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Obs  $H \leq G, K \leq G$  (subgr).

Then  $H \cup K$  is not necessarily a subgr. of  $G$ .

(Example:  $2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$  not a subgr. of  $\mathbb{Z}$ )  
 $2+3 \notin 2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$

$$H \vee K := \langle H \cup K \rangle$$

## Cyclic groups

$G$  group. is called cyclic if there exists  $a \in G$  st.

$$\langle a \rangle = G \quad (\text{so } G = \langle a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle)$$

$$\text{Ex } \mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle = \langle -1 \rangle$$

Prop  $G$  cyclic,  $H \leq G \Rightarrow H$  cyclic. (see 420/620)

Prop (a) Every infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) Every finite cyclic group is isom to  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

(see 420/620) where  $n = |G|$  (number of elts of  $G$ )

Def  $G$  group,  $x \in G$

$|x|$  or  $\text{ord}(x) = |\langle x \rangle|$  (finite or infinite).

Obs If  $\text{ord}(x) = n$  (finite), then  $\text{ord}(x)$  is the smallest positive integer  $k$  st  $x^k = e$

$$\langle x \rangle = \{e, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^{k-1}\}$$

Prop  $k = \text{ord}(x)$ ,  $x^n = e$ . Then  $k \mid n$

Proof  $\therefore n = kq + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < k$ .

$$\text{Then } x^r = x^n \cdot (x^{-q})^k = x^n \cdot (x^k)^{-q} = e$$

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Thus  $r = 0$

Cosets Set up  $H \leq G$  (subgr.)

We define equiv. relations:

•  $\boxed{a \equiv_b (\text{mod } H)}$

$$a \equiv_b b \iff a^{-1} \cdot b \in H$$

$$\cdot \boxed{\equiv_r (\text{mod } H)} \quad a \equiv_r b \Leftrightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$$

One can check that both are equiv. rel.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } \boxed{\equiv_l}, [a]_l &= \{b \in G \mid a \equiv_l b\} \\ &= \{b \in G \mid a^{-1}b \in H\} \\ &= \{b \in G \mid b \in aH\} = aH \quad (\text{left coset}) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for  $\boxed{\equiv_r}$ ,

$$[a]_r = Ha \quad (\text{right coset})$$

Also There exist bijections

$$\begin{aligned} H &\leftrightarrow aH \leftrightarrow Ha \\ h &\leftrightarrow ah \leftrightarrow ha \end{aligned}$$

$$(G/H)_{\equiv_l} = \{aH \mid a \in G\}$$

$$(G/H)_{\equiv_r} = \{Ha \mid a \in G\}$$

There exists a bijection

$$(G/H)_{\equiv_l}$$

$$(G/H)_{\equiv_r}$$

Notation  
 $[G:H]$  = the  
 common  
 cardinality

$$\begin{array}{ccc} aH & \longrightarrow & Ha^{-1} \\ bH & \longleftarrow & Hb \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(well-defined)} \\ \text{map} \end{array}$$

Theorem  $K \leq H \leq G$ . Then

$$[G:K] = [G:H] \cdot [H:K]$$

Proof  $G = \bigcup_{i \in I} Ha_i$  ,  $|I| = [G:H]$

$H = \bigcup_{k \in J} Kb_k$  ,  $|J| = [H:K]$

Then  $G = \bigcup_{(i,j) \in I \times J} K(b_j a_i)$   $\otimes$

We prove that these cosets are mutually disjoint.

$Kb_j a_i = Kb_k a_l \Rightarrow b_j a_i = \alpha b_k a_l$

Then  $\cancel{H} a_i = (\underbrace{H b_j}_H) a_i = H \underbrace{\alpha b_k a_l}_{\in H} = H a_l$  . So  $i = l$

Then  $Kb_j a_i = Kb_k a_i \Rightarrow Kb_j = Kb_k$ , so  $j = k$ .

Then  $[G:K] = |I \times J| = |I| \cdot |J| = [G:H] \cdot [H:K]$   $\square$

Corollary  $H \leq G$ . Then

$$|G| = [G:H] \cdot |H|$$

Proof Take  $K = \{e\}$  in prev. theorem.

Cor  $H \leq G$ . Then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$ .

Corollary  $x \in G$ . Then  $\text{ord}(x)$  divides  $|G|$ .

Proof Take  $H = \langle x \rangle$

Theorem  $H, K \leq G$ ,  $HK = \{hk \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$   
 not necessarily a subgroup of  $G$ .

Assume  $H, K$  are finite.

$$\text{Then } |HK| = \frac{|H| \cdot |K|}{|H \cap K|}$$

Proof  $L = H \cap K \leq G$ ,  $L \leq K$

$$K = \bigcup_{i=1}^n L k_i \quad (\text{mutually disp.}) \quad \text{where } n = [K:L]$$

$$\text{Then } HK = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \underbrace{H L k_i}_{\substack{H \leftarrow L \leq H \\ H}} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n H k_i \quad \text{disjoint union}$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} H k_i = H k_j &\Rightarrow k_i \cdot k_j^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow k_i \cdot k_j^{-1} \in H \cap K = L \\ &\Rightarrow L k_i = L k_j, \text{ so } i = j. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } |HK| &= |H| \cdot n = |H| \cdot [K:L] = |H| \cdot \frac{|K|}{|L|} \\ &= \frac{|H| \cdot |K|}{|H \cap K|} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$