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# Part I Category Theory

# **Foundations**

This is a placeholder — I am not sure what foundation I want to use for this project yet. I will try to work in a way which is foundation-independent. What I do could be formalized in ZFC, ETCS, or some other system. I will assume the usual set theoretic constructions as needed. Sets will be defined up to bijection only.

# Number Theory

## 2.1 Congruence

**Definition 2.1** (Congruence). Let a, b, n be integers with n > 0. We say a is congruent to b modulo n, and write  $a \equiv b \mod n$ , iff  $n \mid b - a$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** For n a positive integer, congruence modulo n is an equivalence relation.

### Proof:

$$\begin{split} \langle 1 \rangle 1. & \text{ For any integer } a \text{ we have } a \equiv a \mod n. \\ & \text{Proof: Since } n \mid 0 = a - a. \\ \langle 1 \rangle 2. & \text{ If } a \equiv b \mod n \text{ then } b \equiv a \mod n. \\ & \text{Proof: If } n \mid b - a \text{ then } n \mid a - b = -(b - a). \\ \langle 1 \rangle 3. & \text{ If } a \equiv b \mod n \text{ and } b \equiv c \mod n \text{ then } a \equiv c \mod n. \\ & \text{Proof: If } n \mid b - a \text{ and } n \mid c - b \text{ then } n \mid c - a = (c - b) + (b - a). \end{split}$$

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be the quotient set of  $\mathbb{Z}$  with respect to congruence modulo n.

**Proposition 2.4.**  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  has exactly n elements.

PROOF: Every integer is congruent to one of  $0, 1, \ldots, n-1$  by the division algorithm, and no two of them are conguent to one another, since if  $0 \le i < j < n$  then 0 < j - i < n.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 2.5.** If  $a \equiv a' \mod n$  and  $b \equiv b' \mod n$  then  $a + b \equiv a' + b' \mod n$ .

PROOF: If  $n \mid a' - a$  and  $n \mid b' - b$  then  $n \mid (a' + b') - (a + b)$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 2.6.** If  $a \equiv a' \mod n$  and  $b \equiv b' \mod n$  then  $ab \equiv a'b' \mod n$ .

PROOF: If  $n \mid a' - a$  and  $n \mid b' - b$  then  $n \mid a'b' - ab = a'(b' - b) + (a' - a)b$ .  $\square$ 

# 2.2 Euler's $\phi$ -function

**Definition 2.7.** For n a positive integer, let  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^* = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} : \gcd(m, n) = 1\}.$ 

PROOF: We prove this is well-defined.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If  $m \equiv m' \mod n$  and gcd(m, n) = 1 then gcd(m', n) = 1.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Pick integers a, b such that am + bn = 1
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . PICK an integer c such that m' m = cn
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . am' + (b ac)n = 1

**Definition 2.8.** For n a positive integer, let  $\phi(n) = |(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*|$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** If n is an odd positive integer then  $\phi(2n) = \phi(n)$ .

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: n be an odd positive integer.
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 2. For any integer m, if  $\gcd(m,n)=1$  then  $\gcd(2m+n,2n)=1$  PROOF: For p a prime, if  $p \mid 2m+n$  and  $p \mid 2n$  then  $p \neq 2$  (since 2m+n is odd) so  $p \mid n$  and hence  $p \mid m$ , which is a contradiction.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . For any integer r, if  $\gcd(r,2n)=1$  then  $\gcd(\frac{r+n}{2},n)=1$  PROOF: If  $p \mid n$  and  $p \mid \frac{r+n}{2}$  then  $p \mid r+n$  so  $p \mid r$  which is a contradiction.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . The function that maps m to 2m+n is a bijection between  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}/2n\mathbb{Z})^*$ .

# Categories

**Definition 3.1** (Category). A category C consists of:

- A class  $|\mathcal{C}|$  of *objects*. We write  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $A \in |\mathcal{C}|$ .
- For any objects A, B, a set C[A, B] of morphisms from A to B. We write  $f: A \to B$  for  $f \in C[A, B]$ .
- For any object A, a morphism  $id_A : A \to A$ , the *identity* morphism on A.
- For any morphisms  $f: A \to B$  and  $g: B \to C$ , a morphism  $g \circ f: A \to C$ , the *composite* of f and g.

such that:

**Associativity** Given  $f:A\to B,\ g:B\to C$  and  $h:C\to D,$  we have  $h\circ (g\circ f)=(h\circ g)\circ f$ 

**Left Unit Law** For any morphism  $f: A \to B$ , we have  $id_B \circ f = f$ .

**Right Unit Law** For any morphism  $f: A \to B$ , we have  $f \circ id_A = f$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** The identity morphism on an object is unique.

PROOF: If i and j are identity morphisms on A then  $i = i \circ j = j$ .  $\square$ 

**Example 3.3** (Category of Sets). The *category of sets* **Set** has objects all sets and morphisms all functions.

**Definition 3.4** (Endomorphism). In a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , an *endomorphism* on an object A is a morphism  $A \to A$ . We write  $\operatorname{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(A)$  for  $\mathcal{C}[A, A]$ .

**Definition 3.5** (Opposite Category). For any category C, the *opposite* category  $C^{op}$  is the category with the same objects as C and

$$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{op}}[A,B] = \mathcal{C}[B,A]$$

## 3.1 Preorders

**Definition 3.6** (Preorder). A *preorder* on a set A is a relation  $\leq$  on A that is reflexive and transitive.

A preordered set is a pair  $(A, \leq)$  such that  $\leq$  is a preorder on A. We usually write A for the preordered set  $(A, \leq)$ .

We identify any preordered set A with the category whose objects are the elements of A, with one morphism  $a \to b$  iff  $a \le b$ , and no morphism  $a \to b$  otherwise.

**Example 3.7.** For any ordinal  $\alpha$ , let  $\alpha$  be the preorder  $\{\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$  under  $\leq$ .

**Definition 3.8** (Discrete Preorder). We identify any set A with the *discrete* preorder (A, =).

## 3.2 Monomorphisms and Epimorphisms

**Definition 3.9** (Monomorphism). In a category, let  $f: A \to B$ . Then f is a monomorphism or monic iff, for every object X and morphism  $x, y: X \to A$ , if fx = fy then x = y.

**Definition 3.10** (Epimorphism). In a category, let  $f: A \to B$ . Then f is a *epimorphism* or *epi* iff, for every object X and morphism  $x, y: B \to X$ , if xf = yf then x = y.

**Proposition 3.11.** The composite of two monomorphism is monic.

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Proof:
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\begin{array}{ll} \langle 1 \rangle 1. & \text{Let: } f: A \rightarrowtail B \text{ and } g: B \rightarrowtail C \text{ be monic.} \\ \langle 1 \rangle 2. & \text{Let: } x,y: X \to A \\ \langle 1 \rangle 3. & \text{Assume: } g \circ f \circ x = g \circ f \circ y \\ \langle 1 \rangle 4. & f \circ x = f \circ y \\ \langle 1 \rangle 5. & x = y \\ \end{array}
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**Proposition 3.12.** The composite of two epimorphisms is epi.

Proof: Dual.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 3.13.** Let  $f: A \to B$  and  $g: B \to C$ . If  $g \circ f$  is monic then f is monic.

PROOF: If  $f \circ x = f \circ y$  then gfx = gfy and so x = y.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 3.14.** Let  $f: A \to B$  and  $g: B \to C$ . If  $g \circ f$  is epi then g is epi.

Proof: Dual.

**Proposition 3.15.** A function is a monomorphism in **Set** iff it is injective.

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Proof:
\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: f: A \to B
\langle 1 \rangle 2. If f is monic then f is injective.
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. Assume: f is monic.
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. Let: x, y \in A
   \langle 2 \rangle 3. Assume: f(x) = f(y)
   \langle 2 \rangle 4. Let: \overline{x}, \overline{y}: 1 \to A be the functions such that \overline{x}(*) = x and \overline{y}(*) = y
   \langle 2 \rangle 5. \ f \circ \overline{x} = f \circ \overline{y}
   \langle 2 \rangle 6. \ \overline{x} = \overline{y}
       Proof: By \langle 2 \rangle 1.
   \langle 2 \rangle 7. x = y
\langle 1 \rangle 3. If f is injective then f is monic.
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. Assume: f is injective.
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. Let: X be a set and x, y : X \to A.
   \langle 2 \rangle 3. Assume: f \circ x = f \circ y
            Prove: x = y
   \langle 2 \rangle 4. Let: t \in X
            PROVE: x(t) = y(t)
   \langle 2 \rangle 5. f(x(t)) = f(y(t))
   \langle 2 \rangle 6. \ x(t) = y(t)
       Proof: By \langle 2 \rangle 1.
Proposition 3.16. A function is an epimorphism in Set iff it is surjective.
Proof:
\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: f: A \to B
\langle 1 \rangle 2. If f is an epimorphism then f is surjective.
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. Assume: f is an epimorphism.
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. Let: b \in B
   \langle 2 \rangle 3. Let: x,y:B\to 2 be defined by x(b)=1 and x(t)=0 for all other
                     t \in B, y(t) = 0 for all t \in B.
   \langle 2 \rangle 4. \ x \neq y
   \langle 2 \rangle 5. x \circ f \neq y \circ f
   \langle 2 \rangle 6. There exists a \in A such that f(a) = b.
\langle 1 \rangle 3. If f is surjective then f is an epimorphism.
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. Assume: f is surjective.
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. Let: x, y : B \to X
   \langle 2 \rangle 3. Assume: x \circ f = y \circ f
            PROVE: x = y
   \langle 2 \rangle 4. Let: b \in B
            PROVE: x(b) = y(b)
   \langle 2 \rangle5. PICK a \in A such that f(a) = b
   \langle 2 \rangle 6. \ x(f(a)) = y(f(a))
   \langle 2 \rangle 7. \ x(b) = y(b)
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**Proposition 3.17.** In a preorder, every morphism is monic and epi.

PROOF: Immediate from definitions.

## 3.3 Sections and Retractions

**Definition 3.18** (Section, Retraction). In a category, let  $r: A \to B$  and  $s: B \to A$ . Then r is a retraction of s, and s is a section of r, iff  $r \circ s = \mathrm{id}_B$ .

**Proposition 3.19.** Every identity morphism is a section and retraction of itself.

PROOF: Immediate from definitions.

**Proposition 3.20.** Let  $r, r': A \to B$  and  $s: B \to A$ . If r is a retraction of s and r' is a section of s then r = r'.

Proof:

$$r = r \circ id_A$$
  
 $= r \circ s \circ r'$   
 $= id_B \circ r'$   
 $= r'$ 

**Proposition 3.21.** Let  $r_1: A \to B$ ,  $r_2: B \to C$ ,  $s_1: B \to A$  and  $s_2: C \to B$ . If  $r_1$  is a retraction of  $s_1$  and  $r_2$  is a retraction of  $s_2$  then  $r_2 \circ r_1$  is a retraction of  $s_1 \circ s_2$ .

Proof:

$$r_2 \circ r_1 \circ s_1 \circ s_2 = r_2 \circ \mathrm{id}_B \circ s_2$$
  
=  $r_2 \circ s_2$   
=  $\mathrm{id}_C$ 

Proposition 3.22. Every section is monic.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $s: A \to B$  be a section of  $r: B \to A$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $x, y : X \to A$  satisfy sx = sy.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . rsx = rsy
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ x = y$

**Proposition 3.23.** Every retraction is epi.

Proof: Dual.

Proposition 3.24. In Set, every epimorphism has a retraction.

PROOF: By the Axiom of Choice.  $\square$ 

**Example 3.25.** It is not true in general that every monomorphism in any category has a section. nor that every epimorphism in any category has a retraction.

In the category 2, the morphism  $0 \le 1$  is monic and epi but has no retraction or section.

#### 3.4 **Isomorphisms**

**Definition 3.26** (Isomorphism). In a category C, a morphism  $f: A \to B$  is an isomorphism, denoted  $f: A \cong B$ , iff there exists a morphism  $f^{-1}: B \to A$ , the inverse of f, such that  $f^{-1} \circ f = \mathrm{id}_A$  and  $f \circ f^{-1} = \mathrm{id}_B$ .

An automorphism on an object A is an isomorphism between A and itself. We write  $Aut_{\mathcal{C}}(A)$  for the set of all automorphisms on A.

Objects A and B are isomorphic,  $A \cong B$ , iff there exists an isomorphism between them.

**Proposition 3.27.** The inverse of an isomorphism is unique.

Proof: Proposition 3.20.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 3.28.** For any object A we have  $id_A : A \cong A$  and  $id_A^{-1} = id_A$ .

PROOF: Since  $id_A \circ id_A = id_A$  by the Unit Laws.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 3.29.** If  $f : A \cong B$  then  $f^{-1} : B \cong A$  and  $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$ .

Proof: Immediate from definitions.

**Proposition 3.30.** If  $f:A\cong B$  and  $g:B\cong C$  then  $g\circ f:A\cong C$  and  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$ .

PROOF: From Proposition 3.21.

**Definition 3.31** (Groupoid). A *groupoid* is a category in which every morphism is an isomorphism.

#### 3.5 **Initial and Terminal Objects**

**Definition 3.32** (Initial Object). An object I in a category is *initial* iff, for any object X, there is exactly one morphism  $I \to X$ .

**Example 3.33.** The empty set is the initial object in **Set**.

**Definition 3.34** (Terminal Object). An object T in a category is terminal iff, for any object X, there is exactly one morphism  $X \to T$ .

**Example 3.35.** Every singleton is terminal in **Set**.

**Proposition 3.36.** If I and J are initial in a category, then there exists a unique isomorphism  $I \cong J$ .

## Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: i be the unique morphism  $I \to J$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $i^{-1}$  be the unique morphism  $J \to I$ .  $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .  $i \circ i^{-1} = \operatorname{id}_J$

PROOF: Since there is only one morphism  $J \to J$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $i^{-1} \circ i = \mathrm{id}_I$ 

Proof: Since there is only one morphism $I \to I$ .
<b>Proposition 3.37.</b> If $S$ and $T$ are terminal in a category, then there exists a unique isomorphism $S \cong T$ .
Proof: Dual.

# **Functors**

**Definition 4.1** (Functor). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be categories. A functor  $F:\mathcal{C}\to\mathcal{D}$  consists of:

- for every object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ , an object  $FA \in \mathcal{D}$
- for any morphism  $f: A \to B: \mathcal{C}$ , a morphism  $Ff: FA \to FB: \mathcal{D}$

such that:

- $Fid_A = id_{FA}$
- $F(g \circ f) = Fg \circ Ff$

**Definition 4.2** (Identity Functor). For any category C, the *identity functor*  $1_C: C \to C$  is defined by

$$1_{\mathcal{C}}A = A$$
$$1_{\mathcal{C}}f = f$$

**Definition 4.3** (Constant Functor). Given categories  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  and an object  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ , the constant functor  $K^{\mathcal{C}}D : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  is the functor defined by

$$K^{\mathcal{C}}DC = D$$
$$K^{\mathcal{C}}Df = \mathrm{id}_{D}$$

# 4.1 Comma Categories

**Definition 4.4** (Comma Category). Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{E}$  and  $G: \mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{E}$  be functors. The *comma category*  $F \downarrow G$  is the category with:

• objects all pairs (C, D, f) where  $C \in \mathcal{C}, D \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $f : FC \to GD : \mathcal{E}$ 

• morphisms  $(u,v):(C,D,f)\to (C',D',g)$  all pairs  $u:C\to C':\mathcal{C}$  and  $v:D\to D':\mathcal{D}$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$FC \xrightarrow{f} GD$$

$$\downarrow_{Fu} \qquad \downarrow_{Gv}$$

$$FC' \xrightarrow{g} GD'$$

**Definition 4.5** (Slice Category). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category and  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ . The *slice category* over A, denoted  $\mathcal{C}/A$ , is the comma category  $1_{\mathcal{C}} \downarrow K^{\mathbf{1}}A$ .

**Definition 4.6** (Coslice Category). Let C be a category and  $A \in C$ . The *coslice category* over A, denoted  $C \setminus A$ , is the comma category  $K^1A \downarrow 1_C$ .

**Definition 4.7** (Pointed Sets). The *category of pointed sets*  $\mathbf{Set}_*$  is the coslice category  $\mathbf{Set} \setminus 1$ .

# Part II Group Theory

# Groups

**Definition 5.1** (Group). A group G consists of a set G and a binary operation  $\cdot: G^2 \to G$  such that  $\cdot$  is associative, and there exists  $e \in G$ , the *identity* element of the group, such that:

- For all  $x \in G$  we have xe = ex = x
- For all  $x \in G$ , there exists  $x^{-1} \in G$ , the *inverse* of x, such that  $xx^{-1} = x^{-1}x = e$ .

We identify a group G with the category G with one object and morphisms the elements of G, with composition given by  $\cdot$ .

The *order* of a group G, denoted |G|, is the number of elements in G if G is finite; otherwise we write  $|G| = \infty$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** The identity in a group is unique.

Proof: Proposition 3.2.

Proposition 5.3. The inverse of an element is unique.

PROOF: If i and j are inverses of x then i = ixj = j.  $\square$ 

**Example 5.4.** • The *trivial* group is  $\{e\}$  under ee = e.

- $\mathbb{Z}$  is a group under addition
- $\mathbb{Q}$  is a group under addition
- $\mathbb{Q} \{0\}$  is a group under multiplication
- $\mathbb{R}$  is a group under addition
- $\mathbb{R} \{0\}$  is a group under multiplication
- $\bullet$   $\mathbb C$  is a group under addition
- $\mathbb{C} \{0\}$  is a group under multiplication

- $\{-1,1\}$  is a group under multiplication
- The set of 2 × 2 real matrices with non-zero determinant is a group under matrix multiplication.
- For any positive integer n, the set  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  of integers modulo n under addition is a group.
- For any category C and object  $A \in C$ , we have  $\operatorname{Aut}_{C}(A)$  is a group under  $gf = f \circ g$ .

For A a set, we call  $S_A = \operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbf{Set}}(A)$  the symmetric group or group of permutations of A.

- For  $n \geq 3$ , the dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  consists of the set of rigid motions that map the regular n-gon onto itself under composition.
- Let  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, ad bc = 1 \right\}$  under matrix multiplication.

**Example 5.5.** • The only group of order 1 is the trivial group.

- The only group of order 2 is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .
- The only group of order 3 is  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .
- There are exactly two groups of order 4:  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  under (a, b)(c, d) = (ac, bd).

**Example 5.6.** For any positive integer n, the set

$$(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^* = \{ m \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} : \gcd(m, n) = 1 \}$$

is a group under multiplication.

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If  $gcd(m_1, n) = gcd(m_2, n) = 1$  then  $gcd(m_1m_2, n) = 1$ 
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . PICK integers a, b, c, d such that  $am_1 + bn = cm_2 + dn = 1$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ .  $acm_1m_2 + (bcm_2 + d)n = !$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Multiplication is associative.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . 1 is the identity element.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Every element has an inverse.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . PICK integers b, c such that ab + cn = 1
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ ab = 1 \text{ in } (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$

**Proposition 5.7** (Cancellation). Let G be a group. Let  $a, g, h \in G$ . If ag = ah or ga = ha then g = h.

PROOF: If ag = ah then  $g = a^{-1}ag = a^{-1}ah = h$ . Similarly if ga = ha.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.8.** Let G be a group and  $g, h \in G$ . Then  $(gh)^{-1} = h^{-1}g^{-1}$ .

PROOF: Since  $ghh^{-1}g^{-1} = e$ .  $\square$ 

**Definition 5.9.** Let G be a group. Let  $g \in G$ . We define  $g^n \in G$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  as follows:

$$g^{0} = e$$
  
 $g^{n+1} = g^{n}g$   $(n \ge 0)$   
 $g^{-n} = (g^{-1})^{n}$   $(n > 0)$ 

**Proposition 5.10.** Let G be a group. Let  $g \in G$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$g^{m+n} = g^m g^n .$$

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . For all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $g^{k+1} = g^k g$ 

 $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . For all  $k \geq 0$  we have  $g^{k+1} = g^k g$ 

PROOF: Immediate from definition.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 2. \ g^{-1+1} = g^{-1}g$ 

PROOF: Both are equal to e.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . For all k > 1 we have  $g^{-k+1} = g^{-k}g$ 

Proof:

$$g^{-k+1} = (g^{-1})^{k-1}$$

$$= (g^{-1})^{k-1}g^{-1}g$$

$$= (g^{-1})^kg$$

$$= g^{-k}g$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . For all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $g^{k-1} = g^k g^{-1}$ 

PROOF: Substitute k = k - 1 above and multiply by  $g^{-1}$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ g^{m+0} = g^m g^0$ 

PROOF: Since  $g^m g^0 = g^m e = g^m$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . If  $g^{m+n} = g^m g^n$  then  $g^{m+n+1} = g^m g^{n+1}$ 

Proof:

$$\begin{split} g^{m+n+1} &= g^{m+n}g \\ &= g^m g^n g \end{split} \tag{$\langle 1 \rangle 1$}$$

$$= g^m g^{n+1} \tag{\langle 1 \rangle 1}$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. If  $g^{m+n} = g^m g^n$  then  $g^{m+n-1} = g^m g^{n-1}$  PROOF:

 $g^{m+n-1}g = g^{m+n} \qquad (\langle 1 \rangle 1)$  $= g^m g^n$ 

$$= g^m g^n$$

$$\therefore g^{m+n-1} = g^m g^n g^{-1}$$

$$= g^m g^{n-1} \qquad (\langle 1 \rangle 2)$$

**Proposition 5.11.** Let G be a group. Let  $g \in G$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$(g^m)^n = g^{mn} .$$

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1. \ (g^m)^0 = g^0$ 

PROOF: Both sides are equal to e.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If  $(g^m)^n = g^{mn}$  then  $(g^m)^{n+1} = g^{m(n+1)}$ .

Proof:

$$(g^m)^{n+1} = (g^m)^n g^m$$
 (Proposition 5.10)  
=  $g^{mn} g^m$   
=  $g^{mn+m}$  (Proposition 5.10)

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . If  $(g^m)^n = g^{mn}$  then  $(g^m)^{n-1} = g^{m(n-1)}$ . PROOF:

$$(g^{m})^{n} = g^{mn}$$

$$\therefore (g^{m})^{n-1}g^{m} = g^{mn-m}g^{m} \qquad (Proposition 5.10)$$

$$\therefore (g^{m})^{n-1} = g^{mn-m} \qquad (Cancellation)$$

**Definition 5.12** (Commute). Let G be a group and  $g, h \in G$ . We say g and h commute iff gh = hg.

## 5.1 Order of an Element

**Definition 5.13** (Order). Let G be a group. Let  $g \in G$ . Then g has *finite order* iff there exists a positive integer n such that  $g^n = e$ . In this case, the order of g, denoted |g|, is the least positive integer n such that  $g^n = e$ .

If g does not have finite order, we write  $|g| = \infty$ .

**Proposition 5.14.** Let G be a group. Let  $g \in G$  and n be a positive integer. If  $g^n = e$  then |g| | n.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: n = q|g| + d where  $0 \le d < |g|$ 

PROOF: Division Algorithm.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2. \ g^d = e$ 

Proof:

$$e=g^n$$

$$=g^{q|g|+d}$$

$$=(g^{|g|})^q g^d$$
 (Propositions 5.10, 5.11)
$$=e^q g^d$$

$$=q^d$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ d = 0$ 

PROOF: By minimality of |g|.

$$\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ n = q|g|$$

**Corollary 5.14.1.** Let G be a group. Let  $g \in G$  have finite order and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $g^n = e$  if and only if |g| | n.

**Proposition 5.15.** Let G be a group and  $g \in G$ . Then  $|g| \leq |G|$ .

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Assume: w.l.o.g. G is finite.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Pick i, j with  $0 \le i < j \le |G|$  such that  $g^i = g^j$ . Proof: Otherwise  $g^0, g^1, \ldots, g^{|G|}$  would be |G|+1 distinct elements of G.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ g^{j-i} = e$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . g has finite order and  $|g| \leq |G|$ 

PROOF: Since  $|g| \le j - i \le j \le |G|$ .

**Proposition 5.16.** Let G be a group. Let  $g \in G$  have finite order. Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$|g^m| = \frac{\text{lcm}(m, |g|)}{m} = \frac{|g|}{\text{gcd}(m, |g|)}$$

PROOF: Since for any integer 
$$d$$
 we have 
$$g^{md} = e \Leftrightarrow |g| \mid md \qquad \qquad \text{(Corollary 5.14.1)}$$
 
$$\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{lcm}(m,|g|) \mid md$$
 
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\operatorname{lcm}(m,|g|)}{m} \mid d$$

and so  $|g^m| = \frac{\text{lcm}(m,|g|)}{m}$  by Corollary 5.14.1.  $\square$ 

Corollary 5.16.1. If g has odd order then  $|g^2| = |g|$ .

Corollary 5.16.2. Let m and n be integers with n > 0. The order of m in  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is  $\frac{n}{\gcd(m,n)}$ .

PROOF: Since the order of 1 is n.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.17.** Let G be a group. Let  $g, h \in G$  have finite order. Assume gh = hg. Then |gh| has finite order and

$$|gh| \mid \operatorname{lcm}(|g|, |h|)$$

PROOF: Since  $(gh)^{\operatorname{lcm}(|g|,|h|)} = g^{\operatorname{lcm}(|g|,|h|)} h^{\operatorname{lcm}(|g|,|h|)} = e$ .

**Example 5.18.** This example shows that we cannot remove the hypothesis that gh = hg.

In  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ , take

$$g = \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right), \qquad h = \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \ .$$

Then |g| = 4, |h| = 3 and  $|gh| = \infty$ .

**Proposition 5.19.** Let G be a group and  $g, h \in G$  have finite order. If gh = hgand gcd(|g|, |h|) = 1 then |gh| = |g||h|.

## Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: N = |gh|
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2. \ g^N = (h^{-1})^N$  $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ g^{N|g|} = e$
- $\begin{array}{ll} \langle 1 \rangle 4. & |g^N| \mid |g| \\ \langle 1 \rangle 5. & h^{-N|h|} = e \end{array}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6. |g^N| |h|$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 7. |g^N| = 1$

PROOF: Since gcd(|g|, |h|) = 1.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 8. \ g^N = e$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 9. |g| | N$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 10. \ h^{-N} = e$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 11. \mid h \mid \mid N$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 12$ . N = |g||h|

PROOF: Using Proposition 5.17.

**Proposition 5.20.** Let G be a finite group. Assume there is exactly one element  $f \in G$  of order 2. Then the product of all the elements of G is f.

PROOF: Let the elements of G be  $g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n$ . Apart from e and f, every element and its inverse are distinct elements of the list. Hence the product of the list is ef = f.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.21.** Let G be a finite group of order n. Let m be the number of elements of G of order 2. Then n-m is odd.

PROOF: In the list of all elements that are not of order 2, every element and its inverse are distinct except for e. Hence the list has odd length.  $\square$ 

Corollary 5.21.1. If a finite group has even order, then it contains an element of order 2.

**Proposition 5.22.** Let G be a group and  $a, g \in G$ . Then  $|aga^{-1}| = |g|$ .

PROOF: Since

$$(aga^{-1})^n = e \Leftrightarrow ag^n a^{-1} = e$$
$$\Leftrightarrow g^n = e \qquad \Box$$

**Proposition 5.23.** Let G be a group and  $g, h \in G$ . Then |gh| = |hg|.

PROOF: Since  $|gh| = |ghgg^{-1}| = |hg|$ .

#### 5.2 Generators

**Definition 5.24** (Generator). Let G be a group and  $a \in G$ . We say a generates the group iff, for all  $x \in G$ , there exists an integer n such that  $x^n = a$ .

**Proposition 5.25.** The integer m generates  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if gcd(m, n) = 1.

Proof: By Corollary 5.16.2.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 5.25.1.** If p is prime then every non-zero element in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is a generator.

**Example 5.26.**  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is generated by

$$s = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array}\right), \qquad t = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}\right)$$

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $H = \langle s, t \rangle$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . For all  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & q \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H$ .

PROOF: It is  $t^q$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . For all  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ q & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H$ .

Proof:

$$st^{-q}s^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -q \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ q & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & q \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} a & qa+b \\ c & qc+d \end{array}\right)$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ .

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ q & 1 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} a+qb & b \\ c+qd & d \end{array}\right)$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle$ 6. For any  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , if c and d are both nonzero, then there exists  $N \in H$  such that the bottom row of MN has one entry the same as M and one entry with smaller absolute value.

PROOF: From  $\langle 1 \rangle 4$  and  $\langle 1 \rangle 5$  taking q = -1.

 $\langle 1 \rangle$ 7. For any  $M \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , there exists  $N \in H$  such that MN has a zero on the bottom row.

PROOF: Apply  $\langle 1 \rangle 6$  repeatedly.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 8$ . Any matrix in  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  with a zero on the bottom row is in H.

$$\langle 2 \rangle 1. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H$$

Proof:  $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ 

$$\langle 2 \rangle 2. \ \left( \begin{array}{cc} -1 & b \\ 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) \in H$$

PROOF: It is  $s^2\begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  since  $s^2 = -I$ .

$$\langle 2 \rangle 3. \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in H$$

$$\text{PROOF: It is } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} s.$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle 4. \begin{pmatrix} a & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in H$$

$$\text{PROOF: It is } s^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} s.$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle 9. \text{ Every matrix in } \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ is in } H.$$

# Group Homomorphisms

**Definition 6.1** (Homomorphism). Let G and H be groups. A (group) homomorphism  $\phi: G \to H$  is a function such that, for all  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y) .$$

**Proposition 6.2.** Let G and H be groups with identities  $e_G$  and  $e_H$ . Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. Then  $\phi(e_G) = e_H$ .

PROOF: Since  $\phi(e_G) = \phi(e_G e_G) = \phi(e_G) \phi(e_G)$  and so  $\phi(e_G) = e_H$  by Cancellation.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.3.** Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. For all  $x \in G$  we have  $\phi(x^{-1}) = \phi(x)^{-1}$ .

PROOF: Since  $\phi(x)\phi(x^{-1}) = \phi(xx^{-1}) = \phi(e_G) = e_H$ .

**Proposition 6.4.** Let G, H and K be groups. If  $\phi: G \to H$  and  $\psi: H \to K$  are homomorphisms then  $\psi \circ \phi: G \to K$  is a homomorphism.

PROOF: For  $x, y \in G$  we have  $\psi(\phi(xy)) = \psi(\phi(x)\phi(y)) = \psi(\phi(x))\psi(\phi(y)) \ .$ 

**Proposition 6.5.** Let G be a group. Then  $id_G: G \to G$  is a group homomorphism.

PROOF: For  $x, y \in G$  we have  $id_G(xy) = xy = id_G(x)id_G(y)$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.6.** Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. Let  $g \in G$  have finite order. Then  $|\phi(g)|$  divides |g|.

PROOF: Since  $\phi(g)^{|g|} = \phi(g^{|g|}) = e$ .  $\square$ 

**Definition 6.7** (Category of Groups). Let **Grp** be the category of groups and group homomorphisms.

**Example 6.8.** There are 49487365402 groups of order 1024 up to isomorphism.

**Proposition 6.9.** A group homomorphism  $\phi: G \to H$  is an isomorphism in **Grp** if and only if it is bijective.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Assume:  $\phi$  is bijective.

PROVE:  $\phi^{-1}$  is a group homomorphism.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $h, h' \in H$ 

$$\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ \phi(\phi^{-1}(hh')) = \phi(\phi^{-1}(h)\phi^{-1}(h'))$$

PROOF: Both are equal to hh'.

$$\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ \phi^{-1}(hh') = \phi^{-1}(h)\phi^{-1}(h')$$

### Corollary 6.9.1.

$$D_6 \cong C_3$$

PROOF: The canonical homomorphism  $D_6 \to C_3$  is bijective.  $\square$ 

## Corollary 6.9.2.

$$(\mathbb{R}, +) \cong (\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}, \cdot)$$

PROOF: The function that maps x to  $e^x$  is a bijective homomorphism.  $\square$ 

Proposition 6.10. The trivial group is the zero object in Grp.

PROOF: For any group G, the unique function  $G \to \{e\}$  is a group homomorphism, and the only group homomorphism  $\{e\} \to G$  maps e to  $e_G$ .  $\sqcup$ 

**Proposition 6.11.** For any groups G and H, the set  $G \times H$  under (g,h)(g',h') =(gg', hh') is the product of G and H in **Grp**.

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ .  $G \times H$  is a group.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . The multiplication is associative.

PROOF: Since  $(g_1, h_1)((g_2, h_2)(g_3, h_3)) = ((g_1, h_1)(g_2, h_2))(g_3, h_3) = (g_1g_2g_3, h_1h_2h_3).$ 

 $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ .  $(e_G, e_H)$  is the identity.

PROOF: Since  $(g, h)(e_G, e_H) = (e_G, e_H)(g, h) = (g, h)$ .

(2)3. The inverse of (g,h) is  $(g^{-1},h^{-1})$ . PROOF: Since  $(g,h)(g^{-1},h^{-1})=(g^{-1},h^{-1})(g,h)=(e_G,e_H)$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ .  $\pi_1 : G \times H \to G$  is a group homomorphism.

Proof: Immediate from definitions.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .  $\pi_2 : G \times H \to H$  is a group homomorphism.

PROOF: Immediate from definitions.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . For any group homomorphism  $\phi: K \to G$  and  $\psi: K \to H$ , the function  $\langle \phi, \psi \rangle : K \to G \times H$  where  $\langle \phi, \psi \rangle (k) = (\phi(k), \psi(k))$  is a group homomorphism.

Proof:

$$\begin{split} \langle \phi, \psi \rangle (kk') &= (\phi(kk'), \psi(kk')) \\ &= (\phi(k)\phi(k'), \psi(k)\psi(k')) \\ &= (\phi(k), \psi(k))(\phi(k'), \psi(k')) \\ &= \langle \phi, \psi \rangle (k) \langle \phi, \psi \rangle (k') \end{split}$$

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#### Proposition 6.12.

$$\operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbf{Grp}}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}\times\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})\cong S_3$$

PROOF: Every permutation of  $\{(1,0),(0,1),(1,1)\}$  gives an automorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}\times\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$ 

## Proposition 6.13.

$$|\operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbf{Grp}}(C_n)| = \phi(n)$$

PROOF: An automorphism  $\alpha$  is determined by  $\alpha(1)$  which is any element of order n, and g has order n iff  $\gcd(g,n)=1$ .  $\square$ 

## Example 6.14.

$$\operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbf{Grp}}(\mathbb{Z}) \cong C_2$$

PROOF: The only automorphisms are the identity and multiplication by -1.  $\square$ 

## 6.1 Subgroups

**Definition 6.15** (Subgroup). Let  $(G, \cdot)$  and (H, \*) be groups such that H is a subset of G. Then H is a subgroup of G iff the inclusion  $i: H \hookrightarrow G$  is a group homomorphism.

**Proposition 6.16.** *If* (H, \*) *is a subgroup of*  $(G, \cdot)$  *then* \* *is the restriction of*  $\cdot$  *to* H.

PROOF: Given  $x, y \in H$  we have

$$x * y = i(x * y) = i(x) \cdot i(y) = x \cdot y$$
.

**Example 6.17.** For any group G we have  $\{e\}$  is a subgroup of G.

**Proposition 6.18.** Let G be a group. Let H be a subset of G. Then H is a subgroup of G iff H is nonempty and, for all  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $xy^{-1} \in H$ .

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If H is a subgroup of G then H is nonempty.

PROOF: Since every group has an identity element and so is nonempty.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If H is a subgroup of G then, for all  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $xy^{-1} \in H$ . PROOF: Easy.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . If H is nonempty and, for all  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $xy^{-1} \in H$ , then H is a subgroup of G.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Assume: *H* is nonempty.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Assume:  $\forall x, y \in H.xy^{-1} \in H$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ e \in H$

PROOF: Pick  $x \in H$ . We have  $e = xx^{-1} \in H$ .

 $\langle 2 \rangle 4. \ \forall x \in H.x^{-1} \in H$ 

PROOF: Given  $x \in H$  we have  $x^{-1} = ex^{-1} \in H$ .

 $\langle 2 \rangle$ 5. H is closed under the restriction of  $\cdot$ 

PROOF: Given  $x, y \in H$  we have  $xy = x(y^{-1})^{-1} \in H$ .

 $\langle 2 \rangle 6$ . H is a group under the restriction of  $\cdot$ 

PROOF: Associativity is inherited from G and the existence of an identity element and inverses follows from  $\langle 2 \rangle 3$  and  $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ .

 $\langle 2 \rangle 7$ . The inclusion  $H \hookrightarrow G$  is a group homomorphism.

PROOF: For  $x, y \in H$  we have i(xy) = i(x)i(y) = xy.

Corollary 6.18.1. The intersection of a set of subgroups of G is a subgroup of G.

**Corollary 6.18.2.** Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. Let K be a subgroup of H. Then  $\phi^{-1}(K)$  is a subgroup of G.

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1. \ \phi^{-1}(K)$  is nonempty.

PROOF: Since  $e \in \phi^{-1}(K)$ .

- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $x, y \in \phi^{-1}(K)$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ \phi(x), \phi(y) \in K$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ \phi(x)\phi(y)^{-1} \in K$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 5. \ \phi(xy^{-1}) \in K$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6. \ xy^{-1} \in \phi^{-1}(K)$

**Corollary 6.18.3.** Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. Let K be a subgroup of G. Then  $\phi(K)$  is a subgroup of H.

## Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $x, y \in \phi(K)$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $a, b \in K$  such that  $x = \phi(a)$  and  $y = \phi(b)$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ xy^{-1} = \phi(ab^{-1})$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ xy^{-1} \in \phi(K)$

**Proposition 6.19.** Let G be a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then there exists  $d \geq 0$  such that  $G = d\mathbb{Z}$ .

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Assume: w.l.o.g.  $G \neq \{0\}$ 

PROOF: Since  $\{0\} = 0\mathbb{Z}$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let: d be the least positive element of G.

Prove:  $G = d\mathbb{Z}$ 

PROOF: If  $n \in G$  then  $-n \in G$  so G must contain a positive element.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ G \subseteq d\mathbb{Z}$ 
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $n \in G$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Let: q and r be the integers such that n = qd + r and  $0 \le r < d$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ r \in G$

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PROOF: Since r=n-qd. \langle 2 \rangle 4. r=0
PROOF: By minimality of d. \langle 2 \rangle 5. n=qd \in d\mathbb{Z} \langle 1 \rangle 4. d\mathbb{Z} \subseteq G
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# 6.2 Kernel

**Definition 6.20** (Kernel). Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. The kernel of  $\phi$  is

$$\ker \phi = \{g \in G : \phi(g) = e\} \ .$$

**Proposition 6.21.** Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. Then  $\ker \phi$  is a subgroup of G.

Proof: Corollary 6.18.2.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.22.** Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. Then the inclusion  $i: \ker \phi \hookrightarrow G$  is terminal in the category of pairs  $(K, \alpha: K \to G)$  such that  $\phi \circ \alpha = 0$ .

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1. \ \phi \circ i = 0$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . For any group K and homomorphism  $\alpha: K \to G$  such that  $\phi \circ \alpha = 0$ , there exists a unique homomorphism  $\beta: K \to \ker \phi$  such that  $i \circ \beta = \alpha$ .

**Proposition 6.23.** Let  $\phi: G \to H$  be a group homomorphism. Then the following are equivalent:

- 1.  $\phi$  is monic.
- 2.  $\ker \phi = \{e\}$
- 3.  $\phi$  is injective.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1. \ 1 \Rightarrow 2$ 
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Assume:  $\phi$  is monic.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $i : \ker \phi \hookrightarrow G$ ,  $j : \{e\} \hookrightarrow \ker \phi \hookrightarrow G$  be the inclusions.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ \phi \circ i = \phi \circ j$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . i = j
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2. \ 2 \Rightarrow 3$ 
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Assume:  $\ker \phi = \{e\}$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $x, y \in G$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Assume:  $\phi(x) = \phi(y)$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ .  $\phi(xy^{-1}) = e$

$$\langle 2 \rangle 5. \quad xy^{-1} \in \ker \phi$$
  
 $\langle 2 \rangle 6. \quad xy^{-1} = e$   
 $\langle 2 \rangle 7. \quad x = y$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \quad 3 \Rightarrow 1$   
PROOF: Easy.

Example 6.24. Not all monomorphisms split in Grp.

Define  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \to S_3$  by

$$\phi(0) = id_3, \qquad \phi(1) = (1 \ 3 \ 2), \qquad \phi(2) = (1 \ 2 \ 3) \ .$$

Then  $\phi$  is monic but has no retraction.

For if  $r: S_3 \to \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  is a retraction, then we would have

$$r(1\ 2) + r(2\ 3) = 1,$$
  $r(2\ 3) + r(1\ 2) = 2$ 

which is impossible.

# 6.3 Inner Automorphisms

**Proposition 6.25.** Let G be a group and  $g \in G$ . The function  $\gamma_g : G \to G$  defined by  $\gamma_g(a) = gag^{-1}$  is an automorphism on G.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ .  $\gamma_g$  is a homomorphism.

Proof:

$$\gamma_g(ab) = gabg^{-1}$$

$$= gag^{-1}gbg^{-1}$$

$$= \gamma_g(a)\gamma_g(b)$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ .  $\gamma_g$  is injective.

PROOF: By Cancellation.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .  $\gamma_q$  is surjective.

PROOF: Given  $b \in G$ , we have  $\gamma_g(g^{-1}bg) = b$ .

**Definition 6.26** (Inner Automorphism). Let G be a group. An *inner automorphism* on G is a function of the form  $\gamma_g(a) = gag^{-1}$  for some  $g \in G$ .

We write Inn(G) for the set of inner automorphisms of G.

**Proposition 6.27.** Let G be a group. The function  $\gamma: G \to \operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbf{Grp}}(G)$  that maps g to  $\gamma_g$  is a group homomorphism.

PROOF: Since 
$$\gamma_{gh}(a) = ghah^{-1}g^{-1} = \gamma_g(\gamma_h(a))$$
.  $\square$ 

Corollary 6.27.1. Inn(G) is a subgroup of  $Aut_{Grp}(G)$ .

## 6.4 Direct Products

**Definition 6.28** (Direct Product). The *direct product* of groups G and H is their product in Grp.

**Proposition 6.29.** If m and n are positive integers with gcd(m,n) = 1 then  $C_{mn} \cong C_m \times C_n$ .

Proof: The function that maps x to  $(x \mod m, x \mod n)$  is an isomorphism.  $\sqcap$ 

**Definition 6.30** (Cyclic Group). The *cyclic* groups are  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  for positive integers n.

**Proposition 6.31.** Every finitely generated subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is cyclic.

#### Proof:

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\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: G = \langle a_1/b, \dots, a_n/b \rangle where a_1, \dots, a_n, b are integers with b > 0 \langle 1 \rangle 2. Let: a = \gcd(a_1, \dots, a_n)
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 $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ G = \langle a/b \rangle$ 

Corollary 6.31.1.  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not finitely generated.

**Theorem 6.32.** For any positive integer n we have

$$\sum_{m>0,m|n}\phi(m)=n \ .$$

Proof.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Define  $\chi : \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \to \{(m, d) : m > 0, m \mid n, d \text{ generates } \langle n/m \rangle \}$  by:  $\chi(x) = (\gcd(x, n), x)$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ .  $\chi$  is injective.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .  $\chi$  is surjective.

PROOF: Given (m, d) such that d generates  $\langle n/m \rangle$  we have  $\chi(d) = (m, d)$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $n = \sum_{m>0, m|n} \phi(m)$ 

PROOF: Since  $\langle n/m \rangle \cong C_m$  and so has  $\phi(m)$  generators.

# 6.5 Free Groups

**Proposition 6.33.** Let A be a set. Let  $\mathcal{F}^A$  be the category whose objects are pairs (G,j) where G is a group and j is a function  $A \to G$ , with morphisms  $f:(G,j)\to (H,k)$  the group homomorphisms  $f:G\to H$  such that  $f\circ j=k$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}^A$  has an initial object.

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: W(A) be the set of words in the alphabet whose elements are the elements of A together with  $\{a^{-1} : a \in A\}$ .

- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $r: W(A) \to W(A)$  be the function that, given a word w, removes the first pair of letters of the form  $aa^{-1}$  or  $a^{-1}a$ ; if there is no such pair, then r(w) = w.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . Let us say that a word w is a reduced word iff r(w) = w.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . For any word w of length n, we have  $r^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}(w)$  is a reduced word.

PROOF: Since we cannot remove more than n/2 pairs of letters from w.

- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. Let:  $R: W(A) \to W(A)$  be the function  $R(w) = r^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}(w)$ , where n is the length of w.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6$ . Let: F(A) be the set of reduced words.
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 7. Define  $\cdot : F(A)^2 \to F(A)$  by  $w \cdot w' = R(ww')$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 8$ . · is associative.

PROOF: Both  $w_1 \cdot (w_2 \cdot w_3)$  and  $(w_1 \cdot w_2) \cdot w_3$  are equal to  $R(w_1 w_2 w_3)$ .

- $\langle 1 \rangle 9$ . The empty word is the identity element in F(A)
- $\langle 1 \rangle 10$ . The inverse of  $a_1^{\pm 1} a_2^{\pm 1} \cdots a_n^{\pm 1}$  is  $a_n^{\mp 1} \cdots a_2^{\mp 1} a_1^{\mp 1}$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 11$ . Let:  $j: A \to F(A)$  be the function that maps a to the word a of length
- $\langle 1 \rangle 12$ . Let: G be any group and  $k: A \to G$  any function.
- (1)13. The only morphism  $f: (F(A), j) \to (G, k)$  in  $\mathcal{F}^A$  is  $f(a_1^{\pm 1} a_2^{\pm 1} \cdots a_n^{\pm 1}) = k(a_1)^{\pm 1} k(a_2)^{\pm 1} \cdots k(a_n)^{\pm 1}$ .

**Definition 6.34** (Free Group). For any set A, the *free group* on A is the initial object (F(A), i) in  $\mathcal{F}^A$ .

**Proposition 6.35.**  $i: A \to F(A)$  is injective.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $x, y \in A$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Assume:  $x \neq y$

PROVE:  $i(x) \neq i(y)$ 

- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 3. Let:  $f: A \to C_2$  be the function that maps x to 0 and all other elements of A to 1.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Let:  $\phi : F(A) \to C_2$  be the group homomorphism such that  $f = \phi \circ i$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 5. \ f(x) \neq f(y)$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6. \ \phi(i(x)) \neq \phi(i(y))$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 7. \ i(x) \neq i(y)$

Proposition 6.36.

$$F(0) \cong \{e\}$$

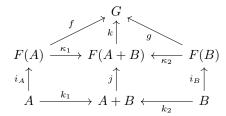
PROOF: For any set A, the unique group homomorphism  $\{e\} \to A$  makes the following diagram commute.



**Proposition 6.37.** The free group on 1 is  $\mathbb{Z}$  with the injection mapping 0 to 1.

PROOF: Given any group G and function  $a:1\to G$ , the required unique homomorphism  $\phi:\mathbb{Z}\to G$  is defined by  $\phi(n)=a(0)^n$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.38.** For any sets A and B, we have that F(A + B) is the coproduct of F(A) and F(B) in **Grp**.



Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $i_A: A \to F(A), i_B: B \to F(B), j: A+B \to F(A+B)$  be the canonical injections.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $\kappa_1$ ,  $\kappa_2$  be the unique group homomorphisms that make the diagram above commute.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3.$  Let: G be any group and  $f: F(A) \to G, \ g: F(B) \to G$  any group homomorphisms.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Let:  $h: A+B \to G$  be the unique function such that  $h \circ k_1 = f \circ i_A$  and  $h \circ k_2 = g \circ i_B$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle$  5. Let:  $k: F(A+B) \to G$  be the unique group homomorphism such that  $k \circ j = h.$
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 6. k is the unique group homomorphism such that  $k \circ \kappa_1 \circ i_A = f \circ i_A$  and  $k \circ \kappa_2 \circ i_B = g \circ i_B$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 7$ . k is the unique group homomorphism such that  $k \circ \kappa_1 = f$  and  $k \circ \kappa_2 = g$ .

**Definition 6.39** (Subgroup Generated by a Group). Let G be a group and A a subset of G. Let  $\phi: F(A) \to G$  be the unique group homomorphism such that  $\phi(a) = a$  for all  $a \in A$ . The subgroup *generated* by A is

$$\langle A \rangle := \operatorname{im} \phi$$



**Proposition 6.40.** Let G be a group and A a subset of G. Then  $\langle A \rangle$  is the set of all elements of the form  $a_1^{\pm 1}a_2^{\pm 1}\cdots a_n^{\pm 1}$  (where  $n \geq 0$ ) such that  $a_1,\ldots,a_n \in A$ .

Proof: Immediate from definitions.  $\square$ 

Corollary 6.40.1. Let G be a group and  $g \in G$ . Then

$$\langle g \rangle = \{ g^n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \} .$$

**Proposition 6.41.** Let G be a group and A a subset of G. Then  $\langle A \rangle$  is the intersection of all the subgroups of G that include A.

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.42.** Let G be a group and  $g \in G$ . Then  $\langle g \rangle$  is cyclic.

PROOF: If g has finite order then  $\langle g \rangle \cong C_{|g|}$ , otherwise  $\langle g \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$ 

**Definition 6.43** (Finitely Generated). Let G be a group. Then G is *finitely generated* iff there exists a finite subset A of G such that  $G = \langle A \rangle$ .

**Example 6.44.** Every cyclic group is finitely generated.

**Proposition 6.45.** Every subgroup of a finitely generated free group is free.

PROOF: TODO.

**Proposition 6.46.** F(2) includes subgroups isomorphic to the free group on arbitrarily many generators.

PROOF: TODO

Proposition 6.47.

 $[F(2), F(2)] \cong F(\mathbb{Z})$ 

PROOF: TODO

## Chapter 7

# Abelian Groups

**Definition 7.1** (Abelian Group). A group is *Abelian* iff any two elements commute.

In an Abelian group G, we often denote the group operation by +, the identity element by 0 and the inverse of an element g by -g. We write ng for  $g^n$  ( $g \in G$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

**Example 7.2.** Every group of order  $\leq 4$  is Abelian.

**Example 7.3.** For any positive integer n, we have  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is an Abelian group under addition.

**Example 7.4.** 
$$S_n$$
 is not Abelian for  $n \geq 3$ . If  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $xy = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $yx = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Example 7.5.** There are 42 Abelian groups of order 1024 up to isomorphism.

**Proposition 7.6.** Let G be a group. If  $g^2 = e$  for all  $g \in G$  then G is Abelian.

PROOF: For any  $g, h \in G$  we have

$$ghgh = e$$

$$\therefore hgh = g \qquad \text{(multiplying on the left by } g\text{)}$$

$$\therefore hg = gh \qquad \text{(multiplying on the right by } h\text{)}\square$$

**Proposition 7.7.** Let G be a group. Then G is Abelian if and only if the function that maps g to  $g^{-1}$  is a group homomorphism.

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1.$  If G is Abelian then the function that maps g to  $g^{-1}$  is a group homomorphism.

PROOF: Since  $(gh)^{-1} = h^{-1}g^{-1} = g^{-1}h^{-1}$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If the function that maps g to  $g^{-1}$  is a group homomorphism then G is Abelian.

PROOF: Since  $gh = (g^{-1})^{-1}(h^{-1})^{-1} = (g^{-1}h^{-1})^{-1} = hg$ .

**Proposition 7.8.** Let G be a group. Then G is Abelian if and only if the function that maps g to  $g^2$  is a group homomorphism.

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1.$  If G is Abelian then the function that maps g to  $g^2$  is a group homomorphism.

PROOF: Since  $(gh)^2 = g^2h^2$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If the function that maps g to  $g^2$  is a group homomorphism then G is Abelian.

PROOF: Since we have  $(gh)^2 = ghgh = g^2h^2$  and so hg = gh.

**Proposition 7.9.** Let G be a group. Then G is Abelian if and only if the homomorphism  $\gamma: G \to \operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbf{Grp}}(G)$  is the trivial homomorphism.

#### PROOF:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If G is Abelian then  $\gamma$  is trivial.

PROOF: Since  $\gamma_g(a) = gag^{-1} = a$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If  $\gamma$  is trivial then G is Abelian.

PROOF: If  $\gamma_g(a) = gag^{-1} = a$  for all g and a then ga = ag for all g, a.

**Proposition 7.10.** Let G be an Abelian group. Let  $g, h \in G$ . If g has maximal finite order in G, and h has finite order, then |h| |g|.

#### PROOF.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Assume: for a contradiction  $|h| \nmid |g|$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . PICK a prime p such that  $|g| = p^m r$ ,  $|h| = p^n s$  where  $p \nmid r$ ,  $p \nmid s$  and m < n.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3. |g^{p^m} h^s| = p^n r$ 

Proof: Proposition 5.19.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 4. |g| < |g^{p^{\bar{m}}} h^s|$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: This contradicts the maximality of |g|.

**Proposition 7.11.** If p is prime then  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  is cyclic.

#### Proof

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let: g be an element of maximal order in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . For all  $h \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  we have  $h^{|g|} = 1$ . PROOF: Proposition 7.10.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . There are at most |g| elements x such that  $x^{|g|} = 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ 

- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $p-1 \leq |g|$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 5. |q| = p 1$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6$ . g generates  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ .

**Example 7.12.**  $(\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z})^*$  is not cyclic. Its elements are 1, 5, 7 and 11 with orders 1, 2, 2 and 2.

**Theorem 7.13** (Wilson's Theorem). A positive integer p is prime if and only if  $(p-1)! \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

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\begin{split} \langle 1 \rangle 1. & \text{ If } p \text{ is prime then } (p-1)! \equiv 1 (\mod p). \\ \langle 2 \rangle 1. & \text{ Assume: } p \text{ is prime.} \\ \langle 2 \rangle 2. & (p-1)! \text{ is the product of all the elements of } (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^* \\ \langle 2 \rangle 3. & \text{ The only element of } (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^* \text{ with order 2 is } -1. \\ \langle 2 \rangle 4. & (p-1)! \equiv -1 (\mod p) \\ & \text{ Proof: Proposition 5.20.} \\ \langle 1 \rangle 2. & \text{ If } (p-1)! \equiv -1 (\mod p) \text{ then } p \text{ is prime.} \\ \langle 2 \rangle 1. & \text{ Assume: } (\\ & (p-1)! \equiv -1 (\mod p)) \\ \langle 2 \rangle 2. & \text{ Let: } d \text{ be a proper divisor of } p. \\ & \text{ Prove: } d=1 \\ \langle 2 \rangle 3. & d \mid (p-1)! \\ \langle 2 \rangle 4. & d \mid 1 \\ & \text{ Proof: Since } d \mid p \mid (p-1)! + 1. \end{split}
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**Proposition 7.14.** If p and q are distinct odd primes then  $(\mathbb{Z}/pq\mathbb{Z})^*$  is not cyclic.

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Proof:
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 $\langle 2 \rangle 5.$  d=1

**Proposition 7.15.** For any prime p, we have  $\operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbf{Grp}}(C_p) \cong C_{p-1}$ .

#### Proof:

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\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: \phi : \operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbf{Grp}}(C_p) \to (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^* be the function \phi(\alpha) = \alpha(1). Proof: \alpha(1) has order p in C_p and so is coprime with p. \langle 1 \rangle 2. \phi is a homomorphism. Proof: \phi(\alpha \circ \beta) = \alpha(\beta(1)) = \alpha(\beta(1)1) = \beta(1)\alpha(1) = \phi(\alpha)\phi(\beta) \langle 1 \rangle 3. \phi is injective. Proof: If \phi(\alpha) = \phi(\beta) then for any n we have \alpha(n) = n\alpha(1) = n\phi(\alpha) = n\phi(\beta) = n\beta(1) = \beta(n).
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 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $\phi$  is surjective.

PROOF: For any  $r \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  we have  $r = \phi(\alpha)$  where  $\alpha(n) = nr \mod p$ .  $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ .  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^* \cong C_{p-1}$ 

**Proposition 7.16.** Given a set A and an Abelian group H, the set  $H^A$  is an Abelian group under

$$(\phi + \psi)(a) = \phi(a) + \psi(a) \qquad (\phi, \psi \in H^A, a \in A) .$$

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1. \ \phi + (\psi + \chi) = (\phi + \psi) + \chi$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2. \ \phi + \psi = \psi + \phi$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . Let:  $0: A \to H$  be the function 0(a) = 0.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ \phi + 0 = 0 + \phi = \phi$
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. Given  $\phi: A \to H$ , define  $-\phi: A \to H$  by  $(-\phi)(a) = -(\phi(a))$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6. \ \phi + (-\phi) = (-\phi) + \phi = 0$

**Proposition 7.17.** Given a group G and an Abelian group H, the set Grp[G, H] is a subgroup of  $H^G$ .

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Given  $\phi, \psi: G \to H$  group homomorphisms, we have  $\phi - \psi$  is a group homomorphism.

Proof:

$$(\phi - \psi)(g + g') = \phi(g + g') - \psi(g + g')$$

$$= \phi(g) + \phi(g') - \psi(g) - \psi(g')$$

$$= \phi(g) - \psi(g) + \phi(g') - \psi(g')$$

$$= (\phi - \psi)(g) + (\phi - \psi)(g')$$

**Proposition 7.18.** Let G be a group. The following are equivalent.

- 1. Inn(G) is cyclic.
- 2. Inn(G) is trivial.
- 3. G is Abelian.

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1. \ 1 \Rightarrow 2$ 
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Assume:  $Inn(G) = \langle \gamma_q \rangle$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . g commutes with every element of G
    - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $x \in G$
    - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\gamma_x = \gamma_q^n$
    - $\langle 3 \rangle 3. \ \forall y \in G.xyx^{-1} = g^n yg^{-n}$
    - $\langle 3 \rangle 4$ .  $xgx^{-1} = g$

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\begin{array}{l} \langle 2 \rangle 3. \  \, \gamma_g = \operatorname{id}_G \\ \langle 1 \rangle 2. \  \, 2 \Rightarrow 3 \\ \langle 2 \rangle 1. \  \, \operatorname{Assume:} \  \, \forall g \in G. \gamma_g = \operatorname{id}_G \\ \langle 2 \rangle 2. \  \, \operatorname{Let:} \  \, x,y \in G \\ \langle 2 \rangle 3. \  \, \gamma_x(y) = y \\ \langle 2 \rangle 4. \  \, xyx^{-1} = y \\ \langle 2 \rangle 5. \  \, xy = yx \\ \langle 1 \rangle 3. \  \, 3 \Rightarrow 2 \\ \text{Proof: If } xy = yx \text{ for all } x,y \text{ then } \gamma_x(y) = y \text{ for all } x,y. \\ \langle 1 \rangle 4. \  \, 2 \Rightarrow 1 \\ \text{Proof: Easy.} \\ \end{array}
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Corollary 7.18.1. If  $Aut_{Grp}(G)$  is cyclic then G is Abelian.

## 7.1 The Category of Abelian Groups

**Definition 7.19** (Category of Abelian Groups). Let **Ab** be the full subcategory of **Grp** whose objects are the Abelian groups.

**Definition 7.20** (Direct Sum). Given Abelian groups G and H, we also call the direct product of G and H the direct sum and denote it  $G \oplus H$ .

**Proposition 7.21.** Given Abelian groups G and H, the direct sum  $G \oplus H$  is the coproduct of G and H in Ab.

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Proof:
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\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: \kappa_1 : G \to G \oplus H be the group homomorphism \kappa_1(g) = (g, e_H).
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$$\langle 1 \rangle 2$$
. Let:  $\kappa_2 : H \to G \oplus H$  be the group homomorphism  $\kappa_2(h) = (e_G, h)$ .

- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . Given group homomorphism  $\phi : G \to K$  and  $\psi : H \to K$ , define  $[\phi, \psi] : G \oplus H \to K$  by  $[\phi, \psi](g, h) = \phi(g) + \psi(h)$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $[\phi, \psi]$  is a group homomorphism.

Proof:

$$\begin{split} [\phi,\psi]((g,h)+(g',h')) &= [\phi,\psi](g+g',h+h') \\ &= \phi(g+g')+\psi(h+h') \\ &= \phi(g)+\phi(g')+\psi(h)+\psi(h') \\ &= \phi(g)+\psi(h)+\phi(g')+\psi(h') \\ &= [\phi,\psi](g,h)+[\phi,\psi](g',h') \end{split}$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 5. \ [\phi, \psi] \circ \kappa_1 = \phi$ PROOF:

$$[\phi, \psi](\kappa_1(g)) = [\phi, \psi](g, e_h)$$
$$= \phi(g) + \psi(e_H)$$
$$= \phi(g) + e_K$$
$$= \phi(g)$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle 6. \ [\phi, \psi] \circ \kappa_2 = \psi$$

PROOF: Similar.

 $\langle 1 \rangle$ 7. If  $f: G \oplus H \to K$  is a group homomorphism with  $f \circ \kappa_1 = \phi$  and  $f \circ \kappa_2 = \psi$  then  $f = [\phi, \psi]$ .

Proof:

$$f(g,h) = f((g,e_H) + (e_G,h))$$
$$= f(\kappa_1(g)) + f(\kappa_2(h))$$
$$= \phi(g) + \psi(h)$$

**Theorem 7.22.** Every finitely generated Abelian group is a direct sum of cyclic groups.

PROOF: TODO

### 7.2 Free Abelian Groups

**Proposition 7.23.** Let A be a set. Let  $\mathcal{F}^A$  be the category whose objects are pairs (G,j) where G is an Abelian group and j is a function  $A \to G$ , with morphisms  $f:(G,j)\to(H,k)$  the group homomorphisms  $f:G\to H$  such that  $f\circ j=k$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}^A$  has an initial object.

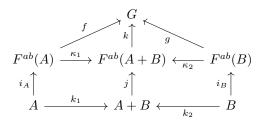
Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus A}$  be the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^A$  consisting of all functions  $\alpha : A \to \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\alpha(a) = 0$  for only finitely many  $a \in A$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $i: A \to \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus A}$  be the function such that i(a)(b) = 1 if a = b and 0 if  $a \neq b$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . Let: G be any Abelian group and  $j: A \to G$  any function.
- (1)4. The unique homomorphism  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus A} \to G$  required is defined by  $\phi(\alpha) = \sum_{a \in A} \alpha(a) j(a)$

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**Definition 7.24** (Free Abelian Group). For any set A, the *free Abelian group* on A is the initial object  $(F^{ab}(A), i)$  in  $\mathcal{F}^A$ .

**Proposition 7.25.** For any sets A and B, we have that  $F^{ab}(A+B)$  is the coproduct of  $F^{ab}(A)$  and  $F^{ab}(B)$  in **Grp**.



Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $i_A: A \to F^{ab}(A), i_B: B \to F^{ab}(B), j: A+B \to F^{ab}(A+B)$  be the canonical injections.
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 2. Let:  $\kappa_1$ ,  $\kappa_2$  be the unique group homomorphisms that make the diagram above commute.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3.$  Let: G be any group and  $f: F^{ab}(A) \to G, \, g: F^{ab}(B) \to G$  any group homomorphisms.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Let:  $h: A+B \to G$  be the unique function such that  $h \circ k_1 = f \circ i_A$  and  $h \circ k_2 = g \circ i_B$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. Let:  $k: F^{ab}(A+B) \to G$  be the unique group homomorphism such that  $k \circ j = h$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 6. k is the unique group homomorphism such that  $k \circ \kappa_1 \circ i_A = f \circ i_A$  and  $k \circ \kappa_2 \circ i_B = g \circ i_B$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 7$ . k is the unique group homomorphism such that  $k \circ \kappa_1 = f$  and  $k \circ \kappa_2 = g$ .

**Proposition 7.26.** For A and B finite sets, if  $F^{ab}(A) \cong F^{ab}(B)$  then  $A \cong B$ .

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . For any set C, define  $\sim$  on  $F^{ab}(C)$  by:  $f \sim f'$  iff there exists  $g \in F^{ab}(C)$  such that f f' = 2g.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . For any set C,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $F^{ab}(C)$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . For any set C, we have  $F^{ab}(C) / \sim$  is finite if and only if C is finite, in which case  $|F^{ab}(C)| / \sim |=2^{|C|}$ .

PROOF: There is a bijection between  $F^{ab}(C) / \sim$  and the finite subsets of C, which maps f to  $\{c \in C : f(c) \text{ is odd}\}.$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . If  $F^{ab}(A) \cong F^{ab}(B)$  then  $A \cong B$ .

PROOF: If  $|F^{ab}(A)/\sim|=|F^{ab}(B)/\sim|$  then  $2^{|A|}=2^{|B|}$  and so |A|=|B|.

**Proposition 7.27.** Let G be an Abelian group. Then G is finitely generated if and only if there exists a surjective homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus n} \to G$  for some n.

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If G is finitely generated then there exists a surjective homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus n} \twoheadrightarrow G$  for some n.

PROOF: Let  $G = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$ . Define  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus n} \twoheadrightarrow G$  by  $\phi(i_1, \dots, i_n) = i_1 \cdot a_1 + \dots + i_n \cdot a_n$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If there exists a surjective homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus n} \twoheadrightarrow G$  for some n then G is finitely generated.

PROOF: G is generated by  $\phi(1, 0, ..., 0), \phi(0, 1, 0, ..., 0), ..., \phi(0, ..., 0, 1)$ .

# Part III Linear Algebra

**Definition 7.28.** Let  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the group of invertible  $n \times n$  real matrices.

**Definition 7.29.** Let  $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  be the group of invertible  $n \times n$  complex matrices.

**Definition 7.30.** Let  $SL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{M \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) : \det M = 1\}.$ 

**Definition 7.31.** Let  $SL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{ M \in GL_n(\mathbb{C}) : \det M = 1 \}.$ 

**Definition 7.32.** Let  $O_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{ M \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) : MM^T = M^TM = I_n \}.$ 

**Definition 7.33.** Let  $SO_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{M \in O_n(\mathbb{R}) : \det M = 1\}.$ 

**Definition 7.34.** Let  $U_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{ M \in GL_n(\mathbb{C}) : MM^{\dagger} = M^{\dagger}M = I_n \}.$ 

**Definition 7.35.** Let  $SU_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{M \in U_n(\mathbb{C}) : \det M = 1\}.$ 

**Proposition 7.36.** Every matrix in  $SU_2(\mathbb{C})$  can be written in the form

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
a+bi & c+di \\
-c+di & a-bi
\end{array}\right)$$

for some  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$ .

#### Proof:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{1 kOOF.} \\ \langle 1 \rangle 1. \text{ Let: } M = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{array} \right) \in \mathrm{SU}_2(\mathbb{C}) \\ \langle 1 \rangle 2. \ M^{-1} = M^{\dagger} \end{array}$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle 2$$
.  $M^{-1} = M^{-1}$ 

(1)4. Let: 
$$\alpha = a + bi$$
 and  $\beta = c + di$ 

$$\langle 1 \rangle 5$$
.  $\delta = \overline{\alpha} = a - bi$ 

$$\langle 1 \rangle 6$$
.  $\gamma = -\beta = -c + di$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle 1 \rangle 6. \quad \gamma = -\overline{\beta} = -c + di \\ \langle 1 \rangle 7. \quad \det M = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1 \\ \square \end{array}$$

Corollary 7.36.1.  $SU_2(\mathbb{C})$  is simply connected.