

Review IV(Slides 226 - 274)

Basic Number Theory& Group Theory

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Divisibility

Definition

Let $n, d \in \mathbb{Z}$, we say that d divides n if $n = dk$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. That is

$$d \mid n \Leftrightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} (n = dk)$$

We can see that \mid is a **pre-order** on \mathbb{Z} but (\mathbb{N}, \mid) is a **poset**. (Why?)
For simplicity we will discuss divisibility on natural numbers more in number theory. **Zero?**

Properties:

- $a \mid a$
- $a \mid b \wedge b \mid c \Rightarrow a \mid c$
- $a \mid b \wedge b \mid a \Rightarrow a = \pm b$

Prime Numbers

Definition

A natural number $p \in \mathbb{N}$ is a **prime number** if $p \geq 2$ and is divisible by 1 and itself only. The set of primes is denoted by \mathbb{P} .

Unique Factorization

Every positive integer $n \geq 2$ can be **uniquely** expressed in the form

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\alpha_i}, \quad p_i \in \mathbb{P}, \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Typical Example

Better to memoerize if you can:

- Fermat Primes
- Mersenne Primes

Infinitude of Prime

Theorem

There are *infinitely* many primes.

- Proof of Euclid.
- Proof by contraposition

Theorem (Dirichlet)

There are *infinitely* many primes of the form $an + b$ where a, b are coprime. Speical cases include:

- $2n + 1$
- $3n + 2$ (Consider the product of all primes of such form)
- $4n + 1$ (Slides 235)
- $4n - 1$ (How to construct the product?)

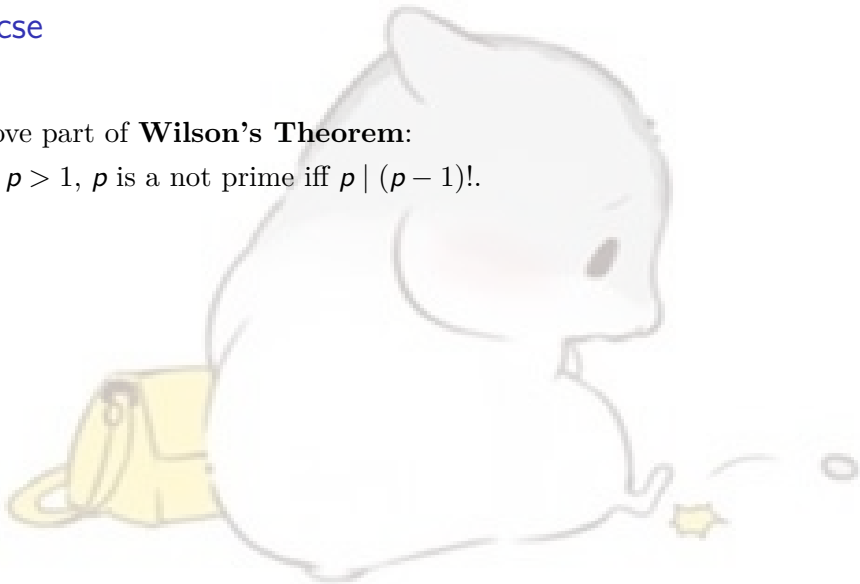
Distance Grows

For any large n , there exists successive n numbers that are not prime.

Exercise

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Solution:

- If p is a prime, then p is not divisible by any number from 1 to $p-1$, so $p \nmid (p-1)!$.
- If p is not prime and is a square, $p = k^2$, $k > 2$. Since $k < p-1$, $2k < p-1$, we conclude that $k \cdot (2k) \mid (p-1)!$.
- Otherwise, there exists two factors a, b , $a \neq b$, so that $p = ab$. Since $a < p-1$, $b < p-1$, we have $p = ab \mid (p-1)!$.

Division Algorithm

Theorem ((Long) Division Algorithm)

Given $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, there **exist** *unique* integers q and r with $q \geq 0$ and $0 \leq r < m$ so that $n = qm + r$.

The proof may sounds simple, but it is meaningful!

Uniqueness:

$$m \mid (r_1 - r_2) \wedge |r_1 - r_2| < m \Rightarrow F$$

Existence:

$$k = qm + r \Rightarrow k + 1 = \begin{cases} qm + (r + 1), & \text{if } r + 1 < m \\ q(m + 1) + 0, & \text{if } r + 1 = m \end{cases}$$

Also pay attention to the case that $1 = 1 \cdot 1 + 0$ or $1 = 0 \cdot m + 1$

Greatest Common Divisor

Definition

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$, The greatest common divisor of a and b , denoted by $\gcd(a, b)$, is the greatest positive integer d such that $d \mid a \wedge d \mid b$.

Notice that

$$(N, |, \wedge := \gcd, \vee := (a, b) \mapsto \frac{ab}{\gcd(a, b)})$$

is a **lattice** where $\top = 0$ and $\perp = 1$.

Least Common Multiple

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = \frac{ab}{\gcd(a, b)}$$

Euclidean Algorithm

A recursive algorithm to calculate the greatest common divisor between two integers:

$$\gcd(a, b) = \begin{cases} \gcd(b, r(a, b)) & b \neq 0 \\ a & b = 0 \end{cases}$$

*Interesting names: 辗转相除法、更相减损术

Theorem (Bezout)

The equation $ax + by = c$ of x and y where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ has integer solutions iff $\gcd(a, b) \mid c$.

Exercise

2. Let F_n be Fermat Primes, i.e. $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$. Prove that they are pairwise coprime, namely $\gcd(F_n, F_m) = 1$.

3. Use the **Euclidean Algorithm** to find a integer pair (x, y) that $111x - 321y = 75$.

Groups

A **group** is a pair (G, \cdot) , where G is a set, and $\cdot : G \times G \rightarrow G$ is a law of composition that has the following properties:

- **Closure:** The generalized product is defined as $\cdot : G \times G \rightarrow G$
- **Associativity:** $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ for all $a, b, c \in G$;
- **Identity:** G contains an identity element 1 , such that $1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a$ for all $a \in G$;
- **Inverse:** Every element $a \in G$ has an inverse, an element b such that $a \cdot b = b \cdot a = 1$.

An **abelian group** is a group whose law of composition is commutative ($a \cdot b = b \cdot a$).

Properties

Given a group G , $a, b, c \in G$, then

- there exists a **unique** identity element;
→ suppose there are two distinct identity i and j , then
 $i \cdot j = i = j$
- $ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c$ and $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$;
→ multiply by a^{-1} on both sides, note that a group does not necessarily satisfy the commutative law
- For all $a \in G$, there exists a unique element $b \in G$ such that
 $ab = ba = 1$;
→ prove existence ($b = a^{-1}$) first, then prove uniqueness by contradiction
- $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$.
→ $(ab)^{-1}(ab) = 1$; $(b^{-1}a^{-1})(ab) = b^{-1}(a^{-1}a)b = 1$

Subgroup

A subset H of a group G is a subgroup if it has the following properties:

- Closure: If $a, b \in H$, then $ab \in H$;
- Identity: $1 \in H$;
- Inverses: If $a \in H$, then $a^{-1} \in H$.

Look carefully at the identity and inverse axioms for a subgroup:

- In verifying the identity axiom for a subgroup, the issue is not the existence of an identity but **whether the identity for the group is actually contained in the subgroup.**
- Likewise, for subgroups the issue of inverses is not whether inverses exist (every element of a group has an inverse) but **whether the inverse of an element in the subgroup is actually contained in the subgroup.**

Exercise

4. Given a group G and its two distinct subgroups H_1 and H_2 . Check whether the following sentences are true or false:

- The identity element in G and H_1 must be the same.
- $H_1 \cup H_2$ is a group.
- $H_1 \cap H_2$ cannot be empty and it is a group.
- A subset in G that is not a subgroup may be a group.

Comment. Compare to the concept of **vector space**. If necessary, take Vv186.

Exercise

5. $\mathbb{Z}^2 = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ denotes the set of pairs of integers:

$$\mathbb{Z}^2 = \{(m, n) \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

It is a group under “vector addition”, that is,

$$(a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d).$$

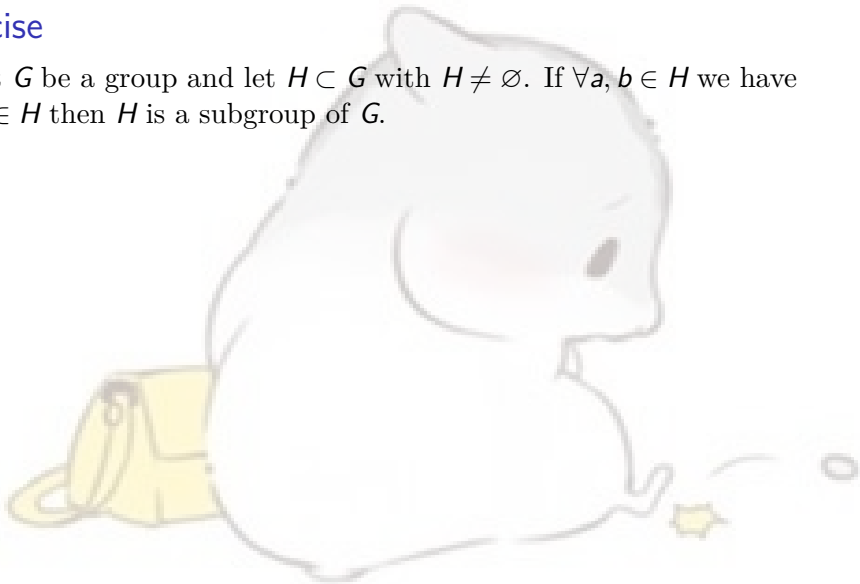
Consider the set

$$H = \{(x, y) \mid x + y \geq 0\}.$$

Check if H is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}^2 .

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Solution:

Since $H \subset G$, any operation in H has associativity. Then, we need to verify closure, identity, and inverses requirements but we need to do these in a particular order.

- ① Since $H \neq \emptyset$, pick any $a \in H$. Then $aa^{-1} = e \in H$, so H has the identity.
- ② Pick any $a \in H$. Since the identity $e \in H$, then $ea^{-1} = a^{-1} \in H$ so we have inverses.
- ③ Pick any $a, b \in H$. Then $b^{-1} \in H$ and denote as $c \in H$. So, $ac^{-1} \in H$ according to the problem statement. So, $ab = a(b^{-1})^{-1} = ac^{-1} \in H$ and we have closure.

Exercise

7.* Let G be a group. If $\forall x \in G : x^2 = e$, show that G is an abelian group.

Solution:

From $\forall x \in G : x^2 = e$, we obtain $x = x^{-1}$.

Therefore, taking $\forall x, y \in G$, we have

$$xy = (xy)^{-1} = y^{-1}x^{-1} = yx.$$

This completes the proof.

Cyclic Group

The cyclic subgroup generated by g is

$$\langle g \rangle = \{g^k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

In other words, $\langle g \rangle$ consists of all (positive or negative) powers of g .

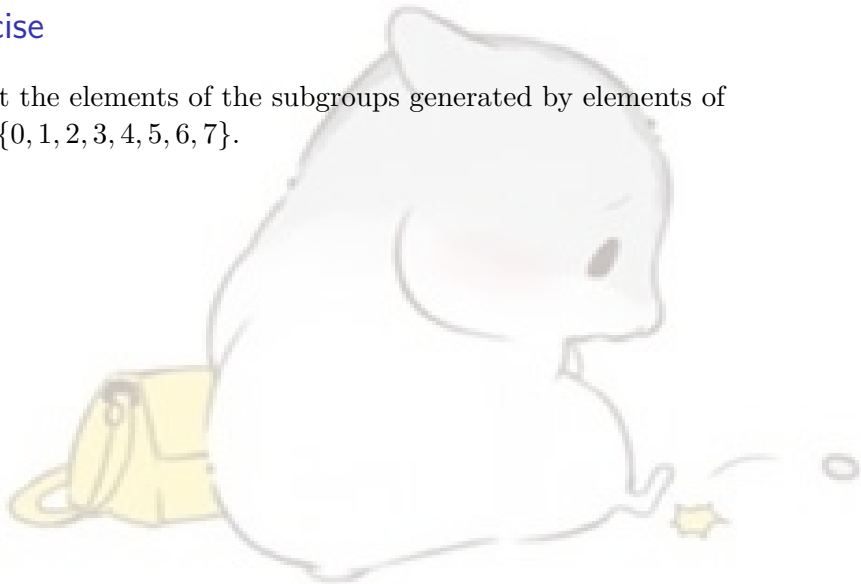
$$\langle g \rangle = \{k \cdot g \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Be sure you understand that the difference between the two forms is simply notational: It's the same concept.

Let G be a group, $g \in G$. The order of g is the smallest positive integer n such that $g^n = 1$ ($ng = 0$). If there is no positive integer n such that $g^n = 1$ ($ng = 0$), then g has **infinite** order.

Exercise

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Solution:

$$\langle 0 \rangle = \{0\}$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \langle 6 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$$

$$\langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4\}$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 5 \rangle = \langle 7 \rangle = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} = \mathbb{Z}_8$$

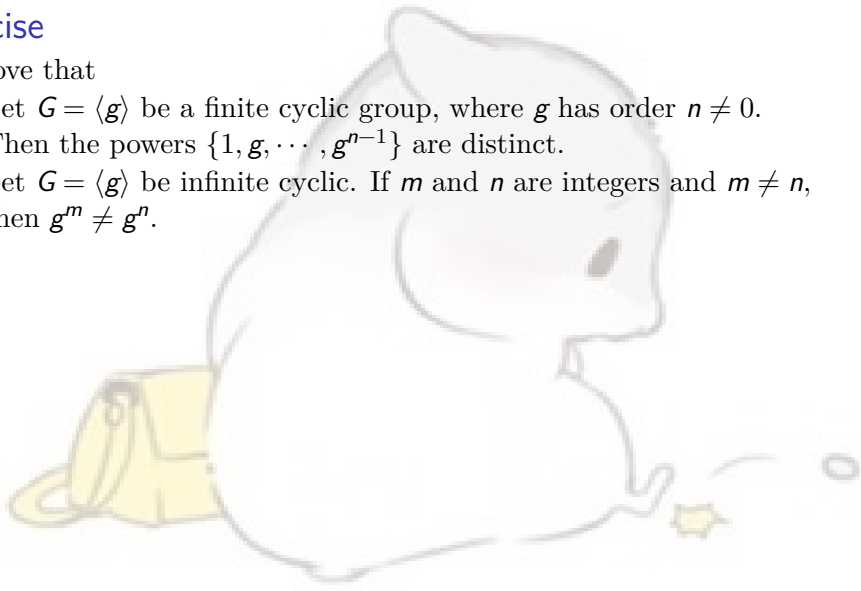
Question

What is the identity? Order?

Exercise

9. Prove that

- ① Let $G = \langle g \rangle$ be a finite cyclic group, where g has order $n \neq 0$. Then the powers $\{1, g, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ are distinct.
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Solution:

- ① Since g has order n , g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1} are all different from 1. Suppose $g^i = g^j$ where $0 \leq j < i < n$. Then $0 < i-j < n$ and $g^{i-j} = 1$, contrary to the preceding observation. Therefore, the powers $\{1, g, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ are distinct.
- ② Suppose without loss of generality that $m > n$. We want to show that $g^m \neq g^n$. Suppose this is false, so $g^m = g^n$. Then $g^{m-n} = 1$, so g has finite order $m-n$. This contradicts the fact that a generator of an infinite cyclic group has infinite order. Therefore, $g^m \neq g^n$.

Divide & Conquer

This is just standby. If we really have time.

Recall Manuel's h5 ex6:

- 1 Detail Karatsuba algorithm in the README file (search it on internet).
- 2 Add comments to the code to describe what is done, line by line.
- 3 Explain in the README file what specific adjustments were made to the algorithm in order to improve the efficiency.
- 4 Search online what is a divide an conquer strategy.
- 5 Using a divide and conquer approach, together with the operators $\&$, $|$, \ll and \gg , write an efficient function to replace the for loops marked as “not optimal”.

Link: <https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1jS4y197PV>

Probelm

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1 unsigned long int mult(unsigned long int a, unsigned long int b) {  
2     int i, n, N;  
3     unsigned long int x0,y0,z0,z1=1;  
4     if(a<b) SWAP(a,b);  
5     if(b==0) return 0;  
6     for(n=-1, i = 1; i <= b; i<=1, n++); /* not optimal */  
7     for(N=n; i <= a; i<=1, N++);  
8  
9     y0=b&((1<<n)-1);  
10    x0=a&((1<<N)-1);  
11    z0=mult(x0,y0);  
12    i=N+n;  
13    return ((z1<<i)+(x0<<n)+(y0<<N)+z0);  
14 }
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Reference

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