







Conjecture

$$(AB)^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)(AB)^k &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k-1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -(k+1) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So conjecture true by induction.

Therefore  $|AB|$  is infinite.

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Well suppose a group  $G$  is abelian

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What  $|BA|$ ?

$$\underbrace{ABAB \dots AB}_{k \text{ pairs}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \underbrace{BABABA \dots BA}_k B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (BA)^{k-1} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} B^{-1}$$

$$= A^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} B^2$$

I expect  $(BA)$  will be infinite also.

Assume  $G$  is abelian and

$x, y \in G$  with finite order.

conjecture:  $|xy|$  is finite also.

Proof. Suppose  $|x|=m, |y|=n$

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So if  $k = \text{lcm}(|x|, |y|)$

then  $(xy)^k = x^k y^k$   
 $= e \cdot e = e.$

more detail.

$$|xy| = \text{lcm}(|x|, |y|).$$

Compare this with Q 14.

Outline 5:10.

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Q31 Let  $G$  be an abelian

Define  $T(G)$ , the Torsion subgroup,

$$T(G) := \{ g \in G : |g| \text{ is finite} \}$$

Claim:  $T(G)$  forms a subgroup of  $G$ .

Proof Use proposition 3.30

1. Is  $e \in T(G)$ ?  $|e|=1$ .  
so  $e \in T(G)$





$$(a_1 \dots a_m) = (a_{m-1} a_m) \dots (a_2 a_m)(a_1 a_m)$$

$m-1$  transpositions

$$\text{eg } (1 \ 2 \ 5 \ 3) = (53)(23)(13)$$

→ any permutation can be given as a composition of transpositions -

→ If  $\sigma$  can be written as a product of an even number of transpositions then it always requires an even number of transpositions

and the same for odd

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- - odd - - -

$S_n$  has an important subgroup  $A_n$ , called the Alternating group of index  $n$ .



