

# Group Theory DGD's

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DGD 1

# Sets, Mapping and Bijections

DGD 2

Equivalence Relations and  
Equivalence Classes,  
Well-definedness of  
Operations on Equivalence  
Classes

## DGD 3

# Well-defined Operations on Equivalence Classes, Examples of Groups

### 3.1 Question 1

Let  $n$  be some fixed positive integer, and let  $X$  be the set of all  $n \times n$  diagonalizable matrices. Consider each of the following equivalence relations. Do ordinary matrix addition and multiplication induce well-defined operations on the equivalence classes?

- (a)  $A \sim B$  means  $A = PBP^{-1}$  for some invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$
- (b)  $A \sim B$  means  $\det(A) = \det(B)$

**Solution:**

- (a) To check if an operation is well-defined, we want to show the following

$$\begin{cases} A \sim A' \\ B \sim B' \end{cases} \implies A + B \sim A' + B'$$

and

$$\begin{cases} A \sim A' \\ B \sim B' \end{cases} \implies AB \sim A'B'$$

Suppose  $A \sim A'$  and  $B \sim B'$ , then  $A = PA'P^{-1}$ , and  $B = QB'Q^{-1}$ . So

$$A + B = PA'P^{-1} + QB'Q^{-1}$$

$A + B \sim A' + B'$  would be  $A + B = R(A' + B')R'$  for some  $n \times n$  invertible matrix  $R$ . So this would imply that  $A + B$  must be a diagonalizable matrix.

But, this is not always true. Consider the counter example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  and  $B$  are diagonalizable since they have  $n$  distinct eigenvalues. But  $A + B$  is not diagonalizable. So this operation is not well-defined.

For multiplication, we have

$$AB = PAP^{-1}QBQ^{-1}$$

If  $P = Q$ , then we get  $AB = PABQ^{-1} = PABP^{-1}$  so multiplication would work, however this is not always true. Consider the counter example

$$\begin{array}{lll} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} & A' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} & B' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} & Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

We have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$A'B' = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of  $AB$  do not correspond with  $A'B'$ , so this operation is not well-defined.

(b) We have  $A \sim B$  means  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ . So, we want to show that

$$\begin{cases} A \sim A' \\ B \sim B' \end{cases} \implies A + B \sim A' + B'$$

Assume  $A \sim A'$  and  $B \sim B'$ , then  $\det(A) = \det(A')$  and  $\det(B) = \det(B')$ . If  $\det(A) = \det(A')$ , then  $A' = cA$  for some scalar  $c$ . Similarly for  $B$ , we have  $B' = dB$  for some scalar  $B$ .

## 3.2

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**Facts About Groups,  
Abelian Groups,  
Isomorphisms**



## DGD 5

### 5.1 Question 1

Suppose  $\alpha, \beta \in G$ , and  $\alpha^2 = \epsilon$

$$\alpha\beta = \beta^{-1}\alpha \iff \beta\alpha = \alpha\beta^{-1} \iff (\alpha\beta)^2 = \epsilon \iff (\beta\alpha)^2 = \epsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\beta &= \beta^{-1}\alpha \\ \beta(\alpha\beta)\beta^{-1} &= \beta(\beta^{-1}\alpha)\beta^{-1} \\ \beta\alpha &= \alpha\beta^{-1} \\ \alpha(\beta\alpha)\beta &= \alpha(\alpha\beta^{-1})\beta \\ \alpha\beta\alpha\beta &= \epsilon & (\alpha\alpha = \alpha^2 = \epsilon) \\ \alpha\beta\alpha\beta &= \epsilon \implies (\alpha\beta)^2 = \epsilon \\ \beta(\alpha\beta\alpha\beta)\beta^{-1} &= \beta(\epsilon)\beta^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

### 5.2 Question 2

Suppose that  $G$  is a group and  $S \subseteq G$ . Show that  $\langle S \rangle$  is a subgroup.

*Note:  $\langle S \rangle$  is the set of any product of elements in  $S$  and/or their inverses.*

#### Subgroup Test

If  $x, y \in \langle S \rangle$ , then

$$x = (\text{product of some elements in } S \text{ or inverses})$$

$$y = (\text{product of some elements in } S \text{ or inverses})$$

So,

$$xy = (\text{products of elements in } S) \cdot (\text{products of elements in } S)$$

If  $x \in \langle S \rangle$ , then

$$x = (\text{product of inverses in } S \text{ in reverse order})$$

Therefore,

$$x^{-1} = (\text{product of some elements in } S \text{ or inverses})$$

This is in  $\langle S \rangle$ .

If  $S$  is non-empty, then  $\langle S \rangle$  is nonempty. (Since  $S \subseteq \langle S \rangle$ ).

If  $S = \emptyset$  then the empty product is  $\epsilon$ , so  $\epsilon \in \langle S \rangle$

### 5.3 Question 3

Suppose  $G$  is a group,  $\phi$  is an automorphism of  $G$  if

- $\phi : G \rightarrow G$  is a bijection
- $\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y)$

$\text{aut}(G)$  is the set of all automorphisms on  $G$ .

- **Closed:**

$$\alpha, \beta \in \text{aut}(G)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha, \beta &\text{ are isomorphisms } G \rightarrow G \\ \alpha \circ \beta &\text{ is an isomorphism } G \rightarrow G \end{aligned}$$

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- **Associative:** Composition is always associative.

*Proof.* Consider  $((\alpha \circ \beta) \circ \gamma)(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} ((\alpha \circ \beta) \circ \gamma)(x) &= (\alpha \circ \beta)(\gamma(x)) \\ &= \alpha(\beta(\gamma(x))) \end{aligned}$$

□

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- **Inverses:**

$$\phi \in \text{aut}(G)$$

$$\phi \text{ is isomorphism } G \rightarrow G \text{ TBC}$$

## 5.4 Question 4

$H_1$  and  $H_2$  are subgroups of  $G$ , with  $H_1 \cap H_2 = \{\epsilon\}$ . Show  $|G| \geq |H_1| \cdot |H_2|$

**Solution:**

**Claim:** Instead of taking  $(x, y)$ , take  $xy$  where  $x \in H_1$ ,  $y \in H_2$  are all distinct. Let  $x, x' \in H_1$ ,  $y, y' \in H_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $xy = x'y'$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}(x')^{-1}(xy)y^{-1} &= (x')^{-1}(x'y')y^{-1} \\ (x')^{-1}x &= y'y^{-1} \\ (x')^{-1}x &\in H_1 \\ y'y^{-1} &\in H_2 \\ \therefore (x')^{-1}x &= \epsilon = y'y^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

So  $x = x'$  and  $y = y'$

□

## 5.5 Question 5

Lattice of subgroups of symmetries of rectangle

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## DGD 6

### 6.1 Question 1

#### 6.1.1 (a)

#### 6.1.2 (b)

$G$  cyclic  $g \in G$ . Is it true that  $|g|$  divides  $|G|$ .

**Solution:**  $G = \langle a \rangle$  for some  $a$ . so  $g = a^k$  for some  $k$ . Then

$$|g| = |a^k| =$$

#### 6.1.3 (c)

$G$  is cyclic  $d$  divides  $|G|$ . Is it true that  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $d$ ?

**Solution:** Suppose  $|G| = n$  and  $n = d \cdot k$  for some  $k$ .  $G$  is cyclic, so we know

$$G = \langle a \rangle$$

so  $|g| = n$ , consider  $g^k$  order is

$$\frac{k}{\gcd(n, k)} = \frac{n}{k} = d$$

So  $\langle g^k \rangle$  is a subgroup

#### 6.1.4 (d)

$H, K$  subgroups of cyclic group  $G$  with  $|H| = |K|$ . Is it true that  $H = K$ ?

**Solution:** Consider if the group is finite, so  $|G| = n < \infty$ . So  $G = \langle g \rangle$ , then  $H, K$  are also cyclic.

$$H = \langle g^r \rangle$$

$$H = \langle g^s \rangle$$

For some  $s, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $|H| = |K| = m$  so  $|g^r| = |g^s| = m$ , then

$$\frac{n}{\gcd(n, r)} = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, s)} = m$$

Recall,

$$H = \{g^r, g^{2r}, g^{3r}, \dots, g^{mr}\}$$

$$K = \{g^s, g^{2s}, g^{3s}, \dots, g^{ms}\}$$

We want to show that  $s = tr$

$$\gcd(n, r) = \gcd(n, s) = d = \frac{n}{m}$$

$$\begin{cases} dr' = r \\ ds' = s \end{cases} \rightarrow d = \frac{r}{r'} = \frac{s}{s'} = \frac{n}{m}$$

$$r = \frac{r'}{s'} s$$

We know  $(g^s)^m = \epsilon$ . Consider  $\{x : x^m = \epsilon\} = \{g^{dq} : q \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . This set has the size  $m$ , contains  $H$  and  $K$ .

**Summary:** This was a theorem since last class. If  $|G| = n$  cyclic and  $H$  subgroup of order  $m = \frac{n}{d}$  for some  $d$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \{x : x^m = \epsilon\} \\ &= \{g^d, g^{2d}, \dots, g^{md}\} \end{aligned}$$

### 6.1.5 (e)

$H, K$  cyclic subgroups of  $G$ . Is it true that  $|H \cap K|$  divides  $\gcd(|H|, |K|)$ ?

## 6.2 Question 2

$G$  is a group and define by  $\Gamma(G) = \{g \in G : \langle g \rangle = G\}$ . Is  $\Gamma(G)$  a subgroup of  $G$ ?

**Solution:** No,  $\epsilon \notin \Gamma(G)$  so it is not a subgroup unless  $|G| = 1$ . Also, is the subgroup  $\Gamma(G)$  could be empty. Does  $x, y \in \Gamma(G) \implies xy \in \Gamma(G)$ ? And  $x \in \Gamma(G) \implies x^{-1} \in \Gamma(G)$ ?

$$\langle x \rangle = \{x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^m\}$$

$$\langle x^{-1} \rangle = \{x^{-1}, x^{-2}, x^{-3}, \dots, x^{-m}\}$$

So the inverse exists.

**Observations:** Let  $\{S\}$  denote the union of all "proper" subgroups of  $G$ . Then

$$\Gamma(G) = G \setminus S$$

Since any element that generates  $G$  won't be in any subgroup  $S$ .

## 6.3 Question 3

### 6.3.1 (a)

Find order of  $(3, 4) \in \mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_{12}$

$$\langle 34 \rangle = \{34, 68, 90 = 20, 54, 88 = 18, 40, 04, 38, \dots\}$$

$$k \cdot 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{7} \iff 7 \mid k$$

$$k \cdot 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{12} \iff 3 \mid k$$

$$k \cdot (3, 4) \equiv 0 \pmod{(7, 12)} \iff 21 \mid k$$

So the order of  $(3, 4)$  is 21.

### 6.3.2 (b)

Find order of  $(1, 1) \in \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$   $\langle 11 \rangle = \{11, 22, 33, \dots\}$

$$k \cdot 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \iff m \mid k$$

$$k \cdot 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \iff n \mid k$$

$$k \cdot (1, 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{(m, n)} \iff \text{lcm}(n, m) \mid k$$

### 6.3.3 (c)

Find the order of  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$

**Solution:**

$$k \cdot a \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \iff m \mid ka$$

$$\frac{m}{\gcd(m, n)} \mid k \frac{a}{\gcd(m, n)}$$

$$k \cdot b \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \iff n \mid kb$$

$$\frac{m}{\gcd(m, n)} \mid k \frac{b}{\gcd(m, n)}$$

Note,  $\frac{m}{\gcd(m, n)}$  and  $k \frac{a}{\gcd(m, n)}$  are co-prime, and similarly for  $b$ .

$$k \cdot (1, 1) \equiv (0, 0) \pmod{(m, n)} \iff \frac{n}{\gcd(m, n)} \mid k \frac{a}{\gcd(m, n)} \wedge \frac{m}{\gcd(m, n)} \mid k \frac{b}{\gcd(m, n)}$$

$$\iff \text{lcm}\left(\frac{n}{\gcd(m, n)}, \frac{m}{\gcd(m, n)}\right) \mid k$$

### 6.3.4 (d)

Suppose  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$  is cyclic, find all generators.

**Solution:**

$$|G| = mn$$

Order of  $(a, b) \leq$  order of  $(1, 1) = lcm(m, n)$ . We know it is cyclic  $\iff gcd(m, n) = 1$ .

$$|(a, b)| = mn = lcm\left(\frac{n}{gcd(m, n)}, \frac{m}{gcd(m, n)}\right)$$

$$\iff gcd(m, n) = gcd(n, a) = 1$$

### 6.3.5 (e)

Find a formula for the order of  $(x, y)$  in  $G \times H$ .

$$(xy)^k = \epsilon \iff (x^k, y^k) = (\epsilon_G, \epsilon_H)$$

$|x|$  in  $G$  divides  $k$  and  $|y|$  in  $H$  divides  $k$ . Therefore  $k$  is a multiple of  $lcm(|x|, |y|)$

$$\therefore |(x, y)| = lcm(|x|, |y|)$$

$$\implies \iff \rightarrow \leftarrow \hookrightarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

## DGD 7

# Cosets, Isomorphisms, Inner Automorphisms

### 7.1 Question 1

Recall that the “(left) Coset Comparison Theorem” says that for  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$  and  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $g_1H = g_2H$
- (b)  $Hg_1^{-1} = Hg_2^{-1}$
- (c)  $g_1H \subseteq g_2H$  (or  $g_2H \subseteq g_1H$ )
- (d)  $g_1 \in g_2H$  (or  $g_2 \in g_1H$ )
- (e)  $g_2^{-1}g_1 \in H$  (or  $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in H$ )

In each case, the statement remains true if we swap  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , hence the parenthesized versions. In class we showed that (a), (b), (e) were equivalent. Show that they are also equivalent to (c) and (d).

$$\begin{aligned} g_1H = g_2H &\iff \{g_1h : h \in H\} = \{g_2h : h \in H\} \\ &\iff \exists \text{ a bijection } \alpha : H \mapsto H \\ &\quad g_1h = g_2\alpha(h) \\ &\iff \exists \text{ a bijection } \alpha : H \mapsto H \\ &\quad (g_1h)^{-1} = (g_2\alpha(h))^{-1} \\ &\quad h^{-1}g_1^{-1} = \alpha(h)^{-1}g_2^{-1} \\ &\iff \exists \text{ a bijection } \beta : H \mapsto H \\ &\quad kg^{-1} = \beta(k)g_2^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



Where  $\beta(k) = \alpha(k^{-1})^{-1}$ . Therefore,

$$Hg_1^{-1} = Hg_2^{-1}$$

To prove  $g_1H = g_2H \iff g_1 \in g_2H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} g_1H = g_2H &\iff \{g_1h : h \in H\} = \{g_2h : h \in H\} \\ &\iff \exists \text{ a bijection } \alpha : H \mapsto H \\ &\quad g_1h = g_2\alpha(h) \\ &\quad g_1 = g_2\alpha(h)h^{-1} \\ &\implies g_1 \in g_2H \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 \in g_2H &\implies g_1 = g_2k \text{ for some } k \in H \\ &\implies g_1H = \{g_1h : h \in H\} \\ &= \{g_2kh : h \in H\} = \{g_2h : h \in H\} = g_2H \end{aligned}$$

Proving  $g_1 \in g_2H \iff g_1H \subseteq g_2H$ .

$$g_1 \in g_2H \implies g_1h \in g_2H \forall h \in H$$

$$g_1H \subseteq g_2H \implies g_1\epsilon \in g_2H$$

$$\textbf{Recall: } g_1H = Hg_1 \iff g_1H^{-1} = H$$

## 7.2 Question 2

$$\begin{aligned} G = D_4 &= \{\mu^i, \rho^i : 0 \leq i \leq 1 \quad 0 \leq j \leq 3\} \\ &= \langle \mu, \rho : \mu^2 = \rho^2\epsilon \quad \rho\mu = \mu\rho^{-1} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

### 7.2.1 (a)

$H = \langle \mu \rangle$ . Find the left and right cosets of  $H$  in  $D_4$ .

The size of the coset is the same as

$$|H| = |\{\epsilon, \mu\}|$$

The number of cosets are

$$\frac{|D_4|}{|H|} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

So we have

- $\epsilon H = \{\epsilon, \mu\}$
- $\rho H = \{\rho, \rho\mu\} = \{\rho, \mu\rho^3\}$
- $\rho^2 H = \{\rho^2, \rho^2\mu\} = \{\rho^2, \mu\rho^2\}$
- $\rho^3 H = \{\rho^3, \rho^3\mu\} = \{\rho^3, \mu\rho\}$

Notice, that some of the left cosets are equal to the right cosets, such as  $\epsilon H = H\epsilon$  and  $H\rho^2 = \rho^2 H$ .

### 7.2.2 (b)

$H = \langle p \rangle$ . Find the left and right cosets of  $H$  in  $D_4$ . Is  $gH = Hg$  for every  $g \in G$ ? We have

$$\frac{|D_4|}{|H|} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

cosets. The size of the cosets is

$$|H| = |\{\rho, \rho^2, \rho^3, \rho^4 = \epsilon\}| = 4$$

So we have

- $\rho^3 = \epsilon H = \{\epsilon, \rho, \rho^2, \rho^3\} = H\epsilon$
- $\mu\rho^2 H = \mu H = \{\mu, \mu\rho, \mu\rho^2, \mu\rho^3\} = H\mu$

Therefore, all the left cosets are equal to the right cosets.

### 7.2.3 (c)

Let  $H = \langle \rho^2 \rangle$ . Find left and right cosets of  $H$  in  $D_4$ . Is  $gH = Hg$  for every  $g \in G$ ? Similarly, we have

$$\frac{|D_4|}{|H|} = [D_4 : H] = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

cosets. The size of the cosets is

$$|H| = |\{\rho^2, \rho^4 = \epsilon\}| = 2$$

So we have

- $\epsilon H = \{\epsilon, \rho^2\}$
- $\mu H = \{\mu, \mu\rho^2\}$
- $\rho H = \{\rho, \rho^3\} = H\rho$
- $\mu\rho H = \{\mu\rho, \mu\rho^3\}$

- $H\epsilon = \{\epsilon, \rho^2\}$
- $H\mu = \{\mu, \rho^2\mu\} = \{\mu, \mu\rho^2\}$  since  $(\rho^2)^{-1} = \rho^2$ .
- $H\rho = \{\rho, \rho^2\}$
- $H\mu\rho = \{\mu\rho, \mu\rho^3\}$

Notice that every left coset is equal to its right coset.

### 7.3 Question 3

$GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is the group of  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries.  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is the subgroup of  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  consisting of matrices with determinant 1.

#### 7.3.1 (a)

Show  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a subgroup of  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

We want to prove that

$$\det = 1 \implies \text{invertible so } SL_n(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$$

We'll use the subgroup test.

- $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is **non empty** since  $I \in SL_n(\mathbb{R})$
- **Closure:** If  $A, B \in SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ , is  $AB \in SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ ? Yes, since  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B) = 1$ .
- **Inverses:** If  $A \in SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ , is  $A^{-1} \in SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ ? Yes, since

$$\det(A^{-1}) = \det(A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} = 1$$

#### 7.3.2 (b)

Describe the cosets of  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  in  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Are left and right cosets the same?

Let  $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} gH &\rightarrow A \cdot SL_n(\mathbb{R}) = AB : B \in SL_n(\mathbb{R}) \\ &= \{AB : \det(B) = 1\} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B) = \det(A) \cdot 1 = \det(A)$$

If  $\det(C) = \det(A)$ , is  $C \in A \cdot SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ ? We have

$$C = A \cdot A^{-1}C$$

Set  $B = A^{-1}C$ . Then

$$\det(B) = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \det(C) = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \det(A) = 1$$

Therefore, yes.

## 7.4 Question 4

Let  $\psi : G \rightarrow H$  be an isomorphism.

### 7.4.1 (a)

Show that  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G) \implies \psi \circ \alpha$  is an automorphism.

$\psi$  and  $\alpha$  are bijections, so  $\psi \circ \alpha$  is a bijection. We want to check the homomorphism property.

$$(\psi \circ \alpha)(xy) = (\psi \circ \alpha)(x)(\psi \circ \alpha)(y)$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi \circ \alpha)(xy) &= \psi(\alpha(xy)) \\ &= \psi(\alpha(x)\alpha(y)) \\ &= \psi(\alpha(x))\psi(\alpha(y)) \\ &= (\psi \circ \alpha)(x)(\psi \circ \alpha)(y) \end{aligned}$$

## DGD 8

# Quotient Groups

**Recap:** If  $H \triangleleft G$ , then define the quotient group  $G/H$  as

- Elements of  $G/H$  are the cosets  $gH$  for  $g \in G$
- The operation in  $G/H$  is  $aH \cdot bH = (ab)H$ , and  $ab \in G$ .

Also,

$$H \triangleleft G \implies \left. \begin{array}{l} a_1H = a_2H \\ b_1H = b_2H \end{array} \right\} \implies (a_1b_1)H = (a_2b_2)H$$

So the operation is well-defined.

**Example:** Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $K = n\mathbb{Z}$  for  $n > 0$ .  $K \triangleleft G$  because  $G$  is abelian. So if we take  $a + K = \{a + tn : t \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{t_n + a : t \in \mathbb{Z}\} = K + a$ .

$$G/K = \text{cosets} = \{0 + n\mathbb{Z}, 1 + n\mathbb{Z}, \dots, (n-1) + n\mathbb{Z}\}$$

So there are  $n$  cosets, and the operation is addition of cosets, defined the same way as multiplication but with addition.

$$a + n\mathbb{Z} + b + n\mathbb{Z} = (a + b) + n\mathbb{Z}$$

**Note:**

$$\begin{aligned} x + n\mathbb{Z} &= \{x + tn : t \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ &= \{x + sn + tn : t \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ &= x + sn \in n\mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

These are equivalent cosets. Notice,

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{j + n\mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq j \leq n-1\}$$

These cosets are exactly the equivalence classes mod  $n$ . So

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_n$$

**Example:**  $G = S_3$ ,  $K = \langle (1 \ 2) \rangle = \{\epsilon, (1 \ 2)\}$ .

$G = S_3$ ,  $K = \langle (1 \ 2 \ 3) \rangle = \{\epsilon, (1 \ 2 \ 3), (1 \ 3 \ 2)\} = A_3$ . Here  $K \triangleleft G$ .

$G/K = \{\{\epsilon, (123), (132)\}, \{(23), (13), (12)\}\} = \{K, (23)K\} = \{(132)K, K(13)\}$  etc

$S_3/A_3$	$A_3$	$(12)A_3$
$A_3$	$A_3$	$(12)A_3$
$(23)A_3$	$(12)$	$A_3$

$A_3 \cdot A_3 = A_3$  since  $\epsilon A_3 = A_3$ , so

$$A_3 \cdot A_3 = \epsilon A_3 \cdot \epsilon A_3 = \epsilon \epsilon A_3 = \epsilon A_3 = A_3$$

From the Cayley Table, we can see that  $S_3/A_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ . What does multiplication in  $S_3/A_3$  look like?

- $S_3/A_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$
- In a crude sense, multiplication in  $S_3$  is like addition mod 2 because of the parity of the permutation. So the product of two even permutations has an even parity, and an even and odd results in an odd parity.

**Some Context:** From assignment 4. Say  $[G : H] = 2$ . Show

$$x, y \in G \setminus H \implies xy \in H$$

$$x \in G \setminus H \implies x^{-1} \in H$$

If we consider the quotient group  $G/H$ , consider the Cayley Table

$G/H$	$H$	$G \setminus H$
$H$	$H$	$G \setminus H$
$G \setminus H$	$G \setminus H$	$H$

So,  $x, y \in G \setminus H$ ,  $xHyH = xyH$ , therefore  $xyH = H$  so  $xy \in H$ .  $x \in G \setminus H$ . So  $xHx^{-1}H = xH = \epsilon H = H$ . Since  $[G : H] = 2$ , we have  $H \triangleleft G$ .

## 8.1 Question 1

Let  $K \leq G$ .

### 8.1.1 Part (a)

Show  $K$  is a normal subgroup if and only if  $\forall x \in G, y \in K, \exists y' \in K$  such that  $xy = y'x$ .

**Solution:** For all  $x \in G$ , we have the cosets

$$\begin{aligned} K \text{ is normal in } G &\iff gK = Kg \quad \forall g \in G \\ &\iff \{xy : y \in K\} = \{yx : y \in K\} \\ &\iff \text{For some } x \in G, y \in K, \text{ then } xy \in Kx. \end{aligned}$$

So  $xy = y'x$  for some  $y' \in K$  as required.

### 8.1.2 Part (b)

Using part (a), show  $\langle \rho \rangle$  is a normal subgroup in  $D_n$ . Identify  $y'$  in terms of  $xy$ .

**Solution** Set

$$K = \langle \rho \rangle = \{\epsilon, \rho, \rho^2, \rho^3, \dots, \rho^{n-1}\}$$

Recall,

$$D_n = \{\mu^i \rho^j : 0 \leq i \leq 1, 0 \leq j \leq n-1\} = \{\rho^j : 0 \leq j \leq n-1\} \cup \{\mu \rho^j : 0 \leq j \leq n-1\}$$

If  $x$  is a rotation, so  $x = \rho^j$ , and  $y = \rho^r \in K$ , then

$$xy = \rho^j \rho^r = \rho^{j+r} = \rho^r \rho^j = y'x$$

So we can take  $y' = \rho^r$ . So for  $x = \rho^j$ ,  $y' = y$ . If  $x = \mu \rho^j$ , and  $y = \rho^r \in K$ , then

$$xy = \mu \rho^j \rho^r = \mu \rho^r \rho^j = \rho^{-r} \mu \rho^j = y'x$$

So for  $x = \mu \rho^j$ ,  $y' = \rho^{-r} = y^{-1}$ . Furthermore,  $K$  is a normal subgroup in  $D_n$  since the elements *psuedo* commute, in otherwords there is  $y' \in K$  such that  $xy = y'x$ .

## 8.2 Question 2

Show that  $[G : H] = 2 \implies H$  is a normal subgroup in  $G$ . (Prof said this is a final exam question)

**Solution:** We have two cosets, one of which must be  $H$  since  $\epsilon H = H$  and  $\epsilon \in H$ . Since the cosets partition  $G$ , we must have that the other coset is  $gH$  for some element  $g$ , so it must be  $g \notin H$ . The same idea applies to the right cosets, we have  $H, Hg$ , so  $g \notin H$ . So the two subgroups are percisely  $H, G \setminus H$ . So  $gH = Hg$ . Therefore the subgroup is normal in  $G$ .

## 8.3 Question 3

Show that if  $H$  is a subgroup of  $Z(G)$  then  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $H$ .

**Solution:** We want to prove that  $gH = Hg \forall g \in G$ . We have

$$gH = \{gh : h \in H\}$$

But,  $\forall h \in H$ , these elements commute with every element in  $G$  since they are in the center of  $G$ .

$$gH = \{gh : h \in H\} = \{hg : h \in H\} = Hg$$

as required.

## 8.4 Question 4

Find  $G$  and normal subgroup  $K$  with  $K$  not a subgroup of  $Z(G)$  and  $[G : K] \neq 2$ .

**Solution:** Consider the question from the previous quiz with  $G = D_8$  and

$$K = \langle \rho^2 \rangle = \{\epsilon, \rho^2, \rho^4, \rho^6\}$$

so

$$\rho K = \{\rho, \rho^3, \rho^5, \rho^7\} = K\rho$$

$$\mu K = \{\mu, \mu\rho^2, \mu\rho^4, \mu\rho^6\}$$

$$K\mu = \{\mu, \rho^2\mu, \rho^4\mu, \rho^6\mu\}$$

Using the fact that  $\rho\mu = \mu\rho^{-1}$ , we have  $\rho^2\mu = \mu(\rho^2)^{-1} = \mu\rho^6 \in \mu K$ . Therefore,

$$\mu K = K\mu$$

**Note:**  $Z(G) < K$  does not imply  $K$  is normal. Consider  $H = \langle \mu, \rho^4 \rangle$

**Question:** Consider  $D_n$  and  $H = \langle \rho^k \rangle$ . When is  $H \triangleleft D_n$ ?

## 8.5 Question 5

Let  $K < H < G$  with  $H \neq K$  and  $H \neq G$ . Suppose  $K \triangleleft G$ .

(a) Is  $H \triangleleft G$ ?

(b) Is  $K \triangleleft H$ ?

**Solution:**

(a) No, counter example. Take  $H = S_3$ ,  $G = S_4$ , and  $K = \{\epsilon\}$ .  $K$  is always normal since the identity always commutes. We want to check if  $H$  is not normal in  $G$ .

(b) We want  $hK = Kh \forall h \in H$ . Yes, because it works for all  $g \in G$ , and  $H < G$ , so  $h \in G$ .

## 8.6 Question 6

Recall the quaternions,

$$Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$$



## DGD 9

**Recap:**  $f : G \mapsto H$  is a [homomorphism](#) if

$$f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$$

The kernel of  $f$  is

$$\ker(f) = \{x : f(x) = \epsilon_H\}$$

The image of  $f$  is

$$\text{Im}(f) = \{f(x) : x \in G\}$$

$$R \subseteq G \rightarrow f(R) = \{f(x) : x \in R\}$$

$$S \subseteq H \rightarrow f^{-1}(S) = \{x : f(x) \in S\}$$

$$K \triangleleft G \implies f(K) \triangleleft H$$

$$K \triangleleft H \implies f^{-1}(K) \triangleleft G$$

So,  $\ker(f) = f^{-1}(\{\epsilon_H\})$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

### Theorem

$K \triangleleft G \iff K$  is the kernel of some homomorphism  $G \mapsto ?$

### Theorem First Isomorphism Theorem

Let  $f : G \mapsto H$  be a homomorphism. Then

$$G/\ker(f) \cong \text{Im}(f)$$

## 9.1 Question 1: Generators

Generators with  $K \leq G$   $G = \langle R \rangle$   $K = \langle S \rangle$ .

### 9.1.1 Part (a)

Show  $ab = ba \implies a^{-1}b = ba^{-1}, ab^{-1}b^{-1}a, a^{-1}b^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} ab = ba &\iff a^{-1}(ab)a^{-1} = a^{-1}(ba)a^{-1} \\ &\iff ba^{-1} = a^{-1}b \\ &\iff b^{-1}a^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

### 9.1.2 Part (b)

Show  $xy = yx \forall x, y \in R \implies G$  is abelian.

**Solution:** Let  $u, v \in G$ . We want to show  $uv = vu$ .  $x, y$  generate  $G$ , so  $u = x_1x_2 \dots x_r, v = y_1y_2 \dots y_s$ .

$$uv = x_1x_2 \dots x_ry_1y_2 \dots y_s$$

Since  $x, y$  are generators, we can rearrange the products to get

$$uv = x_1x_2 \dots x_ry_1y_2 \dots y_s = y_1y_2 \dots y_sx_1x_2 \dots x_r = vu$$

### 9.1.3 Part (c)

Show  $xy = yx \forall x \in R \ y \in S \implies K \leq Z(G)$ .

**Solution:** Let  $u \in G, v \in K$ . We want to show  $uv = vu$ . We have

$$u = x_1x_2 \dots x_r$$

$$v = y_1y_2 \dots y_s$$

### 9.1.4 Part (d)

Show  $\forall x \in R \ y \in S, \exists k \in K$  with  $xy = kx \implies K \triangleleft G$ .

**Solution:** Let  $u \in G, v \in K$ , we want to show that  $uv = v'u$  for some  $v' \in K$

$$u = x_1x_2 \dots x_r$$

$$v = y_1y_2 \dots y_s$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
uv &= x_1x_2 \dots x_r y_1 y_2 \dots y_s \\
&= x_1x_2 \dots y'_1 x_r y_2 \dots y_s && (\text{some } y'_1 \in K) \\
&= x_1x_2 \dots y'_2 x_r y_3 \dots y_s \\
&\vdots \\
&= y'_1 y'_2 \dots y_s x_r
\end{aligned}$$

This process continues for each element in  $K$ , so we can find some  $y'_1 \dots y'_s \in K$  such that  $uv = v'u$ .

### 9.1.5 Part (e)

Show  $\forall x \in R \ y \in S$  then  $xyx^{-1} \in K \implies K \triangleleft G$ .

**Solution** Let  $u \in G, v \in K$ . Show that  $uvu^{-1} \in K$ , with

$$u = x_1x_2 \dots x_r$$

$$v = y_1y_2 \dots y_s$$

So

$$uvu^{-1} = x_1x_2 \dots x_{r-1}x_r y_1 y_2 \dots y_s x_r^{-1} x_{r-1}^{-1} \dots x_1^{-1}$$

Then

$$uvu^{-1} = \tilde{y}x_1x_2 \dots$$

## 9.2 Question 2

Let  $G = \langle R \rangle$  and  $\phi : G \mapsto H$ .

### 9.2.1 Part (a)

Show that knowing  $\phi(x) \ \forall x \in R$  determines  $\phi(u) \ \forall u \in G$ .

**Solution:** Note that  $\phi(x^{-1}) = \phi(x)^{-1}$ , so  $\phi(x^{-1})$  is known for  $x \in R$ . Let  $u \in G$ . Then  $u = x_1x_2 \dots x_r$ .

$$\phi(u) = \phi(x_1x_2 \dots x_r) = \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2) \dots \phi(x_r)$$

Each  $\phi(x_i)$  is known, so  $\phi(u)$  is determined by  $\phi(x)$ .

### 9.2.2 Part (b)

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are homomorphisms  $G \mapsto H$ , show that  $\alpha(x) = \beta(x) \forall x \in R \implies \alpha = \beta$ .

**Solution** Let  $u \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(u) &= \alpha(x_1 x_2 \dots x_r) \\ &= \alpha(x_1) \alpha(x_2) \dots \alpha(x_r) = \beta(x_1) \beta(x_2) \dots \beta(x_r) \\ &= \beta(u)\end{aligned}$$

## 9.3 Question 5

Define  $f : \mathbb{Q} \mapsto \mathbb{C}^*$  by  $f(q) = e^{2\pi i q}$ . Show that  $f$  is a homomorphism. Find  $\ker(f)$  and  $\text{Im}(f)$ .

**Solution:** We want to show  $f(p+q) = f(p)f(q)$  for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Note  $p+q$  is the operation in  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $f(p)f(q)$  is the operation in  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f(p+q) &= e^{2\pi i(p+q)} \\ &= e^{2\pi i(p)} e^{2\pi i(q)} \\ &= f(p)f(q)\end{aligned}$$

$$\ker(f) = \{q : e^{2\pi i q} = 1\} = \mathbb{Z}$$

## 9.4 Question 6

Define  $g : \mathbb{R}^* \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  By  $g(r) = \ln(|r|)$ . Show  $g$  is a homomorphism. Find the kernel and image. **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}g(rs) &= \ln(|rs|) \\ &= \ln(|r||s|) \\ &= \ln(|r|) + \ln(|s|) \\ &= g(r) + g(s)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ker(g) &= \{r : \ln(|r|) = 0\} \\ &= \{1, -1\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Im}(g) &= \{\ln(|r|) : r \in \mathbb{R}^*\} \\ &= \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$