



Abstract Algebra

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Chapter 1 Equivalence Relations and Partition

1.1 Equivalence Relations (@ Lec 01 of ECON 204)

Definition 1.1 (Binary Relation)

A **binary relation** R from X to Y is a subset $R \subseteq X \times Y$. We write xRy if $(x, y) \in R$ and “not xRy ” if $(x, y) \notin R$. $R \subseteq X \times X$ is a binary relation on X .



Definition 1.2 (Equivalence Relation)

A binary relation R is said to be

1. *Reflexive* if $\forall x \in X$, we have xRx
2. *Symmetric* if $\forall x, y \in X$, $xRy \Rightarrow yRx$
3. *Transitive* if $\forall x, y, z \in X$, $xRy, yRz \Rightarrow xRz$

The R is called **equivalence relation** if it is *reflexive*, *symmetric* and *transitive*. (which is also the definition of rational equivalence in microeconomics).



Claim 1.1 (Do symmetry and transitivity imply reflexivity?)

No. It is tempting to think so, but there may be elements unrelated to any element. However if we add the assumption that every element is related to some other element, then reflexivity is redundant.



Example 1.1 Set $X = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 | b \neq 0\}$, satisfies $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ if $ad = bc$.

1. *Reflexive*: $(a, b) \sim (a, b), \forall (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$.
2. *Symmetric*: $\forall (a, b), (c, d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, (a, b) \sim (c, d) \Rightarrow (c, d) \sim (a, b)$.
3. *Transitive*: $\forall (a, b), (c, d), (u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, (a, b) \sim (c, d), (c, d) \sim (u, v) \Rightarrow ad = bc, cv = du \Rightarrow acv = adu = bcu \Rightarrow av = bu \Rightarrow (a, b) \sim (u, v)$.

So this is an equivalence relation.

Example 1.2 $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function, define \sim_f on X by $a \sim_f b$ if $f(a) = f(b)$.

1. *Reflexive*: $a \sim a, \forall a \in X$.
2. *Symmetric*: $a, b \in X, a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$.
3. *Transitive*: $\forall a, b, c \in X, a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b) = f(c) \Rightarrow a \sim c$.

So \sim_f is an equivalence relation.

1.2 Equivalence Class (@ Lec 01 of ECON 204)

1.2.1 $[x]$: equivalence class

Definition 1.3 (Equivalence Class)

Given an equivalence relation \sim on X , define the **equivalence class** containing x to be the subset $[x] \subset X$:

$$[x] = \{y \in X : x \sim y\}$$



As \sim is reflexive, we have $x \in [x]$. We say that any $y \in [x]$ as a **representative** of the equivalence class.

1.2.2 X/\sim : set of equivalence classes

Set of equivalence classes is a **set** of division result of an *equivalence relation*

We write the set of equivalence classes

$$X/\sim = \{[x] | x \in X\}$$

1.3 Relationship of Equivalence relation, Set of equivalence classes and Partitions

1.3.1 Partition (separate a set into disjoint sets with no element left)

Definition 1.4 (Partition)

X a set, a partition of X is a collection ω of subsets of X s.t.

- 1) $\forall A, B \in \omega$ either $A = B$ or $A \cap B = \emptyset$.
- 2) $\cup_{A \in \omega} A = X$.

The subsets are the **cells** of partition.



1.3.2 Theorem 1.2.7: any equivalence class forms a unique partition; any partition forms a unique equivalence class (@ Lec 01 of ECON 204)

Theorem 1.1 (Theorem 1.2.7)

Given an equivalence relation \sim on X , X/\sim is a partition of X . Conversely, given a partition ω of X , there exists a unique equivalence relation \sim_ω s.t. $X/\sim_\omega = \omega$.



Proof 1.1

(1) X/\sim is a partition of X :

$$\forall x, y \in X \text{ s.t. } [x] \cap [y] \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{Let } z \in [x] \cap [y] \Rightarrow z \sim x, z \sim y$$

$$\forall w \in [x] \Rightarrow w \sim x \Rightarrow x \sim w \Rightarrow z \sim w \Rightarrow w \sim z \Rightarrow w \sim y \Rightarrow [x] \subset [y]$$

$$\text{Similarly we can prove } [y] \subset [x] \Rightarrow [x] = [y]$$

(2) Given a partition ω of X , there exists a unique equivalence relation \sim_ω s.t. $X/\sim_\omega = \omega$:

(2.1) Prove there exists an equivalence relation s.t. $X/\sim_\omega = \omega$:

We define a relation: $x \sim_\omega y$ if there exists $A \in \omega$ s.t. $x, y \in A \Rightarrow \sim_\omega$ is symmetric and transitive.

Since $\cup_{A \in \omega} A = X$, we know $\forall x \in X, \exists A \in \omega$ s.t. $x \in A \Rightarrow \sim_\omega$ is reflexive. So \sim_ω is an equivalence relation.

We know $A = [x], \forall A \in \omega, \forall x \in A$ (by \sim_ω), then $X/\sim_\omega = \{[x] | x \in \cup_{A \in \omega} A\} = \{\{A^* | x \in A^*\} | A^* \in \omega\} = \omega$.

(2.2) Prove the equivalence relation is unique:

Set \sim be any equivalence relation that make $X/\sim = \omega$, then we know $\forall A \in \omega, \exists x \in X$ s.t. $[x] = A$.

According to the definition of $[x]$, if $x \in A, y \sim x$ if and only if $y \in [x] = A$. Which is exactly the \sim_ω .

Example 1.3 the same as example 5 $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function, define \sim_f on X by $a \sim_f b$ if $f(a) = f(b)$. In this example the **equivalence classes** are precisely the fibers $[x] = f^{-1}(f(x))$. $y \sim_f x \Rightarrow y \in f^{-1}(f(x))$

Example 1.4 the same as example 4 Set $X = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 | b \neq 0\}$, satisfies $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ if $ad = bc$. i.e. we write the equivalence of (a, b) as $\frac{a}{b} = [(a, b)]$. Then $X/\sim = \mathbb{Q}$.

1.3.3 Corollary: \sim_π equals to \sim , where $\pi(x) = [x]$

Corollary 1.1

If \sim is an equivalence relation on X , define a surjective function $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\sim$ by $\pi(x) = [x]$. Then $\sim_\pi = \sim$ (the definition of \sim_f in example 6.)


Proof 1.2

(1) Surjective:

$X/\sim = \{[x] | x \in X\} = \{\pi(x) | x \in X\}$, so $\forall y \in X/\sim, y \in \{\pi(x) | x \in X\}$, there exists $x \in X$ s.t. $\pi(x) = y$.

$$(2) \sim_\pi = \sim$$

$a \sim_\pi b$ if $\pi(a) = \pi(b) \Leftrightarrow [a] = [b]$, which is exactly the definition of \sim .

1. Given \sim ;
2. Get the corresponding $X/\sim = \{[x] | x \in X\}$;
3. $\pi(x) = [x]$;
4. \sim_π : $a \sim_\pi b$ iff $\pi(a) = \pi(b)$
5. $\sim_\pi = \sim$

Proposition 1.1 (Proposition 1.2.13)

Given any function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ there exists a unique function $\tilde{f} : X/\sim \rightarrow Y$ such that $\tilde{f} \circ \pi = f$, where $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\sim$ in proposition 3. Furthermore, \tilde{f} is a bijection onto the image $f(X)$.



Proof 1.3

(1) Existence:

We define $x_1 \sim_f x_2$ if $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$. Set $\tilde{f} : X/\sim_f \rightarrow Y$, $\tilde{f}([x]) = f(x)$. Then $\tilde{f}[\pi(x)] = \tilde{f}([x]) = f(x)$. Exactly what we require.

(2) Uniqueness:

Set any \tilde{f}' s.t. $\tilde{f}' \circ \pi = f$, then $\tilde{f}'[\pi(x)] = \tilde{f}'([x]) = f(x)$, i.e. the \tilde{f} is unique.

(3) Bijection:

Surjective, which we proved before $\forall f, \exists \tilde{f}$ s.t. $\tilde{f} \circ \pi = f$;

Injective, we also have proved the uniqueness $f = \tilde{f} \circ \pi = \tilde{f}' \circ \pi \Rightarrow \tilde{f}' = \tilde{f}$.

Chapter 2 Permutations

Definition 2.1

Let X be a finite set, a permutation is bijection $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$.



Definition 2.2

Let $S_X(\text{Sym}(X))$ be the set of all bijection $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$.



If $|X| = n$, $|S_X| = n!$.

2.1 $\text{Sym}(X) = \{\sigma : X \rightarrow X \mid \sigma \text{ is a bijection}\}$: permutation group of X ; elements in $\text{Sym}(X)$: permutations of X

We set $\text{Sym}(X) = \{\sigma : X \rightarrow X \mid \sigma \text{ is a bijection}\} \subset X^X$. We call it **symmetric group of X** or **permutation group of X** . We call the elements in $\text{Sym}(X)$ the **permutations of X** or the **symmetries of X** .

2.1.1 Properties of \circ on $\text{Sym}(X)$

Proposition 2.1 (Proposition 1.3.1.)


For any nonempty set X , \circ is an operation on $\text{Sym}(X)$ with the following properties:

- (i) \circ is associative.
- (ii) $\text{id}_X \in \text{Sym}(X)$, and for all $\sigma \in \text{Sym}(X)$, $\text{id}_X \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ \text{id}_X = \sigma$, and
- (iii) For all $\sigma \in \text{Sym}(X)$, $\sigma^{-1} \in \text{Sym}(X)$.



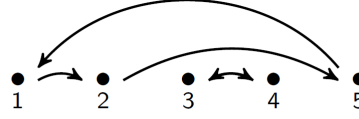
2.1.2 S_n : Permutation group on n elements, σ^i

 **Note** When $X = \{1, \dots, n\}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, write $S_n = \text{Sym}(X)$ **symmetric/permutation group on n elements**.

 **Note** $\sigma \in \text{Sym}(X)$, write $\sigma^n = \sigma \circ \sigma \circ \dots \circ \sigma$, $\sigma^0 = \text{id}_X$, $\sigma^{-1} = \text{inverse}$, $r > 0$, $\sigma^{-r} = (\sigma^{-1})^r$. So, $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\sigma^{r+s} = \sigma^r \circ \sigma^s = \sigma^s \circ \sigma^r$.

2.1.3 k -cycle, cyclically permute/fix

Example 2.1



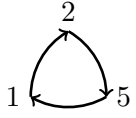
$$1 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 2 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 5 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 1, \quad \tau_1$$

$$3 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 4 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 3, \quad \tau_2$$

Figure 2.1: Example of Cycle

In the example of *Figure 1*, $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\sigma = \tau_1 \circ \tau_2$, where $\tau_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\tau_2 =$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$. τ_1 is 3-cycle, τ_2 is 2-cycle. We could represent $\tau_1 = (1 \ 5 \ 2) = (5 \ 2 \ 1) = (2 \ 1 \ 5)$, i.e.



Similarly, we can represent $\tau_2 = (3, 4) = (4, 3)$, i.e. $3 \longleftrightarrow 4$

We can find that $\forall x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $\tau_1^3(x) = x$, $\tau_2^2(x) = x$, so we write τ_1 as a **3-cycle** in S_5 , τ_2 as a **2-cycle** in S_5 .

Given $k \geq 2$, a **k-cycle** in S_n is a permutation σ with the property that $\{1, \dots, n\}$ is the union of two disjoint subsets, $\{1, \dots, n\} = Y \cup Z$ and $Y \cap Z = \emptyset$, such that

1. $\sigma(x) = x$ for every $x \in Z$, and
2. $|Y| = k$, and for any $x \in Y$, $Y = \{\sigma(x), \sigma^2(x), \sigma^3(x) \dots \sigma^k(x) = x\}$.

We say that σ **cyclically permutes** the elements of Y and **fixes** the elements of Z .

$\tau_1 = (1 \ 2 \ 5)$ **cyclically permutes** the elements of $Y = \{1, 2, 5\}$ and **fixes** the elements of $Z = \{3, 4\}$.

$\tau_2 = (3 \ 4)$ **cyclically permutes** the elements of $Y = \{3, 4\}$ and **fixes** the elements of $Z = \{1, 2, 5\}$.

2.2 Disjoint cycles

Since the sets are cyclically permuted by τ_1, τ_2 (i.e. Y) are disjoint. We call the **disjoint cycle notation**

$\sigma = \tau_1 \circ \tau_2 = (1 \ 2 \ 5)(3 \ 4)$. (Commute the order is irrelevant)

2.2.1 Theorem: Every permutation is a union of disjoint cycles, uniquely.

Given $\sigma \in S_n$, there exists a unique (possibly empty) set of pairwise disjoint cycles.

Theorem 2.1

Let X be a finite set, the graph of permutation $\sigma \in S_X$ is a union of disjoint cycle.



Proof 2.1

Prove by induction:



If $|X| = 1$, the graph is circle:

For $|X| > 1$, let $i_1 \in X$ and let $\mathcal{O}(i_1) = \{\sigma^r(i_1), r \geq 0\} = \{i_1, \sigma(i_1), \sigma^2(i_1), \dots\}$. $\mathcal{O}(i_1)$ is finite, and there is a smallest r s.t. $\sigma^r(i_1) \in \{i_1, \sigma(i_1), \sigma^2(i_1), \dots, \sigma^{r-1}(i_1)\}$. Then $\sigma^r(i_1) = i_1$ because other elements already have a pre-change under σ .

Then $i_1 \rightarrow \sigma(i_1) \rightarrow \sigma^2(i_1) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \sigma^{r-1}(i_1) \rightarrow i_1$ is a cycle of length r .

For $j \notin \mathcal{O}(i_1)$, $\sigma(j) \notin \mathcal{O}(i_1)$, $\sigma^{-1}(j) \notin \mathcal{O}(i_1)$. Let $Y = X/\mathcal{O}(i_1)$ then $\sigma : Y \rightarrow Y$ is a bijection. Then prove by induction.

Example 2.2 $\sigma_1 = (1\ 2\ 6\ 5)(3)(4)$, can be written by $\sigma_1 = (1\ 2\ 6\ 5)$, $\sigma_2 = (2\ 3\ 5\ 4)$

$$\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 = (1\ 2\ 6\ 5) \circ (2\ 3\ 5\ 4)$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 1 & \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} & 1 \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} 2 \\ 2 & \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} & 3 \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} 3 \\ 3 & \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} & 5 \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} 1 \\ 4 & \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} & 2 \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} 6 \\ 5 & \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} & 4 \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} 4 \\ 6 & \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} & 6 \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} 5 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Then } \sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 = (1\ 2\ 3) \circ (4\ 6\ 5)$$

$$\sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1 = (2\ 3\ 5\ 4) \circ (1\ 2\ 6\ 5)$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 1 & \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} & 2 \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} 3 \\ 2 & \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} & 6 \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} 6 \\ 3 & \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} & 3 \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} 5 \\ 4 & \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} & 4 \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} 2 \\ 5 & \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} & 1 \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} 1 \\ 6 & \xrightarrow{(1\ 2\ 6\ 5)} & 5 \xrightarrow{(2\ 3\ 5\ 4)} 4 \end{array}$$

Then $\sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1 = (1\ 3\ 5) \circ (2\ 6\ 4)$

Note: $\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 \neq \sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1$

Example 2.3 Exercise 1.3.2. Consider $\sigma = (3\ 4\ 8)(5\ 7\ 6\ 9)$ and $\tau = (1\ 9\ 3\ 5)(2\ 7\ 4)$ in S_9 expressed in disjoint cycle notation. Compute $\sigma \circ \tau$ and $\tau \circ \sigma$ expressing both in disjoint cycle notation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(1)) = \sigma(9) = 5; & 2 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(2)) = \sigma(7) = 6; \\
 3 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(3)) = \sigma(5) = 7; & 4 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(4)) = \sigma(2) = 2; \\
 5 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(5)) = \sigma(1) = 1; & 6 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(6)) = \sigma(6) = 9; \\
 7 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(7)) = \sigma(4) = 8; & 8 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(8)) = \sigma(8) = 3; \\
 9 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(9)) = \sigma(3) = 4; \\
 \Rightarrow \sigma \circ \tau &= (1\ 5)(2\ 6\ 9\ 4)(3\ 7\ 8)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(1)) = \tau(5) = 9; & 2 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(2)) = \tau(6) = 7; \\
 3 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(3)) = \tau(7) = 4; & 4 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(4)) = \tau(8) = 8; \\
 5 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(5)) = \tau(9) = 3; & 6 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(6)) = \tau(9) = 3; \\
 7 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(7)) = \tau(6) = 6; & 8 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(8)) = \tau(3) = 5; \\
 9 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(9)) = \tau(4) = 1; \\
 \Rightarrow \tau \circ \sigma &= (1\ 9)(2\ 7\ 6\ 3)(4\ 8\ 5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.4 Let $\sigma, \tau \in S_7$, given in disjoint cycle notation by $\sigma = (1\ 5\ 4)(3\ 7), \tau = (1\ 3\ 2\ 6\ 4)$, Compute $\sigma^2, \sigma^{-1}, \tau \circ \sigma$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma^2 &= (1\ 4\ 5), & \sigma^{-1} &= (4\ 5\ 1)(3\ 7), \\
 1 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(1)) = \tau(5) = 5, & 2 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(2)) = \tau(2) = 6, \\
 3 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(3)) = \tau(7) = 7, & 4 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(4)) = \tau(1) = 3, \\
 5 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(5)) = \tau(4) = 1, & 6 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(6)) = \tau(6) = 4, \\
 7 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(7)) = \tau(3) = 2, \\
 \Rightarrow \tau \circ \sigma &= (1\ 5)(2\ 6\ 4\ 3\ 7)
 \end{aligned}$$

2.2.2 Cycle Structure

- How many permutation $\sigma \in S_{12}$ has cycle structure $(1\ 2\ 3)(4\ 5\ 6)(7\ 8)(9\ 10)(11\ 12)$?

$$\frac{12!}{3^2 2^3 (2!)(3!)}$$

$12!$: Arrange 12 elements in 12 slots.

3^2 : Every cycle with 3 element has 3 forms to represent a same permutation.

2^3 : Every cycle with 2 element has 2 forms to represent a same permutation.

$(2!)$: Due to the communicative of disjoint permutation, the arrange of cycles with three elements is $2!$ need to be divided.

$(3!)$: Due to the communicative of disjoint permutation, the arrange of cycles with two elements is $3!$ need to be divided.

- $(1\ 2\ 3)(4\ 5)(6) \in S_6$?

$$\frac{6!}{3 \times 2} = 120$$

- General situation: $\sigma \in S_n$, r_i category of length i , $i = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\frac{n!}{[1^{r_1} 2^{r_2} 3^{r_3} \dots][(r_1!)(r_2!)(r_3!) \dots]}$$

2.3 Transposition

Definition 2.3

A **transposition** is a cycle of length 2: $\sigma = (i\ j)$.



2.3.1 Theorem: Every permutation can be represented by a product of transpositions (not require to be disjoint)

Theorem 2.2

Every permutation σ of X is a product of transposition. (the product is not unique)

Equivalent: Given $n \geq 2$, any $\sigma \in S_n$ can be expressed as a composition of 2-cycles.(not require disjoint)



Proof 2.2

Version 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x_1 \ x_k)(x_1 \ x_2, \dots, x_{k-1} \ x_k) &= (x_1 \ x_2 \dots x_{k-1}) \\
 (x_1 \ x_2 \dots x_{k-1} \ x_k) &= (x_1 \ x_k)(x_1, x_2 \dots x_{k-1}) \\
 &= (\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_k)(\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_{k-1})(\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_{k-2}) \\
 &\dots \\
 &= (\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_k)(\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_{k-1})(\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_{k-2}) \dots (\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Version 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x_1 \ x_2, \dots, x_{k-1} \ x_k)(x_1 \ x_k) &= (x_2 \ x_3 \dots x_k) \\
 (x_1 \ x_2 \dots x_{k-1} \ x_k) &= (x_2 \ x_3 \dots x_k)(x_1 \ x_k) \\
 &\dots \\
 &= (\mathbf{x}_{k-1} \ \mathbf{x}_k)(\mathbf{x}_{k-2} \ \mathbf{x}_k) \dots (\mathbf{x}_2 \ \mathbf{x}_k)(\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_k)
 \end{aligned}$$

Claim 2.1

Cycle of length k can be written as a product of $k - 1$ transpositions.



2.3.2 Sign of Permutation

Theorem 2.3

Although the product of transposition of a permutation is not unique, the parity (odd or even) of the number of transposition in a product is unique. We call it the **sign** of permutation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{sign}(\sigma) &= (-1)^{(\# \text{ even-length cycles in } \sigma)} \\
 &= (-1)^{(\# \text{ transpositions in } \sigma)}
 \end{aligned}$$



Example 2.5

$\sigma_1 = (1 \ 4 \ 7 \ 9)(2 \ 8)(6 \ 10)$: $N = 3 + 1 + 1 = 5$ is odd.

$\sigma_2 = (1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5)(6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10)$: $N = 4 + 4 = 8$ is even

What happens to a permutation σ 's cycles if $\sigma \rightarrow (i \ j) \circ \sigma$?

1. i and j are not contained in σ .
2. i and j appear in the same cycle of σ .
3. i and j appear in disjoint cycles.

$$(i\ j) \circ (i - -j \sim \sim) = (i - -) \circ (j \sim \sim)$$

$$(i\ j) \circ (i - -) \circ (j \sim \sim) = (i - -j \sim \sim)$$

Proposition 2.2

$$\text{sign}((i\ j) \circ \sigma) = -1 \cdot \text{sign}(\sigma)$$

**Proof 2.3**

Suppose $\sigma = (a_1\ a_2\ \dots\ a_k\ b_1\ b_2\ \dots\ b_l)$

Then $(a_1\ b_1) \circ \sigma = (a_1\ a_2\ \dots\ a_k)(b_1\ b_2\ \dots\ b_l)$

$$\text{sign}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } k + l \text{ is odd} \\ -1 & \text{if } k + l \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{sign}((a_1\ b_1) \circ \sigma) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } k + l \text{ is odd} \\ +1 & \text{if } k + l \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Chapter 3 Integers

3.1 Proposition 1.4.1: Properties of integers \mathbb{Z}

Proposition 3.1 (Proposition 1.4.1.)

The following hold in the integers \mathbb{Z} :

- (i) Addition and multiplication are commutative and associative operations in \mathbb{Z} .
- (ii) $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ is an identity element for addition; that is, $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 + a = a$.
- (iii) Every $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ has an additive inverse, denoted $-a$ and given by $-a = (-1)a$, satisfying $a + (-a) = 0$.
- (iv) $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ is an identity element for multiplication; that is, for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}, 1a = a$.
- (v) The distributive law holds: $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, a(b + c) = ab + ac$.
- (vi) Both $\mathbb{N} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x \geq 0\}$ and $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x > 0\}$ are closed under addition and multiplication. That is, if x and y are in one of these sets, then $x + y$ and xy are also in that set.
- (vii) For any two nonzero integers $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, |ab| \geq \max\{|a|, |b|\}$. Strict inequality holds if $|a| > 1$ and $|b| > 1$.

From this we get cancellation.

$$ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c \text{ or } a = 0$$

3.2 Definition: Divide

Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0$, b divides a if $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$, so that $a = bm, b|a$. Otherwise, write $b \nmid a$.

3.3 Proposition 1.4.2: properties of integer division

Proposition 3.2 (Proposition 1.4.2)

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

- (i) if $a \neq 0$, then $a|0$
- (ii) if $a|1$, then $a = \pm 1$
- (iii) if $a|b$ & $b|a$, then $a = \pm b$
- (iv) if $a|b$ & $b|c$, then $a|c$
- (v) if $a|b$ & $a|c$, then $a|(mc + nb) \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

3.4 Definitions: Prime, The Greatest common divisor $\gcd(a, b)$

$p > 1, p \in \mathbb{Z}$ is called prime if the only divisors are $\pm 1, \pm p$.

Given $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, a, b \neq 0$, the greatest common divisor of a and b is $c \in \mathbb{Z}, c > 0$ s.t.

(1) $c|a$ and $c|b$; (2) if $d|a, d|b$, then $d|c$

The c is unique, we write it $\gcd(a, b)$.

3.5 Euclidean Algorithm

Proposition 3.3 (Proposition 1.4.7(Euclidean Algorithm))

Given $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0$, then $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $a = qb + r, 0 \leq r < |b|$.



Example 3.1 Exercise 1.4.3 For the pair $(a, b) = (130, 95)$, find $\gcd(a, b)$ using the *Euclidean Algorithm* and express it in the form $\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb$ for $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$130 = 95 + 35; \quad 95 = 2 \times 35 + 25$$

$$35 = 25 + 10; \quad 25 = 2 \times 10 + 5$$

$$10 = 2 \times 5 + 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 &= 25 - 2 \times 10 = 25 - 2 \times (35 - 25) = 3 \times 25 - 2 \times 35 = 3 \times (95 - 2 \times 35) - 2 \times 35 \\ &= 3 \times 95 - 8 \times 35 = 3 \times 95 - 8 \times (130 - 95) = 11 \times 95 - 8 \times 130 \end{aligned}$$

$$\gcd(130, 95) = \gcd(95, 35) = \gcd(35, 25) = \gcd(25, 10) = \gcd(10, 5) = \gcd(5, 0) = 5$$

We can also express it by matrix

	q	r	s	t
-1		130	1	0
0	1	95	0	1
1	2	35	1	-1
2	1	25	-2	3
3	2	10	3	-4
4	2	5	-8	11

Hence $\gcd(130, 95) = 5 = -8 \cdot 130 + 11 \cdot 95$

3.6 Proposition: $\gcd(a, b)$ exists and is the smallest positive integer in the set

$$M = \{ma + nb | m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Theorem 3.1

$d = \gcd(a, b)$ is of the form $sa + tb$



Proof 3.1

We may assume $0 \leq a \leq b$

For $a = 0$, $d = b = 0 \cdot a + 1 \cdot b$.

For $a > 0$, let $b = q \cdot a + r$ with $0 \leq r < a \leq b$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \{sa + tb : s, t \in \mathbb{Z}\} &= \{sa + t(q \cdot a + r) : s, t \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{tr + ua : t, u \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ &= \dots \{x \cdot 0 + y \cdot d : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -2d, -d, 0, d, 2d, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3.4 (second form, second proof)

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, not both 0, $\gcd(a, b)$ exists and is the smallest positive integer in the set $M = \{ma + nb | m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. i.e. $\exists m_0, n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $\gcd(a, b) = m_0a + n_0b$.



Proof 3.2

Let c be the smallest positive integer in the set $M = \{ma + nb | m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. $c = m_0a + n_0b > 0$.

Let $d = ma + nb \in M$, $d = qc + r$ where $0 \leq r < c$ (by Euclidean Algorithm).

$$r = d - qc = (m - qm_0)a + (n - qn_0)b \in M$$

Since c is the smallest integer in M and $r \in [0, c)$, so $r = 0$. $\Rightarrow d = qc$. So $c | d$.

$a = 1a + 0b \in M \Rightarrow c | a$, $b = 0a + 1b \in M \Rightarrow c | b$.

If $t | a, t | b$ then $t | m_0a + n_0b$ i.e. $t | c$. $\Rightarrow c = \gcd(a, b)$.

3.7 Well-Ordering Principle (Least Integer Axiom)

There is a smallest integer in every nonempty subset S of the natural numbers $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

3.8 Proposition 1.4.10: $\gcd(b, c), b | ac \Rightarrow b | a$

Proposition 3.5 (Proposition 1.4.10)

Suppose $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. If b, c are relatively prime i.e. $\gcd(b, c) = 1$ and $b | ac$, then $b | a$.



Proof 3.3

$\gcd(b, c) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } 1 = mb + nc \Rightarrow a = amb + anc$. Since $b|nac, b|amb \Rightarrow b|a$.

3.8.1 Corollary: $p|ab \Rightarrow p|a$ or $p|b$

Corollary 3.1 (Corollary of Prop 1.4.10)

$a, b, p \in \mathbb{Z}, p > 1$ prime. If $p|ab$, then $p|a$ or $p|b$.



Proof 3.4

If $p|b$, done. Otherwise, $\gcd(p, b) = 1$. By Prop 1.4.10, $p|a$.

3.9 Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic: Any integer $a \geq 2$ has a unique prime factorization

3.9.1 Existence

Lemma 3.1

Any integer $a \geq 2$ is either a prime or a product of primes.



Proof 3.5

Set $S \subset \mathbb{N}$ be the set of all n without the given property.

Assume that S is nonempty and m is the least element in S .

Since m is not a prime, it can be written as $m = ab$ with $1 < a, b < m$. Since m is the least element in S , $a, b \notin S$. Then m is a product of primes. Contradiction. Thus, $S = \emptyset$.

3.9.2 Uniqueness

Theorem 3.2 (Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic)



Any integer $a > 1$ has a unique prime factorization: $a = p_1^{k_1} \cdot p_2^{k_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{k_n}$ where $p_i > 1$ is prime, $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \forall i = 1, \dots, n, p_i \neq p_j, \forall i \neq j$.

Proof 3.6

a) Existence: (Previous Lemma)

b) Uniqueness:

1) Method 1:

Suppose $a = p_1^{n_1} \cdot p_2^{n_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{n_k} = q_1^{r_1} \cdot q_2^{r_2} \cdot \dots \cdot q_j^{r_j}$. Where $p_1 > p_2 > \dots > p_k, q_1 > q_2 > \dots >$

$$q_j, n_i, r_i \geq 1.$$

$$p_1 | a \Rightarrow \exists q_i \text{ s.t. } p_1 | q_i. \text{ Similarly, } \exists q_i \text{ s.t. } q_1 | p_{i'}.$$

$$q_1 \leq p_{i'} \leq p_1 \leq q_i \Rightarrow q_1 = p_{i'} = p_1 = q_i$$

We can also know $n_1 = r_1$, otherwise we would have two prime factorization of the quotient where the largest primes are different by dividing $p_1^{\min\{n_1, r_1\}}$.

Then we can get $b = p_2^{n_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{n_k} = q_2^{r_2} \cdot \dots \cdot q_j^{r_j}$. Then prove it by induction.

2) Method 2:

Suppose $a = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k = q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_t$. For a p_i , there must exist a q_j s.t. $p_i = q_j$.

Assume that $p_i \neq q_t$, $\gcd(p_i, q_t) = 1$. Then $\exists a, b$ such that $1 = ap_i + bq_t$. Multiplying both sides by $q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_{t-1}$:

$$q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_{t-1} = ap_i q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_{t-1} + bq_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_t$$

Since $p_i | q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_t$, we can conclude that $p_i | (ap_i q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_{t-1} + bq_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_t)$

$$\text{i.e. } p_i | q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot \dots \cdot q_{t-1} \text{ if } p_i \neq q_t$$

Then prove by induction.

Chapter 4 Modular arithmetic

4.1 Congruences

4.1.1 Congruent modulo m : $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

Given $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, define a relation on \mathbb{Z} : congruence modulo m

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}, \text{ if } m \mid (a - b)$$

Read as "a is congruent to b mod n"; Notation: $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

Equivalent to: a, b have the same remainder after division by m .

4.1.2 Proposition: For fixed $m \geq 2$, the relation " $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ " is an equivalence relation

Proposition 4.1 (Proposition 1.5.1)

For fixed $m \geq 2$, the relation " $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ " is an equivalence relation



Proof 4.1

- 1) Reflexive: $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, m \mid 0 = (a - a)$, so $a \equiv a \pmod{m}$ i.e. $a \sim a$.
- 2) Symmetric: $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $m \mid (a - b) \Rightarrow m \mid (b - a) \Rightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{m}$. i.e. $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$.
- 3) Transitive: $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, a \equiv b \pmod{m}, b \equiv c \pmod{m}$. Then $m \mid (a - b), m \mid (b - c) \Rightarrow m \mid (a - b) + (b - c) = (a - c) \Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{m}$.

4.1.3 Theorem: the equivalence relation " $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ " partitions the integers into m disjoint sets $\Omega_i = \{a \mid a \sim i\}, i = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$

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Proof 4.2

Prove any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ belongs to a unique Ω_i .

a) Existence: Division Algorithm $\Rightarrow a = qm + r, 0 \leq r < m. a \in \Omega_r$.

b) Uniqueness: Assume a in two sets, $a \in \Omega_r \cap \Omega_{r^1}, 0 \leq r^1 < r < m$.

Then $m|a - r$ and $m|a - r^1 \Rightarrow m|r - r^1$, which is impossible because $0 < r - r^1 < m$.

Contradiction.

4.1.4 Proposition: Addition and Multiplication of Congruences**Proposition 4.2**

Fix integer $m \geq 2$. If $a \equiv r \pmod{m}$ and $b \equiv s \pmod{m}$, then $a + b \equiv r + s \pmod{m}$ and $ab \equiv rs \pmod{m}$ ♠

Proof 4.3

a) Addition: $m|(a - r), m|(b - s) \Rightarrow m|(a - c) + (b - d) \Rightarrow m|(a + b) - (c + d)$.

b) Multiplication: $m|(a - r)b + r(b - s) \Rightarrow m|ab - rs$.

4.2 Solving Linear Equations on Modular m **4.2.1 Theorem: unique solution of $aX \equiv b \pmod{m}$ if $\gcd(a, m) = 1$** **Theorem 4.2**

If $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, then $\forall b \in \mathbb{Z}$ the congruence $aX \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has a unique solution. ♡

Proof 4.4

1) *Existence:* Since $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, $\exists s, t$ such that

$$1 = sa + tm$$

(Version 1)

(Mutiplying X)

$$X = saX + tmX$$

$$aX \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow aX = km + b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X = s(km + b) + b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X \equiv sb \pmod{m}$$

(Version 2)

(Mutiplying s)

$$saX \equiv sb \pmod{m}$$

$$(1 - tm)X \equiv sb \pmod{m}$$

$$X \equiv sb \pmod{m}$$

$X \equiv sb \pmod{m}$ is the solution to $aX \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

2) *Uniqueness:* Assume x, y are two solutions,

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{m}, ay \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow a(x - y) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

Since $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, $m | (x - y) \Rightarrow x = y$, $(x, y \in \{0, 1, \dots, m - 1\})$

Example 4.1 Solve $3X \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$.

$$\gcd(3, 11) = 1, 1 = 4 * 3 - 1 * 11,$$

$$X \equiv 4 * 5$$

$$X \equiv 9$$

4.3 Chinese Remaindar Theorem (CRT): unique solution for x modulo mn

Theorem 4.3 (Chinese Remaindar Theorem (CRT))

If $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Then $\begin{cases} x \equiv r \pmod{m} & (1) \\ x \equiv s \pmod{n} & (2) \end{cases}$ have a unique solution for x modulo mn .



Proof 4.5

(1) $\Rightarrow x = km + r$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{substitute (2)} \Rightarrow km + r \equiv s \pmod{n}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow mk \equiv s - r \pmod{n} \quad (3)$$

According to previous theorem, $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, (3) has a **unique** solution.

We say $k \equiv t \pmod{n}$, $k = ln + t$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow x = (ln + t)m + r = lnm + tm + r$, where $tm + r$ is the unique solution to x modulo mn .

Example 4.2 (Similar to CRT) Find the smallest integer x such that

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{11} \text{ and } x \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$$

$$\gcd(11, 13) = 1 \text{ and } 1 = 6 * 11 - 5 * 13$$

Write $x = 11k + 1$. Substitute in $x \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$:

$$11k \equiv 8 \pmod{13}$$

$$6 * 11k \equiv 6 * 8 \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$$

$$(1 + 5 * 13)k \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$$

$$k \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$$

Then $x = 11k + 1 = 100$.

4.4 Congruence Classes: $[a]_n = \{a + kn | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, we call $[a]_n = [a]$ the **congruence class** of a modulo n .

$$[a] = \{b \in \mathbb{Z} | b \equiv a \pmod{n}\} = \{a + kn | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

4.4.1 Set of congruence classes of mod n : $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{[a]_n | a \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]\}$

The set of congruence classes of mod n is denoted $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{[a]_n | a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Proposition 4.3 (Proposition 1.5.2.)

For any $n \geq 1$ there are exactly n congruence classes modulo n , which we may write as

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]\}$$



Proof 4.6

For any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. By Euclidean algorithm, $a = qn + r$, $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$, $0 \leq r < n \Rightarrow a \in [r]$. So, $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]\}$.

When $0 \leq a < b \leq n-1$, $n \nmid (b-a)$, so $[a] \neq [b]$ the n congruence classes listed are all distinct. Hence, there are exactly n congruence classes.

4.4.2 Proposition 1.5.5: Addition and Multiplication on Congruence Classes

Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we define addition $+$ and multiplication \cdot on \mathbb{Z}_n :

$$[a] + [b] = [a + b] = \{a + b + (k + j)n | k, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$[a] \cdot [b] = [ab] = \{ab + (aj + bk + kjn)n | k, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

This is well defined, follows Lemma 1.5.3.

Proposition 4.4 (Proposition 1.5.5.)

Let $a, b, c, d, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1$, then

- (i) Addition and multiplication are commutative and associative operations in \mathbb{Z}_n .
- (ii) $[a] + [0] = [a]$.
- (iii) $[-a] + [a] = [0]$.
- (iv) $[1][a] = [a]$.
- (v) $[a]([b] + [c]) = [a][b] + [a][c]$.

**Proof 4.7****4.4.3 Units(i.e. invertible) in Congruence Classes**

Say $[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a **unit** or is **invertible** if $\exists [b] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ so that $[a][b] = [1]$.

4.4.4 Proposition 1.5.6: Set of units in congruence classes:

$$\mathbb{Z}_n^\times = \{[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_n | [a] \text{ is a unit}\} = \{[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_n | \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$$

The set of **invertible** elements in \mathbb{Z}_n will be denoted $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times = \{[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_n | [a] \text{ is a unit}\}$.

Proposition 4.5 (Proposition 1.5.6.)

For all $n \geq 1$, we have $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times = \{[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_n | \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$.



Proof 4.8

By Proposition 1.4.8, we know there exists b, c s.t. $ab + cn = 1$. So, $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, $[1] = [ab] = [a][b]$.

So, $\{[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1\} \subset \mathbb{Z}_n^\times$

$[a]$ is a unit $\Rightarrow \exists [b] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ so that $[a][b] = [ab] = [1] \Rightarrow ab = 1 + kn, k \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow ab - kn = 1, k \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \gcd(a, n) = 1$. So, $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times \subset \{[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$.



Note Inverse of $[a]$ is unique, i.e. $[b] = [a]^{-1}$ is unique.

$$[a][b] = 1, [a][b'] = 1 \Rightarrow [b] = [b][1] = [b][a][b'] = [b']$$

4.4.5 Corollary 1.5.7: if p is prime, $\varphi(p) = \mathbb{Z}_p^\times = \{[1], [2], \dots, [p-1]\}$

Corollary 4.1 (Corollary 1.5.7)

If $p \geq 2$ is prime, $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times = \{[1], [2], \dots, [p-1]\}$.

**4.5 Euler phi-function:** $\varphi(n) = |\mathbb{Z}_n^\times|$

Euler phi-function: $\varphi(n) = |\mathbb{Z}_n^\times|$.

p prime, $\varphi(p) = p - 1$.

4.5.1 $m|n, \pi_{m,n}([a]_n) = [a]_m$

Example 4.3 Exercise 1.5.4 If $m|n$, we can define $\pi_{m,n} : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m$ by $\pi_{m,n}([a]_n) = [a]_m$. Prove it is well-defined.

Proof 4.9

We write $[a]_n = [c]_n$, verify that $[a]_m = [c]_m$.

Since $m|n$, there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $n = km$.

$$[a]_n = [c]_n \Rightarrow \exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } c = a + jn.$$

$$[c]_m = [a + jn]_m = [a + jkm]_m = [a]_m$$

4.6 Theorem 1.5.8 (Chinese Remainder Theorem): $n = mk, \gcd(m, k) = 1$,

$$F([a]_n) = (\pi_{m,n}([a]_n), \pi_{k,n}([a]_n)) = ([a]_m, [a]_k)$$

Theorem 4.4 (Theorem 1.5.8 (Chinese Remainder Theorem))

If $m, n, k > 0, n = mk, \gcd(m, k) = 1$, then $F : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_k$ which is given by $F([a]_n) = (\pi_{m,n}([a]_n), \pi_{k,n}([a]_n)) = ([a]_m, [a]_k)$, then F is a bijection.



Proof 4.10

(1)Injective: $F([a]_n) = F([b]_n) \Rightarrow [a]_m = [b]_m, [a]_k = [b]_k$ i.e. $a \equiv b \pmod{m}, a \equiv b \pmod{n}$.
 $\exists i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $b = a + im = a + jk \Rightarrow k|i$. Since $\gcd(m, k) = 1$, $k|i \Rightarrow n = mk|i$. Then
 $[b]_n = [a]_n + [im]_n = [a]_n$.

(2)Surjective: prove $\forall u, v \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists a \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $[a]_m = [u]_m, [a]_k = [v]_k$.

Since $\gcd(m, k) = 1$, $\exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $1 = sm + tk$.

Let $a = (1 - tk)u + (1 - sm)v$, $[a]_m = [(u - v)sm + v]_m = [v]_m$, $[a]_k = [(v - u)tk + u]_k = [u]_k$.



Note $F([a]_n[b]_n) = F([ab]_n) = ([ab]_m, [ab]_k) = ([a]_m[b]_m, [a]_k[b]_k)$

Since F is a bijection, $[ab]_n = [1]_n$ iff $([a]_m[b]_m, [a]_k[b]_k) = ([1]_m, [1]_k)$.

4.6.1 Proposition 1.5.9+Corollary 1.5.10: $m, n, k > 0, n = mk, \gcd(m, k) = 1$, then

$$F(\mathbb{Z}_n^\times) = \mathbb{Z}_m^\times \times \mathbb{Z}_k^\times, \text{ then } \varphi(n) = \varphi(m)\varphi(k)$$

Proposition 4.6 (Proposition 1.5.9+Corollary 1.5.10)

If $m, n, k > 0, n = mk, \gcd(m, k) = 1$, then $F(\mathbb{Z}_n^\times) = \mathbb{Z}_m^\times \times \mathbb{Z}_k^\times$, then $\varphi(n) = \varphi(m)\varphi(k)$.



4.7 prime factorization: $n = p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}$, then $\varphi(n) = (p_1 - 1)p_1^{r_1-1} \dots (p_k - 1)p_k^{r_k-1}$

Proposition 4.7

If $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ is positive integer with prime factorization $n = p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}$, then $\varphi(n) = (p_1 - 1)p_1^{r_1-1} \dots (p_k - 1)p_k^{r_k-1}$



Proof 4.11

$\mathbb{Z}_{p^r} = \{[0], [1], \dots, [p^r - 1]\}$, the number of multiples of p is $\frac{p^r}{p} = p^{r-1}$. Then $\varphi(p^r) = |\mathbb{Z}_{p^r}^\times| =$

$$p^r - p^{r-1} = (p - 1)p^{r-1}. \text{ So,}$$

$$\varphi(n) = \varphi(p_1^{r_1}) \dots \varphi(p_k^{r_k}) = (p_1 - 1)p_1^{r_1-1} \dots (p_k - 1)p_k^{r_k-1}$$

Chapter 5 Group

5.1 Group $(G, *)$: a set with a binary operation(associative, identity, inverse)

5.1.1 Definition

A *group* is a nonempty set G with a binary operation $*$: $G \times G \rightarrow G$ s.t.

- (1) Binary operation on G , $*$: $G \times G \rightarrow G$
- (2) $*$ is **associative**
- (3) G contains an **identity** element e for $*$: $\exists e \in G$ s.t. $e * g = g * e = g \forall g \in G$
- (4) Each element $a \in G$ has an **inverse** $b \in G$ s.t. $a * b = b * a = e$.

A Group is **abelian** if moreover

- (5) $*$ is **commutative**.

$|G|$ =Order of a group $(G, *)$

$(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a group and $+$ is commutative, we call this kind of groups(satisfy commutative) *abelian group*.

Example 5.1 If \mathbb{F} is a field, then $(\mathbb{F}, +)$ and $(\mathbb{F}^\times, \cdot)$ are abelian group.

Example 5.2 If V is a vector space over \mathbb{F} , then $(V, +)$ abelian group.

As we know a V is a vector space over \mathbb{F} means V is a field whose subfields include \mathbb{F} .

5.1.2 Uniqueness of identity and inverse

Lemma 5.1

1. Identity of a group is unique. 2. Inverse of any element in a group is also unique.



Proof 5.1

1. Let e, e' be two identities in G , then $e * e' = e = e'$.
2. Suppose b, c are both inverse of a , then

$$b = b * e = b * (a * c) = (b * a) * c = e * c = c$$

5.1.3 Examples: Permutation group $Sym(X)$, Klein 4-group, alternating group A_n , Dihedral group

Example 5.3 If X is any nonempty set, permutation group of X : $\{\sigma : X \rightarrow X | \sigma \text{ is a bijection}\}$, then

1. \circ is associative;
2. $id : X \rightarrow X, id(x) = x \forall x \in X$ is the identity;
3. $\sigma \in Sym(X), \sigma^{-1} \in Sym(X)$ is the inverse function.

$(Sym(X), \circ)$ is a group called the symmetric group of X

Example 5.4 The Klein four-group is a group with four elements, in which each element is self-inverse (composing it with itself produces the identity) and in which composing any two of the three non-identity elements produces the third one. For example, $K \leq S_4$

$$K = \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$$

Example 5.5 An alternating group is the group of even permutations of a finite set. An alternating group of degree n , A_n .

The cycle structure of A_5 ,

- (1) $(abcde)$ - even
- (3) (abc) - even
- (4) $(ab)(cd)$ - even (odd permutation \times odd permutation)
- (6) e - even

Example 5.6 Dihedral group

The dihedral group of order $2n$, denoted D_{2n} , is the group of symmetries of a regular n -gon $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$, which includes rotations and reflections. It consists of the $2n$ elements

$$\{1, \rho, \rho^2, \dots, \rho^{n-1}, \sigma, \sigma\rho, \sigma\rho^2, \dots, \sigma\rho^{n-1}\}.$$

The element ρ corresponds to rotating the n -gon by $\frac{2\pi}{n}$, while σ corresponds to reflecting it across the line OA_1 (here O is the center of the polygon). So $\rho\sigma$ mean "reflect then rotate" (like with function composition, we read from right to left). In particular, $\rho^n = \sigma^2 = 1$. You can also see that $\rho^k\sigma = \sigma\rho^{-k} = \sigma\rho^{n-k}$.

5.1.4 Cancellation Laws

Theorem 5.1

Let G be a group. The left and right cancelation laws hold in G :

1. $a * x = a * y \Rightarrow x = y$
2. $x * a = y * a \Rightarrow x = y$



Proof 5.2

Let $a * x = a * y$. $\exists a'$ s.t. $a' * a = e$. $a' * (a * x) = a' * (a * y) \Rightarrow (a' * a) * x = (a' * a) * y \Rightarrow e * x = e * y \Rightarrow x = y$

Similar for the right cancel law.

5.1.5 Unique Solution of Linear Equation**Theorem 5.2**

The linear equation $a * x = b$ and $y * a = b$ has unique solution.

**Proof 5.3**

1. Existence: Multiply by a' : $a' * (a * x) = a' * b \Rightarrow x = a' * b$ is a solution.
2. Uniqueness: if x' is another, $a * x = a * x' = b \Rightarrow x = x'$

5.2 Subgroup: $H \leq G$ **Definition 5.1**

A subset $H \subseteq G$ is a subgroup of G if H is itself a group.



write $H \leq G$, $H < G$ if H is a subgroup of $(G, *)$. (If $H = G$, H is an improper subgroup. If $H \subsetneq G$, H is a proper subgroup.)

If $H = \{e\}$, then H is a trivial subgroup.

If $H \neq \{e\}$, then H is a nontrivial subgroup.

Theorem 5.3

A subset $H \subseteq G$ is a subgroup of G if and only if

1. H is closed under $*$. ($\forall g, h \in H, g * h \in H$)
2. identity $e \in H$.
3. Each $a \in H$, the inverse $a' \in H$

**Proof 5.4**

" \Rightarrow ": if $H \leq G$ be a subgroup.

1. H is a group $\Rightarrow *$ is a binary operation on H , $* : H \times H \rightarrow H$ i.e. H is closed under $*$.
2. Identity of H , e_H is also a identity of G , due to the uniqueness of identity, $e_H = e_G$.

3. $a \in H$, a 's inverse $a'_H \in H$ is also an inverse in G , due to the uniqueness of identity, $a'_H = a'_G$.
 "⇐":

1. H is closed under $*$ $\Rightarrow *$ is a binary operation on H .
2. 2,3 fulfill the requirement of identity and inverse.
3. $*$ is operation of group $G \Rightarrow *$ is associative.

Hence H is itself a group.

4. H is a subset of G , then H is a subgroup of G .

5.2.1 Proposition 2.6.8: $H < G$, $(H, *)$ is a group: A group's operation with its any subgroup is also a group

Proposition 5.1 (Proposition 2.6.8)

If $(G, *)$ is a group, $H \subset G$ is a subgroup, then $(H, *)$ is a group.



Example 5.7 $(G, *)$ is a group, then $e < G$, $G < G$.

Example 5.8 $\mathbb{K} \subset \mathbb{F}$ is a subfield, then $\mathbb{K} < \mathbb{F}$, $\mathbb{K}^\times < \mathbb{F}^\times$.

Example 5.9 $W \subset V$ is a vector subspace, $W < V$.

Example 5.10 $1 \in S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}^\times$, $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$. S^1 is a subgroup.

Proof 5.5

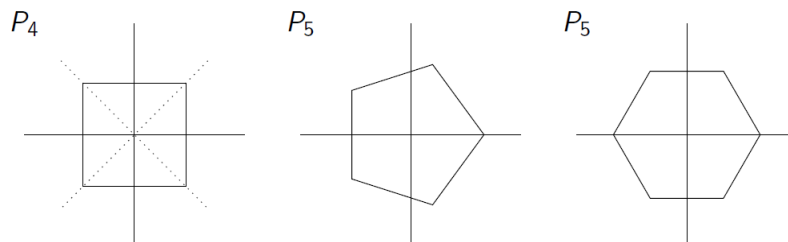
$S^1 = \{e^{i\theta} \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R}\}$. For any $e^{i\theta}, e^{i\psi} \in S^1$, $e^{i\theta}e^{i\psi} = e^{i(\theta+\psi)} \in S^1$, $e^{-i\theta} \in S^1$.

Example 5.11 $Isom(\mathbb{R}^n) < Sym(\mathbb{R}^n)$

Example 5.12 If \mathbb{F} is a field, $Aut(\mathbb{F}) = \{\sigma : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \in Sym(\mathbb{F}) \mid \sigma(a+b) = \sigma(a) + \sigma(b), \sigma(ab) = \sigma(a)\sigma(b)\} < Sym(\mathbb{F})$

Example 5.13 Dihedral Groups:

Let $P_n \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a regular n -gon



$$D_n < Isom(\mathbb{R}^2), D_n = \{\Phi \in Isom(\mathbb{R}^2) | \Phi(P_n) = P_n\}$$

5.3 Some Properties of Group Operation

Proposition 5.2 (Proposition 3.1.1)

Let $(G, *)$ be a group with identity $e \in G$, then

- (1) if $g, h \in G$ and either $g * h = h$ or $h * g = h$, then $g = e$
- (2) if $g, h \in G$ and $g * h = e$ then $g = h^{-1}$ and $h = g^{-1}$

Corollary 5.1 (Corollary 3.1.2)

$$e^{-1} = e, (g^{-1})^{-1} = g, (g * h)^{-1} = h^{-1} * g^{-1}$$

5.4 Power of an Element

We define g^n recursively for $n \geq 0$ by setting $g^0 = e$ and for $n \geq 1$, we set $g^n = g^{n-1} * g$. For $n \leq 0$, we define $g^n = (g^{-1})^{-n}$.

Proposition 5.3 (Proposition 3.1.5)

$$(1) g^n * g^m = g^{n+m}; (2) (g^n)^m = g^{nm}$$

5.5 $(G \times H, \otimes)$: Direct Product of G and H

$(G, *)$ a group (H, \star) a group. Define an operation on $G \times H$, \otimes :

$$(h, k) \otimes (h', k') = (h * h', k * k')$$

5.5.1 Proposition 3.1.7: $(G \times H, \otimes)$ is a group

Proposition 5.4 (Proposition 3.1.7)

$(G \times H, \otimes)$ is a group. The identity is (e_G, e_H) , inverse is (g^{-1}, h^{-1})

usually written as

$$(h, k)(h', k') = (hh', kk')$$

5.6 Subgroups and Cyclic Groups

5.6.1 Intersection of Subgroups is a Subgroup

Proposition 5.5 (Proposition 3.2.2)

Let G be a group and suppose \mathcal{H} is any collection of subgroups of G . Then $K = \cap_{H \in \mathcal{H}} H < G$ is a subgroup of G .



5.6.2 Subgroup Generated by A : $\langle A \rangle$

We define **Subgroup Generated by A** :

$$\langle A \rangle = \cap_{H \in \mathcal{H}(A)} H$$

where $\mathcal{H}(A)$ is the set of all subgroups of G containing the set A :

$$\mathcal{H}(A) = \{H < G \mid A \subset H \text{ and } H \text{ is a subgroup of } G\}$$

5.6.3 Cyclic Group: group generated by an element

A group G is cyclic if exists g (an element), $\langle g \rangle = G$.

g is called a generator for G in this case.

Easy to prove

$$G = \langle g \rangle = \{\dots g^{-2}, g^{-1}, e, g^1, g^2 \dots\}$$

5.6.4 Cyclic Subgroup

If A is a subgroup of G , and $A = \langle \{a\} \rangle = \langle a \rangle$. Then A is the cyclic subgroup generated by a : $A = \langle a \rangle \leq G$

$$\langle a \rangle = \{\dots a^{-2}, a^{-1}, e, a^1, a^2 \dots\}$$

5.6.5 Subgroups of a Cyclic Group must be Cyclic

Theorem 5.4

A subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.



Proof 5.6

Let $G = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ be a cyclic group. Let $H \leq G$ be a subgroup.

1. If $H = \{e\}$, then H is cyclic.

2. If $H \neq \{e\}$, then $a^n \in H$ for some $n > 0$. Check m be the minimal among all n .

Claim: $H = \langle a^m \rangle$

Proof: Clearly $\langle a^m \rangle \subset H$. $\forall a^n \in H$, $n = qm + r$, $0 \leq r < m$. Then $a^r = a^n(a^m)^{-q}$. Since m is the minimal positive integer s.t. $a^m \in H$, $r = 0$. $\Rightarrow n = qm \Rightarrow a^n \in \langle a^m \rangle$. Hence $H = \langle a^m \rangle$ which is cyclic.

Example 5.14 Subgroups of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$

\mathbb{Z} is a cyclic group $\langle 1 \rangle$. Its subgroups are $\langle n \rangle \leq \mathbb{Z}$ for some $n \geq 0$. (which is a multiplier of n . $(n\mathbb{Z})$)

$n = 0, H = \{0\}; n = 1, H = \mathbb{Z}; n = 2, H = 2\mathbb{Z}$

5.6.6 Theorem: $\langle a^v \rangle < \{1, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\} \Rightarrow \langle a^v \rangle = \langle a^d \rangle, d = \gcd(v, n), |\langle a^v \rangle| = \frac{n}{d}$

Theorem 5.5

Let G be a cyclic group of order n . ($G = \{1, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$, where $a^n = 1$). Let $H = \langle a^v \rangle$ be a subgroup of G . Then H is generated by a^d (i.e. $H = \langle a^d \rangle$), $d = \gcd(v, n)$ and $|H| = \frac{n}{d}$.



Proof 5.7

Let $H' = \langle a^d \rangle$, we need to show that $H = H'$. $d = \gcd(v, n) = d|v \Rightarrow a^v \in \langle a^d \rangle \Rightarrow H \subset H'$.

While $d = sv + tn$ for some s, t . $\Rightarrow a^d = (a^v)^s (a^n)^t$. Since $a^n = 1$, $a^d = (a^v)^s \Rightarrow H' \subset H$.

Hence, $H = H' = \langle a^v \rangle$. $H = \{1, a^d, a^{2d}, \dots, a^{n-d}\}, |H| = \frac{n}{d}$

5.6.7 Corollary 3.2.4: G is a cyclic group $\Rightarrow G$ is abelian

Corollary 5.2 (Corollary 3.2.4)

If G is a cyclic group (i.e. exists $g \in G$ s.t. $\langle g \rangle = G$), then G is abelian (i.e. commutative).



5.6.8 Equivalent properties of order of g : $|g| = |\langle g \rangle| < \infty$

Proposition 5.6 (Proposition 3.2.6)

Let G be a group for $g \in G$, the following are equivalent:



(i) $|g| < \infty$

(ii) $\exists n \neq m$ in \mathbb{Z} so that $g^n = g^m$

(iii) $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \neq 0$ so that $g^n = e$

(iv) $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ so that $g^n = e$

If $|g| < \infty$, then $|g| = \text{smallest } n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \text{ so that } g^n = e$, and $\langle g \rangle = \{e, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\} = \{g^n \mid n = 0, \dots, n-1\}$

5.6.9 $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ Theorem 3.2.9: $\langle a \rangle < \langle b \rangle$ if and only if $b|a$ **Theorem 5.6 (Theorem 3.2.9)**

If $H < \mathbb{Z}$ is a subgroup, then either $H = \{0\}$, or else $H = \langle d \rangle$, where

$$d = \min\{h \in H | h > 0\}$$

Consequently, $a \rightarrow \langle a \rangle$ defines a **bijection** from $N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ to the set of subgroups of \mathbb{Z} . Furthermore, for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, we have $\langle a \rangle < \langle b \rangle$ if and only if $b|a$.

**5.6.10 $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ Theorem 3.2.10: $\langle [d] \rangle < \langle [d'] \rangle$ if and only if $d'|d$** **Theorem 5.7 (Theorem 3.2.10)**

For any $n \geq 2$, if $H < \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a subgroup, then there is a positive divisor d of n so that

$$H = \langle [d] \rangle$$

Furthermore, this defines a bijection between divisors of H and subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_n . Furthermore, if $d, d' > 0$ are two divisors of n , then $\langle [d] \rangle < \langle [d'] \rangle$ if and only if $d'|d$.



If $H = \langle [d] \rangle$ is a subgroup of H , then $[n] \in H$, so $d|n$. And $|H| = |\langle [d] \rangle| = \frac{n}{d}$, so $|H||d|$

5.6.11 Subgroup Lattice

The set of all subgroups of a group of G , together with the data of which subgroups contain which others is called the **subgroup lattice**. We often picture the subgroup lattice in a diagram with the entire group at the top, the trivial subgroup $\{e\}$ at the bottom, and the intermediate subgroups in the middle, with lines drawn from subgroups up to larger groups.

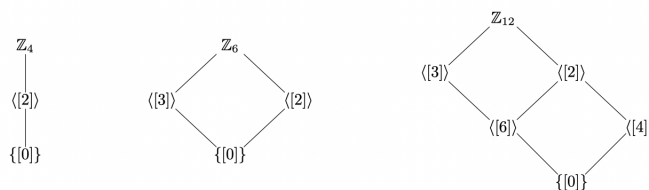
5.7 Homomorphism**5.7.1 Def: Homomorphism, Image****Definition 5.2**

If $(G, *)$ and (H, \circ) are groups, then a function $f : G \rightarrow H$ is a **homomorphism** if

$$f(x * y) = f(x) \circ f(y), \forall x, y \in G$$

If f is also a bijection, then f is called an **isomorphism**.





Writing down the subgroup lattice is as easy as writing down the divisibility lattice in which n is placed at the bottom, 1 at the top, and all intermediate divisors in between, connected by edges when there is divisibility. The congruence class of the divisor generates the corresponding subgroup in the subgroup lattice.

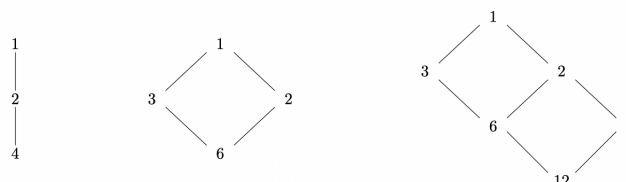


Figure 5.1

Example 5.15 Let S_n be the symmetric group on n letters, and let $\phi : S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ be defined by

$$\phi(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is an even permutation,} \\ 1 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is an odd permutation.} \end{cases}$$

Show that ϕ is a homomorphism.

Example 5.16 Let $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ be the multiplicative group of all invertible $n \times n$ matrices. Recall that a matrix A is invertible if and only if its determinant, $\det(A)$, is nonzero. Recall also that for matrices $A, B \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ we have

$$\det(AB) = \det(A)$$

Example 5.17

1. $\phi : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ $\phi(x) = 2^x$. Then

$$\phi(x + y) = 2^{x+y} = 2^x 2^y = \phi(x)\phi(y)$$

ϕ is a homomorphism.

2. $\phi : G \rightarrow G$ $\phi(g) = g^{-1}$. Then

$$\phi(gh) = (gh)^{-1} = h^{-1}g^{-1} = \phi(h)\phi(g)$$

ϕ is not a homomorphism in general; but it is homomorphism if it is abelian.

Definition 5.3

Let ϕ be a mapping of a set X into a set Y , and let $A \subseteq X$ and $B \subseteq Y$. The image $\phi[A]$ of A in Y under ϕ is $\{\phi(a) \mid a \in A\}$. The set $\phi[X]$ is the range of ϕ . The inverse image $\phi^{-1}[B]$ of B in X is $\{x \in X \mid \phi(x) \in B\}$



5.7.2 Properties of Homomorphism

Theorem 5.8

Let ϕ be a homomorphism of a group G into a group G' , then



1. if $e \in G$ is an identity in G , then $\phi(e) \in G'$ is the identity in G' .
2. if $a \in G$ has inverse $a' \in G$, then $\phi(a) \in G'$ has inverse $\phi(a') \in G'$.
3. if $H \leq G$ is a subgroup of G , then the image $\phi(H) = \{\phi(h) : h \in G\} \leq G'$ is a subgroup of G' .
4. if $K' \leq G'$ then the inverse image $\phi^{-1}(K') = \{x \in G : \phi(x) \in K'\} \leq G$.

5.7.3 Kernel of Homomorphism

Definition 5.4

Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism of groups. The subgroup $\phi^{-1}(e') = \{x \in G : \phi(x) = e'\}$ is the kernel of ϕ , denoted by $\text{Ker}(\phi)$.

$$\text{Ker}(\phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi^{-1}(e') = \{x \in G : \phi(x) = e'\}$$



Theorem 5.9 ($\text{Ker}\phi$ is normal)

Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism. $H = \text{Ker}\phi$, then for all $a \in G$, $\phi^{-1}[\phi(a)] = \{x \in G : \phi(x) = \phi(a)\}$ is the left coset aH of H , and is also the right coset Ha of H .

$$aH = Ha = \{x \in G : \phi(x) = \phi(a)\}$$



Proof 5.8

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &= \phi(a) \\ \Leftrightarrow \phi(x)\phi(a)^{-1} &= e' \\ \Leftrightarrow \phi(x)\phi(a^{-1}) &= e' \\ \Leftrightarrow \phi(xa^{-1}) &= e' \\ \Leftrightarrow xa^{-1} &\in H \\ \Leftrightarrow x &\in Ha \end{aligned}$$

Similarity, we can prove $x \in aH$.

Theorem 5.10

A homomorphism is injective if and only if $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{e\}$.



Proof 5.9

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(x) = \phi(y) &\Leftrightarrow \phi(x)\phi^{-1}(y) = e' \\
&\phi(x)\phi(y^{-1}) = e' \\
&\phi(xy^{-1}) = e' \\
&\Leftrightarrow xy^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\phi)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can also prove that

$$xy^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\phi) \Leftrightarrow x = y \text{ if and only if } \text{Ker}(\phi) = \{e\}$$

5.8 Isomorphism

5.8.1 Definition: Isomorphism

Definition 5.5

We say that G and H are **isomorphic** if exists an **isomorphism** f , denoted by $G \cong H$ or $G \simeq H$. (since f is bijection, $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow H \cong G$)



Isomophic means these two pathes are the same.

$$\begin{aligned}
G \times G &\xrightarrow{*} G \xrightarrow{f} H \\
G \times G &\xrightarrow{(f,f)} H \times H \xrightarrow{\circ} H
\end{aligned}$$

Example 5.18 $(\mathbb{Z}_2, +)$, $(\{-1, 1\}, \times)$ and $\phi : 0 \rightarrow 1; 1 \rightarrow -1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(0 + 0) &= 1 = \phi(0) \times \phi(0) \\
\phi(0 + 1) &= -1 = \phi(0) \times \phi(1) \\
\phi(1 + 1) &= 1 = \phi(1) \times \phi(1)
\end{aligned}$$

5.8.2 Theorem: $\sigma : G \rightarrow G'$ **injective and** $\sigma(xy) = \sigma(x)\sigma(y) \forall x, y \in G \Rightarrow \sigma(G) \leq G', G$ **is isomorphic to** $\sigma(G)$

Theorem 5.11

Let $\sigma : G \rightarrow G'$ be an injective map s.t.

$$\sigma(xy) = \sigma(x)\sigma(y), \forall x, y \in G$$

Then the image $\sigma(G) = \{\sigma(x) : x \in G\}$ is a subgroup of G' that is isomorphic to G .



Proof 5.10

1. *Closed:* $\forall a = \sigma(x), b = \sigma(y) \in \sigma(G)$, then $ab = \sigma(x)\sigma(y) = \sigma(xy) \in \sigma(G)$.
2. *Identity:* $\sigma(e) \in \sigma(G)$ is an identity for $\sigma(G)$: $\sigma(e)\sigma(x) = \sigma(ex) = \sigma(x) = \sigma(xe) = \sigma(x)\sigma(e)$
3. *Inverse:* $\sigma(x^{-1})$ is an inverse in $\sigma(G)$ for $\sigma(x)$: $\sigma(x^{-1})\sigma(x) = \sigma(e) = \sigma(x)\sigma(x^{-1})$

5.8.3 Cayley Theorem: G is isomorphic to a subgroup of S_G **Theorem 5.12 (Cayley Theorem)**

Let G be a group and S_G is the symmetric group of G (the group of all permutation of G : $S_G = \{\text{Bijection } \sigma : G \rightarrow G\}$) Then G is isomorphic to a subgroup of S_G .

**Proof 5.11**

Set a bijection $\phi : G \rightarrow S_G$ such that $\phi(g) = \lambda_g, \forall g \in G$, where λ_g is a permutation $\lambda_g : x \rightarrow gx$.

Claim: $\lambda_g \in S_G$ (i.e. λ_g is a permutation of G , a bijection $G \rightarrow G$).

1. $\lambda_g : G \rightarrow G$ is injective

$$\lambda_g(x) = \lambda_g(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow gx = gy$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = y$$

2. $\lambda_g : G \rightarrow G$ is surjective. Let $y \in G$

$$\lambda_g(x) = y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow gx = y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = g^{-1}y$$

Claim: $\phi(x)\phi(y) = \phi(xy)$

$$\phi(x)\phi(y) = \lambda_x \circ \lambda_y$$


$$(\lambda_x \circ \lambda_y)(z) = \lambda_x(yz) = xyz = \lambda_{xy}(z), \forall z \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x)\phi(y) = \phi(xy)$$

According to previous theorem, $\phi(G) \leq S_G$ and G is isomorphic to $\phi(G)$.


5.9 Coset and Order

Definition 5.6

If H is a subgroup of a group G and $a \in G$, then $aH = \{ah | h \in H\} \leq G$ is called left coset of H . 

Theorem 5.13

Let $H \leq G$, $a, b \in G$,


1. $aH = bH$ if and only if $a^{-1}b \in H$
 2. $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$ or $aH = bH$
 3. $|aH| = |H| \forall a \in G$
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Proof 5.12

1. Assume that $aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset$ and let $ah = bk \in aH \cap bH$ with $h, k \in H$.
 $ah = bk \Leftrightarrow h = a^{-1}bk \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b = hk^{-1} \in H$, thus $a^{-1}b \in H$.
2. When $aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset \exists k_1, h \in H$ such that $ak_1 = bh \in bH$. Then $\forall k_2 \in H a = bhk_1^{-1} \Rightarrow ak_2 = bhk_1^{-1}k_2$ where $hk_1^{-1}k_2 \in H$ so $ak_2 \in bH$, $\forall k_2 \in H$.
3. $x \rightarrow ax$ is bijection $\Rightarrow |aH| = |H|$.


Claim 5.1

Coset can generate a partition of group:

$$G = a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \dots \cup a_rH$$


5.9.1 index of a subgroup

Definition 5.7

Let H be a subgroup of a group G . The number of left cosets of H in G is the **index**. 

Note: Since $|aH| = |H| \forall a \in G$, the index of a subgroup is the number of subgroups which have order $|H|$.

5.9.2 Lagrange Theorem: Order of subgroup divides the order of group

Theorem 5.14 (Lagrange Theorem)

Let $H \leq G$ be a subgroup of finite group G . Then the order $|H|$ divides the order $|G|$. 

Proof 5.13

Give a partition

$$\begin{aligned} G &= a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \cdots \cup a_rH \\ |G| &= |a_1H| + |a_2H| + \cdots + |a_rH| \\ &= r|H| \rightarrow |H| \mid |G| \end{aligned}$$

5.9.3 Theorem: Order of element $a \in G = |\langle a \rangle|$ divides $|G|$ **Theorem 5.15 (Order of element/cyclic subgroup)**

For $a \in G$, the order of a (the smallest m such that $a^m = e$) divides $|G|$. The order of a is the order of cyclic subgroup $\langle a \rangle$ with generator a .

**Proof 5.14**

For $a \in G$, $H = \{a^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \leq G$. H is the size of m . With lagrange theorem, $|H| = m \mid |G|$

Corollary 5.3

Every group of prime order is cyclic.

**5.9.4 Theorem: Order n cyclic group is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n)$** **Theorem 5.16**

Let G be a cyclic group with generator a . If the order of G is infinite, then G is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$. If G has finite order n , then G is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n)$.

**5.10 Direct Products****5.10.1 Cartesian product**

Let G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n be n groups. Let $G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \cdots \times G_n$ be the Cartesian product.

For $g \in G$, $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$, $g_i \in G_i$.

Theorem 5.17

Then $(G, *)$ becomes a group with operation $*$ defined as

$$a * b = (a_1, \dots, a_n) * (b_1, \dots, b_n) = (a_1b_1, \dots, a_nb_n) \quad a, b \in G$$



Proof 5.15

(1) Binary operation $*$: $G \times G \rightarrow G$.

(2) $*$ is associative:

$$(a * b) * c = a * (b * c) = (a_1 b_1 c_1, \dots, a_n b_n c_n)$$

(3) Identity: $e = (e_1, \dots, e_n) \in G$

$$e * a = a = a * e$$

(4) Inverse: $a^{-1} = (a_1^{-1}, \dots, a_n^{-1}) \in G$

$$a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$$

5.10.2 Theorem: $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ is cyclic and is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{mn} \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1$

Theorem 5.18

The group $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ is cyclic and is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{mn} if and only if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

**Proof 5.16**

Claim: $(1, 1)$ generate $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$

$k(1, 1) = (k, k) = (0, 0)$ if and only if $m|k$ and $n|k$. The smallest such k is $k = \text{lcm}(m, n) = mn$.

Hence, $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a cyclic group with order mn . Then $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{mn} .

We can define an isomorphism

$$\phi : \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$$

and its inverse

$$\psi : \mathbb{Z}_{mn} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$$

Since $\mathbb{Z}_{mn} \langle 1 \rangle$, $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n = \langle (1, 1) \rangle$, we can write

$$\psi(x \bmod mn) = (x \bmod m, x \bmod n)$$

ψ is well-defined.

To describe $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$ at $1 = sm + tn$ and let

$$\phi(a \bmod m, b \bmod n) = (atn + bsm \bmod mn)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi(atn + bsm \bmod mn) &= (atn + bsm \bmod m, atn + bsm \bmod n) \\
&= (atn \bmod m, bsm \bmod n) \\
&= (a(1 - sm) \bmod m, b(1 - tn) \bmod n) \\
&= (a \bmod m, b \bmod n)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence ψ is the inverse of ϕ .

Corollary 5.4

The group $\prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}_{m_i}$ is cyclic and is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{m_1 m_2 \dots m_n}$ if and only if the numbers m_i for $i = 1, \dots, n$ are such that the gcd of any two of them is 1.



Example 5.19 If n is written as a product of powers of distinct prime numbers, as it

$$n = (p_1)^{n_1} (p_2)^{n_2} \dots (p_r)^{n_r}$$

then \mathbb{Z}_n is isomorphic to

$$\mathbb{Z}_{(p_1)^{n_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(p_2)^{n_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{(p_r)^{n_r}}$$

5.10.3 Finitely Generated Abelian Groups

Theorem 5.19 (Primary Factor Version of the Fundamental Theorem of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups)

Every finitely generated abelian group G is isomorphic to a direct product of cyclic groups in the form

$$\mathbb{Z}_{(p_1)^{r_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(p_2)^{r_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{(p_n)^{r_n}} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}$$

where the p_i are primes, not necessarily distinct, and the r_i are positive integers. The number of factors of \mathbb{Z} and the prime powers $(p_i)^{r_i}$ are unique.



- $\mathbb{Z}_{mn} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.
- Abelian $\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n = \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$

Example 5.20 Find all abelian group of order 16

5 nonisomorphic abelian group.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{Z}_{16} \\ \mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \end{array} \right.$$

Example 5.21

$$\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_{40} \times \mathbb{Z}_{49} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{49}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{210} \times \mathbb{Z}_{56} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_8$$

5.11 Def: Normal Subgroup $H \triangleleft G : aH = Ha, \forall a \in G$
Definition 5.8

A subgroup $H \leq G$ is **normal** if its left and right cosets coincide, that is, if

$$aH = Ha, \quad \forall a \in G$$

Notation: $H \triangleleft G$



Note that all subgroups of abelian groups are normal.

5.11.1 Thm: Three ways to check if H is normal
Theorem 5.20

" $H < G$ is a normal subgroup of G ($H \triangleleft G$)" is equivalent to

- (1) $ghg^{-1} \in H$ for all $g \in G$ and $h \in H$
- (2) $gHg^{-1} = H$ for all $g \in G$
- (3) $gH = Hg$ for all $g \in G$


5.11.2 Thm: A subgroup is "Well-defined Left Cosets Multiplication" \Leftrightarrow "Normal"
Theorem 5.21

Let H be a subgroup of a group G . Then left coset multiplication is well defined by the equation

$$(aH)(bH) = (ab)H$$

if and only if $H \triangleleft G$ (H is a normal subgroup of G).

i.e. ' $x \in aH$ and $y \in bH \Rightarrow xy \in abH$ ' if and only if ' $aH = Ha, \quad \forall a \in G$ '


Proof 5.17

- " \Rightarrow ": $\forall x \in aH, a^{-1} \in a^{-1}H \Rightarrow xa^{-1} \in H \Leftrightarrow x \in Ha \Rightarrow aH \subset Ha;$

Similarly $a^{-1}H \subset Ha^{-1} \Leftrightarrow Ha \subset aH \Rightarrow aH = Ha$

- "⇐": Let $x \in aH, y \in bH$. Say $x = ah_1, y = bh_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 xy &= (ah_1)(bh_2) \\
 &= a(h_1b)h_2 \\
 &= a(bh_3)h_2 \quad (\text{Since } bH = Hb) \\
 &= (ab)(h_3h_2) \in abH
 \end{aligned}$$

5.12 Factor Group $G/H = \{aH : a \in G\}$

Definition 5.9

The group $G/H = \{aH : a \in G\}$ with $(aH)(bH) = abH$ is the factor group (or quotient group) of G by H .



5.12.1 Def: kernel H forms a factor group G/H

Definition 5.10

Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism of groups with kernel H . Then the cosets of H form a **factor group**, $G/H = \{aH : a \in G\}$, where $(aH)(bH) = (ab)H$.



Also, the map $\mu : G/H \rightarrow \phi[G]$ defined by $\mu(aH) = \phi(a)$ is an isomorphism. Both coset multiplication and μ are well defined, independent of the choices a and b from the cosets.

5.12.2 Cor: $\ker\phi$ is a normal subgroup

Corollary 5.5

$\ker\phi$ is a normal subgroup: $\ker\phi \triangleleft G$ for all homomorphisms.



5.12.3 Corollary: normal subgroup H forms a group G/H

By the Thm: A subgroup is "Well-defined Left Cosets Multiplication" \Leftrightarrow "Normal".

Corollary 5.6

Let $H \triangleleft G$ be a **normal subgroup** of G . Then the cosets of H form a group $G/H = \{aH : a \in G\}$ under the binary operation $(aH)(bH) = (ab)H$.



Proof 5.18

- (1) $*$ is associative.
- (2) G/H has an identity H .

$$H * aH = aH * H = aH$$

- (3) $aH \in G/H$ has inverse $a^{-1}H$

Note: This corollary contains the definition because kernel is normal subgroup (kernel \Rightarrow normal subgroup).
(We can then prove they are exactly the same in the next theorem (kernel \Leftarrow normal subgroup))

5.12.4 Thm: normal subgroup is a kernel of a surjective homomorphism $\gamma : G \rightarrow G/H$

For any normal subgroup $H \triangleleft G$, we can define $\gamma(x) = xH$ which is surjective with $\ker \gamma = H$

Theorem 5.22

Let $H \triangleleft G$ be a normal subgroup of G . Define $\gamma : G \rightarrow G/H$, $\gamma(x) = xH$. Then γ is a surjective homomorphism with $\ker \gamma = H$.

**Proof 5.19**

- 1. γ is surjective homomorphism: $\gamma(ab) = abH = (aH)(bH) = \gamma(a)\gamma(b)$
- 2. $\ker \gamma = H$: The identity in G/H is the coset H .

$$\begin{aligned} \ker \gamma &= \gamma^{-1}(H) = \{a \in G : \gamma(a) = aH = H\} \\ &= \{a \in G : a \in H\} = H \end{aligned}$$

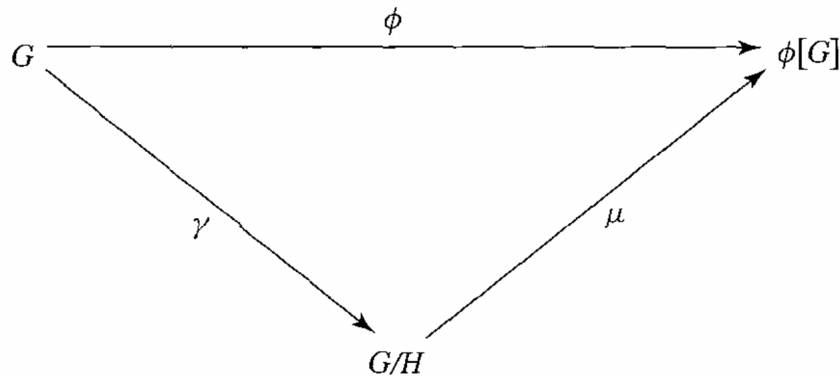
5.12.5 The Fundamental Homomorphism Theorem: Every homomorphism ϕ can be factored to a homomorphism $\gamma : G \rightarrow G/H$ and isomorphism $\mu : G/H \rightarrow \phi[G]$ 

Figure 5.2: The Fundamental Homomorphism Theorem

Theorem 5.23 (The Fundamental Homomorphism Theorem)

Homomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ with kernel H can be factored

$$\phi = \mu\gamma$$

where $\gamma : G \rightarrow G/H$ is a homomorphism, $\mu : G/H \rightarrow \phi[G]$ is an isomorphism

where $\gamma(g) = gH$, $\mu(gH) = \phi(g)$

Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ be a group homomorphism with kernel H .

Then $\phi[G]$ is a group isomorphic to G/H , and $\mu : G/H \rightarrow \phi[G]$ given by $\mu(gH) = \phi(g)$ is an isomorphism. (If $\gamma : G \rightarrow G/H$ is the homomorphism given by $\gamma(g) = gH$, then $\phi(g) = \mu\gamma(g)$ for each $g \in G$.)

**Proof 5.20**

i.e. prove μ is (1) well-defined, (2) isomorphism.

(1) well-defined: if $aH = bH$, then $a^{-1}b \in H$,

$$\mu(bH) = \mu((a(a^{-1}b))H) = \phi(a(a^{-1}b)) = \phi(a)\phi(a^{-1}b) = \phi(a) = \mu(aH)$$

(2) homomorphism:

$$\mu(aHbH) = \mu(abH) = \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) = \mu(aH)\mu(bH)$$

(3) isomorphism i.e. prove $\ker(\mu)$ is exactly the identity in G/H :

$$\mu(aH) = e' = \phi(a) \Leftrightarrow a \in \ker(\mu), a \in \ker(\phi) = H$$

$$\Leftrightarrow aH = H, \quad aH \text{ is the identity in } G/H$$

Corollary 5.7

Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism for finite group G, G' .

Then (1). $|\phi(G)| \mid |G|$; (2). $|\phi(G)| \mid |G'|$

**Proof 5.21**


(1) According to the Fundamental Homomorphism theorem, $\phi(G)$ is one-to-one correspondence to G/H

(H is the kernel of G), then $|\phi(G)| = |G/H| = |\{aH : a \in G\}| \Rightarrow |\phi(G)| = |G|/|H|$

(2) Proved by Lagrange theorem.

5.12.6 Thm: $(H \times K)/(H \times e) \simeq K$ and $(H \times K)/(e \times K) \simeq H$

Theorem 5.24

Let $G = H \times K$ be the direct product of groups H and K . Then $\bar{H} = \{(h, e) \mid h \in H\}$ is a normal subgroup of G . Also G/\bar{H} is isomorphic to K in a natural way. Similarly, $G/\bar{K} \simeq H$ in a natural way. 

Proof 5.22

$\pi : H \times K \rightarrow K$ where $\pi(h, k) = k$ has kernel $\bar{H} = \{(h, e) \mid h \in H\}$, then $H \times K/\bar{H}$ is isomorphic to K . Prove $G/\bar{K} \simeq H$ in the same way.

5.12.7 Thm: factor group of a cyclic group is cyclic $[a]/N = [aN]$


Theorem 5.25

A factor group of a cyclic group is cyclic. $[a]/N = [aN]$ 

5.12.8 Ex: 15.11 example $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6 / (\langle (2, 3) \rangle) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ or \mathbb{Z}_{12}

5.12.9 Thm: Homomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ preserves normal subgroups between G and $\phi[G]$.

Theorem 5.26


Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ be a group homomorphism. If N is a normal subgroup of G , then $\phi[N]$ is a normal subgroup of $\phi[G]$. Also, if N' is a normal subgroup of $\phi[G]$, then $\phi^{-1}[N']$ is a normal subgroup of G . 

Note: $\phi[N]$ is a normal subgroup of $\phi[G]$ not G' . Counterexample: $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow S_3$, where $\phi(0) = \rho_0$ and $\phi(1) = \mu_1$ is a homomorphism, and \mathbb{Z}_2 is a normal subgroup of itself, but $\{\rho_0, \mu_1\}$ is not a normal subgroup of S_3 .

5.13 Def: automorphism, inner automorphism

Definition 5.11

An isomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow G$ of a group G with itself is an automorphism of G .

The automorphism $\phi_g : G \rightarrow G$, where $\phi_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$ for all $x \in G$, is the inner automorphism of G by g . Performing ϕ_g on x is called conjugation of x by g . 

5.14 Simple Groups

Definition 5.12

A group G is simple if it is nontrivial ($G \neq \{e\}$) and has no proper nontrivial normal subgroups.
($\nexists H \neq \{e\} \triangleleft G$)



Theorem 5.27

The alternating group A_n is simple for $n \geq 5$
(alternating group is a group of even permutations on a set of length n)



5.15 The Center and Commutator Subgroups

5.15.1 Def: center and commutator subgroup

Theorem 5.28

All finite subgroup G have two normal subgroups,



- (1) The *center* of G , $Z(G) = \{z \in G : za = az, \forall a \in G\} \triangleleft G$
- (2) The *commutator* subgroup of G , $C(G) = [G, G] = \{[a, b] : a, b \in G\}$.

Definition 5.13

$[a, b] = aba^{-1}b^{-1}$ is the commutator of a and b . $[a, b] \in G$ is the unique element such that $ab = [a, b]ba$.



5.15.2 Thm: commutator subgroup is normal

Theorem 5.29

$[G, G] \triangleleft G$



Proof 5.23

Consider $[a, b] \in [G, G]$, prove that $\forall g \in G, g[a, b]g^{-1} \in [G, G]$

$$\begin{aligned} g[a, b]g^{-1} &= g(aba^{-1}b^{-1})g^{-1} = (gag^{-1})(gbg^{-1})(ga^{-1}g^{-1})(gb^{-1}g^{-1}) \\ &= (gag^{-1})(gbg^{-1})(gag^{-1})^{-1}(gbg^{-1})^{-1} = [gag^{-1}, gbg^{-1}] \in [G, G] \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.22

- (1) For abelian group, $Z(G) = G$, $C(G) = \{e\}$
- (2) $G = S_6$, $Z(G) = \{e\}$, $C(G) = \{1, \rho, \rho^2\}$
- (3) $G = D_8 = \{1, \rho, \rho^2, \rho^3, \sigma, \sigma\rho, \sigma\rho^2, \sigma\rho^3\}$, $Z(G) = \{1, \rho^2\}$, $C(G) = \{1, \rho^2\}$
- (4) $G = D_{12}$, $Z(G) = \{1, \rho^3\}$, $C(G) = \{1, \rho^2, \rho^4\}$

$$(5) \ G = A_4, Z(G) = \{(1)\}, C(G) = \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$$

$$(6) \ G = S_4, Z(G) = \{(1)\}, C(G) = A_4$$

Commutator subgroup of S_n is A_n .

Commutator subgroup of D_{2n} is $\{1, \rho^2, \dots, \rho^{n-2}\}$

$\sigma \rho^a = \rho^{n-a} \sigma = \rho^{n-2a} (\rho^a \sigma) \Rightarrow \rho^{n-2a}$ is a commutator $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow C(D_{2n}) = \{1, \rho^2, \dots, \rho^{n-2}\}$ if n is even.

5.15.3 Thm: if $N \triangleleft G$, " G/N is abelian" \Leftrightarrow " $[G, G] \leq N$ "

Theorem 5.30

If N is a normal subgroup of G , then G/N is abelian if and only if $[G, G] \leq N$.



Proof 5.24

If N is a normal subgroup of G and G/N is abelian, then $(a^{-1}N)(b^{-1}N) = (b^{-1}N)(a^{-1}N)$; that is, $aba^{-1}b^{-1}N = N$, so $aba^{-1}b^{-1} \in N$, and $C \leq N$. Finally, if $C \leq N$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (aN)(bN) &= abN = ab(b^{-1}a^{-1}ba)N \\ &= (abb^{-1}a^{-1})baN = baN = (bN)(aN) \end{aligned}$$

5.16 Group Action on a Set

5.16.1 Def: action of group G on set X

Definition 5.14

Let X be a set and G a group. An **action of G on X** is a map $*$: $G \times X \rightarrow X$ such that

- (1) $ex = x$ for all $x \in X$.
- (2) $(g_1g_2)(x) = g_1(g_2x)$ for all $x \in X$ and all $g_1, g_2 \in G$.

Under these conditions, X is a **G -set**.



Example: Let X be any set, and let H be a subgroup of the group S_x of all permutations of X . Then X is an H -set.

5.16.2 Thm: If G acts on X , $\phi : G \rightarrow S_X$ as $\phi(g) = \sigma_g$ is a homomorphism (where $\sigma_g(x) = gx$)

Theorem 5.31

Let group G act on the set X ,

- (1) $\phi : G \rightarrow S_X$ defined by $\phi(g) = \sigma_g$ is well-defined.
 $(\sigma_g : X \rightarrow X \text{ defined by } \sigma_g(x) = gx \text{ for } x \in X \text{ is a permutation of } X)$
- (2) $\phi : G \rightarrow S_X$ defined by $\phi(g) = \sigma_g$ is a homomorphism with the property that $\phi(g)(x) = gx$.



Special case: Let G act on itself, we get the **Cayley Theorem:** G is isomorphic to a subgroup of S_G

In general, for a group G act on the set X , the homomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow S_X$ is not injective. We say that G acts faithfully on X if ϕ is injective.

5.16.3 Examples of Group Actions

(Let $H \leq G$ be a subgroup of G)

- (1) $G \times G \rightarrow G, (g_1, g_2) \rightarrow g_1 g_2$
- (2) $G \times G \rightarrow G, (g_1, g_2) \rightarrow g_1 g_2 g_1^{-1}$ (conjugation)
- (3) $G \times G/H \rightarrow G/H, (g, aH) \rightarrow gaH$ (when H is not normal, $X = G/H$ is just a set.)

5.17 Orbits

5.17.1 Thm: Equivalence Relation: X is a G -set, $x_1 \sim x_2 \Leftrightarrow x_2 = gx_1, \exists g \in G$

Theorem 5.32

For G acting on X , define a relation \sim on X via

$$x_1 \sim x_2 \Leftrightarrow x_2 = gx_1 \text{ for some } g \in G$$



Definition 5.15

A group G is **transitive** on a G -set X if for each $x_1, x_2 \in X$, there exists $g \in G$ such that $gx_1 = x_2$.



5.17.2 Def: $Gx = \{gx | g \in G\}$ is the orbit of x

Definition 5.16

For a group action G on X , X partitions into equivalence classes. Denote the class containing x by Gx .

$Gx = \{gx | g \in G\}$ is called the orbit of $x \in X$.



Denote: the partition of X as equivalence classes takes the form

$$X = Gx_1 \cup Gx_2 \cup \cdots Gx_r$$

r disjoint orbits.

5.17.3 Def: $G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = x\}$ is the stabilizer of x

Definition 5.17

Let G act on X , for $x \in X$, define $G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = x\}$, then G_x is a subgroup of G called the *stabilizer* of x . (or the *isotropy subgroup* of x)



5.17.4 Thm: if X is a G -set, stabilizer $G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = x\}$ is subgroup of G , $\forall x \in X$

Let

$$X^G = \{x \in X \mid gx = x\}; \quad G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = x\}$$

Theorem 5.33

Let X be a G -set then G_x is a subgroup of G , $\forall x \in X$.



Proof 5.25

- (1) *Closed:* $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G_x, (g_1g_2)x = g_1(g_2x) = g_1x = x \Rightarrow g_1g_2 \in G_x$.
- (2) *Identity:* $ex = x$.
- (3) *Inverse:* $gx = x, x = ex = g^{-1}gx = g^{-1}(gx) = g^{-1}x$.

5.17.5 Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem: $|Gx| = \frac{|G|}{|G_x|}$

Theorem 5.34

Let G act on X , and let $x \in X$, then $|Gx| = [G : G_x] = |G/G_x| = \frac{|G|}{|G_x|}$



Proof 5.26

Since G_x is the subgroup of G , according to Lagrange theorem we know $|G_x| \mid |G|$.

For a $x_1 = g_1x \in Gx$ with $g_1 \notin G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = x\}$. $G_{x_1} = \{g \in G \mid gx_1 = x_1\} = \{g \in G \mid g_1^{-1}gg_1x = x\}$.

Prove $g \rightarrow g_1^{-1}gg_1$ is one to one: assume $g_1^{-1}gg_1 = g_1^{-1}g'g_1, \Rightarrow g = g'$.

Hence, $|G_{x_1}| = |G_x| \Rightarrow \frac{|G|}{|G_{x_1}|} = |Gx|$

5.18 Applications of G -sets to Counting

As we showed before, the partition of X as equivalence classes takes the form

$$X = Gx_1 \cup Gx_2 \cup \cdots \cup Gx_r$$

where r is the number of orbits in X .

5.18.1 Burnside's Formula: number of orbits in X : $r = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X^g|$

Theorem 5.35

Let G be a finite group and X a finite G -set. If r is the number of orbits in X under G , then

$$r = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X^g|$$

i.e. r equals to the average $|X^g|$, where $X^g = \{x : gx = x\}$



Proof 5.27

Since $G_{x_0} = \{g \in G | gx = x\} = \{(g, x) | gx = x, g \in G, x = x_0\}$,

$$\sum_{x \in X} |G_x| = |\{(g, x) | gx = x, g \in G, x \in X\}|$$

At the same time, $|X^{g_0}| = \{x \in X : gx = x\} = \{(g, x) | gx = x, g = g_0, x \in X\}$, then

$$\sum_{g \in G} |X^g| = |\{(g, x) | gx = x, g \in G, x \in X\}| = \sum_{x \in X} |G_x|$$

As we showed before, $|G_x| = |G_y|, \forall x, y \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{x \in X} |G_x| &= |G| \sum_{x \in X} \frac{1}{|G_x|} = |G| \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{x \in Gx_i} \frac{1}{|G_x|} = |G| \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{|Gx_i|}{|G_x|} = |G|r \\ &\Rightarrow r = \frac{\sum_{x \in X} |G_x|}{|G|} = \frac{\sum_{g \in G} |X^g|}{|G|} \end{aligned}$$

5.18.2 Example: Counting

Example 5.23 How many distinguishable necklaces (with no clasp) can be made using 7 different-colored beads of the same size?

If two necklaces are transitive ($\exists g \in D_{14}$ s.t. $gx_1 = x_2$), they are in the same necklace. Hence, we want to count the number of orbits. $|X^1| = 7!$ and $|X^g| = 0, \forall g \neq 1 \in D_{14}$. Then,

$$r = \frac{|X^1|}{|D_{14}|} = \frac{7!}{14} = 360$$

Example 5.24 Let X be the set of all 4-edge-colored equivalent triangle. Count the number of different coloring.

$$D_6 = \{(1), (1, 2), (2, 3), (1, 3), (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2)\}$$

g	$\#$	$ X^g $
(1)	1	4^3
$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1, 2) \\ (2, 3) \\ (1, 3) \end{array} \right\}$	3	4^2 (two points must be the same color, the other can be any color)
$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1, 2, 3) \\ (1, 3, 2) \end{array} \right\}$	2	4 (three points must be the same color)

$$r = \frac{1 \cdot 4^3 + 3 \cdot 4^2 + 2 \cdot 4}{6} = 20$$

Chapter 6 Ring and Field

6.1 Ring $(R, +, \cdot)$

6.1.1 Definition of Ring: $+$ is associative, commutative, identity, inverse $\in R$; \cdot is associative, distributes over $+$

Definition 6.1 (Ring)

A ring is a nonempty set with two operations, called addition and multiplication, $(R, +, \cdot)$ such that

- (1). $(R, +)$ is an abelian group: i.e. $+$ is associative and commutative. $0, -a \in R$
- (2). \cdot is associative.
- (3). \cdot distributes over $+$: $\forall a, b, c \in R, a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ and $(b + c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$.



Theorem 6.1 (Properties of Ring)

If R is a ring with additive identity 0 , then for any $a, b \in R$ we have

- (1). $0a = a0 = 0$,
- (2). $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$,
- (3). $(-a)(-b) = ab$.



6.1.2 $S \subset R$: Subring (closed under $+$ and \cdot ; additive inverse $-a \in S$)

Proposition 6.1 (Proposition 2.6.27)

If $S \subset R$ is a subring, then $+, \cdot$ make S into a ring.



6.1.3 Def: Commutative ring: ring's \cdot is commutative

If \cdot is commutative, we call $(R, +, \cdot)$ a commutative ring.

6.1.4 Def: A ring with 1: the ring exists multiplication identity $1 \in R$

If there exists an element $1 \in R \setminus \{0\}$ such that $a1 = 1a = a, \forall a \in R$, then we say that R is a ring with 1 (a ring with unity).

Note: We usually discuss $1 \neq 0$. If $1 = 0, a = 1a = 0 \Rightarrow R = \{0\}$.

6.1.5 Def: In a ring R with 1, u is a unit if $\exists v \in R$ s.t. $uv = vu = 1$

Definition 6.2

In a ring R with 1, u is a unit if it has a multiplicative inverse in R i.e. $\exists v \in R$ s.t. $uv = vu = 1$



Example 6.1 units in \mathbb{Z} are $\{-1, +1\}$; in \mathbb{Z}_n are $\{a \in \mathbb{Z}_n : \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$

6.1.6 Def: A ring with 1, R is a division ring if every nonzero element of R is a unit

Definition 6.3

A ring with 1, R is a division ring if every nonzero element of R is a unit. This is equivalent to R has identity and inverse in multiplication.



6.1.7 Def: Ring Homomorphism: $\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$, $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$

Definition 6.4

Let R, R' be rings. A map $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$ is a ring homomorphism if

$$\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$$

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$$



6.1.8 Def: zero divisor: a $a \neq 0 \in R$ if $\exists b \neq 0 \in R$ s.t. $ba = 0$ or $ab = 0$

Definition 6.5

A nonzero element $a \in R$ is called a zero divisor if there exists a nonzero $b \in R$ s.t. $ba = 0$ or $ab = 0$



Note: Multiplication cancellation law holds when no zero divisors.

6.1.9 Remark: In \mathbb{Z}_n , an element is either 0 or unit or zero divisor

Remark: In \mathbb{Z}_n , an element is either (1) 0, (2) a unit, (3) a zero divisor.


$$0 \neq a \in \mathbb{Z}_n \text{ is a } \begin{cases} \text{unit} & \text{if } \gcd(a, n) = 1 \\ \text{zero divisor} & \text{if } \gcd(a, n) \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{In } M_n(R) \begin{cases} \text{unit} & \text{if } \text{rank}(A) = n \\ \text{zero divisor} & \text{if } \text{rank}(A) < n \end{cases}$$

In $R = \mathbb{Z}$, $a \notin \{0, +1, -1\}$ is neither unit nor zero divisor.

6.1.10 Thm: $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a zero divisor $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(a, n) \neq 1$.


Theorem 6.2

In the ring \mathbb{Z}_n , the zero divisors are precisely those nonzero elements that are not relatively prime to n . 

6.1.11 Cor: \mathbb{Z}_p has no zero divisors if p is prime.

6.1.12 Def: An integral domain is a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$ that has no zero divisors

Definition 6.6

An integral domain is a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$ that has no zero divisors. 

\mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Z}_p for any prime p are integral domains, but \mathbb{Z}_n is not an integral domain if n is not prime.

6.2 Field \mathbb{F}

6.2.1 Def: A field is a commutative division ring.

Definition 6.7

A field is a commutative division ring. 

Which is equal to a ring satisfies identity, inverse and commutative in multiplication. Field $(\mathbb{F}, +, \cdot)$ (close, associative, commutative, distributive(M over A), identity & inverse(M,A))

Note: nonzero elements of a finite field can form a cyclic (sufficient for abelian) multiplication group.

6.2.2 Differences between "Field" and "Integral Domain"

Def: An integral domain is a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$ that has no zero divisors

Def: A field is a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$ that every nonzero element of R is a unit.

6.2.3 Lemma: A unit is not zero divisor

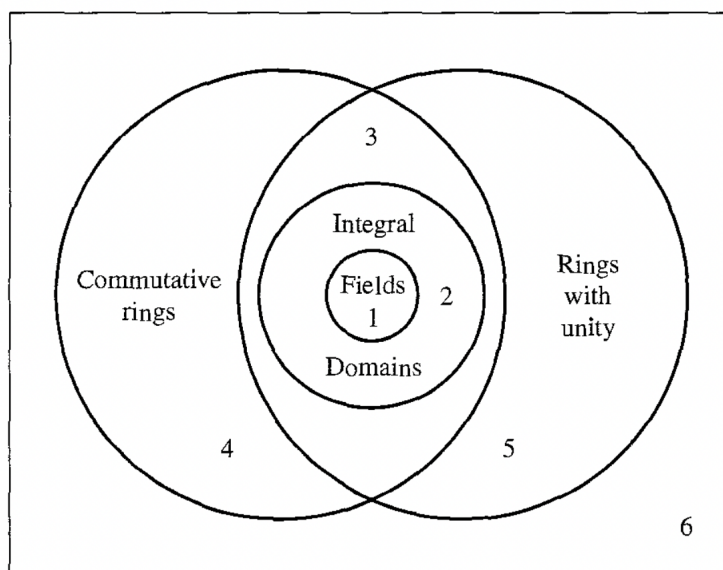
Proof 6.1

$a \in R$ is a unit and $\frac{1}{a}$ is its inverse.

Assume there exists $b \neq 0$ s.t. $ab = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a}(ab) &= \frac{1}{a}0 = 0 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{a}a\right)b = b \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction!



19.10 Figure A collection of rings.

Figure 6.1: example: 1. \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Q} , 2. \mathbb{Z} , 3. \mathbb{Z}_4 , 4. $2\mathbb{Z}$ 5. $M_2(\mathbb{Z}), M_2(\mathbb{R})$, 6. upper-triangular matrices with integer entries and all zeros on the main diagonal

Assume there exists $b \neq 0$ s.t. $ba = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (ba) \frac{1}{a} &= 0 \frac{1}{a} = 0 \\ &= b \left(a \frac{1}{a} \right) = b \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction!

6.2.4 Lemma: A field doesn't have zero divisors

Since a field is a division ring, its nonzero elements are units which are not zero divisors.

6.2.5 Thm: Every field is an integral domain

Theorem 6.3

Every field is an integral domain.



prove by previous lemma.

6.2.6 Thm: Every finite integral domain is a field

Theorem 6.4

Every finite integral domain is a field.



Proof 6.2

The only thing we need to show is that a typical element $a \neq 0$ has a multiplicative inverse.

Consider a, a^2, a^3, \dots . Since there are only finitely many elements we must have $a^m = a^n$ for some $m < n$.

Then $0 = a^m - a^n = a^m(1 - a^{n-m})$. Since there are no zero-divisors we must have $a^m \neq 0$ and hence


$1 - a^{n-m} = 0$ and so $1 = aa^{n-m-1}$ and we have found a multiplicative inverse for a .

6.2.7 Note: Finite Integral Domain \subset Field \subset Integral Domain

\mathbb{Z}_p is a field.


\mathbb{Z} is an integral domain but not a field.

6.3 The Characteristic of a Ring**6.3.1 Def: characteristic n is the least positive integer s.t. $n \cdot a = 0, \forall a \in R$** **Definition 6.8**

If for a ring R a positive integer n exists such that $n \cdot a = 0$ for all $a \in R$, then the least such positive integer is the characteristic of the ring R . If no such positive integer exists, then R is of characteristic 0. 

Example 6.2 The ring \mathbb{Z}_n is of characteristic n , while $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{M}$, and \mathbb{C} all have characteristic 0.

6.3.2 Thm: In a ring with 1, characteristic $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ s.t. $n \cdot 1 = 0$ **Theorem 6.5**

Let R be a ring with 1. If $n \cdot 1 \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then R has characteristic 0. If $n \cdot 1 = 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then the smallest such integer n is the characteristic of R . 

Chapter 7 The Ring \mathbb{Z}_n (Fermat's and Euler's Theorems)

7.1 Fermat's Theorem

7.1.1 Thm: nonzero elements in \mathbb{Z}_p (p is prime) form a group under multiplication

Theorem 7.1

The nonzero elements in \mathbb{Z}_p (p is prime) form a group under multiplication.



Proof 7.1

\mathbb{Z}_p is a finite field.

7.1.2 Cor: (Little Theorem of Fermat) $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and p is prime not dividing a , then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \text{ (} p \text{ divides } a^{p-1} - 1 \text{)}$$

Corollary 7.1 (Little Theorem of Fermat)

$a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and p is prime not dividing a , then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ (p divides $a^{p-1} - 1$)



Proof 7.2

Let $G_p = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_p : a \neq 0\}$, by previous theorem, we know the G_p is a group under multiplication of size $|G_p| = p - 1$.

Then the order of a should divide $|G_p| = p - 1$, then

$$a^{p-1} = 1 \in G_p \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

7.1.3 Cor: (Little Theorem of Fermat) If $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ for any prime p

7.2 Euler's Theorem

Euler's Theorem is more general form of Fermat's Theorem.

7.2.1 Thm: $G_n = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_n : \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$ forms a group under multiplication

Theorem 7.2

The set G_n of nonzero elements of \mathbb{Z}_n that are not zero divisors ($G_n = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_n : \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$) forms a group under multiplication modulo n .



7.2.2 Def: Euler phi function $\phi(n) = |G_n|$, where $G_n = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_n : \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$

More generally, any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. Then G_n is a group under multiplication of size $|G_n| = \phi(n)$, we set $\phi(n)$ be the Euler phi function. E.g.

$$\phi(8) = \#\{a \in \mathbb{Z}_8 : \gcd(a, 8) = 1\} = 4$$

$$\phi(15) = \#\{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\} = 8$$

7.2.3 Thm: (Euler's Theorem) If $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \geq 2$ s.t. $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ then $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ **Theorem 7.3**

If a is an integer relatively prime to n , then $a^{\phi(n)} - 1$ is divisible by n , that is $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

**Proof 7.3**

order of a should divide $|G_n| = \phi(n)$ then $a^{\phi(n)} = 1 \in G_n \Rightarrow a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

7.3 Application to $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ **7.3.1 Thm: find solution of $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$, $\gcd(a, m) = 1$** **Theorem 7.4**

$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_m$, $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, then $ax = b$ has a unique solution in \mathbb{Z}_m

**Proof 7.4**

By Euler's Theorem, $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$, which means a is a unit of \mathbb{Z}_m , there exists a unique $a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_m$.
Multiply $a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ on both side, we can get $x = a^{-1}b$ is the solution.

7.3.2 Thm: $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$, $d = \gcd(a, m)$ has solutions if $d|b$, the number of solutions is d **Theorem 7.5**

Let m be a positive integer and let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_m$. Let $d = \gcd(a, m)$. The equation $ax = b$ has a solution in \mathbb{Z}_m if and only if d divides b . When d divides b , the equation has exactly d solutions in \mathbb{Z}_m .



7.3.3 Cor: $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$, $d = \gcd(a, m)$, $d|b$, then solutions are

$$\left(\left(\frac{a}{d}\right)^{\phi\left(\frac{m}{d}\right)-1} \frac{b}{d} + k \frac{m}{d}\right) + (m\mathbb{Z}), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$$

Corollary 7.2

Let $d = \gcd(a, m)$. The congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has a solution if and only if d divides b . When this is the case, the solutions are the integers in exactly d distinct residue classes modulo m .



Steps:

(1) let $a_1 = a/d$, $b_1 = b/d$, $m_1 = m/d$, solve

$$a_1 s \equiv b_1 \pmod{m_1} \Rightarrow s = a_1^{-1} b_1$$

where $a_1^{-1} = a_1^{\phi(m_1)-1}$

(2) Solutions are

$$(s + km_1) + (m\mathbb{Z}), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$$

Example 7.1 Find all solutions of $12x \equiv 27 \pmod{18}$

$d = \gcd(12, 18) = 6$, $d \nmid 27 \Rightarrow$ no solutions.

Example 7.2 Find all solutions of $15x \equiv 27 \pmod{18}$

$d = \gcd(15, 18) = 3$, $a_1 = 5$, $b_1 = 9$, $m_1 = 6$. Then $s = a_1^{-1} b_1 = 5 \cdot 9 = 3$, then solutions are $3 + 18\mathbb{Z}$, $9 + 18\mathbb{Z}$, $15 + 18\mathbb{Z}$

Chapter 8 Ring Homomorphisms and Factor Rings

8.1 Ring Homomorphism

8.1.1 Def: Ring Homomorphism: $\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$, $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$

Definition 8.1

Let R, R' be rings. A map $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$ is a ring homomorphism if

$$\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$$

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$$



Example 8.1 Projection Homomorphisms Let R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n be rings. For each i , the map $\pi_i: R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times R_n \rightarrow R_i$ defined by $\pi_i(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) = r_i$ is a homomorphism.

8.1.2 Properties of Ring Homomorphism

1. $\phi(0) = 0'$.
2. $\phi(-a) = -\phi(a)$.
3. $S \subseteq R$ is a subring $\Rightarrow \phi(S) \subseteq R'$ is a subring.
4. $S' \subseteq R'$ is a subring $\Rightarrow \phi^{-1}(S') \subseteq R$ is a subring.
5. If $1 \in R$ is a unity of $R \Rightarrow \phi(1)$ is a unity of $\phi(R)$.

8.1.3 Def: kernel of ring homomorphism (the same as group homomorphism)

$$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \phi^{-1}[0'] = \{r \in R : \phi(r) = 0'\}$$

8.1.4 Thm: one-to-one map $\Leftrightarrow \text{Ker}(\phi) = \{0\}$

Similiarly, a ring homomorphism is one-to-one map if and only if $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{0\}$.

8.2 Factor (Quotient) Rings

8.2.1 Thm: R/H is a ring for $H = \ker\phi$ if operations well defined

Theorem 8.1

Let $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$ be a ring homomorphism and let $H = \ker\phi$. Then R/H is a ring under the operation.

$$(a + H) + (b + H) = (a + b) + H$$

$$(a + H)(b + H) = ab + H$$

Also, $\mu : R/H \rightarrow \phi[R]$ defined by $\mu(a + H) = \phi(a)$ is an isomorphism.



8.2.2 Thm: $(a + H) + (b + H) = (a + b) + H$ well defined $\Leftrightarrow ah \in H, hb \in H, \forall a, b \in R, h \in H$

Theorem 8.2

$(a + H) + (b + H) = (a + b) + H$ is well defined if and only if $ah \in H$ and $hb \in H, \forall a, b \in R, \forall h \in H$



8.2.3 Def: $N < R$ is ideal $aN \subseteq N$ and $Nb \subseteq N \forall a, b \in R$

Definition 8.2

An additive subgroup N of a ring R is an **ideal** if $aN \subseteq N$ and $Nb \subseteq N \forall a, b \in R$



Example 8.2 $n\mathbb{Z}$ is an ideal in the ring \mathbb{Z} .

8.2.4 Thm: N is ideal $\Rightarrow R/N$ is a ring

Theorem 8.3

Let N be an ideal of a ring R . R/N is a ring with operations

$$(a + H) + (b + H) = (a + b) + H$$

$$(a + H)(b + H) = ab + H$$

We call this ring R/N is the **factor ring of R by N**



8.2.5 Fundamental Homomorphism Theorem

Theorem 8.4

Let $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$ be a ring homomorphism with kernel N . Then

1. $\phi[R]$ is a ring.
2. $\mu : R/N \rightarrow \phi[R]$ given by $\mu(x + N) = \phi(x)$ is an isomorphism.
3. $\gamma : R \rightarrow R/N$ given by $\gamma(x) = x + N$ is a homomorphism.

$$4. \phi(x) = \mu\gamma(x), \quad \forall x \in R$$



8.2.6 Thm: $I, J \subset R$ be R -ideals and $I + J = R \Rightarrow R/I \cap J \cong R/I \times R/J$

Theorem 8.5

Let R be a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$, and $I, J \subset R$ be R -ideals such that $I + J = R$ (I and J are relatively prime). Then,

$$R/I \cap J \cong R/I \times R/J$$

Moreover, $IJ = I \cap J$ and $R/IJ \cong R/I \times R/J$



Proof 8.1

Using that $I + J = R$ and $1 \in R$, we can write $1 = x + y$, $x \in I, y \in J$.

The natural map (direct product of two projections) $R \rightarrow R/I \times R/J$ is a ring homomorphism.

$(r \rightarrow (r + I, r + J))$.

The ring $R/I \times R/J$ is generated by the element $(1 + I, J), (I, 1 + J)$:

$$(a + I, b + J) = a(1 + I, J) + b(I, 1 + J)$$

Let $x + y = 1, x \in I, y \in J$

$$x \rightarrow (x + I, x + J) = (I, 1 - y + J) = (I, 1 + J)$$

$$y \rightarrow (y + I, y + J) = (1 - x + I, J) = (1 + I, J)$$

Then $bx + ay = a(1 + I, J) + b(I, 1 + J)$. And $R \rightarrow R/I \times R/J$ is surjective.

We can prove that $I \cap J$ is the kernel of the ring $R/I \times R/J$:

$$r \rightarrow (r + I, r + J) \text{ maps } r \text{ to } (I, J) = 0 \in R/I \times R/J$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r \in I \text{ and } r \in J.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r \in I \cap J.$$

Then, according to the FHT $R/I \cap J \cong R/I \times R/J$ if $I + J = R$.

Moreover, we can prove $I + J = R \Rightarrow IJ = I \cap J$.

1. $(IJ \subset I \cap J)$: From the definition of ideal $IJ \subset I$ and $IJ \subset J \Rightarrow IJ \subset I \cap J$

2. $(I \cap J \subset IJ)$: Let $1 = x + y, x \in I, y \in J, r \in I \cap J$, then

$$r = r \cdot 1 = r(x + y) = rx + ry = xr + ry \in IJ$$

Chapter 9 Prime and Maximal Ideals

Every nonzero ring R has at least two ideals, the **improper ideal** R and the **trivial ideal** $\{0\}$. For these ideals, the factor rings are R/R , which has only one element, and $R/\{0\}$, which is isomorphic to R . These are uninteresting cases. Let's consider **proper nontrivial ideal** $N \subset R$.

9.1 Thm: N is R -ideal has a unit $\Rightarrow N = R$

Theorem 9.1

If R is a ring with 1, and N is an ideal of R containing a unit, then $N = R$.



Proof 9.1

Since N is ideal, $rN \subseteq N, \forall r \in R$. $r^{-1} \in N \Rightarrow 1 \in N \Rightarrow r \cdot 1 \in N, \forall r \in R \Rightarrow N = R$

9.1.1 Cor: Ideal of field F is $\{0\}$ or F

Corollary 9.1

A field F contains no proper nontrivial ideals, i.e., ideal is $\{0\}$ or F .



Proof 9.2

Every nonzero element of field is unit.

9.2 Def: Maximal ideal: no other ideal properly contains it

Definition 9.1

A proper ideal $M \subsetneq R$ is called **maximal** if

$$M \subseteq I \subseteq R \Rightarrow M = I \text{ or } I = R \text{ (for } R\text{-ideal } I).$$

i.e, there is no other ideal properly containing M .



9.2.1 Thm: R comm ring with 1, M maximal ideal $\Leftrightarrow R/M$ is a field

Theorem 9.2

Let R be a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$. Then M is a maximal ideal of R if and only if R/M is a field.



Example 9.1 Since $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n and \mathbb{Z}_n is a field if and only if n is prime. Then we see that maximal ideals are $p\mathbb{Z}$ where p is any positive prime.

Example 9.2 Let $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]$ has ideals $(2) = 2\mathbb{Z}[x] \subseteq R$, $(x) = x\mathbb{Z}[x] \subseteq R$, $(2, x) = 2\mathbb{Z}[x] + x\mathbb{Z}[x] \subseteq R$

- (1) $R/(2) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$, $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ is not a field $\Rightarrow (2)$ is not maximal ideal.
- (2) $R/(x) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, \mathbb{Z} is not a field $\Rightarrow (x)$ is not maximal ideal.
- (3) $R/(2, x) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$, \mathbb{Z}_2 is a field $\Rightarrow (2, x)$ is maximal ideal.

9.3 Def: Prime ideal: $ab \in P \Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$

Definition 9.2

An ideal $P \subsetneq R$ in a commutative ring R is a **prime** ideal if $ab \in P \Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$.



Note: $\{0\}$ is a prime ideal in \mathbb{Z} , and indeed in any integral domain.

Example 9.3 $\mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}$ is a prime ideal of $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$, for if $(a, b)(c, d) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}$, then we must have $bd = 0$, then either $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}$ or $(c, d) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}$

9.3.1 Thm: N prime ideal $\Leftrightarrow R/N$ is an integral domain

Theorem 9.3

Let R be a commutative ring with 1, and let $N \subsetneq R$ be an ideal in R . Then R/N is an integral domain if and only if N is a prime ideal in R .



R/N is an integral domain: $(aN)(bN) = 0$, $(an_1)(bn_2) = 0$, $a, b \in R$, $\forall n_1, n_2 \in N$ where $an_1 \in N$, $bn_2 \in N$ since N is an ideal.

9.3.2 Cor: maximal ideal \Rightarrow prime ideal

Corollary 9.2

Every maximal ideal in a commutative ring R with 1 is a prime ideal.



9.4 Relation Summary

I is maximal	\Leftrightarrow	R/I is a field
\Downarrow		\Downarrow
I is prime	\Leftrightarrow	R/I is an integral domain

9.5 Thm: homomorphism $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R, \phi(n) = n \cdot 1$ **Theorem 9.4**

If R is a ring with unity 1, then the map $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ given by

$$\phi(n) = n \cdot 1$$

for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a homomorphism of \mathbb{Z} into R .



9.5.1 Cor: Ring R 1. characteristic $n > 1 \Rightarrow$ has subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n 2. characteristic 0 \Rightarrow has subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}

Corollary 9.3

If R is a ring with 1 and characteristic $n > 1$, then R contains a subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n . If R has characteristic 0, then R contains a subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} .



Review: Characteristic n is the least positive integer s.t. $n \cdot a = 0, \forall a \in R$

9.5.2 Thm: Field F 1. prime characteristic $p \Rightarrow$ has subfield isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_p 2. characteristic 0 \Rightarrow has subfield isomorphic to \mathbb{Q}

Theorem 9.5

A field F is either of prime characteristic p and contains a subfield isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_p or of characteristic 0 and contains a subfield isomorphic to \mathbb{Q} .

**Definition 9.3**

We define \mathbb{Z}_p and \mathbb{Q} are prime fields.



9.6 Def: Principal ideal (of comm ring R) generated by a : $\langle a \rangle = \{ra | r \in R\}$

Definition 9.4

If R is a commutative ring with 1 and $a \in R$, the ideal $\{ra | r \in R\}$ of all multiples of a is the **principal ideal generated by a** and is denoted by $\langle a \rangle$. An ideal N of R is a **principal ideal** if $N = \langle a \rangle$ for some $a \in R$.



Example 9.4 Every ideal of the ring \mathbb{Z} is of the form $k\mathbb{Z}$, which is generated by k , so every ideal of \mathbb{Z} is a principal ideal.

Example 9.5 The ideal $\langle x \rangle$ in $F[x]$ consists of all polynomials in $F[x]$ having zero constant term.

9.6.1 Thm: field F , every ideal in $F[x]$ is principal

Theorem 9.6

If F is a field, every ideal in $F[x]$ is principal.



Proof 9.3

Let N be an ideal of $F[x]$.

1. If $N = \{0\}$, then $N = \langle 0 \rangle$.
2. If $N \neq \{0\}$, and let $g(x)$ be a nonzero element of N of minimal degree.

If $g(x)$ is constant (degree 0), then $g(x) \in F$ is a unit $\Rightarrow N = \langle 1 \rangle = F[x]$.

If degree of $g(x) \geq 1$, then for all $f(x) \in N$, $\exists q(x), r(x)$ s.t. $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$, where $r(x) = 0$ or degree $r(x) < \text{degree } g(x)$. Since $g(x)$ has minimal degree, $r(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = g(x)q(x) \Rightarrow N = \langle g(x) \rangle$

9.6.2 Thm: principal ideal $\langle p(x) \rangle \neq \{0\}$ of $F[x]$ is maximal $\Leftrightarrow p(x)$ is irreducible

Theorem 9.7

An ideal $\langle p(x) \rangle \neq \{0\}$ of $F[x]$ is maximal if and only if $p(x)$ is irreducible over F .



Proof 9.4

1. " \Rightarrow ": Suppose $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is a maximal ideal of $F[x]$. Then $\langle p(x) \rangle \neq F[x]$, so $p(x) \notin F$. Assume $p(x)$ can be factorized $p(x) = f(x)g(x)$. Since $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is a maximal ideal, it is also a prime ideal. Then $f(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$ or $g(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$, which is impossible since degree of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are both less than the degree of $p(x)$. Hence, $p(x)$ is irreducible.
2. " \Leftarrow ": $p(x)$ is irreducible over F . Suppose N is an ideal of $F[x]$ s.t. $\langle p(x) \rangle \subseteq N \subseteq F[x]$. According to previous theorem, we know that N is a principal ideal. So, $N = \langle g(x) \rangle$ for some $g(x) \in F[x]$. Since $p(x) \in N$, $p(x) = g(x)q(x)$ for some $q(x) \in F[x]$. As we set $p(x)$ is irreducible, so degree $g(x) = 0$ or degree $q(x) = 0$. If degree $g(x) = 0$, $g(x) \in F$, $g(x)$ is a unit in $F[x] \Rightarrow N = \langle g(x) \rangle = F[x]$. If degree $q(x) = 0$, $q(x) \in F$ is a unit, so $q^{-1}(x) \in F \Rightarrow g(x) = p(x)q^{-1}(x) \Rightarrow N = \langle g(x) \rangle = \langle p(x) \rangle$

Chapter 10 The Field of Quotients of an Integral Domain

Let D be an integral domain (a ring with 1 has no zero divisors) that we desire to enlarge to a field of quotients F . A coarse outline of the steps we take is as follows:

10.1 Step 1. Define what the elements of F are to be. (Define S/\sim)

D is the given integral domain, $S = \{(a, b) | a, b \in D, b \neq 0\} \subset D \times D$

10.1.1 Def: equivalent relation $(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Leftrightarrow ad = bc$

Definition 10.1

Two elements (a, b) and (c, d) in S are equivalent, denoted by $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$, if and only if $ad = bc$.

Note: we can image it as $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$, but don't use this form.



Lemma 10.1

\sim defines an equivalence relation on S .



Proof 10.1

easy to prove (1) reflexive, (2) symmetric, (3) transitive.

10.2 Step 2. Define the binary operations of addition and multiplication on

S/\sim .

The relation \sim can define a set of all equivalence classes on $[(a, b)], (a, b) \in S, S/\sim = \{[(a, b)] | (a, b) \in S\}$

10.2.1 lemma: well-defined operations $+, \times$

Lemma 10.2

For $[(a, b)]$ and $[(c, d)]$ in S/\sim , the equations

$$[(a, b)] + [(c, d)] = [(ad + bc, bd)]$$

and

$$[(a, b)][(c, d)] = [(ac, bd)]$$

give well-defined operations of addition and multiplication on S/\sim .



Proof 10.2

Assume $(a_1, b_1) \sim (a, b)$, $(c_1, d_1) \sim (c, d)$.

Verify $+$: $(ad + bc, bd) \sim (a_1d_1 + b_1c_1, b_1d_1)$

10.3 Step 3. Check all the field axioms to show that F is a field under these operations.

10.3.1 Thm: S/\sim is a field with $+$, \times

Theorem 10.1

With operation $+$, \times . S/\sim is a field.



Proof 10.3

Check all field axioms:

Associative : $+$: \checkmark \times : \checkmark

Identity : $+$: $[(0, 1)]$ \times : $[(1, 1)]$

$[(a, b)] + [(0, 1)] = [(a, b)]$, $[(a, b)][(1, 1)] = [(a, b)]$

Inverse : $+$: $[(-a, b)]$ \times : $[(b, a)]$, $\forall a \neq 0$

$[(a, b)] + [(-a, b)] = [(0, b^2)] = [(0, 1)]$, where $(0, b^2) \sim (0, 1) \Leftrightarrow 0 * 1 = b^2 * 0$;

$[(a, b)][(b, a)] = [(ab, ab)] = [(1, 1)]$

Commutative : $+$: \checkmark \times : \checkmark

Distributive laws : \checkmark

10.4 Step 4. Show that F can be viewed as containing D as an integral subdomain.

10.4.1 Lem: $\phi(a) = [(a, 1)]$ is an isomorphism between D and $\{[(a, 1)] | a \in D\}$

Lemma 10.3

The map $\phi : D \rightarrow F = S/\sim$ given by $\phi(a) = [(a, 1)]$ is an isomorphism of D with a subring of $F (= S/\sim)$.



Proof 10.4

$$\phi(a + b) = [(a + b, 1)] = [(a, 1)] + [(b, 1)]$$

$$\phi(ab) = [(ab, 1)] = [(a, 1)][(b, 1)]$$

Injective: assume $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$, then

$$[(a, 1)] = [(b, 1)] \Leftrightarrow (a, 1) \sim (b, 1) \Leftrightarrow a = b$$

Surjective: $\forall [(a, 1)]$ is mapped from a

We prove that ϕ is an isomorphism between D and $\{[(a, 1)] | a \in D\}$.


10.4.2 Thm: every element of F can be expressed as a quotient of two elements of D :

$$[(a, b)] = \frac{\phi(a)}{\phi(b)}$$

$\forall [(a, b)] \in F$,

$$[(a, b)] = [(a, 1)][(1, b)] = \frac{[(a, 1)]}{[(1, b)]^{-1}} = \frac{[(a, 1)]}{[(b, 1)]} = \frac{\phi(a)}{\phi(b)}$$

Theorem 10.2

*Any integral domain D can be enlarged to (or embedded in) a field $F = S / \sim$ such that every element of F can be expressed as a quotient of two elements of D . (Such a field F is a **field of quotients** of D .)* 

Chapter 11 Polynomials

11.1 Def: Polynomials

Let R be any field. A polynomial over R in variable x is a formal sum:

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n = \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i$$

where $n \geq 0$ is an integer, $a_1, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$.

Polynomial is a sequence $\{a_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ with $a_m = 0, \forall m > n$.

Remark: $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_dx^d$ If $a_d \neq 0$ and $a_i = 0, \forall i > d$, d is the degree of $f(x)$.

11.2 Rings of Polynomials

11.2.1 Thm: $R[x]$ is a ring under addition and multiplication

Theorem 11.1

The set $R[x]$ of all polynomials in an indeterminate x with coefficients in a ring R is a ring under polynomial addition and multiplication.

Note: If R is commutative, then so is $R[x]$, and if R has unity $1 \neq 0$, then 1 is also unity for $R[x]$.



Let $R[x]$ denote the set of all polynomials with coefficients in the ring R .

$$R[x] = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i \mid n \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}, a_0, \dots, a_n \in R \right\}$$

We call the $R[x]$ polynomial ring over the ring R .

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i, g = \sum_{j=0}^n a_jx^j \in R[x]$$

$$f + g = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i)x^i \in R[x]$$

$$fg = \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i \right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^n a_jx^j \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} \left(\sum_{j=0}^i a_jb_{i-j} \right) x^i$$

11.2.2 Def: evaluation homomorphism

Definition 11.1

Let F be a field, and let $\alpha \in F$. Define an evaluation map. $EV_{x=\alpha} : F[x] \rightarrow F$, $\phi_\alpha(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \alpha^i$. Then,

$$\phi_\alpha(f(x) + g(x)) = \phi_\alpha(f(x)) + \phi_\alpha(g(x))$$

$$\phi_\alpha(f(x)g(x)) = \phi_\alpha(f(x))\phi_\alpha(g(x))$$

ϕ_α is a ring homomorphism. We call it evaluation homomorphism.



Example 11.1 Consider $EV_{x=2} : \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$. $EV_{x=2}$ is a ring homomorphism. In particular it is a group homomorphism for addition.

$$\phi_2(a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n) = a_0 + a_12 + \cdots + a_n2^n$$

Note that

$$\phi_2(x^2 + x - 6) = 2^2 + 2 - 6 = 0.$$

Thus $x^2 + x - 6$ is in the kernel N of ϕ_2 . Of course,

$$x^2 + x - 6 = (x - 2)(x + 3),$$

and the reason that $\phi_2(x^2 + x - 6) = 0$ is that $\phi_2(x - 2) = 2 - 2 = 0$.

Example 11.2 Compute $EV_{x=4}(3x^{106} + 5x^{99} + 2x^{53}) \in \mathbb{Z}_7[x]$

$$EV_{x=4}(3x^{106} + 5x^{99} + 2x^{53}) =$$

According to the little Theorem of Fermat, $x^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$.

$$= 3x^4 + 5x^3 + 2x^5 = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_7$$

11.2.3 Def: α is zero if $EV_{x=\alpha}(f(x)) = 0$ **Definition 11.2**

We say that α is a zero of $f(x)$ if $EV_{x=\alpha}(f(x)) = 0$.



Example 11.3 Find all zeros of $f(x) = x^3 + 2x + 2$ in \mathbb{Z}_7 .

Solve by checking all value $f(x)$, $x = 0, 1, \dots, 6 \Rightarrow$ zeros are $x = 2, x = 3$.

11.3 Degree of a Polynomial: $\deg(f)$

$f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$, $\deg(f)$ = degree of f is,

$$\deg(f) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f \text{ is constant, } f \neq 0 \\ n & \text{if } a_n \neq 0 \text{ in above } (a_n = \text{leading coefficient}) \\ -\infty & \text{if } f = 0 \end{cases}$$

Define $-\infty + a = a + (-\infty) = -\infty \forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty\}$

11.3.1 Lemma 2.3.3: $\deg(fg) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$, $\deg(f + g) \leq \max\{\deg(f), \deg(g)\}$

Lemma 11.1 (Lemma 2.3.3)

For any field \mathbb{F} and $f, g \in \mathbb{F}[x]$,

$$\deg(fg) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$$

$$\deg(f + g) \leq \max\{\deg(f), \deg(g)\}$$



11.4 Corollary 2.3.5: Unit(invertible) in $\mathbb{F}[x]$: constant $\neq 0$ iff $\deg(f) = 0$

Corollary 11.1 (Corollary 2.3.5)

For any field \mathbb{F} and $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, Then f is a unit(i.e. invertible) in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ iff $\deg(f) = 0$.



Proof 11.1

Obviously, $\deg(f) = 0 \Rightarrow f$ is a unit.

Suppose f is a unit, i.e. $\exists g \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ s.t. $fg = 1$.

$$0 = \deg(fg) = \deg(f) + \deg(g) \Rightarrow \deg(f), \deg(g) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \deg(f) = 0, \deg(g) = 0.$$

11.5 Irreducible Polynomials:

A nonconstant polynomial f is irreducible if $f = uv$, $u, v \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, then either u or v is a unit(i.e., constant $\neq 0$)

11.6 Theorem 2.3.6: nonconstant polynomials can be reduced uniquely

Theorem 11.2 (Theorem 2.3.6)

Suppose \mathbb{F} is a field and $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ is any nonconstant. Then $f = ap_1p_2 \dots p_k$ where $a \in \mathbb{F}$, $p_1, \dots, p_k \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ are irreducible monic polynomials (monic = i.e. leading coeff. 1). If $f = bq_1q_2 \dots q_r$ with $b \in \mathbb{F}$ and $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ monic irreducible, then $a = b$, $k = r$, and after reindexing $p_i = q_i$, $\forall i$



Lemma 11.2 (Lemma 2.3.7)

Suppose \mathbb{F} is a field and $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ is nonconstant monic polynomial. Then $f = p_1p_2 \dots p_k$ where each p_i is monic irreducible.



Proof 11.2

Prove it by induction. When $\deg(f) = 1$, $f = uv$, $u, v \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, $\deg(f) = \deg(u) + \deg(v) \Rightarrow$ one of these is 0.

Suppose the lemma holds for all degree $< n$. When $\deg(f) = n$,

Either f is irreducible, done.

Suppose $f = uv$ with $\deg(u), \deg(v) \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow \deg(u), \deg(v) < n \Rightarrow u = p_1p_2 \dots p_k, v = q_1q_2 \dots q_j$ So, $f = p_1p_2 \dots p_kq_1q_2 \dots q_j$.

Example 11.4 $x^2 - 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ reducible

$x - 1, x + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ irreducible

$x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ irreducible

$x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ reducible

$x^2 - 1 = x^2 + 1 = [1]x^2 + [1] \in \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ reducible

Chapter 12 Divisibility of Polynomials

Proposition 12.1 (Proposition 2.3.8)

$f, h, g \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, then



- (i) If $f \neq 0$, $f|0$
- (ii) If $f|1$, f is nonzero constant
- (iii) If $f|g$ and $g|f$, then $f = cg$ for some $c \in \mathbb{F}$
- (iv) If $f|g$ and $g|h$, then $f|h$
- (v) If $f|g$ and $f|h$, then $f|(ug + vh)$ for all $u, v \in \mathbb{F}[x]$.

12.1 Thm: Euclidean Algorithm of polynomials

Theorem 12.1

For nonzero elements in $\mathbb{F}[x]$, $m > 0$

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0$$

$$g(x) = b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \cdots + b_0$$

Then there are unique polynomials $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ such that $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$, where either $r(x) = 0$ or the degree of $r(x)$ is less than the degree m of $g(x)$.



Simplify: Given $f, g \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, $g \neq 0$, then $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ s.t. $\deg(r) < \deg(g)$ and $f = qg + r$

Example 12.1

$$f = 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 3x + 5, g = x^3 - 2x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$$

$$f = 3g + x^2 - 3x + 2$$

$f, g \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, $f \neq 0$, f divides g , $f|g$ means $\exists u \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ s.t. $g = fu$.

12.2 Cor: a is a zero of $f(x) \Leftrightarrow (x - a)|f(x)$

Corollary 12.1

An element $a \in F$ is a zero of $f(x) \in F[x]$ if and only if $(x - a)|f(x)$.



Proof 12.1 (Proof method 2)

Suppose surjective homomorphism $\phi_a : F[x] \rightarrow F$ with $f(x) \mapsto f(a)$

By definition of kernel $f(a) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in \ker \phi_a$.

Then we have $\langle (x - a) \rangle \subseteq \ker \phi_a \subsetneq F[x]$, where $\langle (x - a) \rangle = \{ra \mid r \in F[x]\}$. Since $x - a$ is irreducible, then $\langle (x - a) \rangle$ is a maximal ideal of $F[x]$. Then $\langle (x - a) \rangle = \ker \phi_a$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow f(x) &\in \ker \phi_a \\ \Leftrightarrow f(x) &\in \langle (x - a) \rangle \\ \Leftrightarrow (x - a) &\mid f(x) \end{aligned}$$

12.3 Cor: Finite subgroup of multiplicative $F \setminus \{0\}$ is cyclic

Corollary 12.2

If G is a finite subgroup of the multiplicative group $F^* = F \setminus \{0\}$ of a field F , then G is cyclic. (In particular, the multiplicative group of all nonzero elements of a finite field is cyclic.)


Proof 12.2

12.3.1 Greatest common divisor of f and g : is not unique, we denote monic Greatest common divisor as $\gcd(f, g)$

If $f, g \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ are nonzero polynomials, a greatest common divisor of f and g is a polynomial $h \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ such that

- (i) $h \mid f$ and $h \mid g$, and
- (ii) if $k \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ and $k \mid f$ and $k \mid g$, then $k \mid h$.

the \gcd is not unique, but the monic \gcd is unique. We call it **the monic greatest common divisor**, denote it $\gcd(f, g)$.

Example 12.2

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 1, x^2 - 2x + 1 &\in \mathbb{Q}[x] \\ (x - 1)(x + 1), (x - 1)^2 &\in \mathbb{Q}[x] \\ x - 1 &= \gcd(x^2 - 1, x^2 - 2x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

12.3.2 Proposition 2.3.10:**Proposition 12.2 (Proposition 2.3.10)**

Any 2 nonzero polynomials $f, g \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ have a gcd in $\mathbb{F}[x]$. In fact among all polynomials in the set $M = \{uf + vg \mid u, v \in \mathbb{F}[x]\}$ any nonconstant of minimal degree are gcds.

**Proof 12.3**

$h \in M$, $\deg(h) = d$ minimal. Let $k|f$ and $k|g \Rightarrow k|uf + vg$, $\forall u, v \Rightarrow k|h$.

Suppose $h' \in M$ is any nonzero element. $\deg(h') \geq \deg(h) \Rightarrow \exists q, r \in \mathbb{F}[x], \deg(r) < \deg(h) \text{ s.t. } h' = qh + r$.

$r = h' - qh \in M$. Since $\deg(h) = d$ is nonconstant minimal degree, $r = 0 \Rightarrow h' = qh$. So

$\exists q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{F}[x], 1f + 0g = q_1h, 0f + 1g = q_2h \Rightarrow h|g, h|f$.

Example 12.3

$$f = 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 3x + 5, g = x^3 - 2x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$$

$$f = 3g + x^2 - 3x + 2$$

$$g = (x+1)(x^2 - 3x + 2) + x - 1$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x-2)(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(f, g) = x - 1$$

$$x - 1 = g - (x+1)(x^2 - 3x + 2) = g - (x+1)(f - 3g) = (3x+4)g - (x+1)f$$

Example 12.4 Find a greatest common divisor of $f = x^3 - x^2 - x + 1$ and $g = x^2 - 3x + 2$ in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$, and express it in form $uf + vg$, $u, v \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$.

$$f = (x+2)g + 3x - 3$$

$$g = \frac{1}{3}(x-2)(3x-3)$$

$$\gcd(f, g) = 3x - 3$$

$$3x - 3 = f - (x+2)g$$

12.3.3 Proposition 2.3.12: $\gcd(f, g) = 1, f|gh \Rightarrow f|h$ **Proposition 12.3 (Proposition 2.3.12)**

If $f, g, h \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, $\gcd(f, g) = 1$, and $f|gh$, then $f|h$.



12.3.4 Corollary 2.3.13: irreducible f , $f|gh \Rightarrow f|g$ or $f|h$

Corollary 12.3 (Corollary 2.3.13)

If $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ is irreducible, and $f|gh$, then $f|g$ or $f|h$.



Since f is irreducible, we have two possible situations:

1. $\gcd(f, g) = f$, i.e. $f|g$ done.
2. $\gcd(f, g) = 1$, then according to Prop 2.3.12, we can know $f|h$.

12.4 Roots

Root: $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ is a root of f if $f(\alpha) = 0$.

12.4.1 Corollary 2.3.16(of Euclidean Algorithm): f can be divided into $(x - \alpha)q + f(\alpha)$ i.e. if α is a root, then $(x - \alpha)|f$

Corollary 12.4 (Corollary 2.3.16(of Euclidean Algorithm))

$\forall f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$, there exists a polynomial $q \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ s.t. $f = (x - \alpha)q + f(\alpha)$. In particular, if α is a root, then $(x - \alpha)|f$.



12.5 Multiplicity

If α is a root of f , say its *multiplicity* is m , if $x - \alpha$ appears m times in irreducible factorization.

12.5.1 Sum of multiplicity $\leq \deg(f)$

Proposition 12.4 (Proposition 2.3.17)

Given a nonconstant polynomial $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, the number of roots of f , counted with multiplicity, is at most $\deg(f)$.



12.6 Roots in a field may not in its subfield

Note if $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{K}$, then $\mathbb{F}[x] \subset \mathbb{K}[x]$. $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ may have no roots in \mathbb{F} , but could have roots in \mathbb{K}

Example 12.5 $x^n - 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ has a root in \mathbb{Q} : 1; has 2 roots if n even: ± 1

roots in \mathbb{C} : $\zeta_n = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$, then $\zeta_n^n = e^{2\pi i} = 1$; $(\zeta_n^k)^n = e^{2\pi k i} = 1$ So, the roots: $\{e^{\frac{2\pi k i}{n}} | k = 0, \dots, n-1\}$

The roots of $x^n - d$: $\{e^{\frac{2\pi ki}{n}}\sqrt[n]{d} \mid k = 0, \dots, n-1\}$

Chapter 13 Sylow Theorems

13.1 Def: p -group

Definition 13.1

A group of order p^α , p is prime, for some $\alpha > 0$, is called p -group.



13.2 Sylow Theorems

- 1) **First Sylow Theorem:** If G is a finite group of order $p^\alpha m$, $\gcd(p, m) = 1$, then it contains a subgroup H of order p^α . H is called a Sylow p -subgroup.
- 2) **Second Sylow Theorem:** Any two Sylow p -subgroups of group G are conjugate.
(H_1 and H_2 are conjugate of G if $\exists g \in G$ s.t. $H_1 = gH_2g^{-1}$)
- 3) **Third Sylow Theorem:** The number of Sylow p -subgroups of a group G is 1 modulo p .

Example 13.1 $G = S_4$, $|G| = 4! = 2^3 \cdot 3$

1. *First Sylow Theorem:* Contains subgroup of order 8. (D_8)
2. *Second Sylow Theorem:* There are three kinds of D_8 : begin with $(1, 3, 2, 4)/(1, 2, 3, 4)/(1, 2, 4, 3)$ are conjugate to each other.
3. *Third Sylow Theorem:* $3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

13.3 Thm: finite $H, K \leq G$, $|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$

Proposition 13.1

For finite subgroups $H, K \leq G$, define $HK = \{hk : h \in H, k \in K\}$.

$$|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$$



13.4 Group action by conjugation

Definition 13.2 (Group action by conjugation)

Let X be the set of all subgroups of a group G , G acts on X by conjugation

$$(g, H) \rightarrow gHg^{-1} \in X$$

$$g \in G, H \in X$$



The **stabilizer** of this action is called the **normalizer** of H in G

$$N_G(H) = \{g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H\} = \{g \in G : gH = Hg\}$$

13.5 Lemma: $K \leq N_G(H) \Rightarrow HK \leq G$

Lemma 13.1

If $K \leq N_G(H)$, then HK is a subgroup of G



Proof 13.1

Let $a = h_1k_1$, $b = h_2k_2$, then

$$ab = h_1k_1h_2k_2 = h_1(k_1h_2k_1^{-1})k_1k_2, \text{ where } k_1h_2k_1^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow ab \in HK$$

$$a^{-1} = (h_1k_1)^{-1} = (k_1^{-1}h_1^{-1}k_1)k_1^{-1}, \text{ where } k_1^{-1}h_1^{-1}k_1 \in H \Rightarrow ab \in HK$$

13.6 Cor: if $H \triangleleft N_g(H) \leq G$, # subgroups of G conjugate to H is $[G : N_G(H)]$

Corollary 13.1

By the Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem, if $H \triangleleft N_g(H) \leq G$, then the number of subgroups in G conjugate to H is $[G : N_G(H)]$.



Example 13.2 $H = \langle (1, 2, 3, 4) \rangle \triangleleft D_8 \leq S_4$, $[S_4 : D_8] = 3$

S_4 has 3 subgroups conjugate to H : $\langle (1, 2, 3, 4) \rangle, \langle (1, 3, 4, 2) \rangle, \langle (1, 4, 2, 3) \rangle$

13.7 Center

$$Z(G) = \{a \in G : ag = ga, \forall g \in G\} = \{a \in G : gag^{-1} = a, \forall g \in G\}$$

Size of orbit of a is 1 $\Leftrightarrow a \in Z(G)$

13.8 Class Equation: $|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{|G|}{|C_G(g_i)|}$

Let G act on itself by conjugate and $C_G(g_i)$ is the stabilizer of $g_i \in G$ under conjugation. Orbits of g_i of size > 1 .

$$|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{|G|}{|C_G(g_i)|}$$

Prove by Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem. Every element $a \in Z(G)$, $|Ga| = \frac{|G|}{|C_G(a)|} = 1$. G is the union of all orbits.

Chapter 14 Euclidean geometry basics

14.1 Euclidean distance, inner product

Euclidean distance on \mathbb{R}^n :

$$|x - y| = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \dots + (x_n - y_n)^2}$$

Euclidean inner product:

$$x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n = x^T y$$

14.2 Isometry of \mathbb{R}^n : a bijection $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ preserves distance

An **isometry** of \mathbb{R}^n is a bijection $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ that preserves distance, which means,

$$|\Phi(x) - \Phi(y)| = |x - y|, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

14.2.1 $Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$: set of all isometries of \mathbb{R}^n

We use $Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$ denotes the set of all isometries of \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$Isom(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \mid |\Phi(x) - \Phi(y)| = |x - y|, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

14.2.2 $Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is closed under \circ and inverse

Proposition 14.1

$\Phi, \Psi \in Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\Phi \circ \Psi, \Phi^{-1} \in Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$



Proof 14.1

Since Φ, Ψ are bijections, so is $\Phi \circ \Psi$. Moreover,

$$|\Phi \circ \Psi(x) - \Phi \circ \Psi(y)| = |\Phi(\Psi(x)) - \Phi(\Psi(y))| = |\Psi(x) - \Psi(y)| = |x - y|$$

Since $id \in Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$|x - y| = |id(x) - id(y)| = |\Phi \circ \Phi^{-1}(x) - \Phi \circ \Phi^{-1}(y)| = |\Phi^{-1}(x) - \Phi^{-1}(y)|$$

14.3 $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}), T_A(v) = Av: A^t A = I \Leftrightarrow T_A \in Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$

There is a matrix $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ i.e. a *invertible linear transformations* $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by $T_A(v) = Av$.

$$T_A(v) \cdot T_A(w) = (Av) \cdot (Aw) = (Av)^t(Aw) = v^t A^t Aw$$

$$A^t A = I \Leftrightarrow T_A(v) \cdot T_A(w) = v \cdot w \Leftrightarrow_{(HW4)} T_A \in Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

14.4 Linear isometries i.e. orthogonal group

$$O(n) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) | A^t A = I\}$$

We define the all isometries in *invertible linear transformations* $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ as **orthogonal group**

$$O(n) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) | A^t A = I\} \subset GL(n, \mathbb{R})$$

14.4.1 Special orthogonal group $SO(n) = \{A \in O(n) | \det(A) = 1\}$: orthogonal group with $\det(A) = 1$

$O(n)$ are the matrices representing linear isometries of \mathbb{R}^n . $1 = \det(I) = \det(A^t A) = \det(A^t) \det(A) = \det(A)^2 \Rightarrow \det(A) = 1$ or $\det(A) = -1$. We use **special orthogonal group** represents A with $\det(A) = 1$,


$$SO(n) = \{A \in O(n) | \det(A) = 1\}$$

14.5 translation: $\tau_v(x) = x + v$

Define a *translation* by $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\tau_v : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \tau_v(x) = x + v$$

14.5.1 translation is an isometry

 **Note** [Exercise 2.5.3] $\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \tau_v$ is an isometry.

Proof 14.2

$$|\tau_v(x) - \tau_v(y)| = |(x + v) - (y + v)| = |x - y|$$

14.6 The composition of a translation and an orthogonal transformation is an isometry $\Phi_{A,v}(x) = \tau_v(T_A(x)) = Ax + v$

Since *the composition of isometries is an isometry*, $\forall A \in O(n)$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the composition

$$\Phi_{A,v}(x) = \tau_v(T_A(x)) = Ax + v$$

is an isometry. **which could account for all isometries.**

14.6.1 Theorem 2.5.3: All isometries can be represented by a composition of a *translation* and an *orthogonal transformation*, $Isom(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{\Phi_{A,v} | A \in O(n), v \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$

Theorem 14.1 (Theorem 2.5.3)

$$Isom(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{\Phi_{A,v} | A \in O(n), v \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$



Chapter 15 Complex numbers

$$\mathbb{C} = \{a + bi | a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}, \mathbb{R} = \{a + 0i | a \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

Addition & multiplication

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

$$\begin{aligned}(a + bi)(c + di) &= ac + bci + adi + bdi^2 \\ &= (ac - bd) + (bc + ad)i\end{aligned}$$

Complex conjugation: $z = a + bi, \bar{z} = a - bi, \overline{z\bar{w}} = \bar{z}\bar{w}$

Absolute value: $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, |z|^2 = z\bar{z}$

Additive inverse: $-z = -a - bi$

Multiplicative inverse: $z^{-1} = \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{a+bi} = \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}$

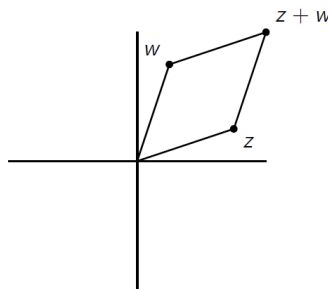
$$z \in \mathbb{C}, \overline{z + \bar{z}} = \bar{z} + \bar{\bar{z}} = z + \bar{z}$$

$$\text{Real part: } \operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}$$

$$\text{Imaginary part: } \operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

15.1 Geometric Meaning of Addition and Multiplication

Addition: parallelogram law



15.2 Theorem 2.1.1: $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ with coefficients $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$. Then f has a root in \mathbb{C} : $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $f(\alpha) = 0$

Multiplication:

$$z = a + bi \neq 0$$

$$= r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta i$$

$$= r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$|z|^2 = a^2 + b^2 = r^2$$

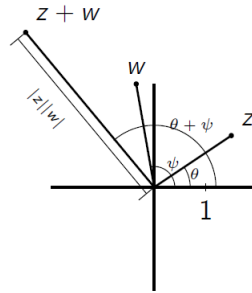
$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$w = s(\cos \phi + i \sin \phi)$$

$$zw = rs[\cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \sin \phi + i(\cos \theta \sin \phi + \cos \phi \sin \theta)]$$

$$= rs[\cos(\theta + \phi) + i \sin(\theta + \phi)]$$

$$= |z||w|[\cos(\theta + \phi) + i \sin(\theta + \phi)]$$



We will write,

$$\cos \theta + i \sin \theta = e^{i\theta}$$

$$e^{i\theta} e^{i\phi} = e^{i(\theta+\phi)}$$

$$z = |z|e^{i\theta}$$

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Theorem 15.1 (Theorem 2.1.1)

Suppose a nonconstant polynomial $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ with coefficients $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$.

Then f has a root in \mathbb{C} : $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $f(\alpha) = 0$.



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15.2.1 Corollary 2.1.2: $f(x) = a_n \prod_{i=1}^n (x - k_i) = a_n(x - k_1)(x - k_2)\dots(x - k_n)$, where k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n are roots of $f(x)$

Corollary 15.1 (Corollary 2.1.2)

Every nonconstant polynomial with coefficients $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$ can be factored as $f(x) = a_n \prod_{i=1}^n (x - k_i) = a_n(x - k_1)(x - k_2)\dots(x - k_n)$, where k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n are roots of $f(x)$.



15.2.2 Corollary 2.1.3: $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$, f can be expressed as a product of linear and quadratic polynomials

Corollary 15.2 (Corollary 2.1.3)

If $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ is a nonconstant polynomial $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}, a_n \neq 0$. Then f can be expressed as a product of linear and quadratic polynomials.



a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n is real number here!

Proof 15.1

(1) Obviously, the corollary holds at $n = 1$ and $n = 2$.

(2) Suppose the corollary holds for all situations that $n < k$.

When $n = k$, $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_kx^k, a_k \neq 0$.

By F.T.A., f has a root α in \mathbb{C} .

If $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, long division $f(x) = q(x)(x - \alpha)$. q has real coefficients, degree of $q = k - 1$. Since the corollary holds at $n = k - 1$, $q(x)$ is a product of linear and quadratics. Then, the corollary also holds at $n = k$.

If $\alpha \notin \mathbb{R}$

$$0 = f(\alpha) = a_0 + a_1\alpha + \dots + a_k\alpha^k$$

$$0 = \overline{f(\alpha)} = a_0 + a_1\bar{\alpha} + \dots + a_n\bar{\alpha}^n = f(\bar{\alpha})$$

Since $\bar{\alpha} \neq \alpha$, $(x - \alpha)(x - \bar{\alpha}) | f$.

$(x - \alpha)(x - \bar{\alpha}) = x^2 - (\alpha + \bar{\alpha})x + |\alpha|^2$ is a polynomial with coefficients in \mathbb{R} . So $f(x) = q(x)(x^2 - (\alpha + \bar{\alpha})x + |\alpha|^2)$, q has real coefficients with degree $k - 2$. The corollary also holds at $n = k - 2$, $q(x)$ is a product of linear and quadratics. Then, the corollary also holds at $n = k$.

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