

# Abstract algebra I Homework 3 uwu

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**Claim:** If  $G$  is cyclic and  $H$  is isomorphic to  $G$ , then  $H$  is cyclic.

*Proof.* Suppose the isomorphism is  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  and  $G = \langle x \rangle_\infty$ , then every element of  $H$  can be written as the form  $\varphi(x^d)$  for some integer  $d$ , also:  $\varphi(x^d) = \varphi(x)^d$ . Hence,  $H$  is generated by  $\varphi(x)$ , i.e., by claim above,  $H = \langle \varphi(x) \rangle$  is cyclic.  $\square$

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$(\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{7}, \bar{8}, \bar{11}, \bar{13}, \bar{14}\}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6}, \bar{7}\}$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$  is a cyclic group of order 8 under addition, and  $(\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z})^\times$  is not cyclic, they are not isomorphic.

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Suppose  $\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}$  are two elements in  $G$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}\right) &= \begin{pmatrix} a+c & -b-d \\ b+d & a+c \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (a+c) + (b+d)i \\ &= (a+bi) + (c+di) \\ &= \varphi\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}\right) + \varphi\left(\begin{pmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\varphi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a homomorphism. To prove  $\varphi$  is isomorphic, we need to prove the injectivity and surjectivity. Suppose  $\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}$  For the injectivity, suppose  $\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}$  are distinct elements in  $G$ , i.e.,  $a \neq c \vee b \neq d$ . Since  $\varphi\left(\begin{pmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = c + di$ ,  $\varphi\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}\right) = a + bi \neq \varphi\left(\begin{pmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}\right)$ , the  $\varphi$  is injective.

For every element  $x = r + si$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , where  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$ , it can correspond to a unique real matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} r & -s \\ s & r \end{pmatrix}$  in  $G$ . Thus,  $\varphi(G) = \mathbb{C}$ , the surjectivity is proved. Hence,  $G$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  are isomorphic!

**3)**

**(a)**

Suppose  $H = \langle h \rangle, h \in G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Since any subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic, the subgroup  $N$  of  $H$  can be written as the form  $\langle h^d \rangle, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Suppose  $g \in G$ , since  $H$  is normal in  $G$ ,  $g^{-1}hg = h^i \in H$  for some integer  $i$  in  $[1, n]$ . Then for any integer  $r$ , we have:

$$g^{-1}(h^d)^r g = (g^{-1}hg)^{rd} = (h^d)^{ir} \in N$$

Thus, for all  $g \in G$  and elements in  $N = \langle h^d \rangle$  (Let  $n \in N$ ), we have  $g^{-1}ng \in N$ ,  $N$  is normal in  $G$ .

**(b)**

Let  $G = S_4$ , the symmetry group on 4 letters. Let  $H = V = \{e, (12)(34), (14)(23), (13)(24)\}$ , the Klein four group. Obviously  $H$  is a non-empty subset of  $G$ . Since every non-identity element in  $H$  is a product of two disjoint transposition, their order is 2, i.e., their inverses are themselves, so also in  $H$ . We need to show that for any two elements  $x, y$  in  $H$ ,  $xy^{-1} = xy \in H$ . By some calculating, we can find that the product of any element and itself is the identity, and the product of any two distinct elements is also a double transposition (two disjoint transposition), thus in  $H$ . By subgroup criterion,  $H \leq G$ .

Since  $G$  can be generated using  $u = (12)$  and  $v = (1234)$  by definition. To show  $H$  is normal in  $G$ , checking  $uHu^{-1} = H$  and  $vHv^{-1} = H$  is enough, since any elements can be expressed as the product of  $u$  and  $v$ . And by some easy calculations we know  $uHu^{-1} = H$  and  $vHv^{-1} = H$  are both true. Hence,  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

Let  $N = \{e, (12)(34)\}$ , since  $hNh^{-1} = N \forall h \in H$ ,  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $H$  ( $N$  is non-empty, it's closed under taking inverse and product/compositions, so  $N \leq H$ ). Taking  $g = (123) \in G$ , since  $gNg^{-1} = \{e, (13)(24)\} \neq N$ ,  $N$  is not normal in  $H$ . This is a counterexample.

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**Claim:** Left cosets are in bijection via left multiplication. In other words, given a group  $G$ , a subgroup  $H$ , and two left cosets  $xH, yH$  of  $H$ , where  $x, y \in G$ , left multiplication by  $yx^{-1}$  creates a bijection between  $xH$  and  $yH$ .

*Proof.* We can prove the correctness, injectivity, surjectivity of the mapping. Suppose  $x, y$  are in  $G$ .

First note that if  $g = xh$ ,  $h \in H$ ,  $x \in G$  then  $(yx^{-1})g = yh$ , thus the left multiplication of  $yx^{-1}$  can map any elements in  $xH$  to  $yH$ . Here proves the correctness.

Given two distinct elements  $xh_1, xh_2 \in xH$ ,  $h_1, h_2 \in H$ ,  $(yx^{-1})xh_1 = yh_1$  and  $(yx^{-1})xh_2 = yh_2$  are also distinct since if  $yh_1 = yh_2$  then we will get  $xh_1 = xh_2$  (by cancelling  $yx^{-1}$ ), contradiction appeared. Thus, the map is injective.

Every element in  $yH$  takes the form as  $yh = (yx^{-1})xh$ ,  $h \in H$ , it arises as the image of left multiplication by  $yx^{-1}$ . Thus, the map is surjective. From these properties, we know left cosets are in bijection via left multiplication.  $\square$

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Take any  $g \in G$  and  $n \in N$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism and  $H$  is abelian, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(gng^{-1}n^{-1}) &= \varphi(g)\varphi(n)\varphi(g^{-1})\varphi(n^{-1}) \\ &= \varphi(g)\varphi(g^{-1})\varphi(n)\varphi(n^{-1}) \\ &= \varphi(gg^{-1})\varphi(nn^{-1}) = e_H\end{aligned}$$

Where  $e_H$  is the identity element of  $H$ , thus,  $gng^{-1}n^{-1} \in \ker\varphi$ . By hypothesis,  $\ker\varphi \in N$ , so  $gng^{-1}n^{-1} \in N$ . Since  $gng^{-1} = (gng^{-1}n^{-1})n \in N$ , we can conclude that  $gNg^{-1} \subset N \forall g \in G$ . Since the left coset, right coset and the conjugate have the same size with subgroup, i.e.  $|gNg^{-1}| = |N|$ ,  $gNg^{-1} = N \forall g \in G$  is true, and  $N$  is normal subgroup of  $G$ . By the claim above, we can easily know the size of left coset of subgroup  $N$  is the same as  $N$ , so is the right coset (The bijectivity is also proved in the same way as claim.). Thus,  $|gNg^{-1}| = |N|$ , which implies  $gNg^{-1} = N$ ,  $N$  is the normal subgroup of  $G$ .