

(Q1) Let  $g \in G$  be an element of order  $m$ . In symbols:  $g^m = e$ . Now, if  $d|m$ ,  $m/d$  is a integer. Consider  $g^{m/d}$ .

$(g^{m/d})^d = g^m = e$ . Thus,  $g^{m/d} \in G$  is of order  $d$ .

(Q2) We use the following theorem in the proof:  
Every cyclic group of order  $n$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $|G| = p$ , any non-trivial elements of  $G$  has  $p$  as its order. Thus,  $|\langle g \rangle| = p$  ( $g \neq e$ ) and  $\langle g \rangle \trianglelefteq G$  implies  $\langle g \rangle = G$ . Thus, the group  $G$  is cyclic with  $p-1$  generators. Thus, by the above results, we conclude  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

Proof of above result:

Let  $G$  be a finite group generated by  $g \in G$ ;  $\langle g \rangle = [e, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}] = G$  of order  $n$ . Define a function  $\varphi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\varphi(g) = 1$ , and  $\varphi(g^k) = k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . First we show  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(g_1 \odot g_2) &= \varphi(g^m \odot g^n) = \varphi(g^{m+n}) = m+n \\ &= \varphi(g^m) + \varphi(g^n).\end{aligned}$$

Next, we show  $\varphi$  is an bijection

1. If  $\varphi(g_1) = \varphi(g_2) \Rightarrow \varphi(g^m) = \varphi(g^n) \Rightarrow m = n$   
Thus,  $g^m = g^n = g^m$ ,  $g_1 = g_2$

2. Next, consider the function  $\phi(m) = g^m$  for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . Note that,

$$\phi(\phi(m)) = \phi(g^m) = m \text{ and}$$

$$\phi(\phi(g^m)) = \phi(m) = g^m. \text{ Thus, } \phi(x) \text{ is the inverse of } \phi(x) \text{ and } \phi(x) \text{ is surjective.}$$

Since  $\phi$  is a isomorphism between  $G$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

(Q3)

- First we show that the group  $G_1 \times G_2$  is closed under multiplication.

Let  $h_1, g_1 \in G_1$  and  $h_2, g_2 \in G_2$ :

$$(h_1, g_1) * (h_2, g_2) = (h_1 *_1 g_1, h_2 *_2 g_2)$$

Since  $G_1$  is a group, by axiom (A0)  $(h_1 *_1 g_1) \in G_1$ , and since  $G_2$  is a group,  $(h_2 *_2 g_2) \in G_2$ .

Thus,  $(h_1 *_1 g_1, h_2 *_2 g_2) \in G_1 \times G_2$ .

- Next, we show that the group  $G_1 \times G_2$  is closed under inverses.

$$\text{Let } h \in G_1 \text{ and } g \in G_2, (h, g)^{-1} = (h^{-1}, g^{-1})$$

$$(h, g) \cdot (h^{-1}, g^{-1}) = (h *_1 h^{-1}, g *_2 g^{-1}) = (e_1, e_2)$$

Since  $G_1$  is a group by axiom (A2)  $h^{-1} \in G_1$ , and  $G_2$  is a group  $\Rightarrow g^{-1} \in G_2$ . Thus,

$$(h^{-1}, g^{-1}) \in G_1 \times G_2.$$

Q.E.D.

(Q4)

- $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^\times = \langle 1 \rangle$

- $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^\times = \langle 2 \rangle$

$$2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$2 \times 2 \equiv 4 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

- $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times = \langle 2 \rangle$

$$2 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$2^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$2^3 \equiv 8 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$2^4 \equiv 16 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

- $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times = \langle 5 \rangle$

$$5 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^2 \equiv 25 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^3 \equiv 125 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^4 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^5 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

- $(\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z})^\times = \langle 7 \rangle$

(Similar computation as above).

(Q13)

Consider the set:  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^* = [a \in \mathbb{Z}^*: (a, n) = 1]$ . Note that  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$  forms a group, since inverses exist (all other properties are almost trivial to verify). Here's how:

$a \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^* \Rightarrow \gcd(a, n) = 1$ , by Bezout's lemma, there exist integers  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  st:

$$ax_1 + nx_2 = 1.$$

Rearranging, we have:

$$ax_1 = 1 - nx_2 \Rightarrow ax_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}.$$

Thus,  $x_1$  is the inverse of  $a$ .

Now, note that  $|(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*| = \phi(n)$  (by def). by Lagrange's theorem, the order of any  $a$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$  divides  $\phi(n)$ . In other words,

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}.$$

where  $d$  is such that  $d | \phi(n)$ , or  
 $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z} : \phi(n) = md$ . Thus,

$$(ad)^m \equiv 1^m \pmod{n}$$

$$a^{dm} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}.$$

This proves that, if  $a < n$  and  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , then  $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ . If  $a > n$ , then one can find  $b \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$  st  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$ .

(Q11) For this problem, we assume Bezout's lemma, that if  $a$  and  $b$  are integers, and  $d = \gcd(a, b)$  then there exist integers  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  such that:  
 $ax_1 + bx_2 = d = \gcd(a, b)$ .

We give a proof by induction, and induct on  $k$ .

1. Base case,  $k = 2$  (Bezout's lemma)
2. Inductive hypothesis, we assume for any  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^k$ , we can find integers,  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  st  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_kx_k = \gcd(a_1, \dots, a_k) = d$
3. Inductive step: Let  $\gcd(a_1, \dots, a_k) = d$ . Then,  $\gcd(a_1, \dots, a_k, a_{k+1}) = \gcd(d, a_{k+1})$ . Thus, by Bezout's, there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  st  $dy_1 + a_{k+1}y_2 = \gcd(d, a_{k+1}) = \gcd(a_1, \dots, a_{k+1})$ . By, the IH,

$$(a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_nx_n)y_1 + a_{n+1}y_2$$

$$= (a_1)(x_1y_1) + \cdots + (a_n)(x_ny_1) + (a_{n+1})(y_2) = \gcd(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}).$$

Thus, the theorem is true for the  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  case which completes the proof.

(Q10) Let  $m = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_n^{r_n}$  (for distinct primes)

- Define  $x_i = (m \text{ but with the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ prime totally removed from its PF})$

$$x_i = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_{i-1}^{r_{i-1}} p_{i+1}^{r_{i+1}} \cdots p_n^{r_n}.$$

- Now note that  $\gcd(x_i, x_j)$  (WLOG,  $i \leq j$ ) is  $p_1^{r_1} \cdots p_{i-1}^{r_{i-1}} p_{i+1}^{r_{i+1}} \cdots p_{j-1}^{r_{j-1}} p_{j+1}^{r_{j+1}} \cdots p_n^{r_n}$ .

- Thus,  $\gcd(x_1, x_2) = p_3^{r_3} \cdots p_n^{r_n}$  (the divisor of  $x_i$  is of the form  $p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_{i-1}^{\alpha_{i-1}} p_{i+1}^{\alpha_{i+1}} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n}$  where  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq r_i$ ). And,

$$\gcd(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \gcd(\gcd(x_1, x_2), x_3)$$

$$= \gcd(p_3^{r_3} \cdots p_n^{r_n}, p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} p_4^{r_4} \cdots p_n^{r_n})$$

$$= p_4^{r_4} \cdots p_n^{r_n}.$$

Thus, by induction (or simply continuing in this manner),

$$\gcd(x_1, \dots, x_k) = p_{k+1}^{r_{k+1}} p_{k+2}^{r_{k+2}} \cdots p_n^{r_n}$$

when  $k = n$ , this becomes 1.

## Chinese Remainder Theorem

(Q12) We prove a more general case:

a. Given a group  $G$ , and normal subgroups  $H_1, H_2$  of  $G$ , we have that there exists a injective homomorphism between  $G/(H_1 \cap H_2)$  and  $G/H_1 \times G/H_2$ . Moreover, if  $G = H_1 H_2$ , Then  $G/(H_1 \cap H_2) \cong G/H_1 \times G/H_2$ .

Proof.

- Consider the function  $\varphi: G/(H_1 \cap H_2) \rightarrow G/H_1 \times G/H_2$  such that  $\varphi(gL) = (gH_1, gH_2)$  for all  $g \in G$  (note:  $L = H_1 \cap H_2$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(g_1 L \odot g_2 L) &= \varphi((g_1 \cdot g_2)L) = ((g_1 \cdot g_2)H_1, (g_1 \cdot g_2)H_2) \\
 &= (g_1 H_1 \odot g_2 H_1, g_1 H_2 \odot g_2 H_2) \\
 &= (g_1 H_1, g_1 H_2) \times (g_2 H_1, g_2 H_2) \\
 &= \varphi(g_1 L) \times \varphi(g_2 L) \quad [g_1, g_2 \in G]
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varphi(g_1 L \odot g_2 L) = \varphi(g_1 L) \times \varphi(g_2 L)$ ,  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism.

- Next, we prove  $\varphi$  is injective:

$$\text{Assume } \varphi(g_1 L) = \varphi(g_2 L)$$

$$(g_1 H_1, g_1 H_2) = (g_2 H_1, g_2 H_2)$$

$$g_1 H_i = g_2 H_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Thus, } (g_2)^{-1}(g_1) \in H_i &\Rightarrow (g_2)^{-1}(g_1) \in L \\
 &\Rightarrow g_1 L = g_2 L
 \end{aligned}$$

For part II, we use the counting theorem:

$$|H_1 H_2| = \frac{|H_1| \times |H_2|}{|H_1 \cap H_2|}$$

We show that  $|G/L| = |G/H_1 \times G/H_2|$ , and since  $\varphi$  is injective, we know that  $\varphi$  has to be surjective.

$$\begin{aligned} |G/H_1 \times G/H_2| &= |G/H_1| \times |G/H_2| \\ &= \frac{|G|}{|H_1|} \times \frac{|G|}{|H_2|} \\ &= \frac{|G|^2}{|H_1 H_2|} = \frac{|G|^2}{|H_1 \times H_2|} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{|G|^2}{|H_1 H_2| |H_1 \cap H_2|} = \frac{|G|^2}{|G| |H_1 \cap H_2|}$$

(Note that  $|G| = |H_1 H_2|$ , since  $G = H_1 H_2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{|G|}{|H_1 \cap H_2|} = [G : H_1 \cap H_2] \\ &= |G/H_1 \cap H_2| \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

We can generalize the above theorem to an arbitrary number of normal subgroups  $H_1, \dots, H_n$ :

$$G/(H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_n) \cong G/H_1 \times \dots \times G/H_n.$$

We can apply this to the following setting:

- $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$
- $H_1 = m\mathbb{Z}$
- $H_2 = n\mathbb{Z}$

where  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ .

Since  $\gcd(m, n) = 1 \Rightarrow (m\mathbb{Z})(n\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$   
(linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ), and  
thus

$$\mathbb{Z}/(mn)\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$$

which is the base case of the Chinese remainder theorem.