# 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.  $\exists 1 \in G \text{ s.t. } 1a = a1 = a, \forall a \in G.$
- 3.  $\exists a^{-1} \in G \text{ s.t. } aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1.$

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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.  $\exists e \in G \text{ s.t. } ae = a \ \forall a \in G \text{ and if we fix such } e, \text{ then } \forall b \in G \ \exists b' \in G \text{ s.t. } bb' = e.$

**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  $H \subseteq G$ , if

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

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

pf:

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $b \in H \implies b^{-1} \in H$ , 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. 
$$a, b^{-1} \in H \implies a(b^{-1})^{-1} = ab \in H$$
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 $\textbf{Eg 1.1.1.} \quad (\mathbb{Z},+,0) \leq (\mathbb{Q},+,0) \leq (\mathbb{R},+,0) \leq (\mathbb{C},+,0) \; ; \; (\mathbb{Q}^{\times},\times,1) \leq (\mathbb{R}^{\times},\times,1) \leq (\mathbb{C}^{\times},\times,1)$ 

Eg 1.1.2.

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

Quaternion(四元數):  $\mathbb{H} = \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \}$  with  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1, ij = k, jk = i, ki = j ( \Longrightarrow ij = -ji).$ 

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 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.

 $\star$  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  $GL(n,\mathbb{H})$ .

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

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

Ques: Find the smallest subgroup of 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  $\sigma_a\in S_G\implies G\le S_G$ .

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

pf: 
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Cyclic notation:  $\sigma \in S_5$ , say  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Write  $\sigma = (1\ 4)(2\ 3\ 5)$ .

⇒ 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: 
$$\sigma \in S_n$$
,  $\sigma(j_1 \dots j_m)\sigma^{-1} = (\sigma(j_1) \dots \sigma(j_m))$ .

**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  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$ ,

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

Case 2: Otherwise, CONCON

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

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

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

2. 
$$S_n = \langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ \dots\ n) \rangle, \quad n \geq 2.$$

**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  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : O(2).

Let 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{O}(2)$$
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<u>Case 1</u>:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$  is counterclockwise roration w.r.t.  $\alpha$ .

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

Easy to show that  $L_A(v) = v - 2\langle v, v_2 \rangle v_2$ .

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

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

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

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

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

**pf:** Let  $A = [T]_{\alpha} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ . Consider  $\widetilde{L_A} : \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}^n, v \mapsto Av$ .

Then  $\exists$  an eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and an eigenvector  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  for  $\widetilde{L_A}$ . Let  $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 i, v = v_1 + v_2 i$ . By definition, we have

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

so 
$$W = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$$
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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 
$$n = 3, A \in O(3)$$
, 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  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} & -\sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \\ \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} & \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \end{pmatrix} \in SO(2)$ . 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  $\overline{i} + \overline{j} = {\overline{i+j} \atop \overline{i+j-n}}$  if  $0 \le i+j \le n \Longrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, +, \overline{0})$  forms a group.

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

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

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

**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  $\operatorname{ord}(a) = n$ .
- If  $a^n \neq 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we call "a has infinte order".

**Prop 1.2.2.** Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  with  $\operatorname{ord}(a) = n$ . 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.  $\operatorname{ord}(a^r) = n/\gcd(r, n)$ .

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

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

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

**pf:** Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  and  $H \leq G$ . 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  $r = 0 \implies d \mid m$ .

Ex 1.2.4.

- 1.  $\operatorname{ord}(a) = \operatorname{ord}(a^{-1}) = n$ .
- 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.  $\forall m \mid n, \exists ! H \leq \langle a \rangle$  s.t. |H| = m. Conversely, if  $H \leq \langle a \rangle$ , then  $|H| \mid n$ .

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

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

**Ex 1.2.5.** Show Prop 1.2.4.

**Def 15.** Let  $G_1, G_2 \leq G$ . G is the internal direct product of  $G_1, G_2$  if  $G_1 \times G_2 \to G$ ,  $(g_1, g_2) \mapsto g_1g_2$  is an isom.

Remark 4. In this case, we find that

- $G = G_1G_2 = \{ g_1g_2 \mid g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2 \}.$
- $G_1 \cap G_2 = \{1\}$ . (consider  $a \neq 1 \in G_1 \cap G_2$ , then  $(1, a) \mapsto a, (a, 1) \mapsto a$ , but the function is 1-1, which is a contradiction.)
- If  $a \in G$  with  $a = g_1g_2 = g_1'g_2'$ , 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  $g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2, (g_1, g_2) = (g_1, 1)(1, g_2) = (1, g_2)(g_1, 1) \implies g_1g_2 = g_2g_1.$

Ex 1.2.6. TFAE

- 1. G is the internal direct product of  $G_1, G_2$ .
- 2.  $\forall a \in G, \exists ! g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2 \text{ s.t. } a = g_1g_2 \text{ ; } \forall g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2, g_1g_2 = g_2g_1.$
- 3.  $G_1 \cap G_2 = \{1\}$ ;  $G = G_1G_2$ ;  $\forall g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2, g_1g_2 = g_2g_1$ .

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  $G_1 \times G_2 \not\cong G$  since  $(1\ 2)(1\ 2\ 3) \neq (1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 2)$ .

**Eg 1.2.9.**  $G = S_3, G_1 = \langle (1 \ 2) \rangle, G_2 = \langle (2 \ 3) \rangle, G_1G_2 = \{1, (1 \ 2), (2 \ 3), (1 \ 2 \ 3)\} \not\leq G$  since  $(1 \ 3 \ 2) = (1 \ 2 \ 3)^{-1} \not\in G_1G_2$ .

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

pf:

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

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

## 1.3 Week 3

## 1.3.1 Coset and Quotient Group

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

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

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

#### Fact 1.3.1.

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

**Def 17.** Let  $H \leq G$ ,  $\forall a \in G, Ha$  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  $H \le G$ ,  $|H| \mid |G|$ .

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**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.)

**Ex 1.3.1.** no subgroup of  $A_4$  has order 6. (converse of Lagrange thm. is false.)

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

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

$$\Box$$

## Remark 6.

- 1. Let  $H \leq G, a \in G, aH$  is called a **left coset**.
- 2. {right cosets of H}  $\leftrightarrow$  {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 
$$H = \langle (1\ 2) \rangle \leq S_3$$
.  $a_1 = (1\ 3), a_2 = (1\ 2\ 3), b_1 = (1\ 3\ 2), b_2 = (2\ 3)$ . 出慘點

If we hope  $a_1b_1H = a_2b_2H$ , then we need  $(a_1b_1)^{-1}a_2b_2 \in H$ .

$$b_1^{-1}a_1^{-1}a_2b_2 = b_1^{-1}b_2b_2^{-1}a_1^{-1}a_2b_2$$

Notice that  $b_1^{-1}b_2, a_1^{-1}a_2 \in H$ , so we need  $b_2^{-1}a_1^{-1}a_2b_2 \in H$ .

**Def 18.** Let  $H \leq G$ . 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  $H \triangleleft G$ .

**Def 19.** Let  $H \triangleleft G$ . 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 1.3.2.** Let  $H \leq G$ . Then TFAE

- (a)  $H \triangleleft G$ .
- (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  $\forall H \leq G \leadsto H \triangleleft G$ . (done by (c))
- 2. If  $H \leq G$  with [G:H] = 2, then  $H \triangleleft G$ .

**Eg 1.3.2.** 
$$n \le 3, [S_n : A_n] = 2 \implies A_n \triangleleft S_n.$$

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

**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.  $Z_G \triangleleft G$ . (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.**  $[G,G] \triangleleft G$ ;  $[G,G] = 1 \iff G$  is abelian.

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

#### Ex 1.3.3.

- 1. If  $H \leq S_n$  and  $\exists \sigma \in H$  is odd, then  $[H : H \cap A_n] = 2$ .
- 2. For  $n \geq 3$ ,  $[S_n, S_n] = A_n$ .

**Ex 1.3.4.** Let  $H \leq G$ . Then  $H \triangleleft G$  and G/H is abelian  $\iff [G,G] \leq H$ . (hint: G/[G,G] is "max" among all abelian quotient groups)

#### 1.3.2 Isomorphism theorems & Factor theorem

**Theorem 3** (1st isomorphism theorem). Let  $f: G_1 \to G_2$  be a group homo. Then  $G_1/\ker f \cong \operatorname{Im} f$ .

**pf:** Define  $\varphi : a \ker f \mapsto f(a)$ .

- well-defined:  $a \ker f = b \ker f \implies a^{-1}b \in \ker f \implies f(a^{-1}b) = 1 \implies f(a)^{-1}f(b) = 1 \implies f(a) = f(b)$ .
- group homo:  $\varphi((a \ker f)(b \ker f)) = \varphi(ab \ker f) = f(ab) = f(a)f(b) = \varphi(a \ker f)\varphi(b \ker f)$ .
- onto: by def. of  $\operatorname{Im} f$ .
- 1-1:  $f(a) = f(b) \implies a \ker f = b \ker f$  (easy).

**Theorem 4** (Factor theorem). Let  $f: G_1 \to G_2$  be a group homo. and  $H \triangleleft G_1, H \leq \ker f$ . Then  $\exists$  a group homo.  $\varphi: G/H \to G_2$  s.t. 一個  $\exists$  🖺

**Eg 1.3.3.** Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  with ord(a) = n. Then  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . (1st isom. thm.)

Eg 1.3.4.  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, 4\mathbb{Z} \le 2\mathbb{Z}$ , so by factor thm.,  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

Eg 1.3.5. det:  $GL(n, \mathbb{F}) \to \mathbb{F}^{\times} \implies GL(n, \mathbb{F})/SL(n, \mathbb{F}) \cong \mathbb{F}^{\times}$ 

**Eg 1.3.6.** sgn:  $S_n \to \{\pm 1\} \implies S_n/A_n \cong \{\pm 1\}$ 

**Theorem 5** (2nd isomorphism theorem). Let  $H \leq G, K \triangleleft G$ . Then  $HK/K \cong H/H \cap K$ .

 $\mathbf{pf:} \ \mathrm{First}, \ \begin{cases} H \leq G \\ K \lhd G \end{cases} \implies HK = KH \implies HK \leq G \ ; \ K \lhd G \implies K \lhd HK.$ 

Define  $\varphi: H \to HK/K, h \mapsto hK$ . which is a group homo.

- onto:  $\forall (hk)K, hkK = hK, \text{ so } \varphi(h) = hK = hkK.$
- $\bullet \ \ {\rm Find} \ \ker \varphi \colon \ a \in \ker \varphi \iff \begin{cases} a \in H \\ aK = K \end{cases} \iff a \in H \cap K, \ {\rm so} \ \ker \varphi = H \cap K.$

Then by 1st isom. thm.

Eg 1.3.7.  $G = GL(2, \mathbb{C}), H = SL(2, \mathbb{C}), K = \mathbb{C}^{\times}I_2 = Z_G \triangleleft G$ . By 2nd isom. thm.,  $G/K \cong H/\{\pm I_2\}$ .  $(G = HK, \{\pm I_2\} = H \cap K)$  projective linear group:  $PGL(2, \mathbb{C}) = G/K$ . projective special linear group:  $PSL(2, \mathbb{C}) = H/H \cap K$ .

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Ex 1.3.5.

- 1. Let  $H_1 \triangleleft G_1, H_2 \triangleleft G_2$ . Then  $(H_1 \times H_2) \triangleleft (G_1 \times G_2)$  and  $G_1 \times G_2/H_1 \times H_2 \cong G_1/H_1 \times G_2/H_2$ .
- 2. Let  $H \triangleleft G, K \triangleleft G$  s.t. G = HK. Then  $G/H \cap K \cong G/H \times G/K$ .

**Ex 1.3.6.** Let  $H \triangleleft G$  with [G:H] = p, which is a prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\forall K \leq G$ , either (1)  $K \leq H$  or (2) G = HK and  $[K:K \cap H] = p$ .

**Theorem 6** (3rd isomorphism theorem). Let  $K \triangleleft G$ .

1. There is a 1-1 correspondence between  $\{H \leq G \mid K \leq H\}$  and  $\{\text{subgroups of } G/K\}$ .  $(H \triangleleft G \dots \text{ normal})$ 

**pf:** Define  $\varphi: H \mapsto H/K$ .  $(H/K \le G/K)$ 

- 1-1: Assume  $H_1/K = H_2/K$ . For  $a \in H_1$ ,  $aK \in H_1/K = H_2/K$ . so  $\exists b \in H_2$  s.t.  $aK = bK \implies b^{-1}a \in K \leq H_2 \implies a \in bH_2 = H_2$ . So  $H_1 \leq H_2$ . By symmetry,  $H_2 \leq H_1$ , and thus  $H_1 = H_2$ .
- onto: Given a subgroup Q of G/K, consider  $H = q^{-1}(Q)$  where  $q: G \to G/K$ .

  - $-K \le H$ :  $\forall a \in K, q(a) = aK = K \in Q \implies a \in H \implies K \le H$ .
  - -Q = H/K:  $\forall aK \in Q, aK = q(a) \implies a \in H \implies aK \in H/K \implies Q \subseteq H/K$ . And  $\forall aK \in H/K (a \in H), q(a) \in Q \implies H/K \subseteq Q$ . So Q = H/K.

- $H \triangleleft G, K \leq H \iff \forall g \in G, gHg^{-1} = H, K \leq H \iff \forall \overline{g} \in G/K, \overline{g}(H/K)\overline{g}^{-1} = H/K \iff H/K \triangleleft G/K.$
- 2. If  $H \triangleleft G$  with  $K \leq H$ , then  $(G/K)/(H/K) \cong G/H$ .

**pf:** Define  $\varphi: G \to (G/K)/(H/K)$  with  $\varphi: a \mapsto aK(H/K)$ .

- onto: ... easy.
- Find  $\ker \varphi$ :  $a \in \ker \varphi \iff aK(H/K) = H/K \iff aK \in H/K \iff a \in H$ .

By 1st isom. thm.,  $(G/K)/(H/K) \cong G/H$ .

Eg 1.3.8.  $m\mathbb{Z} + n\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \cong n\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \cap n\mathbb{Z}$ .  $(m\mathbb{Z} + n\mathbb{Z} = \gcd(m, n)\mathbb{Z}, m\mathbb{Z} \cap n\mathbb{Z} = \operatorname{lcm}(m, n)\mathbb{Z})$ 

Ques:  $G/K \cong G'/K'$  and  $K \cong K' \implies G \cong G'$ .

**Eg 1.3.9.**  $Q_8$  and  $D_4$  交給陳力

Extension problem: given two groups A, B, how to find G and  $K \triangleleft G$ , s.t.  $K \cong A, G/K \cong B$ ?  $(1 \rightarrow H \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/H \rightarrow 1$ , short exact sequence) (e.g.  $G = A \times B, K = A \times \{1\}$ )

## 1.4 Week 4

#### 1.4.1 Universal property and direct sum & product

In general, let  $f_1: G_1 \to G, f_2: G_2 \to G$  are group homo.  $f_1 \times f_2: G_1 \times G_2 \to G, (a,b) \mapsto f_1(a)f_2(b)$ . But we have (a,b)=(a,1)(1,b)=(1,b)(a,1), so  $f_1(a)f_2(b)=f_2(b)f_1(a) \Longrightarrow$  need G to be abelian.

So we intend to define the direct sum in the category of abelian group.

<u>Notation</u>: For abelian groups, we use "+" to denote the group operation and "0" to denote the identity.

**Def 22.** Given a non-empty family of abelian groups  $\{G_s \mid s \in \Lambda\}$ , a (external) direct sum of  $\{G_s \mid s \in \Lambda\}$  is an abelian group  $\bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$  with the embedding mappings  $i_{s_0} : G_{s_0} \to \bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s, \forall s_0 \in \Lambda$  satisfying the universal property:

for any abelian group H and group homo.  $\varphi_s:G_s\to H \forall s\in\Lambda,\quad\exists!$  group homo.  $\varphi:\bigoplus_{s\in\Lambda}G_s\to H$  s.t. 又一個ご圖

**Theorem 7.**  $\bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$  exists and is unique up to isomorphisms.

**pf:** Existence:  $\bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s = \{ (g_s)_{s \in \Lambda} \mid g_s \in G_s, \text{ almost all of the } g_s' \text{ are } 0 \}$  and

$$i_{s_0}: G_{s_0} \to \bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s, a_{s_0} \mapsto (g_{s_0})_{s \in \Lambda} \text{ with } g_{s_0} = a_{s_0}, g_s = 0, \forall s \neq s_0.$$

group operaion:  $(g_s)_{s\in\Lambda}+(g_s')_{s\in\Lambda}:=(g_s+g_s')_{s\in\Lambda}\in\bigoplus_{s\in\Lambda}G_s$ . 這邊也一個こ圖 Uniqueness: Assume  $\exists$  another G satisfies the universal property, 一個大こ圖  $(G,\bigoplus_{s\in\Lambda}G_s$  互相有唯一個映射可以 keep  $i_{s_0},\,\varphi\circ\psi=\mathrm{id}_{G},\psi\circ\varphi=\mathrm{id}_{\bigoplus_{s\in\Lambda}G_s}$ 

**Def 23.** Given a non-empty family of groups  $\{G_s \mid s \in \Lambda\}$ , a direct product of  $\{G_s \mid s \in \Lambda\}$  is a group  $\prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$  with projections  $p_{s_0} : \prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s \to G_{s_0}, \forall s_0 \in \Lambda$  satisfying the following universal property:

for any group H with group homo.  $\varphi_s: H \to G_s, \forall s \in \Lambda, \exists ! \varphi: H \to \prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$  s.t. 又一個  $\Xi$  圖

**Theorem 8.**  $\prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$  exists and is unique up to isomorphisms.

**pf:** Existence:  $\prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s = \{ (g_s)_{s \in \Lambda} \mid g_s \in G_s \}$  and

$$p_{s_0}: \prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s \to G_{s_0}, (g_{s_0})_{s \in \Lambda} \mapsto g_{s_0}, \forall s_0 \in \Lambda$$

- group operaion:  $(g_s)_{s \in \Lambda} \cdot (g'_s)_{s \in \Lambda} := (g_s g'_s)_{s \in \Lambda} \in \prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$ .
- Define  $\varphi$ : 這邊也一個 $\tau$ 圖 which is uniquely defined.

Uniqueness: Assume  $\exists$  another G satisfies the universal property, 一個大さ圖  $(G, \prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s)$  互相有唯一個映射可以 keep  $i_{s_0}$ ,  $\varphi \circ \psi = \mathrm{id}_G$ ,  $\psi \circ \varphi = \mathrm{id}_{\prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s}$ 

Ex 1.4.1. Google the definition of the direct limit and show the existence and uniqueness.

Ex 1.4.2. Google the definition of the inverse limit and show the existence and uniqueness.

<u>Motivation</u>:  $\zeta_m$  is called an *m*-th root of unity if  $\zeta_m^m = 1$ .

$$\varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}/2^n\mathbb{Z} \cong \{\, 2^n\text{-th roots of unity} : n \in \mathbb{N} \,\}$$

$$\varinjlim_{n} \mathbb{Z}/2^{n}\mathbb{Z} = (\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/2^{n}\mathbb{Z})/\langle i_{k}(a) - i_{j}(f_{kj}(a)) \mid k \leq j, a \in \mathbb{Z}/2^{k}\mathbb{Z}\rangle$$

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where  $f_{kj}: \mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}/2^j\mathbb{Z}$ . Inverse limit:

$$\varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/2^n \mathbb{Z} = \left\{ (n_1, n_2, \dots) \in \prod_n \mathbb{Z}/2^n \mathbb{Z} \middle| \forall i < j, n_i \equiv n_j \pmod{2}^{i+1} \right\}$$

## 1.4.2 Rings and fields

**Def 24.** A ring is sa non-empty set R with two operations  $R \times R \to R$ 

$$(a,b) \mapsto a+b$$
 and  $(a,b) \mapsto ab$ 

satisfying

- 1. (R, +, 0) is an abelian group.
- 2.  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup. (if it is a monoid, then it is called "a ring with 1.")
- 3. (Distributive laws)  $\forall a,b,c \in \mathbb{R}, \begin{cases} a(b+c) = ab + ac \\ (b+c)a = ba + ca \end{cases}$

Eg 1.4.1.  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ 

Eg 1.4.2. Let G be an abelian group. Define (endomorphism, automorphism)

$$\operatorname{End}(G) := \{ \operatorname{group homo}. \ G \to G \} \quad \operatorname{Aut}(G) := \{ \operatorname{group isom}. \ G \to G \}$$

A natural ring structure on End(G) is:

$$\forall a \in G, \begin{cases} (f+g)(a) \coloneqq f(a)g(a) \\ (f \cdot g)(a) \coloneqq f(g(a)) \end{cases}$$

Eg 1.4.3. 
$$\mathbb{Z}\left[\sqrt{2}\right] = \left\{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\right\} \subset \mathbb{R}$$
.

**Def 25.** Let R be a ring with 1.

- (a)  $\forall a \in R, a \neq 0$ , a in called a unit if  $\exists a^{-1} \in R$ .
- (b)  $(R^{\times} = \{\text{units in } R\}, \cdot, 1))$  forms a group.
- (c) R is called a division ring if  $R \setminus \{0\} = R^{\times}$ .
- (d) R is said to be commutative if  $ab = ba, \forall a, b \in R$ .
- (e) R is a field if R is a commutative division ring.
- (f)  $a \neq 0$  is called a left zero divisor if  $\exists b \in R, b \neq 0$  s.t. ab = 0.
- (g) a is called a zero divisor if a is either a left or right zero divisor.
- (h) R is called an integral domain if R is a commutative ring without zero divisors.

Fact:

- 1. fields  $\implies$  integral domains.
- 2. finite + integral domain  $\implies$  fields.

**pf:** Let 
$$R = \{0, a_1, \dots, a_n\}$$
, for  $a \in R, a \neq 0$ ,  $aa_i = aa_j \implies a(a_i - a_j) = 0 \implies i = j$ . So  $\{0, aa_1, \dots, aa_n\} = R \implies \exists a_i \text{ s.t. } aa_i = 1$ .

## **Prop 1.4.1.** TFAE

- 1.  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is an integral domain.
- 2.  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is a field.
- 3. n = p is a prime.

easy to prove.

#### Def 26.

- $f: R_1 \to R_2$  is called a ring homomorphism if  $\forall a, b \in R$ ,  $\begin{cases} f(a+b) &= f(a) + f(b) \\ f(ab) &= f(a)f(b) \end{cases}$ .
- Im f is a subring of  $R_2$ .
- $\ker f = \{x \in R_1 \mid f(x) = 0\}$  is an additive group of  $R_1$  and  $\forall r \in R_1, x \in \ker f, f(rx) = f(r)f(x) = f(r)0 = 0 \implies rx \in \ker f, xr \in \ker f.$
- $R_1/\ker f$  is an additive group and  $R_1/\ker f \cong \operatorname{Im} f$  (additive isomorphism).

**Def 27.** Let I be an additive subgroup of R. I is called an ideal if  $\forall r \in R, x \in I, rx \in I, xr \in I$ .  $(R/I, +, \cdot)$  forms a quotient ring under

$$\forall r_1, r_2 \in R, (r_1 + I)(r_2 + I) = r_1r_2 + I$$

well-defined: easy to show.

Ex 1.4.3. State and show the isomorphism theorems and the factor theorem.

**Prop 1.4.2.** If R is a ring with 1, then  $\exists$ ! ring homo.  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \to R$  s.t.  $\varphi(1) = 1$ .

**pf:** Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \to R$  is a ring homo. s.t.  $\varphi(1) = 1$ . Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \varphi(n) = \varphi(1) + \cdots + \varphi(1) = n1$ . Now  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, \varphi(n)\varphi(m) = (n1)(m1) = n(m1) = (nm)1$  by the distributive law. So  $\varphi$  is well-defined and unique.

**Def 28.** In Prop 1.4.2,  $\ker \varphi = m\mathbb{Z}$  for some m > 0. We call m the characteristic of R, denoted by  $\operatorname{char} R = m$ .

## Prop 1.4.3.

- 1. If R is an integral domain, then char R=0 or p, where p is a prime. (try to prove this)
- 2. In the case of char R = p,  $\forall a, b \in R$ ,  $(a + b)^p = a^p + b^p$ .

pf:

$$(a+b)^p = a^p + \binom{p}{1}a^{p-1}b + \dots + b^p = a^p + b^p$$

because  $p \mid \binom{p}{1} \implies \binom{p}{i} a^{p-i} b^i = 0$ .

**Ex 1.4.4.** Let F be a field. Show that

- 1. if char F = 0, then  $\mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow \text{subfield of } F$ .
- 2. if char F = p, then  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \text{subfield of } F$ .

**Theorem 9.** If F is a finite field, then  $|F| = p^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and p is a prime.

**pf:** By Ex. 1.4.4, char F = p, p is a prime and  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow F$ . We have  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times F \to F$ ,  $(r,v) \mapsto rv$ . F can be rearded as a vector space over  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\dim_{\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}} F = n$ , then  $F \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n \implies |F| = n$ .

**Theorem 10.** Let F be a field. Then any finite subgroup G of  $(F^{\times}, \cdot, 1)$  is cyclic.

**pf:** Let |G| = n. Define h to be the max order of an element in G, say  $a^h = 1$ . If h = n, then  $|\langle a \rangle| = h = n = |G|$  and  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq G$ , so  $G = \langle a \rangle$ . Otherwise, h < n. We know that  $x^h - 1$  has at most h roots. So  $\exists b \in G$  is not a root of  $x^h - 1$ . Let  $\operatorname{ord}(b) = h'$ , so  $h' \mid n$  and  $h' \nmid h$ . So  $\exists$  a prime p s.t.  $p^r \mid h'$  but  $p^r \nmid h$ . Write  $h = mp^s$ , s < r and  $\gcd(m, p) = 1 \Longrightarrow \operatorname{ord}\left(a^{p^s}\right) = m$ . Write  $h' = qp^r \Longrightarrow \operatorname{ord}\left(b^q\right) = p^r$ . Since  $\gcd(m, p^r) = 1$ ,  $\operatorname{ord}\left(a^{p^s}b^q\right) = mp^r > mp^s = h$ , which is a contradiction.

#### Ex 1.4.5.

- 1. Let  $a, b \in G$  with ab = ba and ord(a) = m, ord(b) = n. If gcd(m, n) = 1, then ord(ab) = mn. In general, is the order of ab equal to lcm(m, n)?
- 2. Let G be a finite group and  $H, K \leq G$ . Then  $|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$ .

## 1.5 Week 5

#### 1.5.1 Group actions I

**Def 29.** A group G is said to act on a nonempty set X if  $\exists$  a map  $G \times X \to X$  with  $(g, x) \mapsto gx$  s.t.

- 1. 1x = x
- 2.  $(g_1g_2)x = g_1(g_2x) \quad \forall g_1, g_2 \in G$

**Prop 1.5.1.** {actions of G}  $\leftrightarrow$  {group homo.  $G \rightarrow S_X$ }

**pf:** Given an action  $(g, x) \mapsto gx$ , consider  $\varphi : G \to S_X$  s.t.  $\varphi : g \mapsto (\tau_g : x \mapsto gx)$ .

- 1-1:  $gx = gy \implies g^{-1}(gx) = y \implies x = y$ .
- onto:  $\forall y \in X$ , let  $x = g^{-1}y$ , then y = gx.
- group homo.:  $\varphi(gg') = (\tau_{gg'} : x \mapsto gg'x) = \tau_g \circ \tau'_g = \varphi(g)\varphi(g')$ .

Conversely, given a group homo.  $\varphi: G \to S_X$ , consider  $(g, x) \mapsto \varphi(g)(x)$ .

- $1x = \varphi(1)(x) = \text{Id}(x) = x$ .
- $g_1g_2x = \varphi(g_1g_2)(x) = \varphi(g_1) \circ \varphi(g_2)(x) = g_1(g_2x).$

**Def 30.** A representation of G on a vector space V is a group action of G on V linearly. i.e.  $\exists$  group homo.  $\varphi: G \to \operatorname{GL}(V)$ .

Eg 1.5.1.

$$\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \to \mathrm{SO}(2), \quad \overline{k} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{2k\pi}{m} & -\sin\frac{2k\pi}{m} \\ \sin\frac{2k\pi}{m} & \cos\frac{2k\pi}{m} \end{pmatrix}$$

Eg 1.5.2.

$$S_n \to \mathrm{GL}(n,\mathbb{R}), \quad \sigma \mapsto (\tau_\sigma : e_i \mapsto e_{\sigma(i)})$$

#### Remark 8.

- 1. An action  $G \times X \to X$  is said to be faithful if the corresponding group homo.  $\varphi : G \hookrightarrow S_X$ , denoted by  $G \curvearrowright X$ .
- 2. In general,  $\ker \varphi = \{ g \in G \mid gx = x \quad \forall x \in X \} = \bigcap_{x \in X} \{ g \mid gx = x \}.$ Define  $G_x = \{ g \mid gx = x \} \leq G$  is the isotropy subgroup of G at x. (the stabilizer of G at x)
- 3.  $\varphi: G \to S_X \implies G/\ker \varphi \hookrightarrow S_X$ . So  $G/\ker \varphi \times X \to X$  is faithful.
- 4. Let  $\mathcal{C}(X) = \{ f : X \to \mathbb{C} \}$ . If  $G \curvearrowright X$ , then  $G \curvearrowright \mathcal{C}(X)$  by  $G \times \mathcal{C}(X) \to \mathcal{C}(X)$  with  $(g, f) \mapsto gf(x) = f(g^{-1}x)$ .

The reason:  $(g_1g_2)f(x) = f((g_1g_2)^{-1}x) = f(g_2^{-1}g_1^{-1}x) = g_1(g_2f)(x)$ .

**Def 31.** Let  $G \curvearrowright X$  and  $x \in X$ .

- The **orbit** of x is defined to be  $Gx = \{gx \mid g \in G\}$ .
- $G \cap X$  is said to be transitive if  $\exists$  only one orbit. i.e.  $\forall x, y \in X, \exists g \in G$  s.t. y = gx.

The set of orbits forms a partition:  $x \sim y \iff \exists g \in G \text{ s.t. } y = gx.$ 

**Prop 1.5.2.** Let  $G \cap X$  and  $x \in X$ . Then  $|Gx| = [G : G_x]$ . In particular,  $|G| < \infty \implies |G| = |Gx||G_x| \quad \forall x \in X$ .

**pf:** Define  $\psi: Gx \to \{\text{left coset of } G_x\}$  as  $\psi: gx \mapsto gG_x$ .

- well-defined and 1-1:  $g_1x = g_2x \iff g_2^{-1}g_1x = x \iff g_2^{-1}g_1 \in G_x \iff g_2^{-1}g_1G_x = G_x \iff g_1G_x = g_2G_x$ .
- onto:  $\forall g \in G, \psi(gx) = gG_x$ .

#### 1.5.2 Action by left multiplication

- The action  $G \times G \to G$ ,  $(g, x) \mapsto gx$  is associated with  $\varphi : G \hookrightarrow S_G$ . It is faithful (Cayley theorem) and transitive.
- Let  $H \leq G$  and  $X := \{ \text{left coset of } H \}$ . The group action  $(g, xH) \mapsto gxH \leadsto \varphi : G \to S_X$ .

$$\ker \varphi = \bigcap_{x \in G} \underbrace{xHx^{-1}}_{\text{$x$ a conjugate of $H$}} \leq H$$

which is the largest normal subgroup in G contained in H.

$$\mathbf{pf:} \ \ \mathbf{If} \ \begin{cases} N \lhd G \\ N \leq H \end{cases} \ , \forall x \in G, xNx^{-1} \leq xHx^{-1} \implies N = N(xx^{-1}) = xNx^{-1} \leq xHx^{-1}. \qquad \Box$$

**Prop 1.5.3.** Let  $H \leq G$  with [G:H] = p being the smallest prime dividing |G|. Then  $H \triangleleft G$ .

**pf:** Let  $X = \{a_1H, \ldots, a_pH\}$  (all left coests of H) and  $\varphi : G \to S_p$  be the associated group homo. for the group action  $(g, a_iH) \mapsto ga_iH$ .

By the 1st isom. thm.,  $G/\ker \varphi \hookrightarrow S_p$ .

By Lagrange thm.  $|G/\ker\varphi| \mid |S_p| = p!$  and  $|G/\ker\varphi| \mid |G| \implies |G/\ker\varphi| \mid p$ .

So  $|G/\ker \varphi| = 1$  or p.

If  $|G/\ker \varphi| = 1 \implies G = \ker \varphi \le H \le G$ , which is a contradiction.

So  $|G/\ker \varphi| = p \implies [G : \ker \varphi] = p \implies [G : H][H : \ker \varphi] = p \implies [H : \ker \varphi] = 1 \implies H = \ker \varphi \triangleleft G.$ 

## 1.5.3 Action by conjugation

• The action  $G \times G \to G$   $(g,x) \mapsto gxg^{-1}$  is associated with the group homo.  $\varphi : G \to S_G$   $g \mapsto (\tau_g : x \mapsto gxg^{-1})$ .

$$\operatorname{Inn}(G) := \{ \tau_a \mid g \in G \}$$

Fact 1.5.1.  $\tau_g$  is an automorphism. (isom.  $G \to G$ )

So  $\varphi: G \to \operatorname{Inn}(G) \leq \operatorname{Aut}(G) \leq S_G$ .

$$\ker \varphi = \{ g \in G \mid gxg^{-1} = x \quad \forall x \in G \} = Z_G.$$

By the 1st isom. thm.,  $G/\ker \varphi \cong \operatorname{Inn}(G)$ .

- The conjugacy class:  $Gx = \{gxg^{-1} \mid g \in G\} = Cl(x)$ .
- The centralizer of x in G:  $G_x = \{g \in G \mid gxg^{-1} = x\} = Z_G(x)$ .

$$|Cl(x)| = [G : Z_G(x)], \text{ if } |G| < \infty, |G| = |Cl(x)||Z_G(x)||$$

• For  $H \triangleleft G$ , define  $G \times H \to H$   $(g,h) \mapsto ghg^{-1}$  with the group homo.  $\varphi : G \to \operatorname{Aut}(H)$ .

$$\ker \varphi = \{ g \in G \mid gxg^{-1} = x \quad \forall x \in H \} = Z_G(H) \implies G/Z_G(H) \le \operatorname{Aut}(H)$$

• The normalizer of H in G:  $N_G(H) = \{ g \in G \mid gHg^{-1} = H \}$ 

#### 1.6 Week 6

#### 1.6.1 Group actions II

**Def 32.** Let  $G \cap X$  and  $|X| < \infty$ . Write Fix  $G := \{ x \in X \mid gx = x \quad \forall g \in G \}$ .

- $x \in \operatorname{Fix} G, Gx = \{x\}.$
- $x \notin \operatorname{Fix} G$ ,  $|Gx| = [G:G_x]$ .

Let  $\{G_{x_1}, \ldots, G_{x_n}\}$  be the set of distinct orbits. After rearrangement, assume  $x_1, \ldots, x_r \in \operatorname{Fix} G, x_{r+1}, \ldots, x_n \notin \operatorname{Fix} G$ . Then

$$|X| = |\text{Fix } G| + \sum_{i=r+1}^{n} [G:G_{x_i}]$$

**Theorem 11** (class equation). Let  $|G| < \infty$ . Then either  $G = Z_G$  or  $\exists a_1, \ldots, a_m \in G \setminus Z_G$  s.t.

$$|G| = |Z_G| + \sum_{i=1}^{n} [G : G_{a_i}]$$

**pf:** Consider the action  $(g, x) \mapsto gxg^{-1}$ , then

$$\operatorname{Fix} G = \{ x \in G \mid gxg^{-1} = x \quad \forall g \in G \} = Z_G$$

It follows from the above argument.

**Def 33.** G is called a p-group if  $|G| = p^n$ , where p is a prime,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Prop 1.6.1.** If G is a p-group, then  $Z_G \neq \{1\}$ .

**pf:** Let  $|G| = p^n$ . If  $G = Z_G$ , then done. Otherwise, by the class equation (use action by conjugation),  $|G| = |Z_G| + \sum_{i=1}^n [G:G_{a_i}], \quad a_i \notin Z_G$ .

$$G_{a_i} = Z_G(a_i)$$
, so  $a_i \notin Z_G \implies Z_G(a_i) \subseteq G \implies p \mid [G : Z_G(a_i)] = \frac{|G|}{|Z_G(a_i)|}$ .  
So  $|Z_G| = |G| - \sum_{i=1}^n [G : Z_G(a_i)] \implies p \mid |Z_G| \implies Z_G \neq \{1\}$ .

**Prop 1.6.2.** If  $|G| = p^2$ , then G is abelian.  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$ )

**pf:** Assume that G is not abelian. By prop 1.6.1,  $|Z_G| = p \implies |G/Z_G| = p \implies G/Z_G$  is cyclic  $\implies G$  is abelian. (contradiction)

**Prop 1.6.3.** If  $|G| = p^3$  and G is not abelian, then  $|Z_G| = p$ . (Abelian:  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/p^3\mathbb{Z}$ )

**Prop 1.6.4.** Let  $|G| = p^n$ . Then  $\forall 0 \le k \le n, \exists G_k \lhd G$  s.t.  $|G_k| = p^k$  and  $G_i \le G_{i+1}$ . In general, for a finite group G,  $\exists \{1\} = G_r \lhd G_{r-1} \lhd \cdots \lhd G_1 \lhd G_0 = G$  s.t.  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  is cyclic. we call G a solvable group.

**pf:** By induction on n, n = 1 is trivial. For n > 1, assume that the statement a holds for n - 1. By prop 1.6.1,  $Z_G \neq \{1\}$ .  $\exists a \in Z_G, a \neq 1$ . Let  $\operatorname{ord}(a) = p^l$ , then  $\operatorname{ord}(a^{p^{l-1}}) = p$ .  $\Longrightarrow$  in any case,  $\exists a \in Z_G$  with  $\operatorname{ord}(a) = p$ .

Now  $|G/\langle a\rangle| = p^{n-1}$ , so by induction hypothesis,  $\forall 0 \le k \le n-1, \exists \overline{G_k} \triangleleft G/\langle a\rangle$  s.t.  $|\overline{G_k}| = p^k, \overline{G_i} \le \overline{G_{i+1}}$ .

By 3rd isom. thm.,  $\exists G_{k+1} \triangleleft G$  s.t.  $\overline{G_k} = G_{k+1}/\langle a \rangle, G_i \lneq G_{i+1}$  and  $|G_{k+1}| = p^{k+1}$ .

**Prop 1.6.5.** Let a *p*-group  $G \cap X$  with  $|X| < \infty$ . Then  $|X| \equiv |\operatorname{Fix} G| \pmod{p}$ .

**Theorem 12** (Cauchy theorem). Let  $p \mid |G|$ . Then  $\exists a \in G \text{ s.t. } \operatorname{ord}(a) = p$ . Consider

$$X = \{ (a_1, \dots, a_p) \mid a_i \in G, a_1 a_2 \dots a_p = 1 \}$$

and the action  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times X \to X$ :

$$(\overline{k},(a_1,\ldots,a_p))\mapsto(a_{k+1},\ldots,a_p,a_1,\ldots,a_k)$$

(This is well-defined since  $ab=1 \implies ba=1$  in a group.) We find that  $(a_1,\ldots,a_p) \in \operatorname{Fix} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \iff a_1=a_2\ldots a_p$ . By prop 1.6.5,  $|\operatorname{Fix} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}| \equiv |X| \pmod{p}$ . And  $|X|=|G|^{p-1}\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Since  $(1,\ldots,1)\in\operatorname{Fix} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, |\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}|\neq 0 \implies |\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}|\geq p$ . So  $\exists (a,\ldots,a)\in\operatorname{Fix} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \implies a^p=1$ .

Application: Let  $|G| = p^3$  and G be non-abelian (p is odd). By prop 1.6.3,  $|G/Z_G| = p^2$ . Since G is non-abelian, we have  $G/Z_G \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . That is,  $\forall a \in G, a^p \in Z_G$ . So,

$$\exists \varphi: G \to Z_G \cong C_p \text{ with } \varphi: a \mapsto a^p$$

Since  $G/Z_G$  is abelian,  $[G,G] \leq Z_G$ . And

$$\begin{cases} |[G,G]| \mid |Z_G| = p \\ G \text{ is non-abelian} \end{cases} \implies [G,G] = Z_G$$

**Def 34.**  $[x,y] = x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \in [G,G], [x,y]^p = 1.$ 

So  $a^p b^p = a^p b^p [b, a]^p$  ... 換換換總共需要 p(p-1)/2

$$a^p b^p = (ab)^p [b, a]^{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} = (ab)^p$$

So  $\varphi$  is a group homo.

Now if  $\ker \varphi = G$  ( $\forall a \in G, a^p = 1$ ), i.e.  $\varphi$  is trivial, then  $\varphi$  is useless. Else,  $\exists a \in G$  s.t.  $\operatorname{ord}(a) = p^2$ , then  $H = \langle a \rangle \lhd G$ . ([G:H] = p is the smallest prime dividing |G|)

Also, in this case,  $\varphi: G \to Z_G \implies G/\ker \varphi \cong Z_G$ . Let  $E = \ker \varphi$ ,  $|E| = p^2$ . By the def. of  $\ker \varphi$ ,  $E \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

We find that  $H \cap E = \langle a^p \rangle$ . Pick  $b \in E \setminus H$  and let  $K = \langle b \rangle \implies |K| = p, H \cap K = \{1\}, HK = G.$ 

## 1.6.2 Semidirect product

Fact 1.6.1. 
$$K \triangleleft G, H \triangleleft G, K \cap H = \{1\} \implies KH = K \times H$$
  
 $(\forall k \in K, h \in H, khk^{-1}h^{-1} \in H \cap K = \{1\}, \implies kh = hk)$ 

**Fact 1.6.2.** Let K, H be two groups, and  $G = K \times H \implies K \times \{1\} \triangleleft K \times H, \{1\} \times H \triangleleft K \times H$ 

Observation 1.  $K \leq G, H \triangleleft G, K \cap H = \{1\}$  (K 慘 H 好,簡稱慘好集) ⇒ elements in KH has unique representation? 好事喔  $KH \iff K \times H$  1-1 corresp,  $(kh) \leftrightarrow (k,h)$ 

Group operation:  $\forall k_1, k_2 \in K, h_1, h_2 \in H, (k_1h_1)(k_2h_2) = k_1k_2(k_2^{-1}h_1k_2)h_2$ Let  $\tau: K \to \text{Aut}(H), k \mapsto (\tau(k): h \mapsto khk^{-1})$  (類似  $\in \text{Inn}(H)$ )

**Def 35** (Semi-Direct Product (慘好積)).  $K \times_{\tau} H = \{(k,h)|k \in K, h \in H\}$  with group operation :  $(k_1,h_1)(k_2,h_2) = (k_1k_2,\tau(k_2^{-1})(h_1)(h_2))$  where  $\tau: K \to \operatorname{Aut}(H)$  (need not to be inner homomorphism)

Properties:

- Associativity: Good, ex
- The identity = (1,1)
- Inverse :  $(k,h)^{-1} = (k^{-1}, \tau(k)(h^{-1}))$
- $K \cong K \times \{1\} \leq K \times_{\tau} H : (k_1, 1)(k_2, 1) = (k_1k_2, \tau(k_2^{-1})(1)1) = (k_1k_2, 1) \in K \times \{1\}$  $H \cong \{1\} \times H \leq K \times \tau H : (1, h + 1), (1, h_2) = (1, \tau(1^{-1})(h_1)h_2) = (1, h_1h_2) \in \{1\} \times K$
- $H \triangleleft K \times_t H : (k,h)(1,h')(k,h)^{-1} = (k,hh')(k^{-1},\tau(k)(h^{-1})) = (1,\tau(k)(hh')\tau(k)(h^{-1})) \in H$
- $\tau(k)(h) = khk^{-1} : (k,1)(1,h)(k^{-1},1) = (k,h)(k^{-1},1) = (1,\tau(k)(h))$
- If  $\tau$  is trivial  $\implies K \times_t H \cong K \times H$

**Remark 9.** Some definition swaps the order of H and K, i.e.  $(h_1, k_1)(h_2, k_2) = (h_1\phi(k_1)(h_2), k_1k_2)$ 

**Ex 1.6.1.** Show that  $H \rtimes_{\phi} K$  is a group and satisfies the above properties.

Eg 1.6.1. Construct a non-abelian group of order 21.

Fact 1.6.3.  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \cong C_{n-1}$ 

Sol: 
$$\phi_k : \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \overline{1} \mapsto \overline{k}$$
  
 $\phi_{k_2}o\phi_{k_1}(T) = \phi_{k_2}(\overline{k_1}) = \phi_{k_2}(T + \dots + T) = \overline{k_2} + \dots + \overline{k_2} = \overline{k_1k_2}$   
Let  $K = C_3, H = C_7$ , define  $\tau : C_3 \to \operatorname{Aut}(C_7) \cong C_6, a \mapsto \phi_2$   
 $\phi_k : b \mapsto b^k$   
 $G = \langle a, b | a^3 = 1, b^7 = 1, aba^{-1} = b^2 \rangle$ 

**Eg 1.6.2.** p : odd,  $|G| = p^3$ , G is non-abelian.

(sol)  $\phi: G \to Z(G), a \mapsto a^p$  non trivial case  $\exists a \in G$  with  $\operatorname{ord}(a) = p^2$ . Let  $H = \langle a \rangle$  here  $\phi$  is onto and  $E = \ker \phi \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  And  $|H \cap E| = p$   $H \lhd G$  because [G:H] = p Pick  $b \in E \setminus H$  and let  $K = \langle b \rangle \implies |K| = p, K \cap H = \{1\}$  so  $|G| = |KH| = p^3$ 

Fact 1.6.4.  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$ 

Sol:  $\phi_k: \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}, \overline{1} \mapsto \overline{k}, \gcd(k,p) = 1$ Find a group homo  $\tau: K \Longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(H)$  because  $(1+p)^p \equiv 1 \mod p^2$ , ord  $(\overline{1+p}) \in \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$  Let  $P = \langle \overline{1+p} \rangle$  is the only subgroup of order p. (if  $\exists |Q| = p, P \neq Q$  then  $P \cap Q = 1, |PQ| = p^2$ , miserable.) So let  $\tau: b \mapsto (\phi_{1+p}: a \mapsto a^{1+p})$  so  $G = \langle a, b | a^{p^2} = 1, b^p = 1, bab^{-1} = a^{1+p} \rangle$  is a non-abelian group of order  $p^3$ .

Eg 1.6.3. Isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ 

**Def 36** (Isometry). An isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a function  $h:\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}^n$  that preserves the distance between vectors.

 $h = t \circ k$  where t is translation, k is an isometry fixing the origin, i.e.  $k \in O(n)$ . Let T be the group of translations on  $R^n$ ,  $T \cong (R^n, +, 0), t \mapsto t(0)$ . Let  $\tau : O(n) \to \operatorname{Aut}(T), A \mapsto L_A : R^n \to R^n, v \mapsto Av$  $\Longrightarrow \operatorname{Isom}(R^n) = O(n) \times_{\tau} R^n$ 

**Eg 1.6.4.** Quaternium  $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$  is not a semi-deriect product of any two proper subgroups.

pf: since  $\{\pm 1\}$  is contained in any non-trivial subgroups, can't find  $H \cap K = \{1\}$ .

Eg 1.6.5. 
$$A_4, V_4 = \{1, (12)(34), (14)(23), (13)(24)\} \triangleleft A_4, V_4 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

Let  $H = \langle (123) \rangle \cong C_3$ , define  $\tau : H \to \operatorname{Aut}(V_4) \cong GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$  (123)  $\mapsto (\bar{0}\bar{1}; \bar{1}\bar{1})$  so  $A_4 \cong C_3 \times_{\tau} V_4$ .

**Ex 1.6.2.** Construct  $D_n$  as a semi-direct product of  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

## Ex 1.6.3.

- 1. Show that  $S_4$  is a semi-direct product of  $V_4$  and  $H = \{ \sigma \in S_4 | \sigma(4) = 4 \} \sim S_3$ .
- 2. Show that  $S_n$  is a semi-direct product of  $A_n$  and  $H = \langle (12) \rangle$ .

## Remark 10.

- $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \cong GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$  (regarded as a vector space over  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ )
- $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \cong \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \times \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}) \cong C_{p-1} \times C_{q-1}$

#### 1.7 Week 7

## 1.7.1 Composition series

Ques: How to simplify a finite group G? Strategy:

- If  $G = \{1\}$ , then done.
- Otherwise, check whether G has a nontrivial proper normal subgroup.
- If no, then G is said to be a simple group.
- Otherwise, find a normal subgroup  $G_1$  as large as possible s.t.  $G/G_1$  is simple.
- If  $G_1$  is simple, then done.
- Otherwse, repeat above on  $G_1$  and get  $G_2, \ldots, G_n$  s.t.

$$G_n = \{1\} \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft G_0 = G$$
  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  is simple composition factors

Say "it is a composition series" with length(G) = n.

Hence simple groups can be regarded as basic building blocks of groups. The classification of all finite simple groups is given as follows:

- 1.  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , p is a prime.
- 2.  $A_n, n > 5$ .
- 3. simple groups of Lie type.
- 4. 26 sporadic simple groups.

Eg 1.7.1. 
$$G = S_4, G_1 = A_4, G_2 = V_4, G_3 = \langle (1\ 2)(3\ 4) \rangle, G_4 = \{1\} \rightsquigarrow \text{length}(S_4) = 4.$$
 factors:  $C_2, C_3, C_2, C_2$ .

Eg 1.7.2.  $G = \mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} = \langle \bar{1} \rangle$ .

- $G_1 = \langle \bar{2} \rangle, G_2 = \langle \bar{4} \rangle, G_3 = \langle \bar{0} \rangle \rightsquigarrow \text{length}(3), \text{ factors: } C_2, C_2, C_3.$
- $G_1' = \langle \overline{2} \rangle, G_2' = \langle \overline{6} \rangle, G_3' = \langle \overline{0} \rangle \leadsto \text{length}(3), \text{ factors: } C_2, C_3, C_2.$
- $G_1'' = \langle \bar{3} \rangle, G_2'' = \langle \bar{6} \rangle, G_3'' = \langle \bar{0} \rangle \rightarrow \text{length}(3), \text{ factors: } C_3, C_2, C_2.$

**Eg 1.7.3.** Let 
$$|G| = p^n$$
. We know  $\forall 0 \le k \le n$ ,  $\exists G_k \triangleleft G$  with  $|G_k| = p^k$  and  $G_i \le G_{i+1}$ . length $(G) = n$ , factors:  $C_p, \ldots, C_p$ .  $(n \text{ times})$ 

**Theorem 13** (Jorden-Hölder theorem). If G has a composition series, then any two composition series have the same length and the same factors up to permutation.

**Lemma 1** (Zassenhaus lemma). Let  $H' \triangleleft H \leq G, K' \triangleleft K \leq G$ . Then  $(H \cap K')H' \triangleleft (H \cap K)H', (H' \cap K)K' \triangleleft (H \cap K)K'$  and

$$(H \cap K)H'/(H \cap K')H' \cong (H \cap K)K'/(H' \cap K)K'.$$

**Theorem 14** (Schreier theorem). Any two normal series of G have equivalent refinements. refinements: inserting a finite number of subgroups into the normal series.

**pf:** For two normal series:

$$\{1\} = H_r \triangleleft H_{r-1} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft H_1 \triangleleft H_0 = G$$
  
$$\{1\} = K_s \triangleleft K_{r-1} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft K_1 \triangleleft K_0 = G$$

We define

$$H_{ij} = (H_i \cap K_j)H_{i+1}$$
$$K_{ji} = (H_i \cap K_j)K_{j+1}.$$

Then we have

$$\{1\} = H_{(r-1)s} \lhd H_{(r-1)(s-1)} \lhd \cdots \lhd H_{(r-1)0} = H_{r-1} = H_{(r-2)s} \lhd \cdots \lhd H_{10} = H_1 = H_{0s} \lhd \cdots \lhd H_{00} = G$$

$$\{1\} = K_{(s-1)r} \lhd K_{(s-1)(r-1)} \lhd \cdots \lhd K_{(s-1)0} = K_{s-1} = K_{(s-2)r} \lhd \cdots \lhd K_{10} = K_1 = K_{0r} \lhd \cdots \lhd K_{00} = G$$

Both have size 
$$= rs$$
. By lemma,  $H_{ij}/H_{i(j+1)} \cong K_{ji}/K_{j(i+1)}$ . Note that if  $H_{ij} = H_{i(j+1)}$ , then  $K_{ji} = K_{j(i+1)}$ .

proof of Jorden-Hölder theorem. Let

$$\begin{cases} \{1\} = G_n \lhd \cdots \lhd G_1 \lhd G_0 = G & (*) \\ \{1\} = G'_m \lhd \cdots \lhd G'_1 \lhd G'_0 = G & (**) \end{cases}$$

be two composition series.

By Schreier theorem, we get two refined equivalent series (\*)', (\*\*)'. Since (\*), (\*\*) are already composition series, (\*) = (\*)', (\*\*) = (\*\*)' So (\*), (\*\*) are equivalent.

proof of lemma. First prove  $(H \cap K')H' \triangleleft (H \cap K)H'$ .

• 
$$\forall g \in H \cap K, gK'g^{-1} = K' \leadsto (gHg^{-1}) \cap (gK'g^{-1} = H \cap K' \text{ and } gH'g^{-1} = H'. \text{ So}$$
  
$$g(H \cap K')H'g^{-1} = (H \cap K')H'$$

•  $\forall g \in H', ab \in (H \cap K')H',$ 

To prove

$$(H \cap K)H'/(H \cap K')H' \cong (H \cap K)K'/(H' \cap K)K'.$$

$$(H \cap K)H'/(H \cap K')H' \cong (H \cap K)(H \cap K')H'/(H \cap K')H'$$

$$\cong (H \cap K)/(H \cap K) \cap (H \cap K')H'$$

$$\cong (H \cap K)/K \cap (H \cap K')H'$$

$$\cong (H \cap K)/(H' \cap K)(H \cap K')$$

 $(K \cap (H \cap K')H' = (H' \cap K)(H \cap K')$ , tricky) By symmetry,

$$(H \cap K)K'/(H' \cap K')K' \cong (H \cap K)/(H' \cap K)(H \cap K')$$

**Prop 1.7.1.** Let  $|G| < \infty$ . Then G is solvable  $\iff$  all composition factors are cyclic of prime order.

**pf:** "
$$\Leftarrow$$
": by def. " $\Rightarrow$ ": If  $G_i/G_{i+1} \cong C_n$  with  $n = p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \dots p_r^{m_r}$ .

**Observation.** Let  $K \triangleleft G$ . 把 K, G/K 拆成兩個 composition series 的話, 就可以把兩串接起來,長度就是加起來。

**Ex 1.7.1.** Let  $\{1\} = G_n \triangleleft G_{n-1} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft G_0 = G$  be a composition series of G and  $K \triangleleft G$ . Then after we eliminate equalities,

- 1.  $\{1\} = (K \cap G_n) \triangleleft (K \cap G_{n-1}) \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft (K \cap G_1) \triangleleft (K \cap G_0) = K$  is a composition series of K.
- 2.  $\{\bar{1}\} = KG_n/K \triangleleft KG_{n-1}/K \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft KG_1/K \triangleleft KG_0/K = G/K$  is a composition series of G/K.

**Ex 1.7.2.** Let  $\begin{cases} H \lhd G \\ K \lhd G \end{cases}$  with  $H \neq K$  s.t. G/H, G/K are simple. Then  $H/H \cap K, K/K \cap H$  are simple too.

**Ex 1.7.3.** Let  $\{1\} = G_n \triangleleft G_{n-1} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft G_0 = G$  be a composition series of length n. Show by induction on n that for every composition series of G:

$$\{1\} = H_m \triangleleft H_{n-1} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft H_1 \triangleleft H_0 = G,$$

we have m = n and

$$\{H_{n-1}/H_n,\ldots,H_0/H_1\}=\{G_{n-1}/G_n,\ldots,G_0/G_1\}$$

**Ex 1.7.4.** Exhibit all composition series for  $Q_8, D_4, \mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  respectively.

#### 1.7.2 Modules over a PID

**Def 37.** Let R be a ring with 1. A R-modulue is an abelian group M (written additively) on which R acts linearly.  $R \times M \to M$   $(r, x) \mapsto rx$ 

- 1. r(x+y) = rx + ry  $r \in R, x, y \in M$
- 2.  $(r_1 + r_2)x = r_1x + r_2x$   $r_1, r_2 \in R, x \in M$
- 3.  $(r_1r_2)x = r_1(r_2x)$   $r_1, r_2 \in R, x \in M$
- $4. \ 1x = x \quad x \in M$
- **Eg 1.7.4.** A k-vector space is a k-module.
- **Eg 1.7.5.** An abelian group G can be regarded as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module

$$\mathbb{Z} \times G \to G$$

$$(n, a) \mapsto na \quad \text{by} \quad na = \begin{cases} \underbrace{a + \dots + a}_{n \text{ times}} & \text{if } n \ge 0 \\ \underbrace{(-a) + \dots + (-a)}_{n \text{ times}} & \text{if } n < 0 \end{cases}$$

**Eg 1.7.6.** Let *I* be an ideal of *R*. Then *I* can be regarded as an *R*-module since  $\forall r \in R, a \in I$ ,  $ra \in I$ .

**Def 38.** A submodule N of M is an additive subgroup of M s.t.  $\forall r \in R, a \in N, ra \in N$ .

**Prop 1.7.2.** Let  $\phi \neq S \subseteq M$ . The submodule generated by S is defined to be

$$\langle S \rangle_R = \left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} r_i x_i \middle| x_i \in S, r_i \in R \right\} = \text{the least submodule containg } S$$

$$= \bigcap_{S \subset N \subset M} N$$

**Def 39.** An R-module M is said to be finitely generated if  $\exists x_1, \ldots, x_n \in M$  s.t.  $M = \langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle_R = Rx_1 + Rx_2 + \ldots Rx_n$ 

**Eg 1.7.7.** R is generated by 1 as an R-module.

**Def 40.** An additive group homo.  $\varphi: M_1 \to M_2$  is called an R-module homo. if

$$\varphi(rx) = r\varphi(x) \quad \forall r \in R, x \in M_1$$

**Def 41.** An integral domain R is called a principal ideal domain (PID) if  $\forall I$  ideal in R,  $\exists a \in R$  s.t.  $I = \langle a \rangle_R$ .

**Eg 1.7.8.**  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a PID.

For  $I \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ , I is an additive subgroup, so  $I = m\mathbb{Z} = \langle m \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

**Def 42.** M is said to be a free module of rank n if  $M \cong \mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{R} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}$ )

**Theorem 15.** If R is a PID, then any submodule of  $R^n$  is free of rank  $\leq n$ .

**pf:** By induction on n, n = 1,  $\forall I \subseteq R$ ,  $\exists a \in R \text{ s.t. } I = \langle a \rangle_R = Ra \cong R \text{ (as a } R\text{-module)}.$  Let n > 1 and N be a submodule of  $R^n$ . Consider

$$\pi_1: \frac{R^n \to R}{(r_1, \dots, r_n) \mapsto r_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \pi = \pi_1 \Big|_N: N \to R$$

case 1: Im  $\pi = \{0\}$ . In this case,  $N \subseteq \ker \pi_1 \cong \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ . By induction hypothesis, N is free of rank  $\leq n-1 < n$ .

case 2: Im  $\pi = \langle a \rangle$ , say  $\pi(x) = a$ . Claim:  $N = Rx \oplus \ker \pi, \ker \pi \subseteq \ker \pi_1 \cong R^{n-1}$ .

- $Rx \cap \ker \pi = \{0\}: rx \in Rx \cap \ker \pi \implies \pi(rx) = 0 \implies r = 0 \implies rx = 0$
- $\forall y \in N, \pi(y) = r_0 a$  for some  $r_0 \in R$ ,  $\pi(y r_0 x) = 0 \implies y r_0 x \in \ker \pi$ . So  $N \subseteq Rx \oplus \ker \pi$ .

Recall that the elementary matrices are

- $D_i(u) = \text{diag}(1, ..., 1, u, 1, ..., 1).$   $D_i(u) \in GL(n, R)$  if u is a unit.
- $B_{ij}(a) = I_n + ae_{ij}, a \in R, i \neq j.$   $B_{ij}(a)^{-1} = B_{ij}(-a) \implies B_{ij}(a) \in GL(n, R).$
- $P_{ij} = I_n e_{ii} e_{jj} + e_{ij} + e_{ji}$ .

**Fact 1.7.1.** If R is a PID and  $\langle a, b \rangle_R = \langle d \rangle_R$ , then  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ .

pf:

- $a \in \langle d \rangle_R \implies a = rd$  for some  $r \in R \implies d \mid a. \ v \in \langle d \rangle_R \implies d \mid b.$
- Let  $c \mid a, c \mid b$ , say  $a = k_1 c, b = k_2 c$ .  $d \in \langle a, b \rangle_R \implies d = x_1 a + x_2 b$  for some  $x_1, x_2 \in R$ . So  $d = x_1 k_1 c + x_2 k_2 c = (x_1 k_1 + x_2 k_2)c \implies c \mid d$ .

**Theorem 16.** Let R be a PID and  $A \in M_{n \times m}(R)$ . Then  $\exists P \in GL_n(R)$  and  $Q \in GL_m(R)$  s.t.

**pf:** Define the length l(a) of  $a \neq 0$  to be r if  $a = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r$  where  $p_1, \dots, p_r$  are prime elements. prime elements:  $p \mid ab \implies p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ .

- 1. We may assume  $a_{11} \neq 0$  and  $l(a_{11}) \leq l(a_{ij}) \forall a_{ij} \neq 0$ . (換一換就上去了...XD)
- 2. We may assume  $\begin{cases} a_{11} \mid a_{1k} & \forall k=2,\ldots,m \\ a_{11} \mid a_{k1} & \forall k=2,\ldots,n \end{cases}$ . If  $a_{11} \nmid a_{1k}$ , then we can interchange 2nd and kth columns to assume  $a=a_{11} \nmid a_{12}=b$ .

Let 
$$d = \gcd(a, b) \implies \begin{cases} l(d) < l(a) \\ d = ax + by \text{ for some } x, y \in R \end{cases} \implies 1 = \frac{a}{d}x + \frac{b}{d}y$$
. Write  $b' = \frac{b}{d}, a' = -\frac{a}{d}$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} -a' & b' \\ y & -x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & b' \\ y & a' \end{pmatrix} = I_2$$

反正就是移一下減掉, length 會一直變小 ⇒ 這個操作會停息

3. 有這個  $egin{cases} a_{11} \mid a_{1k} & \forall k=2,\dots,m \\ a_{11} \mid a_{k1} & \forall k=2,\dots,n \end{cases}$  就可以全部消掉變成

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$

4. May assume  $a_{11} \mid b_{kl} \quad \forall k, l$ . 不是的話就把該 row 往第一 row 加上去,重複前面的操作, $l(a_{11})$  總是變小,因此會停.

5. 遞迴下去...

最後就弄出想要的矩陣了.