

## 2 Groups

### 2.3 Subgroups and Direct Products

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**Problem 2.63** (Subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ). *Complete the following:*

- (a) *If  $H \neq \{0\}$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , let  $k$  be the minimal element of  $\mathbb{N} \cap H$ . Show  $k$  exists and that  $H = \langle k \rangle$ . Hint: If  $m \in H$ , use the Euclidean Algorithm to write  $m = kq + r$  with  $0 \leq r < k$  and show  $kq \in H$  so that  $r \in H$ .*
- (b) *Conclude that the set of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is  $\{\langle k \rangle = k\mathbb{Z} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$ .*
- (c) *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , show that every subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is of the form  $\langle [k] \rangle$  for  $0 \leq k < n$ .*
- (d) *Show  $\langle [k] \rangle = \langle [(k, n)] \rangle$ . Hint: For  $\subseteq$ , use  $(k, n) \mid k$ . For  $\supseteq$ , write  $(k, n) = kx + ny$ .*
- (e) *Conclude that the set of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is  $\{\langle [k] \rangle \mid k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } k \mid n\}$ .*
- (f) *Find all subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ .*

For part (a), we'll first show that  $\langle k \rangle \subseteq H$  and then show that  $H \subseteq \langle k \rangle$ . For  $\langle k \rangle \subseteq H$ , we know that  $k \in H$ . Because  $H \leq \mathbb{Z}$ , we can say  $H$  contains all integer multiples of  $k$ : thus  $\langle k \rangle \subseteq H$ . Next, for  $H \subseteq \langle k \rangle$ , we write any element  $m \in H$  as  $kq + r$ . We then can say  $m, kq \in H \Rightarrow r \in H$ . However, because  $k$  is defined as the minimal non-zero element,  $r$  must be 0; therefore  $H \subseteq \langle k \rangle$ . Finally,  $H \subseteq \langle k \rangle$  and  $\langle k \rangle \subseteq H$  imply  $\langle k \rangle = H$ .

For part (b), we know from part (a) that any subgroup  $H$  is equal to the subgroup generated by the minimal positive element  $k$ . Because this minimal element can be any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the comprehensive set of subgroups is simply the set of  $\langle k \rangle \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . This definition also includes the trivial case as  $\langle 0 \rangle$  is built by  $0\mathbb{Z}$ , which is simply  $\{0\}$ . Therefore the comprehensive set of subgroups is the set of  $\langle k \rangle \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

For part (c), we know that any subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a subgroup operating on one of the equivalence classes represented by

### 2.4 Morphisms

#### 2.4.1 Definitions and Examples

**Problem 2.92.** *Show the following maps are homomorphisms:*

- (b) *For  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  given by  $\varphi([k]) = m[k]$ .*
- (d) *For  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\varphi: U_n \rightarrow U_n$  given by  $\varphi([k]) = [k]^m$ .*
- (e)  *$\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  given by  $\varphi(x) = e^x$ .*
- (g)  *$\theta: GL(n, \mathbb{F}) \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{F})$  given by  $\theta(g) = (g^{-1})^T$ .*

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**Problem 2.93.** Show the following maps are not homomorphisms:

(a)  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $\varphi(k) = k + 1$ .

(b)  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $\varphi(x) = x^2$ .

(c)  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$  given by  $\varphi(x) = 2x$ .

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**Problem 2.94.** Show the following groups are isomorphic.

(a)  $\mathbb{Z} \cong 2\mathbb{Z}$ .

(e)  $U_7 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

(c) For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z^n = 1\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

(d)  $\mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}^+$ . Hint:  $e^x$ .

(g)  $\mathbb{R} \cong U(2, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}^\times \right\}$ .

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**Problem 2.95.** Show the following groups are not isomorphic.

(a)  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ .

(b)  $S_3 \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_6$ .

(c)  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

(d)  $\mathbb{R}^\times \not\cong \mathbb{R}$ . Hint: Count the solutions to  $x^2 = 1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^\times$  and to  $2x = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(e)  $\mathbb{Z} \not\cong \mathbb{Q}$ .

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### 2.4.2 Basic Properties

**Problem 2.96.** Calculate the kernels and images of the following homomorphisms.

(a)  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  by  $\varphi([k]) = 2[k]$ .

(b)  $\varphi: U_{10} \rightarrow U_{10}$  by  $\varphi([k]) = [k]^2$ .

(c)  $\varphi: D_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  by  $\varphi(R_j) = 1$  and  $\varphi(W_j) = -1$ .

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**Problem 2.99** (Homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}$ ). Complete the following:

(a) If  $G$  is a group and  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$  is a homomorphism, show  $\varphi(k) = \varphi(1)^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) If  $\varphi': \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$  is another homomorphism, show  $\varphi = \varphi'$  if and only if  $\varphi(1) = \varphi'(1)$ .

(c) If  $g \in G$  show the map  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$  given by  $\varphi(k) = g^k$  is a homomorphism.

- (d) Conclude that the set of homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $G$  is in bijection with the set of elements of  $G$ .

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**Problem 2.104.** Suppose  $G$  is a group with  $S \subseteq G$  and  $G = \langle S \rangle$ . If  $\varphi, \varphi': G \rightarrow H$  are homomorphisms satisfying  $\varphi(s) = \varphi'(s)$  for all  $s \in S$ , show  $\varphi = \varphi'$ .

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