

Solvable Groups

G solvable if \exists chain

$$G \triangleright G_1 \triangleright G_2 \triangleright \dots \triangleright G_n \triangleright \{1\}$$

with $G_{i+1}/G_i \cong \mathbb{Z}/p_i\mathbb{Z}$

Ex: 1) S_4 2) $\mathbb{Z}/p_i\mathbb{Z}$ 3) S_3

4) Any finite abelian group.

$$\mathbb{Z}/4 \times \mathbb{Z}/9 \supset \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/9}_{\mathbb{Z}/2} \supset \underbrace{1 \times \mathbb{Z}/9}_{\mathbb{Z}/3} \supset \underbrace{1 \times \mathbb{Z}/3}_{\mathbb{Z}/3} \supset \{1\}$$

5) $U_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ & * \end{pmatrix} \text{ entries in } \mathbb{F}_3 \right\} = U$$

$$U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ & * \end{pmatrix} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{diag.}} \mathbb{F}_3^x \times \mathbb{F}_3^x$$



$$U_1 \xrightarrow[\text{Ker.}]{} U \xrightarrow[\text{diag.}]{} \mathbb{F}_3^x$$

$$U_2 \xrightarrow[\text{ker}]{} U_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \xrightarrow[\text{diag.}]{} \mathbb{F}_3^x$$

$$U \supset U_1 \supset U_2 \supset \{1\}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{C_2} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{C_2} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{C_3}$

$$U_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cong \mathbb{F}_3$$

Thm: Let G be a finite solvable gp.

- ① Any subgp of G is solvable.
- ② Any quotient of G is solvable.

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(intersect series for G with a sub or map series for G onto the quotient.)

Thm: G fin. gp. $N \triangleleft G$ normal.
 $H = G/N$. If N & H
 are solvable then G is
 solvable.



$$\mathbb{F}_3 \cong U_2 \triangleleft U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_3^x \times \mathbb{F}_3^x$$

Pf:

N solvable & $H = G/N$ solvable.

$$\underbrace{G \triangleright N}_{H} \triangleright \underbrace{N_1 \triangleright N_2 \triangleright \dots \triangleright \{1\}}_{\mathbb{Z}/p_i \text{ quotients.}}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \mathbb{Z}/p_i & & & & & \\ & \underbrace{} & & & & & \\ G & \triangleright G_1 & \triangleright G_2 & \dots & \triangleright N & & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & & & & \\ H & \triangleright H_1 & \triangleright H_2 & \dots & \triangleright \{1\} & & \\ & \underbrace{}_{\mathbb{Z}/p_i} & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$G_i = \{g \in G \mid \bar{g} \in H_i\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_i \triangleleft G & \rightarrow & H \\ \text{ker} \searrow & & \downarrow \\ & & H/H_i \end{array} \quad g \mapsto \bar{g}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_2 \triangleleft G_1 & \rightarrow & H_1 \\ \text{ker} \searrow & & \downarrow \\ & & H_1/H_2 \end{array}$$

Combined: $G \triangleright G_1 \triangleright G_2 \triangleright \dots \triangleright N \triangleright N_1 \triangleright N_2 \dots \triangleright \{1\}.$

Ex. Any upper Δ gp, eg. entries in \mathbb{F}_p .

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ & * & * \\ & & * \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{is solvable}$$

Δ

$$\mathbb{F}_p^* \times \mathbb{F}_p^* \times \mathbb{F}_p^*$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ & 1 & * \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Δ

$$\mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & * \\ & 1 & 0 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Δ

$$\mathbb{F}_p$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Conseq:

$$G \triangleright G_1 \triangleright G_2 \triangleright \dots \triangleright \{1\}$$

abelian subquotients. $= G_i/G_{i+1} \Rightarrow G$ solvable.

Non solvable_gps.: $A_5 \leftarrow$ simple.

Any simple gp other than $\underline{\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}}$

S_5 & S_n $n \geq 5$.

Next week: A number is a nested radical

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its Gal. gp (Galgp of its min poly) is solvable.