b_m)x^n \in I[x]$ b/c $a_i, b_i \in I$ and I is an ideal.

Then $f(x)g(x) \in I[x]$ b/c $a_i b_j$ for $0 \leq i, j \leq n$ is in I since I is an ideal.

Therefore, $I[x]$ is a subring of $R[x]$.

Now to show $I[x]$ is an ideal, we will show that for any $r(x) \in R[x]$ and $f(x) \in I[x]$, that $r(x)f(x) \in I[x]$.

Let $r(x) = r_0 + r_1 x + \dots + r_m x^m \in R[x]$.

$$\text{Then } r(x)f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^n r_i a_j x^{i+j} \in I[x] \text{ since } r_i a_j \in I \text{ b/c } I \text{ is an ideal. } \square$$

- (c) Prove that an ideal I of R is a prime ideal if and only if the ideal $I[x]$ of $R[x]$ from part (b) is a prime ideal.

Pf: Observe that $R[x]/I[x] \cong (R/I)[x]$.

Let $\varphi: R[x] \rightarrow (R/I)[x]$, so φ is the reduction on coeffs.

Since φ is a redn. map, we know it is a homomorphism and onto.

Observe that $\ker(\varphi) = \{f(x) \in R[x] : f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{I}\} = I[x]$.

So by the first isom. thm., we have that $R[x]/I[x] \cong (R/I)[x]$.

If I is a prime ideal, then R/I is an integral domain, so

$(R/I)[x]$ is an integral domain $\Rightarrow R[x]/I[x]$ is an integral domain $\Rightarrow I[x]$ is a prime ideal.

If $I[x]$ is a prime ideal, then R/I is an integral domain, so

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$\Rightarrow I$ is a prime ideal. \square

- ③ Let G be a group and H be a subgroup.

- (a) Define the normalizer of H in G .

Pf: The normalizer of H in G is defined as follows:

$$N_G(H) = \{g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H\}. \quad \square$$

- (b) Prove conjugate subgroups have conjugate normalizers: if N is the normalizer of H in G , then for each $g \in G$, gNg^{-1} is the normalizer of gHg^{-1} in G .

Pf: Let $N = N_G(H) = \{g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H\}$.

Let $K = gHg^{-1}$ be an arbitrary conjugate of H , and then compute the normalizer of K :

$$N_G(K) = \{x \in G : xKx^{-1} = K\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : xgHg^{-1}x^{-1} = gHg^{-1}\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xgHg^{-1}x^{-1}g = H\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xg(g^{-1}Hg)^{-1} = H\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xg \in N_G(H)\}$$

$$N_G(N) = \{x \in G : xNx^{-1} = N\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : xN_G(H)x^{-1} = N_G(H)\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : xgHg^{-1}x^{-1} = gHg^{-1}\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xgHg^{-1}x^{-1}g = H\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xg \in N_G(H)\}.$$

Therefore, if N is the normalizer of H in G , then for each $g \in G$,

gNg^{-1} is the normalizer of gHg^{-1} in G . \square

- (c) Let $G = GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^x \right\}$. Prove the normalizer of H in G is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^x, ad-bc \neq 0 \right\}$.

Pf: Recall that $GL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^x, ad-bc \neq 0 \right\}$.

$N_G(H) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) : \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} H \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = H \right\}$.

Let $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in H$ and $\begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$. Then we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{(ad-bc)}{(ad-bc)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ad-bc & -ab+ac \\ cd-bc & ad-bc \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} ad-bc & -ab+ac \\ cd-bc & ad-bc \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } ad-bc \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } ad-bc = 0$$

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So we have $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ that normalize H .

Therefore, $N_G(H) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^x \right\}$. \square

- ④ The Fibonacci numbers $\{f_n\}$ are determined recursively for $n \geq 0$ by $f_0 = 0$, $f_1 = 1$, and $f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n$ for all $n \geq 0$.

- (a) Define the normalizer of H in G .

Pf: The normalizer of H in G is defined as follows:

$$N_G(H) = \{g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H\}. \quad \square$$

- (b) Two commutative rings that are not isomorphic as rings, but are isomorphic as additive groups.

Pf: Consider the commutative rings $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ and $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$.

These two rings are not isomorphic as rings:

Suppose $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ is a homomorphism.

Let $\varphi(i) = x + y\sqrt{2}$.

Observe that $i^2 = -1 \Rightarrow (\varphi(i))^2 = x^2 + 2xy\sqrt{2} + y^2 \cdot 2 = -1$.

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2xy\sqrt{2} + y^2 \cdot 2 = -1 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 \cdot 2 = -1 \Rightarrow x^2 = -1 \text{ and } y^2 \cdot 2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ and } y^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Therefore, $\mathbb{Z}[i] \not\cong \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ as rings.

These two are isomorphic as additive groups:

Let $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ by $\varphi(a+bi) = a+b\sqrt{2}$.

φ is a homomorphism: $\varphi((a+bi)+(c+di)) = \varphi(a+c) + \varphi(b+d)i = (a+c) + (b+d)\sqrt{2}$

$$= a + b\sqrt{2} + c + d\sqrt{2} = \varphi(a+bi) + \varphi(c+di).$$

φ is onto: for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a+b\sqrt{2} = \varphi(a+bi)$.

$$\varphi(a+bi) = a+b\sqrt{2} \text{ if } a+b\sqrt{2} = 0 \Rightarrow a=b=0.$$

Therefore, $\ker(\varphi)$ is trivial.

By the first isom. thm., $\mathbb{Z}[i] \cong \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$.