

# 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  $lcm(|x|, |y|)$

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

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

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