

Recap:

1. Conjugacy  $h' = ghg^{-1} \quad g \in G.$

$$C(h) = \{ ghg^{-1} \mid g \in G \}$$

orbits of  $G$  acts on  $G$ .

2.  $H \subset G$  a subgroup. then  $gHg^{-1}$  a subgroup.

3.  $S_n$ : same cycle structure  $\sim$

$\Rightarrow$  Young diagrams



4 1-cycles  $(1)(2)(3)(4)$



$(12)(34)$

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5 conjugacy classes

4. class functions:  $f$  on  $G$ .

$$f(hgh^{-1}) = f(g)$$

character  $\chi_T(g) = \text{Tr } T(g)$  for matrix rep.

canonical rep. of  $S_n$   $[A(\phi)]_{ji} = \delta_{j, \phi(i)}$  then

$$\text{Tr } A(\phi) = \# \text{ fixed points} \quad \checkmark$$

3. conjugate hom.  $\varphi_1(g) = g \circ \varphi_2(g) g^{-1} \quad \forall g \in G.$

equivalent rep.  $T_2(g) = S T_1(g) S^{-1} \quad \forall g \in G.$



### - 6.3. Normal subgroups & Quotient groups

Definition A subgroup  $N \subset G$  is called  
a normal subgroup or an invariant subgroup if  
 $gNg^{-1} = N \quad \forall g \in G.$

denoted  $N \triangleleft G$ . (Self-conjugate subgroups)

\* NB. it doesn't mean  $gng^{-1} = n \quad \forall n \in N$  !

Suppose a subgroup  $Z$  satisfies

$$gzg^{-1} = z \quad \forall z \in Z \quad \forall g \in G.$$

$$Z(G) := \{ z \in G \mid zg = gz, \forall g \in G \}$$

$Z(G)$  is an abelian normal subgroup of  $G$ .

$Z(G)$  is the center of  $G$ .

Examples.

1.  $G$  is abelian. all subgroups are normal.

$$ghg^{-1} = (gg^{-1})h = h \quad \forall h \in G.$$

$C(h)$ ?

2. The kernel of a homomorphism

$$\phi: G \longrightarrow G'$$

is a normal subgroup.

$$k \in \ker(\phi). \quad \phi(k) = 1_G.$$

$$\phi(gkg^{-1}) = \phi(g) \cancel{\phi(k)}^1 \phi(g^{-1}) = \phi(g) \phi(g^{-1}) = 1 \quad (\forall g \in G)$$

$$\Rightarrow gkg^{-1} \in \ker(\phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ker \phi \triangleleft G$$

Theorem. If  $N \triangleleft G$ , then the set of left cosets

$G/N = \{gN, g \in G\}$  has a natural group structure with group multiplication defined as

$$\circ \quad (g_1N) \cdot (g_2N) := (g_1g_2)N$$

We call the groups of the form  $G/N$  quotient groups. (factor groups)

$$\begin{aligned} g_1N \cdot g_2N &= g_1(g_2g_2^{-1})N g_2N \\ &= g_1g_2 \underbrace{(g_2^{-1}Ng_2)}_{=N} N \\ &= g_1g_2N \end{aligned}$$

Corollary. If  $N \triangleleft G$ , then the natural map

$$\phi: G \longrightarrow G/N$$

$$g \longmapsto gN$$

is a surjective homomorphism.  $\ker \phi = N$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \phi(g_1)\phi(g_2) = g_1N \cdot g_2N = g_1g_2N = \phi(g_1g_2)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \phi(e) = e \cdot N = N = e_{G/N} \quad (N \cdot N = N, \quad gN \cdot N = N \cdot gN = gN)$$

$$g \in \ker \phi \quad \phi(g) = \underline{gN = N} \iff g \in N$$

Every normal subgroup is the kernel of some homomorphism.

Example.

$$1 \quad n\mathbb{Z} := \langle n \rangle \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= \{ \dots, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, \dots \}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} := \{ i + n\mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq i \leq n-1 \}$$

$$\phi: \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$$

$$i \longmapsto i + n\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\ker \phi = n\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$$

quotient groups are not subgroups

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{special cases . e.g} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ \mathbb{Z}_4/\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \end{array} \right)$$

2.  $A_3 \triangleleft S_3$        $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$        $\ker(\phi) = A_3$

[HW]  $H \triangleleft G$ .  $[G:H] = 2 \Rightarrow H \triangleleft G$  discussed earlier

3.  $D_4 = \langle a, b \mid a^4 = b^2 = (ab)^2 = 1 \rangle$        $|D_4| = 8 = 2^3$

$$D_4 = \langle e, a, a^2, a^3, b, ab, a^2b, a^3b \rangle$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \underline{ba^n} = b^{-1}a^n = (ab)^{-1}a^{n+1} = ab a^{n+1} \\ \hspace{15em} = a^2 b a^{n+2} \end{array} \right)$$

non-trivial normal subgroups:

①  $\{e, b, a^2b, a^2\} = N_1$

$\underline{aba^{-1}} = a \cdot ab = a^2b$

②  $\{e, ab, a^3b, a^2\} = N_2$

$a(ab)a^{-1} = a^3b$

③  $\{e, a, a^2, a^3\} = N_3$

④  $\{e, a^2\} = N_4 = Z(G)$

$\Leftrightarrow a^2b = ba^2$

index 2

other subgroups:

$\{e, b\}$

$\{e, ab\}$

$\{e, a^2b\}$

$\{e, a^3b\}$

$\cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

not normal.

For ①. ②. ③.  $|N|=4$   $|G/N|=2$   $G/N \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\textcircled{1} N_1 = \{ e, b, a^2b, a^2 \} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ V \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong D_2 \end{cases}$$

$$N_1 \cong D_2 \cong V$$

$$(A = a^2, B = b \mid A^2 = B^2 = (AB)^2 = 1)$$

$$D_4/N_1 = \{ N_1, aN_1 \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{ \pm 1 \}$$

$$N_1 \cdot N_1 = N_1 \quad N_1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$N_1 \cdot (aN_1) = aN_1 \quad aN_1 \rightarrow -1$$

$$(aN_1) \cdot (aN_1) = a^2N_1 = N_1$$

	$N_1$	$aN_1$
$N_1$	$N_1$	$aN_1$
$aN_1$	$aN_1$	$N_1$

$$\textcircled{2} N_2 = \{ e, ab, a^2, a^3b \} \cong D_2 \quad (A = a^2, B = a^3b)$$

$$\textcircled{3} N_3 = \{ e, a, a^2, a^3 \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$$

$$D_4/N_3 = \{ N_3, bN_3 \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\textcircled{4} N_4 = Z(D_4) = \{ e, a^2 \} \quad (aZ)(aZ) = a^2Z = \{ a^2, e \} = Z$$

$$D_4/Z(D_4) = \{ Z(D_4), aZ(D_4), bZ(D_4), abZ(D_4) \}$$

$$\cong D_2$$

$D_4$  is nonabelian.  $\Rightarrow D_4/Z(D_4)$  non cyclic

[HW]:  $G/Z(G)$  cyclic  $\Leftrightarrow G$  is abelian.

4. determinant of  $A$  in  $GL(n, K)$

$$GL(n, K) \xrightarrow{\det} K$$

$$A \mapsto \det(A)$$

$$[ \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) ]$$

$$\ker(\det) = SL(n, K)$$

$$\Rightarrow SL(n, K) \triangleleft GL(n, K)$$

$$[ \det(gAg^{-1}) = \det(A) ]$$

$$\textcircled{1} GL(n, \mathbb{C})/SL(n, \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}^* \quad \mu \in GL$$

$$\det \mu = z = re^{i\theta}$$

$$\mu = (r^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{i\theta/n}) \cdot A \quad A \in SL$$

$$\textcircled{2} U(n)/SU(n) \cong U(1) \quad \mu(n): AA^* = 1$$

$$|\det A| = 1$$

$$SU: \det = 1$$

$$\textcircled{3} O(n)/SO(n) = \{SO(n), P SO(n)\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$(\det P = -1)$$



5. Euclidean group  $E^3$

$$g = \{ R_\alpha \mid \vec{\tau} \} \quad g \cdot \vec{r} = R_\alpha \cdot \vec{r} + \vec{\tau}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{ e \mid \vec{0} \} &= \underbrace{\{ R_\alpha \mid \vec{\tau} \}}_g \underbrace{\{ R_\beta \mid \vec{\tau}' \}}_{g^{-1}} = \underbrace{\{ R_\alpha R_\beta \mid R_\alpha \vec{\tau}' + \vec{\tau} \}}_{e} \\ \Rightarrow g^{-1} &= \{ R_\alpha^{-1} \mid -R_\alpha^{-1} \vec{\tau} \} \end{aligned}$$

Consider the translation subgroup  $T := \langle \vec{t}_1, \vec{t}_2, \vec{t}_3 \rangle$

( $\vec{t}_i$ : primitive lattice vectors)  $\{ e \mid \vec{t} \} \in T$

$$\begin{aligned} \{ R_\alpha \mid \vec{\tau} \} \{ e \mid \vec{t} \} \{ R_\alpha^{-1} \mid -R_\alpha^{-1} \vec{\tau} \} \\ &= \{ R_\alpha \mid \vec{\tau} \} \{ R_\alpha^{-1} \mid -R_\alpha^{-1} \vec{\tau} + \vec{t} \} \\ &= \{ e \mid R_\alpha (-R_\alpha^{-1} \vec{\tau} + \vec{t}) + \vec{\tau} \} \\ &= \{ e \mid R_\alpha \vec{t} \} \in T^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow g T^3 g^{-1} = T^3 \quad \forall g \in G.$$

$$\Rightarrow T^3 \triangleleft E^3$$

6  $\{1\} \triangleleft G, G \triangleleft G$  trivial normal subgroups

(Def) A group with no nontrivial normal subgroups is called a simple group.

$$\textcircled{1} \mathbb{Z}_p \cong \mu_p \quad \text{with } p \text{ prime} \quad H \subset \mathbb{Z}_p \quad |H| = 1 \text{ or } p \\ H = \{1\} \text{ or } \mathbb{Z}_p$$

② Alternating groups  $A_n$

$A_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$        $A_3$  is simple

$D_2 \cong V \triangleleft A_4$        $A_4$  is not simple

$A_{n \geq 5}$  are simple

## 6.4 Quotient groups and short exact sequences (Moore §7.4)

Theorem (1st isomorphism theorem) Rotman

$\mu: G \rightarrow G'$  homomorphism, with kernel  $K$

$$\Rightarrow K \trianglelefteq G, \text{ and } G/K \cong \text{im}(\mu)$$

Proof.  $\varphi: G/K \rightarrow \text{im } \mu$

$$gK \mapsto \mu(g)$$

$$\varphi(g_1K) = \varphi(g_2K)$$

①  $\varphi$  is well-defined. ( $g_1K = g_2K \Rightarrow \mu(g_1) = \mu(g_2)$ )

$$g_1K = g_2K \Rightarrow \exists k \in K \quad g_1 = g_2k$$

$$\Rightarrow g_2^{-1}g_1 = k \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(g_2^{-1}g_1) = \mu(g_2^{-1})\mu(g_1) = 1_{G'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(g_1) = \mu(g_2)$$

②  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism.

$$\varphi(g_1K \cdot g_2K) = \varphi(g_1g_2K) = \mu(g_1g_2)$$

$$= \mu(g_1)\mu(g_2) = \varphi(g_1K)\varphi(g_2K)$$

③ a.  $\text{im } \varphi = \text{im } \mu$  surjective

$$b. \varphi(g_1K) = \varphi(g_2K) \stackrel{!}{\Leftrightarrow} \mu(g_1) = \mu(g_2) \quad \text{injective}$$

$$\text{RHS} \Leftrightarrow \mu(g_1g_1^{-1}) = 1_{G'}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1g_1^{-1} \in K$$

a+b:  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.  $\Rightarrow g_1K = g_2K$

Summary:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \xrightarrow{\mu} & G' \\
 \searrow \nu & & \nearrow \psi \\
 G/K & & 
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \mu = \psi \circ \nu \quad \text{commutative} \\
 \nu: g \mapsto gK \\
 \text{surj.} \quad \text{inj.}
 \end{array}$$

Now we introduce a sequence of homomorphisms

$$\dots G_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f_{i-1}} G_i \xrightarrow{f_i} G_{i+1} \xrightarrow{f_{i+1}} \dots$$

The sequence is exact at  $G_i$  if

$$\text{im } f_{i-1} = \ker f_i$$

A short exact sequence (SES) is of the form

$$\underset{0}{1} \rightarrow G_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} G_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} G_3 \xrightarrow{f_3} \underset{0}{1}$$

① 1 represents trivial group.  $\{1\}$

0: abelian groups " + " as group multiplication

②  $1 \rightarrow G_1$ : inclusion map.

$G_3 \rightarrow 1$ : trivial homomorphism

} unique

Exactness at  $G_i$ :

1.  $G_1$ :  $\ker f_1 = \{1_{G_1}\} \Rightarrow f_1$  is injective

2.  $G_2$ :  $\ker f_2 = \text{im } f_1$

3.  $G_3$ :  $\ker f_3 = G_3 = \text{im } f_2 \Rightarrow f_2$  is surjective