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# LECTURE 7 SEP 11

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# 1 Bijective homomorphism

A Bijective homomorphism is called an isomorphism.

**Proposition 1.1** (2.4.9).

Let  $f : G \rightarrow K$  be a group homomorphism.

1. the image  $Imf \subseteq K$  is a subgroup of  $K$ .
2. The kernel  $Kerf \subseteq G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
3.  $f$  is injective if and only if  $Kerf = \{e\}$

Proof continues.

2. Normality Let  $N = Kerf$  for every  $g$  in  $G$  and  $n \in N$ ,  $gng^{-1} \in N$ .

$$f(gng^{-1}) = f(g)f(n)f(g)^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$= f(g)f(g)^{-1} \quad (2)$$

$$= e \quad (3)$$

$$\text{so} \quad (4)$$

$$gng^{-1} \in Kerf = N \forall g \in G, n \in N \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Hence } gNg^{-1} \subseteq N \forall g \in G \quad (6)$$

3.  $\rightarrow$  Since  $f(e_G) = e_K$  and  $f$  is injective.  $kerf = \{e_G\}$

$\leftarrow$  Suppose  $kerf = \{e_G\}$  and  $f(g) = f(h)$  then  $f(gh^{-1}) = f(g)f(h)^{-1} = e$  so  $gh^{-1} \in kerf = \{e_G\}$  so  $g = h$  so  $f$  is injective.

**Theorem 1.2** (2.5.1 Isomorphism Theorem).

Let  $G$  and  $K$  be groups and  $f : G \rightarrow K$  a homomorphism with the kernel  $Kerf = N$ , then  $\tilde{f} : G/N \rightarrow f(G)$  given by  $\tilde{f}(gN) = f(g)$  is well defined and a group isomorphism.

*Proof.* Notice that  $f(x) = f(y) \iff f(y)^{-1}f(x) = e_K \iff f(y^{-1}x) = e_K \iff y^{-1}x \in N \iff xN = yN$  so  $\tilde{f}$  is well defined.

Recall lemma 2.2.6 -ii that  $y^{-1}x \in N \iff xN = yN$  so  $\tilde{f}$ . Hence

$$f(x) = f(y) \iff xN = yN$$

$\rightarrow$  gives that  $\tilde{f}$  is injective.

$\leftarrow$  give that well defined

□

**Proposition 1.3** (2.4.9).

states that  $\text{Ker } f = N$  is normal so  $\tilde{f}$  is a homomorphism since  $\tilde{f}((g_1N)(g_2N)) = \tilde{f}(g_1g_2N) = f(g_1g_2) = f(g_1)f(g_2) = \tilde{f}(g_1N)\tilde{f}(g_2N)$

Now  $\tilde{f}$  is surjective because  $f$  is surjective onto  $f(G)$  so  $\tilde{f}$  is an isomorphism.

example:  $D_3$  is the symmetries of a triangle; define  $f : D_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  by sending rotations (including  $e$ ) to  $[0]$  and  $[1]$

$\text{Ker } f = \{e, r_1, r_2\} = N$  so by Isomorphism Theorem,  $\tilde{f} : D_3/N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  is an isomorphism.

$\{e, r_1, r_2\} = eN \mapsto [0]$

$\{s_1, s_2, s_3\} = s_1N \mapsto [1]$

Examples:  $\det : GL_2(\mathbb{R}), \cdot \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$  is a homomorphism. the kernel is the set of matrices with determinant 1.

$\text{kerdet} = \{A \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) | \det A = 1\} = SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a normal subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^*$

$$\tilde{\det} : GL_2(\mathbb{R}/SL_2(\mathbb{R})) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$$

is an isomorphism

Another example. Let  $K = \{z \in \mathbb{C} | |z| = 1\}$  be the unit circle in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $G = \mathbb{R}$  be the group of real numbers under addition.  $(K, \cdot)$  is a group and define  $f : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (K, \cdot)$  by  $f(x) = e^{2\pi i x}$  By Isom Theorem

$$\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z} \cong K$$

Consider  $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, g^n = \underbrace{g \cdot g \cdot \dots \cdot g}_{n \text{ times}}$  and  $g^{-n} = \underbrace{g^{-1} \cdot g^{-1} \cdot \dots \cdot g^{-1}}_{n \text{ times}}$  so  $g^n \cdot g^{-n} = e_G$

**Proposition 1.4** (2.6.1).

Let  $G$  be a group and  $g \in G$

$$f_g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$$

$$f_g(n) \mapsto g^n$$

is a homomorphism

**Definition 1.1.** 1. the image of  $f_g$  is the cyclic subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $g$  and is denoted  $\langle g \rangle$

2. we will call  $|\langle g \rangle|$  the order of  $g$  and write  $|g|$  or  $\text{ord } G$

3. Alternativley the order of element  $g \in G$  is the smallest positive integer  $n$  such that  $g^n = e$

Note If  $g^n \neq e$  for only  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  then  $|g| = \infty$

**Definition 1.2.**  $D_3$  order of  $r_1 = 3$  and order of  $s_1 = 2$

**Proposition 1.5** (2.6.3).

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $g \in G$ .

1. the order  $\text{ord } g$  of  $g$  divides the order of  $G$
2.  $g^{|G|} = e$
3. if  $g^n = e$  then for some positive  $n$ ,  $\text{ord}(g) \mid n$

*Proof.*

1.  $\text{ord}(g) = |\langle g \rangle|$  and BY Lagrange's Theorem  $|G| = |\langle g \rangle| \cdot [G : \langle g \rangle]$  so  $\text{ord}(g) \mid |G|$
2.  $g^{|G|} = g^{|\langle g \rangle| \cdot [G : \langle g \rangle]} = (g^{\text{ord}(g)})^{[G : \langle g \rangle]} = e^{[G : \langle g \rangle]} = e$
3. If  $g^n = e$  then  $n \in \ker f_g = n_g \mathbb{Z}$  for some  $n_g \neq 0$  so we have that  $n_g = \text{ord}(g)$  so  $\text{ord}(g) \mid n$

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