Chapter 1

Groups

1.1 Semigroups, monoids and groups

Exercise 1.1.1. Give examples other than those in the text of semigroups and monoids that are not groups.

Answer. Semigroup: $(\mathbf{Z}_+, +)$
Monoid: $(\mathbf{Z}_+, \times)$

Exercise 1.1.2. Let G be a group (written additively), S a nonempty set, and $M(S,G)$ the set of all functions $f : S \to G$. Define addition in $M(S,G)$ as follows: $(f+g) : S \to G$ is given by $s \to f(s) + g(s) \in G$. Prove that $M(S,G)$ is a group, which is abelian if G is.

Answer. Firstly we check $M(S,G)$ is a group

1. $f + g : s \mapsto f(s) + g(s) \in G$, so $f + g \in M(S,G)$
2. $(f+g)+h : s \mapsto (f(s)+g(s))+h(s)$, G is a group, so $s \mapsto (f(s) + g(s)) + h(s) \Leftrightarrow s \mapsto f(s) + (g(s) + h(s))$, $(f+g)+h = f + (g+h)$.
3. Take the unit element as $e' : s \mapsto e$. $f + e' : s \mapsto f(s) + e'(s) = f(s) + e = f(s)$, so $f + e' = f$. Similarly, $e' + f = f$.
4. For any $f \in M(S,G)$, take $f^{-1} : s \mapsto (f(s))^{-1}$, whence $f(s) + (f(s))^{-1} = (f(s))^{-1} + f(s) = e$.

In conclusion, $M(S,G)$ is a group. If G is abelian $f+g : s \mapsto f(s)+g(s) = g(s) + f(s)$, $f + g = g + f$, so $M(S,G)$ is abelian.

Exercise 1.1.3. Is it true that a semigroup which has a left identity element and in which every element has a right inverse (see Proposition 1.3) is a group?

Answer. If e is the left identity, $\forall a \in A, ea = a$ and $\forall a \in A, \exists a^{-1} s.t. aa^{-1} = e$. We have proved that if $cc = c$, then $c = e$.

$$(a^{-1}a)(a^{-1}a) = a^{-1}(aa^{-1})a = a^{-1}(ea) = a^{-1}a \Rightarrow a^{-1}a = e$$

a^{-1} is also the left inverse. $ae = a(a^{-1}a) = (aa^{-1})a = ea = a$, e is also the right identity.

Exercise 1.1.4. Write out a multiplication table for the group D_4^*.

Answer. $D_4^* = \{R, R^2, R^3, I, T_x, T_y, T_{13}, T_{24}\}$

	I	R	R^2	R^3	T_x	T_y	T_{13}	T_{24}
I	I	R	R^2	R^3	T_x	T_y	T_{13}	T_{24}
R	R	R^2	R^3	I	T_{13}	T_{24}	T_y	T_x
R^2	R^2	R^3	I	R	T_y	T_x	T_{24}	T_{13}
R^3	R^3	I	R	R^2	T_{24}	T_{13}	T_x	T_y
T_x	T_x	T_{24}	T_y	T_{13}	I	R^2	R^3	R
T_y	T_y	T_{13}	T_x	T_{24}	R^2	I	R	R^3
T_{13}	T_{13}	T_y	T_{24}	T_x	R^3	R	I	R^2
T_{24}	T_{24}	T_x	T_{13}	T_y	R	R^3	R^2	I

Exercise 1.1.5. Prove that the symmetric group on n letters, S_n, has ordrer $n!$.

Answer. For a set A whose order is n, we prove there's $n!$ different bijections by induction

1. For $n = 1$, trivial.
2. Assume $n = k$, there's $k!$ bijections. For $n = k + 1$, fix one element in A, and take $a \mapsto a$, there's k free elements, so there's $k! \cdot (k + 1)$ bijections in total.

By induction, we get the result.

Exercise 1.1.6. Write out an addition table for $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$. $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ is called the Klein four group.

Answer. $Z_2 = \{1, 0\}$, $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 = \{(1, 1), (1, 0), (0, 1), (0, 0)\}$

	$(1,1)$	$(1,0)$	$(0,1)$	$(0,0)$
$(1,1)$	$(0,0)$	$(0,1)$	$(1,0)$	$(1,1)$
$(1,0)$	$(0,1)$	$(0,0)$	$(1,1)$	$(1,0)$
$(0,1)$	$(1,0)$	$(1,1)$	$(0,0)$	$(0,1)$
$(0,0)$	$(1,1)$	$(1,0)$	$(0,1)$	$(0,0)$

Exercise 1.1.7. If p is prime, then the nonzero elements of Z_p form a group of order $p-1$ under multiplication. Show that this statement is false if p is not prime.

Answer. For the set $Z_p\backslash\{\bar{0}\}$

1. $Z_p\backslash\{\bar{0}\}$ is obviously associative and commutative.
2. Take $\bar{1}$ as the identity element, $\forall \bar{a} \in Z_p\backslash\{\bar{0}\}, \bar{1} \times \bar{a} = \bar{a}$.
3. We prove there is a unique element $a^{-1} \in Z_p\backslash\{\bar{0}\} s.t. aa^{-1} = \bar{1}$. Assume there exists $\bar{b}, \bar{c}$ and $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{k}, \bar{a} \cdot \bar{c} = \bar{k}$, then $a(b-c) \equiv 0 \mod p$. p is a prime, so $lcm(p,a) = 1, lcm(p, b-c) = 1$, so $\bar{b} = \bar{c}$. There is at most one element s.t. $\bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{k}$. Take $\bar{b} = \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \ldots \overline{p-1}$, $\bar{k}$ travels through $\bar{b} = \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \ldots \overline{p-1}$. There exists an element $\bar{b} \in Z_p\backslash\{\bar{0}\}, \bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{1}$.

$Z_p\backslash\{\bar{0}\}$ is a group. If p is not a prime, the inverse element is not always unique. Take $a|p$, there's more than one inverse element in $Z_p\backslash\{\bar{0}\}$.

Exercise 1.1.8. (a) The relation given by $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a - b \in \mathbf{Z}$ is a congruence relation on the additive group $\mathbf{Q}$ [see Theorem 1.5].

(b) The set $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ of equivalence classes is an infinite abelian group.

Answer. (a) For group $(\mathbf{Q}, +)$, $a_1 \sim b_1 \Leftrightarrow a_1 - b_1 = k_1 \in \mathbf{Z}$, $a_2 \sim b_2 \Leftrightarrow a_2 - b_2 = k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$, so $(a_1+a_2)-(b_1+b_2) = ((k_1+b_1)+(k_2+b_2))-(b_1+b_2) = k_1 + k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$. $a \sim b$ is a congruence relation.

(b) 1 if $a + b \geq 1$, $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = a + \bar{b} - 1$. If $a + b < 1$, $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a+b}$.

2 $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ is obviously associative and commutative.

3 Take the identity element as $\bar{0}$, $\bar{0} + \bar{a} = \bar{a}$.

4 If $\bar{a} \neq 0$, take $(\bar{a})^{-1} = \overline{1-a}$, then $\bar{a} + \overline{1-a} = \bar{0}$

so $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ is a abelian group. (Infinite remains to be certified)

Exercise 1.1.9. Let p be a fixed prime. Let R_p be the set of all those rational numbers whose denominator is relatively prime to p. Let R^p be the set of rationals whose denominator is a power of $p(p^i, i > 0)$. Prove that both R_p and R^p are abelian groups under ordinary addition of rationals.

Answer. Trivial.

Exercise 1.1.10. Let p be a prime and let $Z(p^\infty)$ be the following subset of the group $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$:

$$Z(p^\infty) = \{\overline{a/b} \in \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z} | a, b \in \mathbf{Z} \text{ and } b = p^i \text{ for some } i \geq 0\}$$

Show that $Z(p^\infty)$ is an infinite group under the addition operation of $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$.

Answer. $Z(p^\infty) = \{\overline{a/b} | a, b \in \mathbf{Z}, b = p^i, i \geq 0\}$. Take $a = \frac{\bar{a_1}}{b_1}$, $b = \frac{\bar{a_2}}{b_2}$. $b^{-1} = \frac{b_2 \bar{-} a_2}{b_2}$

$$\begin{aligned} a + b^{-1} = \frac{\bar{a_1}}{b_1} + \frac{b_2 \bar{-} a_2}{b_2} &= \frac{\bar{a_1}}{p^{s_1}} + \frac{p^{s_2} \bar{-} a_2}{p^{s_2}} \\ &= \frac{a_1 \cdot p^{s_2} + p^{\bar{s}_1}(p^{s_2} - a_2)}{p^{s_1+s_2}} \in Z(p^\infty) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $Z(p^\infty)$ is a subgroup of $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$. $\frac{1}{p^i} \in Z(p^\infty)$ for any $i \in \mathbf{Z}$, so $Z(p^\infty)$ is infinite, $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ is also infinite.

Exercise 1.1.11. The following conditions on a group G are equivalent:

i G is abelian;

ii $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ for all $a, b \in G$;

iii $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ for all $a, b \in G$;

iv $(ab)^n = a^nb^n$ for all $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ and all $a, b \in G$;

v $(ab)^n = a^nb^n$ for three consecutive integers n and all $a, b \in G$. Show that v$\Rightarrow$ i is false if 'three' is replaced by 'two'.

Answer. i$\Leftrightarrow$ iii: $((ab)b^{-1})a^{-1} = (ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = e$, so $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$. If iii, $b^{-1}a^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ for any $a, b \in G$, G is abelian. If i, G is abelian, $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$.
iv $\Rightarrow$ v, iv$\Rightarrow$ ii and i$\Rightarrow$ iv are trivial.
ii$\Rightarrow$ i:

$$(ab)(ab) = aabb \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ab)^2b^{-1} = a^{-1}aabbb^{-1} = ba = ab$$

so G is abelian.

v $\Rightarrow$ i: $a^n b^n = (ab)^n$, $a^{n-1}b^{n-1} = (ab)^{n-1}$, $a^{n+1}b^{n+1} = (ab)^{n+1}$.

$$(b^{-1})^n(a^{-1})^n = ((ab)^n)^{-1} = ((ab)^{-1})^n$$

$$((ab)^{-1})^n(ab)^{n+1} = (b^{-1})^n ab^{n+1}$$

$$((ab)^{-1})^n(ab)^{n-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} = (b^{-1})^n a^{-1}b^{n-1}$$

$$a = (b^{-1})^n ab^n \qquad b^{-1}a^{-1}b = (b^{-1})^n a^{-1}b^n$$

So $a^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}b$, which means G is abelian.
If "three" is replaced by "two": $a^n b^n = (ab)^n$, $a^{n+1}b^{n+1} = (ab)^{n+1}$.

$$(b^{-1})^n(a^{-1})^n = ((ab)^{-1})^n \qquad a = (b^{-1})^n ab^n$$

For the group $S_3 = \{(1), (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$, taking any $a \in S_3$, we can check that $a^6 = (1)$. If $n = 6$, then $a = (b^{-1})^n ab^n$ for any $a, b \in S_3$. But S_3 is nonabelian.

Exercise 1.1.12. If G is a group, $a, b \in G$ and $bab^{-1} = a^r$ for some $r \in \mathbf{N}$, then $b^j ab^{-j} = a^{r^j}$ for all $j \in \mathbf{N}$.

Answer. $bab^{-1} = a^r$. We prove it by induction. For $j = 1$, its always true. Assume $j = k$ the equation is correct, $b^k ab^{-k} = a^{r^k}$. $ba^{r^k}b^{-1} = (a^{r^k})^{r = a^{r^{k+1}}}$. For $j = k + 1$, it's also true.

Exercise 1.1.13. If $a^2 = e$ for all elements a of a group G, then G is abelian.

Answer.

$$a^2 = e \Rightarrow a^2a^{-1} = ea^{-1} = a(aa^{-1}) = ae \Rightarrow a = a^{-1}$$

$$ab = a^{-1}b^{-1} = (ab)^{-1} = (ba)^{-1}$$

So $ab = ba \forall a, b \in G$. G is abelian.

Exercise 1.1.14. If G is a finite group of even order, then G contains an element $a \neq e$ such that $a^2 = e$.

Answer. Suppose not. $\forall a \neq e, aa \neq e \Leftrightarrow a \neq a^{-1}$. We can classify the group into some subsets. $G = \bigcup\limits_{a \neq e} \{a, a^{-1}\} \cup \{e\}$. Notice that $\{a, a^{-1}\} \cap \{b, b^{-1}\} = \varnothing$ if $a \neq b$, so $|G| = 2n + 1$, That's contradictory!

Exercise 1.1.15. Let G be a nonempty finite set with an associative binary operation such that for all $a, b, c \in G$, $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$ and $ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c$. Then G is a group. Show that this conclusion may be false if G is finite.

Answer. G is a semigroup. Fix $a \in G$ and take b travels through all elements in G, then ab travels through all elements in G.
There exists an element e_1 s.t. $ae_1 = a \forall a \in G$. Similarly, we can find e_2 s.t. $e_2 a = a \forall a \in G$. $e_2 e_1 = e_1 = e_2 = e$. e is the identity element of G. Easily, we can find that $\forall a \in G, \exists! a^{-1} \in G$ s.t. $a^{-1}a = aa^{-1} = e$ because $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$ and $ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c$.
G is a group. If G is infinite, G may not be a group, for example: $(Z_+, \times)$.

Exercise 1.1.16. Let $a_1, a_2, \dots$ be a sequence of elements in a semigroup G. Then there exists a unique function $\Psi : \mathbf{N}^* \to G$ such that $\Psi(1) = a_1, \Psi(2) = a_1 a_2, \Psi(3) = (a_1 a_2) a_3$ and for $n \geq 1$, $\Psi(n+1) = (\Psi(n)) a_{n+1}$. Note that $\Psi(n)$ is precisely the standard n product $\prod_{i=1}^{n} a_i$.

Answer. Applying the Recursion Theorem with $a = a_1, S = G$ and $f_n : G \to G$ given by $x \mapsto x a_{n+2}$ yields a function $\phi : \mathbf{N} \to G$. Let $\Psi = \phi\theta$, where $\theta : \mathbf{N}^* \to \mathbf{N}$ is given by $k \mapsto k - 1$.

1.2 Homomorphisms and subgroups

Exercise 1.2.1. If $f : G \to H$ is a homomorphism of groups, then $f(e_G) = e_H$ and $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1}$ for all $a \in G$. Show by example that the first conclusion may be false if G, H are monoids that are not groups.

Answer. For example, $(\mathbf{Z}_+, +)$ and $(\mathbf{N}, \times)$ are monoids. Denote $f : \mathbf{Z}_+ \to \mathbf{N}$ as $f(x) = 0 \forall x \in \mathbf{Z}_+$. f is a homomorphism satisfies those conditions.

Exercise 1.2.2. A group G is abelian if and only if the map $G \to G$ given by $x \mapsto x^{-1}$ is automorphism.

Answer. If G is abelian, $f(x) = x^{-1}$ is a monomorphism and epimorphism.
$f(a)f(b) = a^{-1}b^{-1} = (ab)^{-1} = f(ab)$
If $f(x) = x^{-1}$ is a isomorphism, $f(a)f(b) = a^{-1}b^{-1} = f(ab) = (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} \forall a, b \in G$, so G is abelian.

Exercise 1.2.3. Let Q_8 be the group(under ordinary matrix multiplication) generated by complex matrices $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, where $i^2 = -1$. Show that Q_8 is a nonabelian group of order 8. Q_8 is called the quaternion group.

Answer. The multiply operation is associative by the difinition. $A^4 = B^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I$ which is the identity element.

$$A^{-1} = A^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in G \qquad B^{-1} = B^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in G$$

So $\forall A^i B^j \in G$, $(A^i B^j)^{-1} \in G$. G is a group. Now we examine the order of G is 8.

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^3B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So $BA = A^3B$. Take $X = A^{s_1}B^{s_2}A^{s_3}B^{s_4}\ldots A^{s_{2n-1}}B^{s_{2n}} = A^{s_1}B^{s_2-1}A^3B$ $A^{s_3-1}B^{s_4}\ldots A^{s_{2n-1}}B^{s_{2n}} = \ldots$ In finite steps , we can change it into $X = A^aB^b$. $A^4 = B^4 = I$, so we only consider $1 \leq a, b \leq 4$. $A^2 = B^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, we list all: $Q_8 = \{A, A^2, B, BA, AB, A^2B, AB^2, I\}$. The order of Q_8 is 8.

Exercise 1.2.4. Let H be the group(under ordinary matrix multiplication) of real matrices generated by $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Show that H is a nonabelian group of order 8 which is not isomorphic to the quaternion group, but is isomorphic to the group D_4^*.

Answer. $C^4D^2 = I, DC = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = C^3D$.Similarly, we can prove H is a nonabelian group of order 8. $H = \{C, C^2, C^3, I, D, CD, C^2D, C^3D\}$
Assume $G \cong H$ and the isomorphism is f, Let $f(D) = X$, $f(D^2) = X^2 = f(I) = I$, so $X^2 = I$. But $f^{-1}(I) = I \Rightarrow X \neq I \Rightarrow X = AB$ or $X = A^2$ or $X = B^2$.
If $X = A^2$, consider $f(C) = Y, f(C^2D) = Z$, we have $(Y, Z) = (B^2, AB)$ or $(Y, Z) = (AB, B^2)$. $f(C^2D) = f(C^2)f(D) \Leftrightarrow Z = XY$. That's contradictory!
If $X = B^2$, the proof is similar.
If $X = AB$, $(Y, Z) = (A, B)$ or $(Y, Z) = (B, A)$. That's contradictory! So f doesn't exist. G is not isomorphic to H.
Now we prove $H \cong D_4^*$. For any point $(x, y)^T$ inside the square

$$T_x = (x, -y)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} (x, y)^T = CD(x, y)^T$$

$$T_y = (-x, y)^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (x, y)^T = C^3D(x, y)^T$$

$$T_{13} = (-y, x)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (x, y)^T = C^3(x, y)^T$$

$$T_{24} = (y, -x)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (x, y)^T = C(x, y)^T$$

so $D_4^* = \langle T_x, T_y, T_{13}, T_{24}\rangle = H = \langle C, D\rangle$.

Exercise 1.2.5. Let S be a nonempty subset of a group G and define a relation on G by $a \sim b$ if and only if $ab^{-1} \in S$. Show that $\sim$ is an equivalence relation if and only if S is a subgroup of G.

Answer. If $\sim$ is a equivalence relation

1. $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$;
2. $a \sim a$;
3. $a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$.

$2 \Leftrightarrow aa^{-1} = e \in S$. $1 \Rightarrow a \sim e \Rightarrow e \sim a \forall a \in S$, so $ae^{-1} = a \in S, ea^{-1} = a^{-1} \in S$. If $a, b \in S, b^{-1} \in S$, so $ae^{-1} \in S, e(b^{-1})^{-1} \in S$. By 3, $a \sim e, e \sim b^{-1} \Rightarrow a \sim b^{-1} \Rightarrow ab \in S$. S is a subgroup of G.
If S is a subgroup of G

1. $aa^{-1} \in S \Rightarrow a \sim a$;
2. $ab^{-1} \in S \Rightarrow (ab^{-1})^{-1} = ba^{-1} \in S \Rightarrow (a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a)$;
3. $ab^{-1} \in S, bc^{-1} \in S \Rightarrow (ab^{-1})(bc^{-1}) = ac^{-1} \in S$, which means $a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$

In conclusion, $\sim$ is a equivalence relation.

Exercise 1.2.6. A nonempty finte subset of a group is s subgroup if and only if it is closed under the product in G.

Answer. $\Rightarrow$: Trivial.
$\Leftarrow$: S is apparently associative. $\forall a, b \in S, ab \in S$. S is a finite set, so there exists $m > n \in \mathbf{N}$ s.t. $a^m = a^n$.

Exercise 1.2.7. If n is a fixed integer, then $\{kn | n \in \mathbf{Z}\} \subset \mathbf{Z}$ is an additive subgroup of $\mathbf{Z}$, which is isomorphic to $\mathbf{Z}$.

Answer. Denote $Z^n = \{kn | k \in \mathbf{Z}\}$. We can easily check that Z^n is a subgroup of $\mathbf{Z}$. Now we build a isomorphism between Z^n and $\mathbf{Z}$. Take $f : Z^n \to \mathbf{Z}$ as $f(kn) = k$, $f^{-1}(n) = kn$. f is a bijection so Z^n and $\mathbf{Z}$ are isomorphism.

Exercise 1.2.8. The set $\{\sigma \in S_n | \sigma(n) = n\}$ is a subgroup of S_n which is isomorphic to S_{n-1}.

Answer. Denote $S_n^{(n)} = \{\sigma \in S_n | \sigma(n) = n\}$. $\forall \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in S_n^{(n)}, \sigma_1\sigma_2(n) = \sigma_1(\sigma_2(n)) = \sigma_1(n) = n$, so $\sigma_1\sigma_2 \in S_n^{(n)}$. By the above exercise, $S_n^{(n)}$ is a subgroup of S_n. Now we build an isomorphism between $S_n^{(n)}$ and S_{n-1}. Take $f : S_{n-1} \to S_n^{(n)}$ as $f(\sigma) = \sigma'$, where $\sigma'(x) = \begin{cases} n, & x = n \\ \sigma(n), & x \neq n \end{cases}$. $\sigma' \in S_n^{(n)}$ and f is a bijection, so $S_{n-1} \cong S_n^{(n)}$.

Exercise 1.2.9. Let $f : G \to H$ be a homomorphism of groups, A a subgroup of G, and B a subgroup of H.
(a) $\mathrm{Ker} f$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are subgroups of G.
(b) $f(A)$ is a subgroup of H.

Answer. (a) f is a homomorphism, so $f(e) = e', e \in \mathrm{Ker} f$. $\forall a \in \mathrm{Ker} f$, $f(aa^{-1}) = f(a)f(a^{-1}) = e'$, so $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1} = e'^{-1} = e'$. $\forall a, b \in \mathrm{Ker} f, f(ab^{-1}) = f(a)f(b^{-1}) = f(a)f(b)^{-1} = e' \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in \mathrm{Ker} f$, which means $\mathrm{Ker} f$ is a subgroup of G. The proof of $f^{-1}(B)$ is a subgroup of G is similar.
(b) f is a homomorphism, $f(e) = e'$. $\forall a, b \in A, ab^{-1} \in A$, so $f(ab^{-1}) = f(a)f(b^{-1}) = f(a)f(b)^{-1} \in f(A)$, $f(A)$ is a subgroup of H.

Exercise 1.2.10. List all subgroups of $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$. Is $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ isomorphic to Z_4?

Answer. $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$: $\{\{(1,1),(1,0),(0,1),(0,0)\},\{(1,1),(0,0)\},\{(0,0)\}$, $\{(1,0),(0,0)\},\{(0,1),(0,0)\},\{(0,1),(1,0),(0,0)\}\}$.
Z_4: $\{\{\bar{0},\bar{1},\bar{2},\bar{3}\},\{\bar{0},\bar{2}\},\{\bar{0}\}\}$.
Z_4 and $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ are not isomorphic because they have different subgroups.

Exercise 1.2.11. If G is a subgroup, then $C = \{a \in G | ax = xa$ for all $x \in G\}$ is a abelian subgroup of G. C is called the center of G.

Answer. Take $a, b \in C, ab = ba$, C is commutative. $\forall a, b \in C, x \in G$, $b^{-1} \in G$, so $ab^{-1} = b^{-1}a$.

$$ax = axbb^{-1} = abxb^{-1} = baxb^{-1} = bxab^{=1} = abb^{-1}x = bab^{-1}x$$

so $b^{-1}ax = ab^{-1}x = xab^{-1}$, $ab^{-1} \in C$, C is a subgroup of G.

Exercise 1.2.12. The group D_4^* is not cyclic, but can be generated by two elements. The same is true of S_n(nontrivial). What is the minimal number of generators of the additive group $\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}$?

Answer. $\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z} = \{(a, b)|a \in \mathbf{Z}, b \in \mathbf{Z}\} = \langle (0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1) \rangle$. We can easily check the spanning set is the minimal.

Exercise 1.2.13. If $G = \langle a \rangle$ is a cyclic group and H is any group, then every homomorphism $f : G \to H$ is completely determined by the element $f(a) \in H$.

Answer. $\forall x \in G$, there exist $m \in \mathbf{N}$ s.t. $x = a^m$, so $f(x) = f(a^m) = f(a)^m \Rightarrow \mathrm{Im} f = \langle f(a) \rangle$. $f : a^m \mapsto f(a)^m \forall m \in \mathbf{N}$. f is completely determined by $f(a) \in H$.

Exercise 1.2.14. The following cyclic subgroups are all isomorphic: the multiplication group $\langle i \rangle$ in $\mathbf{C}$, the additive group $\mathbf{Z_4}$ and the subgroup $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ of S_4.

Answer. $\langle i \rangle = \{i, -1, -i, 1\}$, $Z_4 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}\}$,
$\langle (1234) \rangle = \{(1234), (13)(24), (1432), (1)\}$. Denote $f : \langle i \rangle \to Z_4$ as $f(i) = \bar{i}$, $g : Z_4 \to \langle (1234) \rangle$ as $g(i) = (1234)$. From the exercise above we know f and g aer homomorphisms, and they are bijections, so $\langle i \rangle \cong Z_4 \cong \langle (1234) \rangle$.

Exercise 1.2.15. Let G be a group and Aut$G$ is the set of all automorphisms of G.

(a) Aut$G$ is a group with composition of functions as binary operation.

(b) Aut$\mathbf{Z} \cong Z_2$ and Aut$Z_6 \cong Z_2$; Aut$Z_8 \cong Z_2 \oplus Z_2$; Aut$Z_p \cong Z_{p-1}$ (p prime).

(c) What is AutZ$_\mathrm{n}$ for arbitrary $n \in \mathbf{N}^*$?

Answer. We only prove the third question.
For $\bar{a} \in Z_n$, the order of $\bar{a}$ is $|\bar{a}| = \frac{n}{(n,a)}$. When $(n,a) = 1$, $\bar{a}$ is a generator of Z_n. Denote Euler function as $\varphi(x)$ and $Z_n^* = \{\bar{a} \in Z_n | (a,n) = 1\}$, then $|Z_n^*| = \varphi(n)$. For $\sigma \in$ AutZ_n, σ is completely determined by $\sigma(\bar{1}) = \bar{a}$, and we denote σ as σ_a. For $\sigma_a, \sigma_b \in$ AutZ_n, $\sigma_a(\sigma_b(\bar{1})) = \sigma_a(\bar{b}) = \bar{a}\bar{b} = \sigma_{ab}(\bar{1})$. We have proved Aut$Z_n \cong Z_n^*$.
Now we give out a lemma to show the structure of Z_n^*.

Lemma. *If* $n = st, (s,t) = 1$, *then* $Z_n^* \cong Z_s^* \oplus Z_t^*$.

The proof of this lemma is quite simple. Consider the mappping $f^* : Z_n^* \to Z_s^* \oplus Z_t^*$ which is defined by $(x \mod n) \mapsto (x \mod s, x \mod t)$. Since for any $a, b \in Z_n^*$, $f^*(a)f^*(b) = (a \mod s, a \mod t)(b \mod s, b \mod t) = (ab \mod s, ab \mod t) = f^*(ab)$, f^* is a well defined homomorphism. For $x \in$ Kerf^*, $x \equiv 1 \mod s$, $x \equiv 1 \mod t$, so $x \equiv 1 \mod [s,t]$, $x \equiv 1 \mod n$, f^* is a monomorphism. Since $|f^*(Z_n^*)| = |Z_n| = \varphi(n) = \varphi(s)\varphi(t) = |Z_s^* \oplus Z_t^*|$, f^* is a epimorphism. $Z_n^* \cong Z_s^* \oplus Z_t^*$
For $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \cdots p_m^{k_m}$, $Z_n^* \cong Z^*_{p_1^{k_1}} \oplus Z^*_{p_2^{k_2}} \oplus \cdots \oplus Z^*_{p_m^{k_m}}$. Now we consider the structure of $Z^*_{p^k}$.
For $p = 2$, $Z_2^* \cong Z_1$, $Z_4^* \cong Z_2$, $Z^*_{2^k} \cong Z_2 \oplus Z_{2^{k-2}}$.
For other odd prime p, $Z^*_{p^k} \cong Z_{(p-1)p^{k-1}}$.
In order to prove the result, we need the Lagrange theorem in number theory.

Lemma (Lagrange). $f(x) \in Z[n]$, $f(x) \equiv k$ *has at most* n *solutions when* mod p, *where* p *is an odd prime.*

We use induction to prove the lemma.

1. $n = 1$, the proof the trivial.
2. Assume for $n \le m-1$ the lemma is correct, and for $n = m$, $f(x) \equiv k$ has $m+1$ solutions. $f(x) - f(x_{m+1}) = (x - x_{m+1})g(x) \equiv 0 \mod p$. Take $x = x_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$, $(x_i - x_{m+1})g(x_i) \equiv 0 \mod p$, $x_i \neq x_{m+1}$, so $g(x_i) \equiv 0 \mod p$, That's contradictory to the induction assumptions!

The lemma is proved.
Come back to the original question. Firstly, we consider $k = 1$ and p is an odd prime. For any factor d of $p-1$, denote $S(d) = \{\bar{a} \in Z_p^* | \mathrm{ord}_p(a) = d\}$. $S(d)$ forms a partition of Z_p^*. If $S(d) \neq \varnothing$, there exists $\bar{a} \in S(d)$ and $a^d \equiv 1 \mod p$. By Largrange theorem, $a^d \equiv 1 \mod p$ has at most d solutions. Notice that $\{1, a, a^2, \ldots, a^{d-1}\}$ are the solutions of the equation, $a^i \not\equiv a^j \mod p$, whence $S(d) \subset \langle \bar{a} \rangle$. For $k = 1, 2, \ldots, d-1$, $\mathrm{ord}_p(\bar{a^k}) = \left|a^k\right| = \frac{d}{(d,k)} = d \Leftrightarrow (d,k) = 1$. Thus $|S(d)| = \varphi(d)$.
From $Z_p^* = \bigcup\limits_{d|p-1} S(d)$, we get

$$p - 1 = \left|Z_p^*\right| = \sum_{d|p-1} |S(d)| \leq \sum_{d|p-1} \varphi(d) = p - 1$$

If $d|p-1$, $|S(d)| = \varphi(d)$. Particularly, when $d = p-1$, $|S(p-1)| = \varphi(p-1) \neq 0$, Z_p^* has a element of order $p-1$, Z_p^* is a cyclic group.
Secondly, we consider $k \geq 2$. Take $a \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $\bar{a}$ is the class of $x \equiv a \mod p^k$. For $s \geq t$, we have a group homomorphism $f_{s,t} : Z_{p^s}^* \to Z_{p^t}^*$ which is defined by $(a \mod p^s) \mapsto (a \mod p^t)$. Since $a \equiv b \mod p^s \Rightarrow a \equiv b \mod p^t$, f is well defined. $\mathrm{Ker} f_{s,t} = \{up^t + 1 \mod p^s | u = 0, 1, \ldots, p^{s-t} - 1\}$. If $2t \geq s$, since $(up^t + 1)(vp^t + 1) \equiv uvp^{2t} + (u+v)p^t + 1 \equiv (u+v)p^t + 1 \mod p^s$, $\mathrm{Ker} f_{s,t} \cong Z_{p^{s-t}}$ is a cyclic group. There exists a isomorphism $g_{s,t} : Z_{p^s}^* / \mathrm{Ker} f_{s,t} \to Z_{p^t}^*$.

$$\{\bar{1}_{p^k}\} = \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,k} < \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,k-1} < \cdots < \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,1} < Z_{p^k}^*$$

Lemma. *Suppose $i \geq 2$, $\bar{a}_{p^k} \in \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,i}$, but $\bar{a}_{p^k} \notin \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,i+1}$, then $\bar{a}_{p^k}^p \in \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,i+1}$ and $\bar{a}_{p^k}^p \notin \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,i+2}$.*

This lemma can be proved by LTE. Here we use the language in group theory to prove it. $f_{k,i+2}(\bar{a}_{p^k}) = \bar{a}_{p^{i+2}}$, $\bar{a}_{p^{i+2}} \in f_{k,i+2}(\mathrm{Ker} f_{k,i}) = \mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i}$. $\mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i} \cong Z_{p^2}$ since $2i \geq i+2$. $\bar{a}_{p^{i+2}} \notin f_{k,i+2}(\mathrm{Ker} f_{k,i+1}) = \mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i+1} \cong Z_p$. $\mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i+1}$ contains all the elements whose order is p in $\mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i}$, so $\left|\bar{a}_{p^{i+2}}\right| = p^2$. $\bar{a}_{p^{i+2}}^p \in \mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i+1}$, $\bar{a}_{p^{i+2}}^p \notin \mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i+2}$, $\bar{a}_{p^k}^p \in g_{k,i+2}^{-1}(\bar{a}_{p^{i+2}}^p) \subset g_{k,i+2}^{-1}(\mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i+1}) = \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,i+1}$, $\bar{a}_{p^k}^p \notin g_{k,i+2}^{-1}(\mathrm{Ker} f_{i+2,i+2}) = \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,i+2}$.
For $i = 1$, if p is an odd prime, $\mathrm{Ker} f_{3,1} = \left\langle \overline{p+1}_{p^3} \right\rangle \cong Z_{p^2}$, if $p = 2$, $\mathrm{Ker} f_{3,1} = \{\bar{1}_8, \bar{3}_8, \bar{5}_8, \bar{7}_8\} \cong Z_2 \oplus Z_2$. Thus, for $\bar{a}_{p^k} \in \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,2}, \bar{a}_{p^k} \notin \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,3}$, using the lemma above for several times, we get $\bar{a}_{p^k}^{p^{k-2}} \in \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,2}, \bar{a}_{p^k}^{p^{k-3}} \notin \mathrm{Ker} f_{k,k}$, $\left|\bar{a}_{p^k}\right| = p^{k-2}$, $\mathrm{Ker} f_{k,2} \cong Z_{p^{k-2}}$.
If p is an odd prime, we can further obtain $\mathrm{Ker} f_{k,1} \cong Z_{p^{k-1}}$.

Suppose x is a generator of Z_p^*, assume $a \in g_{k,1}^{-1}(x)$, $g_{k,1}^{-1}(x) = a\text{Ker}f_{k,1}$, and $a^{p-1} \in g_{k,1}^{-1}(x^{p-1}) = g_{k,1}^{-1}(\bar{1}_p) = \text{Ker}f_{k,1}$. If $a^{p-1} \notin \text{Ker}f_{k,2}$, then $\left|a^{p-1}\right| = p^{k-1}$. If $a^{p-1} \in \text{Ker}f_{k,2}$, $\forall h \in \text{Ker}f_{k,1}, h \notin \text{Ker}f_{k,2}$. Since $(ah)^{p-1} = (a^{p-1}h^p)h^{-1}$, $(ah)^{p-1} \in \text{Ker}f_{k,1}, (ah)^{p-1} \notin \text{Ker}f_{k,2}$, whence $\left|(ah)^{p-1}\right| = p^{k-1}$, $Z_{p^k}^* \cong Z_{(p-1)p^{k-1}}$.
If $p = 2$, $Z_{2^k}^* = \text{Ker}f_{k,1} \cong Z_{2^{k-2}} \oplus Z_2$.
For Aut$\mathbf{Z}$, assume there exist $f \neq 1_G, -1_G$, $f \in \mathbf{AutZ}$. WLOG, $f(1) = x \neq \pm 1, f(-1) = y$. $f(1)+f(-1) = f(0) = x+y = 0$. Assume $af(1)+bf(-1) = f(a-b) = 1 = (a-b)x$, since $x \neq \pm 1$, there is a contradiction. Aut$\mathbf{Z} \cong Z_2$.

Exercise 1.2.16. For each prime p the additive subgroup $Z(p^\infty)$ of $\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ is generated by the set $\{\overline{1/p^n} | n \in \mathbf{N}^*\}$.

Answer. We prove that $\left\langle \bigcup\limits_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^n} \right\rangle \cong Z(p^\infty)$. $\forall x \in Z(p^\infty), x = \frac{\bar{a}}{b} = \frac{\bar{a}}{p^k}$. Expand a as $a = \sum\limits_{i=0}^{k-1} p^i a_i$, where $a_i = 1, 2, \dots n-1$. $x = \frac{\bar{a}}{b} = \sum\limits_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{\bar{a_i}}{p^{k-i}} = \sum\limits_{i=1}^{k} \frac{\overline{a_{k-i}}}{p^i}$. Denote $f : \left\langle \bigcup\limits_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^n} \right\rangle \to Z(p^\infty)$ as $f(\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} \frac{a_i}{p^i}) = \overline{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} \frac{a_i}{p^i}}$. f is an isomorphism because every $x \in Z(p^\infty)$ can be written in such form.

Exercise 1.2.17. Let G be an abelian group and let H, K be subgroups of G. Show that the join $H \vee K$ is the set $\{ab | a \in H, b \in K\}$. Extend this result to any finite number of subgroups of G.

Answer. $H \vee K = \langle H \cup K \rangle, I = \{ab | a \in H, b \in K\}$. G is abelian so I is a subgroup of G. $H < I, K < I, (H \cup K) \subset I$. $\langle H \cup K \rangle \subset I \Rightarrow \langle H \cup K \rangle$.
For any $ab \in I$, $a \in H$, $b \in K$, we prove that ab is contained in any subgroup which contains $H \cup K$.
Assume $(H \cup K) \subset J$, so $a \in J, b \in J \Rightarrow ab \in J$, which means $I \subset H \vee K$. $\langle H \cup K \rangle = I$.
G is abelian group, $H_1, H_2, \dots H_n$ are n subgroups. $\left\langle \bigcup\limits_{i=1}^{n} H_i \right\rangle = \{\prod\limits_{i=1}^{n} h_i | h_i \in H_i, i = 1, 2, \dots n\}$. This proposition can be proved by induction.

Exercise 1.2.18. 1. Let G be a group and $\{H_i | i \in I\}$ a family of subgroups. State and prove a condition that will imply that $\bigcup_{i\in I} H_i$ is a subgroup, that is $\bigcup_{i\in I} H_i = \left\langle \bigcup_{i\in I} H_i \right\rangle$.

2. Given an example of a group G and a family of subgroups $\{H_i | i \in I\}$ such that $\bigcup_{i\in I} H_i \neq \left\langle \bigcup_{i\in I} H_i \right\rangle$.

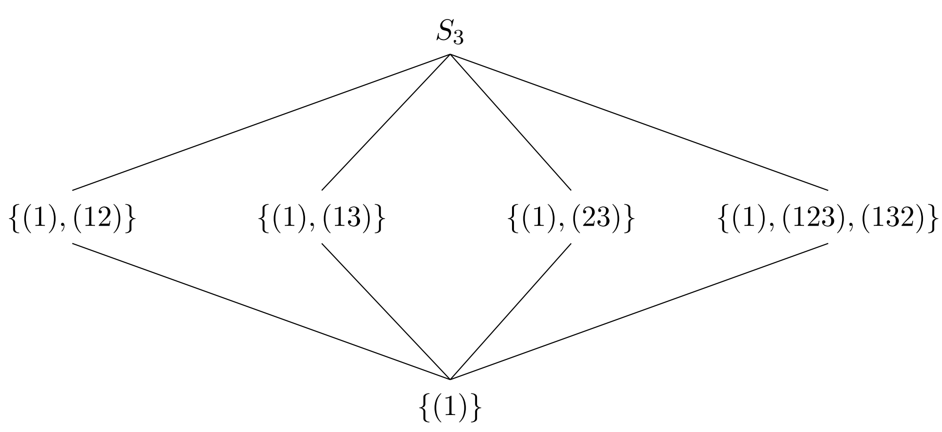
Answer. I didn't find a sufficient and necessary condition for this question, just choose one as you like:)

Exercise 1.2.19. 1. The set of all subgroups of a group G, partially ordered by set theoretic inclusion, forms a complete lattice in which the g.l.b of $\{H_i | i \in I\}$ is $\bigcap_{i\in I} H_i$ and the l.u.b is $\left\langle \bigcap_{i\in I} H_i \right\rangle$.

2. Exhibit the lattice of subgroups of the groups S_3, D_4^*, Z_6, Z_{27} and Z_{36}.

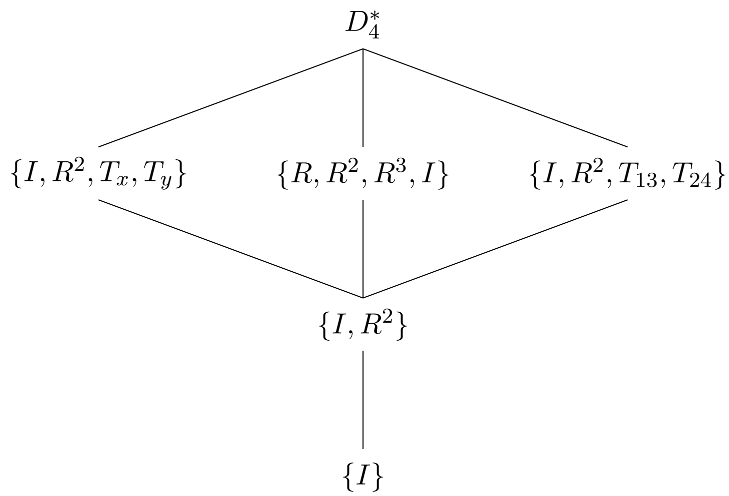
Answer. 1. The subset relation $<$ forms a partially ordered relation. By the difinition of $\left\langle \bigcup_{i\in I} H_i \right\rangle$, $\left\langle \bigcup_{i\in I} H_i \right\rangle$ is the smallest set contains $\bigcup_{i\in I} H_i$, so it's lup. For glb, we know that $\bigcap_{i\in I} H_i \subset H_i \ \forall i \in I$, and $\forall H \supset \bigcap_{i\in I} H_i$, there exists $x \in H, x \notin H_j \ j \in I$, so $\bigcap_{i\in I}$ is glb.

2. $S_3 = \{(1), (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$.



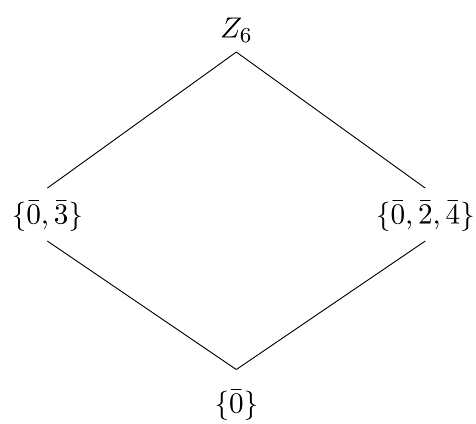
The Hasse figure of the lattice of S_3

$D_4^* = \{R, R^2, R^3, I, T_x, T_y, T_{13}, T_{24}\}$.



The Hasse figure of the lattice of D_4^*

$Z_6 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}$.



The Hasse figure of the lattice of Z_6

$$\begin{tikzcd}
Z_{27} \arrow[d, dash] \\
Z_9 \arrow[d, dash] \\
Z_3 \arrow[d, dash] \\
\{\bar{1}\}
\end{tikzcd}$$

The Hasse figure of the lattice of Z_{27}

$$\begin{tikzcd}
 & & Z_{36} \arrow[dl, dash] \arrow[dr, dash] & & \\
 & Z_{12} \arrow[dl, dash] \arrow[dr, dash] & & Z_{18} \arrow[dl, dash] \arrow[dr, dash] & \\
Z_4 \arrow[dr, dash] & & Z_6 \arrow[dl, dash] \arrow[dr, dash] & & Z_9 \arrow[dl, dash] \\
 & Z_2 \arrow[dr, dash] & & Z_3 \arrow[dl, dash] & \\
 & & \{\bar{1}\} & &
\end{tikzcd}$$

The Hasse figure of the lattice of Z_{36}

1.3 Cyclic groups

Exercise 1.3.1. Let a, b be elements of group G. Show that $|a| = \left|a^{-1}\right|$; $|ab| = |ba|$, and $|a| = \left|cac^{-1}\right|$ for all $c \in G$.

Answer. We only consider that $|a|, |b|, |c|$ are finite. Assume $a^k = e$, $(ab)^m = e$, $(ac^{-1})^n = e$, $kmn \neq 0$. $a^k \cdot (a^{-1})^k = e$, so k sialso the order of a^{-1}, $\left|a^{-1}\right| = k$. $(ab)^m = e = a(ba)^{m-1}b \Rightarrow (ba)^{m-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$, $(ba)^m = a^{-1}b^{-1}ba = e$. m is the order of ba. $(cac^{-1})^r = cac^{-1}cac^{-1} \cdots cac^{-1} = ca^nc^{-1} = e$, so $a^n = e$, whence $n = k$.

Exercise 1.3.2. Let G be an abelian group containing elements a and b of orders m and n respectively. Show that G contains an element whose order is the least commom multiple of m and n.

Answer. If $(m, n) = 1$, we know that $\forall a^i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$, $b^j, j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$, $a^ib^j \neq e$, since if $a^i = b^j$, $\left|a^i\right| = n = \left|b^{-j}\right| = \left|b^j\right| = m$. G is abelian, so $(ab)^k = a^kb^k \Rightarrow |ab| = mn = [m, n]$.
If $m|n$ or $n|m$, then a or b is the element we want. We consider $m \nmid n$ and $n \nmid m$. Factorise $n = p_1^{t_1}p_2^{t_2} \cdots p_l^{t_l}$, $m = p_1^{s_1}p_2^{s_2} \cdots p_l^{s_l}$, where $p_1, \cdots, p_l$ are primes and $t_1, \cdots, t_l, s_1, \cdots, s_l \geq 0$. We can choose a new arrangement of $p_1, \cdots, p_l$ and make $t_1 \geq s_1$, $t_2 \geq s_2$, $\ldots$, $t_i \geq s_i$, $t_{i+1} < s_{i+1}$, $\ldots$, $t_l < s_l$.

$$(m, n) = p_1^{s_1} \cdots p_i^{s_i} p_{i+1}^{t_{i+1}} \cdots p_l^{t_l}, [m, n] = p_1^{t_1} \cdots p_i^{t_i} p_{i+1}^{s_{i+1}} \cdots p_l^{s_l}$$

Take $x = a^{p_{i+1}^{s_{i+1}} \cdots p_l^{s_l}}$, $y = b^{p_1^{t_1} \cdots p_i^{t_i}}$, then $|x| = p_1^{t_1} \cdots p_i^{t_i}$, $|y| = p_{i+1}^{s_{i+1}} \cdots p_l^{s_l}$. Thus $(x, y) = 1$, the order of xy is $|x| \cdot |y| = p_1^{t_1} \cdots p_i^{t_i} p_{i+1}^{s_{i+1}} \cdots p_l^{s_l} = [m, n]$.

Exercise 1.3.3. Let G be an abelian group of order pq, with $(p, q) = 1$. Assume there exist $a, b \in G$ such that $|a| = p, |b| = q$ and show that G is cyclic.

Answer. From **Exercise 1.3.2** we know $a^ib^j \neq e$ for $i < p$, $j < q$. $|G| = pq$ for all a^ib^j and a^mb^n with $i \neq m$, $b \neq n$, $a^ib^j \neq a^mb^n$. So G can be generated by ab. G is cyclic.

Exercise 1.3.4. If $f : G \to H$ is a homomorphism, $a \in G$, and $f(a)$ has finte order in H, then $|a|$ is infinite or $|f(a)|$ divides $|a|$.

Answer. Assume $|f(a)| = n$, $|a| = m$, and $n \nmid m$. Trivially, $m \geq n$. Assume $\gcd(m, n) = k \leq n$. $a^m = e \Rightarrow f(a)^m = e' = f(a)^n$. By Bezout theorem $\exists x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$ s.t. $f(a)^{mx+ny} = f(a)^k = e'$, $k \leq n$, that's contradictory!

Exercise 1.3.5. Let G be the multiplicative group of all nonsingular 2×2 matrices with rational entries. Show that $a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ has order 4 and $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ has order 3, but ab has infinite order. Conversely, show that the additive group $Z_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}$ contains nonzero elements a, b of infinite order such that $a + b$ has finite order.

Answer. The verification of $|a| = 4$ and $|b| = 3$ is trivial. $ab = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\det(ab = \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$. ab is not diagnizable. By induction, we have $(ab)^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2^{n-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ which means (ab) has infinite order.
For $a = (\bar{0}, 1), b = (\bar{0}, -1) \in Z_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}$, a, b have infinite order, but $a + b = (\bar{0}, 0)$ has finite order 1.

Exercise 1.3.6. If G is a cyclic group of order n and $k|n$, then G has exactly one subgroup of order k.

Answer. Assume $a^n = e$, $mk = n$, we verify that $\langle a^m \rangle$ is a subgroup of order k. $\forall x, y \in \mathbf{Z}_+$, $a^{xm} \cdot a^{-ym} = a^{(x-y)m} \in \langle a^m \rangle$, so $\langle a^m \rangle$ is a subgroup. $a^{km} = e$, $a^{sm} \neq e$ for $s < k$, so $|\langle a^m \rangle| = k$.

Exercise 1.3.7. Let p be prime and H a subgroup of $Z(p^\infty)$.
(a) Every element of $Z(p^\infty)$ has finite order p^n for some $n \geq 0$.
(b) If at least one element of H has order p^k and no element of H has order greater than p^k, then H is the cyclic subgroup generated by $\overline{1/p^k}$, whence $H \cong Z_{p^k}$.

(c) If there is no upper bound on the orders of elements of H, then $H = Z(p^\infty)$.

(d) The only proper subgroups of $Z(p^\infty)$ are the finite cyclic groups $C_n = \left\langle \overline{1/p^n} \right\rangle$ $(n = 1, 2, \ldots)$. Futhermore, $\langle 0 \rangle = C_0 < C_1 < C_2 < C_3 < \cdots$.

(e) Let $x_1, x_2, \ldots$ be elements of an abelian group G such that $|x_1| = p, px_2 = x_1, px_3 = x_2, \ldots, px_{n+1} = x_n, \ldots$. The subgroup generated by the $x_i (i \geq 1)$ is isomorphic to $Z(p^\infty)$.

Answer. (a) $\forall x \in Z(p^\infty)$, $x = \frac{a}{p^n}$ where $a < p^n$, $p \nmid a$. p is a prime, so $\gcd(p, a) = 1$. $m \cdot a | p^n \Rightarrow m = p^n$. Thus $m \cdot \frac{a}{p^n} = e$, p^n is the smallest number satisfies it. $\frac{a}{p^n}$ has order p^n.

(b) For all $x \in Z(p^\infty)$, if x has order smaller than p^k, x must have the form $x = \frac{a}{p^i} (i \leq k)$, $(p, a) = 1$, so $x \in \left\langle \frac{1}{p^k} \right\rangle$. If not, assume $x = \frac{a}{p^i} (i > k)$, then $p^k \cdot x = \frac{a}{p^{i-k}} \neq 1$.

(c) Assume not, $H < Z(p^\infty)$, $H \neq Z(p^\infty)$. There exist $y \in H$ s.t. y has order $p^m, m \geq n$. $y = \frac{b}{p^m}$, $(p, b) = 1$, so there exists $b^{-1} \in \{1, 2, \ldots, p-1\}$, $bb^{-1} \equiv 1 \mod p^m$. But $ab^{-1}p^{m-n}y = \frac{a}{p^n} = x \in H$, that's contradictory! Conversely, $H = Z(p^\infty)$.

(d) From (b), we know that if there's least upper bound p^n for elements in a subgroup S, then $S = C_n$.

$$\langle 0 \rangle = C_0 < C_1 < C_2 < C_3 < \cdots < Z(p^\infty)$$

is easy to verify.

(e) We can verify that $f : x_i \mapsto \frac{\bar{1}}{p^i}$ is a well defined isomorphism. $f(e) = f(px_1) = 1$, $f(px_{i+1}) = f(x_i) = \frac{1}{p^i} = p \cdot \frac{1}{p^{i+1}}$. f is obviously a bijection, so $H \cong Z(p^\infty)$.

Exercise 1.3.8. A group that has only a finite number of subgroups must be finite.

Answer. Suppose not. If the order of all subgroups are finite, G must be finite. So there exists a infinite subgroup $H < G$. $\forall a \in G$, if $\forall n \in \mathbf{N}$, $a^n \neq e$. then we can construct infinte subgroups $\langle a \rangle$, $\langle a^2 \rangle$, $\langle a^3 \rangle \ldots$. If $\forall a \in G$, $\exists n \in \mathbf{N}$, $a^n = e$, so $\langle a \rangle$ is a proper subgroup of G, we can take $b \in G \ni \langle a \rangle$ to construct another subgroup. By induction, there are infinte subgroups in G. That's contradictory, so G must be finite.

Exercise 1.3.9. If G is an abelian group, then the set T of all elements of G with finite order is a subgroup of G.

Answer. We can easily verify that $\forall a, b \in S$, $|a| = m$, $|b| = n$ and $\left|ab^{-1}\right| \leq mn$ is finite. T is a subgroup of G.

Exercise 1.3.10. An infinite group is cyclic if and only if it is isomorphic to each of its proper subgroups.

Answer. If G is cyclic, $G \cong \mathbf{Z}$, $S < G$. For any subgroup of $\mathbf{Z}$, it has the form $\{na\}, a \in \mathbf{Z}$. We can construct a isomorphism $f : n \mapsto na$, so $S \cong \{na\} \Rightarrow G \cong S$.
If $\forall S < G$, $G \cong S$ and $|G| = |S|$ is finite. We prove there exists $S < G$ s.t. $|S| = \aleph_0$. Take $a \in G$ and $S = \{na|n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$, S is a subgroup. If there exists $ma = 0$, S must be finite, contradictory! Thus, $S \cong \mathbf{Z} \cong G$. G is a infinite cyclic group.

1.4 Cosets and counting

Exercise 1.4.1. Let G be a group and $\{H_i | i \in I\}$ a family of subgroups. Then for any $a \in G$, $(\bigcap\limits_i H_i)a = \bigcap\limits_i H_i a$.

Answer. $\bigcap\limits_i H_i$ is a subgroup of G. Take $x \in \bigcap\limits_i H_i$, $x \in H_i$, $\forall i \in I$. Then $xa \in H_i a$, $\forall i \in I$, so $xa \in \bigcap\limits_i (H_i a)$. Thus, $(\bigcap\limits_i H_i)a = \bigcap\limits_i (H_i a)$.

Exercise 1.4.2. (a) Let H be the cyclic subgroup (of order 2) of S_3 generated by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. Then no left cosets of H (except H itself) is also a right coset. There exists $a \in S_3$ such that $aH \cap Ha = \{a\}$.

(b) If K is the cyclic subgroup (of order 3) of S_3 generated by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, then every left coset of K is also a right coset of K.

Answer. (a) $H = \{(12), (1)\}$. $S_3 = \{(12), (13), (23), (1), (123), (132)\}$. For $a \in H$, $aH = Ha = H$.
$a = (13)$, $aH = \{(13), (123)\}$, $Ha = \{(13), (132)\}$.
$a = (23)$, $aH = \{(23), (132)\}$, $Ha = \{(23), (123)\}$.
$a = (123)$, $aH = \{(123), (23)\}$, $Ha = \{(132), (13)\}$.
$a = (132)$, $aH = \{(132), (13)\}$, $Ha = \{(123), (23)\}$.
(b) $K = \{(123), (132), (1)\}$. For $a \in K$, $aK = Ka = K$.
$a = (12)$, $aK = Ka = \{(12), (23), (13)\}$.
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$a = (23)$, $aK = Ka = \{(12), (23), (13)\}$.

Exercise 1.4.3. The following conditions on a finite group G are equivalent.
(i) $|G|$ is prime.
(ii) $G \neq \langle e \rangle$ and G has no proper subgroups.
(iii) $G \cong Z_p$ for some prime p.

Answer. (i)$\Rightarrow$(ii): If there exists $S < G$, $S \neq G$, then $|S| \,|\, |G| = p$. That's contradictory!
(ii)$\Rightarrow$(iii): $\forall a \in G$, take $S = \{na | n = 1, 2, \ldots, p\}$. If there exists $ma = na, (1 \leq m < n \leq p)$, $(n - m)a = 0$. So there exists subgroup S, and $|S| = n - m < p$. That's contradictory! So $S < G$, $|S| = |G| \Rightarrow S = G \cong Z_p$.

(iii)$\Rightarrow$(i): Trivial.

Exercise 1.4.4. Let a be an integer and p be a prime such that $p \nmid a$. Then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p$.

Answer. $(Z_p \backslash \{\bar{0}\}, \times)$ is a group of order $p-1$. From **Exercise 1.1.7**, we know that $\forall \bar{a} \in Z_p \backslash \{\bar{0}\}$ and $b \in Z_p \backslash \{\bar{0}\}$, taking different $\bar{b}$ we will have different $\bar{a}\bar{b} \in Z_p \backslash \{\bar{0}\}$. $\bar{a}\bar{b}$ travels through all the elements in $Z_p \backslash \{\bar{0}\}$. So

$$\prod_{i=1}^{p-1} (\bar{i} \cdot \bar{a}) = \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \bar{i}$$

By the definition of $Z_p \backslash \{\bar{0}\}$, $Z_p \backslash \{\bar{0}\}$ is commutative. So

$$(\bar{a})^{p-1} (\prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \bar{i}) = \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \bar{i} \Rightarrow (\bar{a})^{p-1} = \bar{1}$$

Exercise 1.4.5. Prove that there are only two distinct groups of order 4 (up to isomorphism), namely Z_4 and $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$.

Answer. The only cyclic group of order 4 is Z_4. For a group G of order 4 which is not cyclic, $\forall a \in G$, $a \neq e$, if $|a| = 2$, $G \cong Z_2 \oplus Z_2$. If there exists $a \in G$, $|a| = 4$, $G \cong Z_4$. If there exists $a \in G$, $|a| = 3$, denote $a^2 = b, a^3 = e$. Then $b^2 = a^4 = a$, $\{e, a, b\} < G$, which is contradictory to the Largrange theorem.

Exercise 1.4.6. Let H, K be subgroups of a group G. Then HK is a subgroup of G if and only if $HK = KH$.

Answer. If $HK = KH$, for $a_1b_1, a_2b_2 \in HK$,

$$(a_1b_1)(a_2b_2)^{-1} = (a_1b_1)(b_2^{-1}a_2^{-1}) = (a_1b_1)(a_3b_3)$$

since $b_2^{-1}a_2^{-1} \in KH = HK$, there exists $b_2^{-1}a_2^{-1} = a_3b_3$.

$$(a_1b_1)(a_3b_3) = a_1(b_1a_3)b_3 = a_1a_4b_4b_3$$

since $b_1a_3 \in KH = HK$, there exists $b_1a_3 = a_4b_4$. $(a_1b_1)(a_2b_2)^{-1} = a_1a_4b_4b_3 = a_5b_5 \in HK$. Thus HK is a subgroup of G.
If HK is a subgroup of G, $\forall b_1a_1 \in KH$, there exists $(a_1^{-1}b_1^{-1}) \in HK$ s.t. $b_1a_1 = (a_1^{-1}b_1^{-1})^{-1} \in HK$. So $KH \subset HK$. $\forall a_1b_1 \in HK$, $(a_1b_1)^{-1} = b_1^{-1}a_1^{-1} \in HK$, so $\exists a_2b_2 \in HK$ s.t. $b_1^{-1}a_1^{-1} = a_2b_2$. $a_1b_1 = b_2^{-1}a_2^{-1} \in KH$. So $HK \subset KH$. Thus $HK = KH$.

Exercise 1.4.7. Let G be a group of order p^km, with p prime and $(p,m) = 1$. Let H be a subgroup of order p^k and K a subgroup of order p^d, with $0 < d \leq k$ and $K \not\subset H$. Show that HK is not a subgroup of G.

Answer. Assume $HK < G$, $|HK| = p^kn$, $n|m$. We can get $[HK : H] = n = [K : K \cap H]$. $[K : K \cap H]\,|p^k \Rightarrow n|p^k$. That's contradictory to $(m, p^k) = 1$.

Exercise 1.4.8. If H and K are subgroups of finite index of a group G such that $[G : H]$ and $[G : K]$ are relatively prime, then $G = HK$.

Answer. Assume $[G : H] = m$, $[G : K] = n$, $(m, n) = 1$. Then $|H| = np$, $|K| = mp$. $H \cap K < H$, $H \cap K < G \Rightarrow |H \cap K|\,|p$.

$$[G : H] = m \geq [K : H \cap K] = \frac{|K|}{|H \cap K|} \geq m$$

Thus $[G : H] = [K : H \cap K] = m$, $G = HK$.

Exercise 1.4.9. If H, K and N are subgroups of a group G such that $H < N$, then $HK \cap N = H(K \cap N)$.

Answer. $\forall x = hk \in HK \cap N$, $\exists h_1^{-1} \in H$ s.t. $h_1^{-1}hk \in K \cap N$. $H < N$ so $\forall h_1^{-1} \in H, h_1^{-1}hk \in N$. Take $h_1^{-1} = h^{-1}$, $h_1^{-1}hk = k \in K$. So $HK \cap N \subset H(K \cap N)$.
$\forall x = hk \in H(K \cap N)$ where $h \in H$, $k \in K \cap N$. $hk \in HK, h, k \in N \Rightarrow hk \in N$. So $H(K \cap N) \subset HK \cap N$.
Thus, $HK \cap N = H(K \cap N)$.

Exercise 1.4.10. Let H, K, N be subgroups of a group G such that $H < K$, $H \cap N = K \cap N$, and $HN = KN$. Show that $H = K$.

Answer. Assume there exists $x \in K \backslash H$. $K \bigcup\limits_{i \in I} Ha_i$, $\forall h_i \in H$ there exists $a \in K$ s.t. $x = h_1 a$. Take $n_1 \in N$. Since $HN = KN$, $xn_1 \in HN$, there exists $h_2 \in H$, $n_2 \in N$ s.t. $xn_1 = h_2 n_2 = h_2 a n_1$. So $a = n_2 n_1^{-1} \in N$, $a \in K \cap N = H \cap N \Rightarrow a \in H, x \in H$. That's contradictory!

Exercise 1.4.11. Let G be a group of order $2n$; then G contains an element of order 2. If n is odd and G abelian, there is only one element of order 2.

Answer. The proof of the first part is exactly the same as **Exercise 1.1.14**. Assume there exists $a, b \in G$, $a^2 = b^2 = e$. We can check $H = \{e, a, b, ab\}$ is a subgroup of G. $|H| \,|\, |G| \Rightarrow 4 | 2n \Rightarrow 2 | n$, which is contradictory to n is odd. So there's only one element a s.t. $a^2 = e$.

Exercise 1.4.12. If H and K are subgroups of a group G, then $[H \vee K : H]$ $\geq [K : H \cap K]$.

Answer. The question is a direct corollary of Proposition 4.8.

Exercise 1.4.13. If $p > q$ are primes, a group of order pq has at most one subgroup of order p.

Answer. $H \cap K < H$, $H \cap K < K$, $H \neq K \neq H \cap K$. $|H \cap K| \,|p$ and $|H \cap K| \neq q$, so $H \cap K = \{e\}$. From **Exercise 1.3.12**,

$$[H \vee K : H] \geq [K : K \cap H] = p$$

$$|H \vee K| = |H| \cdot [H \vee K : H] \geq p^2$$

But $H \vee K \in G$, $|H \vee K| \leq pq < p^2$. That's contradictory!

Exercise 1.4.14. Let G be a group and $a, b \in G$ such that (i) $|a| = 4 = |b|$; (ii) $a^2 = b^2$; (iii) $ba = a^3 b = a^{-1} b$; (iv) $a \neq b$; (v) $G = \langle a, b \rangle$. Show that $|G| = 8$ and $G \cong Q_8$.

Answer. The proof is exactly the same as **Exercise 1.2.3**.

1.5 Normality, quotient groups, and homomorphisms

Exercise 1.5.1. If N is a subgroup of index 2 in a group G, then N is normal in G.

Answer. $\forall a \in G \backslash N$, $G = N \cup Na = N \cup aN$ and $N \cap Na = \varnothing$, $N \cap aN = \varnothing$. So $\forall x \in Na$, $x \in G \backslash N \Rightarrow x \in aN$, $Na \subset aN$. Similarly, $aN \subset Na$, whence $Na = aN$, $N \lhd G$.

Exercise 1.5.2. If $\{N_i | i \in I\}$ is a family of normal subgroups of a group G, then $\bigcap\limits_{i \in I} N_i$ is a normal subgroup of G.

Answer. $\bigcap\limits_{i \in I} N_i$ is a subgroup of G. $N_i (i \in I)$ are normal subgroups of G, so $\forall a \in G$, $aN_ia^{-1} = \{an_ia^{-1} | n_i \in N_i\} = N_i$. $\forall x = ana^{-1} \in a(\bigcap\limits_{i \in I} N_i)a^{-1}$, $n \in N_i \Rightarrow x \in a(\bigcap\limits_{i \in I} N_i)a^{-1} \subset \bigcap\limits_{i \in I} aN_ia^{-1} = \bigcap\limits_{i \in I} N_i$. $\bigcap\limits_{i \in I} N_i$ are normal subgroup of G.

Exercise 1.5.3. Let N be a subgroup of a group G. N is normal in G if and only if (right) congruence modulo N is a congruence relation on G.

Answer. If $N \lhd G$. $\forall a, b \in G$, $ab^{-1} \in N \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in N$. If $a_1 \equiv b_1 \mod N$, $a_2 \equiv b_2 \mod N$, then $a_2b_2^{-1} \in N$, $a_1N = Na_1 = Nb_1 \Rightarrow a_1Nb_1^{-1} = N$. So $a_1a_2b_1^{-1}b_2^{-1} = (a_1a_2)(b_1b_2)^{-1} \in N$. Similarly, $(a_1a_2)^{-1}(b_1b_2) \in N$. Congruence modulo N is a congruence relation.
If congruence modulo N is a congruence relation. $\forall a_1 \equiv b_1 \mod N$, $a_2 \equiv b_2 \mod N$, we will have $a_1a_2 \equiv b_1b_2 \mod N$. Take $n \in N$ and fix $a_2 \in G$, define $b_2 = n^{-1}a_2$. Then $\forall n \in N$, n can be expressed as $a_2b_2^{-1}$, $a_2 \equiv b_2 \mod N$. $\forall a_1 \in G$ and $\forall b_1 \equiv a_1 \mod N$, $a_1nb_1^{-1} = a_1a_2b_2^{-1}b_1^{-1} \in N$. Take $b_1 = a_1$ and n varies in N, $a_1na_1^{-1} \in N \Rightarrow a_1Na_1^{-1} \subset N$. Thus $N \lhd G$.

Exercise 1.5.4. Let $\sim$ be an equivalence relation on a group G and let $N = \{a \in G | a \sim e\}$. Then $\sim$ is a congruence relation on G if and only if N is a normal subgroup of G and $\sim$ is congruence modulo N.

Answer. If $G \lhd N$ and $\sim$ is congruence modulo N. $\forall a \in G$, $aNa^{-1} \subset N$. $\forall a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 \in G$, $a_1b_1^{-1} \in N$, $a_2b_2^{-1} \in N$. $a_1a_2(b_1b_2)^{-1} = a_1a_2b_2^{-1}b_1^{-1}$, denote $n = a_2b_2^{-1} \in N$, $a_1a_2b_2^{-1}b_1^{-1} = a_1nb_1^{-1} \in a_1Nb_1^{-1}$. $\forall n \in N$, there exists $n' = b_1^{-1}a_1, n' \in N$ s.t. $a_1n = b_1n'$. So $a_1nb_1^{-1} = b_1n'b_1^{-1} \in b_1Nb_1^{-1} \subset N$. That means $(a_1a_2)(b_1b_2)^{-1} \in N$, $a \sim b$ is a congruence relation.
If $a \sim b$ is a congruence relation. We first prove N is a subgroup of G. $\forall a \in N$, $a \sim e$, $a^{-1} \sim a^{-1} \Rightarrow e \sim a^{-1}$, so $a^{-1} \sim e$, $a^{-1} \in N$. $\forall a, b \in N$, $b^{-1} \sim e$, $a \sim e \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in e$, thus $N < G$.
$\forall x \in G$, $xN = \{xa|a \sim e\} = \{xa|xa \sim xe\} = \{ax|ax \sim e\} = Nx$, so N is normal in G. $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow y \in xN$. $\sim$ is congruence modulo N.

Exercise 1.5.5. Let $N < S_4$ consist of all those permutations σ such that $\sigma(4) = 4$. Is N normal in S_4?

Answer. $N = \{(1), (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$. Take $a = (14) \in G$, $a^{-1} = (14)$, $a^{-1}(12)a = (24) \notin N$. So N is not normal in S_4.

Exercise 1.5.6. Let $H < G$; then the set aHa^{-1} is a subgroup for each $a \in G$, and $H \cong aHa^{-1}$.

Answer. $H < G$, $aHa^{-1} = \{aha^{-1}|h \in H\}$. $\forall x, y \in aHa^{-1}$, $x = ah_1a^{-1}$, $y = ah_2a^{-1}$. $y^{-1} = ah_2^{-1}a^{-1}$, $xy = ah_1h_2^{-1}a^{-1} \in aHa^{-1}$, so $aHa^{-1} < G$. Take $f : H \to aHa^{-1}$ as $f(h) = aha^{-1}$. If $f(h_1) = f(h_2) = ah_1a^{-1} = ah_2a^{-1}$, then $h_1 = h_2$, so f is an injection. f is a surjection because $\forall x \in aHa^{-1}$, $f(a^{-1}xa) = x$, $a^{-1}xa \in H$. In conclusion, $H \cong aHa^{-1}$.

Exercise 1.5.7. Let G be a finite group and H a subgroup of G of order n. If H is the only subgroup of G of order n, then H is normal in G.

Answer. Applying **Exercise 1.5.6**, $\forall a \in G$, $aHa^{-1} \cong H$. $\left|aHa^{-1}\right| = |H| = n \Rightarrow aHa^{-1} = H$. Whence $H \lhd G$.

Exercise 1.5.8. All subgroups of the quaternion group are normal.

Answer. $Q_8 = \{a, b, a^2, ba, ab, a^2b, ab^2, a^2b^2\}$ where $a^2 = b^2$, $a_1b = ba = a^3b$ and $|a| = |b| = 4$. There are several subgroups $\{a, a^2, ab^2, a^2b^2\}$, $\{b, a^2, a^2b, a^2b^2\}$, $\{ab, a^2b^2\}$, $\{ba, a^2b^2\}$, $\{a^2, a^2b^2\}$. From **Exercise 1.5.1**, we know the first two subgroups are normal in G. For $\{ab, a^2b^2\}$, $\{ba, a^2b^2\}$, $\{a^2, a^2b^2\}$, we can check that ab, ba, a^2 is commutative in G, that is $\forall x \in G$, $xabx^{-1} = ab$, $xbax^{-1} = ba$, $xa^2x^{-1} = a^2$. They are all normal in G.

Exercise 1.5.9. (a) If G is a group, then the center of G is a normal subgroup of G;

(b) the center of S_n is the identity subgroup for all $n > 2$.

Answer. (a) By the definition of center C, $\forall x \in G$ and $a \in C$, $ax = xa$, so $xCx^{-1} = C$. C is normal in G.

(b) $\forall x \in S_n$, x can be expressed as

$$x = (a_1a_2 \cdots a_{i_1})(a_{i_1+1}a_{i_1+2} \cdots a_{i_2}) \cdots (a_{i_{n-1}+1}a_{i_{n-1}+2} \cdots a_{i_n})$$

Those cycles $(a_1a_2 \cdots a_{i_1})$, $(a_{i_1+1}a_{i_1+2} \cdots a_{i_2})$, ..., $(a_{i_{n-1}+1}a_{i_{n-1}+2} \cdots a_{i_n})$ are all disjoint, so they are commutative.

If there exists cycles whose length is longer than 2. WLOG, assume $i_1 > 2$. Take $y = (a_1a_2)$,

$$y^{-1}xy = (a_1a_2)(a_1a_2 \cdots a_{i_1})(a_1a_2) \cdots (a_{i_{n-1}+1}a_{i_{n-1}+2} \cdots a_{i_n})$$

$(a_1a_2)(a_1a_2 \cdots a_{i_i})(a_1a_2) = (a_2a_1a_3 \cdots a_{i_1})$, so $y^{-1}xy \neq x$, $x \notin C$.

If $x = (a_1a_2)(a_3a_4) \cdots (a_{2n-1}a_{2n})$ and $n \geq 2$. Take $y = (a_1a_3)$,

$$\begin{aligned} y^{-1}xy &= (a_1a_3)(a_1a_2)(a_3a_4) \cdots (a_{2n-1}a_{2n})(a_1a_3) \\ &= (a_1a_3)(a_1a_2)(a_3a_4)(a_1a_3) \cdots (a_{2n-1}a_{2n}) \\ &= (a_1a_4)(a_2a_3) \cdots (a_{2n-1}a_{2n}) \\ &\neq x \end{aligned}$$

So $x \notin C$.

If $x = (a_1a_2)$. Take $y = (a_1a_3)$, $y^{-1}xy = (a_2a_3) \neq x$, so $x \notin C$.

In conclusion, $C = \{(1)\}$.

Exercise 1.5.10. Find subgroups H and K of D_4^* such that $H \lhd K$ and $K \lhd D_4^*$, but H is not normal in D_4^*.

Answer. $D_4^* = \{I, R, R^2, R^3, T_x, T_y, T_{13}, T_{24}\}$. Take $K = \{I, R, T_x, T_y\}$, $H = \{I, T_x\}$. We can easily verify that $H \lhd K$ and $K \lhd D_4^*$ but $K \ntriangleleft D_4^*$.

Exercise 1.5.11. If H is a cyclic subgroup of a group G and H is normal in G, then every subgroup of H is normal in G.

Answer. Assume $K < H \lhd G$, H has the generator a, and K has the generator a^n. Here we used: *Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.* This can be easily proved by the conclusion $H \cong Z_m$ for some $m \in \mathbf{Z}$. $\forall x \in G$, $h = a^s \in H$, $x^{-1}a^s x = a^t \in H$. Assume $x^{-1}ax = a^m$, then $x^{-1}a^n x = (x^{-1}ax)^n = a^{mn} = a^k$, so $n|k$, $a^k \in K$. $x^{-1}Kx \subset K$, K is normal in G.

Exercise 1.5.12. If H is a normal subgroup of a group G such that H and G/H are finitely generated, then so is G.

Answer. Assume $A = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m\}$, $B = \{b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_n\}$. $H = \langle A \rangle$, $G/H = \langle \{Hb_i | b_i \in B\} \rangle$. We prove that G can be generated by $A \cup B$. $\forall x \in G$, x is in one of the right cosets of H, $x \in Ha$. $Ha \in G/H$ so $Ha = \prod_{b_i \in B} Hb_i^{s_i} = H(\prod_{b_i \in B} b_i^{s_i})$. Thus $a^{-1}(\prod_{b_i \in B} b_i^{s_i}) = a' \in H$. H is generated by A so $xa^{-1} = \prod_{a_i \in A} a_i^{t_i}$, $a' = \prod_{a_i \in A} a_i^{-r_i}$. Then

$$x = (\prod_{a_i \in A} a_i^{t_i + r_i})(\prod_{b_i \in B} b_i^{s_i}) \in \langle A \cup B \rangle$$

Thus $G \subset \langle A \cup B \rangle$ is finitely generated.

Exercise 1.5.13. (a) Let $H \lhd G$, $K \lhd G$. Show that $H \vee K$ is normal in G.

(b) Prove that the set of all normal subgroups of G forms a complete lattice under inclusion.

Answer. (a) $\forall x \in G$, $a \in H \vee K$, we need to prove $x^{-1}ax \in H \vee K$. $a \in H \vee K$ so a can be expressed as

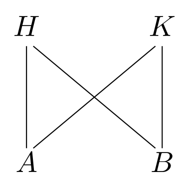
$$a = b_1^{n_1} b_2^{n_2} \cdots b_t^{n_t} \quad \text{where } b_i \in H \text{ or } b_i \in K, i = 1, 2, \ldots, t$$

so $x^{-1}ax = x^{-1}b_1^{n_1} \cdots b_t^{n_t} x = (x^{-1}b_1x)^{n_1}(x^{-1}b_2x)^{n_2} \cdots (x^{-1}b_tx)^{n_t}$.
$H \lhd G$, $K \lhd G$, so $x^{-1}b_ix \in H \vee K, i = 1, 2, \ldots, t$ and

$$x^{-1}ax = (x^{-1}b_1x)^{n_1}(x^{-1}b_2x)^{n_2} \cdots (x^{-1}b_tx)^{n_t} \in H \vee K$$

$H \vee K \lhd G$.

(b) Actually, in **Exercise 1.2.19** and (a), we have proved lub exists. Now we only consider glb. For $H \lhd G$, $K \lhd G$. If $H \cap K \lhd G$, then their glb is $H \cap K$. If not, assume there exists $A < H \cap K$, $B < H \cap K$, A, B are both normal in H and K. And there doesn't exists I s.t. $A \lhd I \lhd H$, $A \lhd I \lhd K$, $B \lhd I \lhd H$, $B \lhd I \lhd K$. Just like the figure:



But $A < H \cap K$, $B < H \cap K \Rightarrow A \vee B < H \cap K$. So $A \vee B \lhd H$, $A \vee B \lhd K$. That's contradictory! There is only one lower bound for $\{H, K\}$. Notice that $\{e\} < H \cap K$ so there exists at least one subgroup satisfies the condition. We have proved normality forms a lattice.

Exercise 1.5.14. If $N_1 \lhd G_1$, $N_2 \lhd G_2$ then $(N_1 \times N_2) \lhd (G_1 \times G_2)$ and $(G_1 \times G_2)/(N_1 \times N_2) \cong (G_1/N_1) \times (G_2/N_2)$.

Answer. Take $a \in (N_1 \times N_2)$, $a = (n_1, n_2)$ where $n_1 \in N_1$, $n_2 \in N_2$. $\forall x \in (G_1 \times G_2)$, $x = (g_1, g_2)$ where $g_1 \in G_1$, $g_2 \in G_2$. $x^{-1} = (g_1^{-1}, g_2^{-1})$, $x^{-1}ax = (g_1^{-1}n_1g_1, g_2^{-1}n_2g_2)$. $N_1 \lhd G_1$, $N_2 \lhd G_2$, so $g_1^{-1}n_1g_1 \in N_1$, $g_2^{-1}n_2g_2 \in N_2$. $x^{-1}ax \in (N_1 \times N_2)$. Thus $(N_1 \times N_2) \lhd (G_1 \times G_2)$.
Assume $G_1 = \bigcup\limits_{i \in I} N_1a_i$, $G_2 = \bigcup\limits_{j \in J} N_2b_j$. Then $G_1 \times G_2 = \bigcup\limits_{i \in I} N_1a_i \times \bigcup\limits_{j \in J} N_2b_j$.
Denote $A = \{a_i | i \in I\}$, $B = \{b_j | j \in J\}$. We construct two bijections $(G_1 \times G_2)/(N_1 \times N_2) \to A \times B$ and $(G_1/N_1) \times (G_2/N_2)$.

$$f : N_1a_i \times N_2b_j \mapsto (a_i, b_j)$$

$$g : (N_1 a_i, N_2 b_j) \mapsto (a_i, b_j)$$

Take $h = g^{-1} \circ f$, f, g are bijections, so h is an isomorphism. $(G_1 \times G_2)/(N_1 \times N_2) \cong (G_1/N_1) \times (G_2/N_2)$.

Exercise 1.5.15. Let $N \lhd G$ and $K \lhd G$. If $N \cap K = \langle e \rangle$ and $N \vee K = G$, then $G/N \cong K$.

Answer. Assume $G = \bigcup\limits_{i \in I} Na_i$, we construct $f : k \to G/N$. We prove that $\forall x, y \in K$, x, y belong to different cosets of N. Suppose not. $\exists x, y \in K$, $x, y \in Na_i$, then $xy^{-1} \in N \Rightarrow x = y$. That's contradictory! So f is a monomorphism.
$G = H \vee K$, so $G = HK$. we can write x as pq, where $p \in H$, $q \in K$. $|G/H| = [G : H] = [HK : H] = [K : K \cap H] = |K|$. f is a epimorphism.
Thus, $G/N \cong K$.

Exercise 1.5.16. If $f : G \to H$ is a homomorphism, H is abelian and N is a subgroup of G containing $\mathrm{Ker} f$, then N is normal in G.

Answer. Assume there exists $x \in G$, $x \notin N$ s.t. $f(x) \in f(N)$. $\exists n \in N$, $f(x) = f(n)$, $f(xn^{-1}) = f(x)f(n)^{-1} = e' \Rightarrow xn^{-1} \in \mathrm{Ker} f \Rightarrow x \in N$. That's contradictory! $\forall x \in G$, $n \in N$, $f(x^{-1}nx) = f(x^{-1})f(n)f(x) = f(n) \in f(N)$, so $x^{-1}nx \in N$. Thus, $N \lhd G$.

Exercise 1.5.17. (a) Consider the subgroups $\langle 6 \rangle$ and $\langle 30 \rangle$ of $\mathbf{Z}$ and show that $\langle 6 \rangle / \langle 30 \rangle \cong Z_5$.

(b) For any $k, m > 0$, $\langle k \rangle / \langle km \rangle \cong Z_m$; in particular, $\mathbf{Z}/\langle m \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle / \langle m \rangle \cong Z_m$.

Answer. (a) $\langle 6 \rangle = \{6n | n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$, $\langle 30 \rangle = \{30n | n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$. So $\langle 6 \rangle / \langle 30 \rangle = \{\langle 30 \rangle, \langle 30 \rangle + 6, \langle 30 \rangle + 12, \langle 30 \rangle + 18, \langle 30 \rangle + 24\} \cong Z_5$

(b) $\langle km \rangle \lhd \langle k \rangle$, $\langle k \rangle = \bigcup\limits_{i \in I} (\langle km \rangle + a_i)$. For $x \in \langle k \rangle$, $x \equiv a_i \mod km$, then $x \in \langle km \rangle + a_i$. $f : \langle k \rangle / \langle km \rangle \to \{a_i | i \in I\}$ defined by $f(\langle km \rangle + a_i) = a_i$ is a bijection. We check that $g : \{a_i | i \in I\} \to Z_m$ is also a bijection. Define

$b_i \equiv \frac{a_i}{k} \mod m$, $g(a_i) = b_i$. If there exists $b_i = b_j$ for $i \neq j$, $a_i \equiv a_j \mod km$. That's contradictory! So g is an injection. g is obviously a surjection, so g is a bijection. Take $h = g \circ f : \langle k \rangle / \langle km \rangle \to Z_m$ is a isomorphism, so $\langle k \rangle / \langle km \rangle \cong Z_m$.

Exercise 1.5.18. If $f : G \to H$ is a homomorphism with kernel N and $K < G$, then prove that $f^{-1}(f(K)) = KN$. Hence $f^{-1}(f(K)) = K$ if and only if $N < K$.

Answer. Take $x \in f^{-1}(f(K))$, then there exists $k \in K$ s.t. $f(x) = f(k)$. $f(xk^{-1}) = f(x)f(k)^{-1} = e' \in f(K) \Rightarrow xk^{-1} \in \mathrm{Ker} f = N$. Thus, $x \in Nk \subset NK$, $f^{-1}(f(K)) \subset NK$.
$\forall x = nk \in NK$, where $n \in N$ and $k \in K$. $f(x) = f(n)f(k) = e'f(k) \in f(K)$, so $NK \subset f^{-1}(f(K))$.
Thus, $f^{-1}(f(K)) = NK$. Hence $f^{-1}(f(K)) = K$ if and only if $N < K$.

Exercise 1.5.19. If $N \lhd G$, $[G : H]$ finite, $H < G$, $|H|$ finite, and $[G : N]$ and $|H|$ are relatively prime, then $H < N$.

Answer. $N \lhd G \Rightarrow NH < G$. By the second isomorphism theorem, $NH/N \cong H/H \cap N \Rightarrow [NH : N] = [H : H \cap N]$. Assume $[G : N] = m$, $|H| = n$, $|G| = mnp$ where $(m, n) = 1$. Then $|N| = np$, $N < NH$, assume $|NH| = knp$, $NH < G \Rightarrow knp|mnp \Rightarrow k|m$. $[NH : N] = [H : H \cap N] = k \Rightarrow k|n$. So $k = 1$, $NH = N$ which means $H < N$.

Exercise 1.5.20. If $N \lhd G$, $|N|$ finite, $H < G$, $[G : N]$ finite, and $[G : H]$ and $|N|$ are relatively prime, then $N < H$.

Answer. $N \lhd G \Rightarrow NH < G$. By the second isomorphism theorem, $NH/N \cong H/H \cap N \Rightarrow [NH : N] = [H : H \cap N]$. Assume $[G : H] = m$, $|N| = n$, $|G| = mnp$ where $(m, n) = 1$. Then $|H| = np$, $H < NH$, assume $|NH| = knp$, $NH < G \Rightarrow knp|mnp \Rightarrow k|m$. $[NH : N] = [H : H \cap N] = kp \Rightarrow kp|np \Rightarrow k|n$. So $k = 1$, $NH = H$ which means $N < H$.

Exercise 1.5.21. If H is a subgroup of $Z(p^\infty)$ and $H \neq Z(p^\infty)$, then $Z(p^\infty)/H \cong Z(p^\infty)$.

Answer. From **Exercise 1.3.7**(b), we know that H has the form $\left\langle \frac{\bar{1}}{p^n} \right\rangle$. Take $x_i = \frac{\bar{1}}{p^{n+i}} + H$, $x_1 = \frac{\bar{1}}{p^{n+1}} + H$.

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p} x_1 = \frac{\bar{p}}{p^{n+1}} + pH = \frac{\bar{1}}{p^n} + H = H$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p} x_i = \frac{\bar{p}}{p^{n+i}} + pH = \frac{\bar{1}}{p^{n+i-1}} + H = x_{i-1}$$

Take $A = \{x_i | i \in \mathbf{Z}_+\}$, $\langle A \rangle \cong Z(p^\infty)$ by **Exercise 1.3.7**(e). $\forall x \in \langle A \rangle$, $x \in Z(p^\infty)/H$, so $\langle A \rangle \subset Z(p^\infty)/H$. Take $x \in Z(p^\infty)/H$, $x = y + H$ where $y = \sum\limits_{i=1}^{m} \frac{a_i}{p^{n+i}}$, $x = \sum\limits_{i=1}^{m} (\frac{a_i}{p^{n+i}} + H) \in \langle A \rangle$. Thus, $Z(p^\infty)/H \subset \langle A \rangle$, $\langle A \rangle = Z(p^\infty)/H \cong Z(p^\infty)$.

1.6 Symmetric, alternating, and dihedral groups

Exercise 1.6.1. Find four different subgroups of S_4 that are isomorphic to S_3 and nine isomorphic to S_2.

Answer. $S_4 = \{(1), (12), (13), (14), (23), (24), (34), (123), (124), (132), (142), (134), (143), (234), (243), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (1234), (1243), (1324), (1342), (1423), (1432)\}$.
$A_1 = \{(1), (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$;
$A_2 = \{(1), (12), (14), (24), (124), (142)\}$;
$A_3 = \{(1), (13), (14), (34), (134), (143)\}$;
$A_4 = \{(1), (23), (24), (34), (234), (243)\}$;
$A_1 \cong A_2 \cong A_3 \cong A_4$.
$B_1 = \{(1), (12)\}$; $B_2 = \{(1), (13)\}$; $B_3 = \{(1), (14)\}$; $B_4 = \{(1), (23)\}$; $B_5 = \{(1), (24)\}$; $B_6 = \{(1), (34)\}$; $B_7 = \{(1), (12)(34)\}$; $B_8 = \{(1), (13)(24)\}$; $B_9 = \{(14)(23)\}$;
$B_1 \cong B_2 \cong B_3 \cong B_4 \cong B_5 \cong B_6 \cong B_7 \cong B_8 \cong B_9$.

Exercise 1.6.2. (a) S_n is generated by the $n-1$ transpositions (12), (13), (14), $\dots$, $(1n)$.
(b) S_n is generated by the $n-1$ transpositions $(12), (23), (34), \dots, (n-1\,n)$.

Answer. (a) $\forall x \in S_n$, x can be written as a product of transpositions. Actually, for any transposition (ij), we can obtain it by $(1i)(1j)(1i) = (ij)$. So $x \in \langle (12), (13), \dots, (1n) \rangle$, $S_n \subset \langle (12), (13), \dots, (1n) \rangle$.
(b) We can contruct $(1i)$ inductively since $(1i) = (1\,i-1)(i-1\,i)(1\,i-1)$. From (a), we have $\forall x \in S_n$, $x \in \langle (12), (13), \dots, (1n) \rangle$. Thus $S_n \subset \langle (12), (13), \dots, (1n) \rangle \subset \langle (12), (23), (34), \dots, (n-1\,n) \rangle$.

Exercise 1.6.3. If $\sigma = (i_1 i_2 \cdots i_r) \in S_n$ and $\tau \in S_n$, then $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$ is the r-cycle $(\tau(i_1)\tau(i_2)\cdots\tau(i_r))$.

Answer. $\sigma(i_n) = i_{n+1}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots, r-1$, $\sigma(i_r) = i_1$. Assume $\tau(i_n) = j_n$, $n = 1, 2, \dots, r-1$ and $I = \{i_n | n = 1, 2, \dots, r-1\}$, $J = \{j_n | n = 1, 2, \dots, r-1\}$. For $x \notin J$, $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}(x) = \tau\tau^{-1}(x) = x$. For $x = j_k \in J$, $\tau^{-1}(x) = i_k$, $\sigma(\tau^{-1}(x)) = i_{k+1}$, $\tau(\sigma(\tau^{-1}(x))) = j_{k+1}$ and $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}(j_r) = j_1$. Thus $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = (\tau(i_1)\tau(i_2)\cdots\tau(i_r))$.

Exercise 1.6.4. (a) S_n is generated by $\sigma_1 = (12)$ and $\tau = (123\cdots n)$.
(b) S_n is generated by (12) and $(23\cdots n)$.

Answer. (a) Denote $\sigma_i = \tau\sigma_{i-1}\tau^{-1}$. Applying **Exercise 1.6.3**, $\sigma_i = (i\, i+1)$. By **Exercise 1.6.2**(b), $S_n \subset \langle(12), (23), (34), \ldots, (n-1\, n)\rangle = \langle\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_{n-1}\rangle \subset \langle\tau, \sigma_1\rangle$. S_n can be generated by τ and σ_1.
(b) Denote $\sigma_1 = (12)$, $\tau = (23\cdots n)$, $\sigma_i = \tau\sigma_{i-1}\tau^{-1}$. Applying **Exercise 1.6.3**,$\sigma_i = (1\, i{+}1)$. By **Exercise 1.6.2**(a), $S_n \subset \langle(12), (13), \ldots, (1n)\rangle = \langle\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_{n-1}\rangle \subset \langle\tau, \sigma_1\rangle$. S_n can be generated by τ and σ_1.

Exercise 1.6.5. Let $\sigma, \tau \in S_n$. If σ is even (odd), then so is $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$.

Answer. Assume $\sigma = (x_1x_2)\cdots(x_{2n-1}x_{2n})$, $\tau = (y_1y_2)\cdots(y_{2m-1}y_{2m})$. Then $\tau^{-1} = (y_{2m-1}y_{2m})\cdots(y_1y_2)$. σ is odd (even) if an only if n is odd (even). $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$ has $2m+n$ transpositions. We can add $(ij) = (ji) = (1)$ into some segments of $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$ without changing it. So $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$ is odd (even) if and only if $2m+n$ is odd (even). $2m+n \equiv n \mod 2$ so $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$ is odd (even) if and only if σ is odd (even).

Exercise 1.6.6. A_n is the only subgroup of S_n of index 2.

Answer. For any subgroup $N < S_n$ and $[S_n : N] = 2$, we have $N \lhd S_n$.
Assume there exists k-circle $\sigma = (i_1i_2\cdots i_k) \in N$. Then for any other k-circle $(j_1j_2\cdots j_k)$, take $\tau = (i_ij_1)(i_2j_2)\cdots(i_kj_k)$, by **Exercise 1.6.3**, $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = (j_1j_2\cdots j_k) \in N$. Thus N contains all the k-circles.
For $n \geq 5$. If there exists 3-circle in N, then all the 3-circles are contained in N, $A_n \subset N \subset S_n \Rightarrow A_n = N$.
If there exists 2-circle in N, then all the 2-circles are contained in N. Notice $(1i)(1j) = (1ij) \in N$ is a 3-circle, so $A_n = N$.
If there only contain x in the form of $(a_ia_2\cdots a_{n_1})(b_1b_2\cdots b_{n_2})\cdots$ where $n_i \geq 4$ and every two circles are disjoint. Take $\tau_i : \{a_i | i = 1, 2, \ldots, n_1\} \to \{a_i | i = 1, 2, \ldots, n_1\}$. We can obtain product of two n_1-circles

$$x^{-1}\tau x\tau^{-1} = (a_1a_2\cdots a_{n_1})(\tau(a_1)\tau(a_2)\cdots\tau(a_n)) \in N$$

By the arbitrariness of τ, take

$$(\tau(a_1)\tau(a_2)\cdots\tau(a_n)) = (a_1a_4a_5\cdots a_na_3a_2)$$

then $x^{-1}\tau x\tau^{-1} = (a_1a_3)(a_2a_4)$ is a product of 2-circles. We can take a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 arbitrarily. WLOG, take $(12)(34) \in N$ and $(12)(35) \in N$, $(12)(35)(12)(34) = (345) \in N$. Then there exists 3-circle in N, $N = A_n$.
In conlusion, when $n \geq 5$, S_n has only one normal subgroup A_n.
For $n = 2, 3, 4$, we can verify it by enumeration.

Exercise 1.6.7. Show that $N = \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$ is a normal subgroup of S_4 contained in A_4 such that $S_4/N \cong S_3$ and $A_4/N \cong Z_3$.

Answer. Assume $\sigma = (i_1i_2)(i_3i_4) \in N$, $\forall\tau \in S_4$, $\tau(i_n) = j_n$, $J = \{j_n|n = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. For $x \notin J$, $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}(x) = \tau\tau^{-1}(x) = x$. For $x = j_k \in J$, $\tau^{-1}(x) = i_k$, $\sigma\tau^{-1}(x) = i_{3k-4[\frac{k}{2}]-1}$, $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}(x) = (\tau(i_i)\tau(i_2))(\tau(i_3)\tau(i_4)) \in N$. So $N \lhd S_4$. $S_4/N = \{N, N(12), N(13), N(23), N(123), N(132)\} \cong S_3$. $A_4/N = \{N, N(123), N(132)\} \cong Z_3$.

Exercise 1.6.8. The group A_4 has no subgroup of order 6.

Answer. $|A_4| = 12$, assume there exists $N < A_4$, $|N| = 6$. Then $N \lhd A_4$. From **Exercise 1.6.6**, we know that all 3-circles are contained in N. But there're 8 3-circles in total, so N can't exist.

Exercise 1.6.9. For $n \geq 3$ let G_n be the multiplicaive group of complex matrices generated by $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $y = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i/n} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2\pi i/n} \end{pmatrix}$, where $i^2 = -1$. Show that $G_n \cong D_n$.

Answer. Take a mapping $f : G_n \to D_n$ as $f(x) = (2\,n)(3\,n-1)\cdots$, $f(y) = (123\cdots n)$. $|f(x)| = |x| = 2$, $|f(y)| = |y| = n$. f is obviously a monomorphism. $\forall a \in D_n$, $a = f(x)^nf(y)^m, m = 1, 2$, then $a = f(x^ny^m)$, f is a epimorphism. Thus $G_n \cong D_n$.

Exercise 1.6.10. Let a be the generator of order n of D_n. Show that $\langle a\rangle \lhd D_n$ and $D_n/\langle a\rangle \cong Z_2$.

Answer. $|\langle a\rangle| = n$, b is the other generator of D_n, $a^n = b^2 = (1)$. $\forall k \in \mathbf{Z}$, $a^k b = ba^{-k}$ can be easily proved by induction. So $\forall x = a^m b^n \in D_n$, $x = a^{m'} b^{n'}$, here $m' \equiv m \mod 2$, $n' \equiv n \mod 2$. $D_n = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}, b, ba, \dots, ba^{n-1}\}$. $|D_n| = 2n$. Thus, $\langle a\rangle \lhd D_n$. $D_n/\langle a\rangle = \{\langle a\rangle, \langle a\rangle b\} \cong Z_2$.

Exercise 1.6.11. Find all normal subgroups of D_n.

Answer. The subgroups of $\langle a\rangle$ is always normal in D_n. $\langle a^m\rangle < \langle a\rangle$. $\forall x \in D_n$ and $a^{km} \in \langle a^m\rangle$, $x = a^t$ or $x = ba^t$.

$$x^{-1} a^{km} x = a^{-t} a^{km} a^t = a^{km} \in \langle a^m\rangle$$

or

$$x^{-1} a^{km} x = a^{-t} b^{-1} a^{km} b a^t = a^{-t} b a^{km} b a^t = a^{-t} a^{-km} b^2 a^t = a^{-km} \in \langle a^m\rangle$$

so $\langle a^m\rangle \lhd D_n$.
Consider the subgroup S which only contains $ba^i, i = 1, \dots, n$. Since $ba^i \cdot ba^j = a^{j-i} \in S\,(i \neq j)$, so $S = \{e, ba^k\}$.
If n is odd, take $x = a^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \in D_n$.

$$x^{-1} b a^k x = a^{\frac{1-n}{2}} b a^k a^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = ba^{k+n-1} \notin S$$

so $S \ntriangleleft D_n$ for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
If n is even, take $x = a^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \in D_n$, $n \geq 6$.

$$x^{-1} b a^k x = a^{\frac{2-n}{2}} b a^k a^{\frac{n-2}{2}} = ba^{k+n-2} \notin S$$

so $S \ntriangleleft D_n$ for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
If $n = 2$, all the subgroups are normal since $|D_2| = 4$.
For subgroup S contains both ba^i and a^j. It can be written as $S = \left\langle a^d, ba^r\right\rangle$, where $d|n$, $0 \leq r \leq d-1$. If $\exists a^m, a^n \in S$, $(m, n) = d$, then there exist $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$ s.t. $a^{mx+ny} = a^d \in \mathbf{Z}$. Thus, $S = \left\langle a^d, ba^r\right\rangle$.
Take $x = a^{\frac{n-w}{2}}$, then $x^{-1} b a^r x = ba^{r+n-w}$.

If $d \geq 3$, take $w \equiv n \mod 2$, $x^{-1}ba^r x \notin S$.
If $d = 2$, then $n = 2s$ and $S = \{e, a^s, ba^s, b\}$. $Sa^k = \{a^k, a^{s+k}, ba^{s-k}, ba^{-k}\}$, $k = 1, 2, \ldots, s-1$. $ba^k = ba^{-k}$ or $ba^k = ba^{s-k} \Rightarrow k = \frac{s}{2}$. So for $s = 2$, $n = 4$, S is a normal subgroup of D_4.

Exercise 1.6.12. The center of the group D_n is $\langle e \rangle$ if n is odd and isomorphic to Z_2 if n is even.

Answer. If n is odd, C is the center of D_n, $C \lhd D_n \Rightarrow C < \langle a \rangle$. Take $a^d \in C$, $x = ba^m$,

$$x^{-1}ax = a^{-m}b^{-1}a^d ba^m = a^{-m}ba^d ba^m = a^{-d} = a^d$$

so $d = 0$, $C = \{e\}$.
If n is even, $n \geq 6$. C is the center of D_n. $C \lhd D_n \Rightarrow C < \langle a \rangle$ or $C = \{e, ba^k\}$.
If $C = \{e, ba^k\}$, $C \cong Z_2$.
If $C < \langle a \rangle$,take $a^d \in C$, $x = ba^m$,

$$x^{-1}ax = a^{-m}b^{-1}a^d ba^m = a^{-m}ba^d ba^m = a^{-d} = a^d$$

so $d = \frac{n}{2}$ or $d = 0$, $C = \{a^{\frac{n}{2}}, e\} \cong Z_2$.

Exercise 1.6.13. For each $n \geq 3$ let P_n be a regular polygon of n sides (for $n = 3$, P_n is an equilateral triangle; for $n = 4$, a square). A *symmetry* of P_n is a bijection $P_n \to P_n$ that preserves distances and maps adjacent vertices on to adjacent vertices.

(a) The set D_n^* of all symmetries of P_n is a group under the binary operation of composition of functions.

(b) Every $f \in D_n^*$ is completely determined by its actions on the vertices of P_n. Number the vertices consecutively $1, 2, \ldots, n$; then each $f \in D_n^*$ determines a unique permutation σ_f of $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$. The assignment $f \mapsto \sigma_f$ defines a monomorphism of groups $\varphi : D_n^* \to S_n$.

(c) D_n^* is generated by f and g, where f is a rotation of $2\pi/n$ degrees about the center of P_n and g is a reflection about the "diameter" through the center and vertex 1.

(d) $\sigma_f = (123 \cdots n)$ and $\sigma_g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & n-1 & n \\ 1 & n & n-1 & \cdots & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, whence $\mathrm{Im}\varphi = D_n$ and $D_n^* \cong D_n$.

Answer. In the following analysis, all the numbers are $\mod n$.

(a) Consider n points $A_i = (\cos\frac{2\pi i}{n}, \sin\frac{2\pi i}{n})^t$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$. f is the transposition of $A_i \mapsto A_j$ with the consevation of n regular polygon structure. So f must be a bijection. D_n^* is the set of f. By the definition, $D_n^* \subset S_n$. We prove D_n^* is ta subgroup of S_n.

Notice that $A_{i+1} = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\frac{2\pi i}{n} & -\sin\frac{2\pi i}{n}\\ \sin\frac{2\pi i}{n} & \cos\frac{2\pi i}{n}\end{pmatrix} A_i$.

Denote $X = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\frac{2\pi i}{n} & -\sin\frac{2\pi i}{n}\\ \sin\frac{2\pi i}{n} & \cos\frac{2\pi i}{n}\end{pmatrix}$. To construct the polygon, we must have

$$f(A_{i+1}) = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\frac{2\pi i}{n} & -\sin\frac{2\pi i}{n}\\ \sin\frac{2\pi i}{n} & \cos\frac{2\pi i}{n}\end{pmatrix} f(A_i)$$

or

$$f(A_i) = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\frac{2\pi i}{n} & -\sin\frac{2\pi i}{n}\\ \sin\frac{2\pi i}{n} & \cos\frac{2\pi i}{n}\end{pmatrix} f(A_{i+1})$$

We need to verify that $\forall f_1, f_2 \in D_n^*$, $f_1 f_2^{-1} \in D_n^*$. Assume $B_i = f_2(A_i)$, $B_{i+1} = f_2(A_{i+1})$. Then $B_i = XB_{i+1}$ or $B_i = X^{-1}B_{i+1}$. Denote $B_i = A_j$, then $B_{i+1} = A_{j-1}$ or $B_{i+1} = A_{j+1}$. WLOG, assume $B_{i+1} = A_{j+1}$, then $f_1(A_j) = Xf_1(A_{j+1})$ or $f_1(A_j) = X^{-1}f_1(A_{j-1})$. So $f_1 f_2^{-1} \in D_n^*$. D_n^* is a subgroup of S_n.

(b) Assume $A_i = f(A_1)$. If $f(A_2) = A_{i+1}$, since f is a bijection, by induction, we can prove $f(A_k) = A_{k+i-1}$. $\varphi : D_n^* \to S_n$ can be defined as $\varphi : f \mapsto (1i\,2i{-}1\,3i{-}2\cdots)$. If $f(A_2) = A_{i-1}$, similarly, we can also prove $f(A_k) = A_{i+1-k}$. φ can be defined as $\varphi : f \mapsto (1i)(2\,i-1)(3\,i-2)\cdots$. This means f is completely determined by $f(A_1)$ and $f(A_2)$. D_n^* can be embedded into S_n.

(c) Denote $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\frac{2\pi i}{n} & -\sin\frac{2\pi i}{n}\\ \sin\frac{2\pi i}{n} & \cos\frac{2\pi i}{n}\end{pmatrix}$, $\beta = \begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\ 0 & 1\end{pmatrix}$. $f : A_i \mapsto \alpha A_i$, $g : A_i \mapsto \beta A_i$. f is the rotation of $\frac{2\pi}{n}$ degrees counter-clockwisely. g is the reflection about x-axis. Now we prove $\forall x \in D_n^*$, x can be factorised into finite product of f and g. From (b), x is fully defined by $x(A_1)$ and $x(A_2)$. Assume $x(A_1) = A_i$.

If $x(A_2) = A_{i+1}$, $x(A_k) = A_{i-1+k} = \alpha^{i-1}A_k$, $k = 1, 2, \ldots, n$. So $x = f^{i-1}$.

If $x(A_2) = A_{i-2}$, $x(A_k) = A_{i+1-k} = \alpha^{i+1}A_{-k} = \alpha^{i+1}\beta A_k$. So $x = f^{i+1}g$. Thus $D_4^* \subset \langle f, g\rangle$.

(d) $\alpha^n = \beta^2 = \begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\ 0 & 1\end{pmatrix}$. We can easily verify that $|f| = n$ and $|g| = 2$. From **Exercise 1.6.9**, $\langle f, g\rangle \cong D_n$, $|\langle f, g\rangle| = |D_n| = 2n$. From (b), $x \in D_n^*$

if completely determined by $x(A_1)$ and $x(A_2)$. There are $2n$ different ways to obtain $x(A_1)$ and $x(A_2)$. So $|D_n^*| = |\langle f, g\rangle| = 2n$. $D_n^* \subset \langle f, g\rangle$, so $D_n^* = \langle f, g\rangle$. Thus, $D_n^* \cong \langle f, g\rangle \cong D_n$.

1.7 Categories: products, coproducts, and free objects

Exercise 1.7.1. A *pointed set* is a pair (S, x) with S a set and $x \in S$. A morphism of pointed sets $(S, x) \to (S', x')$ is a triple (f, x, x'), where $S \to S'$ is a function such that $f(x) = x'$. Show that pointed sets form a category.

Answer. Let $\mathcal{S}$ be the category and 4 objects of $\mathcal{S}$ are (A, a), (B, b), (C, c), (D, d). f, g and h are morphisms defined by $f : A \to B$, $g : B \to C$, $h : C \to D$ with $f(a) = b$, $g(b) = c$, $h(c) = d$.

$$(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b) \xrightarrow{g} (C, c) \xrightarrow{h} (D, d)$$

category $\mathcal{S}$

$$\hom(A, B) \times \hom(B, C) \to \hom(A, C)$$

because $g \circ f : A \to C$ with $g(f(a)) = g(b) = c = g \circ f(a)$. Similarly, $(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f)$ with $(h \circ g) \circ f(a) = h \circ (g \circ f)(a) = d$. Take 1_B consist of those functions $i : B \to B$ with $i(b) = b$. Then $1_B \circ f = f$ and $g \circ 1_B = g$. So $\mathcal{S}$ is a category.

Exercise 1.7.2. If $f : A \to B$ is an equivalence in a category $\mathcal{C}$ and $g : B \to A$ is the morphism such that $g \circ f = 1_A$, $f \circ g = 1_B$, show that g is unique.

Answer. Assume there exist g and g' satisfies the condition.

$$A \underset{g}{\overset{f}{\rightleftarrows}} B \qquad\qquad A \underset{g'}{\overset{f}{\rightleftarrows}} B$$

So $g' \circ (f \circ g) = g' \circ 1_B = g' = (g' \circ f) \circ g = 1_A \circ g = g$.

Exercise 1.7.3. In the category $\mathcal{G}$ of groups, show that the group $G_1 \times G_2$ together with the homomorphisms $\pi_1 : G_1 \times G_2 \to G_1$ and $\pi_2 : G_1 \times G_2 \to G_2$ is a product for $\{G_1, G_2\}$.

Answer. Take $\tau_1 : G_1 \to G_1 \times G_2$ as $\tau_1(g_1) = (g_1, e)$; $\tau_2 : G_2 \to G_1 \times G_2$ as $\tau_2(g_2) = (e, g_2)$; $\pi_1 : G_1 \times G_2 \to G_1$ as $\pi_1(g_1, g_2) = g_1$; $\pi_2 : G_1 \times G_2 \to G_2$ as $\pi_2(g_1, g_2) = g_2$. Then

$$\begin{tikzcd} G_1 \arrow[r, shift right, "\tau_1"'] & G_1 \times G_2 \arrow[l, shift right, "\pi_1"'] \arrow[r, shift left, "\pi_2"] & G_2 \arrow[l, shift left, "\tau_2"] \end{tikzcd}$$

For any object B such that

$$G_1 \xleftarrow{\varphi_1} B \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} G_2$$

For any $x \in B$, define $f : B \to G_1 \times G_2$ as $f(x) = (\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x))$. Then $\pi_1(f(x)) = \varphi_1(x)$, $\pi_1 \circ f = \varphi_1$, $\pi_2(f(x)) = \varphi_2(x)$, $\pi_2 \circ f = \varphi_2$. Thus

$$\begin{tikzcd} & B \arrow[dl, "\varphi_1"'] \arrow[d, "f"'] \arrow[dr, "\varphi_2"] & \\ G_1 \arrow[r, shift right, "\tau_1"'] & G_1 \times G_2 \arrow[l, shift right, "\pi_1"'] \arrow[r, shift left, "\pi_2"] & G_2 \arrow[l, shift left, "\tau_2"] \end{tikzcd}$$

Next we verify the uniqueness. If there exist f and f' satisfies the condition,

$$\pi_1(f(x)) = \pi_1(f'(x)) = \varphi_1(x)$$

$$\pi_2(f(x)) = \pi_2(f'(x)) = \varphi_2(x)$$

Thus $f(x) = f'(x)$ for all $x \in B$, so $f = f'$.

Exercise 1.7.4. In the category $\mathcal{A}$ of abelian groups, show that the group $A_1 \times A_2$ together with the morphisms $\tau_1 : A_1 \to A_1 \times A_2$ and $\tau_2 : A_2 \to A_1 \times A_2$ is a coproduct of $\{A_1, A_2\}$.

Answer. Take $\tau_1 : A_1 \to A_1 \times A_2$ as $\tau_1(a_1) = (a_1, e)$; $\tau_2 : A_2 \to A_1 \times A_2$ as $\tau_2(a_2) = (e, a_2)$; $\pi_1 : A_1 \times A_2 \to A_1$ as $\pi_1(a_1, a_2) = a_1$; $\pi_2 : A_1 \times A_2 \to A_2$ as $\pi_2(a_1, a_2) = a_2$. Then

$$\begin{tikzcd} A_1 \arrow[r, shift right, "\tau_1"'] & A_1 \times A_2 \arrow[l, shift right, "\pi_1"'] \arrow[r, shift left, "\pi_2"] & A_2 \arrow[l, shift left, "\tau_2"] \end{tikzcd}$$

For any object B such that

$$A_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} B \xleftarrow{\varphi_2} A_2$$

For any $(a_1, a_2) \in A_1 \times A_2$, define $f : A_1 \times A_2 \to B$ as $f(a_1, a_2) = \varphi_1(a_1)\varphi_2(a_2)$. Then $f(\tau_1(a_1)) = f(a_1, e) = \varphi_1(a_1)e = \varphi_1(a_1)$, $f \circ \tau_1 = \varphi_1$, $f(\tau_2(a_2)) = f(e, a_2) = e\varphi_2(a_2) = \varphi_2(a_2)$, $f \circ \tau_2 = \varphi_2$.

$$\begin{tikzcd} & B & \\ A_1 \arrow[ur, "\varphi_1"] \arrow[r, shift right, "\tau_1"'] & A_1 \times A_2 \arrow[u, "f"] \arrow[l, shift right, "\pi_1"'] \arrow[r, shift left, "\pi_2"] & A_2 \arrow[ul, "\varphi_2"'] \arrow[l, shift left, "\tau_2"] \end{tikzcd}$$

Next we verify the uniqueness. If there exist f and f' satisfies the condition,

$$f(\tau_1(a_1)) = f'(\tau_1(a_1)) = f(a_1, e) = f'(a_1, e)$$

$$f(\tau_2(a_2)) = f'(\tau_2(a_2)) = f(e, a_2) = f'(e, a_2)$$

$$f(\tau_1(a_1), \tau_2(a_2)) = f(\tau_1(a_1))f(\tau_2(a_2))$$
$$= f'(\tau_1(a_1), \tau_2(a_2)) = f'(\tau_1(a_1))f'(\tau_2(a_2))$$

so $f = f'$.

Exercise 1.7.5. Every family $\{A_i | i \in I\}$ in the category of sets has a coproduct.

Answer. We examine $\dot{\bigcup} A_i = \{(a, i) \in (\cup A_i) \times I | a \in A_i\}$ which satisfies the condition. Define the morphism $\pi_i : A_i \to \dot{\bigcup} A_i$ as $\pi_i(a) = (a, i)$. For any B such that $\exists \varphi_i : A_i \to B$.

$$\begin{tikzcd} & & B & \\ A_1 \arrow[urr, "\varphi_1"] & A_2 \arrow[ur, "\varphi_2"] & \cdots & A_n \arrow[ul, "\varphi_n"'] \end{tikzcd}$$

$\varphi(a) = x \in B$. Take $\varphi(a, i) = \varphi_i(a)$ defined on the subset of $\cup A_i \times I$, we can verify that the domain of φ is $\dot{\bigcup} A_i$. Then take $f = \varphi$, $f(\pi_i(a)) = \varphi_i(a)$, $f \circ \pi_i = \varphi_i$.
The uniqueness is obvious.

Exercise 1.7.6. (a) Show that in the category $\mathcal{S}_*$ of pointed sets product always exist; describe them.

(b) Show that in $\mathcal{S}_*$ every family of objects has a coproduct, describe the coproduct.

Answer. (a) Define $\otimes$ as an operator between points and other elements in the pointed set. $\forall a \in A_i$, $a \otimes a_i = a_1 \times a = a$. For a family of sets with their points $\{(A_i, a_i | i \in I)\}$, consider $(A_1, A_2, \cdots, A_n) = \{(a_1', a_2', \cdots, a_n')\}$. Define morphisms $\pi_i(a) = (a_1, a_2, \cdots, a, \cdots, a_n)$, $\pi_i : A_i \to (A_1, A_2, \cdots, A_n)$.

$$\begin{tikzcd}
 & & (A_1, A_2, \cdots, A_n) & \\
A_1 \arrow[urr, "\pi_1"] & A_2 \arrow[ur, "\pi_2"] & \cdots & A_n \arrow[ul, "\pi_n"']
\end{tikzcd}$$

For any B such that $\exists \varphi_i : A_i \to B$.

$$\begin{tikzcd}
 & & B & \\
A_1 \arrow[urr, "\varphi_1"] & A_2 \arrow[ur, "\varphi_2"] & \cdots & A_n \arrow[ul, "\varphi_n"']
\end{tikzcd}$$

Take $f : (A_1, A_2, \cdots, A_n) \to B$ as

$$f(a_1', a_2', \cdots, a_n') = \varphi_1(a_1') \otimes \varphi_2(a_2') \otimes \cdots \otimes \varphi(a_n')$$

Then $f \circ \pi_i(a) = f(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a, \cdots, a_n) = \varphi_1(a_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \varphi_i(a) \otimes \cdots \otimes \varphi_n(a_n) = \varphi_i(a)$. So $f \circ \pi_i = \varphi_i$.
Next we verify the uniqueness. If there exist f and f' satisfies the condition. Then $\exists i \in I$ and $a \in A_i$ s.t. $f(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a, \cdots, a_n) \neq f'(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a, \cdots, a_n)$. But $f(\pi_i(a)) = f'(\pi_i(a))$, so $f = f'$.

(b) The proof is similar to **Exercise 1.7.5**.

Exercise 1.7.7. Let F be a free object on a set $X(i : X \to F)$ in a concrete category $\mathcal{C}$. If $\mathcal{C}$ contains an object whose underlying set has at least two elements in it, then i is an injective map of sets.

Answer. Assume $A \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{C})$, A has at least two elements and $X \xrightarrow{f} A$. $X \xrightarrow{i} F$ and F is free on X, so there exists a morphism $\bar{f}$ s.t. $F \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} A$. If $|X| = 1$, i must be injective. For $|X| \geq 2$. Suppose i is not injective. Take $x_1, x_2 \in X$ and $i(x_1) = i(x_2) \in F$, $f(x_1) = a_1$, $f(x_2) = a_2$. $\bar{f}(i(x_1)) = \bar{f}(i(x_2)) = f(x_1) = f(x_2) = a_1 = a_2$. That means all the elements in A are identical. That's contradictory to the assumption.

Exercise 1.7.8. Suppose X is a set and F is a free object on X (with $i : X \to F$) in the category of groups. Prove that $i(X)$ is a set of generators for the group F.

Answer. Assume G the subgroup of F is the group generated by $i(X)$. Since $X \xrightarrow{i} G$ and $X \xrightarrow{i} F$, we can obtain unique morphism φ such that $F \xrightarrow{\varphi} G$ and $\varphi \circ i = i$.
Consider morphism $1_F : F \to F$ which is the identical homomorphism. F is free so 1_F is the unique homomorphism. Take $\subset : G \to F$ as a morphism defined as $\forall g \in G$, $\subset (g) = g$. Then

$$\begin{tikzcd}
& G \arrow[dr, "\subset"] & \\
X \arrow[ur, "i"] \arrow[r, "i"] & F \arrow[u, "\varphi"] \arrow[r, "1_F"] & F
\end{tikzcd}$$

$\subset \circ \varphi \circ i = 1_F \circ i = i$ so $\subset \circ \varphi = 1_F$. Thus $\subset$ is an epimorphism, $F \subset G$. So $F = G$ can be generated by $i(X)$.

1.8 Direct products and direct sums

Exercise 1.8.1. S_3 is not the direct product of any family of its proper subgroups. The same is true of Z_{p^n}(p prime, $n \geq 1$) and $\mathbb{Z}$.

Answer. We list all the subgroups of S_3: $\{(1),(12)\}$, $\{(1),(13)\}$, $\{(1),(23)\}$, $\{(1),(123),(132)\}$. Only $\{(1),(123),(132)\}$ is normal, so S_3 isn't an direct product of any family of its proper subgroups.
For Z_{p^n}, $Z_{p^i} \lhd Z_{p^n}$ for all $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n-1$ but $Z_{p^i} \cap Z_{p^j} \neq \{e\}$. So Z_{p^n} isn't an direct product of any family of its proper subgroups.
For **Z**. $\forall N_1 \lhd \mathbf{Z}$, $N_2 \lhd \mathbf{Z}$, we have $N_1 = \langle a_1 \rangle$ and $N_2 = \langle a_2 \rangle$. Thus, $N_1 \cap N_2 = \langle a_1 a_2 \rangle \neq \{e\}$. So **Z** isn't an direct product of any family of its proper subgroups.

Exercise 1.8.2. Give an example of groups H_i, K_i such that $H_1 \times H_2 \cong K_1 \times K_2$ and no H_i is isomorphic to any K_j.

Answer. Take $H_1 \cong K_1 \times K_2$, $H_2 = \{e\}$. We verify that $H_1 \times H_2 \cong K_1 \times K_2$. There exists $f : H_1 \to K_1 \times H_2$ which is an isomorphism. There exists canonical projection $\pi_1 : H_1 \times H_2 \to H_1$ and π_1 is an epimorphism. Ker$\pi_1 = \{(e_1, e_2)\}$ thus π_1 is also a monomorphism. Therefore $\bar{f} = f \circ \pi_1$ is a well defined isomorphism. $H_1 \times H_2 \cong K_1 \times K_2$ but neither H_1 nor H_2 are isomorphic to any K_i, $i = 1, 2$.

Exercise 1.8.3. Let G be and (additive) abelian group with subgroups H and K. Show that $G \cong H \oplus K$ if and only if there are homomorphisms

$$H \underset{\tau_1}{\overset{\pi_1}{\leftrightarrows}} G \underset{\tau_2}{\overset{\pi_2}{\rightleftarrows}} K$$

such that $\pi_1\tau_1 = 1_H$, $\pi_2\tau_2 = 1_K$, $\pi_1\tau_2 = 0$ and $\pi_2\tau_1 = 0$, where 0 is the map sending every element onto the zero (identity) element, and $\tau_1\pi_1(x) + \tau_2\pi_2(x) = x$ for all $x \in G$.

Answer. If $G \cong H \oplus K$. Denote $f : G \to H \oplus K$ which is a isomorphism. Then there are canonical products π_1', π_2', τ_1', τ_2'.

$$\begin{tikzcd}
H \arrow[r, shift right, "\tau_1'"'] & H \oplus K \arrow[l, shift right, "\pi_1'"'] \arrow[r, shift left, "\pi_2'"] & K \arrow[l, shift left, "\tau_2'"]
\end{tikzcd}$$

Thus

$$\begin{tikzcd}
 & G \arrow[dl, dashed, shift right, "\pi_1"'] \arrow[dr, dashed, shift left, "\pi_2"] \arrow[d, shift left, "f^{-1}"] & \\
H \arrow[ur, dashed, shift right, "\tau_1"'] \arrow[r, shift right, "\tau_1'"'] & H \oplus K \arrow[l, shift right, "\pi_1'"'] \arrow[r, shift left, "\pi_2'"] \arrow[u, shift left, "f"] & K \arrow[l, shift left, "\tau_2'"] \arrow[ul, dashed, shift left, "\tau_2"]
\end{tikzcd}$$

Take $\tau_1 = f \circ \tau_1'$, $\tau_2 = f \circ \tau_2'$, $\pi_1 = \pi_1' \circ f^{-1}$, $\pi_2 = \pi_2' \circ f^{-1}$.

$$\pi_1\tau_1 = \pi_1' f^{-1} f \tau_1' = \pi_1'\tau_1' = 1_H$$

$$\pi_2\tau_2 = \pi_2' f^{-1} f \tau_2' = \pi_2'\tau_2' = 1_K$$

$$\pi_1\tau_2 = \pi_1' f^{-1} f \tau_2' = \pi_1'\tau_2' = 0$$

$$\pi_2\tau_1 = \pi_2' f^{-1} f \tau_1' = \pi_2'\tau_1' = 0$$

$\forall x \in G$, $x = hk$ where $h \in H$ and $k \in K$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau_1\pi_1(x) + \tau_2\pi_2(x) &= f(\tau_1'\pi_1'(h,k)) + f(\tau_2'\pi_2(h,k)) \\
&= f(\tau_1'(h)) + f(\tau_2'(k)) \\
&= f(h,e) + f(e,k) \\
&= f(h+e, e+k) = f(h,k) \\
&= x
\end{aligned}$$

If there exist π_1, π_2, τ_1, τ_2 satisfies the condition. There are canonical projections π_1', π_2', τ_1', τ_2' between H and $H \oplus K$, K and $H \oplus K$.

$$\begin{tikzcd}
 & G \arrow[dl, shift right, "\pi_1"'] \arrow[dr, shift left, "\pi_2"] \arrow[d, dashed, shift left, "f^{-1}"] & \\
H \arrow[ur, shift right, "\tau_1"'] \arrow[r, shift right, "\tau_1'"'] & H \oplus K \arrow[l, shift right, "\pi_1'"'] \arrow[r, shift left, "\pi_2'"] \arrow[u, dashed, shift left, "f"] & K \arrow[l, shift left, "\tau_2'"] \arrow[ul, shift left, "\tau_2"]
\end{tikzcd}$$

For $f = \tau_1'\pi_1 + \tau_2'\pi_2$ which is a well defined homomorphism. $\forall h \in H$ and $k \in K$, $\tau_1'(h) + \tau_2'(k) = (h,k) \in H \oplus K$. Thus $f(x) = (e_1, e_2)$ if and only if $\pi_1(x) = e_1$ and $\pi_2(x) = e_2$. $\tau_1\pi_1(x) + \tau_2\pi_2(x) = \tau_1(e_1) + \tau_2(e_2) = e = x$. Thus $\mathrm{Ker}f = \{e\}$. f is a monomorphism. $\forall (h,k) \in H \oplus K$, take $x = \tau_1(h) + \tau_2(k) \in G$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \tau_1'\pi_1\tau_1(h) + \tau_1'\pi_1\tau_2(h) + \tau_2'\pi_2\tau_1(k) + \tau_2'\pi_2\tau_1(k) \\ &= \tau_1'(h) + \tau_2'(k) = (h,k) \in H \oplus K \end{aligned}$$

f is a epimorphism. Thus $G \cong H \oplus K$.

Exercise 1.8.4. Give an example to show that the weak direct product is not a coproduct in the category of all groups.

Answer. Consider S_3 and $S_3 \times S_3$.

$$\begin{tikzcd} & S_3 \times S_2 \\ S_3 \arrow[ur] \arrow[r] & S_3 \times S_3 \arrow[u, dashed] \end{tikzcd}$$

Since there doesn't exist homomorphism $S_3 \to S_2$, there is no homomorphism $S_3 \times S_3 \to S_3 \times S_2$.

Exercise 1.8.5. Let G, H be finite cyclic groups. Then $G \times H$ is cyclic if and only if $(|G|, |H|) = 1$.

Answer. Assume $|G| = m$, $|H| = n$, then $G \cong Z_m$, $H \cong Z_n$ and $G \times H \cong Z_m \oplus Z_n$.
If$(|G|, |H|) = 1$. Consider $(x_1, x_2) \in Z_m \oplus Z_n$. By *Chinese Remainder Theorem*, there exists x such that $a \equiv x \mod \mathrm{lcm}(m,n)$ and $a \equiv x_1 \mod m$, $a \equiv x_2 \mod n$. Thus, $a(1,1) = (x_1, x_2)$. $Z_m \oplus Z_n < \langle(1,1)\rangle$. $\langle(1,1)\rangle < Z_m \oplus Z_n$ is trivial. So $Z_m \oplus Z_n = \langle(1,1)\rangle \cong G \times H$ is cyclic.
If $G \times H$ is cyclic. Assume $l = \gcd(m,n)$ and there exist x such that $x_1 \equiv x \mod m$, $x_2 \equiv x \mod n$. Take $x_1 \not\equiv x_2 \mod l$, it can be chosen properly. Consider $(x_1, x_2) \in Z_m \oplus Z_n$, $x = k_1 m + x_1 = k_2 n + x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 \equiv x_2 \mod l$. That's contradictory!

Exercise 1.8.6. Every finitely generated abelian group $G \neq \langle e\rangle$ in which every element (except e) has order p (p prime) is isomorphic to $Z_p \oplus Z_p \oplus \cdots \oplus Z_p$($n$ summands) for some $n \geq 1$.

Answer. Assume $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n\}$ generates G. $|a_i| = p$ for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ so $\langle a_i\rangle \cong Z_p$. Now we show that $G = \prod_{i=1}^{n}{}^{w} \langle a_i\rangle \cong \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_p$. $G = \langle a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n\rangle$ and $\langle a_1\rangle \lhd G$ for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$. If exist $\langle a_i\rangle$ s.t. $\prod_{j=1,j\neq i}^{n} \langle a_j\rangle \cap \langle a_i\rangle \neq \{e\}$. Then there exists $a_i^{s_i} = a_1^{s_1} \cdots a_{i-1}^{s_{i-1}} a_{i+1}^{s_{i+1}} \cdots a_n^{s_n}$. $(s_i, p) = 1$ so $\exists 1 \leq t_i \leq p-1$ such that $s_it_i \equiv 1 \mod p$. So $a_i^{s_it_i} = a_1^{s_1t_i} \cdots a_{i-1}^{s_{i-1}t_i} a_{i+1}^{s_{i+1}t_i} \cdots a_n^{s_nt_i} = a_i$. $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n\}$ can generate G. That's contradictory! So $\prod_{j=1,j\neq i}^{n} \langle a_j\rangle \cap \langle a_i\rangle = \{e\}$, which means $G = \prod_{i=1}^{n}{}^{w} \langle a_i\rangle \cong \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_p$.

Exercise 1.8.7. Let H, K, N be nontrivial normal subgroups of a group G and suppose $G = H \times K$. Prove that N is in the center of G or N intersects one of H, K nontrivially. Give examples to show that both possibilities can actually occur when G is nonabelian.

Answer. If $N \cap H = N \cap K = \{e\}$. $G = HK$. $\forall h \in H$ and $k \in K$, since $H \cap K = \{e\}$, $hk = kh$. For any $hk \in N$, and $h_1 \in H \subset HK$, $h_1^{-1}hkh_1 = h_1^{-1}hh_1k \in N$. Assume $h' = h_1^{-1}h_1 \in H$, $h'k \in N$. Thus $h'^{-1}k^{-1}kh = h'^{-1}h \in N$. So $h'^{-1}h = e$, $h = h'$, h is in the center $C(H)$ of group H. Similarly, $k \in C(K)$ which is the center of K. Then $\forall hk \in N$ and $h_1k_1 \in G$, $k_1^{-1}h_1^{-1}hkh_1k_1 = h_1^{-1}hh_1k_1^{-1}kk_1 = hk$. $N \subset N(G)$.
For $N \cup H \neq \varnothing$, the example can be trivial: $N < H$ and $N \lhd G$. There's many cyclic group satisfy the condition.
For $N \subset C(G)$. Take $G = D_4^* \times D_4^*$, $H = D_4^* \times \{I\}$, $K = \{I\} \times D_4^*$. $\{I, R^2\}$ is normal in D_4^*. Denote N is the subgroup $\{(I, I), (R^2, R^2)\}$. We can verify that N satisfies the condition.

Exercise 1.8.8. Corollary 8.7 is false if one of the N_i is not normal.

Answer. Consider $N_1, N_2, \ldots, N_n$ are all finite. WLOG, assume N_1 is not normal. $G = \left\langle \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} N_i \cup N_1 \right\rangle$ and $N_1 N_2 \cdots N_n \subset G$. Denote $A = N_2 N_3 \cdots N_n$. Then $\exists a \in A$ such that $a^{-1}na = n' \notin N_1$. Thus $n'a \in G$ but $n'a \notin N_1 N_2 \cdots N_n$ so $|G| > |N_1 N_2 \cdots N_n| = |N_1| \times |N_2| \times \cdots \times |N_n| = |N_1 \times N_2 \times \cdots \times N_n|$.

Exercise 1.8.9. If a group G is the (internal) direct product of its subgroups H, K, then $H \cong G/K$ and $G/H \cong K$.

Answer. $H \cap K = \{e\}$. $G = H \times K = HK$. Thus $HK/H \cong K/(K \cap H) = K$, $HK/K \cong H/(K \cap H) = H$.

Exercise 1.8.10. If $\{G_i | i \in I\}$ is a family of groups, then $\prod^w G_i$ is the internal weak product its subgroups $\{\tau_i(G_i) | i \in I\}$.

Answer. Take $\tau_i(g) = (e_1, e_2, \ldots, g, \ldots, e_n)$, $g \in G_i.\tau_i(G_i)$. $\tau_i(G_i)$ is normal in $\prod_{i \in I}{}^w G_i$. $\tau_i(G_i) \cap \tau_j(G_j) = \{(e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n)\}$ which is the identity element in $\prod_{i \in I}{}^w G_i$. $\forall (g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n) \in \prod_{i \in I}{}^w G_i$, we have

$$(g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n) = (g_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n)(e_1, g_2, \ldots, e_n) \cdots (e_1, e_2, \ldots, g_n)$$

Thus $\prod_{i \in I}{}^w G_i \subset \left\langle \bigcup_{i \in I}{}^w \tau_i(G_i) \right\rangle$ and

$$\left\langle \bigcup_{i \in I}{}^w \tau_i(G_i) \right\rangle = \tau_1(G_1)\tau_2(G_2) \cdots \tau_n(G_n) \subset \prod_{i \in I}{}^w G_i$$

Therefore $\prod_{i \in I}{}^w G_i$ is the direct product of $\tau_i(G_i)$.

Exercise 1.8.11. Let $\{N_i | i \in I\}$ be a family of subgroups of a group G. Then G is the internal weak product of $\{N_i | i \in I\}$if and only if:
(i) $a_i a_j = a_j a_i$ for all $i \neq j$ and $a_i \in N_i$, $a_j \in N_j$;

(ii) every nonidentity element of G is uniquely a product $a_{i_1} \cdots a_{i_n}$, where $i_i, \ldots, i_n$ are distinct elements of I and $e \neq a_{i_k} \in N_{i_k}$ for each k.

Answer. Trivial.

Exercise 1.8.12. A normal subgroup H of a group G is said to be a **direct factor** (**direct summand** if G is additive abelian) if there exists a (normal) subgroup K of G such that $G = H \times K$.

(a) If H is a direct factor of K and K is a direct factor of G, then H is normal in G.

(b) If H is a direct factor of G, then every homomorphism $H \to G$ may be extended to an endomorphism $G \to G$. However, a monomorphism $H \to G$ need not be extendible to and automorphism $G \to G$.

Answer. (a) $G = K \times K' = (H \times H') \times K'$. So $\forall g \in G$, $g = hh'k'$ with $h \in H$, $h' \in H'$ and $k' \in K'$. $\forall h_1 \in H$ and $g \in G$, $g^{-1}h_1g = k'^{-1}h'^{-1}h^{-1}h_1hh'k' = (h^{-1}h_1h)(h'^{-1}h')(k'^{-1}k') = h^{-1}h_1h \in H$. Thus $H \lhd G$.

(b) If $G = H \times K$. For a homomorphism $f : H \to G$, we construct a homomorphism $\bar{f} : G \to G$, $\forall g \in G$,g can be uniquely written as $g = hk$ where $h \in H$, $k \in K$. Take $\tau(g) = h$ which is a homomorphism $\tau : G \to H$. We can get $\bar{f} = f \circ \tau : G \to G$ is a endomorphism but it needn't to be a automorphism.

Exercise 1.8.13. Let $\{G_i | i \in I\}$ be a family of groups and $J \subset I$. The map $\alpha : \prod\limits_{j \in J} G_j \to \prod\limits_{i \in I} G_i$ given by $\{a_j\} \mapsto \{b_i\}$, where $b_j = a_j$ for $j \in J$ and $b_i = e_i$(identity in G_i) for $i \notin J$, is a monomorphism of groups and $\prod\limits_{i \in I} G_i / \alpha(\prod\limits_{j \in J} G_j) \cong \prod\limits_{i \in I - J} G_i$.

Answer. Define a map $\beta : \prod\limits_{i \in I} G_i \to \prod\limits_{i \in I-J} G_i$ given by $\{a_i\} \mapsto \{b_i\}$ and for those $i \in I - J$, $\exists b_i \in \{b_i\}$ s.t. $a_i = b_i$. Thus $\beta(\{a_i\})\beta(\{a'_i\}) = \beta(\{a_ia'_i\})$, β is a well defined homomorphism. Ker$\beta = \{\{a_i\} \in \prod\limits_{i \in I} G_i | a_i = e_i \text{ for } i \in I - J\} = \alpha(\prod\limits_{j \in J} G_j)$. We verify β is a epimorphism. $\forall \{b_i\} \in \prod\limits_{i \in I-J} G_i$, take

$\{a_i\} \in \prod_{i\in I} G_i$ where $a_i = b_i$ for $i \in I - J$. Then $\beta(\{a_i\}) = \{b_i\}$. Thus β is an isomorphism, $\mathrm{Im}\beta = \prod_{i\in I-J} G_i \cong \prod_{i\in I} G_i/\alpha(\prod_{j\in J}(G_j))$.

Exercise 1.8.14. For $i = 1, 2$ let $H_i \lhd G_i$ and give examples to show that each of the following statements may be false:
(a) $G_1 \cong G_2$ and $H_1 \cong H_2 \Rightarrow G_1/H_1 \cong G_2/H_2$.
(b) $G_1 \cong G_2$ and $G_1/H_1 \cong G_2/H_2 \Rightarrow H_1 \cong H_2$.
(c) $H_1 \cong H_2$ and $G_1/H_1 \cong G_2/H_2 \Rightarrow G_1 \cong G_2$.

Answer. (a) Take $G_1 = G_2 = Z_2 \times Z_4$, $H_1 = Z_2 \times \{\bar{0}\}$, $H_2 = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2})\}$.
(b) Take $G_1 = G_2 = Z_2 \times Z_4$, $H_1 = \{\bar{0}\} \times Z_4$, $H_2 = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{1}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{1}, \bar{2})\}$.
(c) Take $H_1 = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2})\}$, $H_2 = Z_2$ and $G_1 = Z_2 \times Z_4$, $G_2 = Z_2 \times K_4$.

1.9 Free groups, free products, generators and relations

Exercise 1.9.1. Every nonidentity elements in a free group F has a infinite order.

Answer. Define the length of a word $x = a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \cdots a_n^{\lambda_n}$ is n and denote it as $len(x)$. Assume $len(x) = n$ for some $n \in F$ and $len(1) = 0$, we prove that $len(x^m) \geq n \forall m \geq 1$.
Let k be the largest integer such that $a_{n-j}^{\lambda_{n-j}} = a_n^{-\lambda_j}$ for $j = 0, 1, \ldots, k-1$. If $k > \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$. For even k, $a_{\frac{n}{2}}^{\lambda_{\frac{n}{2}}} = a_{\frac{n}{2}+1}^{-(\lambda_{\frac{n}{2}+1})}$, $a_{\frac{n}{2}-1}^{\lambda_{\frac{n}{2}-1}} = a_{\frac{n}{2}+2}^{-(\lambda_{\frac{n}{2}+2})}$, $\cdots$ which means $x = a_1^{\lambda_1} a_2^{\lambda_2} \cdots a_n^{\lambda_n} = 1$. For odd k, $a_{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]+1}^{\lambda_{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]+1}} = a_{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]+1}^{-(\lambda_{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]+1})}$, which is contradictory to x is reduced. So $k \leq \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$.
Divide $x = x_1 x_2 x_3$ where $x_1 = a_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots a_k^{\lambda_k}$, $x_2 = a_{k+1}^{\lambda_{k+1}} \cdots a_{n-k}^{\lambda_{n-k}}$, $x_3 = a_{n-k+1}^{\lambda_{n-k+1}} \cdots a_n^{\lambda_n}$. $x_3 x_1 = 1$. So $len(x) = len(x_1) + len(x_2) + len(x_3) = n$. $x^m = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_1 x_2 x_3 \cdots x_1 x_2 x_3 = x_1 x_2^m x_3$. $len(x^m) = len(x_1) + m \cdot len(x_2) + len(x_3) \geq n$. So $\forall m \geq 1$, $x^m \neq 1$, $|x|$ is infinite.

Exercise 1.9.2. Show that the free group on the set $\{a\}$ is an infinite cyclic group, and hence isomorphic to $\mathbf{Z}$.

Answer. $F(\{a\}) = \langle a \rangle$ and thus it's a infinite cyclic group. $F(\{a\}) \cong \mathbf{Z}$.

Exercise 1.9.3. Let F be a free group and let N be the subgroup generated by the set $\{x^n | x \in F, n \text{ a fixed integer}\}$. Show that $N \lhd F$.

Exercise 1.9.4. Let F be the free group on the set X, and let $Y \subset H$. If H is the smallest normal subgroup of F containin Y, then F/H is a free group.

Exercise 1.9.5. The group defined by generators a, b and relations $a^8 = b^2a^4 = ab^{-1}ab = e$ has order at most 16.

Exercise 1.9.6. The cyclic group of order 6 is the group defined by generators a, b and relations $a^2 = b^3 = a^{-1}b^{-1}ab = e$.

Exercise 1.9.7. Show that the group defined by generators a, b and relations $a^2 = e$, $b^3 = e$ is infinite and nonabelian.

Exercise 1.9.8. The group defined by generators a, b and relations $a^n = e(3 \leq n \in \mathbf{N}^*)$, $b^2 = e$ and $abab = e$ is the dihedral group D_n.

Exercise 1.9.9. The group defined by the generator b and $b^m = e(m \in \mathbf{N}^*)$ is the cyclic group Z_m.

Exercise 1.9.10. The operation of free product is commutative and associative: for any groups A, B, C, $A * B \cong B * A$ and $A * (B * C) \cong (A * B) * C$.

Exercise 1.9.11. If N is normal subgroup of $A * B$ generated by A, then $(A * B)/N \cong B$.

Exercise 1.9.12. If G and H each have more than one element, then $G * H$ is an infinite group with center $\langle e \rangle$.

Exercise 1.9.13. A free group is a free product of infinite cyclic groups.

Exercise 1.9.14. If G is the group defined by generators a, b and relations $a^2 = e$, $b^3 = e$, then $G \cong Z_2 * Z_3$.

Exercise 1.9.15. If $f : G_1 \to G_2$ and $g : H_1 \to H_2$ are homomorphisms of groups, then there is a unique homomorphism $h : G_1 * H_1 \to G_2 H_2$ such that $h|G_1 = f$ and $h|H_1 = g$.

Chapter 2

The structure of groups

Chapter 3

Rings

3.1 Rings and homomorphisms

Exercise 3.1.1. (a) Let G be an (additive) abelian group. Define an operation of multiplication in G by $ab = 0$ (for all $a, b \in G$). Then G is a ring.

(b) Let S be the set of all subsets of some fixed set U. For $A, B \in S$, define $A + B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$ and $AB = A \cap B$. Then S is a ring. Is S commutative? Does it have an identity?

Answer. (a) $\forall a, b \in G$, $ab = 0 \in G$, so G is a monoid under multiplication, thus G is a ring.

(b) $A \subset U$, $B \subset U$, so $A - B \subset U$, $B - A \subset U$. Thus $A + B = B + A = (A - B) \cup (B - A) \subset U$. Take $\varnothing$ is the identity under addition and $U - A$ as the inverse of A, S is abelian group under the addition. $AB = A \cap B \subset U$, $AB = A \cap B = B \cap A = BA \in S$. So S is a commutative ring. $\forall A \in S$, $A \cap U = AU = A$ is the identity of the ring S.

Exercise 3.1.2. Let $\{R_i | i \in I\}$ be a family of rings with identity. Make the direct sum of abelian groups $\sum\limits_{i \in I} R_i$ into a ring by defining multiplication coordinatewise. Does $\sum\limits_{i \in I} R_i$ have identity?

Answer. Take $1_{R_i} \in R_i$ is the identity for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$. $\forall (a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) \in \sum\limits_{i \in I} R_i$

$$\begin{aligned} &(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n)(1_{R_1}, 1_{R_2}, \ldots, 1_{R_n}) \\ =&(1_{R_1}, 1_{R_2}, \ldots, 1_{R_n})(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) \\ =&(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) \end{aligned}$$

is the identity.

Exercise 3.1.3. A ring R such that $a^2 = a$ for all $a \in R$ is called **Boolean ring**. Prove that every Boolean ring R is commutative and $a + a = 0$ for all $a \in R$.

Answer. $\forall a \in R$, $(a+a)^2 = a^2 + 2a + a^2 = a + 2a + a = 2a$, so $a + a = 0$. $\forall a, b \in R$, $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + ab + ba = a + b = a + b + ba + ab$, so $ab + ba = 0 \Rightarrow ab = -ab = -ba$, $ab = ba$. Thus R is commutative.

Exercise 3.1.4. Let R be a ring and S a nonempty set. Then the group $M(S, R)$ is a ring with multiplication defined as follows: the product of $f, g \in M(S, R)$ is the function $S \to R$ given by $s \mapsto f(s)g(s)$.

Answer. We only need to check $M(S, R)$ is a monoid under multiplication, which means $\forall f, g \in M(S, R)$, $fg \in M(S, R)$. $\forall a \in S$, $fg(a) = f(a)g(a)$. Since $f(a) \in R$, $g(a) \in R$, $f(a)g(a) \in R$, $fg : S \to G$ is a well defined function. $fg \in M(S, R)$. $M(S, R)$ is a ring.

Exercise 3.1.5. If A is the abelian group $\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}$, then $\mathrm{End}A$ is a noncommutative ring.

Answer. We only need to verify that $\mathrm{End}A$ is not commutative. Take $f, g \in \mathrm{End}A$, $f : (x_1, x_2) \mapsto (x_1 \mod 2, x_2 \mod 2)$, $g : (x_1, x_2) \mapsto (x_1 \mod 3, x_2 \mod 3)$. Then $gf(3,3) = (1,1)$, $fg(3,3) = (0,0)$. Thus $\mathrm{End}A$ is not commutative.

Exercise 3.1.6. A finite ring with more than one element and no zero divisors is a division ring.

Answer. For any disjoint $a, b, c \in R$, $ab \neq ac$, otherwise $a(b-c) = 0$, $b - c$ is a zero divisor. So ax are different for different $x \in R$. $|\{ax|x \in R\}| = |R|$ and $\{ax|x \in R\} \subset R$. Thus $\{ax|x \in R\} = R$ which means $\exists a^{-1} \in R$ s.t. $aa^{-1} = R$. Similarly, a is also left invertable and R is a division ring.

Exercise 3.1.7. Let R be a ring withe more than one element such that for each nonzero $a \in R$ there is a unique $b \in R$ such that $aba = a$. Prove:

(a) R has no zero divisors.

(b) $bab = b$.
(c) R has an identity.
(d) R is a division ring.

Answer. (a) If x is a zero divisor of a. WLOG, assume $ax = 0$, $axa \neq a$ so $b \neq x$. But $axa + aba = a(x + b)a = a$ which is contradictory to the uniqueness.
(b) $aba = a \Rightarrow abab = ab$, $a(bab - b) = 0$ and $a \neq 0$, so $bab - b =$, $bab = b$.
(c) Assume $c = ab$, $abab = ab \Rightarrow c^2 = c$. $\forall x \in R$, $xc^2 = xc \Rightarrow (xc - x)c = 0$ and $c \neq 0$, so $xc = x$ for any $x \in R$. Similarly, $cx = x$ for all $x \in R$, c is the identity of R.
(d) $\forall a, b \in R$, $aba = a \cdot 1_R = 1_R \cdot a$. So $a(ba - 1_R) = (ab - 1_R)a = 0$, $ba = ab = 1_R$. That means a, b are all units, so R is a division ring.

Exercise 3.1.8. Let R be the set of all 2×2 matrices over the complex field $\mathbf{C}$ of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} z & w \\ -\bar{w} & \bar{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\bar{z}, \bar{w}$ are the complex conjugates of z and w respectively. Then R is a division ring that is isomorphic to the division ring K of real quaternions.

Answer. Define $f : K \to R$ with $f(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $f(i) = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$, $f(j) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $f(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Assume $z = a + bi$, $w = c + di$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} z & w \\ -\bar{w} & \bar{z} \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Define

$$f(\begin{pmatrix} z & w \\ -\bar{w} & \bar{z} \end{pmatrix}) = af(1) + bf(i) + cf(j) + df(k)$$

$f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$ and f is a isomorphism, so $R \cong K$.

Exercise 3.1.9. (a) The subset $G = \{1, -1, i, -i, j, -j, k, -k\}$ of the division ring K of real quaternions forms a group under multiplication.

(b) G is isomorphic to the quaternion group.
(c) What is the difference between the ring K and the group $\mathbf{R}(G)$($\mathbf{R}$ the field of real numbers)?

Answer. (a) Trivial.
(b) Define $f : G \to Q_8$ given by $f(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $f(i) = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$, $f(j) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $f(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. We can verify that f is a isomorphism, $G \cong Q_8$.
(c) $R(G)$ is a free abelian group while K is not free on G.

Exercise 3.1.10. Let k, n be integers such that $0 \le k \le n$ and $\binom{n}{k}$ the binomial coefficient $n!/(n-k)!k!$, where $0! = 1$ and for $n > 0$, $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots 2\cdot 1$.
(a) $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$
(b) $\binom{n}{k} < \binom{n}{k+1}$ for $k+1 \le n/2$.
(c) $\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k+1} = \binom{n+1}{k+1}$ for $k < n$.
(d) $\binom{n}{k}$ is an integer.
(e) if p is prime and $1 \le k \le p^n - 1$, then $\binom{p^n}{k}$ is divisible by p.

(a) $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \frac{n!}{(n-(n-k))!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{n-k}$.
(b) $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$, $\binom{n}{k+1} = \frac{n!}{(n-k-1)!(k+1)!}$, since $k+1 \le n-k$ when $k+1 \le \frac{n}{2}$, then $\binom{n}{k} < \binom{n}{k+1}$.
(c) $\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k+1} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} + \frac{n!}{(n-k-1)!(k+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-k)!(k+1)!} = \binom{n+1}{k+1}$.
(d) $\binom{n}{k}$ is an integer can be easily solved by induction and (c).
(e) $\mathrm{ord}_p(p^n!) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\left[\frac{p^n}{p^i}\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p^i$. $\mathrm{ord}_p(k!) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\left[\frac{k}{p^i}\right]$, $\mathrm{ord}_p((p^n-k)!) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\left[\frac{p^n-k}{p^i}\right]$. $\forall i \in \mathbf{N}$, $\left[\frac{p^n-k}{p^i}\right] + \left[\frac{k}{p^i}\right] \le \left[\frac{p^n}{p^i}\right]$, the equality holds if and only if $\frac{p^n-k}{p^i}, \frac{k}{p^i} \in \mathbf{Z}$. And $\left[\frac{p^n-k}{p^n}\right] = 0$, $\left[\frac{k}{p^n}\right] = 0$. So $\mathrm{ord}_p(\binom{p^n}{k}) = \mathrm{ord}_p(p^n!) - \mathrm{ord}_p((n-k)!) - \mathrm{ord}_p(k!) \ge 1$. $p|\binom{p^n}{k}$.

Exercise 3.1.11. Let R be a commutative ring with identity of prime characteristic p. If $a, b \in R$, then $(a \pm b)^{p^n} = a^{p^n} \pm b^{p^n}$ for all integers $n \ge 0$.

Answer. $(a \pm b)^{p^n} = \sum_{i=0}^{p^n} \binom{p^n}{i}(\pm a)^i b^{p^n-i}$. From **Exercise 3.1.10**, $p|\binom{p^n}{i}$ for all $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n-1$, so $\binom{p^n}{i} a^i b^{p^n-i} = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n-1$. Thus $\sum_{i=0}^{p^n} \binom{p^n}{i}(\pm a)^i b^{p^n-i} = a^{p^n} \pm b^{p^n} = (a \pm b)^{p^n}$.

Exercise 3.1.12. An element of a ring is **nilpotent** if $a^n = 0$ for some n. Prove that in a commutative ring $a + b$ is nilpotent if a and b are. Show that this result may be false if R is not commutative.

Answer. Assume $a^m = 0$, $b^n = 0$. For $(a+b)^{m+n} = \sum_{i=1}^{m+n} \binom{m+n}{i} a^i b^{m+n-i}$. If $i \geq m$, $a^i b^{m+n-i} = 0b^{m+n-i} = 0$; if $i \leq m$, $m + n - i \geq n$ so $a^i b^{m+n-i} = a^i 0 = 0$. Thus $a^i b^{m+n-i} = 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m+n$. $a+b$ is also nilpotent. For the 2×2 matrix ring. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are nilpotent, but $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is not nilpotent.

Exercise 3.1.13. In a ring R the following conditions are equivalent.
(a) R has no nonzero nilpotent elements.
(b) If $a \in R$ and $a^2 = 0$, then $a = 0$.

Answer. (a)$Rightarrow$(b): Trivial.
(b)$Rightarrow$(a): If $\exists a \in R$, $a^n = 0$ for some n and $a \neq 0$. Assume $n = 2^m \cdot k$ and k is a odd integer. Then $(a^{k \cdot 2^{m-1}})^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a^{k \cdot 2^{m-1}} = 0 \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow a^k = 0$. $a^k \cdot a^{k+1} = 0$ and $2|k+1$, we can continue this step until $\frac{k+1}{2} \geq k$ which means $k = 1$. So $a = 0$.

Exercise 3.1.14. Let R be a commutative ring with identity and prime characteristic p. The map $R \to R$ given by $r \mapsto r^p$ is a homomorphism of rings called the Frobenius homomorphism.

Answer. $\forall a, b \in R$, $pa = pb = 0$ and the map $f : r \mapsto r^p$. $f(a+b) = (a+b)^p = \sum_{i=0}^{p} \binom{p}{i} a^i b^{p-i}$. Since p is a prime so $p \mid p!$ and $p \nmid i!(p-i)!$, $p \mid \binom{p}{i}$ for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p-1$. So $f(a+b) = a^p + b^p = f(a) + f(b)$, $f(ab) = (ab)^p = a^p b^p = f(a)f(b)$, f is a homomorphism of rings.

Exercise 3.1.15. (a) Give an example of nonzero homomorphism $f : R \to S$ of rings with the identity such that $f(1_R) \neq 1_S$.

(b) If $f : R \to S$ is an epimorphism of rings with identity, then $f(1_R) = 1_S$.

(c) If $f : R \to S$ is a homomorphism of rings with identity and u is a unit in R such that $f(u)$ is a unit in S, then $f(1_R) = 1_S$ and $f(u^{-1}) = f(u)^{-1}$.

Answer. (a) For $f : Z_2 \to Z_6$ defined by $f(0) = 0$, $f(1) = 3$. f is a homomorphism of ring which satisfies the condition.

(b) $\forall s \in S$, $\exists r \in R$ such that $f(r) = s$, so $f(r)f(1_R) = f(1_R)f(r) = f(r) = s$, so $f(1_R) = 1_S$ is the identity of S.

(c) $f(u)f(u^{-1}) = f(u^{-1})f(u) = f(1_R)$. $\exists s \in S$ such that $f(u)s = sf(u) = 1_S$, $sf(u)f(u^{-1}) = sf(1_R) = f(u^{-1})$, $sf(1_R)f(u) = f(u^{-1})f(u) = f(1_R) = sf(u) = 1_S$. Thus $f(u^{-1} = s)$, $f(u^{-1}) = f(u)^{-1}$.

Exercise 3.1.16. Let $f : R \to S$ be a homomorphism of rings such that $f(r) \neq 0$ for some nonzero $r \in R$. If R has an identity and S has no zero divisors, then S is a ring with identity $f(1_R)$.

Answer. $f(1_R)f(1_R) = f(1_R)$, so $f(1_R)(f(1_R) - 1_S) = 0 \Rightarrow f(1_R) = 1_S$.

Exercise 3.1.17. (a) If R is a ring, then so is R^{op} is defined as follows. The underlying set of R^{op} is precisely R and addition in R^{op} coincides with addition in R. Multiplication in R^{op}, denoted $\circ$, is defined by $a \circ b = ba$, where ba is the product in R. R^{op} is called the **opposite ring** of R.

(b) R has identity if and only if R^{op} does.

(c) R is a division ring if and only if R^{op} is.

(d) $(R^{op})^{op} = R$.

(e) If S is a ring, then $R \cong S$ if and only if $R^{op} \cong S^{op}$.

Answer. (a) Trivial.

(b) If 1_R is the identity of R. Take $1_{R^{op}} = 1_R$ then $\forall a \in R^{op}$, $1_{R^{op}} \circ a = a1_R = a = 1_R a = a \circ 1_{R^{op}}$. So $1_{R^{op}}$ is the identity of R^{op}.

(c) $\forall a \in R^{op}$, take $a^{-1} \in R$, $a^{-1} \circ a = aa^{-1} = 1_R = a^{-1}a = a \circ a^{-1}$. So a is a unit, R^{op} is a division ring.

(d) Denote $*$ is the multiplication in $(R^{op})^{op}$.

$$a * b = b \circ a = ab \in R$$

The multiplications are identical. The underlying set and addition of R and $(R^{op})^{op}$ are identical. So $R = (R^{op})^{op}$.

(e) If $R \cong S$, there exists isomorphism $f : R \to S$. We verify that $f'R^{op} \to S^{op}$ defined by $f' = f$ is an isomorphism. $f' = f$ is obviously a bijection. $f'(a) \circ f'(b) = f(b)f(a) = f(ba) = f'(a \circ b)$. f' is a well defined homomorphism, so $R^{op} \cong S^{op}$.

Exercise 3.1.18. Let $\mathbf{Q}$ be the field of rational numbers and R any ring. If $f, g : \mathbf{Q} \to R$ are homomorphisms of rings such that $f|\mathbf{Z} = g|\mathbf{Z}$, then $f = g$.

Answer. $f(n) = g(n)$ for $n \in \mathbf{Z}$. $g(n)g(\frac{1}{n}) = g(1) \Rightarrow f(n)g(\frac{1}{n}) = g(1) = f(1)$, so $f(\frac{1}{n})f(n)g(\frac{1}{n}) = g(\frac{1}{n}) = f(\frac{1}{n})$ for all $n \in \mathbf{Z}$. Thus $f = g$.