

## Important stuff:

## (1) Definitions:

group, subgroup, <sup>generated by a subset</sup> cyclic groups, order: element/set. Cosets: left ( $G/H$ ), right ( $H \backslash G$ )  
 Normal subgroups, quotient group hom-s, iso-s, presentations

## (2) Abstract Results:

$$\text{cyclic grps: } \{ \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z} : k=0,1,2,\dots \}$$

$$|G/H| = |G|/|H| \Rightarrow \text{ord}(a) \mid \text{divides } |G| \Rightarrow (|G|=p \Rightarrow \text{any } a \in G \text{ generates } G)$$

$$\text{1st iso } \left[ G/\text{Ker}(f) \cong \text{Im}(f) \right]$$

$$\text{2nd iso } \left[ \begin{array}{l} N \trianglelefteq G \rightsquigarrow G \xrightarrow{\pi} G/N \\ \text{(normal)} \quad \text{natural projection?} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Subgrps of } G \\ \text{containing } N \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Subgroups of } \\ G/N \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{(normal)} \\ G \supseteq H \supset N \Rightarrow G/H \cong (G/N)/_{(H/N)} \end{array} \right]$$

## (3) concrete examples:

$$D_{2n} \quad |D_{2n}|=2n, \quad D_{2n} = \langle r, s : r^n = s^2 = (rs)^2 = e \rangle$$

$$\text{Free}(2) \quad \text{smallest normal subgr containing } aba^{-1}b^{-1} \text{ is same as } \text{Ker}(p) \quad \begin{array}{l} p: \text{Free}(2) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^* \\ \downarrow \end{array}$$

$$S_n \quad \text{disjoint cycles, order of elems, presentation, } |S_n|=n!$$

Group Actions (on sets)

Definition A group  $G$  acts on a set  $X$  if we have a set map  $G \times X \xrightarrow{\alpha} X$   
 satisfying  $(\forall x \in X, g, g_2 \in G) \quad \alpha(e, x) = x \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(g, g_2, x) = \alpha(g, \alpha(g_2, x)).$   
 (1) (2)

Notation:  $G \curvearrowright X$

$$\left\{ \alpha: G \times X \rightarrow X \right. \\ \left. \begin{array}{c} \text{satisfying} \\ (1) \quad \alpha(e, x) = x \\ (2) \quad \alpha(g, \alpha(h, x)) = \alpha(gh, x) \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{group hom} \\ G \rightarrow S_X \end{array} \right\}$$

$\alpha \rightsquigarrow$ 
 $G \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{Aut}_{\text{set}}(X)$ 
 $g \mapsto (x \mapsto \alpha(g, x))$

Automorphisms: isomorphism  $X \rightarrow X$   
 set automorphism (as opposed to group/vector space/etc).  
 $\text{Aut}_{\text{set}}(\mathbb{R}^2) \neq \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}\text{-vec}}(\mathbb{R}^2) = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\tau(e) = \text{id}_X. \quad \tau(g_1 g_2) = \tau(g_1) \circ \tau(g_2).$$

$G \curvearrowright X$  words

- Orbit of  $x \in X$  is  $G \cdot x = \{g \cdot x \mid g \in G\} \subseteq X$
- Stabilizer of  $x$  in  $G$  is  $\text{Stab}_G(x) = \{g \in G \mid g \cdot x = x\} \leq G$  check this
- fixed points of  $g \in G$  is  $X^g := \{x \in X \mid g \cdot x = x\} \subseteq X$

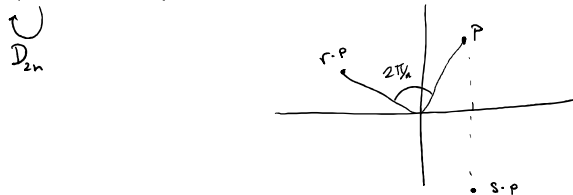
Examples:

$$D_{2n} \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^2. \quad D_{2n} \xrightarrow{\text{gp-hom}} \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$s \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$r \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{2\pi}{n}) & -\sin(\frac{2\pi}{n}) \\ \sin(\frac{2\pi}{n}) & \cos(\frac{2\pi}{n}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } X = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \text{Stab}_{D_{2n}}(0) = G, \quad D_{2n} \cdot 0 = \{0\}.$$



$$\text{for } P \in X, \quad D_{2n} \cdot P = \{P, r \cdot P, r^2 \cdot P, \dots, r^{n-1} \cdot P\}$$

$D_{2n} \cdot P$  has  $2n$  elements iff  $s \cdot P$  iff  $P$  is on  $x$ -axis.   
 or  $P_i$  = scalar multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma_n) \\ \pm \sin(\gamma_n) \\ \cos(\gamma_n) \end{bmatrix}$

or  $p_1 = \text{scalar multiple of } \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma/n) \\ \pm \sin(\gamma/n) \end{bmatrix}$   
or  $p_2 = \text{scalar multiple of } \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\gamma/n) \\ \pm \sin(2\gamma/n) \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\vdots$   
or  $p_n = \text{scalar multiple of } \begin{bmatrix} \cos(n\gamma/n) \\ \pm \sin(n\gamma/n) \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\vdots$

$\text{Stab}_{D_{2n}}(p) = \{e\}$  unless  $p$  is one of these  $p_i$ 's.

$\text{Stab}_{D_{2n}}(p_i) = \{e, s r^i\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

Lemma:  $G/\text{Stab}_G(x) \xrightarrow[\text{bijection}]{\sim} G \cdot x$   
 note:  $\text{Stab}_G(x)$  is not always a normal subgr.

Proof fix  $x$ . define  $G \xrightarrow[\text{surj.}]{\quad} G \cdot x$   
 $g \mapsto g \cdot x$   
 $g_1 \cdot x = g_2 \cdot x \iff g_1^{-1} g_2 \in \text{Stab}_G(x)$  map is injective  
 i.e.  $g_1 \text{Stab}_G(x) = g_2 \text{Stab}_G(x)$   
 $\Rightarrow G/\text{Stab}_G(x) \xrightarrow[\text{bijection}]{\quad} G \cdot x$

Ex:  $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z|=1\}$  acts by rotation of  $\text{Arg}(z)$ .  $\text{Stab}_{S^1}(p) = \{e\}$ .  $S^1 \cdot p = \text{circle w/ radius } |p|$ .  
 $\hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$

So set of orbits is  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .