

Theorem 1 (The unit element is unique). Let G be a group and \star its binary operation. Suppose that $e_1, e_2 \in G$ are both units elements. Then, $e_1 = e_2$.

Theorem 2 (Cancellation Law). For every group G and $a, b, c \in G$ that satisfy $ab = ac$, we have $b = c$.

Theorem 3 (The inverse of a group element is unique). Let G be a group and let $a \in G$. If b and c are inverses of a , then $b = c$.

Theorem 4. The order of a k -cycle is k .

Theorem 5. Disjoint cycles commute.

Theorem 6 (Basic facts about homomorphisms). Let $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism. Then

1. $\phi(1_G) = 1_H$ (the identity of G is mapped to the identity of H).
2. $\phi(x^{-1}) = \phi(x)^{-1}$ for all $x \in G$.

Theorem 7. Let $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism. Then $Im(\phi) = \{\phi(g) | g \in G\} \leq H$.

Theorem 8. Let $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism. Then $\ker(\phi) \leq G$. That is, the kernel of ϕ is a subgroup of G .

Theorem 9 (All left cosets of H have the same size). Let $H \leq G$ be groups and let $a \in G$. Then $|[a]| = |aH| = |H|$

Theorem 10 (Lagrange). Let G be a finite group and let $H \leq G$. Then $|H|$ divides $|G|$.

Theorem 11 (Equivalent conditions to be a normal subgroup). Let $N \leq G$. Then $N \trianglelefteq G$ if one of the following holds:

1. $\forall g \in G, gN = Ng$
2. $\forall g \in G, gNg^{-1} = N$
3. $\forall g \in G, gNg^{-1} \subseteq N$
4. $\forall g \in G$ and $\forall n \in N, gng^{-1} \in N$

Theorem 12 (The Kernel of a Homomorphism is a Normal Subgroup). Let $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ be homomorphism. Then $\ker(\phi) \trianglelefteq G$.

Theorem 13 (Every cyclic group is isomorphic to either \mathbb{Z} or to $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ for some $n \geq 1$). For every group H for which there exists an $x \in H$ such that $H = \langle x \rangle$, there exists a bijective homomorphism (i.e. an isomorphism) $\phi : H \rightarrow C$ where $C = \mathbb{Z}$ or $C = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ for some $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 14. Let G be a finite cyclic group of order n . For every $m|n$ (m that divides n) there exists a unique subgroup H of G with $|H| = m$. Furthermore, H is cyclic.

Theorem 15 (Important Identity for Dihedral Groups). $\rho\epsilon = \epsilon\rho^{-1}$.

Theorem 16. $\rho^i\epsilon = \epsilon\rho^{-i}$

Theorem 17. In the above definition, G/N is a group.

Theorem 18 (The First Isomorphism Theorem). If $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism of groups, then $G/\ker(\phi) \cong \text{Im}\phi$.

Theorem 19 (The Second or Diamond Isomorphism Theorem). Let $H \leq G$ and $K \trianglelefteq G$. Then $HK/K \cong H/H \cap K$.

Theorem 20 (The stabilizer of a group element is a subgroup). $G_x \leq G$

Theorem 21 (Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem). There is a bijection

$$f : G/G_x \rightarrow O_x \tag{1}$$

In words, there is a bijection between the collection of all cosets of the stabilizer and the orbit. In particular,

$$[G : G_x] = |O_x| \tag{2}$$

(Recall we defined $|G/G_x|$ to be $[G : G_x]$).

Theorem 22. An action is transitive if and only if there exists an $x \in X$ such that $O_x = X$. That is, all elements of X have the same equivalence class.

Theorem 23 (Burnside). Let G act on X . Suppose that G, X are finite. Then,

$$N = \# \text{ of orbits (equivalence classes)} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X^g| \quad (3)$$

Theorem 24. $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ is a group.

Theorem 25 (Fermat's Little Theorem). For a prime number p and $1 \leq x \leq p-1$, we have $x^{p-1} - 1$ is divisible by p .

Theorem 26. Let $p \neq q$ be odd primes. Then

$$(\mathbb{Z}/pq\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \times (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times \quad (4)$$

Theorem 27. If $\lambda : G \rightarrow S_n$ is a homomorphism, we can define an action of G on $\{1, \dots, n\}$ by

$$g(i) = \lambda(g)(i) \quad (5)$$

Theorem 28. Under the above assumptions: λ is injective if and only if the action of G on X (which we can think of as $\{1, \dots, n\}$) is faithful.

Theorem 29 (Cayley). Let G be a group of order n . Then, there exists an injective homomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow S_n$.

Theorem 30. If $|G| = n$, then G is isomorphic to a subgroup of S_n . Indeed $\phi : G \rightarrow \text{Im}(\phi) \subset S_n$.

Theorem 31. Let G be a p -group that acts on a finite set X . Let $X^G = \bigcap_{g \in G} X^g$ where $X^g = \{x \in X | gx = x\}$, that is those $x \in X$ such that for all $g \in G$, $gx = x$. Then p divides $|X| - |X^G|$, that is

$$|X^G| \equiv |X| \pmod{p} \quad (6)$$

Theorem 32 (A p -group has a non-trivial center). Let G be a p -group. Then $Z(G) \neq \{1\}$. In words, there has to be a non-trivial element of the group that commutes with everything else.

Corollary 1. Let p be a prime number and let G be a group of order p^2 . Then G is abelian.

Theorem 33 (Cauchy). Let G be a finite group and suppose that $p \mid |G|$ for some prime p . Then there exists an element of order p in G .

Theorem 34 (Correspondence Theorem). Let G, H be groups, and let $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ be a group homomorphism. Then there exists a correspondence (i.e. a bijection)

$$\{\text{Subgroups } K \text{ of } G \text{ containing } \ker \phi\} \iff \{\text{Subgroups } L \text{ of } H \text{ contained in } \text{Im}(\phi)\}$$

given by $K \mapsto \phi(K)$ and $L \mapsto \phi^{-1}(L)$. In addition, let K_1 and K_2 be subgroups of G containing $\ker(\phi)$ and L_1 and L_2 subgroups L of H contained in $\text{Im}(\phi)$.

1. $K_1 \leq K_2 \implies \phi(K_1) \leq \phi(K_2)$
2. $L_1 \leq L_2 \implies \phi^{-1}(L_1) \leq \phi^{-1}(L_2)$

and

1. $K_1 \leq K_2 \implies [K_2 : K_1] = [\phi(K_2) : \phi(K_1)]$
2. $L_1 \leq L_2 \implies [L_2 : L_1] = [\phi(L_2) : \phi(L_1)]$

Theorem 35 (Sylow's Theorem). Let p be a prime number, let G be a finite group, and let p^n be the largest power of p that divides $|G|$. Then G contains a subgroup P of order p^n . P is called a p -Sylow subgroup of G .

Theorem 36 (p -Sylow subgroups are conjugate). Let G be a finite group and let P, Q be p -Sylow subgroups of G . Then there exists $g \in G$ such that $gPg^{-1} = Q$.

Corollary 2. Let G be a finite group and let P be a p -Sylow subgroup of G . Then P is a unique p -Sylow subgroup if and only if $P \trianglelefteq G$.

Theorem 37 ($0 \cdot a = 0$).

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \cdot a &= (0 + 0) \cdot a && (0 \text{ additive identity}) \\ &= 0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot a && (\text{distributivity}) \end{aligned}$$

Then cancellation gives $0 = 0 \cdot a$.

Theorem 38 ($-a = (-1) \cdot a$). We want to show that $(-1) \cdot a$ is the additive inverse of a . To that end

$$\begin{aligned} a + (-1) \cdot a &= 1 \cdot a + (-1) \cdot a && (1 \text{ multiplicative identity}) \\ &= (1 + -1) \cdot a && (\text{distributivity}) \\ &= 0 \cdot a \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$