

H2: Finite groups, basic definitions and properties

2.1 basic definitions, examples, Cayley table

def: finite group G	<p>= a finite set of elements $\{g_i\}$ which transforms into each other associatively by a multipl. law: $\cdot : G \times G \rightarrow G$</p> <p>> must have: - identity element 1, such that: $g \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot g = g$ - every g has a unique inverse: $g^{-1} : g \cdot g^{-1} = 1 = g^{-1} \cdot g$.</p>
order/cardinality of a group	<p>= number of group elements > $\#G$ or G</p>
order n of a group element g	= smallest power $n \geq 1$ one has to take such that it's equal to the identity element: $g^n = 1$
Abelian group	= group for which the mult. is commutative
representation of a group	<p>= defining a group through a generating set of group elements > ie a minimal set of group elements whose multiplication with each other, whose products generate the whole group</p>

2.1.1 first examples

cyclic group Z_n	<p>= group of integers $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ with multiplication addition modulo n > we can think of it as the cyclic permutation of n letters</p>
permutation group S_n	<p>= group of n elements with multipl. the composition of permutations > write the permutations $\sigma \in S_n$ as:</p> $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \sigma(3) & \dots & \sigma(n) \end{pmatrix}$ <p>For example:</p> $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \in S_6$ <p>> its possible to write permutations as a collection of disjoint cycles > ie: sets of elements that are cyclically permuted >> in our example: $(124)(35)(6)$ > cycle notation is unique up to cyclic permutations within each cycle: $(124)(35) = (53)(241)$ >> $S_n = n!$</p>
dihedral group D_n	<p>= group of symmetries of a regular n-gon > n cyclic rotations and n reflections through n axes > $D_n = Z_n \rtimes Z_2$ >> $D_n = 2n$</p>
group representation of Z_n	$Z_n = \langle a a^n = 1 \rangle$ according to the specific mult. rule

2.1.2 Cayley table

Cayley table	<p>= shows how the group multipl. behaves > ie the entry (g, h) denotes the element $g \cdot h$:</p> <p><i>For the cyclic group Z_2 we have</i></p> $C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
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2.1.3 direct products

def: direct product \times or \oplus	<p>For two groups G and H > the direct product $G \times H$ is a group with elements that can be labelled by the set of tuples (g_i, h_i) for which $(g_i, h_i) \cdot (g_k, h_k) := (g_i \cdot g_k, h_i \cdot h_k)$ now also: $G \times H = G \cdot H$</p>
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2.2 homomorphisms, isomorphisms and automorphisms	
def: map	<p>for two groups G_1 and G_2</p> <p>> we can devise maps between these groups by mapping the elements of G_1 to G_2</p> <p>> there is no guarantee that such a map will preserve the multipl. law</p>
def: homomorphism	<p>= map $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ for which $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$, ie preserves multipl. law</p> <p>> we thus have: $\varphi(g^{-1}) = \varphi(g)^{-1}$ and $\varphi(1_{G_1}) = 1_{G_2}$</p>
prop: image of a hom. is a group	The image of a homomorphism $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is a subgroup of its codomain G_2 : $\varphi(G_1) \leq G_2$
def: isomorphic groups	<p>= there exists a bijective homomorphism $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ between G_1 and G_2</p> <p>> φ is an isomorphism of groups</p> <p>> $G_1 \cong G_2$</p>
def: automorphism	= an isomorphism from G to itself
def: automorphism group $\text{Aut}(G)$	= group of all automorphisms of G with group mult. the composition of maps
def: inner automorphisms $\text{Inn}(G)$	= automorphisms of G obtained by relabelling using conjugation with respect to a fixed group element : $g_i: g_j \rightarrow g_i g_j g_i^{-1}$
def: $U(1)$	<p>$U(1) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z ^2 = 1\}$ with group mult. the mult. of complex numbers</p> <p>> is an Abelian group with trivial inner automorphisms</p> <p>> automorphisms can be labelled by functions $f(x)$ that have to satisfy:</p> $\forall x, y : f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) \pmod{2\pi}$ <p>and in particular:</p> $f(x) + f(2\pi - x) = 2\pi n \text{ with } n \text{ an integer.}$ <p>> these conditions imply $f(x) = nx$</p> <p>> can only be an isomorphism for $n = \pm 1$</p> <p>> the automorphism group of $U(1)$ is Z_2, the reflection group</p>
2.3 subgroups, cosets, normal subgroups, quotient groups	
def: subgroup S of a group G	<p>= a subset of elements of G such that they form a group themselves with the group mult. that of G restricted to S</p> <p>> $S \leq G$ or $S < G$ if $S \neq G$</p>
trivial vs proper subgroups	<p>A group always has two <i>trivial</i> subgroups: the trivial group and itself</p> <p>> all other subgroups are <i>proper</i> subgroups</p>
finding subgroups via Cayley	To find a subgroup is to find a submatrix in the Cayley table of G which is a Cayley table itself
def: left coset	<p>For a subgroup $H \leq G$</p> <p>> the left coset of H in G are the sets $gH := \{gh \mid h \in H\}$</p> <p>Note that $g_1 \sim g_2 \iff g_1 H = g_2 H$ or thus $g_1 g_2^{-1} \in H$ defines an equivalence relation</p> <p>> the cosets are exactly the equivalence classes</p>
G/H	<p>= collection of all (left) cosets of H in G</p> <p>> isn't necessarily a group</p>
index of H in G	= $ G/H $
th: Lagrange's theorem	<p>For H a subgroup of G, $H \leq G$</p> <p>> then the elements of G/H are disjoint subsets of G whose union is G</p> <p>and each coset has the same number of elements $\#H$, hence $\#H$ divides $\#G$</p>
prop: subgroups of Z_p	Z_p with p a prime number has only trivial subgroups
prop: order of finite group	The order of every group element of a finite group divides the order of the group
centre $Z(G)$ of a group G	<p>= subgroup whose elements commute with all elements of G</p> <p>> can be found by searching for zero rows in the matrix $C \cdot C^t$</p>
def: conjugacy class	<p>= for a group element $g \in G$ this is $C_g := \{hgh^{-1} \mid h \in G\}$</p> <p>> we can partition the group in different classes, where every element is contained in exactly one class</p> <p>> - order of all elements in a class is constant</p> <p>- the representative g is not unique, thus belonging to the same class is a equiv. relation</p>

def: normal subgroup	<p>For a subgroup $N \leq G$</p> <p>> N is normal if its invariant under conjugation with all group elements of the group G</p> <p>> then $Ng = gN$ for all $g \in G$</p> <p>ie: if you conjugate any element of N with any of G, you again get an element of N</p> <p>notation: $N \trianglelefteq G$</p>
simple group	= group for which its only normal subgroup is the trivial group
def: quotient group	<p>For a group G with normal subgroup $N \trianglelefteq G$</p> <p>> define G/N as the group with elements the cosets gN and group mult.: $g_1N \cdot g_2N := (g_1g_2)N$</p> <p>> we then have $G/N = G / N$</p>
maximal normal subgroup	<p>= normal subgroup for which there exists no other nontrivial subgroup containing it</p> <p>> the factor group of a maximal subgroup is simple</p>
commutator group $[G, G]$	= group generated from all group elements $xyx^{-1}y^{-1}$
Abelianization of G	= quotient $G/[G, G]$
def: $[G, G]$	$[G, G] := \langle [g_1, g_2] \mid g_1, g_2 \in G \rangle$ and where $[g_1, g_2] := g_1g_2g_1^{-1}g_2^{-1}$.
2.4 extending groups	
2.4.1 (semi)direct products	
def: (outer) semidirect product	<p>For groups N and H</p> <p>For homomorphism $\beta: H \rightarrow \text{aut}(N)$</p> <p>> define the (outer) semidirect product of N and H with respect to β as:</p> $N \rtimes_{\beta} H = \{(n, h) \mid n, h \in N, H\}: (n_1, h_1) \cdot (n_2, h_2) := (n_1 \cdot \beta_{h_1}(n_2), h_1 \cdot h_2)$ <p>where we have</p> $(n, h)^{-1} = (\beta_{h^{-1}}(n^{-1}), h^{-1})$
def: inner semidirect product	<p>For group G with normal subgroup N and subgroup H</p> <p>> G is the inner semidirect product of N and H if G is the outer semidirect product of N and H where the action of H on N is given by conjugation in G</p>
2.4.2 sequences & extensions	
exact sequence	<p>for group homomorphisms ϕ_i, define:</p> $G_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} G_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} G_3 \longrightarrow \dots$ <p>where we have the property that the image of the homomorphism $\phi_{k-1}: G_{k-1} \rightarrow G_k$ must be the complete kernel of the homomorphism $\phi_k: G_k \rightarrow G_{k+1}$</p> <p>or thus:</p> $\phi_k(\phi_{k-1}(x)) = 1, \forall x \quad (\text{with } 1 = \text{identity element!!})$
short exact sequence	<p>these are exact sequences of the form:</p> $1 \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{\phi_1} G \xrightarrow{\phi_2} G/N \longrightarrow 1$
extra property	<p>if there exists a homomorphism ϕ between G and H in an exact sequence</p> <p>> then there also exists a homomorphism φ between H and G which return the element</p> <p>ie: $\varphi(\phi(g)) = g \in G$</p> <p>for the inner semidirect product $G = N \rtimes H$</p>

<p>equivalent exact short sequences</p>	<p>two short sequences: $1 \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{i} G_1 \xrightarrow{\pi} H \longrightarrow 1$</p> $1 \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{i'} G_2 \xrightarrow{\pi'} H \longrightarrow 1$ <p>are equivalent iff there exists a group isomorphism $T: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ that makes the diagram:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>commute</p> <p>meaning that every path with the same start and end point defines the same map</p>
<p>cohomology group</p>	<p>For A an Abelian group and two groups G and H look at the extension:</p> $1 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} G \xrightarrow{\pi} H \longrightarrow 1$ <p>we can define a multiplication rule:</p> $(a_1, h_1) \cdot (a_2, h_2) := (a_1 + a_2 + \omega(h_1, h_2), h_1 h_2)$ <p>this again defines a group if we also require associativity:</p> $\omega(h_1, h_2) + \omega(h_1 h_2, h_3) = \omega(h_1, h_2 h_3) + \omega(h_2, h_3)$