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# LECTURE 9 SEP 18

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# 1 Order of Element

**Proposition 1.1.** let  $G$  be a cyclic group

1. every subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic
2. suppose  $G$  is finite and  $d$  is a divisor of  $|G|$ , then there is a unique subgroup of  $G$  of order  $d$
3. there are  $\phi(d)$  elements of order  $d$  in  $G$  These are exactly the generators of the unique subgroup of order  $d$

Corollary 2.7.6 Let  $N$  be a positive integer. Then

$$\sum_{d|N} \phi(d) = N$$

where the summ is over all divisors  $d \in \text{div}(N)$

*Proof.*

let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$

$$N = \sum_{g \in G} 1 = \sum_{d|N} \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{g \in G \\ \phi(d)}} 1}_{\phi(d)} = \sum_{d|N} \phi(d) \quad \square$$

**Theorem 1.2** (Euler 1.7.2). Let  $a, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  be relatively prime and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then

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

*Proof.*

Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}^*$  Then  $|G| = \phi(n)$

Since  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  we have  $[a] \in G$

By Proposition 2.6.3,  $[1] = [a]^{|G|} = [a]^{\phi(n)}$  so  $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

□

Take away: group can be a powerful tool for studying things that dont immediately seem to be about groups.

**Definition 1.1.**

Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  be a group; The Product of  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  is the group  $G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots \times G_n = \{(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) | g_i \in G_i\}$  with the composition law  $(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \cdot (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n) = (g_1 h_1, g_2 h_2, \dots, g_n h_n)$

exercise the composition is associative. identity:  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  inverse:  $(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)^{-1} = (g_1^{-1}, g_2^{-1}, \dots, g_n^{-1})$

ex:  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}$

$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \not\cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  since every element in the lhs has order 2. NOTE: if we have isomorphism  $\phi_i : H \rightarrow G_i$  then we have an isomorphism  $\phi : H \rightarrow G_1 \times G_2 \times \cdots \times G_n$  given by  $\phi(h) = (\phi_1(h), \phi_2(h), \dots, \phi_n(h))$

**Lemma 1.3** (cor 1.5.11 ii ).

If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $a|bc$  then  $a|c$

**Proposition 1.4** (2.8.2).

let  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r \in \mathbb{Z}$  be pairwise relatively prime integers and let  $N = n_1 n_2 \dots n_r$  then for any  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have the system of congruences

if  $\phi_i$  denotes the canonical homomorphism  $\phi_i : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n_i\mathbb{Z}$  with  $\phi_i(x) = [x]$  then the map

$$\tilde{\phi} : \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n_2\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_r\mathbb{Z}$$

given by  $\tilde{\phi}([x]) = ([x], [x], \dots, [x])$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* claim  $\text{Ker } \tilde{\phi} = N\mathbb{Z}$

$$x \in N\mathbb{Z} \iff x \equiv 0 \pmod{n_i} \text{ for all } i \iff [x] = ([0], [0], \dots, [0]) \iff \tilde{\phi}([x]) = ([0], [0], \dots, [0])$$

Thus,  $\text{Ker } \tilde{\phi} = N\mathbb{Z}$

By the Isomorphism Theorem,  $\tilde{\phi}$  is an isomorphism.

□

We'll state a big theorem about certain abelian groups .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $G$  be a group and let  $a_i \in G$  for  $i \in I$  The smallest subgroup of  $G$  containing  $\{a_i | i \in I\}$  is the subgroup generated by  $\{a_i | i \in I\}$  and is denoted  $\langle a_i | i \in I \rangle$  If this subgroup is all of  $G$  then we say that  $G$  is generated by  $\{a_i | i \in I\}$  If there is a finite set  $\{a_i | i \in I\}$  that generates  $G$  then we say that  $G$  is finitely generated.

**Theorem 1.5.** If  $G$  is a group and  $a_i \in G$  for  $i \in I$  then the subgroup  $H$  generated by  $\{a_i | i \in I\}$  has elements precisely these elements that are finite products of integral powers of  $a_i$  where powers of a fixed  $a_i$  may occur several times in the product.

ex.  $D_3$  is finitely generated by  $r_1, s_1$ . ex.  $\mathbb{Z}$  is generated by 1. ex  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

**Theorem 1.6** (fundamental Theorem of Finitely Generated Abelian groups).  
every finitely generated abelian group is isomorphic to a direct product of cyclic groups in the form

$$\mathbb{Z}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}/n_2\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_r\mathbb{Z}$$

where  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n_1 | n_2 | \dots | n_r$ . Where the  $p_i$ 's are prime not necessarily distinct and  $r_i$  are positive integers the direct product is unique up to reordering the factors.