

MATH 250A: Groups, Rings, and Fields

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Chapter 1

Groups

1.1 August 25

1.1.1 Groups

Two ways to define groups

- concrete: group = symmetries of an object X . Here a symmetry is a bijection $X \rightarrow X$ with inverse that preserves “structure” (topology, order, binary operation, ...)

Example 1.1.1. The rectangle has 4 symmetries.

The icosahedron has 20×3 symmetries since after fixing the first face there are 3 possible rotations.

Vector space \mathbb{R}^k : $n \times n$ matrices with $\det \neq 0$, denoted $GL_n(K)$

- abstract definition:

Definition 1.1.2. A group is a set G with a binary operation $G \times G \rightarrow G$ by $(a, b) \mapsto ab, a \times, a + b, \dots$ with “Inverse” : $G \rightarrow G$ by $a \mapsto a^{-1}$ and “Identity”: $1, 0, e, I, \dots$ satisfying the axioms:
 $1x = x1 = x \quad x(x^{-1}) = (x^{-1})x = 1 \quad (xy)z = x(yz)$

We can go from the concrete definition to the abstract one: the binary operation is composition, the identity is the trivial symmetry, inverses given by “undoing” a symmetry.

Is an abstract group the symmetries of something?

Theorem 1.1.3 (Cayley’s Theorem). Any abstract group is the group of symmetries of some mathematical object.

Recall group actions :

Definition 1.1.4. Given a group G , a set S , a (left) group action is a map $G \times S \rightarrow S$ by $(g, s) \mapsto g(s), gs$ satisfying $g(h(s)) = gh(s), 1s = s$.

To prove Cayley’s theorem we need to find :

1. a set S acted on by G

2. structure on S so that $G =$ all symmetries.

What is S ? Take $S = G$.

Need to define the action of G on G . There are 8 natural ways to do this.

First 4, we define $G \times S \rightarrow S$ by

- $g(s) = s$ trivial action
- $g(s) = gs$ group product
- Try $g(s) = sg$ Fails since G not necessarily commutative: $g(h(s)) = (sh)g \neq s(gh) = gh(s)$
- $g(s) = sg^{-1}$ works since $g(h(s)) = g(sh^{-1}) = sh^{-1}g^{-1} = s(gh)^{-1} = gh(s)$
- $g(s) = gsg^{-1}$ adjoint action

The above group action is known as a left group action. We define a right group action in a similar way : $S \times G \rightarrow S$ by $(s, g) \mapsto (s)g, s^g$ satisfying $(sg)h = s(gh), s1 = s$.

We now define right group actions of G on G : $S \times G \rightarrow G$ by

- $(s, g) \mapsto s$
- $(s, g) \mapsto sg$
- $(s, g) \mapsto g^{-1}s$
- $(s, g) \mapsto g^{-1}sg$

Now we have $S = G$, S =set acted on by G using left action $g(s) = gs$ - left translation. So we have shown $G \subseteq$ symmetries of S .

Want : G =symmetries of S + "structure". Let structure on S = right action of G on S .

We now have 3 copies of G :

1. set $S = G$
2. G acts on left on S (G = symmetries of S)
3. G acts on the right on S (Structure of S)

Object $S = S$ + right G action

What are the symmetries of this?

Bijection $f : S \rightarrow S$ preserving the right G -action. eg. $f(sg) = f(s)g$

Need to check:

1. Left G -action of G preserves the right G -action
2. Anything that preserves the right G -action is given by left multiplication of an element of G

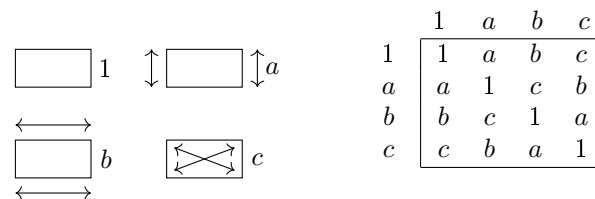
Check (1): For $g \in G$ need $(gs)h = g(sh)$, follows by commutativity

Note: left G -action does not preserve right G -action: $g(hs) \neq h(gs)$ in general

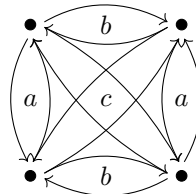
Check (2): Suppose $f : S \rightarrow S$ preserves the right G -action, $f(sh) = f(s)h$ for all $h \in G$. Need to find $g \in G$ such that $f(s) = gs$. Take $s = 1$, $f(1) = g1 = g$ so $g = f(1)$. If $g = f(1)$, then $f(s) = gs$ since $gs = (f(1))s = f(1s) = f(s)$.

So we have $G =$ symmetries of $(\text{Set } G + \text{right } G \text{ action})$

Example 1.1.5. G =symmetries of rectangle, set $S = G$



We get the graph:



Cayley graph: Point for each $g \in G$ Draw a line from g to h with $gf = h$.

Goal of Group theory

1. Classify all groups

- Hard but can do special cases: Groups of order 60, finite subgroups of rotations in \mathbb{R}^3 , all finite simple groups, symmetries of crystals

2. Given a group G , classify all ways G can act on something (called a representation of G)

- Permutation representation : G acts on a set S
- Linear representation : G acts on a vector space

Example 1.1.6. Poncaire group = symmetries of space time

elementary particle: space of states = vector space acted on by G = linear group of G

1.1.2 Review of homomorphisms, isomorphisms

Definition 1.1.7. A homomorphism is a map $f : G \rightarrow H$ that preserves structure
eg. $f(gh) = f(g)f(h)$, $f(1) = 1$, $f(g^{-1}) = f(g)^{-1}$

Note: last two properties can be derived from the first.

Example 1.1.8. $\exp(x) = e^x : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \times)$

$\exp(x + y) = \exp(x)\exp(y)$, $\exp(0) = 1$, $\exp(-x) = \exp(x)^{-1}$

Definition 1.1.9. The kernel of a homomorphism f is the set of elements with image the identity.

Example 1.1.10. $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow$ rotation in the plane by $\theta \mapsto$ rotation by angle θ .

nontrivial kernel : multiples of 2π .

We get the short exact sequence: $0 \rightarrow 2\pi\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{rotations} \rightarrow 0$

Definition 1.1.11. A sequence of homomorphisms $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$ is exact if $\text{Image } A \rightarrow B = \text{Kernel } B \rightarrow C$

$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$ means $A \rightarrow B$ is injective

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$ means $A \rightarrow B$ is surjective

Definition 1.1.12. $f : A \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism if it is a homomorphism with an inverse. We say A, B are isomorphic. “basically the same”

Example 1.1.13. $2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} .

Example 1.1.14. $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, integers mod 4 with addition: $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times$, under multiplication: $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ are isomorphic.

We map $0 \rightarrow 1 = 2^0, 1 \rightarrow 2 = 2^1, 2 \rightarrow 4 = 2^2, 3 \rightarrow 3 = 2^3$ eg. $x \mapsto 2^x$

1.1.3 Classify all finite groups up to isomorphism

Definition 1.1.15. The order of a group G = number of elements in G

Order 1: $e \times e = e$ 1 group - trivial group

Order 2: 1 group - e, f with $f^2 = e \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$


Order p for p prime: only one group $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ (integers modulo p)

Definition 1.1.16. For $g \in G$ the order of g is the smallest $n \geq 1$ with $g^n = 1$

Theorem 1.1.17 (Lagrange’s Theorem). If $g \in G$, the order of g divides the order of G .

Example 1.1.18. Suppose $|G| = p$, (p prime). Pick $g \in G$ with $g \neq e$. Order of g divides $|G| = p$ so is either 1 or p . Can’t be one since $g \neq e$. So elements of G $1, g, \dots, g^{p-1}$ are all distinct since $g^p = 1, g^x \neq 1$ for $0 \leq x < p$ and if $g^i = g^j, g^{i-j} = 1$. Thus, these must be all elements of G .

Order 4:

- Ex : $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, symmetries of rectangle, $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times, (\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z})^\times$, symmetries of 
- only 2 groups of order 4

1.2 August 30

1.2.1 Lagrange’s Theorem

Order 4: $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, symmetries of rectangle

How to show not isomorphic?

Find some property (preserved by isomorphism) that one group has but the other does not.

Property: Order of elements

- in $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, 0, 1, 2, 3 have orders 1, 4, 2, 4 respectively
- all nontrivial elements of the group of symmetries of the rectangle have order 2

Note: counting elements of each order works for small groups but 2 groups of order 16 with same number of elements of each order

Classification: By Lagrange's theorem, each element has order 1, 2, or 4

1. Have an element of order 4: g , group $= \{1, g, g^2, g^3\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$
In general, if a group of n elements has an element of order n , it is $\cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$
2. All elements have order 1 or 2.
Suppose G is finite and has this property. Then G commutes since $(gh)^2 = ghgh = 1 = g^2g^2$ so $gh = hg$.
Note: only true for prime 2, there is a group of order 27 such that all elements have order 1 or 3 but is not commutative
Write group operation as $+$. G is a vector space over \mathbb{F}_2 (field of 2 elements). So $G \cong \mathbb{F}_2^k$ for some set $|G| = 2^k$. We get 1 group of order 4 with all elements of order 1 or 2.

Group of order 4 is product of 2 groups, $\mathbb{F}_2^2 = \mathbb{F}_2 \oplus \mathbb{F}_2$.

Suppose G, H are groups, $G \times H$ is a group under operation $(g_1, h_1) \cdot (g_2, h_2) = (g_1g_2, h_1h_2)$

Example 1.2.1. $\mathbb{C}^\times \cong \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times S^1$, $z = |z| \cdot e^{i\theta}$

Chinese Remainder Theorem: (m, n) coprime, $\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.

We have maps $f: \mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$, $g: \mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$. This gives $h: \mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$. If $(m, n) = 1$, then the map is injective since if $h(k) = 0$, $k \equiv 0 \pmod m, \pmod n$

Infinite Products: $G_1 \times G_2 \times G_3 \times \dots$, set of all elements (g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots)

Infinite Sums: Like infinite products but all but finitely many of g_i are 1.

Example 1.2.2. Roots of $1 = e^{2\pi i q}$, $q \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Infinite sum $G_2 + G_3 + G_5 + G_7 + G_{11} + \dots$ (G_p = roots of order p^n for some $n \geq 1$)

Symmetry of Platonic Solids

Faces	Name	Rotations	Rotations + Reflections	
4	tetrahedron	$12 = 4 \times 3$	24	\rightarrow not a product
6	hexahedron (cube)	$24 = 6 \times 4$	48	} product $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \text{rotations}$
8	octahedron	$24 = 8 \times 3$	48	
12	dodecahedron	$60 = 12 \times 5$	120	
20	icosahedron	$60 = 20 \times 3$	120	

All except tetrahedron have

symmetry $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ for reflections in \mathbb{R}^3 , so it commutes with everything

For the tetrahedron, we have $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Order 5: $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$

Exercise 1.2.3. Find a graph as small as possible with symmetries $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$

Order 6: 3 obvious examples: $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, symmetries of the triangle

- $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$
- group of symmetries of the triangle is not abelian
Permutation Notation: $(5\ 2\ 1\ 3)$ = function sending $5 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 3, 3 \rightarrow 5$
(Insert Figure)
 $(12)(23) = (123)$ but $(23)(12) = (132)$

Definition 1.2.4. A subgroup of a group G , is a subset closed under group operations.

Theorem 1.2.5 (Lagrange's Theorem). If H is a subgroup of G , $|H|$ divides $|G|$.

Special Case: If $H =$ powers of g , $1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}$, $|H| = |g|$

Construction of subgroups: Pick a set S acted on by G , pick $s \in S$.

H : elements g with $gs = s$ (elements fixing s). Then H is a subgroup.

Lagrange (Converse to Cayley's Thm): If H is a subgroup of G we can find a set acted on by G , such that $H =$ elements fixing $s \in S$.

Given a group G , subgroup H . We want to construct: a set S acted on by G .

Consider $G =$ symmetries of triangle, $H = \{(1)(2)(3), (23)\}$ fixing 1.

How do we write 1, 2, 3 in terms of G, H ?

Left cosets of H : $1 \leftrightarrow$ elements g with $g(1) = 1$ (H), $2 \leftrightarrow$ elements g with $g(1) = 2$ ($(12)H$), $3 \leftrightarrow$ elements g with $g(1) = 3$ ($(13)H$)

Left cosets of H are sets of the form aH (some fixed $a \in G$).

Define $g_1 \approx g_2$ if $g_1 = g_2h$ for some $h \in H$. This is an equivalence relation:

Reflexivity: $g_1 \approx g_1$ group identity, 1

Symmetry: $g_1 \approx g_2 \rightarrow g_2 \approx g_1$ group inverses, h^{-1}

Transitivity: $g_1 \approx g_2, g_2 \approx g_3 \rightarrow g_1 \approx g_3$ group operation, h_1h_2

$G =$ disjoint union of cosets (equivalence classes of \approx) and any two cosets have the same size $|H|$ since we have a bijection $H \rightarrow aH$ by $h \mapsto ah$ with inverse $h \mapsto a^{-1}h$.

So $G = \# \text{ cosets} \times \text{size of cosets} = \# \text{ elements of } S \times \# \text{ subgroup of elements fixing } s$

Note: We assume S is transitive - if $s_1, s_2 \in S$. $g(s_1) = s_2$ for some g

Rotations of a dodecahedron: 12 (faces) $\times 5 = 20$ (vertices) $\times 3 = 30$ (edges) $\times 2 = 60$

Conways Group: has order 831555361308172000

Acting on Frames: $\# 8252375$ Group fixing each frame: 1002795171840

Special Cases of Lagrange:

- Fermat: $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ (p prime), $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ (a, p) = 1
Group $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ integers modulo p under \times has order $p-1$.
Lagrange: order of a divides $p-1$ so $a^{p-1} \equiv 1$
- Euler: $a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ (a, m) = 1
 $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times =$ group of elements coprime to m , mod m , order = $\varphi(m)$

$m = 8$: $\varphi(m) = 4$, $(\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$. Euler $a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ (a odd) but we see $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

Right Cosets: $Ha \leftrightarrow$ elements of a set acted on, on the right by G . $S \times G \rightarrow S$

Are left cosets the same as right cosets? sometimes

Example 1.2.6. Take $G =$ symmetries of triangle. $H = \{1, (23)\}$. Find the left, right cosets of H in G .

Left: $H = \{1(23)\}$, $(31)H = \{(31), (321)\}$, $(12)H = \{(12), (123)\}$

Right: $H = \{1(23)\}$, $(31)H = \{(31), (123)\}$, $(12)H = \{(12), (321)\}$

so left cosets \neq right cosets

Definition 1.2.7. Index of H in G , $[G : H] = \#$ cosets of H in G .

Left or right cosets? $[G : H][H] = |G|$ when G finite so $\#$ left cosets = $\#$ right cosets.

In general, right cosets \rightarrow left cosets by $Ha \mapsto a^{-1}H$ so $\#$ left cosets = $\#$ right cosets

1.2.2 Normal Subgroups

G/H = set of left coset of G . Is G/H a group?

How to define $(g_1H) \times (g_2H)$? g_1g_2H

Problem: not well defined - suppose we have g_1, g_2, g_1h_1, g_2h_2 . Want $g_1g_2H = g_1h_1g_2h_2H$

Is $h_1g_2 = g_2(h \in H)$? not in general

Want: $ghg^{-1} \in H$ for all $g \in G$. If this holds, then we can turn G/H into a group.

Definition 1.2.8. If H satisfies the above property, H is called a normal subgroup of G .

Example 1.2.9. G = symmetries of triangle. $H = \{(23), 1\}$. Is H normal?

$(12)(23)(12)^{-1} = (13) \notin H$ so H is not normal

What about $H = \{1, (123), (132)\}$. Is H normal?

H has index 2 in G . $[G : H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = 2$. We claim any subset of order 2 is normal.

There are only 2 left cosets: H , things not in H . Similarly for right cosets. So right cosets = left cosets. So H is normal.

Classifying Groups of Order 6

- orders of elements 1, 2, 3, 6
- If element of order 6, group must be cyclic
- Want element of order 3

Lagrange: order of element divides order of group

Converse: If n divides $|G|$, does G have a subgroup of order n ?

No: $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ has no element of order 4

Yes: if n is prime (Cauchy)

So G has elements a, b of order 2, 3 and subset $\langle 1, b, b^2 \rangle$ has order 3 so it is normal.

1.3 September 1

1.3.1 Semidirect Products

Groups of Order 6:

2 subgroups A, B of order 2, 3 $|A| \cdot |B| = |G|$, $A \cap B = \{e\}$

In general, suppose that for a group G , subgroups A, B

1. $|G| = |A| \cdot |B|$
2. $A \cap B = \{e\}$

Want to reconstruct G from A, B

$G = AB = \{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$, $\#$ pairs $(a, b) = |G|$

If $a_1b_1 = a_2b_2$, $a_2^{-1}a_1 = b_2b_1^{-1} \in A \cap B = \{e\}$ so $a_1 = a_2, b_1 = b_2$

Every element of G can be written uniquely as a product of $a \in A, b \in B$

Problem: What is $a_1b_1 \cdot a_2b_2 = a_3b_3$

Easy case: $ab = ba$ for all $a \in A, b \in B$ $(a_1b_1)(a_2b_2) = (a_1a_2)(b_1b_2)$

We can view G as the product of $A, B \rightarrow G = A \times B$

Slightly less easy case: A is a normal subgroup of G . We get an action of the group B on the group A .

Define the action of B on A by $b(a) = bab^{-1} \in A$ (A normal)

This determines the product on G . $(a_1b_1)(a_2b_2) = a_1(b_1a_2b_1^{-1})b_1b_2 = \underbrace{a_1b_1(a_2)}_{\in A} \times \underbrace{b_1b_2}_{\in B}$.

Suppose given groups A, B action of B on A . We construct the semidirect product of A and B , $A \rtimes B$ on the set $A \times B$ with the product given by: $(a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_2) = (a_1b_1(a_2), b_1b_2)$. We can check this is a group.

Order 6

So $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ defined by the action of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ on $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.

$\text{Sym}(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$: either $f(1) = 1$ or $f(1) = 2$ so only two possible homomorphisms $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Sym}(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$: identity and trivial homomorphisms

So groups of order 6:

- $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ trivial action $\cong \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$
- $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ nontrivial action $\cong S_3$

1.3.2 Cauchy's Theorem

Theorem 1.3.1 (Cauchy's Theorem). If $p \mid |G|$ (p prime), G has an element of order p .

Proof. We use induction on the size of the group: can assume true for any proper subgroups and quotient groups

G abelian: pick $g \in G$. If $p \mid |g|$, g has order pn so g^n has order p .

If $p \nmid |g|$, look at $G/\langle g \rangle$. $\langle g \rangle$ normal since G is abelian, p divides $|G/\langle g \rangle|$. Pick $h \in G/\langle g \rangle$, order divisible by p . Lift h_1 in G . Then $p \mid |h_1|$.

Standard Error: Can't always lift h to element of the same order

$G \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, $g = 2$. $G/\langle g \rangle$ has order 2 so take nontrivial element. Its lift does not have order 2 in G

Definition 1.3.2. The center of G is the elements that commute with all elements of G .

Lemma 1.3.3. Suppose G is nontrivial, all proper subgroups have index divisible by p . Then the center of G is divisible by p .

Proof. Look at left action of G on itself by conjugation. $G = \text{union of orbits where } a, b \text{ in the same orbit}$
if there is some g such that $g(a) = b$. $|G| = \sum(\text{size of orbits})$

Size of orbit = $|G|/\text{subgroup of elements fixing a point}$. Either 1 or divisible by p so

$G = \underbrace{1 + 1 + 1 + \cdots}_{\text{size } 1} + \underbrace{pn_1 + pn_2 + \cdots}_{\text{size } > 1}$. Since G divisible by p # orbits with one element is. Theorem follows
 since Center of G = elements with orbit of size 1.

Proof (Cauchy's Theorem (Cont)). Case 1: Some proper subgroup has order divisible by p .
 Such a subgroup has an element of order divisible by p by induction.
 Case 2: All proper subgroups have index divisible by p . By lemma, center of G has order divisible by p .
 Center of G is abelian so it has an element of order p .

Order 7: $\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$

Order 8: Obvious examples: Product $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$, symmetries of a square (D_8) - dihedral group.

Orders of elements: 1, 2, 4, 8

- If element has order 8, group is cyclic
- If all elements have order 1 or 2, group is vector field over \mathbb{F}^2 so is $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$

So can assume G has an element a , of order 4. $a^4 = 1$. Subgroup $A = \{1, a, a^2, a^3\}$ has index 2 so is normal.
 Quotient group has order 2 so $\cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

We have an exact sequence $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1$

Problem: Given $1 \rightarrow A \rightarrow G \rightarrow B \rightarrow 1$ How to construct G from A, B ?

Possibilities: $G = A \times B$, or $A \rtimes B$, not always the case:

- $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1$ not a semidirect product
- $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1$ $S_3 = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

We get an action of B on A by conjugation so considering $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1$ we can take the nontrivial element b of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Can't say $b^2 = 1$, but $b^2 \in A$. Also B acts on A by conjugation.

So we have $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} = \{1, a, a^2, a^3\}$ $a \mapsto bab^{-1}$: $a \mapsto a$ or $a \mapsto a^{-1}$

Possibilities:

	$bab^{-1} = a$	$bab^{-1} = a^{-1}$	
$b^2 = 1$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	D_8	Semidirect Products $a = b^2, ab = ba \rightarrow a^2 = 1$
$b^2 = a, b^2 = a^3$	$\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} (a = 1, b = 2)$	Impossible	
$b^2 = a^2$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	Quaternions	

Quaternion group: generated by a, b with $a^4 = 1, b^2 = a^2, bab^{-1} = a^{-1}$

Does it exist? Yes: have been viewed in $M_2(\mathbb{C})$ - $a = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Usually denote elements: $I = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, K = IJ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Quaternions $Q_8 = \{i, I, J, J, -1, -I, -J, -K\}$ satisfying $I^2 = J^2 = K^2 = 1, IJ = K, JK = 1, KI = J$

Hamilton's Quaternions(H) = all numbers $a + bi + cj + dk$ a, b, c, d real

Nonzero elements of H form a group. Problem: Show inverses exist.

$(a + bi + cj + dk)(a - bi - cj - dk) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 > 0$ so

$(a + bi + cj + dk)^{-1} = \frac{a - bi - cj - dk}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}$

Can also look at $S^3 \subset H = \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1\}$

For $z = a + bi + cj + dk, \bar{z} = a - bi - cj - dk$ let $z\bar{z} = N(z)$

We see $N(z_1 z_2) = N(z_1)N(z_2)$ so if $N(z) = 1$ closed under \times so is a group.

Only spheres that are a group are S^0, S^1, S^3 . Elements of $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, H$ with absolute value 1.

Note: $Q_8 \subseteq S^3$

1.3.3 Burnside's Lemma

Problem: How many ways to arrange 8 rooks on a chess board so that no 2 attack each other?

8 ways for first row, 7 for second, \dots , so $8! = 40320$ total

Suppose we want to count them up to symmetry:

- For 3×3 : (Insert Figure)
can only have 2

Approximate number = $\frac{\text{total \# of elements}}{\text{order of group}} = \frac{8!}{8} = 7! = 5050$

General problem: Suppose we have a group G acting on a set S . How many orbits? $\geq \frac{|S|}{|G|}$

Answer:

Lemma 1.3.4 (Burnside's Lemma). # of orbits = average number of fixed points of $g \in G$, eg. $s \in S$ with $g(s) = s$

Proof. Count number of pairs $(g, s) \in G \times S$ with $g(s) = s$ in 2 ways:

1. Sum over G : $\sum_{g \in G} (\# \text{ fixed by } g)$
2. Sum over S : Each orbit contributes (size of orbit) \times (# of elements fixing a point) = $|G|$
so sum = $|G| \times \# \text{ of orbits}$

So # of orbits = $\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g \# \text{ fixed points} = \text{avg } \# \text{ fixed points}$

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1.4.1 Burnside's Lemma

Example 1.4.1. Find the number of ways to arrange 8 nonattacking rooks on a chessboard up to symmetry.

Recall - # of orbits of a set = average number of fixed points = $\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \# \text{ fixed points of } g$.

G = dihedral group D_8 , acting on $8! = 40320$ ways to arrange 8 rooks

Elements of D_8 :

- Trivial (Insert Figure): $8! = 40320$
- 180° rotation (Insert Figure) : 8 options for 1st, 6 options for 2nd, \dots so $8 \times 6 \times 4 \times 2$
- 90° rotation (Insert Figure): 6 options for 1st, 2 options for 2nd so 6×2

2 elements g_1, g_2 are called conjugate if $g_1 = g g_2 g^{-1}$ for some g (Formalizes notion of "looks the same")

g_1 = (Insert Figure) g_2 = (Insert Figure) g = (Insert Figure) exchanging g_1, g_2 .

If two elements are conjugate then they have the same number of fixed points.

$g_1(s) = s \rightarrow g_2(gs) = g g_1 g^{-1} gs = gs$

- (Insert Figure): conjugate with 90° rotation so 6×2
- (Insert Figure): conjugate and have 0 since rotates rook to the same column/row
- (Insert Figure): conjugate. $C_n = \#$ ways to place rooks on $n \times n$ chessboard invariant under transformation. $c_0 = 1, c_1 = 1$.
Case 1 : (Insert Figure) Case 2: (Insert Figure)
so $c_n = c_{n-1} + (n-1)c_{n-2}$ and $c_n = 1, 1, 2, 4, 10, 26, 76, 232, 764$

So # of ways to place rooks = $\frac{1}{8}(1 \times 8! + 1 \times 384 + 2 \times 12 + 2 \times 0 + 2 \times 764) = 5282$
Slightly more than original guess $\frac{40320}{8} = 5040$

Example 1.4.2. Find the number of ways to color a cube with n different colors up to symmetry.

1.4.2 Groups of order p^2

Order 9: Obvious examples = $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

Classify all groups of order p^2 (p prime): only ex are $\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}, (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2$

(1): Every group of order p^n (p prime, $n > 0$) has nontrivial center

Proof. Recall, if all proper subgroups have index divisible by p , $p \mid |G|$ then G has nontrivial center. So if $|G| = p^n$, $n > 0$, we see G has nontrivial center. \square

Implies that if $|G| = p^n$, G is nilpotent. ie. repeatedly modding out by the center gives you the trivial group. $G_0 = G, G_1 = G_0/Z(G_0), G_2 = G_1/Z(G_1), \dots$ If G_n is trivial for some n , G is called nilpotent.

This gives an exact sequence: $1 \rightarrow Z(G_i) \rightarrow G_i \rightarrow G_{i+1} \rightarrow 1$

Note: A group may still have nontrivial center even after modding out by the original center: $G = D_8$, $G/Z(G) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

S_3 (order 6) is not nilpotent

(2): If $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic then G is abelian.

Proof. Consider $1 \rightarrow Z(G) \rightarrow G/Z(G) \rightarrow 1$. $Z/(G)$ is powers of g_1 , lift g_1 to g in G .

Every element in G is of the form zg^n ($z \in$ center) so all commute $z_1g^{n_1}, z_2g^{n_2}$:

z_1 commutes with $z_2g^{n_2}$, g^{n_1} commutes with z_2 , and g^{n_1} commutes with g^{n_2} \square

(3): Every group of order p^2 is abelian.

Note: not true for p^3 , consider D_8, Q_8 of order 2^3

Proof. Center is nontrivial so has order $\geq p$. $G/Z(G)$ has order 1 or p so it is cyclic so G is abelian. \square

(4): Every group of order p^2 is $(\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z})$ or $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2$

Proof. Case 1 : elements of order $p^2 \rightarrow G$ is cyclic $\cong \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$

Case 2: all elements have order p or 1 + G abelian. G is really a vector field over \mathbb{F}_p the field with p elements so $G = \mathbb{F}_p \oplus \mathbb{F}_p$. \square

1.4.3 Dihedral Groups

Order 10: $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$, $D_{10} = (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Groups of Order $2p$: G has a subgroup of order p , index 2 so is normal. G has a subgroup of order 2 so $G \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, determined by action of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ on $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

Symmetries of $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$: map generator $1 \rightarrow$ element of order p . $n \mapsto na \pmod{p}$

Symmetries = $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ nonzero integers mod p under \times . Only elements of order 2 are $\pm a \pmod{p}$

$G \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ (trivial action of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ on $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$)

$G \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ($\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ acting by -1 on $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$) = dihedral group.

Dihedral Groups: symmetries of a regular n -gon ($n \geq 3$). Order $2n$

(Insert Figure)

What is the center of D_{2n} ? ($n \geq 2$)? Order 2 if even, order 1 if odd.

Why does D_{12} split as a product?

(Insert Figure) $D_{12} = D_6 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ = symmetries of triangles \times 180° rotation commutes with elements and flips the two triangles

D_{10} (Insert Figure) Problem: 180° does not flip two squares.

D_{2n} can be split $D_{2n} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ for $D_4, D_{12}, D_{20}, D_{28} \pmod{4}$

Involutions in dihedral groups (elements of order 2)

D_{2n} (Insert Figure)

Reflection Groups (generated by relations)

(Insert Figure) Suppose g and h are relations. If $g^2 = 1, h^2 = 1, (gh)^n = 1$

- Fid property of all finite groups that doesn't hold for all infinite groups, in the language of groups.

Property: If g, h are involutions, either g, h are conjugates or some involution commutes with g, h

$g^2 = 1, h^2 = 1, (gh)^n = 1$ for some n (since group finite)

n even: D_{2n} has nontrivial element in center

n odd: All involutions commute

Fails for ∞ dihedral group $g^2 = 1, h^2 = 1$ (Insert Figure)

Order 12: $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$, products - $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, rotations of tetrahedrons, semidirect products- $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rtimes (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$, $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$.

Binary Dihedral: S^3 (= unit quaternions) is a group acting on $\mathbb{R}^3 = bi + cj + dk$ - rotations in \mathbb{R}^3

$1 \rightarrow \pm 1 \rightarrow S^3 \rightarrow$ rotations on $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow 1$ where ± 1 act trivially on \mathbb{R}^3

$1 \rightarrow \pm 1 \rightarrow \hat{G} \rightarrow G =$ finite reflection group. Ex: group over D_{2n}

Binary dihedral groups of order $4n$ so binary dihedral group of order 12. (Q_8 binary dihedral group of order 8) 5 groups of order 12.

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1.5.1 Sylow Theorems

Order 12: $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, A_4 , $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$

Sylow Theorems:

- Lagrange: if $H \subseteq G$, $|H| \mid |G|$
- If $m \mid |G|$ can we find a subgroup of order G ?
No: A_4 =reflections of tetrahedron has no subgroup of order 6

Theorem 1.5.1 (Sylow's Theorems). 1. If $p^n \mid |G|$ (p prime) then G has a subgroup of order p^n if n is maximal, called p -Sylow subgroup.

2. Number is $1 \pmod p$, divides $|G|$

3. All p -sylow subgroup are conjugate (so all isomorphic)

4. Any p -subgroup is contained in some sylow p -subgroup.

Example 1.5.2. $G = D_8$, contains two non-conjugate elements of order 2 - (Insert Figure)

Example 1.5.3. $G = D_8$, has nonisomorphic subgroups of order 4
(Insert Figure)

Proof. 1. Existence. We proceed by induction on the order of the group.

Case 1: G has some proper subgroup H , index not divisible by p .

- Pick sylow p -subgroup of H . This is a sylow p -subgroup of G .

Case 2: All Sylow p -subgroups have index divisible by $p \rightarrow$ center if G has order divisible by p .

- pick $g \in$ center, $g^p = 1$. Look at $G/\langle g \rangle$. Pick p -sylow subgroup. Inverse image in G is a sylow p -subgroup.

2. Number of Sylow subgroups is $1 \pmod p$

Key idea: look at action of Sylow p -subgroup S on set of sylow p -subgroups by conjugation

All orbits have size power of p . Orbit $\{S\}$ has size 1. No other orbits of size 1. if $\{T\}$ orbit of size 1, then S normalizes T so ST of order p^m , $m > n$. impossible.

1 orbit of size 1, all other orbits have size p^k , $k > 0$. Divisible by p so total is $1 \pmod p$

3. All Sylow p -subgroups are conjugate

Suppose not, then if S is a p -sylow subgroup, number of conjugates is divisible by $p - 1$. Suppose T is a non-conjugate p -subgroup and let T act on the set of p -sylow subgroups conjugate to S . T can have no fixed points so the total number of p -sylow subgroups conjugate to S is divisible by p , contradiction.

4. Number of Sylow p -subgroups divides the order of G

Look at action of G on sylow p -subgroups. Transitive so $\#$ subgroups $= \frac{|G|}{|\text{subgroup fixing 1}|}$ which divides G .

5. Any subgroup with order power of $p \subseteq$ some sylow p -subgroup

Apply to groups of order $12 = 2^2 \times 3$

We know that G has subgroups of order 3 and 4.

Case 1: subgroup of order 3 is normal.

- Give G semiproduct $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}) \rtimes (\text{order } 4 \text{ group})$

4 cases:

	Action trivial	Nontrivial
$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	binary dihedral
$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	$S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Case 2: Sylow 3 subgroups not normal

subgroups - divides 12, 1 mod 3, not 1 \rightarrow = 4, call them S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4 . $S_i \cap S_j = \{e\}$ so we have 8 elements of order 3, 1 element of order 1, 3 “mystery” elements.

G has 2-sylow subgroups of order 4, at most one so must be normal. So $G = (\text{group of order } 4) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, only nontrivial action on: $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \cong$ reflection of tetrahedron.

Example 1.5.4. Apply to groups of order 56.

Application: Nilpotent Groups

Following are equivalent:

1. Group is nilpotent (center > 1 , G/center is nilpotent or $|G| = 1$)
2. Any proper subgroup H has $N(H)$ strictly bigger than H .
3. All Sylow subgroups are normal
4. G is product of groups of prime power order.

(1) \rightarrow (2): Suppose H is a subgroup.

Case 1: H does not contain $Z(G)$. $Z(G) \subseteq N(H)$.

Case 2: H contains $Z(G)$, look at $H/Z(G) \subseteq G/Z(G)$

(2) \rightarrow (3): If S is a sylow p -subgroup of G . Then $N(S)$ is its own normalizer. $e \subseteq S \subseteq N(S) \subseteq G$. Suppose $g \in G$ normalizes $N(S)$ g takes S to a sylow p -subgroup of $N(S)$. This subgroup is conjugate to S in $N(S)$ so $gSg^{-1} = hSh^{-1}$ for $h \in N(S)$ so gh^{-1} normalizes S so $gh^{-1} \in N(S)$, since $h \in N(S)$, $g \in N(S)$.

Now, if $N(S)$ proper subgroup then $N(N(S)) > N(S)$ so must have $N(S) = G$ so there is only one sylow subgroup.

(3) \rightarrow (4): Main step - members of different sylow subgroups commute.

S is a sylow p -subgroup, T is a sylow q -subgroup with $p \neq q$, want $st = ts$ for $s \in S, t \in T$

Follows from: If A, B normal subsets of G , and $A \cap B = \{e\}$ the elements of A commute with the elements of B . Look at $aba^{-1}b^{-1}$, commutator of a, b ($=1 \leftrightarrow a, b$ commute). $aba^{-1} \in B$ so $aba^{-1}b^{-1} \in B$ and $ba^{-1}b^{-1} \in A$ so $aba^{-1}b^{-1} \in A$ so $aba^{-1}b^{-1} = e$

(4) \rightarrow (1): Follows since 1. p -groups are nilpotent, 2. product of nilpotent groups is nilpotent

Order 15: One group is $\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

Consider $p \neq q, p > q$. G has sylow p -subgroup, number is 1 mod p , divides $pq, q < p$ so only possibility is 1. So since p is normal $G = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$.

How does $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$ act on $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$? $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ order $p-1$ so if q does not divide $p-1$ only action is trivial so only subgroup is cyclic subgroup of order pq

If $q|p-1$, $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$ can act nontrivially on $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$. Essentially one action $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ elements of order q forms a cyclic subgroup of order q .

Exactly two groups of order pq .

Order 16: Complete List

- 5 abelian: $\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$, $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^4$
- 4 more, have subgroups of order $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$: Generalized quaternion = binary dihedral, dihedral, groups generated by $a^8 = 1$ $b^2 = 1$, $bab^{-1} = a^3$ or a^5 , if a^3 called semi-dihedral.
- Products: $D_8 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $Q_8 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
- Semidirect Product: two of form $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$
one of form: $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ (Pauli group)

1.5.2 Classification of Abelian Groups (finite)

All products of cyclic-subgroups (not unique) eg. $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

Product is unique up to order either, n_1, n_2, \dots satisfying $n_1 | n_2 | n_3 \dots$ or n_i prime powers.

eg. $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ (2|6) or $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ ($2^2, 3$ prime powers)

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1.6.1 Classification of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups

Classify all finite abelian group G .

- Write group law as +
- pick finite number of generators g_1, \dots, g_n (every element in G is of the form $m_1g_1 + \dots + m_ng_n$ with $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$)

Classification still works for finitely generated abelian groups.

Relation: $a_1g_1 + \dots + a_ng_n = 0$

Take some $a_{1,1}g_1 + \dots + a_{1,n}g_n + a_{2,1}g_1 + \dots + a_{2,n}g_n, \dots$ generating all relations.

We get a matrix
$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Change matrix:

1. Permute rows
2. Permute columns
3. Add a multiple of one row to another row. $\{R_1, R_2\} \equiv \{R_1, R_2 + nR_1\}$
4. Add a multiple of one column to another. g_1, \dots, g_n generators then $g_1 + ng_2, g_2, \dots$, also generators.

Do row, column operations to simplify matrix

- Arrange $a_{1,1}$ to be as small as possible (> 0). Possible unless all $a_{ij} = 0$
 $a_{1,1}$ divides $a_{1,2}$ since if $a_{1,2} = ka_{1,1} + r$ with $0 \leq r < a_{1,1}$, as $a_{1,1}$ is minimal, $r = 0$. Can make $a_{1,2} = 0$.

Similarly, we can make $a_{1,3}, a_{1,4}, \dots, a_{2,1}, a_{2,2}, \dots$ all 0 to get a matrix
$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} & \cdots \\ \vdots & a_{3,2} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \end{pmatrix}$$

We can repeat this with $a_{2,2}$ to get $\begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & & 0 \\ & a_{2,2} & \\ & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & a_{n,n} \end{pmatrix}$ giving relations $a_{1,1}g_1 = 0, a_{2,2}g_2 = 0, \dots$

so group is $\mathbb{Z}/a_{1,1}\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_{2,2}\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_{n,n}\mathbb{Z}$ with $a_{1,1}|a_{2,2}|a_{3,3}|\dots$

If $\mathbb{Z}/a_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_n\mathbb{Z} \cong b\mathbb{Z}/b_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/b_2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/b_m\mathbb{Z}$ with $a_1|a_2|a_3|\dots$ and $b_1|b_2|b_3|\dots$ then $n = m, a_1 = b_1, a_2 = b_2, \dots$

Key idea - look at the number of homomorphisms from G to $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$

How many abelian groups of order p^n (p prime)?

$\mathbb{Z}/a_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_k\mathbb{Z}$, $a_i = p^{k_i}, k_1 \leq k_2 \leq k_3 \leq \dots, k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + \dots = n$.

n	# partitions
0	1
1	1 1
2	2 2, 1 + 1
3	3 3, 2 + 1, 1 + 1 + 1
4	5 4, 3 + 1, 2 + 2, 2 + 1 + 1, 1 + 1 + 1 + 1
5	7 5, 4 + 1, ...

Order 18: Normal subgroup of order 3^2 so group is order $9 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$ - 2 actions of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^3$ - 3 actions of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ (thinking of this as a vector space over $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ consider linear transformations of order 2, $V = V^+ \oplus V^-$, eigenspaces of ± 1 , dimension of $V = 0, 1, 2$)

One of the groups $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^3$ is wreath product.

Suppose G, H are groups. Take product of $|G|$ copies of H . $H^{|G|} = H \times H \times \dots$, G acts on $H^{|G|}$ so we have the semidirect product of $H^{|G|} \rtimes G$

More generally, if G acts on Ω , can form $H^{|\Omega|} \rtimes G$

Example 1.6.1. $H = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$ wreath product of order 18.

$H = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = D_8$.

Example 1.6.2. 1. Symmetry of graphs (Insert Figure)

2. Sylow subgroups of symmetric groups

Want to consider Sylow 2-subgroups of S_{10} . Highest power of 2 dividing $10! = \lfloor \frac{10}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{10}{4} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{10}{8} \rfloor = 5 + 2 + 1 = 8$. (Insert Figure)

- Any group of order p^n is a subgroup of some $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \wr (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \wr (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$

Physics - Gauge Theories

G =gauge group. Symmetries = (continuous maps of spacetime $\rightarrow G$) \times (Automorphisms of spacetime)

Order 20: $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}) \rtimes (\text{order } 4)$

5 possibilities: $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$, $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \rtimes (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$, $D_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = D_{20}$, $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ (elements of order 2, binary tetrahedral), $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ (Frobenius Group)

Frobenius Group is a group G acting on a set S transitively and faithfully such that

- If g fixed two points of S then g is the identity
- S is not the regular action of G of a group on the set.

Example 1.6.3. $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ “ $ax + b$ ” group. Take F a field and consider all linear transformations $x \mapsto ax + b$,

$x \in F, a \neq 0, b \in F = \text{matrix } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} a \neq 0$

S_3 also Frobenius group, “ $ax + b$ ” for $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

A_4 acts on 4 points also a Frobenius group.

Frobenius: If G is a Frobenius group then put $N = \text{identity} \cup \text{elements with no fixed point}$, then N is a normal subgroup of $G = \text{Frobenius kernel}$

For A_4 , the Frobenius kernel is $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Thompson: N is nilpotent

Order 21: $\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ is first non-abelian group of odd order.

Order 24: Look at Sylow 3-subgroups, $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, either 1 or 4

if 1: $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rtimes (\text{order } 8)$

if 4: We get an action of G on 4 points (Sylow 3-subgroups) so we have a homomorphism $G \rightarrow S_4$. Kernel has order 1, 2, 3 or 6. 6, 3 not possible since no normal subgroup of order 3 so 2 possibilities:

1. Kernel is 1, $G \cong S_4$ (no normal Sylow Subgroup)
2. $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G \rightarrow \text{Aut binary dihedral group}$

1.6.2 Symmetric Groups - S_n

Order is $n!$ What are its conjugacy classes?

General element: $(1\ 3\ 5)(2\ 4)(6\ 8\ 9)$ cycle shape = lengths of cycles in order.

2 elements of group are conjugate \leftrightarrow they have the same cycle shape

Problem: Given a, b , having the same cycle shape. Find g with $gag^{-1} = b$

eg. $a = (1\ 3)(2\ 5\ 9)(4\ 6\ 8)(7)$, $b = (5\ 7)(1\ 3\ 6)(2\ 4\ 9)(8)$ can define g to map elements to corresponding element in other cycle eg. $1 \rightarrow 5, 3 \rightarrow 7, 2 \rightarrow 1, \dots$

How many conjugacy classes of S_n ? eg. How many cycle shapes?

$(n_1)(n_2)(n_3)\dots$ $0 \leq n_1 \leq n_2 \leq n_3$ $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots = n$, number of partitions of n

What is the set of conjugates of the cycle shape $1^{k_1} 2^{k_2} 3^{k_3} \dots$

$$\underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{k_1} \cdot \underbrace{2 \dots 2}_{k_2} \dots$$

$\#$ is $|S_n|$ / size of subgroup fixing one of the permutations

Find an element of S_n commuting with these, $S_{k_1}, 2^{k_2} S_{k_2}, 3^{k_3} S_{k_3}, \dots$ so $\# = \frac{n!}{k_1! 2^{k_2} k_2! 3^{k_3} k_3! \dots}$

S_4 :

$$\begin{array}{ll} 4 & \frac{24}{4} = 6 \\ 3\ 1 & \frac{24}{3 \cdot 1} = 8 \\ 2^2 & \frac{24}{2^2 2!} = 8 \\ 2\ 1^2 & \frac{24}{2 \cdot 1^3 \cdot 2!} = 6 \\ 1^4 & \frac{24}{1^4 \cdot 4!} = 1 \end{array}$$

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1.7.1 Normal Subgroups of S_n

1. Trivial subgroup
2. S_n
3. Alternating group A_n of index 2.
Look at $\Delta(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)$. S_n acts on polynomials by permuting x_1, \dots, x_n . Takes $\Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ or $-\Delta$. A_n = subgroup mapping Δ to Δ . Index 2 in S_n ($n > 1$).
4. S_4 has a normal subgroup $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ (weird exception).

No other normal subgroups.

Symmetries of Platonic Solids

		Rotations	All Symmetries
4	Tetrahedron	12- A_4	24- S_4
8, 6	Octahedron, Cube (Dual)	24 - S_4	48- $S_4 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
20, 12	Icosahedron, Dodecahedron (Dual)	60 - A_5	120-60 $\times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Here dual means faces of one can be identifies with the vertices of the other

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S_4 \rightarrow S_3 \rightarrow 1$$

S_4 - symmetries of octahedron, has 3 diagonals

S_3 - permutations of 4 diagonals

Definition 1.7.1. G is solvable if G is abelian or G has normal subgroup with $N, G/N$ solvable.

$$1 \rightarrow N \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/N \rightarrow 1$$

$1 = G_0 \subseteq G_1 \subseteq G_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_n = G$ such that G_i normal in G_{i+1} , G_{i+1}/G_i abelian.

For S_4 , $1 \subseteq \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}} \subseteq \underbrace{A_4}_{\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}} \subseteq \underbrace{S_4}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow$ polynomial of degree 4 can be solvable with radicals.

Order $27=3^3$, groups of order p^3

Example 1.7.2. Abelian - $\mathbb{Z}/p^3\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^3$

Non abelian - $p = 2$: $D_8 = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, Q_8$

$$p \text{ odd: } (\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ & 1 & * \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \text{ all elements order } p, \text{ nonabelian}$$

$$M_n(\mathbb{R}) : \exp(A) = I = A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots$$

- Converges: $\text{Norm}(A), \|A\| = \sup_v \frac{|A(v)|}{\|v\|}, v \in \mathbb{R}^n. \|Av\| \leq \|A\| \|v\|$
- Properties: $\exp(A + B) = \exp(A) \exp(B)$ if $AB = BA$
- Can define $\log(1 + A) = A - A^2/2 + A^3/3 - \dots$ defined for $\|A\| < 1$

Define exp, og for matrices in $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$

1. Some do not converge
2. terms of this sum are not even defined $\frac{A^p}{p!}, p! = 0$ in $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$
1. Ok if A is nilpotent, $A^n = 0, 1 + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{A^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$
2. Of if, $A^n = 0, n < p, 0!, 1!, \dots, (p-1)!$ all nonzero mod p

So we can we can define $\exp(A)$ over $b\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ is $A^{p-1} = 0$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ & 1 & * \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ strictly upper triangular } n \times n \text{ matrices over } \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, A^{n+1} = 0 \text{ so if } n < p \text{ can define}$$

$\exp(A), \log(A)$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & * & * \\ & 1 & & * \\ 0 & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ matrices over } \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}. \text{ If } n < p \text{ all elements have order } p.$$

Note: If all elements have order 2 $\rightarrow G$ abelian but all elements order 3 $\nrightarrow G$ abelian

Groups of order p^3 are analogs of Heisenberg group Heisenberg group: Functions on \mathbb{R} . (1) translations $f(x) \rightarrow f(x + \lambda)$, (2) multiply by $e^{2\pi i x \mu}$ $f(x) \rightarrow f(x)e^{2\pi i x \mu}$

Order they are applied in matters: $f(x) \rightarrow f(x + \lambda) \rightarrow f(x + \lambda)e^{2\pi i x \mu}$ vs. $f(x) \rightarrow f(x)e^{2\pi i x \mu} \rightarrow f(x + \lambda)e^{2\pi i \mu(x + \lambda)}$. Differ by $e^{2\pi i \mu \lambda}$, forms circle group.

$1 \rightarrow S^1 \rightarrow \text{Heisenberg} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 1$

$p^3 : 1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (\text{order } p^3) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1$

Order 2^5 : 51 groups, 2^{10} : 49487365421 groups, $p^n : \sim p^{\frac{2}{27}n^2}$

Typical: $1 \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^a \rightarrow G \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^b \rightarrow 1$

Choose bases u_1, \dots, u_a and v_1, \dots, v_b . $i < j$ $v_i v_j v_i^{-1} v_j^{-1} = \text{something in } (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^a$

Order 48: Binary Dihedral

Example 1.7.3. Prove all groups of order < 60 are simple (tricky cases: 30, 48, 56)

A_5 - first non solvable simple group.

Any finite group can be built out of simple groups: $1 \subseteq G_0 \subseteq G_1 \subseteq \dots G_i$ normal in G_{i+1} , G_{i+1}/G_i simple.

Order 60: Rotations of Tetrahedron $\cong A_5$

	Conjugacy Classes	Order	Number		
	(1) Trivial element	1	1		
	(2)	3	20	(Faces)	
Show A_5 is simple	(3)	2	15	(Edges/2)	Warning: Conjugacy classes of A_5
	(4) 1/5 rev	5	12	(# vertices)	
	(5) 2/5 rev	5	12	(# vertices)	

not quite same as conjugacy classes of S_n

$(12345)(21345)$ conjugate in S_5 but not A_5

Let H be a normal subgroup of A_5

1. H union of conjugacy classes
2. So $H = 1 + \text{"subset" of } \{12, 12, 15, 20\}$
3. $|H|$ divides 60

So only options are $|H| = 1$ or $|H| = 1 + 12 + 12 + 15 + 20 = 60$

So A_5 , only normal subgroups of S_5 are $1, A_5, S_5$ since if H normal in S_5 , $H \cap A_5 = A_5$ or 1 . If A_5 , $H = A_5$.

If 1 , $|H| \leq 2$, $H = 1$.

A_n simple for $n \geq 5$ by induction on n . Idea: Consider $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$ ($n \geq 5$). If H is normal in A_{n+1} , $H \cap N$ normal in A_n so $H \cap A_n = A_n$ or 1 .

Order 120: How do we build a group out of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, A_5$?

3 ways:

1. $A_5 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ symmetries of Icosahedron
2. S_5 normal A_5 , quotient $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ $1 \rightarrow A_5 \rightarrow S_5 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1$
3. Binary icosahedral $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \hat{A}_5 \rightarrow A_5 \rightarrow 1$

(1), (2) have center of order 2. (3) has one element of order 2.

Poncaire: Compact 3-manifold with trivial fundamental group is S^3

Poncaire Homotopy Sphere: $S^3/(\text{Binary Icosahedral})$. Fundamental group = binary icosahedral, H_1 aelianization of fundamental group = $\{1\}$

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1.8.1 Categories

	Objects	Morphisms
Example 1.8.1.	Groups: G , homomorphisms $G \xrightarrow{f} H$	
	Sets: S , functions $S \xrightarrow{f} T$	
	Topological spaces: X , continuous maps $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$	

Axioms

- For any two objects we have a set of morphisms $A \rightarrow B$ $\text{Mor}(A, B)$.
- Can compose morphisms: $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C$, we get a morphism $A \rightarrow C$
- Identity morphism: $I_A : A \rightarrow A$ satisfying $f \circ I_A = f$ and $I_B \circ f = f$ for $f : A \rightarrow B$.
- Function composition is associative

Example 1.8.2. Rings, varieties, and differentiable manifolds

Example 1.8.3. A group. Object: only 1 object. Morphisms: elements of group. Composition is group product.

Example 1.8.4. A poset (partially order set). Set S with \leq . Category: objects = elements of S . Morphisms: morphisms from A to B , 1- morphism if $A \leq B$, none if $A \not\leq B$.

Basic Theme: Ignore structure of objects, define everything using morphisms.

epimorphisms: analogs of surjective maps. Normal definition of surjective uses internal structure of T .

$f : S \rightarrow T$ is an epimorphism if whenever 2 morphisms $T \xrightarrow{g} U$ if $gf = hf \rightarrow g = h$

Example 1.8.5. $f : S \rightarrow T$ (S, T sets) f surjective $\leftrightarrow f$ is an epimorphism

Warning: Sometimes epimorphism \neq surjection

Example 1.8.6. Look at category of rings (morphisms = homomorphisms)

$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ not surjective but is an epimorphism of rings.

Fawcett: In category of planar graphs 4 color theorem \leftrightarrow epimorphisms are surjective.

Dual Concept: Dual of surjectivity is injectivity

monomorphism: $f : S \rightarrow T$, if $R \xrightarrow{g} T$ $fg = gh \rightarrow g = h$

Example 1.8.7. If S, T subsets, $f : S \rightarrow T$ is injectivity $\leftrightarrow f$ is monomorphism (also true for rings, groups, ...)

1.8.2 Functors

Original Idea: Category of topological spaces \rightarrow category of abelian groups

(Insert Figure)

If C, D categories, a functor from C to D consist of

1. Object $F(X)$ for each object $X \in C$
2. Morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow$ morphism $F(f) : F(X) \rightarrow F(Y)$

Axioms: Behaves in “obvious” way. $F(\text{id}_A) = \text{id}_{F(A)}$, $F(fg) = F(f)F(g)$

Example 1.8.8. Forgetful Functor, (Category of Groups) \rightarrow (Category of Sets) by $G \mapsto$ underlying set, $G \rightarrow H \mapsto G \rightarrow H$

Chapter 2

Rings

2.1 September 27

2.1.1 Category Theory

We answer one final question: If a morphism is an epimorphism and a monomorphism, is it an isomorphism
 Sets, Abelian groups: Yes
 Rings: No $\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}$, mono + epi, not isomorphism
 Top Spaces: $(\mathbb{R}, \text{discrete}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \text{usual})$

2.1.2 Rings

We can define a ring concretely as the set of endomorphisms of an abelian group

Definition 2.1.1. A ring is a set R with $+, \times$ such that R forms an abelian group under addition, \times is associative, $+, \times$ satisfy left/right distributive laws.

Two ambiguities in definition:

- Ambiguity 1: Does it has multiplicative identity, 1?
 Algebra: Yes, Analysis: No
- Basic

Example 2.1.2 (Basic Examples). Field \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} . Integers \mathbb{Z} , Gaussian Integers $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ $m + ni$ with $i^2 = -1$.
 Polynomials ring $R[x]$, matrices $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ $n \times n$ matrices (endomorphisms of vector space \mathbb{R}^n).
 Can form more genera $M_n(\text{ring})$. Algebraic Geometry: $\mathbb{C}[x, y]/y^2 = x^2 - ax + b$

Groups		
Many things in group theory have an analog in rings	Acts on Sets	Acts linearly
	Symmetric Groups (all permutations of a set)	$M_n(R)$ all
	Permutation Representation	Linear Rep
	G acts on A, B , G acts on $A \cup B$	Ring acts on
$ A \cup B = A + B + A \cap B $		$R = \text{field}, \dim(M + N)$
This fails for 3 vector spaces: $ A \cup B \cup C = A + B + C - A \cap B - B \cap C - A \cap C + A \cap B \cap C $ but $\dim(L + M + N) \neq \dim L + \dim M + \dim N - \dim(L \cap M) - \dim(M \cap N) - \dim(N \cap L) + \dim(M \cap N \cap L)$ (Consider 1 dimensional subsets of \mathbb{R}^3)		

Analog of Cayley's Theorem: Every ring = endomorphisms of some abelian group preserving some "structure"
 R as an abelian group is acted on by R on the right. Linear maps of R preserving action on right = R acting on left

Definition 2.1.3. A (left) module M over R is an abelian group acted on by R .

$R \times M \rightarrow M$ such that $r(m_1 + m_2) = rm_1 + rm_2$, $r(sm) = (rs)m$, $1m = m$, $(r_1 + r_2)m = r_1m + r_2m$

Analog of group acting on a set. Can have left modules, right modules, and two-sided modules

Example 2.1.4 (Burnside Ring of a Group). Take S_3 looks at all ways G acts on a finite set (up to iso). Make into ring.

$A + B = A \sqcup B$, $A \times B = A \times B$ (as sets)

Note: What about $-$?

If G acts on A , $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_i$ is an orbit of A , G acts transitively on each A_i

How can S_3 act on transitively on a set A . Subgroups of $S_3 \leftrightarrow$ transitive action on A + point of A

S_3 subgroups	Action
(1)	Acts on 6 points (1)
(12), (13), (23)	Acts on 3 points (3)
(123) (132)	Acts on 2 points (2)
G	Acts on 1 point (1)

Elements of R are $a(1) + b(2) + c(3) + d(6)$. What about \times ? Compute products of (1), (2), (3), (6)

(Insert Figure)

Problem: R does not have $-$

A: Construction of Grothendieck Ring

Idea: Start with \mathbb{N} (integers ≥ 0), construct \mathbb{Z} . pairs (m, n) representing $m - n$, $(m_1, n_1) \equiv (m_2, n_2)$ if $m_1 + n_2 = m_2 + n_1$

Copy this idea to construct an abelian group from an abelian monoid. This does not work in general.

Subtle Problem: If we have $m_1 - n_2 \equiv m_2 - n_2$ iff $m_1 + n_2 = m_2 + n_2$ this is not an \equiv relation

Suppose $m_1 - n_1 \equiv m_2 - n_2$, $m_2 - n_2 \equiv m_3 - n_3$. Want to show $m_1 - n_1 \equiv m_3 - n_3$. $m_1 + n_2 = m_2 + n_1$, $m_2 + n_3 = m_3 + n_2$ so $m_1 + n_2 + n_3 = m_2 + n_1 + n_3 = n_1 + m_3 + n_2$. Need to cancel n_2 . Can't do this in general, $x + y = x + z$ does not imply $y = z$

Fix: Define \equiv by $m_1 - n_2 \equiv m_2 - n_2$ iff $m_1 + n_2 + x = m_2 + n_1 + x$ for some x

Check: This is an equivalence relation. We get an abelian group from the \equiv classes.

This gives us functors: Groups $\xrightleftharpoons[G]{F}$ Monoid where G is the forgetful function, F maps a monoid to its Grothendieck group. G, F adjoint, eg. maps from M $G(A)$ "same as" maps from $F(M)$ A

Back to ring of S_3 : elements of form $a(1) + b(2) + c(3) + d(6)$ $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ possibly < 0

Example 2.1.5. Group ring of G (over R). Ring "generated" by G

Set of all formal elements $\sum_{g \in G} r_i g$ $r_i \in R$ almost all 0. $+$, \times on group ring "obvious"

$G = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$. group ring over \mathbb{C} . Elements of $\mathbb{C}[G]$ are of the form $a_0 + a_1g + a_2g^2 + a_3g^3$ $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$ = vector space over \mathbb{C} of dimension 4.

$\mathbb{C}[G]$ splits as a product of rings.

Product of R, S is $R \times S$ with "obvious" $\times, +$

Products in Categories: If R, S objects, $R \times S$ object such that:

- We have morphisms (Insert Figure)
- $R \times S$ is the best possible object like this. (Insert Figure)

Suppose $R \times S$ product of R, S . How do we recover R, S from $R \times S$?

Look at $u_1 = (1, 0)$, $u_2 = (0, 1)$, $u_1^2 = u_1$, $u_2^2 = u_2$, $u_1 u_2 = u_2 u_1$, $u_1 + u_2 = 1$ (u such that $u^2 = u$ is called idempotent)

$1 =$ sum of commuting irreducibles. Then we can recover R from $R \times S$ by $(R \times S)(u_1)$

To break up $\mathbb{C}[G]$ we want to write 1 as sum of idempotents

Example 2.1.6. $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{a + bg\}$, $g^2 = 1$. $(a + bg)^2 = a + bg \rightarrow a^2 = 2abg + b^2g = a + bg$ so $a^2 + b^2 = a$, $2ab = b$. $a = \frac{1}{2}$, $b = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1+g}{2}, \frac{1-g}{2}$ so $\mathbb{C}[G] = \frac{1+g}{2}\mathbb{C}[G] + \frac{1-g}{2}\mathbb{C}[G] \cong \mathbb{C} + \mathbb{C}$

For $G = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, $\frac{1+g+g^2+g^3}{4}, \frac{1-g+g^2-g^3}{4}, \frac{1+ig+g^2-ig^3}{4}, \frac{1-g-g^2+ig^3}{4}$ all idempotent, $\mathbb{C}[G] \cong \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$

Example 2.1.7. Monoid ring. Monoid = integers ≥ 0 under x . Allow infinite sums.

“infinite”

$$\left(\sum \frac{a_m}{m^2}\right) \left(\sum \frac{b_m}{m^2}\right) = \sum \frac{c_m}{m^2} \quad c_1 = a_1 b_1, c_2 = a_2 b_1$$

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2.2.1 More Examples of Rings

Chapter 3

Representation Theory

3.1 October 4

3.1.1 Representation Theory

A representation of a group G is something acted on by G

Problem: Given G , find all Representations

- Sets: permutation representations
- Vector space: linear representation - over \mathbb{C} : complex representation, over finite fields: modular representation, Abelian group: integral

Example 3.1.1. G = icosahedral group = order 60

permutation representations: 20 faces, 12 vertices, 1 point (trivially), G (regular representation)

linear representations:

1. Trivial action on \mathbb{C} (G acts trivially)
2. 3-dim rep icosahedron $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3$
3. Permutation representation \rightarrow linear representation by taking element as a basis for vector space
4. Regular representation: V has basis G

How can we classify permutations representations?

Any permutation representation = disjoint union of transitive sets so it is enough to classify transitive permutations. They correspond to conjugacy classes of subgroups of H , G acts on G/H . Subgroups are hard to classify.

Primitive Representations

Suppose G acts on points, points grouped into boxes. G acts on boxes.

Example 3.1.2. $K \subseteq H \subseteq G$, G acts on $\underset{\text{"points"}}{H/K} \rightarrow \underset{\text{"boxes"}}{G/K}$. This happens when H is not maximal. Maximal subgroups \leftrightarrow prime representation.

Analog for linear representations

Suppose v, W reps of G , so is $V \oplus W$

A representation is called decomposable if it can be written as \oplus of nonzero representations. Representations

that are not decomposable are called indecomposable.

Suppose W is a representation of G containing a representation V , $0 \neq V, W$, $0 \subseteq V \subseteq W$. W is reducible. If no such V exists, W is called irreducible (analogous to primitive permutation representations)

Decomposable \rightarrow reducible

Fundamental counterexample to everything: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Representation of \mathbb{Z} on \mathbb{C} by $n \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$V = \begin{pmatrix} * \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, also a representation of \mathbb{Z} . \mathbb{Z} acts trivially on V and W/V but not on W .

$0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow W \rightarrow W/V \rightarrow 0$ does not split.

If $W = V \oplus U$, \mathbb{Z} acts trivially on V, U so trivially on W .

W indecomposable but not irreducible.

Classify complex representations of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Element $g, g^2 = 1$

G acts on vector space W over \mathbb{C} . Take eigenvalues of g . $g^2 = 1$ so eigenvalues ± 1 .

$W = W^+ \oplus W^-$, $v = \frac{v+g(v)}{2} + \frac{v-g(v)}{2}$. W^+ sum of 1 dimensional subspaces with $g = 1$. W^- sum of 1 dimensional subspaces with $g = -1$. 2 indecomposable reps $\mathbb{C}^+ : g = 1$, $\mathbb{C}^- : -1$ 1 dimensional.

What about representations of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ on a vector space over \mathbb{F}_2 (Can't divide by 2)

Get other indecomposable rep: g acts as $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ on $(\mathbb{F}_2)^2$

Representations of group $\mathbb{Z} \leftrightarrow$ invertible linear transformations.

Want to classify representations up to isomorphism

Complex linear representations of $G \leftrightarrow$ modules over group rings $\mathbb{C}[G]$

Classify finitely generated modules over Euclidean ring:

They are all \sum of modules of the form R/p^n , p prime.

Proof: Copy proof for \mathbb{Z}

$\mathbb{C}[x]$ is Euclidean, almost group ring of \mathbb{Z} , $\mathbb{C}[x, x^{-1}]$

Finitely generated modules over $\mathbb{C}[x]$ all have form $\bigoplus \mathbb{C}[x]/p^n$, $p = 0$, prime (irreducible poly $x - \alpha$)

Any finitely generated module over \mathbb{C} is \bigoplus of

1. $\mathbb{C}[x] = \mathbb{C}[x]/(0)$ (∞ dimensional so we don't consider it)

2. $\mathbb{C}[x]/(x - \alpha)^n, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}, \alpha \neq 0$

This consists of transformations $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \alpha \end{pmatrix}$. Basis $1, (x - \alpha), \dots, (x - \alpha)^{n-1}$ so every linear

transformation of vectors on \mathbb{C} is conjugate to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \alpha \end{pmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \begin{pmatrix} \beta & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \beta \end{pmatrix} & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

indecomposable: $\alpha, n \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \right\} n, \text{ irreducible} \leftrightarrow n = 1$

When are all indecomposable maps irreducible?

Holds for finite groups over \mathbb{C} , compact groups over \mathbb{C} , finite dimensional semi-simple Lie groups.

Fails for: finite groups over finite fields, representations of \mathbb{Z} over \mathbb{C}

(Finite Dimensional) Complex representations of finite groups are completely reducible $\rightarrow \oplus$ irreducible representations.

Key point: Suppose $V \subseteq W$ (V, W finite dimensional representations of G) Can we write $W = V \oplus U$? U invariant under G .

Why not take $U = V^\perp$ (orthogonal complement)? Problem: V^\perp might not be invariant under $G \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

When does G preserve orthogonal complement? Does if f preserves the inner product. $(u, v) = (gu, gv)$ eg. g

is unitary, $g^{-1} = \overbrace{g^t}$

Recall V has a hermitian $(,)$. Linear in first slot, antilinear in second, $(u, v) = \overline{(v, u)}$, $(u, u) > 0$ if $u \neq 0$

How to make inner product over G ? Take average over G .

Define new $(,)$ by $(,)^G = \sum_{g \in G} (gu, gv)$, hermitian, invariant under g .

Vital key point: $(,)^G$ not degenerate: $(u, v) = 0$ for all $v \rightarrow u = 0$. $(u, u)^G > 0$ if $u \neq 0$

Fails if we try to copy this for finite fields \mathbb{F}_p

Example 3.1.3. $G = S_3$, order 6

Indecomposable representations?

1. Trivial representation on \mathbb{C}
2. $S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ so every representation of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ representation of S_3
3. 2 dimensional representation, S_3 acts on triangle $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

Other representations: S_3 acts on 3 points: 1, 2, 3. Permutation representation \rightarrow linear representation of S_3 on \mathbb{C}^3 , reducible. Consider $v_1 + v_2 + v_3$ preserved by S_3 so $\mathbb{C}^3 = \mathbb{C}^+ \oplus (2 \text{ dimensional representation})$

How to describe representations?

We could give a matrix for every element of G : (1) Tiresome, (2) Hard to see if 2 representations equivalent

Frobenius: enough to give the trace of elements of G . $\text{tr}(ghg^{-1}) = \text{tr}(h)$ so enough to give trace on each conjugacy class of G .

Example 3.1.4. $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$:
$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & 1 & g \\ \hline \chi_0 & 1 & 1 \\ \chi_1 & 1 & -1 \end{array}$$

$G = S_3$:
$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & \begin{smallmatrix} (12) \\ (23) \\ (31) \end{smallmatrix} & \begin{smallmatrix} (123) \\ (132) \end{smallmatrix} & \\ \hline \chi_0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \chi_1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ \chi_2 & 2 & 0 & -1 & -1 \end{array}$$

Representation theory can help prove difficult theorems about groups.

Burnsides $p^a q^b$: Groups of order $p^a q^b$ are solvable.

3.2 October 6

3.2.1 Representations of Finite Abelian Groups

We make the following observations about the character table of S_3

1. Columns are orthogonal (under $\sum_{\chi} \chi(g) \overline{\chi(h)} = 0$ g, h not conjugate, $|G|$, g, h conjugate)
2. # columns = # rows (# conjugacy classes = # irreducible reps)
3. Rows are orthogonal (under $\sum_g \chi_i(g) \overline{\chi_j(g)} = 0$, $i \neq j$, $=|G|$, $i = j = \sum_{\text{conj classes } \{g\}} \chi_i(g) \overline{\chi_j(g)} \times (\text{size of conjugacy class})$)

Problem: Given a finite abelian group find the character table

Observation: All irreducible representations are one dimension

Reason: Pick some $g \in G$. g acts on V has an eigenvector with eigenvalue λ . Look at V_λ = all vectors with eigenvalue λ . V_λ acted on by G . If $h \in G$, $v_\lambda \in V_\lambda$, $h v_\lambda \in V_\lambda$ since $g(h v_\lambda) = h(g v_\lambda) = \lambda h v_\lambda$ so $V = V_\lambda$ as V is irreducible.

So linear representations of G are “same as” homomorphisms $G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$. $1 \in G \rightarrow$ some z with $z^n = 1$, n th root of unity.

Dual group of $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ $a \mapsto e^{2\pi i a b/n}$ $b = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

If G is cyclic, $G \cong \hat{G}$ but no natural isomorphism since depends on choice of generator and root of 1.

Any finite abelian groups is is a product of cyclic groups $G = \mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n_2\mathbb{Z} \times \dots$

$\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{C}^*) \leftrightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C}^*) \times \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/n_2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C}^*) \times \dots$ so $\hat{G} \cong \mathbb{Z}/\hat{n}_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/\hat{n}_2\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \cong \mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n_2\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \cong G$. Any finite abelian group is isomorphic to its dual (not canonically).

Typical character tables:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}: \end{array} \begin{array}{c|ccccc} 1 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & z & z^2 & z^3 & z^4 \\ 1 & z^2 & z^4 & z & z^3 \\ 1 & z^3 & z & z^4 & z^2 \\ 1 & z^4 & z^3 & z^2 & z \end{array} \quad \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}: \begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{array}$$

Vector spaces: $V \cong V^*$ not canonical, $V \cong V^{**}$ canonical, $v \in V, v^* \in V^*, v(v^*) = v^*(v)$

G finite abelian, $G \cong \hat{G}$ not canonical, $G \cong \hat{\hat{G}}$ canonical: $g \in G, \hat{g} \in \hat{G}$ homomorphism by $\hat{G} \rightarrow G$ by $g(\hat{g}) \rightarrow \hat{g}(g)$

Check Properties of character tables:

1. Table is square: # conjugacy classes = # irreducible representations since $|G| = |\hat{G}|$
2. Rows orthogonal: want to show $\sum_g \chi_i(g) \overline{\chi_j(g)} = \begin{cases} |G| & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$. $\overline{\chi_j(g)} = \chi_j(g)^{-1}$ since $|\chi_j(g)| = 1$ so suffices to show $\sum_g \chi(g) = \begin{cases} G & \chi \text{ trivial} \\ 0 & \chi \text{ nontrivial} \end{cases}$. Pick some h with $\chi(h) \neq 1$. $\sum_g \chi(hg) = \sum_g \chi(h)\chi(g) = \chi(h) \sum_g \chi(g)$ and $\sum_g \chi(hg) = \sum_g \chi(g)$ so $(1 - \chi(h)) \sum_g \chi(g) = 0$ so since $\chi(h) \neq 1$, $\sum_g \chi(g) = 0$
3. Columns orthogonal

So characters of G form an orthogonal basis for the vector space of all complex functions on G . So for function f from G to \mathbb{C} we have $\sum a_\chi \chi(g)$, $a_\chi = (f, \chi) = \sum f(g) \overline{\chi(g)}$. a_χ called Fourier coefficients.

Fourier analysis: f periodic, $f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$. $f = \sum_{n>0} a_n \sin(nx) + \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n \cos(nx)$. $G =$ group, $R/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$.

Dual group of $G =$ homomorphisms from G to \mathbb{C}^n . $\hat{G} = \mathbb{Z}$ by $x \mapsto e^{inx}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$)

$e^{inx} = \cos nx + i \sin nx = \sum c_n e^{inx}$, $\hat{G} = G$. $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \text{complex numbers with } |z| = 1)$

$G = \mathbb{R}, \hat{G} = \text{Hom}(\mathbb{R}, S^1)$ $x \mapsto e^{i\pi xy}$ $y \in \mathbb{R}$ so $\hat{G} \cong G$

Fourier Transform: $\int y \hat{f}(y) e^{i\pi xy} dy$

Specific cases of Pontryagin duality: $G =$ locally compact abelian group, $\hat{G} =$ maps to S^1 , $G \cong \hat{\hat{G}}$

What happens if field is not \mathbb{C} ?

1. Field has characteristic 0 but is not algebraically closed. Can get irreducible representations of $\dim > 1$
Ex: Field $F = \mathbb{R}$, $G = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Over } \mathbb{C}: \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Over } \mathbb{R}: \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

2. Char > 0 . Suppose characteristic is $p > 0$. Look at maps of $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$. Only irreducible representation is trivial one. Only possible eigenvalues is $\lambda = 1$ since $\lambda^p = 1, (\lambda^p - 1) = (\lambda - 1)^p$

Look at representations that are indecomposable but not irreducible. Decomposable \leftrightarrow linear transformation

$$T^p = 1 \text{ ie. } (T - 1)^p = 0 \leftrightarrow \text{nilpotent matrices with } N^p = 0. (0), \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 1 & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so we have p distinct representations.

Application: Dirichlet's Theorem: Given arithmetic progression $an + b$, $(a, b) = 1$ contains ∞ primes.

Ex: ∞ primes of the form $4n + 1$. We consider the character table of $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^*$

$$a = 4: \begin{vmatrix} & 1 & 3 \\ \chi_0 & 1 & 1 \\ \chi_1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Dirichlet L -series: $\sum_n \frac{\chi(n)}{n} : \frac{1}{1^s} + \frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} + \frac{1}{7^s} + \dots, \frac{1}{1^s} - \frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} - \frac{1}{7^s} + \dots$

$\sum_n \frac{\chi(n)}{n} = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - \chi(p)p^{-s}}$ so $\log \left(\sum_n \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \right) = \sum_{n,p} \frac{\chi(p^n)}{p^{ns}n}$ so we get $\frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} + \frac{1}{7^s} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 9^s} + \dots$, infinite at $s = 1$, $-\frac{1}{3^s} + \frac{1}{5^s} - \frac{1}{7^s} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 9^s} + \dots$ finite at $s = 1$, nonzero since series converges to $\frac{\pi}{4} \neq 0$

Define $f = 1$ if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, 0 otherwise. Function on $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^*$ = linear combinations of $\chi_0, \chi_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\chi_0 + \chi_1)$. $\frac{1}{2}$ sum if $\frac{1}{5^s} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 9^s} + \frac{1}{13^2} + \dots = \sum_{n,p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}} \frac{1}{p^{ns}n}$ is infinite on $s = 1$. Sum of terms $\frac{1}{np^{ns}}$ $n \geq 2$ is finite so $\sum_{p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}} \frac{1}{p} = \infty$

Key point: $\sum \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} \neq 0$ at $s = 1$ (if $\chi \neq$ trivial) hard step

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3.3.1 Orthogonality relations

Character Tables:

- rows orthogonal: weight by size of conjugacy classes
- Norm of row = $|G|$
- columns orthogonal
- norm of columns = $|G|/(\text{size of conjugacy class})$

Special Cases

1. $\#$ conjugacy classes = $\#$ characters
2. $\sum d_i^2 |G|$ (d_i = dimension of irreducible characters)

Quaternion Group

- Find 1-dimensional elements \equiv same as characters of abelianized group = $G/(\text{normal subgroup generated by } ghg^{-1}h^{-1})$
Note that this is adjoint to the forgetful functor.
- Abelianization of $Q = Q/\{\pm 1\} = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$ - 4 characters
- Use orthogonality relations, $\sum d_i^2 = |G|$. $1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + d^2 = 8$, $d = 2$. Last rep given by row orthogonality.

1	-1	$\pm i$	$\pm j$	$\pm k$
1	1	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	-1	-1	1
1	1	-1	1	-1
2	-2	0	0	0

Dihedral group of order 8 has same character table as Q . Possible for different groups to share the same character table.

Alternating Group - A_4

- Use permutation representation of A_4 of 4 points so 4 dimension representation with this basis.

- What is its character? What is the character of permutation representation (on n points) of an n dimensional vector space?
trace = # fixed points so permutation rep has character $(4, 0, 1, 1)$, not irreducible.
- How many copies of 1-dimensional element. $(,) = 12 = |G|$ with trivial character so can subtract out to get $(3, -1, 0, 0)$, norm = 12 - so is irreducible.

S_4

- Abelianization = $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
- Permutation representation: $(4, 0, 2, 0, 1, 0)$ reduce to irreducible representation $(3, 1, -1, 0, 1)$
- Have product of 3 dimensional representation with 1 dimensional representation

1	(1 2)	(1 2)(3 4)	(1 2 3)	(1 2 3 4)
1	6	3	8	6
1	1	1	1	1
1	-1	1	1	-1
3	1	-1	0	1
3	-1	-1	0	1
2	0	2	-1	0

Abelian groups: If χ_1, χ_2 are irreducible characters so is $\chi_1\chi_2$

Non abelian group: χ_1, χ_2 usually not irreducible. It is irreducible if χ_1 has dimension 1.

If G acts on V , χ_1 a character, we get a representation V by $g \mapsto \chi_1(g) \cdot g$

Finding Normal subgroups from character tables

Suppose V is an irreducible representation of dimension d , character χ . What is $\chi(g)$? Diagonalize g , diagonal entries = roots of 1. $\chi(g) = z_1 + z_2 + \cdots + z_d$ where z_i is a root of 1. Now, $|z_1 + \cdots + z_n| \leq d$, equality holds if all z_i are equal. if $z_1 + \cdots + z_n = d$, all $z_i = 1$ so if $\chi(g) = \chi(1)$, g acts trivially on rep.

For S_4 , element $(1), (12)(34) +$ conjugates act trivially in 2 dimensional representation, form a normal subgroup.

Example 3.3.1. Binary Dihedral group of order 24 $\xrightarrow{\text{onto}} A_4$ so get representations of dimension 1, 1, 1, 3

Example 3.3.2. A_5 = alternating group = rotations of icosahedron

A_5 acts on \mathbb{R}^3 so get 3-dimensional representations with characters as trace of rotations of icosahedron

Use outer automorphism $A_5 \subseteq S_5$ to get a rep

Now, $1^2 + 3^2 + 3^2 + x^2 + y^2 = 60$ so $x = 4, y = 5$. Perm rep $(5, 1, 2, 0, 0)$ with irreducible $(4, 0, 1, -1, -1)$.

1	(1 2)(3 4)	(1 2 3)	(1 2 3 4 5)	(1 2 3 5 4)
1	1	1	1	1
3	-1	0	$1 - 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{5}$	$1 - 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{5}$
3	-1	0	$1 - 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{5}$	$1 - 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{5}$
4	0	1	-1	-1
5	1	-1	0	-0

Example 3.3.3. S_5 , binary dihedral group of order 120, symmetry group S_6

3.3.2 Proofs Of Orthogonality Relations

1. All representations of G can be made unitary (\cdot, \cdot) invariant under G .
Define (\cdot, \cdot) by taking any (\cdot, \cdot) make invariant under G by taking average
2. Want to show if χ is an irreducible character, $(\chi, 1) = 0$, $\sum_g \chi(g) = 0$

Suppose V is an irreducible representation (finite dimensional) with no fixed vectors ($\neq 0$), then $\sum_g \chi(g) = 0$. This holds for all irreducible representations except for the trivial one. Pick $v \in V$, $\sum_{g \in G} g(v) = 0$ since no fixed vectors $\neq 0$

3. Suppose V, W are irreducible representations. Look at vector space $\text{Hom}(V, W)$. Have rep by G , $\dim = \dim V \times \dim W$ character $\chi_W \overline{\chi_V}$, χ_V, χ_W characters of V, W . Enough to check for one factor $\chi_{\text{Hom}(V, W)}(g) = \chi_W(g) \overline{\chi_V(g)}$. Choose bases of V, W such that g is diagonal. Split V, W into sum of 1-dimensional spaces acted on by g . Suffices to show case where $V, W, \dim = 1$

Schur's Lemma: Suppose V, W irreducible representations, then $\text{Hom}_G(V, W)$, homomorphisms invariant under g ie. fixed points of G on $\text{Hom}(V, W)$ has dimension $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } V \cong W \\ 0 & \text{if } V \not\cong W \end{cases}$.

$V \rightarrow W$ invariant under G , image is invariant subspace so is 0 or W as W is irreducible. Kernel is invariant subspace of V so is 0 or V as V is irreducible. so map is either 0 or isomorphism.

If V, W not isomorphic, no maps $V \rightarrow W$ invariant under G .

If $V = W$, then $\text{Hom}(V, V)$ is a division algebra (eg. ring where elements have inverse), finite dimensional algebra over \mathbb{C} , algebraically closed, any division algebra is \mathbb{C} . So $\text{Hom}_G(V, W) = \mathbb{C}$

Example 3.3.4. Look at real reps of $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & g & g^2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & g & g^2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\text{Hom}(V, V) = \mathbb{C}$, \mathbb{C} division algebra over \mathbb{C}

Example 3.3.5. $G = Q_8$ acts on quaternions H by left multiplication. 4-dim real representation, 2-dim complex representation. $\text{Hom}_G(V, V) = H$ action given by right multiplication. H division algebra over \mathbb{R} .

Row orthogonality: If V, W irreducible, then $\sum_g \chi_V(g) \overline{\chi_W(g)} = 0$ $V \not\cong W$ $|G|$ if $V \cong W$. Look at character $\text{Hom}(V, W) = \chi_V \overline{\chi_W}$. If $W \not\cong V$, $\text{Hom}(V, W)$ doesn't contain any invariant characters so is 0. So $\sum_g \chi_V(g) \overline{\chi_W(g)} = 0$. If $V = W$, $\text{Hom}(V, V)$ is a 1-dimensional subspace so $\sum_g \chi_V(g) \overline{\chi_W(g)} = |G|$

Corollary 3.3.6. Any representation is determined by its characters.

$V = \bigoplus V_i$ (V_i irreducible) by complete irreducibility. By orthogonality, number of irreducible representations W appears is $\frac{(\chi_W, \chi_V)}{|G|}$.

Fails over field with $\text{char} > 0$

$G = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ Field = $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$. Rep: $g \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ trivial 2-dim representation, $g^n \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ indecomposable.

Chapter 4

Polynomials

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4.1.1 Polynomials

Recall:

1. Polynomials over a field have a Euclidean division algorithm
For f, g , $f = gq + r$, $\deg(r) \leq \deg(g)$ ($g \neq 0$), $\deg(0) = -\infty$
2. $k[x]$ has a unique factorization

Primes of $\mathbb{Z} \leftrightarrow$ irreducible polynomials

Example 4.1.1. Sieve of Eratosthenes:

on \mathbb{Z} : $1, \boxed{2}, \boxed{3}, 4, \boxed{5}, 6, \boxed{7}, 8, 9, 10 \dots$

on $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$: $1, \boxed{x}, \boxed{x+1}, x^2, x^2+1, x^2+x, \boxed{x^2+x+1}, x^3 \dots$

only need to write polynomials such that constant term nonzero, sum of coefficient is odd.

$\boxed{x^2+x+1}, \boxed{x^3+x+1}, \boxed{x^3+x^2+1}, \boxed{x^4+x+1}, x^4+x^2+1, \boxed{x^4+x^3+1}, x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1$

Recall: If $f(x)$ has a root $x = a$. $f(x) = (x - a)g(x)$ since $f(x) = (x - a)g(x) + r$, $\deg f \leq 0$.

If R is an integral domain, polynomial in $R[x]$ has $\leq \deg f$ roots.

This is false in general: $R = \mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$ $f(x^2 - 1)$ has 4 roots $x = 1, 3, 5, 7 \pmod{8}$

Corollary 4.1.2. $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ cyclic, prime p has primitive roots.

Proof. We show that a finite subgroup of F^* (for a field of F) is cyclic. G has $\leq n$ elements, with $g^n = 1$ (any $n \geq 1$) since polynomial $x^n - 1$ has $\leq n$ roots so by the structure theorem for abelian groups $G = \mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_k\mathbb{Z}$. If $n_2 > 1$, G has $\geq n_2^2$ elements of order n_2 so $n_2 = n_3 = \dots = 1$

Example 4.1.3. $F = \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$ $F^* = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ cyclic group generated by 3.

$F =$ Quaternions, $\mathbb{H} = a + bi + cj + dk$ not a field, is a division ring

\mathbb{H} contains a finite subset $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$ not cyclic

$x^2 + 1 = 0$ has infinite roots $a_i + b_j + c_k$ with $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$

$F = \mathbb{C}$, polynomial $x^2 - 1 = 0$ has ∞ solutions

Useful Fact: If polynomial of $\deg \leq n$ has $> n$ roots it is 0

Warning: A polynomial f can vanish at all points of a field, still not be 0.

$F =$ finite field, $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$. $f(x) = x^p - x$, roots all points of F

Polynomials over rationals form a UFD.

What about integers. $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ has no division with remainder, not euclidian. Not all ideals principle. Consider $I =$ polynomials with even constant terms $(2x)$

$6x^2 - 18x + 12 = 6(x^2 - 3x + 2) = 2 \cdot 3(x-2)(x-1)$. Note we have a factorization into irreducible polynomials such that coefficients have no common factors, primes of \mathbb{Z}

We will show:

1. Irreducible polynomials $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ are prime
2. primes of \mathbb{Z} are prime in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

We define the content $c(f)$ of a polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is the largest integer such that $\frac{f(x)}{c(x)}$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ = common divisor of all coefficients, eg. $c(6x^2 - 18x + 12) = 6$

Key property: $c(f)c(g) = c(fg)$

Obvious: $c(f)c(g) \leq c(fg)$ Problem: $c(f)c(g) \geq c(fg)$

Divide f, g by $c(f), c(g)$ to get polynomial with $c(h) = 1$. Need to show that if $c(f) = 1, c(g) = 1$ then $c(fg) = 1$
 Suppose $p|c(fg)$, (p prime) $p \nmid c(f), p \nmid c(g)$. $f = a^n x^n + \dots + a_i x^i + a_{i-1} x^{i-1} + \dots + a_0$, $g = b_m x^m + \dots + b_j x^j = b_{j-1} x^{j-1} + \dots + b_0$ with $a_{i-1}, \dots, a_0, b_{j-1}, \dots, b_0$ divisible by p , a_i, b_j not divisible by p . Now look at fg , the coefficient of x^{i+j} , $a_{i+j} b_0 + a_{i+j-1} b_1 + \dots + a_i b_j + a_{i-1} b_{j+1} + \dots + a_0 b_{i+j}$. All terms except $a_i b_j$ divisible by p so the coefficient of x^{i+j} is not divisible by p . So prime does not divide $c(fg)$ so $c(fg) = 1$, since p was any prime.

We can show that $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ has unique factorization. Follows from:

1. $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ has unique factorization
2. $c(fg) = c(f)c(g)$

Key Steps: Show that if f is a prime of \mathbb{Z} or polynomial of $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ with $c(f) = 1$, then f is prime, ie. if f divides gh , f divides g or f divides h .

2 cases:

1. f prime of $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$ if $p|gh$, $p|c(g)c(h)$ so $p|c(g)$ or $p|c(h)$ so $p|g$ or $p|h$
2. $f = \text{poly}$, $c(f) = 1$ similar

Bonus: If ring R has unique factorization so does the ring of polynomials $R[x]$

Proof. Same proof but with $R = \mathbb{Z}$. Key point: define content c , $c(fg) = c(f)c(g)$

Can extend this: $k[x, y]$ polynomial in 2 variables. $k[x, y] = k[x][y]$ with $k[x]$ UFD so $k[x][y]$ is a UFD.

Repeating this: $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a UFD. Still holds for polynomials in infinite variables as each polynomial only contains finitely many variables.

Problem: Given polynomial in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ or $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

1. Is it irreducible?
2. Factor into irreducibles

Is there an algorithm for this? yes - kronecker's algorithm

Recall: If a polynomial has $> \deg f$ roots, it is 0. If f, g , $\deg \leq n$ and same at $> n$ points, they are equal. If $f = gh$,

Bad news: This is really slow (not polynomial time)

Problem 1: Need to factor integers Problem 2: High number of possibilities for g

Laadf adfadf found polynomial time algorithm for $\mathbb{Q}[x]$

can extend algorithm to $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Similar problem: Does polynomial $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ have roots? No algorithm

Easy Checks for small polynomials in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ $f(x)$ is irreducible if leading coefficient is 1, irreducible modulo p , $f = gh \rightarrow f = gh \pmod p$

Example 4.1.4. $x^4 - 3x^3 + 2x - 5$ is irreducible since irreducible modulo 2, $(x^4 + x^2 + 1)$

Warning: Some polynomials look irreducible but are reducible (Auslafllll polynomials)

$x^4 + 4y^4 = (x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2)(x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2)$, however $x^4 + y^4$ irreducible

Landry: factored

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4.2.1 Polynomials

Eisenstein: Id $f(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$, a_i divisible by p , a_0 not divisible by p^2 , then $f(x)$ is irreducible.

Proof. Suppose $f = gh$ with $g = x^m + b_{m-1}x^{m-1} + \dots + b_0$, $h = x^{[n-m]} + \dots + c_0$, $b_0c_0 = a_0$ so exactly one is divisible by p . Suppose $p|b_0, b_i, \dots, b_0$ divisible by p , b_{i+1} not, coefficient of x^{i+1} in gh is $b_{i+1}c_0 + b_i c_i + \dots$ not divisible by p a contradiction, so f irreducible.

Applications:

1. Easiest way to write down high degree irreducible polynomials (eg. $x^{11} - 4x + 2$)

2. p th roots of 1: roots of $x^p - 1$, $1, z, z^2, \dots, z = e^{2\pi i/p}$.

What is irreducible polynomial with z as a root? $x^p - 1 = (x - 1)(x^{p-1} + x^{p-2} + \dots + 1)$.

To show irreducible, let $y = x - 1$, $\frac{(y+1)^p - 1}{(y+1) - 1} = y^{p-1} + \binom{p}{1}y^{p-2} + \dots + \binom{p}{2}y + \binom{p}{1}$ irreducible by Eisenstein.

Ex: $z^{p^n} = 1$, $\frac{x^{p^n} - 1}{x^{p^{n-1}} - 1}$ is irreducible.

Eisenstein polynomials come from totally ramified extensions.

$\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[i]$, $z = (1+i)^2 \times \text{unit} = (\text{prime})^2 \times \text{unit}$, 2 degree extension: totally ramified.

$\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[z]$, $z = e^{2\pi i/p}$, how does z factorize in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$?

$p = (1-z)(1-z^2) \dots (1-z^{p-1})$, $(1-z^i) = \text{unit} \times (1-z)$, $(1-z^i) = (1-z)(1+z+z^2+\dots)$, $(1-z) = (1-z^i)(1+z^i+z^{2i}+\dots)$ so $p = (1-z)^{p-1} \times \text{unit}$ - totally ramified.

$\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ algebraic number, $p = (\beta)^n \times \text{unit}$, β satisfies Eisenstein polynomial

Fast Factorization of polynomials over finite fields

Special case: For finite $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, p odd prime. Factor $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[x]$. We will find linear factors $(x - \alpha)$ (roots of f).

Key idea: consider $x^p - x = (x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-p-1)$ all possible linear factors.

Take $\gcd(f, x^p - x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[x] = \prod (x - a)$, $(x - a) | f$

How do we find $\gcd(f, x^p - x)$ fast? Russian Peasant Algorithm.

- Fast multiplication: to find $m \times n$, write m in binary $m = 2^{a_0} + 2^{a+1} + \dots$, compute $n, 2n, 4n, 8n, \dots$

- For $a^b \bmod p$, for some a, b, p , $a \times a \times \cdots |b|$ steps too slow. $b = 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_1} + \cdots$, $a, a^2, a^4, \dots \bmod p$
 $a^b = (a^{2^{b_0}}) \times a^{2^{b_1}} \cdots$
- For $(f, x^p - x)$, p large. $x^p - x = qf + r$ find $x^p - x \bmod f(x)$, calculate using Russian Peasant algorithm.

Now, assume f only distinct linear factors, $(x - a)$. Problem: find a_i

$f|(x^p - x)$, $x(x^{p-1} - 1) = x(x^{\frac{p-1}{2}} - 1)(x^{\frac{p+1}{2}} + 1)$ so $(f, x^p - x) = (f, x^{\frac{p-1}{2}} - 1)(f, x^{\frac{p+1}{2}} + 1) \times x$ unless all roots are roots of $x^{\frac{p-1}{2}} - 1$ or $x^{\frac{p+1}{2}} + 1$

What if this doesn't break f into the product of smaller polynomials. Change f to $f(x - a)$, try again

4.2.2 Polynomials over Noetherian Rings

4.3 October 25

4.3.1 Symmetric polynomials

Symmetric group on $\{1, \dots, n\}$ so acts on x_1, \dots, x_n so acts on $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ (k field). A symmetric polynomial is a polynomial fixed by S_n

Example 4.3.1. 1. $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n$

2. $x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n$

3. $x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_3 + \cdots = \sum_{i < j} x_i x_j$

4. $e_k = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_k}$ - elementary symmetric functions

Can think of these as coefficients of a polynomial: $f(z) = (z - x_1)(z - x_2) \cdots (z - x_n) = z^n - e_1 z^{n-1} + \cdots \pm e_n$

5. $h_k = \sum_{i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \cdots} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots$, $h_2 = x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + \cdots + x_2^2 + \cdots$

6. $p_k = x_1^k + x_2^k + \cdots + x_n^k$

7. Schur polynomials: Ex - $(x_1^5 x_2^2 x_3 - x_1^5 x_3^2 x_2 + x_2^5 x_3^2 x_1 + \cdots) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \sigma(x_1)^5 \sigma(x_2)^3 \sigma(x_3)$. Not symmetric since changes sign with odd permutations, so divide by $\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)$

Special Case of invariant theory: G acts on a set X - look at polynomials in elements of X invariant under G

Problem: Describe ring of invariants

Main Theorem: Symmetric polynomials = polynomial ring in e_1, \dots, e_n , $k[e_1, \dots, e_n]$

Need to show:

1. Any symmetric polynomial is a polynomial in e_1, \dots, e_n
2. No relations between e_1, \dots, e_n

Key idea: Choose order on monomials: Many ways to do this.

Order by:

1. Total degree: $(X_1^{n_1} X_2^{n_2} \cdots \text{ has total degree } n_1 + n_2 + \cdots)$
2. Lexographic ordering: $x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \cdots < x_1^{m_1} x_2^{m_2} \cdots$ if $n_1 < m_1$ or $n_1 = m_1$ and $n_2 < m_2, \dots$

Suppose $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a polynomial, look at largest monomial in it $c x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} x_3^{n_3} \cdots$ get rid of it by subtracting monomial in e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n . Subtract $c(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \cdots)^{n_1 - n_2} (x_1 x_2 + \cdots)^{n_2 - n_3} (x_1 x_2 x_3 \cdots)^{n_3 - n_4} \cdots = c e_1^{n_1 - n_2} e_2^{n_2 - n_3} e_3^{n_3 - n_4} \cdots$. This eliminates the largest monomials in f so get a "smaller" polynomial. Ordering on monomials has same order type as the integers so by induction can reduce f to 0 by monomials in e_1, \dots, e_n . Problem: We did not use the fact that f is symmetric and seem to have proved every polynomial can be expressed in e_1, \dots, e_n

- Want to ensure that in the above sum $n_i - n_{i+1} \geq 0$, follows that $n_1 \geq n_2 \geq n_3$ since f symmetric

So we get a basis for the symmetric polynomials: $e_1^{n_1} e_2^{n_2} \cdots$ $0 \leq n_1 n_2 \cdots$

Many different bases: $h_1^{n_1} h_2^{n_2}$, schur polynomials, $p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots$

How do we convert between other bases?

Example 4.3.2. Express polynomials p_k in terms of e_1, \dots, e_n .

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4.4.1 Power Series

Recall: holomorphic functions $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ can be written as power series: $a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \cdots$

can add and multiply in obvious way $(a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \cdots)(b_0 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \cdots) = a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0)z + \cdots$

Formal power series $\mathbb{C}[[z]] =$ all series $a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \cdots$ don't worry about convergence

Works over any ring R : we get $R[[z]]$, check this is a ring

Can repeat: $R[[x]][[y]] = R[[x, y]] = a_{00} + a_{01}x + a_{10}y + a_{11}x^2 + \cdots$. Contains polynomials in $R[x, y]$

Basic Properties:

k field. Look at $k[[x]]$. Find ideals of ring (For polynomials $k[x]$ all principle: (f) f is some poly)

Find units of $k[[x]]$ (for $k[x]$, units just k^*). $1 + x$ unit in $k[[x]]$ (not in $k[x]$) $(1+x)(1-x+x^2-x^3+\cdots) = 1$.

If $a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \cdots \in k[[x]]$, $a_0 \neq 0$ then it is a unit. Take $a_0 = 1$, then f is $1 + A$ where $A = a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \cdots$
 $(1 + A)^{-1} = 1 - A + A^2 - A^3 + \cdots$, well defined power series since A has no constant.

Ideals of $k[[x]]$ are $(0), (x), (x^2), (x^3), \dots$ PID

Suppose I is an ideal $\neq 0$, $f \in I$, $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots$ n minimal such that $a_n \neq 0$. $f = x^n \underbrace{(a_n + a_{n+1}x + \cdots)}_{\text{unit}}$

so $(f) = I$, all elements divisible by x^n

$k[[x]]$ is a UFD. Only prime up to unit is x . Any element $= x^n \times \text{unit}$

Polynomial ring $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is Noetherian, UFD. Is same true for $k[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$?

Try to copy proof of polynomial ring ie, prove if R is Noetherian, so is $R[[x]]$

Problem: The proof for $R[x]$ uses leading coefficients, fails for power series.

Idea: Instead of looking at leading coefficient, define $I_0 \subseteq I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq \cdots$ where I_0 is the set of constant terms of elements of I , I_1 set of a_1 in terms of form $a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \cdots$. Then ideal of R , $I_n \subseteq I_{n+1}$ (if $a_n x^n + \cdots \in I_n$, $a_n x^{n+1} + \cdots = x(a_n x^n + \cdots) \in I_{n+1}$). This terminates $I_n = I_{n+1} = I_{n+2} = \cdots$ for some n .

Generators for I : finite set of power series whose constant terms generate I_0 , finite set of power series $a_1 x + \cdots$ such that a_1 generate I_1, \dots continue through I_n . This gives a finite set of generators for I

Ex: What does the proof that $R[[x]]$ is noetherian not work for polynomial rings.

If f power series in $k[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$ then f is a unit \leftrightarrow constant term $\neq 0$. Ideals very complicated for $n \geq 2$

Is $k[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$ a UFD? yes. Easy for $n = 1$. Try to copy proof that $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a UFD.

R UFD $\rightarrow R[x]$ UFD. R UFD does not imply that $R[[x]]$ is a UFD.

Proof fails since we used content. If R ring, Q field of quotients of R , a polynomial $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ $a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \cdots + a_n x^n$ can be written as $c(b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots + b_n x^n)$ with $b_i \in R$, c called content of f .

Content for formal power series is not well defined. $R = \mathbb{Z}$, $Q = \mathbb{Q}$ $1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \cdots \neq (\text{rationals}) \times \text{element of } \mathbb{Z}[x]$

Weierstrass Preparation Theorem: Formal power series in several variables over a field

Idea: we can write formal power series as polynomial of one of variables

More precisely, given power series $f \in k[[x, y, z, \dots]]$, containing x , $f = y^* r(x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0)$, a_i power series in y_1, y_2, \dots with 0 constant term.

Proof. Do case of $k[[x, y]]$. Draw picture of f

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc}
 \boxed{a_{n0}x^n} & & & \\
 \vdots & & & \\
 a_{20}x^2 & & & \\
 a_{10}x & & & \\
 a_{00} & a_{11}xy & & \\
 & a_{01}y & a_{0n}y^2 &
 \end{array}$$

Want to keep x^n but make all coefficients outside the box 0.

Problem: multiply f by some unit to achieve this

Step 1: pick smallest coefficient of $x^n \neq 0$ (if not smallest, f is divisible by y so look at f/y). Can assume $f(x) = x^n + \dots$ no terms in x^i , $i < n$. We have $x^n + a_{n+10}x^{n+1} + \dots$ multiply by $(1 - a_{n+10})$, unit, to get $(x^n + 0x^{n+1} + \dots)$. Can repeat this, multiplying by $(1 - *x)(1 - *x^2)(1 - *x^3) \dots$ well defined power series.

Now, look at $x^n + *x^n y + \dots$ multiply by $(1 - *y)$ to get rid of y term. Repeating this, move up columns, multiply by infinite products of units to make all above line 0. So we can write $f = y^* \times \text{unit} \times (x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots)$, decomposition is unique.

Application: Use Weierstrass to show that $k[[x, y]]$ is a UFD.

Key step: If f , is irreducible, f is prime.

Suppose f is irreducible, $f|gh$. By using Weierstrass preparation, can assume f, g, h polynomials in x . We know $fr = gh$ for some r , r must be polynomial in x . So f, g, h polynomials in $k[[y]][x]$ this is a UFD, so $f|g$ or $f|h$ since f is irreducible in $k[[y]][x]$

Warning: If f, g are polynomials in $R[[x]]$ and $f|g$ in $R[[x]]$ this does not imply that $f|g$ in $R[x]$, consider $f = 1 + x, g = 1$ in $R[[x]]$

Warning: Irreducible polynomials in $k[x, y]$ need not be irreducible in $k[[x, y]]$

Example 4.4.1. $y^2 - x^2 - x^3$, easy to check that irreducible in $k[x, y]$. Factors as $(y + x\sqrt{1+x})(y - x\sqrt{1+x})$, $\sqrt{1+x} \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$, since $y^2 - x^2 - x^3 = y^2 - (x^2 - x^3) = y^2 - (x\sqrt{1+x})^2$

Warning: Ring of convergent power series of \mathbb{C} is not a UFD, despite being contained between 2 UFDs: $\mathbb{C}[x] \subseteq \text{convergent power series} \subseteq \mathbb{C}[[z]]$.

$\sin(x)$, zeros: $0, \pm\pi, \pm2\pi = x(x - \pi)(x + \pi)(x - 2\pi)(x + 2\pi) \dots$ cant be expressed as finite product.

Both $\mathbb{C}[z], \mathbb{C}[[z]]$ Noetherian but ring of convergent power series not noetherian.

I = all holomorphic functions vanishing at all but finite # of integers ideal but not finitely generated.

Can also find $I_0 \subseteq I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq \dots$, vanishing on $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \text{vanishing on } \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \subseteq \text{vanishing on } \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0, 1\} \subseteq \dots$