

Abstract Algebra

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6: question Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $H = \{mn : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. How many left cosets of H in Z are there?

solutoin/proposition There are $n - 1$ distinct left cosets of H .

proof Let H be instantiated as in the question. By the properties of cosets, we know that given an element $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a + H = H$ if and only if $a \in H$. By definition of H , this occurs only when there exists some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = mn$. In other words $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$. Call the negation of this Condition 1). Furthermore, given arbitrary integers a and b , we have by another property of cosets that $a + H = b + H$ if and only if $a \in b + H$. By definition of H and of left cosets, this only occurs when there exists some $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = b + xn$. Equivalently, this only happens when $a - b = xn$ for some $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, which means $n|a - b$, which also means that $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$. Call the negation of this condition 2).

Let a be an arbitrary integer satisfying condition 1). Furthermore, we need to find the number of elements, b , satisfying condition 2). These will be elements which are not in the modular equivalence class of a modulo n . Since $[a]$ by assumption of condition 1) is not $[0]$, and neither is $[b]$, we have $n - 2$ other options. Including $[a]$ into this we have in total $n - 1$ options. Hence there are $n - 1$ distinct left inverses of H . Q.E.D.

12: proposition Given a group G such that $|G| = 155$, and elements $a, b \in G$ such that a and b are not the identity element, and $|a| \neq |b|$, it follows that any subgroup containing both a and b is itself G .

proof Let G be instantiated as stated in the proposition, and let a, b be elements as stated in the proposition. Note that the prime factorization of 155 is $155 = 31 \cdot 5$. Hence the only positive divisors of 155 are 1, 5, 31 and 155. By corollary 2 of Lagrange's theorem, the order of any subgroup divides the order of the group. Hence, given an arbitrary subgroup $H \leq G$, it follows that $|H| = 155, 31, 5$ or 1. Furthermore, since $|\langle a \rangle| = |a|$ and $|\langle b \rangle| = |b|$, and since a, b are not the identity element, there are only three options for the orders of a and b . Either $|a| = 31$ and $|b| = 5$, $|a| = 155$ and $|b| = 5$, or $|a| = 155$ and $|b| = 31$. (of course, we could interchange a with b for six more cases, but since a and b are arbitrary, we can narrow the cases down to these three). Suppose H contains both a and b . Then since the cyclic subgroups generated by a and b must by the closure property be subgroups of H , it follows by Corollary-2 that $|a|, |b| \mid |H|$. Hence in either of the last two cases, $155 \mid |H|$. But since $|H| \leq 155$, it follows that $|H| = 155 = |G|$, hence $H = G$. Suppose then that the first case is true, and that $|a| = 31$ and $|b| = 5$. Then $31, 5 \mid |H|$. Then by properties of division, it follows that since 31 and 5 are relatively prime, $155 \mid |H|$. Once again, taking into account that $|H| \leq 155$, it follows that $|H| = 155 = |G|$. Hence in this case also $H = G$.

Having shown that for all possible orders of a and b , $a, b \in H$ implies $H = G$, it follows for all non-identity elements $a, b \in G$ with different orders, if $a, b \in H$ then $H = G$.

42: proposition Given a group G with order n , and an integer k relatively prime to n , the map $g \rightarrow g^k$ for all $g \in G$ is injective. Furthermore, if G is Abelian then this map is an automorphism on G .

proof Let G be a group of order n and let k be a positive integer relatively prime to n . To show that the map $g \rightarrow g^k$ is injective, let g_1 and g_2 be arbitrary elements in G such that $g_1^k = g_2^k$.

By a theorem from chapter 4, we know that $|g_1^k| = |g_1| / \gcd(k, |g_1|)$ and $|g_2^k| = |g_2| / \gcd(k, |g_2|)$. Since $|g_1|$ is the order of the cyclic group generated by g_1 , and likewise for g_2 . By a corollary to Lagrange's theorem it follows that $|g_1| \mid n$ and $|g_2| \mid n$. Furthermore, since n and k are relatively prime, it follows that k is relatively prime to the orders of g_1 and g_2 as well. Hence $\gcd(k, |g_1|) = 1 = \gcd(k, |g_2|)$. Substituting in, we have $|g_1^k| = |g_1|$ and $|g_2^k| = |g_2|$. By supposition that $g_1^k = g_2^k$, it follows by substitution that $|g_1^k| = |g_2^k| = |g_1| = |g_2|$.

Furthermore, as we have shown that $\gcd(|g_1|, k) = 1$ and $|g_2| = |g_1|$, it follows by Bezout's identity that $x|g_1| + yk = 1$ for integers x and y . Likewise, by substitution $1 = x|g_2| + yk$. So we have $g_1 = g_1^1 = g_1^{x|g_1| + yk} = (g_1^{|g_1|})^x g_1^{yk} = g_1^{yk} = (g_1^k)^y$. Likewise, for g_2 , we have $g_2 = (g_2^k)^y$. By substitution, $g_1 = (g_1^k)^y = (g_2^k)^y = g_2$. Since g_1 and g_2 are arbitrary elements in G , it follows that for all $g_1, g_2 \in G$, $g_1^k = g_2^k$ implies $g_1 = g_2$. Hence the map $g \rightarrow g^k$ is injective.

proof that this is an automorphism To show that the map $g \rightarrow g^k$ is an automorphism, we must show that it is surjective and operation preserving. To show that it is surjective, let h be an arbitrary element in G . By a corollary to Lagrange's theorem, $|h| \mid n$, since $|h| = | \langle h \rangle | \leq G$. Hence $\gcd(|h|, k) = 1$, and by Bezout's identity it follows that $1 = x|h| + yk$ for integers x, y . Hence $h = h^1 = h^{x|h| + yk} = (h^{|h|})^x (h^y)^k = (h^y)^k$. Hence there exists some $g = h^y \in G$ such that $h = g^k$. Since h is arbitrary, it follows that for all $h \in G$ there exists some $g \in G$ such that $h = g^k$. Hence the codomain of the map $g \rightarrow g^k$ not only is of the same cardinality, but in fact is the domain. Hence the map $g \rightarrow g^k$ is surjective. Since it is injective as well, it follows that it is bijective.

It remains to be shown that $g \rightarrow g^k$ is operation preserving. To show this, let g_1 and g_2 be arbitrary elements in G . Then $g_1 g_2$ maps to $(g_1 g_2)^k$, which by associativity is equal to $g_1^k g_2^k$, if $k > 0$. If $k < 0$, $(g_1 g_2)^k$ is equal to $g_2^k g_1^k$ by associativity and the socks shoes property. However, if G is Abelian, it follows that $g_2^k g_1^k = g_1^k g_2^k$. Hence $g \rightarrow g^k$ is operation preserving. Thus, we have shown that the mapping is an automorphism.

45: problem Let $G = \{(1), (12)(34), (1234)(56), (13)(24), (1432)(56), (56)(13), (14)(23), (24)(56)\}$

Find $\text{stab}(1)$ and $\text{orb}(1)$

$$\text{stab}(1) = \{(1), (24)(56)\}, \text{orb}(1) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

Find $\text{stab}(3)$ and $\text{orb}(3)$

$$\text{stab}(3) = \{(1), (24)(56)\} = \text{stab}(1), \text{orb}(3) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = \text{orb}(1)$$

Find $\text{stab}(5)$ and $\text{orb}(5)$

$$\text{stab}(5) = \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}, \text{orb}(5) = \{5, 6\}$$

48: proposition Let G be a group of order pqr (p, q and r are distinct primes). If H and K are subgroups of G with $|H| = pq \wedge |K| = qr$, prove that $|H \cap K| = q$.

proof Let G, H and K be groups or subgroups as instantiated above. By problem 32 in Chapter 3 we know that $H \cap K$ forms a subgroup of G , and hence also of K and H . By Lagrange's Theorem, we know that the order of a subgroup divides the order of a finite group, which means that $|H \cap K| \mid |H|$ and $|H \cap K| \mid |K|$. Thus, the order of $H \cap K$ must divide both pq and qr . Since p, q and r are prime, it follows that $|H \cap K|$ either 1 or q . By Theorem 7.2 it follows that $|HK| = |H||K|/|H \cap K| = pq^2r$ or pqr . Since HK is a subset of G , the order of HK cannot be higher than $|G| = pqr$, hence it follows that $|H \cap K| = q$. QED.

61: proposition Let $G = (2, \mathbb{R})$. Let H be the subgroup of matrices of determinant $+1$ or -1 . If $a, b \in$ and $aH = bH$, what can be said about $\det(a)$ and $\det(b)$? Prove or disprove the converse.

proof Let a, b be arbitrary elements in G s.t. $aH = bH$. By Lemma 4 in Chapter 7 it follows that $b \in aH$. This means that there exists some element $h \in H$ s.t. $b = ah$. Consider $\det(b) = \det(ah) = \det(a)\det(h) = |\det(a)|$. Hence, $\det(b) = |\det(a)|$.

proof of the converse Let a, b be arbitrary elements in G s.t. $\det(b) = |\det(a)|$. Consider $a^{-1}b$, which is in G by properties of closure and inverses. Then, it follows that $\det(a^{-1}b) = \det(a^{-1})\det(b) = \det(b)/\det(a^{-1}) = |1|$. By definition of H , it follows that $a^{-1}b \in H$, which, by a Lemma of cosets implies that $aH = bH$. Hence, $\det(b) = |\det(a)|$ iff $aH = bH$. QED.