

## Group extension and semidirect product.

**Def.** a short exact sequence of groups is a sequence of groups and group homomorphisms of the form

$$1 \xrightarrow{d_1} K \xrightarrow{d_2} G \xrightarrow{d_3} H \xrightarrow{d_4} 1$$

$K, G, H$  are groups,  $1$  means trivial group.

Exactness means for all  $d_i$  and given groups, we have

$$\text{im } d_{i-1} = \ker d_i$$

i.e.  $\ker d_2 = \text{im } d_1 = 1$  so  $d_1$  is  $1 \rightarrow K$  embedding.  
 $\ker d_3 = \text{im } d_2$   $d_2$  is monomorphism.

Thus  $d_2$  is an embedding  $K \hookrightarrow G$ ,  $\text{im } d_2 \trianglelefteq K$

$$\ker d_4 = \text{im } d_3$$

Since  $d_4$  is  $H \rightarrow 1$  trivial homo.

$$\ker d_4 = H$$

So  $d_3$  is epimorphism.

Thus we have  $H \cong G/K$

Any homomorphism, write as  $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  induces a

S.E.S. that is  $1 \rightarrow \ker \varphi \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow \text{im } \varphi \rightarrow 1$

i.e.  $\text{im } \varphi \cong G_1 / \ker \varphi$ , just 1st isomorphism theorem.

e.g.  $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1.$

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow D_{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1.$$

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1.$$

$$1 \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1.$$

Warning. In our class, if  $G = K \rtimes H$

$$1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 1$$

we sometimes say  $K$  by  $H$ .

Def When we have a short exact sequence as

$$1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 1.$$

We say  $G$  is a group extension of  $H$  by  $K$ .

Def An extension  $G'$  of  $K$  by  $H$  is said to be isomorphic.

if there exist an iso.  $\varphi: G \rightarrow G'$  s.t.

$$1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 1.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{id} \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \text{id} \end{array}$$

$$1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G' \rightarrow H \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{commute.}$$

As you can see. give  $K, H$  there may be different  $G$

i.e. let  $K = H = \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1$  is an extension

$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1$  is another extension

and  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

Sometimes. identify all extension types up to iso is hard.

Def. Let  $1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \xrightarrow{\pi} H \rightarrow 1$  is an extension of  $H$  by  $K$   
a section of  $G$  is a map  $h: H \rightarrow G$  s.t  
 $\pi \circ h = \text{id}_H$

If  $h$  is further a homo. then

$h$  is called a splitting of  $G$

If such splitting  $h$  exists. we say  $G$  split or this extension is a split extension.

$h(H)$  is a subgroup of  $G$  which  $h(H) \cap K = 1$  and

$$G = K h(H)$$

$\pi: G \rightarrow H$  gives isomorphism  $h(H) \xrightarrow{\sim} H$

$h(H)$  is called a lift of  $H$  in  $G$

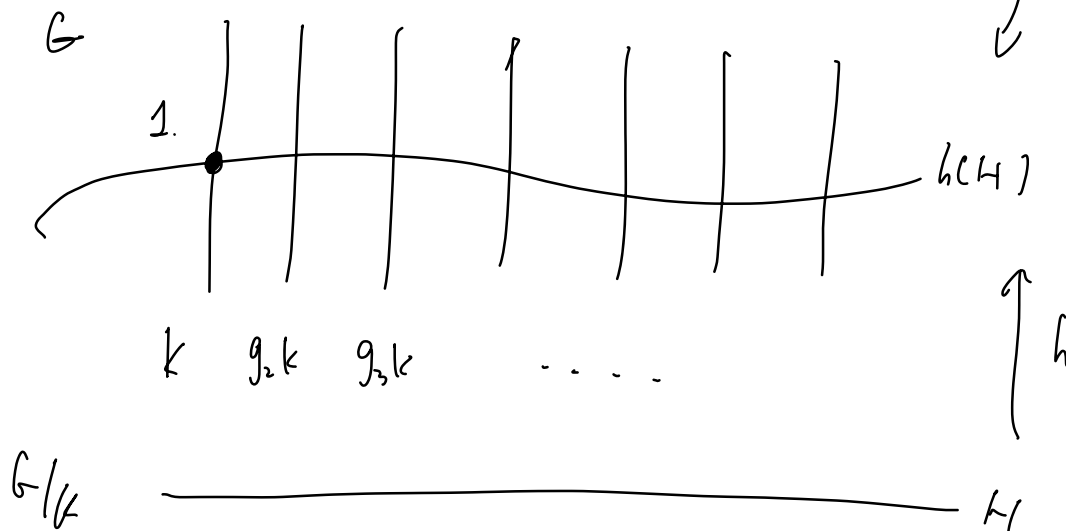
$G$  is called semidirect product of  $H$  and  $K$

$$G = K \rtimes H$$

$$\text{for } a \in K, b \in H, \quad \underbrace{a_1 \cdot a_2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ K}} \cdot \underbrace{b_1 \cdot b_2^{-1} \cdot a_2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ H}} = a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot b_1 \cdot b_2^{-1} \cdot a_2 \cdot b_2$$

formally well-defined.

Split extension: every element in  $H$  is exactly forms a complete rep. set of  $G/K$ .



For a split extension we write  $G = K \rtimes_{\varphi} H$

To classification different  $K \rtimes H$  is the same thing to identify

$$\varphi: H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(K)$$

Given a split extension we let  $H \curvearrowright K$  by conjugation.

This means:

$$\varphi: H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(K)$$

$$h \mapsto \varphi_h: K \rightarrow K$$

$$k \mapsto hkh^{-1}$$

Remark: This is the only possible way

Since the existence of  $h$  let us identify  $H$  with  $h(H)$  a subgroup of  $G$

E.g. trivial split extension

consider  $G = K \rtimes H$

$$1 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow K \rtimes H \xrightarrow{\pi} H \longrightarrow 1 \quad \text{is splitting.}$$

$$S: 1 \longrightarrow K \rtimes H$$

$$h \longmapsto (1, h)$$

$$\varphi: H \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(K)$$

$$h \longmapsto \varphi_h = \text{id}: K \longrightarrow K$$

$$k \longmapsto h^{-1}kh = k$$

The split extension of  $G = K \rtimes H$  s.t.  $H \trianglelefteq G$

$$\text{iff } G = K \rtimes H$$

E.g. Dihedral group (fin).

$D_{2n}$  is a split extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \longrightarrow D_{2n} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{Z}_2 \longrightarrow 1$$

$$h(\mathbb{Z}_2) = \langle b \rangle \quad \text{for } D_{2n} = \langle a, b \mid a^n = b^2 = 1, b^{-1}ab = a^{-1} \rangle$$

$$D_{2n} = \mathbb{Z}_n \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_2 \longrightarrow \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}_n.$$

$$h \longmapsto \sigma: \mathbb{Z}_n \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$$

$$a \longmapsto a^{-1}$$

Ex Symmetric group.

$$1 \longrightarrow A_n \longrightarrow S_n \xrightarrow[\text{h}]{\text{sgn}} \mathbb{Z}_2 \longrightarrow 1.$$

lift of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle a \rangle$ ,  $a$  must be an odd order 2 perm.

Def Let  $1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 1$  be a short exact sequence and let  $\varphi: H \rightarrow \text{Aut } K$  be a homomorphism

We say  $G$  is a semidirect product of  $K$  and  $H$  realizing  $\varphi$

If there exists a splitting map  $s: H \rightarrow G$  s.t. the action of  $H$  on  $K$  by conjugation coincides with  $\varphi$

write  $G = K \rtimes_{\varphi} H$  and  $(k_1, h_1)(k_2, h_2) = (k_1 k_2^{h_1^{-1}}, h_1 h_2)$

i.e. s.t.  $\varphi_{h_1}: K \rightarrow K$   
 $k \mapsto h_1 k h_1^{-1}$

coincide with  $k^{h_1}$

Thm Given any groups  $K$  and  $H$  and any homomorphism  $\varphi: H \rightarrow \text{Aut } K$ , there exists a semidirect product of  $K$  and  $H$  realizing  $\varphi$ , denoted by  $G = K \rtimes_{\varphi} H$ . Moreover any semidirect

product  $G$  of  $K$  and  $H$  realising  $\rho$  is iso to  $K \rtimes_{\varphi} H$

Proof: As a set  $G = K \times H$ , we define product in  $G$  as follows:

$$(k, h)(k', h') := (k \varphi_h(k'), hh')$$

1°. Check this make  $G$  into a group

identity:  $(1_K, 1_H)$

closed:  $\checkmark$

associative:

On one hand:  $(k, h_1)(k_2, h_2)(k_3, h_3)$

$$= (k, \varphi_{h_1}(k_2), h_1 h_2)(k_3, h_3)$$

$$= (k, \varphi_{h_1}(k_2) \varphi_{h_1 h_2}(k_3), h_1 h_2 h_3)$$

On the other hand:  $(k, h_1)(k_2, h_2)(k_3, h_3)$

$$= (k, h_1)(k_2 \varphi_{h_2}(k_3), h_2 h_3)$$

$$= (k, \varphi_{h_1}(k_2 \varphi_{h_2}(k_3)), h_1 h_2 h_3)$$

$$= (k, \varphi_{h_1}(k_2) \varphi_{h_1 h_2}(k_3), h_1 h_2 h_3)$$

Only need  $\varphi_{h_1 h_2} = \varphi_{h_1} \varphi_{h_2}$  this hold because  $\varphi: H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(K)$  is a homomorphism.

inverse: for any  $(k, h) \in G$

observe:  $(k.h)^{-1} = (\varphi_h^{-1}(\vec{k}), h^{-1})$

check:  $(k.h)(\varphi_h(\vec{k}), h^{-1})$   
 $= (k \varphi_h(\varphi_h^{-1}(\vec{k})), 1)$   
 $= (1.1)$

This group  $k \rtimes_{\varphi} H$  is a semidirect product of  $k$  and  $H$  for we have the following split short. exact sequence:

$$1 \rightarrow k \xrightarrow{\tilde{i}} k \rtimes_{\varphi} H \xrightarrow[\pi]{\pi} H \rightarrow 1$$

split  $\tilde{i}: k \rightarrow k \rtimes_{\varphi} H$   $\pi: k \rtimes_{\varphi} H \rightarrow H$   
 $k \mapsto (k, 1)$   $(k, h) \mapsto h$

$S: H \rightarrow k \rtimes_{\varphi} H$   $\text{Con}(S_h)$   
 $h \mapsto (1, h) = S_h$   $\downarrow$

And the conjugation homomorphism induced by  $S(h)$  is.

$$\text{Con}(S_h)(k, 1) = (1, h)(k, 1)(1, h)^{-1} = (\varphi_h(k), 1)$$

so  $\text{Con}(S_h)$  is a Aut of  $k$  s.t  $\text{Con}(S_h): k \rightarrow k$   
 $k \mapsto \varphi_h(k)$

i.e.  $\text{Con}(S_h) = \varphi_h$  i.e

this  $\varphi$  is considered with con. action of  $H$  on  $k$ .

For the uniqueness part:



Let  $G$  be any semidirect product of  $K$  and  $H$  using  $\varphi$

By definition  $\exists \iota: H \rightarrow G$  s.t. identify  $\iota(H) \leq G$

the action  $\varphi$  corresponding to conjugation action

$$\text{con}(\iota_h)$$

$$\text{Let } \varphi: K \rtimes_{\varphi} H \rightarrow G$$

$$(k, h) \mapsto kh$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi((k_1, h_1)(k_2, h_2)) &= \varphi(k_1 \varphi_{h_1}(k_2), h_1 h_2) \\ &= k_1 \varphi_{h_1}(k_2) h_1 h_2 \\ &= k_1 h_1 k_2 h_1^{-1} h_1 h_2 \\ &= k_1 h_1 k_2 h_2 \\ &= \varphi(k_1, h_1) \varphi(k_2, h_2). \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi$  is group homo and  $\varphi$  is a bijection

since  $\forall g \in G$ ,  $g = kh$  is unique by defi. of

splitting extension.

Corollary Characterization of direct products:

$$\text{Let } 1 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{m} G \xrightarrow{f} H \rightarrow 1.$$

be a sts of groups. Then the following equivalence:

$$(1). G \cong K \times H$$

(2). The SES split and  $H$  is normal in  $G$  with respect to the splitting.

(3).  $G$  is a semidirect product of  $K$  and  $H$  realizing the trivial homomorphism  $\phi: H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(K)$  s.t.  $\phi(H) = \text{id}$ .

(4). There exists a retraction  $r: G \rightarrow K$  s.t.  $\text{hom} = 1_K$

proof: (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) (1)  $\rightarrow$  (3) (1)  $\rightarrow$  (4) trivial.

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1). SES  $\Rightarrow K \trianglelefteq G, K \cap H = 1, H \trianglelefteq G \Rightarrow G = H \times K$ .

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (1).  $\forall k \in K, h \in H, \tau(k, h) = 1 \Rightarrow H \trianglelefteq G$

$$K \trianglelefteq G, [K \cap H] = 1 \Rightarrow G = K \times H$$

(4)  $\rightarrow$  (1). Let  $r: G \rightarrow K$  be retraction. We have

$$\psi: G \rightarrow K \times H \text{ s.t. } g \mapsto (r(g), f(g))$$

Claim:  $\psi$  is iso.

$$\text{inj. : } g \in \ker \psi \Rightarrow r(g) = f(g) = 1.$$

$$\text{by exactness } f(g) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists k \in K \text{ s.t. } g = m(k)$$

$$r \text{ retraction} \Rightarrow k = r(m(k)) = r(g) = 1 \Rightarrow g = m(1) = 1$$

$$\text{sur: } \forall (k, h) \in K \times H$$

let  $g \in G$  be preimage of  $h$  by  $f$  (since  $f$  sur).

then take  $m(\ker(g^{-1})g)$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(m(\ker(g^{-1})g)) &= \\ &= (r(m(\ker(g^{-1})g)), f(m(\ker(g^{-1})g))) \\ &= (\ker(g^{-1})rg), f(g) = (k, h)\end{aligned}$$