

## Lecture 6

recall definition:  $S_n = \{\text{permutation of the set } \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$

$S_n$  is a group.  $|S_n| = n!$

If  $\sigma \in S_n$ , then  $\sigma: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$  is a bijection function. And we can write  $\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \cdots & \sigma(n) \end{bmatrix}$

### Cycle notation:

If  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  are distinct elements of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then define  $\sigma = (a_1, \dots, a_k) \in S_n$  by the following rule:

If  $x = a_i$  for some  $i$ ,  $\sigma(x) = a_{i+1}$

If  $x \neq a_i$  for some  $i$ ,  $\sigma(x) = x$

### Facts

- If  $\sigma = (a_1, \dots, a_k)$  is a  $k$ -cycle in  $S_n$ , then  $|\sigma| = k$ .

- Every  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be written as a product of disjoint cycles.

- disjoint cycles commute.

- If  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be written as  $\sigma = c_1 \cdots c_k$  where  $c_i$  are disjoint cycles. Then  $|\sigma| = \text{lcm}(|c_1|, |c_2|, \dots, |c_k|)$

(least common multiple)

Definition: A transposition is a 2-cycle.

Theorem: Every element  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be written as a product of transpositions.

Theorem: If  $\sigma \in S_n$ , and  $\sigma = t_1 \times t_2 \times \cdots \times t_r$  are two different ways of writing  $\sigma = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s$  as a product of transpositions, then  $r = s \pmod{2}$

Definition:  $\sigma \in S_n$  is even if  $\sigma$  can be written as product of an even number of transpositions.

Let  $A_n = \{\sigma \in S_n \mid \sigma \text{ is even}\}$

Facts:

- $A_n$  is a subgroup of  $S_n$
- $|A_n| = n! / 2$

Q: Find the elements of  $A_6$  of order 5

Find elements of  $S_6$  of order 5 that happen to lie in  $A_6$ .

Permutations that are a product of a 1-cycle and a 5-cycle that disjoint from each other.

A:  $6 \times 4!$  elements

# CHAPTER 6 ISOMORPHISM

$$\mathbb{M}_4 = \{4\text{th roots of unity in } \mathbb{C}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \text{ mod } 4$$

**Def:** Let  $G, \bar{G}$  be a pair of groups. A group isomorphism from  $G$  to  $\bar{G}$  is a bijection  $\phi: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$  s.t.  $\forall a, b \in G, \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$

multiplication  
in  $G$

multiplication  
in  $\bar{G}$ .

E.g.

$$\text{Let's define } \phi: \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_4$$

$$\phi(0)=1 \quad \phi(1)=i \quad \phi(2)=-1 \quad \phi(3)=-i$$

- $\phi(1+1) = \phi(1)\phi(1)$   
 $\phi(2) = i \cdot i = -1$

- $\phi(k) = e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{4}} = e^{2\pi i (\frac{k+4}{4})}$

$$\phi(k+j) = e^{2\pi i (\frac{k+j}{4})} = e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{4}} \cdot e^{2\pi i \frac{j}{4}}$$

E.g.

Define:  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n$

$$\phi(k) = e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{n}}$$

Claim  $\phi$  is an isomorphism

- Define  $\psi: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n$

$$\psi(k) = e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{n}}$$

verify  $\psi$  is an isomorphism but  $\psi \neq \phi$

**Fact:** there will be  $\phi(n) = \#\{k \mid 0 \leq k < n, \gcd(k, n) = 1\}$   
 $= |\mathbb{U}(n)|$   
 distinct isomorphism.

E.g.  $d: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0} \quad d(x) : 2^x$

Claim:  $d$  is an isomorphism

$d$  is a bijection because it has 2-sided inverse  $d^{-1}: \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$y \mapsto \log_2(y)$$

And we need to check that  $d(x+y) = d(x)d(y)$   
 i.e.  $2^{x+y} = 2^x 2^y$ . but this is clear.

Example: let  $G$  be a cyclic group with generator  $a$ . Then  $G = \langle a \rangle$ . If  $G$  is infinite, then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Consider  $G = \{a^k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Since  $G$  is infinite,  $a^k = a^j$  iff  $k=j$

So define  $\phi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $\phi(a^k) = k$

Then  $\phi$  is clearly a bijection and  $\phi(a^k a^l) = \phi(a^{k+l}) = k+l = \phi(a^k) \phi(a^l)$

Similarly, if  $|G|=n < \infty$ , then define  $\phi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  by  $\phi(a^k) = k \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

Since  $a^k = a^j$  in  $G$  iff  $k=j \pmod n$ .  $\phi$  is well defined and  $\phi(a^k a^j) = \phi(a^{k+l}) = k+l = \phi(a^k) \phi(a^j)$

Punchline: "up to isomorphism" i.e. considering isomorphic groups to be the same.  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  are the only cyclic groups.

Non-example: Define  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = x^3$   
 $f$  is not a isomorphism because  $(x+y)^3 \neq x^3 + y^3$ .

If it were isomorphic, we would need  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Cayley's Theorem: Every group is a subgroup of a symmetric group.  $\Leftrightarrow$  every group is isomorphic to some permutation group.

Proof: Let  $G$  be a group. Let's consider  $G$  as a set.

Let  $\text{perm}(G) = \{\text{all permutations of } G\} = \{\text{bijections } d: G \rightarrow G\}$   
 $\forall g \in G$ , we can define  $T_g \in \text{perm}(G)$  by

$$T_g(h) = gh \quad \forall h \in G$$

Ex:  $T_g$  is a bijection.

Let  $\overline{G} = \{T_g \mid g \in G\} \subseteq \text{perm}(G)$

Define  $\phi: G \rightarrow \overline{G}$  by  $\phi(g) = T_g$

Ex:  $T_{gh} = T_g T_h$ . So  $\phi(gh) = T_{gh} = T_g T_h = \phi(g) \phi(h)$   
 $\phi$  is a bijection.

### Properties of isomorphic groups

Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow \overline{G}$  be an isomorphism.

①  $\phi(e) = e \rightarrow e \text{ in } \overline{G}$

$$\hookrightarrow e \in G$$

②  $\forall a \in G, \phi(a^n) = [\phi(a)]^n$

③  $\forall a, b \in G, ab = ba \text{ iff } \phi(a)\phi(b) = \phi(b)\phi(a) \text{ in } \overline{G}$ .

④  $G = \langle G \rangle \text{ iff } \overline{G} = \langle \phi(G) \rangle$

$$\cdot |G| = |\overline{G}|$$

• If  $\phi: G \rightarrow \overline{G}$  is an isomorphism. Then  $\phi^{-1}: \overline{G} \rightarrow G$  is also an isomorphism.

### Automorphisms (self-morphisms)

Def: An automorphism of  $G$  is an isomorphism  $\alpha: G \rightarrow G$ .  
i.e.  $\alpha(ab) = \alpha(a)\alpha(b) \quad \forall a, b \in G$

E.g.  $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $\phi(n) = -n$

$$\phi(n+m) = -(n+m) = (-n) + (-m) = \phi(n) + \phi(m)$$

E.g.  $\phi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\phi(z+u) = \overline{z+u} = \overline{z} + \overline{u} = \phi(z) + \phi(u)$$

E.g. Let  $G$  be any group. Then  $\text{id}_G : G \rightarrow G$  is an isomorphism.

**Special type of isomorphism: inner automorphism.**

Let  $G$  be any group. and let  $a \in G$  be any element. Then define  $\phi_a : G \rightarrow G$ , by  $\phi_a(g) = aga^{-1}$

(conjugation by  $a$ ). Then  $\phi_a$  is an automorphism.

Proof:  $\phi_a$  is a bijection because  $(\phi_a)^{-1} = \phi_{a^{-1}}$

$$\phi_{a^{-1}} \circ \phi_a = \phi_{a^{-1}}(aga^{-1}) = a^{-1}g a^{-1}(a^{-1})^{-1} = g$$

Similarly  $\phi_a \circ \phi_{a^{-1}} = \text{id}_G$

$$\text{And } \forall x, y \in G, \phi_a(xy) = axy a^{-1} = a x a^{-1} a y a^{-1} = (\phi_a(x))(\phi_a(y))$$

- Let  $\text{Aut}(G) = \{\text{automorphisms of } G\}$

- Let  $\text{Inn}(G) = \{\text{inner automorphisms of } G\}$

**Theorem:**  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is a group under composition.

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Pf: key points:  $\phi_a \circ \phi_b = \phi_{ab}$   
 $(\phi_a)^{-1} = \phi_{a^{-1}}$

**Fact**  $\text{Inn}(G) \leq \text{Aut}(G)$

E.g. What is  $\text{Inn}(\mathbb{Z}_5)$ ?

Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_5$ . The inner automorphism corresponding to  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_5$  is  $\phi_a : \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5$ .

$$\phi_a(k) = aka^{-1} = a+k+(-a) = k$$

So  $\text{Inn}(G)$  is just the identity automorphism.

**Thm:** If  $G$  is Abelian,  $\text{Inn}(G)$  is just the identity automorphism.

Proof:  $a \in G, aga^{-1} = a a^{-1} g = g$

E.g. What's  $\text{Inn}(D_4)$ ?

recall  $D_4 = \{R_0, R_{90}, R_{180}, R_{270}, V, H, D, D'\}$

What's  $\phi_{R_0}$ ?

$$\phi_{R_0}(1-1) = R_0 H R_0^{-1} = H$$

In fact,  $\phi_{R_0} = \text{id}_{D_4}$

$$\phi_{R_90}(H) = R_{90} H R_{90}^{-1} = R_{90} H R_{270} = V$$

$$\phi_{R_90}(R_0) = R_0 \quad \phi_{R_90}(H) = V$$

$$\phi_{R_90}(R_{90}) = R_{90} \quad \phi_{R_90}(V) = H$$

$$\phi_{R_90}(R_{180}) = R_{180} \quad \phi_{R_90}(D) = D'$$

$$\phi_{R_90}(R_{270}) = R_{270} \quad \phi_{R_90}(D') = D$$

E.g. What's  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{10})$ ?

Sps  $\alpha : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$ . Then  $\alpha(k) = \alpha(1+ \dots + 1) = k\alpha(1)$

So  $\alpha$  is determined by  $\alpha(1)$

So we just have to decide what are the possibilities for  $\alpha(1)$ .

We saw that : If  $G = \langle G \rangle$ . and  $\psi: G \rightarrow \overline{G}$  is isomorphism. that  $\overline{G} = \langle \psi(a) \rangle$

So in our example of  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ , we must have  $\langle d(1) \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{10}$ .

So  $d(1) \in \{1, 3, 7, 9\} = U(10)$

Exercise : prove  $\exists 4$  automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ .

One with  $d(1)=1$ , one with  $d(1)=3, \dots, 7, \dots, 9$ .

So in general, consider  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  if  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ . then  $d$  is determined by  $d(1)$  as before.

All as before,  $d$  will be an automorphism iff  $d(1) \in U(n)$

Fact:  $\forall p \in U(n)$ ,  $\exists$  a unique automorphism  $\alpha_p$  s.t.  $\alpha_p(1)=p$ . In fact, we can write an explicit formula for  $\alpha_p$ .

$$\alpha_p(k) = pk \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_n$$

Thm: The function  $A: U(n) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n)$

$$A(p) = \alpha_p$$

is an isomorphism.

Ch 6 Practice Problems

1/1, 2/2, 4/4, 5/5, 9/9, 11/11

need examples: 4, 5, 6, 7