

Last Time: free abelian groups!

- a free abelian group = abelian group w/ a basis!

Ex: $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}^2, \mathbb{Z}^3, \dots$

Ex: $z = e^{i\pi\sqrt{2}}$ $G = \{z^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

- because $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational $z^n = 1 \Leftrightarrow n = 0$.

Claim: G is a free abelian group w/ basis $\{z\}$.

To prove this NTS if $w \in G$, then $\exists! n \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t.

$$w = \underline{z^n}$$

(additive $a = n_1x_1 + \dots + n_rx_r$)
(multiplicative $a = x_1^{n_1}x_2^{n_2}\dots x_r^{n_r}$)

Clearly $w = z^n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ by def. of G
If $w = z^n$, then $z^n = z^m \Rightarrow z^{n-m} = 1 \Rightarrow n = m$.

Theorem: If G is a finitely generated free abelian group and $H < G$, then H is also a finitely generated free abelian group. Moreover G has a "compatible basis" $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$ satisfying the property that $\{a_1x_1, \dots, a_sx_s\}$ is a basis for H for some $s \leq r$ and $a_1, \dots, a_s \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Ex: $G = \mathbb{Z}^3$, $H = \langle (2, 4, 4), (-6, 6, 12), (10, -4, -16) \rangle$

Quest: What is G/H ?

Idea: Find this "compatible basis" for G .

Find $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \subseteq G$ a basis of G so that $\{a_1x_1, a_2x_2, a_3x_3\}$ is a basis for H .

Smith normal form:

Def: A matrix ^{with integer entries} is in Smith normal form if it is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & & \\ & a_2 & & \\ & & \bigcirc & \\ & & & \bigcirc \\ & \bigcirc & & & a_3 \dots a_r & 0 \dots 0 \\ & & & & & \bigcirc \end{bmatrix}$$

where $a_1 | a_2, a_2 | a_3, \dots, a_{r-1} | a_r$
and $a_j > 0 \forall j$.

Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ not in Smith normal form

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{=}}$ in Smith normal form

$\begin{bmatrix} 17 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{=}}$ in Smith normal form

Theorem: Any integer matrix can be put in Smith normal form via elementary row and column operations

- add a multiple of a row (or column) to another
- swap two rows (or columns)
- multiply a row (or column) by ± 1

Ex: $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ -6 & 6 & 12 \\ 10 & -4 & -16 \end{pmatrix}$

$\downarrow R_1 + R_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 & 0 & -12 \\ -6 & 6 & 12 \\ 10 & -4 & -16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_3 + C_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 6 & 6 \\ 10 & -4 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\downarrow C_1 + C_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 6 & -4 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

\downarrow

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Stuck ...} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ -6 & 6 & 12 \\ 10 & -4 & -16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_2 - 2C_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -6 & 18 & 12 \\ 10 & -24 & -16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_3 - 2C_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 18 & 24 \\ 10 & -24 & -36 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\downarrow R_2 + 3R_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 & 24 \\ 10 & -24 & -36 \end{pmatrix}$$

$R_3 - 5R_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 & 24 \\ 0 & -24 & -36 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_3 - C_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 & 6 \\ 0 & -24 & -12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_2 \leftrightarrow C_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 18 \\ 0 & -12 & -24 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\downarrow R_3 + 2R_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 18 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_3 - 3C_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\gcd(18, 24) = 6$
Find m, n so that
 $18m + 24n = 6$
 $24 - 18 = 6 \quad \checkmark$

Find a compatible basis for the subgroup

$$H = \langle \underset{R_1}{(2, 4, 4)}, \underset{R_2}{(-6, 6, 12)}, \underset{R_3}{(10, -4, -16)} \rangle \text{ of } \mathbb{Z}^3$$

Ans: Look @ row operations we did!

$$R_2 + 3R_1, R_3 - 5R_1, R_3 + 2R_2.$$

$$\langle (2, 4, 4), (0, 18, 24), (10, -4, -16) \rangle$$

$$\langle (2, 4, 4), (0, 18, 24), (0, -24, -36) \rangle$$

compatible
basis \rightarrow

$$\langle \underset{2}{(3, 4, 4)}, \underset{6}{(0, 18, 24)}, \underset{12}{(0, 12, 12)} \rangle$$

$$\langle (1, 2, 2), (0, 3, 4), (0, 1, 1) \rangle. \quad \mathbb{Z}^3$$

$$G/H \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z} \oplus 6\mathbb{Z} \oplus 12\mathbb{Z}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{12}.$$

$$(1, 2, 2) \longleftarrow (1, 0, 0)$$

$$(0, 3, 4) \longleftarrow (0, 1, 0)$$

$$(0, 1, 1) \longleftarrow (0, 0, 1)$$

Free group:

The free group w/ two generators x, y ,
is $F(\{x, y\})$ and consists of words

$$\begin{array}{cccc} x, & xy, & xyx^2, & y^2xyx^2y \\ x^{-1}, & xy^{-1}, & yxy^{-1}, & y^{-2}xyx^3y^{-3} \end{array}$$

Group operation is concatenation

$$xyx^2y^3 \cdot x^3y^4x = xyx^2y^3x^3y^4x$$

$$x = x^{-1} = xx^{-2} = e \quad (\text{empty word})$$

$$xyx^2 \cdot x^{-1}yx^3y = xyx^2x^{-1}yx^3y = xyxyx^3y$$

Theorem: If G is any finitely generated group
then

$$G \cong F/H \quad \text{where } F \text{ free group} \\ H \triangleleft F.$$

What's so cool about compatible bases?

$$\begin{array}{c} G \\ | \\ H \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \{x_1, \dots, x_r\} \text{ basis for } G \\ \searrow \{a_1x_1, \dots, a_sx_s\} \text{ basis for } H \end{array}$$

$x_1, \dots, x_r \in G$
 $s \leq r$ $a_1, \dots, a_s \in \mathbb{Z}$

Ex:

$$G = \mathbb{Z}^2, \quad H = 3\mathbb{Z}^2$$

Compatible basis?

$\{1\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{Z}

$\{3\}$ is not a basis for $3\mathbb{Z}$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \\ \{(1,0), (0,1)\} \\ \{(1,1), (0,1)\}$$

Ex: $G = \mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{Z}^2$, $H = \langle (2,2) \rangle$

Basis for G ? $\{(1,0), (0,1)\}$

NOT a compatible basis!

Basis for G $\{(1,1), (0,1)\}$

is compatible

$\{2(1,1)\}$ is a basis for H .

