

Homework

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Exercise 2-1

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The 3 left cosets of H in A_4 are:

$$\begin{aligned} &(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23) \\ &(123), (134), (243), (142) \\ &(234), (132), (143), (124) \end{aligned}$$

The 6 left cosets of H in S_4 are:

$$\begin{aligned} &(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23) \\ &(123), (134), (243), (142) \\ &(234), (132), (143), (124) \\ &(12), (34), (1324), (1423) \\ &(13), (24), (1234), (1432) \\ &(14), (23), (1243), (1342) \end{aligned}$$

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There are 2 left cosets of $\langle a^4 \rangle$ and they are:

$$\langle a^2 \rangle$$

and

$$\{a, a^3, a^5, \dots, a^{29}\}$$

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Let G be a group and $H \leq G$. Then aH is a left coset of H generated by $a \in G$. We have:

$$(aH)^{-1} = H^{-1}a^{-1} = Ha^{-1}$$

So $(aH)^{-1}$ is a right coset of H generated by a^{-1} .

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$$\begin{aligned} x \in a(H_1 \cap H_2) &\Leftrightarrow x = ah(h \in H_1 \text{ and } h \in H_2) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in aH_1 \text{ and } x \in aH_2 \Leftrightarrow x \in aH_1 \cap aH_2 \end{aligned}$$

So $a(H_1 \cap H_2) = aH_1 \cap aH_2$.

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The factors of 33 are 1, 3, 11, 33, so the order of every element in G must be one of them. For any $g \in G$, if $\text{ord}(g) = 3$ or $\text{ord}(g) = 33$ then we find the element we want (it is g or g^{11}). So we only need to prove that such group G does not exist:

$$\text{ord}(g) = 11 \quad \text{for any non-unit } g \in G$$

Let S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k be all the different cyclic subgroup of G . Beacuse every element in G can generate a cyclic subgroup, we have $G = \bigcup S_i$. For all $i \neq j$, $S_i \cap S_j = \{e\}$ (If $g \in S_i \cap S_j$ and $g \neq e$, we have $S_i = S_j = \langle g \rangle$). There is only one cyclic subgroup contains 1 element which is $\{e\}$ and other cyclic subgroup has 11 elements in it. So we have :

$$|G| = 1 + 10(k - 1) = 33 \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

Such k does not exist, so such group G does not exist. Above all, every group G follow $|G| = 33$ has an element whose order is 3.

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Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G(a \rightarrow a^n)$ be the map (G is abelian and finite).

- injective: $\phi(a) = \phi(b) \Leftrightarrow a^n = b^n \Leftrightarrow (ab^{-1})^n = e \Leftrightarrow \text{ord}(ab^{-1}) \mid n$. We also have $\text{ord}(ab^{-1}) \mid |G|$, so $\text{ord}(ab^{-1}) \mid \gcd(n, |G|) = 1$, then $\text{ord}(ab^{-1}) = 1$, which means $a = b$.
- surjective: Beacuse G is finite and ϕ is injective, $|G| = |\phi(G)|$. We also have $\phi(G) \subseteq G$. Then we have $\phi(G) = G$.
- homomorphic: $\phi(ab) = (ab)^n = a^n b^n = \phi(a)\phi(b)$

Above all, ϕ is an automorphism of G .

Exercise 2-2

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$C(G)$ is not empty beacuse $e \in C(G)$. For all $a, b \in C(G)$ and $x \in G$, we have:

$$ab^{-1}x = a(x^{-1}b)^{-1} = a(bx^{-1})^{-1} = axb^{-1} = xab^{-1}$$

So $ab^{-1} \in C(G)$ and $C(G) \preceq G$.

For all $g \in G$, $gC(G) = C(G)g$ (beacuse $gx = xg$ holds for all $x \in C(G)$), so $C(G)$ is a normal subgroup of G .

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Let $G = S_4$, $K = \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$, $H = \{(1), (12)(34)\}$.

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- \Rightarrow : If $ab \in H$ and $H \trianglelefteq G$, we assume $ab = h \in H$ and then

$$ba = babb^{-1} = bhb^{-1} \in H$$

- \Leftarrow : For every $h \in H$ and $g \in G$, we have $(hg^{-1})g \in H$, then $g(hg^{-1}) = ghg^{-1} \in H$. So $H \trianglelefteq G$.

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For all $a, b \in N(H)$, we have $aHa^{-1} = H$ and $bHb^{-1} = H$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (ab^{-1})H(ab^{-1})^{-1} &= ab^{-1}Hba^{-1} = a(bH^{-1}b^{-1})^{-1}a^{-1} \\ &= a(bHb^{-1})^{-1}a^{-1} = aH^{-1}a^{-1} = aHa^{-1} = H \end{aligned}$$

So $ab^{-1} \in N(H)$, which means $N(H) \trianglelefteq G$.

For all $n \in N(H)$, we have

$$nHn^{-1} = H$$

which means $H \trianglelefteq N(H)$.

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- \Rightarrow : Let $\phi(x) = gxg^{-1}$ be an inner automorphism of G . For all $h \in H$, we have $\phi(h) = ghg^{-1} \in H$ (because H is a normal subgroup of G), which means $\phi(H) \subseteq H$.
- \Leftarrow : For every $g \in G$, it can generate an inner automorphism $\phi(x) = gxg^{-1}$. Because $\phi(H) \subseteq H$, we have $gHg^{-1} \subseteq H$. Because for all $g \in G$ we have $gHg^{-1} \subseteq H$, then H is a normal subgroup of G .

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For every $x \in G$, we can get a left coset of H generated by $x : xH$. Because

$$|G/H| = [G : H] = m$$

we have

$$(xH)^m = x^m H^m = x^m H = eH$$

which means $x^m \in H$.

Exercise 2-3

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$x \rightarrow |x|$ and $x \rightarrow x^2$ are two homomorphisms. When $a = 1$, $x \rightarrow ax$ is also a homomorphism.

- $\phi : x \rightarrow |x|$: $\phi(G) = R^+$ and $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{1, -1\}$
- $\phi : x \rightarrow x$: $\phi(G) = G$ and $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{1\}$
- $\phi : x \rightarrow x^2$: $\phi(G) = R^+$ and $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{1, -1\}$

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Let's call that map ϕ . For every $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^*$, we have

$$\phi(xy) = (xy)^6 = x^6 y^6 = \phi(x)\phi(y)$$

so ϕ is a homomorphism.

Solve the following equation

$$\phi(x) = x^6 = 1$$

we can get 6 solutions: $\{1, w, w^2, w^3, w^4, w^5\}$ ($w = e^{\frac{i\pi}{3}}$). And the kernel of ϕ is

$$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{1, w, w^2, w^3, w^4, w^5\} (w = e^{\frac{i\pi}{3}})$$

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For every $q \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$, we can define a homomorphism:

$$\phi_q(n) = qn \bmod m$$

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- \Rightarrow :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a) = \phi(b) &\Rightarrow \phi(ab^{-1}) = e' \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\phi) \\ &\Rightarrow \text{Ker}(\phi)a = \text{Ker}(\phi)b \Rightarrow a\text{Ker}(\phi) = b\text{Ker}(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

(The last steps use the conclusion that $\text{Ker}(\phi)$ is a normal subgroup of G).

- \Leftarrow :

$$\begin{aligned} a\text{Ker}(\phi) = b\text{Ker}(\phi) &\Rightarrow \phi(a\text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(b\text{Ker}(\phi)) \\ &\Rightarrow \phi(a)e' = \phi(b)e' \Rightarrow \phi(a) = \phi(b) \end{aligned}$$

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- $\phi^{-1}(\phi(H)) \subseteq HK$: For any $x \in \phi^{-1}(\phi(H))$, there exists $h \in H$ such that $\phi(x) = \phi(h)$, then

$$\phi(xh^{-1}) = e' \Rightarrow xh^{-1} \in K \Rightarrow xh^{-1}h \in Kh \Rightarrow x \in Kh \subseteq KH \Rightarrow x \in HK$$

- $HK \subseteq \phi^{-1}(\phi(H))$: For any $x \in HK$, there exist $h \in H$ and $k \in K$ such that $x = hk$, then

$$\phi(x) = \phi(hk) = \phi(h)$$

which means $x \in \phi^{-1}(\phi(h))$, thus $x \in \phi^{-1}(\phi(H))$.

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- \Rightarrow : Let $\phi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be the epimorphism. There must exist $a \in G_1$ such that $\phi(a) = 1'$. We have $n_2 = \text{ord}(1') \mid \text{ord}(a)$ and $\text{ord}(a) \mid n_1$, thus $n_2 \mid n_1$.
- \Leftarrow : We can construct an epimorphism $\phi(x) = x \bmod n_2$.

- surjective: For any $x \in G'$, x must also belong G (Beacuse $n_2 \leq n_1$).
- homomorphic:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a+b) &= ((a+b) \bmod n_1) \bmod n_2 = (a+b) \bmod n_2 \\ &= ((a \bmod n_2) + (b \bmod n_2)) \bmod n_2 = \phi(a) + \phi(b) \end{aligned}$$

(Beacuse $n_2 \mid n_1$)

So $G_1 \sim G_2$.

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We know that $Z_5 \cong U_5$ by the isomorphism $f(x) = e^{\frac{2\pi x}{5}}$, so we only need to consider $\phi : Z_{30} \sim Z_5$.

Let $\phi(1) = a$, we have $\text{ord}(a) \mid 5$ and $\text{ord}(a) \mid \text{ord}(1) = 30$. So $\text{ord}(a) = 1$ or $\text{ord}(a) = 5$. Beacuse ϕ is surjective, so $\text{ord}(a) = 5$, thus a can be one of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and a satisfy $\gcd(a, 5) = 1$. So $\phi(x) = xa \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow x \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.

So the kernel of ϕ is:

$$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25\}$$

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We define $\phi : Z_m \rightarrow Z_k (x \rightarrow x \bmod k)$. Beacuse $m \geq k$, we can see that ϕ is surjective.

$$\phi(a+b) = ((a+b) \bmod m) \bmod k = (a \bmod k) + (b \bmod k) \bmod k = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$$

Thus ϕ is homomorphic. So ϕ is an epimorphism.

$$\phi(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \bmod k = 0 \Leftrightarrow k \mid x$$

So we can get the kernel of ϕ :

$$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{x \in Z_m \mid k \mid x\} = \{0, k, 2k, \dots, m - k\} = \langle k \rangle$$

By the First Isomorphism Theorem, we have

$$Z_m / \langle k \rangle \cong Z_k$$

Exercise 2-5

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$$X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$G = \{(1), (123)(456), (132)(465), (78), (123)(456)(78), (132)(465)(78)\}$$

x	Orbit	Stabilizer
1	{1, 2, 3}	{(1), (78)}
2	{1, 2, 3}	{(1), (78)}
3	{1, 2, 3}	{(1), (78)}
4	{4, 5, 6}	{(1), (78)}
5	{4, 5, 6}	{(1), (78)}
6	{4, 5, 6}	{(1), (78)}
7	{7, 8}	{(1), (123)(456), (132)(465)}
8	{7, 8}	{(1), (123)(456), (132)(465)}

g	Fixed elements
(1)	{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8}
(123)(456)	{7, 8}
(132)(465)	{7, 8}
(78)	{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
(123)(456)(78)	\emptyset
(132)(465)(78)	\emptyset

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Beacuse the action of G on X is transitive, for any $x_1, x_2 \in X$, exist $g \in G$ such that

$$gx_1 = x_2$$

Then for any $x_1, x_2 \in X$, let's consider their orbits

$$gx_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow Ngx_1 = Nx_2 \Rightarrow gNx_1 = Nx_2$$

Beacuse the action g on X is injective, so we have

$$|Nx_1| = |g(Nx_1)| = |Nx_2|$$

So every orbit has the same size.

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- $gS_xg^{-1} \subseteq S_y$: For any $h \in S_x$, we have $hx = x$. Then

$$ghg^{-1}y = ghx = gx = y$$

so $ghg^{-1} \in S_y$.

- $S_y \subseteq gS_xg^{-1}$: For any $h \in S_y$, we have $hy = y$. Then

$$g^{-1}hgx = g^{-1}hy = g^{-1}y = x$$

so $g^{-1}hg \in S_x$. Thus $g^{-1}S_yg \subseteq S_x$, which means $S_y \subseteq gS_xg^{-1}$.

So $S_y = gS_xg^{-1}$.

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Let the 12 faces be $X = \{\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4, \pi_5, \pi_6, \pi_7, \pi_8, \}$ and π_1 be the front face. We have

$$\begin{aligned} O_{\pi_1} &= X \\ |S_{\pi_1}| &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

So $|G| = |O_{\pi_1}| |S_{\pi_1}| = 40$.

Additional

It's the same as Exercisse 2-5(4).

Exercise 2-6

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- \Rightarrow : Beacuse there is only one Sylow p-subgroup P , thus for all $g \in G$ we have

$$gPg^{-1} = P,$$

which means P is a normal subgroup of G .

- \Leftarrow : By the Sylow Theorem, when P is a Sylow p-subgroup, all the Sylow p-subgroup will be

$$\{gPg^{-1} \mid g \in G\}.$$

Beacuse P is a normal subgroup, $gPg^{-1} = P$ for all $g \in G$, which means there is only one Sylow p-subgroup P .

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- $N(P) \subseteq N(N(P))$: For every $g \in N(P)$,

$$gN(P)g^{-1} = N(P) \Rightarrow g \in N(N(P))$$

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- $N(N(P)) \subseteq N(P)$: For every $g \in N(N(P))$, we have

$$gPg^{-1} \subseteq gN(P)g^{-1} = N(P).$$

So gPg^{-1} is another Sylow p -subgroup of $N(P)$, thus

$$gPg^{-1} = P \Rightarrow g \in N(P)$$

Then we have $N(N(P)) \subseteq N(P)$.

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The Sylow 2-subgroup of S_4 :

$$\begin{aligned} &\{(1), (1234), (13)(24), (1432), (13), (12)(34), (24), (14)(23)\}, \\ &\{(1), (1324), (12)(34), (1423), (12), (13)(24), (34), (14)(32)\}, \\ &\{(1), (1243), (14)(23), (1342), (14), (12)(43), (23), (13)(24)\}, \end{aligned}$$

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The Sylow 2-subgroup of A_4 :

$$\{(1), (14)(23), (13)(24), (14)(23)\},$$

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By the Sylow Theorem

$$n_5 \mid 24 \quad \text{and} \quad n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5},$$

there are two possible values $n_5 = 1$ or $n_5 = 6$. But there are more than one Sylow 5-subgroup in S_5 , so $n_5 = 6$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\{(1), (12345), (13524), (14253), (15432)\} \\ &\{(1), (13452), (14235), (15324), (12543)\} \end{aligned}$$