

Algebra

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1 Group theory

1.1 Week 1

Def 1. A non-empty set G with a binary function $f : G \times G \rightarrow G, (a, b) \mapsto ab$ 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 $H \subseteq G, H \neq \emptyset$. 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 $b \in H \implies b^{-1} \in H$, and $a \in H$, so $ab^{-1} \in H$.

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

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

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

Def 4. Let $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$. 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 $U(1) \cong SO(2)$. $S^1 = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a^2 + b^2 = 1 \}$,

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 ($\mathbb{H} = \{ a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \}$) $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1, ij = k, jk = i, ki = j$ ($\implies ij = -ji$)
 $x = a + bi + cj + dk, \bar{x} = a - bi - cj - dk$
 $N(x) = x\bar{x} = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \neq 0, N(x) \neq 0, x^{-1} = \frac{1}{N(x)}\bar{x}$
 $x = a + bi + cj + dk = (a + bi) + (c + di)j$
 $SU(2) \cong \{ x \in \mathbb{H}^\times \mid N(x) = 1 \}$
 $S^3 = \{ (a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1 \}$
 $\star S^1, S^3$

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). $Sp(n, \mathbb{F}) = \{ A \in GL(2n, \mathbb{F}) \mid A^t J A = J \}$ where $J = \begin{pmatrix} O & I_n \\ -I_n & O \end{pmatrix}$.

($A^t J A = J$ preserving non-degenerate skew-symmetric forms)

$Sp(n) = \{ A \in GL(n, \mathbb{H}) \mid A^* A = I_n \}$.

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

$$SU(2) \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

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 $(S_B, \cdot, \text{Id}_B)$ forms a group.

If $B = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$, then $S_B \cong S_{\{1, \dots, n\}}$ and write $S_n = S_{\{1, \dots, n\}}$, 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 $\sigma_a : G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto ax$. 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

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$$\sigma \in S_5 \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \sigma = (1\ 4)(2\ 3\ 5) \\ \Rightarrow$$

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.

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

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 $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

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

Case 2: Otherwise, CONCON

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

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

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

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

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \text{O}(2)$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{O}(2)$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \alpha$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} A^2 = I_2 \implies \pm 1$$

$$L_A(v) = v - 2\langle v, v_2 \rangle v_2$$

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

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 $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

- T is called a rotation if \exists a T -invariant subspace $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\dim W = 2$ s.t. $\begin{cases} T|_W \text{ is a rotation} \\ T|_{W^\perp} = \text{id}_{W^\perp} \end{cases}$
- T is called a reflection if \exists a T -invariant subspace $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\dim W = 1$ s.t. $\begin{cases} T|_W = -\text{id}_W \\ T|_{W^\perp} = \text{id}_{W^\perp} \end{cases}$

$$= \langle \text{rotations, reflections} \rangle$$

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

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

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

$$Av = \widetilde{L}_A(v) = \lambda v = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 i)(v_1 + v_2 i) \implies \begin{cases} Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1 - \lambda_2 v_2 \\ Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_1 + \lambda_1 v_2 \end{cases},$$

$$\text{so } W = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle.$$

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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.

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

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 $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} & -\sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \\ \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} & \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SO}(2)$. 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. $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \overline{(n-1)}\}$ with $\bar{j} = \{m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m \equiv j \pmod{n}\}$. Define $\bar{i} + \bar{j} = \begin{cases} \overline{i+j} & \text{if } 0 \leq i+j \leq n \\ \overline{i+j-n} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \implies (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, +, \bar{0})$ forms a group.

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

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

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

Eg 1.2.7. ... , (generator) $(1, 2, 4, p^k, 2p^k, p \text{ is an odd prime})$

Def 14.

- The **order** of a finite group 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 $\text{ord}(a) = n$.
- If $a^n \neq 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, then we call “ a has infinite order”.

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

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

pf:

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

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

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

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

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

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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 $m = qd + r, 0 \leq r < d$. If $r \neq 0$, 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. $\forall m \mid n, \exists! H \leq \langle a \rangle$ 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. $\text{ord}(a) = n \implies G \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$
2. $\text{ord}(a) = \infty \implies G \cong \mathbb{Z}$

Ex 1.2.5. Show 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 $G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G, (g_1, g_2) \mapsto g_1 g_2$ 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 $a \neq 1 \in G_1 \cap G_2$, then $(1, a) \mapsto a, (a, 1) \mapsto a$, but the function is 1-1, which is a contradiction.)
- If $a \in G$ with $a = g_1 g_2 = g'_1 g'_2$, 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. $G = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}, G_1 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}\}, G_2 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}\}$. 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. $G = S_3, G_1 = \langle (1\ 2) \rangle, G_2 = \langle (2\ 3) \rangle, G_1 G_2 = \{1, (1\ 2), (2\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3)\} \not\leq G$ since $(1\ 3\ 2) = (1\ 2\ 3)^{-1} \notin G_1 G_2$.

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

pf:

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

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

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1.3 Week 3

1.3.1 Coset and Quotient Group

$f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ $\text{Im } f := f(G_1)$
 $\text{Im } f \leq G_2$

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

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

Fact 1.3.1.

1. $x \in (\ker f)a \iff f(x) = f(a)$.
2. $\ker f = \{1\} \iff f$ 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 $H \leq G, |H| \mid |G|$.

pf:

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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.

pf:

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

pf:

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Remark 6.

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

$\{aH : a \in G\} aH, bH(aH)(bH) = abH$
 $(aH)(bH) = abH$

Ex 1.3.1. Let $H = \langle (1\ 2) \rangle \leq S_3. a_1 = (1\ 3), a_2 = (1\ 2\ 3), b_1 = (1\ 3\ 2), b_2 = (2\ 3)$.

$a_1 b_1 H = a_2 b_2 H (a_1 b_1)^{-1} a_2 b_2 \in H$
 $b_1^{-1} a_1^{-1} a_2 b_2 = b_1^{-1} b_2 b_2^{-1} a_1^{-1} a_2 b_2$

$b_1^{-1} b_2, a_1^{-1} a_2 \in H b_2^{-1} a_1^{-1} a_2 b_2 \in H$

Def 18. Let $H \leq G$. H is said to be **normal subgroup** of G if $\forall g \in G, h \in H, g^{-1} h g \in H$ (or $g^{-1} H g \subseteq H$), 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 identity is $H = hH$ and $(aH)^{-1} = a^{-1}H$.)

Remark 7. Define $q : G \rightarrow G/H, a \mapsto aH$, 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) $\forall x, y \in G, (xH)(yH) = (xy)H$.

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Prop 1.3.1.

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

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

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 $\bar{a} := aZ_G$) 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 $x_1x_2 = a^{k_1+k_2}z_1z_2 = x_2x_1$. ($z_i \in Z_G$) □

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

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 $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be a group homo. Then $G_1/\ker f \cong \text{Im } f$.

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 $\text{Im } f$.
- 1-1: $f(a) = f(b) \implies a \ker f = b \ker f$ (easy).

□

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Then by 1st isom. thm.

□

Eg 1.3.7. $G = \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{C}), H = \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}), K = \mathbb{C}^\times I_2 = Z_G \triangleleft G$.

By 2nd isom. thm., $G/K \cong H/\{\pm I_2\}$. ($G = HK, \{\pm I_2\} = H \cap K$)

projective linear group: $\text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{C}) = G/K$.

projective special linear group: $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C}) = H/H \cap K$.

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 $\{\text{subgroups of } G/K\}$. ($H \triangleleft G$... normal)

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

- 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 $q : G \rightarrow G/K$.
 - $H \leq G$: $\forall a, b \in H, q(a), q(b) \in Q \implies q(a)q(b)^{-1} \in Q \implies q(ab^{-1}) \in Q \implies ab^{-1} \in H \implies H \leq G$.
 - $K \leq H$: $\forall a \in K, q(a) = aK = K \in Q \implies a \in H \implies K \leq H$.
 - $Q = H/K$: $\forall aK \in Q, aK = q(a) \implies a \in H \implies aK \in H/K \implies Q \subseteq H/K$.
And $\forall aK \in H/K (a \in H), q(a) \in Q \implies H/K \subseteq Q$. So $Q = H/K$.
- $H \triangleleft G, K \leq H \iff \forall g \in G, gHg^{-1} = H, K \leq H \iff \forall \bar{g} \in G/K, \bar{g}(H/K)\bar{g}^{-1} = H/K \iff H/K \triangleleft G/K$. \square

2. If $H \triangleleft G$ with $K \leq H$, then $(G/K)/(H/K) \cong G/H$.

pf: Define $\varphi : G \rightarrow (G/K)/(H/K)$ 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., $(G/K)/(H/K) \cong G/H$. \square

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

$$G/K \cong G'/K'K \cong K' \not\Rightarrow G \cong G'$$

Eg 1.3.9. Q_8 and D_4

$$A, BGK \triangleleft GK \cong A, G/K \cong B1 \rightarrow H \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/H \rightarrow 1$$

$$G = A \times B, K = A \times \{1\}$$

1.4 Week 4

1.4.1 Universal property and direct sum & product

$$f_1 : G_1 \rightarrow G, f_2 : G_2 \rightarrow G, f_1 \times f_2 : G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G, (a, b) \mapsto f_1(a)f_2(b)(a, b) = (a, 1)(1, b) = (1, b)(a, 1) \\ f_1(a)f_2(b) = f_2(b)f_1(a) \implies G$$

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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 $i_{s_0} : G_{s_0} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s, \forall s_0 \in \Lambda$ satisfying the universal property:
for any abelian group H and group homo. $\varphi_s : G_s \rightarrow H \forall s \in \Lambda$, $\exists!$ group homo. $\varphi : \bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s \rightarrow H$ s.t.

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

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

group operation: $(g_s)_{s \in \Lambda} + (g'_s)_{s \in \Lambda} := (g_s + g'_s)_{s \in \Lambda} \in \bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$.

Uniqueness: Assume \exists another G satisfies the universal property, $(G, \bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$ keep
 $i_{s_0}, \varphi \circ \psi = \text{id}_G, \psi \circ \varphi = \text{id}_{\bigoplus_{s \in \Lambda} G_s}$) \square

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 $p_{s_0} : \prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s \rightarrow G_{s_0}, \forall s_0 \in \Lambda$ satisfying the following universal property:

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

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

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

- group operation: $(g_s)_{s \in \Lambda} \cdot (g'_s)_{s \in \Lambda} := (g_s g'_s)_{s \in \Lambda} \in \prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$.
- Define φ : which is uniquely defined.

Uniqueness: Assume \exists another G satisfies the universal property, $(G, \prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s$ keep
 $i_{s_0}, \varphi \circ \psi = \text{id}_G, \psi \circ \varphi = \text{id}_{\prod_{s \in \Lambda} G_s}$) \square

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.

$$\zeta_m m \zeta_m^m = 1$$

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

$$\varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}/2^n \mathbb{Z} = \left(\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/2^n \mathbb{Z} \right) / \langle i_k(a) - i_j(f_{kj}(a)) \mid k \leq j, a \in \mathbb{Z}/2^k \mathbb{Z} \rangle$$

$$f_{kj} : \mathbb{Z}/2^k \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2^j \mathbb{Z}$$

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

1.4.2 Rings and fields

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

$$(a, b) \mapsto a + b \quad \text{and} \quad (a, b) \mapsto ab$$

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) $\forall a, b, c \in R, \begin{cases} a(b + c) = ab + ac \\ (b + c)a = ba + ca \end{cases}$

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)

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

A natural ring structure on $\text{End}(G)$ is:

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

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

Def 25. Let R be a ring with 1.

- (a) $\forall a \in R, a \neq 0$, a is 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.

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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 $\{0, aa_1, \dots, aa_n\} = R \implies \exists a_i$ s.t. $aa_i = 1$. \square

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.

- $f : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ is called a ring homomorphism if $\forall a, b \in R, \begin{cases} f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b) \\ f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \end{cases}$.
- $\text{Im } f$ 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 $R_1/\ker f \cong \text{Im } f$ (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

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

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. $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ s.t. $\varphi(1) = 1$.

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

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 $\text{char } R = m$.

Prop 1.4.3.

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

pf:

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

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

\square

Ex 1.4.4. Let F be a field. Show that

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

We have $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times F \rightarrow F, (r, v) \mapsto rv$. F can be regarded as a vector space over $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

Let $\dim_{\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}} F = n$, then $F \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n \implies |F| = p^n$. \square

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 $\text{ord}(b) = h'$, 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 $\gcd(m, p) = 1 \implies \text{ord}(a^{p^s}) = m$.

Write $h' = qp^r \implies \text{ord}(b^q) = p^r$.

Since $\gcd(m, p^r) = 1$, $\text{ord}(a^{p^s} b^q) = mp^r > mp^s = h$, which is a contradiction. \square

Ex 1.4.5.

1. Let $a, b \in G$ with $ab = ba$ and $\text{ord}(a) = m, \text{ord}(b) = n$. If $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, then $\text{ord}(ab) = mn$.
In general, is the order of ab equal to $\text{lcm}(m, n)$?
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 $G \times X \rightarrow X$ 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. $\{\text{actions of } G\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{group homo. } G \rightarrow S_X\}$

pf: Given an action $(g, x) \mapsto gx$, consider $\varphi : G \rightarrow S_X$ 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. $\varphi : G \rightarrow S_X$, 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. $\varphi : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$.

Eg 1.5.1.

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

Eg 1.5.2.

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

Remark 8.

1. An action $G \times X \rightarrow X$ 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. $\varphi : G \rightarrow S_X \implies G/\ker \varphi \hookrightarrow S_X$. So $G/\ker \varphi \times X \rightarrow X$ is faithful.
4. Let $\mathcal{C}(X) = \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}$. If $G \curvearrowright X$, then $G \curvearrowright \mathcal{C}(X)$ by $G \times \mathcal{C}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$ 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 $Gx = \{gx \mid g \in G\}$.
- $G \curvearrowright X$ 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: $x \sim y \iff \exists g \in G$ s.t. $y = gx$.

Prop 1.5.2. Let $G \curvearrowright X$ 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 $\psi : Gx \rightarrow \{\text{left coset of } G_x\}$ 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

- $G \times G \rightarrow G, (g, x) \mapsto gx\varphi : G \hookrightarrow S_G$
- $H \leq GX := \{\text{left coset of } H\}(g, xH) \mapsto gxH \rightsquigarrow \varphi : G \rightarrow S_X$

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

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

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

pf: Let $X = \{a_1H, \dots, a_pH\}$ (all left coests of H) and $\varphi : G \rightarrow S_p$ 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 $|G/\ker \varphi| = 1 \implies G = \ker \varphi \leq H \leq G$, 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

- $G \times G \rightarrow G(g, x) \mapsto gxg^{-1}\varphi : G \rightarrow S_Gg \mapsto (\tau_g : x \mapsto gxg^{-1})$

$$\text{Inn}(G) := \{\tau_g \mid g \in G\}$$

Fact 1.5.1. τ_g is an automorphism. (isom. $G \rightarrow G$)

$$\varphi : G \twoheadrightarrow \text{Inn}(G) \leq \text{Aut}(G) \leq S_G$$

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

$$G/\ker \varphi \cong \text{Inn}(G)$$

- $Gx = \{gxg^{-1} \mid g \in G\} = \text{Cl}(x)$
- $xGG_x = \{g \in G \mid gxg^{-1} = x\} = Z_G(x)$

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

- $H \triangleleft GG \times H \rightarrow H(g, h) \mapsto ghg^{-1}\varphi : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$

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

- $HGN_G(H) = \{g \in G \mid gHg^{-1} = H\}$

1.6 Week 6

1.6.1 Group actions II

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

- $x \in \text{Fix } GGx = \{x\}$
- $x \notin \text{Fix } G \mid Gx = [G : G_x]$

$\{G_{x_1}, \dots, G_{x_n}\} x_1, \dots, x_r \in \text{Fix } G, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n \notin \text{Fix } G$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$G_{a_i} = Z_G(a_i), \text{ so } a_i \notin Z_G \implies Z_G(a_i) \subsetneq G \implies p \mid [G : Z_G(a_i)] = \frac{|G|}{|Z_G(a_i)|}.$$

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 $\forall 0 \leq k \leq n, \exists G_k \triangleleft G$ s.t. $|G_k| = p^k$ and $G_i \triangleleft G_{i+1}$.

In general, for a finite group G , $\exists \{1\} = G_r \triangleleft G_{r-1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft G_0 = G$ 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 holds for $n - 1$. By prop 1.6.1, $Z_G \neq \{1\}$. $\exists a \in Z_G, a \neq 1$. Let $\text{ord}(a) = p^l$, then $\text{ord}(a^{p^{l-1}}) = p$. \implies in any case, $\exists a \in Z_G$ with $\text{ord}(a) = p$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$(\bar{k}, (a_1, \dots, a_p)) \mapsto (a_{k+1}, \dots, a_p, a_1, \dots, a_k)$$

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

$$|G| = p^3 Gp |G/Z_G| = p^2 GG/Z_G \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \forall a \in G, a^p \in Z_G$$

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

$$G/Z_G[G, G] \leq Z_G$$

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

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

$$a^p b^p = a^p b^p [b, a]^p p(p-1)/2$$

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

So φ is a group homo.

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

Also, in this case, $\varphi : G \rightarrow Z_G \implies G/\ker \varphi \cong Z_G$. 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. $K \leq G, H \triangleleft G, K \cap H = \{1\}$ ($K \triangleleft H \implies KH$)

$KH \iff K \times H$ 1-1 corresp, $(kh) \leftrightarrow (k, h)$

Group operation : $\forall k_1, k_2 \in K, h_1, h_2 \in H, (k_1 h_1)(k_2 h_2) = k_1 k_2 (k_2^{-1} h_1 k_2) h_2$

Let $\tau : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H), k \mapsto (\tau(k) : h \mapsto khk^{-1})$ ($\in \text{Inn}(H)$)

Def 35 (Semi-Direct Product) $(K \times_\tau H = \{(k, h) \mid k \in K, h \in H\}$ with group operation : $(k_1, h_1)(k_2, h_2) = (k_1 k_2, \tau(k_2^{-1})(h_1)(h_2))$ where $\tau : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$ (need not to be inner homomorphism))

Properties:

- Associativity: Good, ex
- The identity = $(1, 1)$
- Inverse : $(k, h)^{-1} = (k^{-1}, \tau(k)(h^{-1}))$

- $K \cong K \times \{1\} \leq K \times_{\tau} H : (k_1, 1)(k_2, 1) = (k_1 k_2, \tau(k_2^{-1})(1)1) = (k_1 k_2, 1) \in K \times \{1\}$
 $H \cong \{1\} \times H \leq K \times \tau H : (1, h+1), (1, h_2) = (1, \tau(1^{-1})(h_1)h_2) = (1, h_1 h_2) \in \{1\} \times K$
- $H \triangleleft K \times_t H : (k, h)(1, h')(k, h)^{-1} = (k, h h')(k^{-1}, \tau(k)(h^{-1})) = (1, \tau(k)(h h')\tau(k)(h^{-1})) \in H$
- $\tau(k)(h) = k h k^{-1} : (k, 1)(1, h)(k^{-1}, 1) = (k, h)(k^{-1}, 1) = (1, \tau(k)(h))$
- If τ is trivial $\implies K \times_t H \cong K \times H$

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

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. $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \cong C_{p-1}$

Sol : $\phi_k : \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \bar{1} \mapsto \bar{k}$
 $\phi_{k_2} \circ \phi_{k_1}(T) = \phi_{k_2}(\bar{k}_1) = \phi_{k_2}(T + \dots + T) = \bar{k}_2 + \dots + \bar{k}_2 = \overline{k_1 k_2}$
Let $K = C_3, H = C_7$, define $\tau : C_3 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(C_7) \cong C_6, a \mapsto \phi_2$
 $\phi_k : b \mapsto b^k$
 $G = \langle a, b | a^3 = 1, b^7 = 1, aba^{-1} = b^2 \rangle$

Eg 1.6.2. $p : \text{odd}, |G| = p^3, G$ is non-abelian.

(sol) $\phi : G \rightarrow Z(G), a \mapsto a^p$ non trivial case $\exists a \in G$ with $\text{ord}(a) = p^2$. Let $H = \langle a \rangle$ here ϕ is onto and $E = \ker \phi \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ And $|H \cap E| = p$ $H \triangleleft G$ 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. $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$

Sol : $\phi_k : \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}, \bar{1} \mapsto \bar{k}, \gcd(k, p) = 1$
Find a group homo $\tau : K \implies \text{Aut}(H)$ because $(1+p)^p \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$, $\text{ord}(\overline{1+p}) \in \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$ 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 R^n

Def 36 (Isometry). An isometry of R^n is a function $h : R^n \rightarrow R^n$ 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 $\tau : O(n) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(T), A \mapsto L_A : R^n \rightarrow R^n, v \mapsto Av$
 $\implies \text{Isom}(R^n) = O(n) \times_{\tau} R^n$

Eg 1.6.4. Quaternion $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$ is not a semi-direct 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 $\tau : H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_4) \cong GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ $(123) \mapsto (\bar{0}\bar{1}; \bar{1}\bar{1})$ 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.

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

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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.
- Otherwise, repeat above on G_1 and get G_2, \dots, G_n s.t.

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

Say “it is a composition series” with $\text{length}(G) = n$.

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 , $n \geq 5$.
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. $G = \mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} = \langle \bar{1} \rangle$.

- $G_1 = \langle \bar{2} \rangle, G_2 = \langle \bar{4} \rangle, G_3 = \langle \bar{0} \rangle \rightsquigarrow \text{length}(3)$, factors: C_2, C_2, C_3 .
- $G'_1 = \langle \bar{2} \rangle, G'_2 = \langle \bar{6} \rangle, G'_3 = \langle \bar{0} \rangle \rightsquigarrow \text{length}(3)$, factors: C_2, C_3, C_2 .
- $G''_1 = \langle \bar{3} \rangle, G''_2 = \langle \bar{6} \rangle, G''_3 = \langle \bar{0} \rangle \rightsquigarrow \text{length}(3)$, factors: C_3, C_2, C_2 .

Eg 1.7.3. Let $|G| = p^n$. We know $\forall 0 \leq k \leq n, \exists G_k \triangleleft G$ with $|G_k| = p^k$ and $G_i \not\leq G_{i+1}$.
 $\text{length}(G) = n$, factors: C_p, \dots, C_p . (n times)

Theorem 13 (Jordan-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:

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

We define

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

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\{1\} &= H_{(r-1)s} \triangleleft H_{(r-1)(s-1)} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft H_{(r-1)0} = H_{r-1} = H_{(r-2)s} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft H_{10} = H_1 = H_{0s} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft H_{00} = G \\ \{1\} &= K_{(s-1)r} \triangleleft K_{(s-1)(r-1)} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft K_{(s-1)0} = K_{s-1} = K_{(s-2)r} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft K_{10} = K_1 = K_{0r} \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft K_{00} = G\end{aligned}$$

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 $K_{ji} = K_{j(i+1)}$. \square

proof of Jordan-Hölder theorem. Let

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

be two composition series.

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

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

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

$$g(H \cap K')H'g^{-1} = (H \cap K')H'$$

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

To prove

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

$$\begin{aligned}(H \cap K)H'/(H \cap K')H' &\cong (H \cap K)(H \cap K')H'/(H \cap K')H' \\ &\cong (H \cap K)/(H \cap K) \cap (H \cap K')H' \\ &\cong (H \cap K)/K \cap (H \cap K')H' \\ &\cong (H \cap K)/(H' \cap K)(H \cap K')\end{aligned}$$

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

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

\square

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 $n = p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \cdots p_r^{m_r}$. \square

Observation. Let $K \triangleleft G$. $K, G/K$ composition series plusminus

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 $\begin{cases} H \triangleleft G \\ K \triangleleft G \end{cases}$ 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

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

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 -module is an abelian group M (written additively) on which R acts linearly. $R \times M \rightarrow M \quad (r, x) \mapsto rx$

1. $r(x + y) = rx + ry \quad r \in R, x, y \in M$
2. $(r_1 + r_2)x = r_1x + r_2x \quad r_1, r_2 \in R, x \in M$
3. $(r_1r_2)x = r_1(r_2x) \quad r_1, r_2 \in R, x \in M$
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.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z} \times G &\rightarrow G \\ (n, a) &\mapsto na \end{aligned} \quad \text{by} \quad na = \begin{cases} \underbrace{a + \cdots + a}_{n \text{ times}} & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ \underbrace{(-a) + \cdots + (-a)}_{n \text{ times}} & \text{if } n < 0 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S \rangle_R &= \left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} r_i x_i \mid x_i \in S, r_i \in R \right\} = \text{the least submodule containing } S \\ &= \bigcap_{S \subseteq N \subseteq M} N \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Def 40. An additive group homo. $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ 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 $M \cong R^n = R \oplus \dots \oplus R$ (or $R \times \dots \times R$)

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

pf: By induction on n . If $n = 1$, notice that any submodule is an ideal I by the closure of submodule. Then since R is a PID, $\forall I \subseteq R, \exists a \in R$ s.t. $I = \langle a \rangle_R = Ra \cong R$ (**as a R -module**). Let $n > 1$ and N be a submodule of R^n . Consider

$$\pi_1 : \begin{matrix} R^n & \rightarrow R \\ (r_1, \dots, r_n) & \mapsto r_1 \end{matrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \pi = \pi_1|_N : N \rightarrow R$$

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

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

- $Rx \cap \ker \pi = \{0\}$: $rx \in Rx \cap \ker \pi \implies \pi(rx) = 0$, then $r\pi(x) = 0$. But integral domain doesn't have zero divisors, so $r = 0$ and hence $rx = 0$.
- $N \supseteq Rx \oplus \ker \pi$: Obvious since $Rx, \ker \pi \subseteq N$.
- $N \subseteq Rx \oplus \ker \pi$: $\forall y \in N, \pi(y) = r_0 a$ for some $r_0 \in R$, $\pi(y - r_0 x) = 0 \implies y - r_0 x \in \ker \pi$. So $N \subseteq Rx \oplus \ker \pi$. \square

Recall that the elementary matrices are

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

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 $r \in R \implies d \mid a$. $v \in \langle d \rangle_R \implies d \mid v$.
- 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 $d = x_1 k_1 c + x_2 k_2 c = (x_1 k_1 + x_2 k_2) c \implies c \mid d$. \square

Theorem 16. Let R be a PID and $A \in M_{n \times m}(R)$. Then $\exists P \in \text{GL}_n(R)$ and $Q \in \text{GL}_m(R)$ s.t.

$$PAQ = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & & & \\ & d_2 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & d_r & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } d_i \mid d_{i+1} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, r-1$$

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 $l(a_{11}) \leq l(a_{ij}) \forall a_{ij} \neq 0$. (

$$\begin{cases} a_{11} \mid a_{1k} \forall k = 2, \dots, m \\ a_{11} \nmid a_{1k} k a = a_{11} \nmid a_{12} = b \end{cases}$$

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

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

plusminuslength \implies

$$\begin{cases} a_{11} \mid a_{1k} & \forall k = 2, \dots, m \\ a_{11} \mid a_{k1} & \forall k = 2, \dots, n \end{cases}$$

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

4. May assume $a_{11} \mid b_{kl} \quad \forall k, l$. row row plusminusl(a_{11})

1.8 Week 8

1.8.1 Fundamental theorem of finitely generated abelian groups

Theorem 17 (Main theorem). Let R be a PID and M be a finitely generated R -module. Then $M \cong R/d_1R \oplus \cdots \oplus R/d_lR \oplus R^s$, $d_i \in R$ with $d_i \mid d_{i+1} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, l-1$ for some $s \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$.

pf: Let $M = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle_R$ and consider

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : R^n &\rightarrow M \\ e_i &\rightarrow x_i \end{aligned}$$

By 1st isom. thm., $R^n / \ker \varphi \cong M$.

We know $\ker \varphi \cong R^m$ ($e'_i \mapsto f_i, e'_i \in R^m$) for some $m \leq n$ and $\forall x \in \ker \varphi \quad \exists! x_1, \dots, x_m \in R$ s.t. $x = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i f_i$.

Note that $\ker \varphi \subseteq R^n$. So we can write $f_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ji} e_j \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$. Then $x = \sum x_i \sum a_{ji} e_j = \sum (\sum a_{ji} x_i) e_j$.

R is a PID $\implies \exists P \in \text{GL}_n(R), Q \in \text{GL}_m(R)$ s.t.

$$PAQ = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & d_r & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } d_i \mid d_{i+1} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, r-1$$

So consider $[w_i] = Qe_i$. Since P, Q invertible, $R^n = \bigoplus R w_i$, $\ker \varphi = \bigoplus d_i R w_i$ Hence

$$M \simeq R / \ker \varphi = \bigoplus R w_i / \bigoplus d_i R w_i = \bigoplus R / d_i R$$

□

$$\begin{aligned} R &\rightarrow R w_i / R d_i w_i \\ 1 &\rightarrow \overline{w_i} \\ r &\rightarrow \overline{r w_i} \end{aligned}$$

Remark 11. If R is commutative, then " $R^n \cong R^m \implies n = m$."

Theorem 18. Let G be a finitely generated abelian group. Then $G \cong \mathbb{Z}/d_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/d_l\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^s$, $d_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $d_i \mid d_{i+1} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, l-1$ for some $s \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$.

Since G can be regarded as a f.g. \mathbb{Z} -module and \mathbb{Z} is a PID, it follows from the main theorem.

$\text{Tor}(G) = \mathbb{Z}/d_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/d_l\mathbb{Z} \leq G$ and $G/\text{Tor}(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}^s$ (free part of G).

Fact 1.8.1. If $d = p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \cdots p_s^{m_s}$, then $\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/p_1^{m_1}\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p_2^{m_2}\mathbb{Z} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p_s^{m_s}\mathbb{Z}$.

Theorem 19 (Chinese Remainder theorem). Let R be a commutative ring with 1 and I_1, \dots, I_n be ideals of R . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : R &\rightarrow R/I_1 \times \cdots \times R/I_n \text{ is a ring homo.} \\ r &\mapsto (\bar{r}, \dots, \bar{r}) \end{aligned}$$

and

- (1) if I_i, I_j are coprime $\forall i \neq j$, then $I_1 I_2 \cdots I_n = I_1 \cap I_2 \cap \cdots \cap I_n$.
- (2) φ is surjective $\iff I_i, I_j$ are coprime $\forall i \neq j$.
- (3) φ is injective $\iff I_1 \cap I_2 \cap \cdots \cap I_n = \{0\}$.

So if I_i, I_j are coprime $\forall i \neq j$, then

$$R/I_1 I_2 \dots I_n \cong R/I_1 \times \dots \times R/I_n.$$

I_i, I_j are coprime $\iff I_i + I_j = R$.

pf: we only need to prove (1), (2).

(1) By induction on n . $n = 2$, need $I_1 \cap I_2 \subseteq I_1 I_2$. Indded, $I_1 \cap I_2 = (I_1 \cap I_2)R = (I_1 \cap I_2)(I_1 + I_2) \subseteq I_1 I_2$.

For $n > 2$, since $I_i + I_n = R \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n-1$, $\exists x_i \in I_i, y_i \in I_n$ s.t. $x_i + y_i = 1 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n-1$.

So $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} = (1 - y_1)(1 - y_2) \dots (1 - y_{n-1}) (I_1 I_2 \dots I_{n-1} = 1 + I_n) \implies I_1 I_2 \dots I_{n-1} + I_n = R$.

Now, $I_1 I_2 \dots I_n = (I_1 \dots I_{n-1})I_n = (I_1 \dots I_{n-1}) \cap I_n = I_1 \cap \dots \cap I_n$.

(2) " \implies ": WLOG, we may let $I_i = I_1, I_j = I_2$. We have $x \in R$ s.t.

$$\varphi(x) = (\bar{1}, \bar{0}, \dots, \bar{0}) \quad \text{i.e. } \bar{x} = \bar{1} \text{ in } R/I_1$$

Write $x \equiv 1 \pmod{I_1}$. Since $1 - x \in I_1, x \in I_2$ and $(1 - x) + x = 1, I_1 + I_2 = R$.

" \Leftarrow ": $\forall y \in \text{RHS}, y = (\bar{r}_1, \dots, \bar{r}_n)$. If we may find that $x_i \in R$ s.t. $\varphi(x_i) = (\bar{0}, \dots, \bar{1}, \bar{0}, \dots, \bar{0})$, then

$$\varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i\right) = y$$

It is enough to show, for example, $\exists x \in R$ s.t. $\varphi(x) = (\bar{1}, \bar{0}, \dots, \bar{0})$.

Since $I_1 + I_i = R \quad \forall i = 2, \dots, n$, $\exists x_i \in I_1, y_i \in I_i$ s.t. $x_i + y_i = 1 \quad \forall i = 2, \dots, n$.

So let $x = y_2 \dots y_n = (1 - x_2) \dots (1 - x_n)$. We have $x \in I_2, \dots, I_n$ and $x \equiv 1 \pmod{I_1}$.

□

Eg 1.8.1. $|G| = 72$ and G is abelian:

$$72 = 2 \times 36 = 3 \times 24 = 2 \times 2 \times 18 = 6 \times 12 = 2 \times 6 \times 6$$

Invariant factors

Elementary divisors

Def 43. The exponent of G with $|G| < \infty$ is

$$\text{Exp}(G) := \min \{m \in \mathbb{N} | g^m = 1 \quad \forall g \in G\}$$

Ex 1.8.1.

1. Let G be abelian with $|G| = n$. Show that if $d \mid n$, then $\exists H \leq G$ s.t. $|H| = d$.

2. If $n = 540, d = 90$, then construct all possible G and corresponding H .

Ex 1.8.2. Let G be abelian with $|G| < \infty$. Show that G is cyclic $\iff \text{Exp}(G) = |G|$.

Ex 1.8.3. Let $f_i(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x], i = 1, \dots, k$ with $\deg f_i = d$ and p_1, \dots, p_k be distinct primes. Show that $\exists f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ with $\deg f = d$ s.t. $\bar{f}(x) = \bar{f}_i(x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}/p_i \mathbb{Z}[x] \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, k$.
 $f(x) = a_d x^d + \dots + a_0, \bar{f}(x) = \bar{a}_d x^d + \dots + \bar{a}_0$

1.8.2 Sylow theorems

Def 44. Let $|G| = p^\alpha r$ with $p \nmid r$.

1. If $H \leq G$ with $|H| = p^\alpha$, then we call H a Sylow p -subgroup of G .
2. $\text{Syl}_p(G)$ = the set of all Sylow p -subgroups of G .
3. $n_p = |\text{Syl}_p(G)|$.

Lemma 2 (Key lemma). Let $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ and Q be a p -subgroup of G . Then $Q \cap N_G(P) = Q \cap P$.

pf: By Lagrange theorem, $H = Q \cap N_G(P)$ is also a p -subgroup of $N_G(P)$ since $|H| \mid |Q|$.

Since $\begin{cases} P \triangleleft N_G(P) \\ H \leq N_G(P) \end{cases} \implies HP \leq N_G(P)$, we have

$$|HP| = \frac{|H||P|}{|H \cap P|} = p^{\alpha+k-s}$$

where $|H \cap P| = p^s$, $s \leq k$. Then $p^{\alpha+k-s} \mid |N_G(P)| \mid |G| = p^\alpha r$.
So $k = s \implies H = H \cap P \implies H \leq P \cap Q$. □

Theorem 20 (Sylow I). $\forall 0 \leq k \leq \alpha$, $\exists H \leq G$ s.t. $|H| = p^k$. In particular, $\text{Syl}_p(G) \neq \emptyset$.

pf: By induction on $|G|$. If $|G| = 1$, then $k = 0$, $H = \{1\}$.

Assume $|G| > 1$, $k \geq 1$, $\alpha \geq 1$.

case 1: $p \mid |Z_G|$. By Cauchy theorem, $\exists a \in Z_G$ with $\text{ord}(a) = p$. Then $\langle a \rangle \triangleleft G$ and $|G/\langle a \rangle| = p^{\alpha-1}r \leq |G|$. If $k = 1$, then $H = \langle a \rangle$. Otherwise, we may assume that $1 \leq k-1 \leq \alpha-1$. By induction hypothesis, $\exists H' = G/\langle a \rangle$ s.t. $|H'| = p^{k-1}$. By 3rd isom. thm., we can write $H' = H/\langle a \rangle$ and thus $|H| = p^k$.

case 2: $p \nmid |Z_G|$. By the class equation, $|G| = |Z_G| + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{|G|}{|Z_G(a_i)|}$, $a_i \in Z_G$.

In this cases, $\exists a_j$ s.t. $p \nmid \frac{|G|}{|Z_G(a_j)|} \implies p^\alpha \mid |Z_G(a_j)|$. And $Z_G(a_j) \subsetneq G$ since $a_j \notin Z_G$. By induction hypothesis, $\exists H \leq Z_G(a_j) \leq G$ s.t. $|H| = p^k$. □

Theorem 21 (Sylow II). Let $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ and Q be a p -subgroup of G . Then $\exists a \in G$ s.t. $Q \leq aPa^{-1}$. In particular, $\forall P_1, P_2 \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$, $\exists a \in G$ s.t. $P_2 = aP_1a^{-1}$.

pf: Let $X = \{\text{left cosets of } P\}$ and consider $\begin{matrix} Q \times X \rightarrow X \\ (a, xP) \mapsto axP \end{matrix}$.

Observe that $xP \in \text{Fix } Q \iff axP = xP \quad \forall a \in Q \iff x^{-1}axP = P \quad \forall a \in Q \iff x^{-1}ax \in P \quad \forall a \in Q \iff a \in xPx^{-1} \quad \forall a \in Q$.

We know $|\text{Fix } Q| \equiv |X| \pmod{p}$ and $p \mid r \implies |\text{Fix } Q| \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \iff \exists a \in G, Q \leq aPa^{-1}$.

In particular, $\begin{cases} P_2 \leq aP_1a^{-1} \\ |P_2| = |aP_1a^{-1}| \end{cases} \implies P_2 = aP_1a^{-1}$. □

Theorem 22 (Sylow III). $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and $n_p \mid r$.

pf: • Consider $\begin{matrix} P \times \text{Syl}_p(G) \rightarrow \text{Syl}_p(G) \\ (a, Q) \mapsto aQa^{-1} \end{matrix}$ where $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$.

$P' \in \text{Fix } P \iff aP'a^{-1} = P' \quad \forall a \in P \iff P \leq N_G(P') \cap P = P' \cap P \iff P' = P$.

So $\text{Fix } P = \{P\} \implies n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

- Consider
$$\begin{pmatrix} G \times \text{Syl}_p(G) & \rightarrow \text{Syl}_p(G) \\ (a, Q) & \mapsto aQa^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \implies \text{There is only one orbit } \text{Syl}_p(G).$$

We know $|\text{Syl}_p(G)| = \frac{|G|}{|G_Q|}$ and $G_Q = N_G(Q)$. Then $n_p = \frac{|G|}{|G_Q|} \mid |G|$. So $n_p \mid p^\alpha r \implies n_p \mid r$. \square

Prop 1.8.1. Let $|G| = pq$ where p, q are primes with $\begin{cases} p < q \\ q \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$. Then $G \cong C_{pq}$.

pf: $n_p = 1 + kp \mid q \implies n_p = 1$ i.e. $H \in \text{Syl}_p(G) \implies H \triangleleft G$.

$n_q = 1 + kq \mid p \implies n_q = 1$ i.e. $K \in \text{Syl}_q(G) \implies K \triangleleft G$.

Since $\gcd(p, q) = 1$, $H \cap K = 1$. Hence $G = H \times K \cong C_p \times C_q \cong C_{pq}$. \square

Eg 1.8.2. Consider $|G| = 255 = 3 \times 5 \times 17$.

1. normal subgroup (17, 5 or 3)
2. quot abelian $\rightsquigarrow [G, G]$
3. $[G, G] = 1$
4. f.g. xxx thm. $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_{17}$.
5. $G \cong C_{255}$.

Ex 1.8.4. If $|G| = 7 \times 11 \times 19$, then G is abelian.

Eg 1.8.3. No group G of order $48 = 2^4 \times 3$ is simple.

1. $n_2 = 1 + 2k \mid 3 \rightsquigarrow n_2 = 1$ or 3 .
2. $n_2 = 1$ then OK.
3. Assume $n_2 = 3$. Let $P \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$, $X = \{\text{left cosets of } P\}$ ($|X| = 3$).
4. Consider
$$\begin{pmatrix} G \times X & \rightarrow X \\ (a, xP) & \mapsto axP \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \varphi : G \rightarrow S_3.$$
5. $\ker \varphi$.

Ex 1.8.5. No group G of order 36 is simple.

Ex 1.8.6. No group G of order 30 is simple.

Ex 1.8.7. Let $|G| = 385$. Show that $\exists P \in \text{Syl}_7(G)$ s.t. $P \leq Z_G$.

1.9 Week 9

1.9.1 Classification

To classify groups of small orders:

- $|G| = 1$: $G = \{1\}$
- $|G| = 2$: $G \cong C_2$
- $|G| = 3$: $G \cong C_3$
- $|G| = 4$: $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ or $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
- $|G| = 5$: $G \cong C_5$
- $|G| = 6$: $n_3 = 1, n_2 = 1$ or 3 . Let $H \in \text{Syl}_3(G)$ and $H \triangleleft G$. Let $K \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$. Also $H \cap K = \{1\}$ and $HK = G$ then $G \cong K \rtimes_\tau H$
 - If τ is trivial: $G \cong K \times H \cong C_2 \times C_3 \cong C_6$
 - $\tau : b \mapsto \phi_2 : \langle a \rangle \rightarrow \langle a \rangle$: $G \cong K \rtimes_\tau H \cong \langle a, b \mid a^3 = 1, b^2 = 1, bab^{-1} = a^2 = a^{-1} \rangle \cong D_3$
- $|G| = 7$: $G \cong C_7$
- $|G| = 8$:
 - If abelian: \mathbb{Z}_8 or $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ or $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
 - If non-abelian:
 - * $\nexists a \in G$ with $\text{ord}(a) = 8$
 - * Not each $a \in G$ with $a^2 = 1$, otherwise G is abelian.
 - * $\exists a \in G$ with $\text{ord}(a) = 4$: Let $H = \langle a \rangle$ and $H \triangleleft G$ since $[G : H] = 2$. Pick $b \in G \setminus H$ and $K = \langle b \rangle$
 - $\text{ord}(b) = 2$: $H \cap K = \{1\}$ and $HK = G$ then $G \cong K \rtimes_\tau H$, $\tau : b \mapsto \phi : a \mapsto a^3$: $G \cong K \rtimes_\tau H \cong \langle a, b \mid a^4 = 1, b^2 = 1, bab^{-1} = a^3 = a^{-1} \rangle \cong D_4$
 - $\text{ord}(b) = 4$: $H \cap K = \langle a^2 = b^2 \rangle$. Then consider $bab^{-1} \in H \implies bab^{-1} = 1, a, a^2, a^3$
 1. $1, a$ obviously wrong.
 2. $bab^{-1} = a^2$: $a = a^2aa^{-2} = b^2ab^{-2} = a^4 \implies a^3 = 1$
 3. So $bab^{-1} = a^3 = a^{-1}$. $G \cong \langle a, b \mid a^4 = 1, b^4 = 1, a^2 = b^2, bab^{-1} = a^3 = a^{-1} \rangle \cong Q_8$
 - $|G| = 9$: $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_9$ or $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$
 - $|G| = 10$: $G \cong K \times H \cong C_2 \times C_5 \cong C_{10}$ or $G \cong D_5$
 - $|G| = 11$: $G \cong C_{11}$
 - $|G| = 12$: Claim: If $|G| = 12$, then either G has a normal Sylow 3-subgroup or $G \cong A_4$.

pf: By Sylow 3, $n_3 = 1 + 3k \mid 4 \implies n_3 = 1$ or 4 .

- If $n_3 = 1$, then G has a normal Sylow 3-subgroup.
- Otherwise, let $P \in \text{Syl}_3(G)$ and $X = \{\text{left cosets of } P\}$, $|X| = 4$. Consider $G \times X \rightarrow X$ defined by $(a, xP) \mapsto axP$ with $\phi : G \rightarrow S_4$. And $\ker \phi \leq P$, $|P| = 3$ and $P \not\triangleleft G$ (since $n_3 = 4$), so $\ker \phi = \{1\}$.

And since $n_3 = 4$, there are 8 elements of order 3 which corresponds to 8 3-cycles in A_4 , thus $|\text{Im } \phi \cap A_4| \geq 8$. But $|\text{Im } \phi \cap A_4| \mid |A_4| = 12 \implies \text{Im } \phi = A_4$

□

Now, for the case where $\exists H \in \text{Syl}_3(G)$ and $H \triangleleft G$. Let $K \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$, then $K \cap H = \{1\}$ and $KH = G \implies G \cong K \rtimes_\tau H$ for some $\tau : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H) = \{\text{id}, \phi_2\}$

- τ is trivial: \mathbb{Z}_{12} or $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$.
- $\langle b \rangle = K \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$: $\tau(b) = \phi_2 \implies G = \langle a, b \mid a^3 = 1, b^4 = 1, bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle \not\cong D_6, A_4$
- $\langle b \rangle = K \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: Let $K = \langle b, c \mid b^2 = 1, c^2 = 1, bc = cb \rangle$, then $\tau : b \mapsto \phi_2$ and $c \mapsto \text{id}$ (the other cases are equivalent to this one), $G = \langle a, b, c \mid a^3 = 1, b^2 = 1, c^2 = 1, bc = cb, bab^{-1} = a^{-1}, cac^{-1} = a \rangle \cong \langle a, b \mid a^3 = 1, b^2 = 1, bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle \times \langle c \rangle \cong D_3 \times C_2 \cong D_6$

Fact 1.9.1. For odd n , $D_{2n} \cong D_n \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

pf:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{2n} &= \langle a, b \mid a^{2n} = 1, b^2 = 1, bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle \\ H &= \langle a^2, b \mid (a^2)^n = 1, b^2 = 1, b(a^2)b^{-1} = a^{-2} \rangle \cong D_n \\ K &= \langle a^n \rangle \cong C_2 \end{aligned}$$

And n is odd, so $H \cap K = \{1\}$ and $D_{2n} \cong D_n \times C_2$ □

- $|G| = 13$: $G \cong C_{13}$
- $|G| = 14$: $G \cong C_{14}$ or D_7
- $|G| = 15$: $G \cong C_{15}$

Ex 1.9.1. Assume that K is cyclic and H is an arbitrary group. Let $\tau_1 : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$, $\tau_2 : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$ with $\tau_1(K) \sim \tau_2(K)$ (conjugate). If $|K| = \infty$, then assume that τ_1 and τ_2 are injective. Show that $K \rtimes_{\tau_1} H \cong K \rtimes_{\tau_2} H$.

Ex 1.9.2. Classify G if $|G| = p^3$ with p an odd prime and each nontrivial element of G has order p .

Ex 1.9.3. Classify groups of order 30.

1.10 Week 10

1.10.1 Free groups

A free group generate by a non-empty set X is that there are no relations satisfied by any of elements in X .

Def 45. A free group on X is a group F with an inclusion map $i :: X \mapsto F$ satisfying the following universal property: For any group G and any map $f :: X \mapsto G$, exists a unique group homo $\phi :: F \mapsto G$ that the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & F \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \phi \\ & & G \end{array}$$

Theorem 23. F exists and is unique up to isomorphism. (Denote it as $F(X) = F$).

pf: For X , we create a new disjoint set $X^{-1} = \{x^{-1} : x \in X\}$ and an element $1 \notin X \cup X^{-1}$.

Define $F(X) = \{1\} \cup \left\{x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m} : m \in \mathbb{N}, x_i \in X, \delta_i = \pm 1, x_{i+1}^{\delta_{i+1}} \neq (x_i^{\delta_i})^{-1}\right\}$, and

$$x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m} = y_1^{\epsilon_1} y_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots y_n^{\epsilon_n} \iff n = m \text{ and } \delta_i = \epsilon_i \text{ and } x_i = y_i, \forall i$$

For each $y \in X \cup X^{-1}$, we define $\sigma_y :: F(X) \mapsto F(X)$ by

$$\sigma_y(x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m}) = \begin{cases} y x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m} & \text{if } x_1^{\delta_1} \neq y^{-1} \\ \begin{cases} x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m} & (m \geq 2) \\ 1 & (m = 1) \end{cases} & \text{if } x_1^{\delta_1} = y^{-1} \end{cases}$$

Then σ_y is a permutation of $F(X)$, since if $\sigma_y(x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m}) = \sigma_y(y_1^{\epsilon_1} y_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots y_n^{\epsilon_n})$.

$m = n$: either $x_1^{\delta_1} = y_1^{\epsilon_1} = y^{-1}$ or not, then either $x_2^{\delta_2} x_3^{\delta_3} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m} = y_2^{\epsilon_2} y_3^{\epsilon_3} \cdots y_n^{\epsilon_n}$ or $y x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m} = y y_1^{\epsilon_1} y_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots y_n^{\epsilon_n}$. Both of them leads to $x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m} = y_1^{\epsilon_1} y_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots y_n^{\epsilon_n}$.

$m = n+2$: Omimi

Also σ_y is onto since omimi. And notice that $\sigma_{y^{-1}} \circ \sigma_y = id_{F(X)}$

Define $A = \langle \sigma_x : x \in X \rangle \leq S_{F(X)}$. and define $\phi :: F(X) \mapsto A$ by $\phi(1) = id_{F(X)}$ and

$x_1^{\delta_1} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m} \mapsto \sigma_{x_1}^{\delta_1} \cdots \sigma_{x_m}^{\delta_m}$. The it is omimi that ϕ is a bijection. So we define $x :: X \cdot y :: X = \phi^{-1}(\phi(x) \circ \phi(y))$.

The ϕ in the universal property could be defined as $\phi(x_1^{\delta_1} x_2^{\delta_2} \cdots x_m^{\delta_m}) = f(x_1)^{\delta_1} \cdots f(x_m)^{\delta_m}$. \square

Prop 1.10.1. Let $G = \langle a_1, \cdots, a_n \rangle$ and $X = \{x_1, \cdots, x_m\}$. Then $G \cong F(X)/K$ for some normal subgroup K . K is called the subgroup of relations connecting the generators.

Define $f = x_i :: X_i \mapsto a_i :: G$. By universal property, $\exists \phi = x_i :: F(X) \mapsto a_i :: G$. Then $F(x)/\ker \phi \cong G$.

Def 46. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n\}$ and $R \subset F(X)$. Let $N(R)$ be the smallest normal subgroup of $F(X)$ containing R , Then $G = F(X)/N(R)$ is written as $\langle x_1, \cdots, x_n \mid \text{elements of } R \rangle$, which is called a presentation of G . If $|R| < \infty$, then G is said to be finitely presented.

Eg 1.10.1.

$$D_n = \langle [\cos \frac{2\pi}{n} -] \rangle$$

We find that $x^n, y^2, xyxy \in \ker \phi$. Then $R = \{x^n, y^2, xyxy\} \subseteq \ker \phi \implies N(R) \leq \ker \phi$. By factor theorem, $\exists \bar{\phi} :: F(X)/N(R) \mapsto D_n$. But notice that

$$|F(X)/N(R)| \leq 2n$$

since $xyxy = 1 \implies xy = yx^{-1}$, so every element could be turn into $x^i y^j$. Hence $\bar{\phi}$ is an isomorphism.

Prop 1.10.2. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$. Then $F(X)/[F(X), F(X)] \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$.

pf: Define $f = x_i :: X \mapsto e_i :: \mathbb{Z}^n$. Then $\phi = x_i :: F(X) \mapsto e_i :: \mathbb{Z}^n$. By 1st isomorphism theorem $F(X)/\ker \phi \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$ which is abelian, so $[F(X), F(X)] \leq \ker \phi$. By factor theorem, $\bar{\phi}$

pf: Since $F(X)/[F(X), F(X)]$ is abelian, $\forall a \in F(X)/[F(X), F(X)]$, we can write $a = \bar{x}_1^{n_1} \bar{x}_2^{n_2} \cdots \bar{x}_m^{n_m}$. If $\bar{\phi}(\bar{a}) = (m_1, \dots, m_n) = 0$ in \mathbb{Z}^n , then $m_i = 0, \forall i \implies a = 1$ \square