

## External Products

"Put together two groups to get a single group out of them"

↳ any finite number!

also denoted  $G \times H$

If  $G$  &  $H$  are groups, the external direct product  $G \oplus H$  is the group where

$$G \oplus H = \{ (g, h) \mid g \in G, h \in H \}$$

and the group operation is "componentwise"

$$(g, h) \cdot (g', h') = (gg', hh')$$

$$\text{Thm. } |(g, h)| = \text{lcm}(|g|, |h|).$$

$$D_3 = \{R_0, R_{120}, R_{240}, F_1, F_2, F_3\}$$

Ex. Consider  $D_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$

• Elements are  $(R_0, 0)$ ,  $(F_1, 0)$ ,  $(R_{120}, 1)$ ,  $(R_0, 1)$ , ...

•  $(R_0, 1)(R_{120}, 1) = (R_0 R_{120}, \underbrace{1+1}_{\text{mod } 2}) = (R_{120}, 0)$

•  $(R_0, 1)$  has order 2

-  $(R_0, 1)(R_0, 1) = (R_0^2, 1+1) = (R_0, 0)$  is the identity elt (b/c identity in both coords)

-  $|(R_0, 1)| = \text{lcm}(|R_0|, |1|) = \text{lcm}(1, 2) = 2.$

•  $(R_{120}, 0)$  has order 3.

-  $|(R_{120}, 0)| = \text{lcm}(|R_{120}|, |0|) = \text{lcm}(3, 1) = 3.$

•  $(R_{120}, 1)$  has order 6.

-  $\text{lcm}(|R_{120}|, |1|) = \text{lcm}(3, 2) = 6.$

• How many elements of order 2?

$$(R_0, 1)$$

$$(F_1, 1), (F_2, 1), (F_3, 1).$$

$$(F_1, 0), (F_2, 0), (F_3, 0).$$

Can't have anything of the form  $(R_{120}, *)$  or  $(R_{240}, *)$  because  $R_{120}$  &  $R_{240}$  have order 3, so these pairs will have order  $\geq 3$ .  
 $(R_0, 0)$  is not of order 2 b/c it's the identity (has order 1).

$U(n)$  as a product: next time!

# 1. $\mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$

How many elts of order 2?

$$2 = |(a, b)| = \text{lcm}(|a|, |b|)$$

we must have  $|a|=1$  or  $2$ ,  $|b|=1$  or  $2$ , but we can't have  $|a|=|b|=1$ .

Elements of order 1 or 2 in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ :  $0, 4$ .

Elements of order 1 or 2 in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ :  $0, 1$ .

$$(0, 1), (4, 0), (4, 1)$$

3 elements of order 2.

How many elements of order 4?

$$(2, 0), (2, 1)$$

2 has order 4 in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ , so  $|(2, 0)| = \text{lcm}(|2|, |0|) = \text{lcm}(4, 1) = 4$ .

$$(6, 0), (6, 1)$$

6 also has order 4 in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ .  $|(6, 1)| = \text{lcm}(|6|, |1|) = \text{lcm}(4, 2) = 4$ .

That's all of the elements:

$$4 = |(a, b)| = \text{lcm}(|a|, |b|)$$

so this must be 4.

$$\begin{aligned} 6 &= 6 \cdot 1 \\ \text{order of } 6 \cdot 1 &\text{ is } \frac{111}{\gcd(6, 111)} = \frac{8}{\gcd(6, 8)} \\ &= \frac{8}{2} = 4. \end{aligned}$$

so this boils down to finding elements of order 4 in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ .

By results on cyclic groups, we know 2 & 6 are the only such elts. So  $a$  must be 2 or 6, and  $b$  can be either 0 or 1. so 4 elements total.

# 2. $D_3 \oplus D_3$

How many elts of order 3?

$$(R_{120}, *)$$

any rotation

$$(R_{240}, *)$$

any rotation

$$(R_{120}, R_{240})^2 = (R_{120}, R_{240}) \cdot (R_{120}, R_{240}) = (R_{240}, R_{120})$$

$$(R_{120}, R_{240})^3 = (R_{240}, R_{120}) \cdot (R_{120}, R_{240}) = (R_0, R_0).$$

$$|(R_{120}, R_{240})| = \text{lcm}(|R_{120}|, |R_{240}|) = \text{lcm}(3, 3) = 3.$$

-  $(R_0, R_{120})$  &  $(R_0, R_{240})$  also have order 3.

$$\text{lcm}(1, 3) = 3.$$

- I have 8 elements.

- That's all of them because..

$$\text{if } 3 = |(a, b)| = \text{lcm}(|a|, |b|)$$

we must have  $|a| = 1$  or  $3$ ,  $|b| = 1$  or  $3$ , &  $|a|$  &  $|b|$  are not both 1.

In  $D_3$ , 3 elements have order 1 or 3 — namely, the rotations.

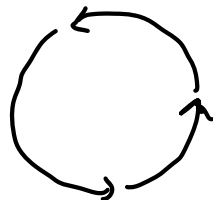
So I have 9 elements in  $D_3 \oplus D_3$  where both entries have order 1 or 3, but then we throw out the elt where both entries have order 1 (ie, the identity elt  $(R_0, R_0)$ ).

Is this isomorphic to  $D_{18}$ ?

In  $D_{18}$ , we only have 2 elements of order 3 :  $R_{120}, R_{240}$ .

So the groups cannot be isomorphic!

use geometry, or  
note that rotations  
form a cyclic  
group of order 18,  
so can use results  
about cyclic groups.



$\langle R_{360/18} \rangle$  the elts of order 3  
are  $R_{360/18}^k$  where  $k$  has property  
that  $\gcd(k, 18) = 6$ , b/c

$$|R_{360/18}^k| = \frac{18}{\gcd(k, 18)} = 3.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \gcd(k, 18) = 6.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k = 6, 12.$$

$$R_{360/18}^6 = R_{120}$$

$$R_{360/18}^{12} = R_{240}.$$

10. A finite grp,  $|a|=2$ ,  $|b|=3$ . Must  $|ab|$  divide 6?

- Obs: if  $a$  &  $b$  commute,

$$(ab)^6 = a^6 b^6 = (a^2)^3 (b^3)^2 = e^3 e^2 = e.$$

and so the order of  $ab$  must divide 6.

So, to find a counterexample, must consider  $G$  non-abelian.

- Obs: Might want to use dihedral group (it's familiar), but we can't.

In  $D_n$ , if  $|b|=3$ , then  $b$  is a rotation.

If  $a$  is a rotation, then  $a$  &  $b$  commute, and we're back in case 1.

If  $a$  is a reflection,  $ab$  is a reflection, and it has order 2, which divides 6.

- Try symmetric group!

Cayley's Thm says that any finite grp is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_n$  for some  $n$ . So, if there exists a counterexample at all, there must exist a counterexample in  $S_n$ !

Any elt of  $S_n$  of order 2 must be a 2-cycle.

Any elt of  $S_n$  of order 3 must be a 3-cycle.

If  $a$  &  $b$  are disjoint, then they'll commute & case 1 says order will divide 6.

(In fact, then the order of  $ab$  is  $\text{lcm}(|a|, |b|) = \text{lcm}(2, 3) = 6$ ).

So we're looking for non-disjoint  $a$  &  $b$ .

$$a = (12)$$

$$b = (234)$$

$$ab = (12)(234) = (1234)$$

$|ab| = 4$  which does not divide 6.

Say  $G$  has order 12, or 24.

$|a|$  is div by 6

but  $|ab|$  is not, eg in example we produced

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$$(12)(123)$$

$$= (1)(23) = (23)$$

has order 2

$$(12)(132)$$

$$= (13) \text{ has order 2}$$

5.  $\langle 2 \rangle$  in  $U(7)$  <sup>operation is mult.</sup>

$$H = \langle 2 \rangle = \{ \dots, \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ 4}}{2^{-1}}, \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ 1}}{1}, \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ 2}}{2}, \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ 4}}{2^2}, \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ 1}}{2^3}, \dots \} = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

$$\# \text{ of cosets is } \frac{|U(7)|}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$\{1, 2, 4\} = H = 1H = 2H = 4H$$

$$\{3, 5, 6\} = 3H = 5H = 6H$$

cosets partition group into disjoint pieces of equal sizes.

Ex.  $H = \langle 6 \rangle = \{1, 6\}$  3 cosets.

$2H = \{2, 5\} = 5H$   
 $3H = \{3, 4\} = 4H.$

} the other 2

6.  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  aut with property that  $\varphi(2) = 4$

Thm says  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{10}) \cong U(10)$

$$[\varphi(x) = cx] \longleftarrow c$$

$U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$  so  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$  has 4 automorphisms

$c \in U(10)$	$\varphi(2)$
1	2
3	6
7	4
9	8

only 1 aut. has  $\varphi(2) = 4$   
and it's the one given by  
 $\varphi(x) = 7x.$

8.  $H$  is a subgroup of  $D_{11}$ , contains at least 2 distinct reflections  $F_1, F_2$ .

Then  $H$  also contains  $F_1 F_2$  which is a <sup>nontrivial</sup> rotation.

Let  $R = F_1 F_2$ . This is a nontrivial elt of the cyclic subgroup of rotations, and there are 11 rotations, and 11 is prime, so  $R$  must have order 11 by Lagrange. So  $R^0, R^1, \dots, R^{10}$  is all of the rotations in  $D_{11}$ .

But  $R \in H$ , so  $R^0, \dots, R^{10} \in H$ .

So I know that  $\{\underbrace{R^0, \dots, R^{10}}_{11 \text{ elts}}, \underbrace{F_1, F_2}_{+2}\} \subseteq H$ . So  $|H| \geq 13$ . But by Lagrange,

$|H|$  divides  $|D_{11}| = 22$ , so  $|H| = 22$ , ie,  $H = D_{22}$ .

10 (contd). Say  $G$  is a finite grp,  $a, b \in G$ ,  $|a| = 2$ ,  $|b| = 3$ . By Cayley, there exists a subgroup  $H \leq S_n$  for some  $n$  such that  $G \cong H$ . Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  be the isomorphism.

$$|\varphi(a)| = 2, |\varphi(b)| = 3. \quad |ab| = |\varphi(ab)|.$$

The order of any element of  $H$  is the same even if I think of it as an element of  $S_n$ .

9. By Cayley, we know that  $D_{12} \cong H$  for some subgroup  $H \subseteq S_n$  for some  $n$ .  
 on Fri, we counted elts of  $D_{12}$  of order 2 & showed that its not the same  
 as # of elts of order 2 in  $S_4$ . It will be true that  $D_{12}$  has same # of elts of order  
 2 as does  $H$ , but  $S_n$  might have more elements of order 2 than  $H$ ...!

7.

