

① (a) Define a p -Sylow subgroup of a finite group.

Pf: Let G be a fin. gp. s.t. $|G| = p^k m$, p prime and $p \nmid m$.

We say that P is a p -Sylow subgp. of G s.t. $|P| = p^k$.

In other words, a p -Sylow subgp. of a fin. gp. is a subgp. that has the highest power of p dividing $|G|$. \square

(b) For each prime p , prove that any two p -Sylow subgroups of a finite group are conjugate. (That is, prove the second part of the Sylow theorems.)

Pf: Let G be a finite group and let $P, Q \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$.

We want to show that $Q = gPg^{-1}$ for some $g \in G$.

Let Q (which is a p -gp.) act on G/P by left multiplication:

$$g \cdot gP = gP.$$

Use fixed-point congruence: $|\text{Set}| \equiv |\text{Fix}_Q(\text{Set})| \pmod{p}$

$$\Rightarrow |G/P| \equiv |\text{Fix}_Q(G/P)| \pmod{p}$$

$$|G/P| = \frac{|G|}{|P|} = \frac{p^k m}{p^k} = m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \text{ b/c } p \nmid m.$$

Since $|G/P| \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, $|\text{Fix}_Q(G/P)| \neq \emptyset$.

Thus, gP is fixed by a Q -action: $gPg^{-1} = P \quad \forall g \in Q$

$$\Leftrightarrow g^{-1}gPg^{-1} = P \quad \forall g \in Q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g^{-1}gg \in P \quad \forall g \in Q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g^{-1}Qg \subset P.$$

Since Q is a p -Sylow subgp., $|g^{-1}Qg| = p^k = |P|$.

Thus, $g^{-1}Qg = P \Rightarrow Q = gPg^{-1}$. \square

② Let the additive group \mathbb{Z} act on the additive group

$$\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{3}\right] = \left\{ \frac{a}{3^k} : a \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 0 \right\} \text{ by } \psi_n(r) = 3^n r \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } r \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{3}\right].$$

Set $G = \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{3}\right] \rtimes_{\psi} \mathbb{Z}$, a semi-direct product.

(a) Compute the product $(r, m)(s, n)$ and the inverse $(r, m)^{-1}$ in the group G .

$$(r, m)(s, n) = (r + \psi_m(s), m+n)$$

$$(r, m)^{-1} = (\psi_{-m}(r^{-1}), m^{-1}) = ((\psi_{-m}(r))^{-1}, m^{-1}) \\ = ((3^m r)^{-1}, m^{-1}) \\ = (-r \cdot 3^{-m}, -m)$$

(can also do $(r+3^m s, m+n) = (0, 0)$ and solve for s, n in terms of r, m) \square

(b) Show G is generated by $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$.

Pf: First, we will work out what the powers of $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ are:

We will induct on the power: $(1, 0)^1 = (1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)^1 = (0, 1)$.

$$\underline{\text{K=2:}} \quad (1, 0)^2 = (1, 0)(1, 0) = (1 + \psi_0(1), 0+0) = (1+3^0 \cdot 1, 0+0) = (1+1, 0) = (2, 0)$$

$$(0, 1)^2 = (0, 1)(0, 1) = (0 + \psi_1(0), 1+1) = (0+3^1 \cdot 0, 1+1) = (0, 2).$$

Ind. hyp.: assume this holds for $1 \leq k < n$, i.e., $(1, 0)^k = (k, 0)$, $(0, 1)^k = (0, k)$

$$(1, 0)^n = (1, 0)^{n-1}(1, 0) = (n-1, 0)(1, 0) = (n-1 + \psi_0(1), 0+0) \\ = (n-1+1, 0) = (n, 0)$$

$$(0, 1)^n = (0, 1)^{n-1}(0, 1) = (0, n-1)(0, 1) = (0 + \psi_{n-1}(0), n-1+1) \\ = (0+0, n) = (0, n)$$

Now we will show that conjugating $(r, 0)$ by $(0, m)$ will give us non-integer first coordinates:

$$(0, m)(r, 0)(0, m)^{-1} = (0 + \psi_m(r), m+0)(0, -m) = (\psi_m(r), m)(0, -m) \\ = (\psi_m(r) + \psi_m(0), m+(-m)) = (\psi_m(r), 0) \\ = (3^m r, 0)$$

and $(r, 0) = r(1, 0)$ and $(0, m) = m(0, 1)$.

Therefore, we have shown that G is generated by $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$. \square

③ Let R be a ring with identity, possibly noncommutative. Let I and J be two-sided ideals in R . Define IJ to be the set of finite sums

$$a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \text{ where } n \geq 1, a_k \in I, \text{ and } b_k \in J.$$

(a) Prove that IJ is a two-sided ideal in R and that $IJ \subset I \cap J$.

Pf: Let $a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n \in IJ$, and let $r \in R$.

$$\text{Then } r(a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n) = ra_1 b_1 + \dots + ran b_n \in IJ \text{ b/c } I \text{ is a two-sided ideal, which means} \\ = (ra_1)b_1 + \dots + (ran)b_n \text{ that } ra_k \in I \forall k.$$

$$\text{Then } (a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n)r = a_1 b_1 r + \dots + a_n b_n r \in IJ \text{ b/c } J \text{ is a two-sided ideal, which means} \\ = a_1(b_1 r) + \dots + a_n(b_n r) \text{ that } b_k r \in J \forall k.$$

Therefore, we have shown that IJ is a two-sided ideal.

We know that $IJ \subset I$ b/c I is a two-sided ideal, so $I \cdot J \subset I$.

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Therefore, $IJ \subset I \cap J$. \square

(b) If R is commutative and $I+J=R$ then prove $IJ=I \cap J$, indicating where you use the commutativity in your proof.

Pf: From part (a), we have that $IJ \subset I \cap J$.

We want to show that $I \cap J \subset IJ$.

Since $I+J=R$, for $x \in I, y \in J$, we can write $x+y=1$.

Let $z \in I \cap J$.

We want to show that $z(x+y) \in IJ$, then we are done b/c $x+y=1$.

We have $z(x+y)=zx+zy \in IJ$ because:

$z \in I \cap J \Rightarrow z \in I$ and $z \in J$, so $zy \in IJ$ ($z \in I, y \in J$)

$zx \in IJ$: since R is commutative $zx=xz \in IJ$ ($x \in I, z \in J$).

Therefore, if R is commutative and $I+J=R$, then $IJ=I \cap J$. \square

(c) Let $R = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$, which is a noncommutative ring under addition and multiplication of matrices. Set

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : y, c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \text{ and } J = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

Show I and J are two-sided ideals in R , $I+J=R$ and $IJ \neq I \cap J$. (This shows that part b becomes false in general if we drop its commutativity hypothesis.)

Pf: First we will show that I and J are two-sided ideals:

• Let $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \in I$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \in I$, and $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$. Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ay+bz \\ 0 & cz \end{pmatrix} \in I \text{ since } ay+bz \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } cz \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ya & xb+yc \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in I \text{ since } ya, xb+yc \in \mathbb{Z}$$

For $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x' & y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x' & y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+x' & y+y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J \text{ since } x+x', y+y' \in \mathbb{Z}$$

So J is closed under addition.

Therefore, J is a two-sided ideal.

• Let $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \in R$. Then we can write

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \in I \\ \in J \end{matrix}$$

Therefore, $I+J=R$.

• Let $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \in I$ and $\begin{pmatrix} x' & y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$.

$$\text{Then } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x' & y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

But $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in I$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$, so $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in I \cap J$.

($x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \neq 0$)

Therefore, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in I \cap J$, but $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin IJ \Rightarrow IJ \neq I \cap J$. \square

(d) Give examples as requested, with brief justification.

(a) A group action which has no fixed points.

Pf: Consider a group G acting on itself by left multiplication (or addition, if it's an additive group): $\psi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3$ by $\psi(\tau) = (12)\tau, \tau \in S_3$.

Consider this gp. action: $\psi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3$ by $\psi(\tau) = (12)\tau, \tau \in S_3$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } 12, 13 \in S_3$$

none of these are fixed points.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } 13, 21 \in S_3$$

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