

Section 6.3 we have a group-theoretic proof of Fermat's little theorem and Euler's theorem.

— Applying Lagrange's theorem to

$$U(n)$$

— which we've proved directly in number theory lectures.

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## 6.5 Exercises

Q1. A finite group  $G$  has elements  $g, h \in G$  where  $|g|=5$ ,  $|h|=7$ .  
Why must  $|G| \geq 35$ ?

Remember for any  $x \in G$ ,  $|x| = |\langle x \rangle|$  where  $\langle x \rangle$  is the cyclic subgroup generated by  $x$ .

By Lagrange's theorem,  $|g| = |\langle g \rangle|$  divides  $|G|$ , and similarly  $|h|$  divides  $|G|$ .

$$\text{So } 5 \mid |G| \text{ \& } 7 \mid |G|.$$

$$\Rightarrow 35 \mid |G|, \text{ since } 5, 7 \text{ are coprime (result from number theory)}$$

$$(25/100 \times 5/100) \neq \overset{\text{theory}}{\underbrace{5 \cdot 25}_{125}/100}$$

So this means  $|G| \geq 35$ .

Q2 If  $|G| = 60$

then its subgroups will have orders which come from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 12, 20, 30, 60\}$   
 $6, 18,$   
 by Lagrange's theorem.

Q5  $\langle 8 \rangle$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$

subgroup gen. by 8  
 under addition.

group under addition

What are the cosets of  $\langle 8 \rangle$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ .

$$\langle 8 \rangle = \{0, 8, 16\} = 8 + \langle 8 \rangle = 16 + \langle 8 \rangle$$

So we expect seven more cosets.

$$1 + \langle 8 \rangle = \{1, 9, 17\} = 9 + \langle 8 \rangle = 17 + \langle 8 \rangle$$

$$2 + \langle 8 \rangle = \{2, 10, 18\}$$

$$3 + \langle 8 \rangle$$

$$4 + \langle 8 \rangle$$

$$5 + \langle 8 \rangle$$

$$6 + \langle 8 \rangle$$

$$7 + \langle 8 \rangle = \{7, 15, 23\}$$

cosets partition  $\pi_{24}$

Since  $\pi_{24}$  is abelian, left/right cosets are the same.

(h)  $G = S_4$  = all permutations of the four objects 1, 2, 3, 4

$|S_4| = 24$ . group operation is composition.

$$H = \{ (1), (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2) \}$$

We're expecting eight <sup>left</sup> cosets.

$$1. H = \{ (1), (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2) \}$$

$$2. (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)H$$

$$= \{ (1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)(1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)(1\ 3\ 2) \}$$

$$= \{ (1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 3\ 2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2)(3) \}$$

$$= \{ (1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 3\ 2\ 4), (1\ 4) \}$$

$$3. (1\ 2)H = \{ (1\ 2), (1\ 2)(1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 2)(1\ 3\ 2) \}$$

$$= \{ (1\ 2), (2\ 3), (1\ 3) \}$$

$$4. (2\ 4)H = \{ (2\ 4), (2\ 4)(1\ 2\ 3), (2\ 4)(1\ 3\ 2) \}$$

$$= \{ (2\ 4), (1\ 4\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 4\ 2) \}$$

Find the four other cosets in a similar fashion.

Since  $S_4$  is non-abelian, we don't expect the left/right cosets to be the same.

→ ~~for~~ subgroups where these are equal are important and called "normal".

Let's investigate

$$H(1\ 2\ 3\ 4) = \{ (1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 3\ 2)(1\ 2\ 3\ 4) \}$$

$$= \{ (1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 3\ 4\ 2), (3\ 4) \}$$

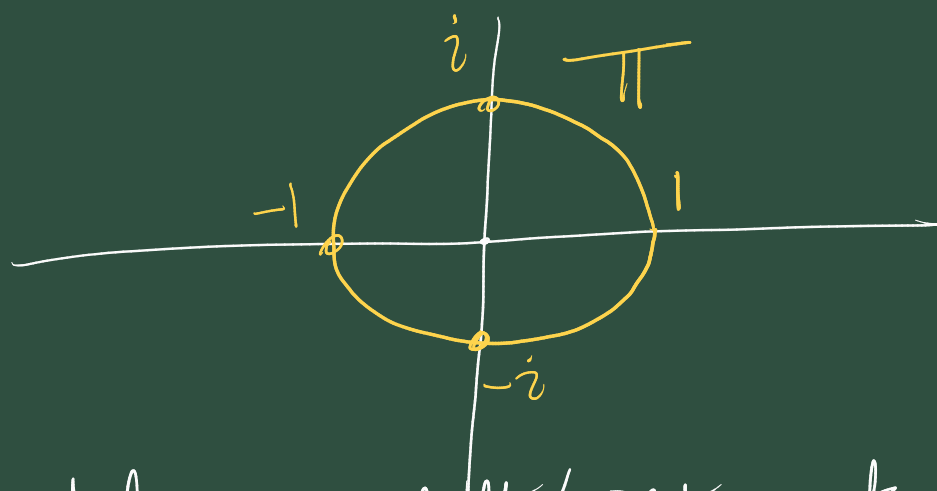
$$\neq (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)H$$

So  $H$  is not a 'normal' subgroup of  $S_4$ .

(g) ~~the~~  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is the multiplicative group of non-zero complex numbers

$\pi$  is the circle subgroup.

$$= \{ z : |z| = 1 \}$$



$\mathbb{C}^*$  is abelian so left/right cosets are the same.

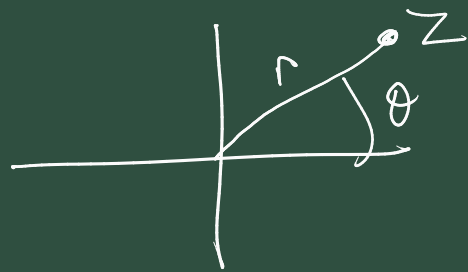
For any  $z \in \mathbb{C}^*$   $w \in \pi$

$$z\pi = \{ zw : |w| = 1 \}.$$

We know cosets will partition  $\mathbb{C}^*$ , and that  $\pi$  is one of the cosets.

Suppose  $|z| = r$

say  $z = r e^{i\theta}$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{for any } w \in \mathbb{T} \quad |zw| \\ &= |z| |w| \\ &= |z| = r \end{aligned}$$

So everything in  $z\mathbb{T}$ , will have magnitude  $r$   
and vice versa, any complex number of  
magnitude  $r$  will be in  $z\mathbb{T}$ .

Say  $x \in \mathbb{C}^*$   $|x| = r$ .

$$\text{note that } \left| \frac{x}{z} \right| = \frac{|x|}{|z|} = \frac{r}{r} = 1.$$

$$\text{ie } \frac{x}{z} \in \mathbb{T}.$$

$$\text{so } x = z \frac{x}{z} \in z\mathbb{T}.$$

So  $z\mathbb{T}$  is the circle of radius  $r$   
centred on origin. So the cosets  
partition  $\mathbb{C}^*$  into the infinite set of  
concentric circles centred on 0.

Q6. Consider the group

$G = GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  = group of all  $2 \times 2$  invertible matrices with real entries under the op. of mat. mult.

Its subgroup  $S = SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  is the special linear group.

$$S = SL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{ A \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) : \det(A) = 1 \}$$

Describe the left cosets of  $S$  in  $G$ .

Let  $X \in G$ . What can say about

$XS$ ?

Conjecture:  $XS = \{ XB : B \in S \}$   
 $= \{ Y \in G : \det(Y) = \det(X) \}$

Proof let  $B \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(XB) &= \det(X) \det(B) \\ &= \det(X), \text{ since } \det(B) = 1 \\ &\quad \text{as } B \in S \end{aligned}$$

So for all  $Y \in XS$ ,  $\det(Y) = \det(X)$ .

Suppose  $z \in G$  and  $\det(z) = \det(x)$   
is  $z \in xS$ ?                     

$$\text{ie. } z = x \underbrace{(x^{-1}z)}_{\in S} \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } \det(x^{-1}z) &= \det(x^{-1}) \det(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{\det(x)} \det(z) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So this proves the conjecture.

So ~~that~~ each coset consists  
of all matrices from  $G$  with the  
same determinant.

$[G : S] = \infty$  as the determinant  
can be any element from  $\mathbb{R}^*$ .

$G$  is non-abelian. Are left/right  
cosets different/same? They're the

same.



Q19 let  $H, K$  be subgroups of  $G$   
Need to prove that  $H \cap K$  is  
a subgroup.

Claim For any  $g \in G$ .

$gH \cap gK$  is a coset of  $H \cap K$  in  $G$   
in fact  $\underbrace{gH \cap gK}_A = \underbrace{g(H \cap K)}_B$

Proof

show  $A \subseteq B$  &  $B \subseteq A$

$A \subseteq B$  Let  $x \in gH \cap gK$ .

$\Rightarrow x \in gH$  AND  $x \in gK$ .

$\Rightarrow x = gh$  AND  $x = gk$ . for some  $h \in H,$

$\Rightarrow x = gh = gk$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{h = k}}$

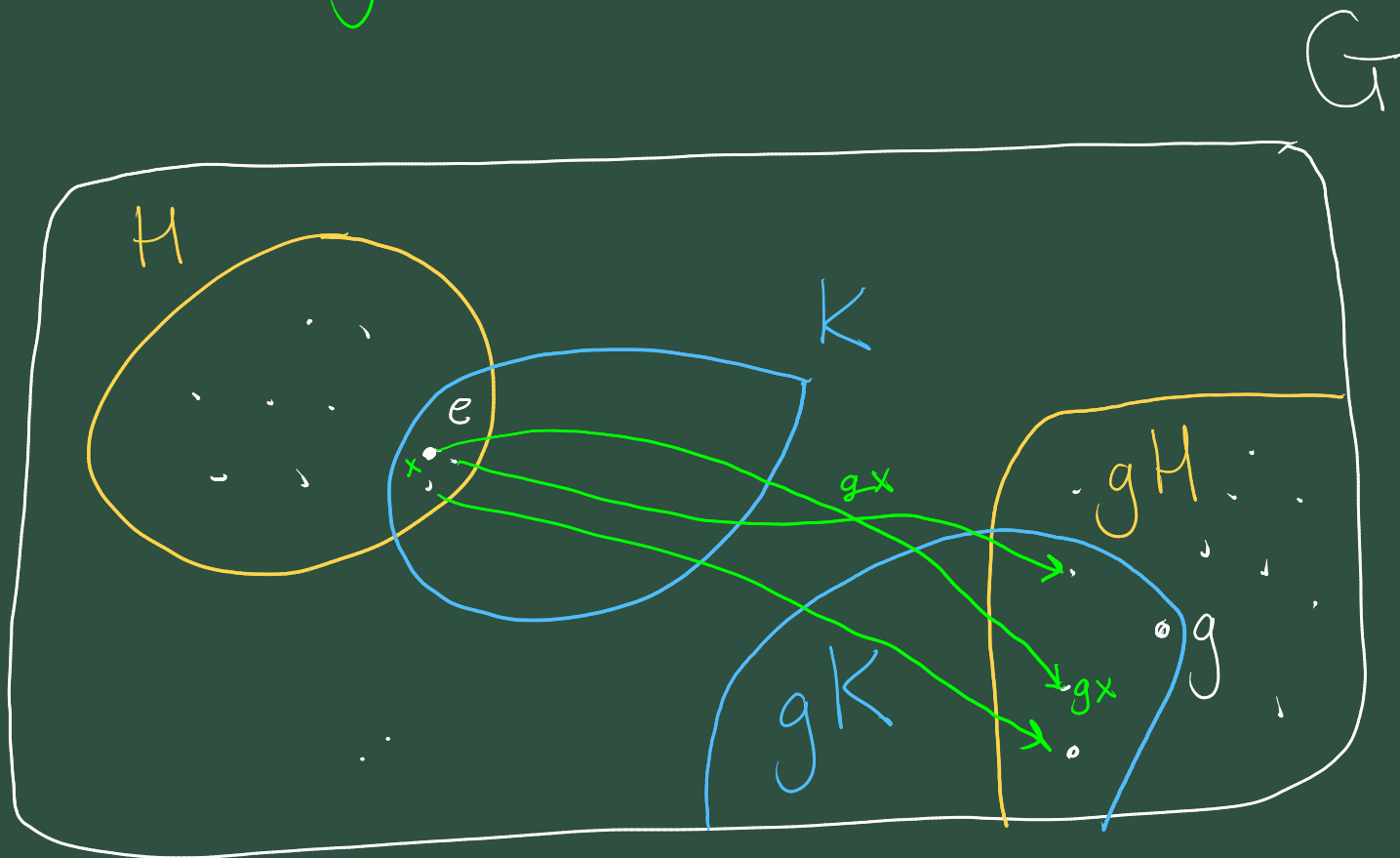
$k \in K$ .

$\Rightarrow x = g \frac{h}{\in H \cap K}$  ✓

$\Rightarrow x \in g(H \cap K)$

In fact this is a sentence of equivalences.

$$\text{So } gH \cap gK = g(H \cap K)$$



Q13 | Can we prove theorem 6.8  
by defining a map  $\phi: L_H \rightarrow R_H$   
by the definition  $\phi(gH) = Hg$ ?  
The issue here is: is this even  
a valid definition??  
because the coset  $gH$  has other  
representatives.

Suppose  $gH = xH$ , for some  $y \in H$ .  
for this to be a valid definition  
we would need it to be true

that  $Hg = Hx$  or  $g = xy^{-1}$

Can we prove this?

For any  $hg$ , can we write it

as  $hg = \underline{k}x$ , for some  
element  $k$  of  $H$ .

$$hg = h\underline{xy^{-1}} = \dots = \underline{\quad}x$$

$\in H$

$\nearrow$   
I don't see how to do it.

Can we find a counter-example?

Examine earlier example.

$$H \subset S_4$$

$$H = \{ (1), (123), (132) \}$$

$$(1234)H = \{(1234), (1324), (14)\}$$

$$= (14)H$$


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$$H(1234) = \{(1234), (1342), (34)\}$$

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$$H(14) = \{(14), \dots\}$$

This is a counterexample.



