

8000: Homework 3

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① Suppose G is finitely generated, then take a minimal generating set so $G = \langle g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n \rangle$ and $g \in G \Rightarrow g = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i$ is a unique representation of g .

Let $\mathbb{Z}^n := \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}}_{n \text{ copies}}$, and let $\vec{e}_i = (0, 0, \dots, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ i\text{-th component}}}{1}, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$. Then

Since $\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle$, we have $\mathbb{Z}^n = \langle \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n \rangle$, so define a map on generators:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: \mathbb{Z}^n &\rightarrow G \\ \vec{e}_i &\mapsto g_i \end{aligned}$$

Claim: $\text{Ker } \varphi = \vec{0} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, $\text{Im } \varphi = G$, and so $\mathbb{Z}^n / \text{Ker } \varphi \cong \text{Im } \varphi = G$ by the 1st isomorphism theorem.

• $\text{Ker } \varphi = \vec{0}$: We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker } \varphi &= \left\{ \vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \vec{e}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid \varphi(\vec{x}) = 0 \in G \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \vec{e}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i = 0 \in G \right\} \\ &\stackrel{(\text{Claim})}{=} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \vec{e}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid a_i = 0 \ \forall i \right\} = \vec{0} \in \mathbb{Z}^n. \end{aligned}$$

where the claim is that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i = 0 \in G \Rightarrow a_i = 0 \ \forall i$.

Supposing otherwise, we would have some $a_j \neq 0$. If $a_j g_j = 0$, g_j is an element of finite order. Otherwise $a_j g_j \neq 0$, and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i \neq j} a_i g_i + a_j g_j = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i \neq j} a_i g_i = -a_j g_j, \text{ which yields}$$

two distinct representations of $g := -a_j g_j$, violating uniqueness.

• $\text{Im } \varphi = G$:

If $g = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i \in G$, take $\vec{x} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \vec{e}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, then $\varphi(\vec{x}) = g$ by construction.

• φ is a group homomorphism.

Let $\vec{x} = \sum x_i \vec{e}_i$, $\vec{y} = \sum y_i \vec{e}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) &= \varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i) \vec{e}_i\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i) g_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i g_i + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i g_i = \varphi(\vec{x}) + \varphi(\vec{y}). \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

(2a) Suppose $\mathcal{Q} = \langle q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n \rangle$ for some finite generating set. Then $q_i = p_i/s_i$ for some coprime pair $p_i, s_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then for any $x \in \mathcal{Q}$, we can write

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (p_i/s_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i p_i / s_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\alpha_i p_i \prod_{j \neq i} s_j / \prod_{k=1}^n s_k \right)$$

↑
By clearing denominators

so

$$x \prod_{k=1}^n s_k = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\alpha_i p_i \prod_{j \neq i} s_j \right) \Rightarrow \underbrace{\prod_{k=1}^n s_k}_{\in \mathbb{Z}} = \underbrace{(1/x) \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\alpha_i p_i \prod_{j \neq i} s_j \right)}_{\in \mathbb{Z}}.$$

But we can choose x such that $1/x$ is an integer not dividing any s_k , a contradiction. ✖

(2b) Suppose \mathcal{Q} were free on some generating set S indexed by I , so $\sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i s_i = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0 \ \forall i \in I$.

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $\in \mathbb{Z} \quad \in \mathcal{Q}$

However, let $s_1, s_2 \in S$, so $s_1 = p_1/q_1$ and $s_2 = p_2/q_2$ for some $p_i, q_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then let

$$x = q_1 p_2, y = -q_2 p_1,$$

then

$$x s_1 + y s_2 = (q_1 p_2) \left(\frac{p_1}{q_1} \right) + (-q_2 p_1) \left(\frac{p_2}{q_2} \right) = p_2 p_1 - p_1 p_2 = 0$$

while $x, y \neq 0$, a contradiction. ✖

(2c) Noting that if $q_i \in \mathcal{Q}$ had finite order, $n q_i = 0$ for some n , while $|n q_i| > |q_i|$ for every n , which forces $q_i = 0$. So no nonzero elt has finite order and \mathcal{Q} is abelian but not finitely generated and not free. So the fin. gen. hypothesis is necessary. \blacksquare

③ Claim 1: If $S_p \in \text{Syl}(p, G)$, $S_q \in \text{Syl}(q, G)$ with p and q coprime and both $S_p \trianglelefteq G$, $S_q \trianglelefteq G$, then $a \in S_p, b \in S_q \Rightarrow ab = ba$ in G .

Claim 2: Let $\#G = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{k_i}$, then letting S_{p_i} be the corresponding Sylow p_i -subgroups, the following map is an isomorphism:

$$f: \prod_{i=1}^n S_{p_i} \longrightarrow G$$

$$(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^n s_i$$

Proof of claim 1: We have $aba^{-1}b^{-1} = (aba^{-1})b^{-1} = b_0b^{-1}$ for some $b_0 \in S_q$.
So $aba^{-1}b^{-1} \in S_q$.

conjugate of b , so in some Sylow q -subgroup, but there's only one.

Similarly, $aba^{-1}b^{-1} = a(ba^{-1}b) = aa_0 \in S_p$. So $aba^{-1}b^{-1} \in S_p \cap S_q$.

But since q, p are coprime, $S_p \cap S_q = \{e\}$. \square

Proof of claim 2:

• f is a homomorphism

If $\vec{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ and $\vec{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \text{Domain } f$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\vec{s}\vec{t}) &= f(s_1t_1, s_2t_2, s_3t_3, \dots, s_nt_n) \\ &= (s_1t_1)(s_2t_2)(s_3t_3) \cdots (s_nt_n) \\ &= (s_1s_2)(t_1t_2)(s_3t_3) \cdots (s_nt_n) \\ &= (s_1s_2s_3)(t_1t_2t_3) \cdots (s_nt_n) \\ &= (s_1s_2s_3 \cdots s_n)(t_1t_2t_3 \cdots t_n) \\ &= f(\vec{s})f(\vec{t}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\bullet s_i s_j = s_j s_i$
 $\bullet t_i t_j = t_j t_i$
 $\bullet s_i t_j = t_j s_i$
 $\forall i \neq j$

• $\ker f = \vec{e} = (e, e, \dots, e)$

If $\vec{s} \in \text{domain } f$ and $f(\vec{s}) = s_1s_2 \cdots s_n = e \in G$, then the order of $s_1 \cdots s_n$ is 1.

However, if any $s_i \neq e$, we have $o(s_i) = p_i^{k_i}$, so $o(s_1 \cdots s_n) = \text{lcm}(p_i^{k_i}) = \prod p_i^{k_i} > 1$, so this forces $s_i = e \forall i$.

• $\text{Im } f = G$: This follows because $|G| = |H|$ and $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ injective $\Rightarrow \varphi$ surjective.

(Here, $|\prod_{i=1}^n S_{p_i}| = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{k_i} = |G|$ since $n_{p_i} = 1 \forall p_i$ and $S_{p_i} \cap S_{p_j} = \{e\}$.) ■

④ We have $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$, and $Z(Q_8) = \pm 1$. No other elements are in the center because $ij = k \neq -k = ji$. Since $|Q_8/Z(Q_8)| = 8/2 = 4$, the quotient is either \mathbb{Z}_4 or \mathbb{Z}_2^2 , and both are abelian.

⑤ Order 18 = $3^2 \cdot 2$

Noting $n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ & $n_3 | 2 \Rightarrow n_3 = 1$, there is one Sylow 3-subgroup $Q_3 \trianglelefteq G$. If Q_2 is the Sylow 2-subgroup, we then have $G \cong Q_2 \rtimes_{\psi} Q_3$ for some $\psi: Q_2 \rightarrow \text{Aut } Q_3$.

Case 1: $Q_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_9$

Then $\text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}_9 \cong \mathbb{Z}_6$, which has only one nontrivial element of order $|Z_2| = 2$, the map $(1 \mapsto -1) \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}_9$. This yields

$$G \cong \langle a, b \mid a^9 = b^2 = e, aba^{-1} = b^8 \rangle \cong D_9, \text{ a dihedral group.}$$

Case 2: $Q_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3^2$

Then $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_3^2) \cong GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_3)$, and any such matrix A where $A^2 = I$ satisfies either $x+1$ or x^2-1 , so $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, so we obtain

$$1) G \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^3 = b^3 = c^3 = e, [b, c] = e, aba^{-1} = b^2, aca^{-1} = c^2 \rangle := \mathbb{Z}_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3^2$$

$$2) G \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^3 = b^3 = c^3 = e, [b, c] = e, aba^{-1} = b, aca^{-1} = c^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \times D_6$$

Adding in the abelian groups yields

$$G \in \{ \mathbb{Z}_{18}, \mathbb{Z}_3^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, D_9, \mathbb{Z}_3 \times D_6, \mathbb{Z}_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3^2 \}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Order 20 = $2^2 \cdot 5$

We have $n_5 = 1$, so $Q_5 \trianglelefteq G$ and $G \cong Q_2 \rtimes_{\psi} Q_5$.

Case 1: $Q_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$, then $\{f \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}_5 \text{ s.t. } o(f) | 4\} = \{\text{id}, x \mapsto -x, x \mapsto 2x\}$

$$G_1 \cong \langle a, b \mid a^5 = b^4 = e, bab^{-1} = a^4 \rangle$$

$$G_2 \cong \langle a, b \mid a^5 = b^4 = e, bab^{-1} = a^2 \rangle$$

Case 2: $Q_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^2$, and $\{f \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}_5 \text{ s.t. } o(f) | 2\} = \{\text{id}, x \mapsto -x\}$, so we have

$$\cdot G_3 \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^5 = b^2 = c^2 = [b, c] = e, bab^{-1} = a^4, cac^{-1} = a \rangle$$

$$\cdot G_4 \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^5 = b^2 = c^2 = [b, c] = e, bab^{-1} = a, cac^{-1} = a^4 \rangle \cong G_3 \text{ by } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}_2^2$$

$$\cdot G_5 \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^5 = b^2 = c^2 = [b, c] = e, bab^{-1} = a^4, cac^{-1} = a^4 \rangle \cong G_3 \text{ by } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}_2^2$$

So in total we have $G \in \{ \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_5, \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_5, G_1, G_2, G_3 \}$ \blacksquare

Order 30

We have $n_3 \in \{1, 10\}$, $n_5 \in \{1, 6\}$, but one must be 1 otherwise they contribute

$6(4) + 10(2) + 1 = 45 > 20$ distinct elements. So one of Q_3, Q_5 is normal, so $H_{15} := Q_3 Q_5 \leq G$.

Since $[G:H] = 2$, H is normal, and $HQ_2 = G$ with $H \cap Q_2 = \{e\}$, so $G \cong Q_2 \rtimes_{\psi} H_{15}$.

We have $\{ f \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_3) \text{ s.t. } o(f) \mid 2 \} = \left\{ \text{id}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \text{id}, \begin{matrix} (1,1) \mapsto (4,1) \\ (1,1) \mapsto (1,2), (1,1) \mapsto (4,2) \end{matrix} \right\}$

These yield

$$G_1 \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^5 = b^3 = c^2 = [a, b] = e, cac^{-1} = a^4, cbc^{-1} = b \rangle$$

$$G_2 \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^5 = b^3 = c^2 = [a, b] = e, cac^{-1} = a, cbc^{-1} = b^2 \rangle$$

$$G_3 \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^5 = b^3 = c^2 = [a, b] = e, cac^{-1} = a^4, cbc^{-1} = b^2 \rangle$$

along with the abelian group $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$. \blacksquare

⑥ Suppose S is free on $S = \{s_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{I}}$, then if $x \in F$ then $x = \prod_{i=1}^m s_i^{\pm 1}$, some finite reduced word in the symbols s_i, s_i^{-1} . If $x^n = e$, then

$$x^n = \left(\prod_{i=1}^m s_i^{\pm 1} \right)^n = (s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n)(s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n) \cdots (s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n) = e.$$

But x is reduced, so the only cancellation that can happen is $s_n s_1 = e$. But then

$$(s_1 s_2 \cdots s_{n-1})(s_2 \cdots s_{n-1}) \cdots (s_2 \cdots s_n) = e,$$

so $s_{n-1} s_2 = e$ must happen. Continuing in this way, we obtain $s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n = e$, so x must be the identity in F . \blacksquare

⑦ Let g be arbitrary and $x^n \in H_n$. Then

$$g x^n g^{-1} = (g x g^{-1})^n =: y^n \in H_n \text{ by definition, so } g H_n g^{-1} = H_n. \blacksquare$$