Algebra

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1 Group theory

1.1 Week 1

Def 1. A non-empty set G with a binary function $f : G \times G \to G, (a, b) \mapsto ab$ is a **group** if it satisfies

1. $(ab)c = a(bc)$.
2. $\exists 1 \in G$ s.t. $1a = a1 = a, \forall a \in G$.
3. $\exists a^{-1} \in G$ s.t. $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$.

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Def 2. Let G be a group. Then G is said to be **abelian** if $\forall a, b \in G, ab = ba$.

Ex 1.1.1. Let G be a semigroup. Then TFAE (the following are equivalent)

1. G is a group.
2. For all $a, b \in G$ and the equations $bx = a, yb = a$, each of them has a solution in G.
3. $\exists e \in G$ s.t. $ae = a\ \forall a \in G$ and if we fix such e, then $\forall b \in G\ \exists b' \in G$ s.t. $bb' = e$.

Ex 1.1.2. Let G be a group. Show that

1. $\forall a \in G, a^2 = 1$, then G is abelian.
2. G is abelian $\iff \forall a, b \in G, (ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for three consecutive integer n.

Def 3. Let G be a group and $H \subseteq G, H \neq \phi$. Then H is said to be a subgroup of G, denoted by $H \leq G$, if

1. $\forall a, b \in H, ab \in H$.
2. $1 \in H$.
3. $\forall a \in H, a^{-1} \in H$.

useful criterion: $H \leq G \iff \forall a, b \in H, ab^{-1} \in H$.

pf:

$\Rightarrow$ $\quad b \in H \implies b^{-1} \in H$, and $a \in H$, so $ab^{-1} \in H$.

$\Leftarrow$

1. $H \neq \phi \implies \exists a \in H \implies aa^{-1} = 1 \in H$.
2. $1, a \in H \implies 1a^{-1} = a^{-1} \in H$.
3. $a, b^{-1} \in H \implies a(b^{-1})^{-1} = ab \in H$. $\square$

Eg 1.1.1. $(\mathbb{Z}, +, 0) \leq (\mathbb{Q}, +, 0) \leq (\mathbb{R}, +, 0) \leq (\mathbb{C}, +, 0)$; $(\mathbb{Q}^\times, \times, 1) \leq (\mathbb{R}^\times, \times, 1) \leq (\mathbb{C}^\times, \times, 1)$

Eg 1.1.2.

- Special linear group $\mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{F}) = \{ A \in \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{F}) \mid \det A = 1 \}$
- Orthogonal group $\mathrm{O}(n) = \{ A \in \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid A^{\mathrm{t}} A = I_n \}$
- Unitary group $\mathrm{U}(n) = \{ A \in \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C}) \mid A^* A = I_n \}$
- Special orthogonal group $\mathrm{SO}(n) = \mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{R}) \cap \mathrm{O}(n)$

- Special unitary group $\mathrm{SU}(n) = \mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{C}) \cap \mathrm{U}(n)$

Def 4. Let $f : G_1 \to G_2$. f is called an **isomorphism** if

1. f is 1-1 and onto.
2. $\forall a, b \in G_1, f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$. (**homomorphism**)

, denoted by $G_1 \cong G_2$.

Remark 1. (practice)

1. $f(1) = 1$.
2. $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1}$.
3. If f is an isomorphism, then $\exists f^{-1}$ is also a homomorphism.

Eg 1.1.3.

- $\mathrm{U}(1) = \{\, z \in \mathbb{C}^\times \mid \bar{z}z = 1 \,\}, z = \cos\theta + \sin\theta i$
- $\mathrm{SO}(2) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} : \theta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

notice that $\mathrm{U}(1) \cong \mathrm{SO}(2)$. $S^1 = \{\, (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a^2 + b^2 = 1 \,\}$, 可被賦予群的結構.

Eg 1.1.4. Let $A \in \mathrm{SU}(2) \implies A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\bar{\beta} & \bar{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}, \alpha\bar{\alpha} + \beta\bar{\beta} = 1, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$.

Quaternion(四元數): $\mathbb{H} = \{\, a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \,\}$ with $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1, ij = k, jk = i, ki = j (\implies ij = -ji)$.
Let $x = a + bi + cj + dk, \bar{x} = a - bi - cj - dk$, then $N(x) = x\bar{x} = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$, For $x \neq 0, N(x) \neq 0, x^{-1} = \frac{1}{N(x)}\bar{x}$
Now, for $x = a + bi + cj + dk = (a + bi) + (c + di)j$. So $\mathrm{SU}(2) \cong \{\, x \in \mathbb{H}^\times \mid N(x) = 1 \,\}$. $S^3 = \{\, (a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1 \,\}$, 可被賦予群的結構.
★ The only spheres with continuous group law are S^1, S^3.

Ex 1.1.3. Find a way to regard $M_{n\times n}(\mathbb{H})$ as a subset of $M_{2n\times 2n}(\mathbb{C})$, which preserves addition and multiplication, and then there is a way to characterize $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{H})$.

Def 5 (symplectic group)**.** $\mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbb{F}) = \{\, A \in \mathrm{GL}(2n, \mathbb{F}) \mid A^{\mathrm{t}}JA = J \,\}$ where $J = \begin{pmatrix} O & I_n \\ -I_n & O \end{pmatrix}$.
($A^{\mathrm{t}}JA = J$ preserving non-degenerate skew-symmetric forms)
$\mathrm{Sp}(n) = \{\, A \in \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{H}) \mid A^*A = I_n \,\}$.

Ex 1.1.4. Show $\mathrm{Sp}(n) \cong \mathrm{U}(2n) \cap \mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbb{C})$.

Ques: Find the smallest subgroup of $\mathrm{SU}(2)$ containing $\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$.

1.2 Week 2

1.2.1 Permutation groups and Dihedral groups

Def 6. A permutation of a set B is a 1-1 and onto function from B to B.
Let $S_B :=$ the set of permutations of B. Then $(S_B, \cdot, \mathrm{Id}_B)$ forms a group.
If $B = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$, then $S_B \cong S_{\{1,\ldots,n\}}$ and write $S_n = S_{\{1,\ldots,n\}}$, called the symmetric group of degree n.

Theorem 1 (Cayley theorem)**.** Any group is isomorphic to a subgroup of some permutation group.
(Hint): Let G be a group. Set $B = G$. Consider $a \in G$ as $\sigma_a : G \to G, x \mapsto ax$. Then $\sigma_a \in S_G \implies G \leq S_G$.

Fact 1.2.1. S_n is a finite group of order $n!$, i.e. $|S_n| = n!$.

pf: EASY =O $\square$

Cyclic notation: $\sigma \in S_5$, say $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Write $\sigma = (1\ 4)(2\ 3\ 5)$.
$\Rightarrow$ Any permutation can be written as a product of disjoint cycles.

Eg 1.2.1. In S_7, $\sigma_1 = (1\ 2\ 3)(4\ 5\ 6)(7), \sigma_2 = (1\ 3\ 5\ 6)(2\ 4\ 7)$.
Then $\sigma_1\sigma_2 = (2\ 5\ 4\ 7\ 3\ 6), \sigma_1^{-1} = (1\ 3\ 2)(4\ 6\ 5)$.

Def 7. A 2 cycle is called a **transposition**.

Eg 1.2.2. $(1\ 2\ 3) = (1\ 3)(1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5) = (1\ 5)(1\ 4)(1\ 3)(1\ 2)$.
Any permutation is a product of 2 cycles.

Useful formula: $\sigma \in S_n$, $\sigma(j_1\ \ldots\ j_m)\sigma^{-1} = (\sigma(j_1)\ \ldots\ \sigma(j_m))$.

Eg 1.2.3. Let $\sigma = (1\ 2\ 3)(4\ 5\ 6\ 7)$, $\sigma(2\ 3\ 4)\sigma^{-1} = (3\ 1\ 5)$.

pf: Note that both sides are functions. For $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$,

Case 1: $\exists k$ s.t. $\sigma(j_k) = i$, CONCON

Case 2: Otherwise, CONCON

$\square$

Fact 1.2.2. $S_n = \langle (1\ 2), \ldots, (1\ n) \rangle$.

pf: $(1\ i)^{-1} = (1\ i)$ and $(i\ j) = (1\ i)(1\ j)(1\ i)^{-1}$. $\square$

Def 8. Let G be a group and $S \subset G$. The subgroup generated by S defined to be the smallest subgroup of G which contains S, denoted by $\langle S \rangle$.

Ex 1.2.1.

1. $S_n = \langle (1\ 2), (2\ 3), \ldots, (n-1\ n) \rangle, \quad n \geq 2.$
2. $S_n = \langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ \ldots\ n) \rangle, \quad n \geq 2.$

Def 9. $A_n = \{\text{even permutations of } S_n\} \leq S_n, |A_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$.

Ex 1.2.2.

1. $A_n = \langle (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 2\ 4), \dots, (1\ 2\ n) \rangle, n \geq 3.$

2. $A_n = \langle (1\ 2\ 3), (2\ 3\ 4), \dots, (n-2\ n-1\ n) \rangle, n \geq 3.$

Remark 2. $\langle S \rangle = \bigcap_{S \subseteq H \leq G} H = \{a_1 a_2 \dots a_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}, a_i \in S \cup S^{-1}\} \cup \{1\}$

The orthogonal transformations on $\mathbb{R}^2$: $\mathrm{O}(2)$.
Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{O}(2)$.
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Case 1: $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & -\sin\alpha \\ \sin\alpha & \cos\alpha \end{pmatrix}$ is counterclockwise roration w.r.t. α.

Case 2: $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & \sin\alpha \\ \sin\alpha & -\cos\alpha \end{pmatrix}$ is the reflection. $A^2 = I_2 \implies$ eigenvalues are ± 1.

Easy to show that $\mathrm{L}_A(v) = v - 2\langle v, v_2 \rangle v_2$.

$\mathrm{O}(2) = \{\text{rotations}\} \cup \{\text{reflections}\}$.

Def 10. The dihedral group D_n is the group of symmetries of a regular n-gon.
In general, $D_n = \langle \mathrm{T}, \mathrm{R} \mid \mathrm{T}^n = 1, \mathrm{R}^2 = 1, \mathrm{TR} = \mathrm{RT}^{-1} \rangle \leq O(2) \leq S_n, |D_n| = 2n$.

Def 11. Let T be a linear transformation from $\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$.

- T is called a rotation if $\exists$ a T-invariant subspace $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\dim W = 2$ s.t. $\begin{cases} \mathrm{T}\big|_W \text{ is a rotation} \\ \mathrm{T}\big|_{W^\perp} = \mathrm{id}_{W^\perp} \end{cases}$

- T is called a reflection if $\exists$ a T-invariant subspace $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\dim W = 1$ s.t. $\begin{cases} \mathrm{T}\big|_W = -\mathrm{id}_W \\ \mathrm{T}\big|_{W^\perp} = \mathrm{id}_{W^\perp} \end{cases}$

Main result: the group of orthogonal transformations $= \langle \text{rotations}, \text{reflections} \rangle$.

Prop 1.2.1. For $\mathrm{T} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$, $\exists$ a T-invariant subspace $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with $1 \leq \dim W \leq 2$.

pf: Let $A = [\mathrm{T}]_\alpha \in M_{n\times n}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq M_{n\times n}(\mathbb{C})$. Consider $\widetilde{\mathrm{L}_A} : \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}^n, v \mapsto Av$.
Then $\exists$ an eigenvalue $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and an eigenvector $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ for $\widetilde{\mathrm{L}_A}$. Let $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 i, v = v_1 + v_2 i$. By definition, we have

$$Av = \widetilde{\mathrm{L}_A}(v) = \lambda v = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 i)(v_1 + v_2 i) \implies \begin{cases} Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1 - \lambda_2 v_2 \\ Av_1 = \lambda_2 v_1 + \lambda_1 v_2 \end{cases},$$

so $W = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$. $\square$

Ex 1.2.3.

1. If T is orthogonal, then $W^\perp$ is also T-invariant.

2. Use induction on n to show the main result.

For $n = 3, A \in \mathrm{O}(3)$, we have $A \sim \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & -\sin\alpha & \\ \sin\alpha & \cos\alpha & \\ & & \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

1.2.2 Cyclic groups and internal direct product

Def 12. If $G = \langle a \rangle = \{\dots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a, 1, a, a^2, \dots\} = \{\, a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \,\}$, then G is a cyclic group generated by a.

Eg 1.2.4. $\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle = \langle -1 \rangle$.

Eg 1.2.5. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{2\pi}{n} & -\sin\frac{2\pi}{n} \\ \sin\frac{2\pi}{n} & \cos\frac{2\pi}{n} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SO}(2)$. Then $\langle A \rangle = \{I_2, A, A^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$ and $A^n = I_2, A^m = A^r$ where $m \equiv r \pmod{n}$.

Eg 1.2.6. $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \dots, \overline{(n-1)}\}$ with $\overline{j} = \{\, m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m \equiv j \pmod{n} \,\}$.
Define $\overline{i} + \overline{j} = \begin{cases} \overline{i+j} & \text{if } 0 \le i+j \le n \\ \overline{i+j-n} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \implies (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, +, \overline{0})$ forms a group.

Remark 3. $\overline{i} \times \overline{j} = \overline{i \times j}$.

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- If $\gcd(j, n) = d, \exists h, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $hj + kn = d$.

Def 13. $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{\, j \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \mid \gcd(j, n) = 1 \,\} \implies \left((\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times, \times, \overline{1}\right)$ forms a group.

Eg 1.2.7. 略... 簡化剩餘系, 原根 (generator) $(1, 2, 4, p^k, 2p^k$, p is an odd prime)

Def 14.

- The **order** of a finite gorup G is the number of elements in G, denoted by $|G|$.
- Let $a \in G$, the order of a is defined to be the least positive integer n s.t. $a^n = 1$, denoted by $\mathrm{ord}(a) = n$.
- If $a^n \ne 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, then we call "$a$ has infinte order".

Prop 1.2.2. Let $G = \langle a \rangle$ with $\mathrm{ord}(a) = n$. Then

1. $a^m = 1 \iff n \mid m$.

   pf:

   $\Leftarrow$: Let $m = dn$, then $a^m = (a^n)^d = 1$.

   $\Rightarrow$: Let $m = qn + r, 0 \le r < n$. If $r \ne 0$, then $a^r = a^{m-qn} = (a^m)(a^n)^{-q} = 1$. But $r < n$, which is a contradiction. Hence $r = 0 \implies n \mid m$. □

2. $\mathrm{ord}(a^r) = n / \gcd(r, n)$.

   pf: Let $\gcd(r, n) = d, n = dn', r = dr'$ with $\gcd(n', r') = 1$. Plan to show "$\mathrm{ord}(a^r) = n'$."

   - $(a^r)^{n'} = a^{r'dn'} = (a^n)^{r'} = 1 \implies \mathrm{ord}(a^r) \mid n'$.
   - $1 = (a^r)^{\mathrm{ord}(a^r)} = a^{r\,\mathrm{ord}(a^r)} \implies n \mid r \,\mathrm{ord}\, a^r \implies n' \mid r' \,\mathrm{ord}(a^r) \implies n' \mid \mathrm{ord}(a^r)$.

   □

Prop 1.2.3. Any subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.

pf: Let $G = \langle a \rangle$ and $H \le G$. If $H = \{1\}$, then $H = \langle 1 \rangle$, done!
Otherwise, $d = \min\{m \in \mathbb{N} \mid a^m \in H\}$, by well-ordering axiom. Claim $H = \langle a^d \rangle$.

$\supset$: $a^d \in H$ by the definition of d.

$\subset$: $\forall a^m \in H$, write $m = qd + r, 0 \le r < d$. If $r \ne 0$, then $a^r = a^{m-qd} = a^m(a^d)^{-q} \in H$, which is a contradiction. Hence $r = 0 \implies d \mid m$.

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Ex 1.2.4.

1. $\text{ord}(a) = \text{ord}(a^{-1}) = n$.
2. $\langle a^r \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n,r)} \rangle$.
3. $\langle a^{r_1} \rangle = \langle a^{r_2} \rangle \iff \gcd(n, r_1) = \gcd(n, r_2)$.
4. $\forall m \mid n, \exists! H \le \langle a \rangle$ s.t. $|H| = m$. Conversely, if $H \le \langle a \rangle$, then $|H| \mid n$.

Prop 1.2.4. Let $G = \langle a \rangle$. Then

1. $\text{ord}(a) = n \implies G \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$
2. $\text{ord}(a) = \infty \implies G \cong \mathbb{Z}$

Ex 1.2.5. Show this.

Def 15. Let $G_1, G_2 \le G$. G is the internal direct product of G_1, G_2 if $G_1 \times G_2 \to G, (g_1, g_2) \mapsto g_1 g_2$ is an isom.

Remark 4. In this case, we find that

- $G = G_1 G_2 = \{\, g_1 g_2 \mid g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2 \,\}$.
- $G_1 \cap G_2 = \{1\}$. (consider $a \ne 1 \in G_1 \cap G_2$, then $(1, a) \mapsto a, (a, 1) \mapsto a$, but the function is 1-1, which is a contradiction.)
- If $a \in G$ with $a = g_1 g_2 = g_1' g_2'$, then $(g_1')^{-1} g_1 = (g_2') g_2^{-1} \in G_1 \cap G_2 = \{1\} \implies \begin{cases} g_1 = g_1' \\ g_2 = g_2' \end{cases}$.
- For $g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2, (g_1, g_2) = (g_1, 1)(1, g_2) = (1, g_2)(g_1, 1) \implies g_1 g_2 = g_2 g_1$.

Ex 1.2.6. TFAE

1. G is the internal direct product of G_1, G_2.
2. $\forall a \in G, \exists! g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2$ s.t. $a = g_1 g_2$; $\forall g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2, g_1 g_2 = g_2 g_1$.
3. $G_1 \cap G_2 = \{1\}$; $G = G_1 G_2$; $\forall g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2, g_1 g_2 = g_2 g_1$.

Eg 1.2.8.

1. $G = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \overline{5}\}, G_1 = \{\overline{0}, \overline{3}\}, G_2 = \{\overline{0}, \overline{2}, \overline{4}\}$. We have $G \cong G_1 \times G_2$.
2. $G = S_3, G_1 = \langle (1\ 2) \rangle, G_2 = \langle (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle$. We have $G_1 \times G_2 \ncong G$ since $(1\ 2)(1\ 2\ 3) \ne (1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 2)$.

Eg 1.2.9. $G = S_3, G_1 = \langle (1\ 2) \rangle, G_2 = \langle (2\ 3) \rangle, G_1 G_2 = \{1, (1\ 2), (2\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3)\} \not\le G$ since $(1\ 3\ 2) = (1\ 2\ 3)^{-1} \notin G_1 G_2$.

Prop 1.2.5. Let $H, K \le G$. Then $HK \le G \iff HK = KH$.

pf:

$\Rightarrow$: $\begin{cases} H \leq HK \\ K \leq HK \end{cases} \implies KH \subseteq HK$; $\forall hk \in HK, \exists h'k' \in HK$ s.t. $(hk)(h'k') = 1 \implies hk = (k')^{-1}(h')^{-1} \in KH \implies HK \subseteq KH$.

$\Leftarrow$: For $h_1k_1, h_2k_2 \in HK$, $(h_1k_1)(h_2k_2)^{-1} = h_1k_1k_2^{-1}h_2^{-1} = h_1h'k' \in HK$.

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1.3 Week 3

1.3.1 Coset and Qoutient Group

Let $f : G_1 \to G_2$ be a group homo. Define $\operatorname{Im} f := f(G_1)$.
Notice that $\operatorname{Im} f \le G_2$.

pf: Let $z_1 = f(a_1), z_2 = f(a_2)$, then $z_1 z_2^{-1} = f(a_1)f(a_2)^{-1} = f(a_1)f(a_2^{-1}) = f(a_1 a_2^{-1}) \in \operatorname{Im} f$. □

Def 16. $\operatorname{Ker} f := \{ x \in G_1 \mid f(x) = 1 \} \le G_1$.

Fact 1.3.1.

1. $x \in (\operatorname{Ker} f)a \iff f(x) = f(a)$.
2. $\operatorname{Ker} f = \{1\} \iff f$ is 1-1.

Def 17. Let $H \le G$, $\forall a \in G, Ha$ is called a **right coset** of H in G.

Fact 1.3.2.

1. For 2 right cosets Ha, Hb, either $Ha = Hb$ or $Ha \cap Hb = \phi$ must hold.
2. $\{ Ha : a \in G \}$ forms a partition of G.

Theorem 2 (Lagrange)**.** Let $|G| < \infty$ and $H \le G$, $|H| \mid |G|$.

pf: □

Remark 5. r is called the **index** of H in G, denoted by $[G : H]$. (The concept of index can be extended to infinite G, H.)

Coro 1.3.1. If $|G| = p$ is a prime in $\mathbb{Z}$, then G is cyclic.

pf: □

Coro 1.3.2. If $|G| < \infty, a \in G$, then $a^{|G|} = 1$.

pf: □

Remark 6.

1. Let $H \le G, a \in G$, aH is called a **left coset**.
2. $\{\text{right cosets of } H\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{right cosets of } H\}$ by $Ha \mapsto a^{-1}H$.

Ques: How to make $\{ aH : a \in G \}$ to be a group? For aH, bH, we must have $(aH)(bH) = abH$. In general, $(aH)(bH) = abH$ is not well-defined.

Eg 1.3.1. Let $H = \langle (1\ 2) \rangle \le S_3$. $a_1 = (1\ 3), a_2 = (1\ 2\ 3), b_1 = (1\ 3\ 2), b_2 = (2\ 3)$. 出慘點

If we hope $a_1 b_1 H = a_2 b_2 H$, then we need $(a_1 b_1)^{-1} a_2 b_2 \in H$.

$$b_1^{-1} a_1^{-1} a_2 b_2 = b_1^{-1} b_2 b_2^{-1} a_1^{-1} a_2 b_2$$

Notice that $b_1^{-1} b_2, a_1^{-1} a_2 \in H$, so we need $b_2^{-1} a_1^{-1} a_2 b_2 \in H$.

Def 18. Let $H \le G$. H is said to be **normal subgroup** of G if $\forall g \in G, h \in H, g^{-1}hg \in H$ (or $g^{-1}Hg \subseteq H$), denoted by $H \lhd G$.

Def 19. Let $H \lhd G$. The set $\{ aH \mid a \in G \}$ forms a group under $(aH)(bH) = abH, a, b \in G$. We call it the **quotient group** of G by H, denoted by G/H.
(Note: The indentity is $H = hH$ and $(aH)^{-1} = a^{-1}H$.)

Remark 7. Define $q : G \to G/H, a \mapsto aH$, called the quotient homomorphism.

Ex 1.3.1. Let $H \leq G$. Then TFAE

(a) $H \lhd G$.

(b) $\forall x \in G, xHx^{-1} = H$.

(c) $\forall x \in G, xH = Hx$.

(d) $\forall x, y \in G, (xH)(yH) = (xy)H$.

Ques: How to find a normal subgroup of G?

Prop 1.3.1.

1. If G is abelian, then $\forall H \leq G \rightsquigarrow H \lhd G$. (done by (c))
2. If $H \leq G$ with $[G : H] = 2$, then $H \lhd G$.

   Eg 1.3.2. $n \leq 3, [S_n : A_n] = 2 \implies A_n \lhd S_n$.

   pf: We can write $G = H \cup Ha = H \cup aH \implies aH = Ha, \forall a \notin H$. □

Ex 1.3.2. If $H \leq S_n$ and $\exists \sigma \in H$ is odd, then $[H : H \cap A_n] = 2$.

Def 20. Define the center of G to be $Z_G = \{ a \in G \mid ax = xa, \forall x \in G \} \leq G$.

Prop 1.3.2.

1. $Z_G \lhd G$. (by (c) and def.)
2. If G/Z_G is cyclic, then G is abelian.

   pf: Let $G/Z_G = \langle aZ_G \rangle$, (let $\overline{a} := aZ_G$) for some $a \in G$. For $x_1, x_2 \in G$, let $x_1 = a^{k_1}z_1, x_2 = a^{k_2}z_2$, then $x_1x_2 = a^{k_1+k_2}z_1z_2 = x_2x_1$. ($z_i$ 可以各種交換) □

Def 21. The commutator of G is define to be $[G, G] = \langle xyx^{-1}y^{-1} \mid x, y \in G \rangle$.

Prop 1.3.3. $[G, G] \lhd G$; $[G, G] = 1 \iff G$ is abelian.

pf: $\forall x \in G, a \in [G, G], xax^{-1} = xax^{-1}a^{-1}a$ and $xax^{-1}a^{-1}, a \in [G, G]$. □

Ex 1.3.3. Let $H \leq G$. Then $H \lhd G$ and G/H is abelian $\iff [G, G] \leq H$. (hint: $G/[G, G]$ is "max" among all abelian quotient groups)