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0 Preliminaries

0.1 Properties of Integers

Universal Product Code (UPC)

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{12}) \cdot (3, 1, 3, 1, \dots, 3, 1) \pmod{10} = 0.$$

The 10-digit International Standard Book Number (ISBN-10) has the property

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{10}) \cdot (10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1) \pmod{11} = 0. \text{ As for } a_{10}, X \text{ stands for } 10.$$

0.2 Modular Arithmetic

Logic Gates & modulo 2 arithmetic

0.3 Complex Numbers

norm of $a+bi$

Closure under division

conjugation

0.4 Mathematical Induction

e.g. Prove that $2^n 3^{2n} - 1$ is always divisible by 17.

0.5 Equivalence Relations

1. reflexive property: $a \sim a$.
2. symmetric property: $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$.
3. transitive property: $a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$.

e.g.

- $(a, b) \cong (c, d)$ if $ad = bc, b, d \neq 0$.

Partition

0.6 Functions (Mappings)

To verify that a correspondence is a function:

$$x_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow \phi(x_1) = \phi(x_2).$$

One-to-one function:

$$\phi(x_1) = \phi(x_2) \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2.$$

Function from A onto B

Properties

1. associativity: $\gamma(\beta\alpha) = (\gamma\beta)\alpha$.
2. If α and β is one-to-one, then $\beta\alpha$ is one-to-one.
3. If α and β is onto, then $\beta\alpha$ is onto.
4. If α is one-to-one and onto, then there is a function α^{-1} from B onto A such that $(\alpha^{-1}\alpha)(a) = a$ for all a in A and $(\alpha\alpha^{-1})(b) = b$ for all b in B .

0.7 Exercise

1. If $a \bmod st = b \bmod st$, show that $a \bmod s = b \bmod s$ and $a \bmod t = b \bmod t$. The converse is true if s and t are relatively prime.
2. If n is an integer greater than 1 and $(n - 1)! = 1 \bmod n$, prove that n is prime.
3. Prove that 3, 5, and 7 are the only three consecutive odd integers that are prime.

1 Introduction to Groups

1.1 Symmetries of a Square

Cayley table

- closure
- identity
- inverse
- associativity

commutative (Abelian)

1.2 The Dihedral Groups

~~cross-cancellation~~

1.3 Bibliography of Niels Abel

2 Groups

2.1 Definition and Examples of Groups

Group	Operation	Identity	Form of Element	Inverse	Abelian
$GL(n, F)$	Matrix multiplication	E	$ A \neq 0$		No
$SL(n, F)$	Matrix multiplication	E	$ A = 1$		No
$U(n)$	Multiplication mod n	1	$\gcd(k, n) = 1$		Yes
\mathbb{R}^n	Componentwise addition	$(0, 0, \dots, 0)$	(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)		Yes

2.2 Elementary Properties of Groups

- Uniqueness of the Identity
- Cancellation
- Uniqueness of Inverses
- Socks-Shoes Property: $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$.

2.3 Historical Note

2.4 Exercises

1. Left-right cancellation implies commutativity, and [cross cancellation](#) implies [Abelian](#) property.
2. Law of Exponents for Abelian Groups: $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$.
3. $ab = ba \iff (ab)^2 = a^2 b^2 \iff (ab)^{-2} = b^{-2} a^{-2}$.
4. Suppose F_1 and F_2 are distinct reflections in a dihedral group D_n . Prove that $F_1 F_2 \neq R_0$. If $F_1 F_2 = F_2 F_1$, then $F_1 F_2 = R_{180}$.

3 Finite Groups; Subgroups

3.1 Terminology and Notation

Order of a group

Order of an element

Subgroup

Proper subgroup: $H \subset G$.

3.2 Subgroup Tests

- To prove that a subset is a subgroup
 - **One-Step Test:** $ab^{-1} \in H$.
 - **Two-Step Test:** $ab, a^{-1} \in H$.
 - **Finite Subgroup Test:** $ab \in H$.
- To prove that a subset is not a subgroup
 - Show that the **identity** is not in the set.
 - Exhibit an element of the set whose **inverse** is not in the set.
 - Exhibit two elements of the set whose **product** is not in the set.

3.3 Examples of Subgroups

- $\langle a \rangle$ is an Abelian subgroup, where a is called a *generator* of G .
- $\langle S \rangle$ is the smallest subgroup of G containing S .
- Gaussian Integers: $\langle 1, i \rangle = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.
- Center is a subgroup. $Z(G) = \{a \in G \mid ax = xa \text{ for all } x \text{ in } G\}$.
- For $n \geq 3$,

$$Z(D_n) = \begin{cases} \{R_0, R_{180}\}, & n \text{ is even,} \\ \{R_0\}, & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

- Centralizer of a in G is a subgroup: $C(a) = \{g \in G \mid ga = ag\}$.
- Centralizer of H in G is a subgroup: $C(H) = \{g \in G \mid xh = hx \text{ for all } h \in H\}$.
- $Z(G) \in C(a)$, $Z(G) = \bigcap_{a \in G} C(a)$.
- G is Abelian if and only if $C(a) = G$ for all a in G .

3.4 Exercises

1. For elements a, b in group \mathbb{Z}_n , $|a + b| = (|a| + |b|) \pmod n$.
2. Prove that if a is the only element of order 2 in a group, then a lies in the center of the group.
Proof. $(x^{-1}ax)^2 = x^{-1}ax = a \Rightarrow ax = xa$.
3. No group is the union of two proper subgroups, but some groups are the union of three proper subgroups.
4. Let G be a group and let H be a subgroup of G . For any fixed x in G , define the **conjugate** of H : $xHx^{-1} = \{xhx^{-1} \mid h \in H\}$, which preserves structure.
5. Compute the probability that two randomly chosen elements (they can be the same) from D_4 commute:

$$P = \begin{cases} \frac{n+3}{4n}, & n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{n+6}{4n}, & n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

4 Cyclic Groups

4.1 Properties of Cyclic Groups

If a and b belong to a finite group and $ab = ba$, then $|ab|$ divides $|a| |b|$.

- $|ab| = |a| |b|$ if and only if $(|a|, |b|) = 1$.

Theorem 4.2 ★

$$|a| = n, d = \gcd(n, k) \Rightarrow \langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^d \rangle, |a^k| = \frac{n}{d}.$$

- In a finite cyclic group, the order of an element divides the order of the group.

$$\gcd(n, i) = \gcd(n, j) \Leftrightarrow \langle a^i \rangle = \langle a^j \rangle \Leftrightarrow |a^i| = |a^j|.$$

- $\gcd(n, j) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \langle a \rangle = \langle a^j \rangle \Leftrightarrow |a| = |\langle a^j \rangle|$.

4.2 Classification of Subgroups of Cyclic Groups

Theorem 4.3 ★ Fundamental Theorem of Cyclic Groups

Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic. Moreover, if $|\langle a \rangle| = n$, then the order of any subgroup of $\langle a \rangle$ is a divisor of n ; and, for each positive divisor k of n , the group $\langle a \rangle$ has exactly one subgroup of order k , namely, $\langle a^{n/k} \rangle$.

Theorem 4.4 Number of Elements of Each Order in a Cyclic Group

If d is a positive divisor of n , the number of elements of order d in a cyclic group of order n is $\phi(d)$.

- Notice that for a finite cyclic group of order n , the number of elements of order d for any divisor d of n depends only on d .

Corollary 4.1 Number of Elements of Order d in a Finite Group.

In a finite group, the number of elements of order d is a multiple of $\phi(d)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(p^n) &= p^n - p^{n-1} \\ \phi(p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \cdots p_m^{k_m}) &= \phi(p_1^{k_1}) \phi(p_2^{k_2}) \cdots \phi(p_m^{k_m}) \end{aligned}$$

subgroup lattice

4.3 Exercise

1. If a is a group element of infinite order, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^i \rangle \cap \langle a^j \rangle &= \langle a^{[i,j]} \rangle \\ \langle a^i \rangle \cup \langle a^j \rangle &= \langle a^{(i,j)} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

2. Prove that a finite group is the union of proper subgroups if and only if the group is not cyclic.

4.3 Bibliography of James Joseph Sylvester

5 Permutation Groups

5.1 Definitions and Notation

5.2 Cycle Notation

5.3 Properties of Permutations

Theorem 5.1 Products of Disjoint Cycles

Every permutation of a finite set can be written as a cycle or as a product of disjoint cycles.

Theorem 5.2 Disjoint Cycles Commute

If the pair of cycles $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$ and $\beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ have no entries in common, then $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$.

Theorem 5.3 Order of a Permutation

The order of a permutation of a finite set written in disjoint cycle form is the least common multiple of the lengths of the cycles.

Theorem 5.4 Product of 2-Cycles

Every permutation in $S_n, n > 1$, is a product of 2-cycles.

Lemma If $\varepsilon = \beta_1\beta_2 \cdots \beta_r$, where β_i are 2-cycles, then r is even.

Theorem 5.5 Always Even or Always Odd

Theorem 5.6 Even Permutations Form a Group

The set of even permutations in S_n forms a subgroup of S_n , which is called the alternating group of degree n , A_n .

Theorem 5.7 For $n \geq 1$, A_n has order $n!/2$.

5.4 A Check-Digit Scheme Based on D_5

5.5 Exercise

1. Stabilizer of a in G is a subgroup: $\text{stab}(a) = \{\alpha \in G \mid \alpha(a) = a\}$.
2. Let α belong to S_n , Prove that $|\alpha|$ divides $n!$.

5.5 Bibliography of Augustin Cauchy

5.6 Bibliography of Alan Turing

6 Isomorphisms

6.1 Motivation

6.2 Definition and Examples

Definition Group Isomorphism

An isomorphism ϕ from a group G_1 to a group G_2 is a one-to-one onto mapping (or function) from G_1 to G_2 that preserves the group operation. That is,

$$\forall a, b \in G_1, \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b).$$

If there is an isomorphism from G_1 onto G_2 , we say that G_1 and G_2 are isomorphic and write $G_1 \approx G_2$.

To prove a group G_1 is isomorphic to a group G_2 :

1. "Mapping": Define a function ϕ from G_1 to G_2 ;
2. "1-1": Assume that $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$, prove that $a = b$;
3. "Onto": For any element \bar{g} in G_2 , find an element g in G_1 such that $\phi(g) = \bar{g}$;
4. "O.P.": Prove that ϕ is operation-preserving; that is, show that $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$.

Example

- Conjugation by M: $\phi_M = MAM^{-1}$.

6.3 Properties of Isomorphisms

Theorem 6.1 Properties of Isomorphisms Acting on Elements

Suppose that ϕ is an isomorphism from a group G_1 onto a group G_2 . Then

1. ϕ carries the identity of G_1 to the identity of G_2 .
2. For every integer n and for every group element a in G_1 , $\phi(a^n) = [\phi(a)]^n$. (Additive form: $\phi(na) = n\phi(a)$.)
3. For any elements a and b in G_1 , a and b commute if and only if $\phi(a)$ and $\phi(b)$ commute.
4. $G_1 = \langle a \rangle$ if and only if $G_2 = \langle \phi(a) \rangle$.
5. $|a| = |\phi(a)|$ for all a in G_1 (isomorphisms preserve orders).
6. For a fixed integer k and a fixed group element b in G_1 , the equation $x^k = b$ has the same number of solutions in G_1 as does the equation $x^k = \phi(b)$ in G_2 .
7. If G_1 is finite, then G_1 and G_2 have exactly the same number of elements of every order.

Theorem 6.2 Properties of Isomorphisms Acting on Groups

Suppose that ϕ is an isomorphism from a group G_1 onto a group G_2 . Then

1. ϕ^{-1} is an isomorphism from G_2 onto G_1 .
2. G_1 is Abelian if and only if G_2 is Abelian.
3. G_1 is cyclic if and only if G_2 is cyclic.
4. If K is a subgroup of G_1 , then $\phi(K) = \{\phi(k) \mid k \in K\}$ is a subgroup of G_2 .
5. If K is a subgroup of G_2 , then $\phi^{-1}(K) = \{g \in G_1 \mid \phi(g) \in K\}$ is a subgroup of G_1 .
6. $\phi(Z(G_1)) = Z(G_2)$.

To prove groups G_1 and G_2 are not isomorphic:

- Observe that $|G_1| \neq |G_2|$.
- Observe that G_1 is cyclic but G_2 is not.
- Observe that G_1 is Abelian but G_2 is not.
- show that the largest order of any element in G_1 is not the same as that in G_2 .
- Show that the number of elements of some specific order in G_1 is not the same as G_2 .

6.4 Automorphisms

Definition Inner Automorphism Induced by a

Let G be a group, and let $a \in G$. The function ϕ_a defined by $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$ for all x in G is called the **inner** automorphism of G induced by a .

$\text{Aut}(G)$: the set of all automorphisms of G .

$\text{Inn}(G)$: the set of all inner automorphisms of G .

Theorem 6.3 $\text{Aut}(G)$ and $\text{Inn}(G)$ are groups.

Theorem 6.4 $\text{Aut}(Z_n) \approx U(n)$.

6.5 Cayley's Theorem

Theorem 6.5 Cayley's Theorem

Every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations.

The *left regular representation* of G : $\{T_g \mid T_g(x) = gx, g \in G\}$.

6.6 Exercise

1. $U(8) \approx U(12)$.
2. For all finite groups, the order of a subgroup divides the order of the group.
3. $|\text{Aut}(D_n)| = n |U(n)|$.
4. Prove that

$$|\text{Inn}(D_n)| = \begin{cases} 2n, & n \text{ is odd,} \\ n, & n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

6.7 Bibliography of Arthur Cayley

7 Cosets and Lagrange's Theorem

7.1 Properties of Cosets

Definition Coset of H in G

Let G be a group and let H be a nonempty subset of G . For any $a \in G$, $aH = \{ah \mid h \in H\}$, which is called the **left coset** of H in G containing a . The element a is called the **coset representative** of aH .

Lemma 7.1 Properties of Cosets

Let H be a subgroup of G , and $a, b \in G$, then

1. $a \in aH$.
2. $aH = H \iff a \in H$.
3. $(ab)H = a(bH)$, $H(ab) = (Ha)b$.

4. $aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a \in bH$.
5. $aH = bH$ or $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$.
6. $aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$.
7. $|aH| = |bH| = |H|$.
8. $aH = Ha \Leftrightarrow H = aHa^{-1} \Leftrightarrow H = a^{-1}Ha$.
9. $aH \subset G \Leftrightarrow a \in H$.

7.2 Lagrange's Theorem and Consequences

Theorem 7.1 Lagrange's Theorem: $|H|$ Divides $|G|$

If G is a finite group and H is a subgroup of G , then $|H|$ divides $|G|$. Moreover, the number of distinct left cosets of H in G is $|G|/|H|$.

- The **index** of a subgroup H in G is the number of distinct left cosets of H in G , denoted by $|G : H|$.

Corollary 1 $|G : H| = |G|/|H|$.

Corollary 2 $|a|$ Divides $|G|$.

Corollary 3 Groups of Prime Order Are Cyclic.

Corollary 4 $a^{|G|} = e$.

Corollary 5 Fermat's Little Theorem: $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

- $a^{p^n} \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

Theorem 7.2 $|HK| = |H| |K| / |H \cap K|$.

For two finite subgroups H and K of a group, define the set $HK = \{hk \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$. Then $|HK| = |H| |K| / |H \cap K|$.

- HK and hK may not be a subgroup.
- ★ HK may not be a subgroup of G , but $HK \in G$, so $|HK| < |G|$, but need not divide $|G|$.

Theorem 7.3 Classification of Groups of Order $2p$.

Let G be a group of order $2p$, where p is a prime greater than 2. Then G is isomorphic to Z_{2p} or D_p .

- $D_3 \approx S_3 \approx \text{GL}(2, Z_2)$.

7.3 An Application of Cosets to Permutation Groups

Definition Stabilizer of a Point

Let G be a group of permutations of a set S . For each i in S , let $\text{stab}_G(i) = \{\phi \in G \mid \phi(i) = i\}$. We call $\text{stab}_G(i)$ the **stabilizer** of i in G .

Definition Orbit of a Point

Let G be a group of permutations of a set S . For each i in S , let $\text{orb}_G(i) = \{\phi(i) \mid \phi \in G\}$. The set $\text{orb}_G(i)$ is a subset of S called the **orbit** of i under G .

Theorem 7.4 Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem

Let G be a finite group of permutations of a set S . Then, for any i from S ,
 $|G| = |\text{orb}_G(i)| \cdot |\text{stab}_G(i)|$.

7.4 The Rotation Group of a Cube and a Soccer Ball

Theorem 7.5 The Rotation Group of a Cube

The group of rotations of a cube is isomorphic to S_4 .

- The rotation group of a pyramid is isomorphic to A_4 .
- The rotation group of a soccer ball (truncated octahedron) is isomorphic to A_5 .

7.5 An Application of Cosets to the Rubik's Cube

7.6 Exercises

1. Let a and b be elements of a group G , and H and K be subgroups of G . If $aH = bK$, prove that $H = K$.
2. Let H and K be subgroups of G and g belongs to G , show that $g(H \cap K) = gH \cap gK$.
3. If G is a finite group of order n with the property that G has exactly one subgroup of order d for each positive divisor d of n , then G is cyclic.
4. Let H and K be subgroups of a finite group G with $H \subseteq K \subseteq G$. Prove that $|G : H| = |G : K| |K : H|$.
5. If a finite group G has subgroups H and K such that $K \subseteq H \subseteq G$ with $[G : K] = p$ where p is prime, prove that $H = G$ or $H = K$.
6. Prove that if G is a finite group, the index of $Z(G)$ cannot be prime.
7. Prove that A_5 has no subgroup of order 15, 20 or 30, and S_5 has no subgroup of order 30.

7.7 Bibliography of Joseph Lagrange

8 External Direct Products

8.1 Definition and Examples

Definition External Direct Product

Let G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n be a finite collection of groups. The external direct product of them, written as $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n$, is the set of all n -tuples for which the i^{th} component is an element of G_i and the operation is componentwise.

- $|G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n| = |G_1| |G_2| \dots |G_n|$.
- $Z_m \oplus Z_n \approx Z_{mn}$ if and only if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

8.2 Properties of External Direct Products

Theorem 8.1 Order of an Element in a Direct Product

The order of an element in a direct product of a finite number of finite groups is the least common multiple of the orders of the components of the element. In symbols,

$$|(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)| = \text{lcm}(|g_1|, |g_2|, \dots, |g_n|).$$

- If m and n be positive integers that are divisible by a prime p , then the number of elements of order p in $Z_m \oplus Z_n$ is $p^2 - 1$.

Theorem 8.2 Criterion for $G \oplus H$ to be Cyclic.

Let G and H be finite cyclic groups. Then $G \oplus H$ is cyclic if and only if $|G|$ and $|H|$ are relatively prime.

Corollary 1 Criterion for $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus G_n$ to be Cyclic.

Corollary 2 Criterion for $Z_{n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k} \approx Z_{n_1} \oplus Z_{n_2} \oplus \cdots \oplus Z_{n_k}$.

$Z_{n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k} \approx Z_{n_1} \oplus Z_{n_2} \oplus \cdots \oplus Z_{n_k}$ if and only if n_i and n_j are relatively prime when $i \neq j$.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_2 \oplus Z_{30} &\approx Z_2 \oplus Z_6 \oplus Z_5 \\ &\approx Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_3 \oplus Z_5 \\ &\approx Z_2 \oplus Z_6 \oplus Z_5 \\ &\approx Z_2 \oplus Z_3 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_5 \\ &\approx Z_6 \oplus Z_{10}. \end{aligned}$$

8.3 The Group of Units Modulo n as an External Direct Product

$U_k(n) \equiv \{x \in U(n) \mid x \equiv 1 \pmod{k}\}$ is a subgroup of $U(n)$.

Theorem 8.3 $U(n)$ as an External Direct Product

Suppose s and t are relatively prime. Then $U(st)$ is isomorphic to the external direct product of $U(s)$ and $U(t)$. In short,

$$U(st) \approx U(s) \oplus U(t).$$

Moreover, $U_s(st)$ is isomorphic to $U(t)$, and $U_t(st)$ is isomorphic to $U(s)$.

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} U(st) \rightarrow U(s) \oplus U(t) \\ x \mapsto (x \pmod{s}, x \pmod{t}) \end{array} \right| \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} U_s(st) \rightarrow U(t) \\ x \mapsto x \pmod{t} \end{array} \right|$$

Corollary

Let $m = n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k$, where $\gcd(n_i, n_j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$. Then

$$U(m) \approx U(n_1) \oplus U(n_2) \oplus \cdots \oplus U(n_k).$$

$$\begin{cases} U(2) \approx \{0\}, \\ U(4) \approx Z_2, \\ U(2^n) \approx Z_{2^{n-2}} \oplus Z_2, & \text{for } n \geq 3, \\ U(p^n) \approx Z_{p^{n-1}} \oplus Z_{p^{n-2}} \oplus \cdots \oplus Z_p, & \text{for } p \text{ an odd prime.} \end{cases}$$

e.g. $|\text{Aut}^4(Z_{27})| = 1$.

8.4 RSA Public Key Encryption Scheme

Receiver

1. Pick very large primes p and q and compute $n = pq$.
2. Compute the least common multiple of $p - 1$ and $q - 1$; let us call it m .
3. Pick e relatively prime to m .

- Find d such that $ed \bmod m = 1$.
- Publicly announce n and e .

Sender

- Convert the message to a string of digits.
- Break up the message into uniform blocks of digits; call them M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k . (The integer value of each M_i must be less than n . In practice, n is so large that this is not a concern.)
- Check to see that the greatest common divisor of each M_i and n is 1. If not, n can be factored and our code is broken. (In practice, the primes p and q are so large that they exceed all M_i , so this step may be omitted.)
- Calculate and send $R_i = M_i^e \bmod n$.

Receiver

- For each received message R_i , calculate $R_i^d \bmod n$.
- Convert the string of digits back to a string of characters.

Principles

$$U(n) \approx U(p) \oplus U(q) \approx Z_{p-1} \oplus Z_{q-1}.$$

$$R_i^d = (M_i^e)^d = M_i^{ed} = M_i^{1+km} = M_i.$$

8.5 Exercises

- $G \oplus H$ is Abelian if and only if G and H are Abelian.
- $G_1 \approx G_2, H_1 \approx H_2 \Rightarrow G_1 \oplus H_1 \approx G_2 \oplus H_2$.
- $A \oplus B \approx A \oplus C \Leftrightarrow B \approx C$.
- $U(8) \approx U(12), U(55) \approx U(75), U(144) \approx U(140), U_{50}(200) \approx U(4)$.
- $U_p(p^n) \approx Z_{p^{n-1}}$.
- For relatively prime positive integers $s \leq n$ and $t \leq n$, show that $U_{st}(n) = U_s(n) \cap U_t(n)$.

8.6 Bibliography of Leonard Adleman

9 Normal Subgroups and Factor Groups

9.1 Normal Subgroups

Definition Normal Subgroup

A subgroup H of a group G is called a normal subgroup of G if $aH = Ha$ for all a in G . We denote this by $H \triangleleft G$.

Theorem 9.1 Normal Subgroup Test

A subgroup H of G is normal in G if and only if $xHx^{-1} \subseteq H$ for all x in G .

e.g.

- Every subgroup of an Abelian group is normal.
- The center $Z(G)$ of a group is normal.

- A_n is a normal subgroup of S_n .
- Every subgroup of D_n consisting solely of rotations is normal.
- $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is a normal subgroup of $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$.

Properties:

- If H and K are subgroups of G and H is normal, then HK is a subgroup of G .
- If a group G has a unique subgroup H of some finite order, then H is normal in G .
- Normality is not transitive: $K \triangleleft L \triangleleft G \not\Rightarrow K \triangleleft G$.
- If N and M are normal, then $N \cap M$ and NM are normal.
- $K/N \triangleleft G/N \Rightarrow K \triangleleft G$.

9.2 Factor Groups

Theorem 9.2 Factor (Quotient) Groups

Let G be a group and let H be a **normal** subgroup of G . The set $G/H = \{aH \mid a \in G\}$ is a group under the operation $(aH)(bH) = abH$.

- The converse is also true: if $aHbH = abH$ defines a group operation on the set of left cosets of H in G , then H is normal in G .

9.3 Applications of Factor Groups

Theorem 9.3 G/Z Theorem

Let G be a group and let $Z(G)$ be the center of G . If $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic, then G is **Abelian**, thus $G/Z(G)$ is trivial.

- If G/H is cyclic, where H is a subgroup of $Z(G)$, then G is Abelian.
- If G is non-Abelian, then $G/Z(G)$ is not cyclic.
 - A non-Abelian group of order pq , where p and q are primes, must have a trivial center.
- If $K = \{H, a_1H, a_2H, a_3H\}$ is a subgroup of the factor group G/H , then the set $K = H \cup a_1H \cup a_2H \cup a_3H$ is a subgroup of G of order $4|H|$, called the **pull back** of K to G .
- Suppose that G is a finite group and a factor group G/H has an element aH of order n , then G has an element of order n .

Theorem 9.4 $G, G/Z(G)$

For any group G , $G/Z(G)$ is isomorphic to $\text{Inn}(G)$.

It can be proved by the First Isomorphism Theorem in chapter 10 easily.

- $|Z(D_6)| = 2 \Rightarrow |D_6/Z(D_6)| = 6 \Rightarrow D_6/Z(D_6) \approx D_3$ or Z_6 . By Theorem 9.3 and 9.4, we know that $\text{Inn}(D_6) \approx D_3$.
- $\text{Inn}(D_{2n}) \approx D_n$, $\text{Inn}(D_{2n+1}) \approx D_{2n+1}$.

Theorem 9.5 Cauchy's Theorem for Abelian Groups

Let G be a finite Abelian group and let p be a prime that divides the order of G , then G has an element of order p .

9.4 Internal Direct Products

Definition Internal Direct Product of H and K

We say that G is the internal direct product of H and K and write $G = H \times K$ if H and K are normal subgroups of G and

$$G = HK \text{ and } H \cap K = \{e\}.$$

- If s and t are relatively prime positive integers then $U(st) = U_s(st) \times U_t(st)$.
- $D_6 = \{R_0, R_{120}, R_{240}, F, R_{120}F, R_{240}F\} \times \{R_0, R_{180}\} \approx D_3 \oplus Z_2$.

Definition Internal Direct Product $H_1 \times H_2 \times \cdots \times H_n$

Let H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n be a finite collection of normal subgroups of G . We say that G is the internal direct product of H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n and write $G = H_1 \times H_2 \times \cdots \times H_n$ if

1. $G = H_1 H_2 \cdots H_n = \{h_1 h_2 \cdots h_n \mid h_i \in H_i\}$,
2. $(H_1 H_2 \cdots H_i) \cap H_{i+1} = \{e\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

Theorem 9.6 $H_1 \times H_2 \times \cdots \times H_n \approx H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus H_n$

If a group G is the internal direct product of a finite number of subgroups H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n , then G is isomorphic to the external direct product of H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n .

- To prove this
 - $\forall h_i \in H_i, h_j \in H_j, h_i h_j = h_j h_i$.
 - Each member of G can be expressed uniquely in the form $h_1 h_2 \cdots h_n$.
 - Mapping: $\phi(h_1 h_2 \cdots h_n) = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n)$.
- If $m = n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k$, $(n_i, n_j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$, then

$$\begin{aligned} U(m) &= U_{m/n_1}(m) \times U_{m/n_2}(m) \times \cdots \times U_{m/n_k}(m) \\ &\approx U(n_1) \oplus U(n_2) \oplus \cdots \oplus U(n_k) \end{aligned}$$

Classification Theorems

- Classification of subgroups of finite cyclic groups: There is exactly one subgroup for each divisor of the order of the group and no others.
- Classification of groups of prime order: Every group of prime order p is isomorphic to Z_p .
- Classification of groups of $2p$ where p is an odd prime: Every group of $2p$ is isomorphic to Z_{2p} or D_p .
- Classification of groups of 4: Every group of order 4 is isomorphic to Z_4 or $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$.

Theorem 9.7 Classification of finite Abelian groups of squarefree order

Every Abelian group of order $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k$ where p_i are distinct primes is cyclic.

- $G = H_1 \times H_2 \times \cdots \times H_k$.

Theorem 9.8 Classification of Groups of Order p^2

Every group of order p^2 , where p is a prime, is isomorphic to Z_{p^2} or $Z_p \oplus Z_p$.

- Let G be a group of order p^2 , then every subgroup of the form $\langle a \rangle$ is normal in G .

Corollary

If G is a group of order p^2 , where p is a prime, then G is Abelian.

9.5 Exercises

1. Prove that if H has index 2 in G , then H is normal in G .

2. Prove that a factor group of a cyclic group is cyclic, a factor group of an Abelian group is Abelian.
3. H is normal in G , a is an element of G . Then the order of the element aH in the factor group G/H is the smallest positive integer n such that a^n is in H . Moreover, $|gH|$ divides $|g|$.
4. $H \approx K \not\Rightarrow G/H \approx G/K$.
5. Groups of order 2 or 4 are all Abelian.
6. Let G be a group and let $S = \{x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \mid x, y \in G\}$, $G' = [G, G] = \langle S \rangle$. Then
 1. G' is normal in G .
 2. G/G' is Abelian.
 3. If G/N is Abelian, then $G' \subseteq N$.
 4. If H is a subgroup of G and $G' \subseteq H$, then H is normal.
7. $\text{Inn}(G)$ is normal in $\text{Aut}(G)$.

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9.6 Bibliography of Evariste Galois

10 Group Homomorphisms

10.1 Definition and Examples

Definition Group Homomorphism

A homomorphism ϕ from a group G_1 to a group G_2 is a mapping from G_1 into G_2 that preserves the group operation; that is, $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$ for all a, b in G .

Definition Kernel of a Homomorphism

The **kernel** of a homomorphism ϕ from a group G to a group with identity e is the set $\text{Ker } \phi = \{x \in G \mid \phi(x) = e\}$.

- Any isomorphism is a homomorphism that is also [onto](#) and [one-to-one](#), the kernel of which is a trivial subgroup.
- Let $\phi : \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$, $A \mapsto \det A$, then $\text{Ker } \phi = \text{SL}(n, \mathbb{R})$.
- $U(st) = U_s(st)U_t(st)$, $\phi(ab) = a$, then $\text{Ker } \phi = U_t(st)$.
- Every linear transformation is a group homomorphism and the null-space is the same as the kernel. An invertible linear transformation is a group isomorphism.

10.2 Properties of Homomorphisms

Theorem 10.1 Properties of Elements Under Homomorphisms

Let ϕ be a homomorphism from a group G_1 to a group G_2 and let g be an element of G_1 . Then

1. ϕ carries the identity of G_1 to the identity of G_2 .
2. $\phi(g^n) = \phi(g)^n$ for all n in \mathbb{Z} .

3. If $|g|$ is finite, then $|\phi(g)|$ divides $|g|$ and if $|G_1|$ is finite, then $|\phi(g)|$ divides $|g|$ and $|\phi(G_1)|$.
4. $\text{Ker } \phi$ is a subgroup of G_1 .
5. $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$ if and only if $a \text{Ker } \phi = b \text{Ker } \phi$.
6. If $\phi(g) = g'$, then $\phi^{-1}(g') = \{x \in G_1 \mid \phi(x) = g'\} = g \text{Ker } \phi$.

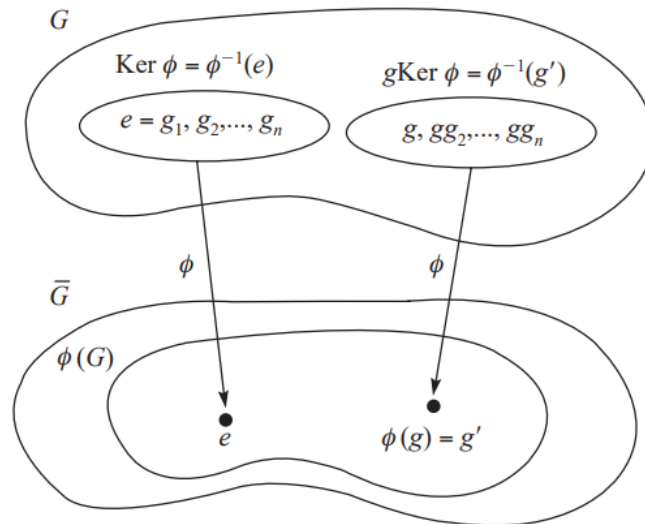
- The particular solution to $Ax = b$ is x_0 , the entire solution to $Ax = 0$ is S , then the entire solution to $Ax = b$ is $x_0 + S$. It's a special case of property 6.

Theorem 10.2 Properties of Subgroups Under Homomorphisms

Let ϕ be a homomorphism from a group G_1 to a group G_2 and let H be a subgroup of G_1 . Then

1. $\phi(H) = \{\phi(h) \mid h \in H\}$ is a subgroup of G_2 .
2. If H is cyclic, then $\phi(H)$ is **cyclic**.
3. If H is Abelian, then $\phi(H)$ is **Abelian**.
4. If H is normal in G_1 , then $\phi(H)$ is **normal** in $\phi(G_1)$.
5. If $|\text{Ker } \phi| = n$, then ϕ is an n -to-1 mapping from G_1 onto $\phi(G_1)$.
6. If H is finite, then $|\phi(H)|$ divides $|H|$.
7. $\phi(Z(G_1))$ is a subgroup of $Z(\phi(G_1))$.
8. If K is a subgroup of G_2 , then $\phi^{-1}(K) = \{k \in G_1 \mid \phi(k) \in K\}$ is a **subgroup** of G_1 .
9. If K is a normal subgroup of G_2 , then $\phi^{-1}(K) = \{k \in G_1 \mid \phi(k) \in K\}$ is a **normal subgroup** of G_1 .
10. If ϕ is onto and $\text{Ker } \phi = \{e\}$, then ϕ is an isomorphism from G_1 to G_2 .

- $|\phi^{-1}(H)| = |H| |\text{Ker } \phi|$.
- The inverse image of an element is a coset of the kernel and that every element in that coset has the same image.



Corollary Kernels are Normal

Let ϕ be a group homomorphism from G_1 to G_2 , then $\text{Ker } \phi$ is a normal subgroup of G_1 .

- The number of homomorphisms from \mathbb{Z}_m to \mathbb{Z}_n is $d = \gcd(m, n)$, since such a homomorphism is completely specified by the image a of 1, and $|a|$ divides both m and n , and $d = \sum \phi(a)$ for all divisor a of d .

10.3 The First Isomorphism Theorem

Theorem 10.3 First Isomorphism Theorem

Let ϕ be a group homomorphism from G_1 to G_2 , then the mapping from $G_1/\text{Ker } \phi$ to $\phi(G_1)$, given by $g\text{Ker } \phi \rightarrow \phi(g)$, is an isomorphism. In symbols, $G_1/\text{Ker } \phi \approx \phi(G_1)$.

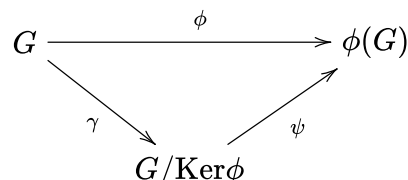
Corollary 1

If ϕ is a homomorphism from a finite group G_1 to G_2 , then $|G_1|/|\text{Ker } \phi| = |\phi(G_1)|$.

Corollary 2

If ϕ is a homomorphism from a finite group G_1 to G_2 , then $|\phi(G_1)|$ divides $|G_1|$ and $|G_2|$.

The commutative diagram of Theorem 10.3 is:



$\gamma : G \rightarrow G/\text{Ker } \phi$, $g \mapsto g\text{Ker } \phi$ is called the **natural mapping** from G to $G/\text{Ker } \phi$. The diagram is commutative since $\psi\gamma = \phi$.

- $\mathbb{Z}/\langle n \rangle \approx \mathbb{Z}_n$ since $\phi(m) = m \pmod n$ is a homomorphism with $\text{Ker } \phi = \langle n \rangle$. Likewise, $\mathbb{Z}[i]/\{sn + tni \mid s, t \in \mathbb{Z}\} \approx \mathbb{Z}_n[i]$.
- $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})/\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \approx \mathbb{R}^*$ since $\phi(A) = \det A$ from $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ onto \mathbb{R}^* is a homomorphism with $\text{Ker } \phi = \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$. Likewise, $\text{SL}^\pm(2, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \mid \det A = \pm 1\} \approx \mathbb{R}^+$ since we have $\phi(A) = (\det A)^2$.
- For an Abelian group G and a positive integer k , let G^k denote the subgroup $\{x^k \mid x \in G\}$ and $G^{(k)}$ the subgroup $\{x \in G \mid x^k = e\}$. Then $G/G^{(k)} \approx G^k$ since we have $\phi(x) = x^k$, but $G/G^k \not\approx G^{(k)}$ since $\phi(x^k) = x$ may be not well-defined.

Theorem N/C Theorem

Let H be a subgroup of a group G . Noting that the normalizer of H in G , $N(H) = \{x \in G \mid xHx^{-1} = H\}$, and the centralizer of H in G , $C(H) = \{x \in G \mid \forall h \in H, xhx^{-1} = h\}$, are subgroups of G , consider the mapping from $N(H)$ to $\text{Aut}(H)$ given by $g \mapsto \phi_g$, where $\phi_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$. This mapping is a homomorphism with $\text{Ker } \phi_g = C(H)$. So, $N(H)/C(H)$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(H)$, in fact, $N(H)/C(H) \approx \text{Inn}(H)$.

Theorem 10.4 Normal Subgroups Are Kernels

Every normal subgroup N of a group G is the kernel of a **natural homomorphism** of G defined by $\phi : G \rightarrow G/N$, $g \mapsto gN$.

10.4 Exercises

- $G \xrightarrow{\phi} H \xrightarrow{\sigma} K$, then $\text{Ker } \phi$ is a normal subgroup of $\text{Ker } \sigma\phi$, and $[\text{Ker } \sigma\phi : \text{Ker } \phi] = |H|/|K|$.
- $U(st)/U_s(st) \approx U(s)$.
- If $G = \langle S \rangle$ and ϕ is a homomorphism from G to some group, prove that $\phi(G) = \langle \phi(S) \rangle$.
- Let N be a normal subgroup of a group G . Prove that every subgroup of G/N has the form H/N , where H is a subgroup of G .
- For any two primes p and q with $p < q$ where $p \nmid q - 1$, a group of order pq is cyclic.

Theorem First Isomorphism Theorem

Let ϕ be a group homomorphism from G_1 onto G_2 , then the mapping ψ from $G_1/\text{Ker } \phi$ to G_2 , given by $g\text{Ker } \phi \rightarrow \phi(g)$, is an isomorphism. In symbols, $G_1/\text{Ker } \phi \approx G_2$.

Proof $\psi(x\text{Ker } \phi y\text{Ker } \phi) = \psi(xy\text{Ker } \phi) = \phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y) = \psi(x\text{Ker } \phi)\psi(y\text{Ker } \phi)$.
 \square

Theorem Second Isomorphism Theorem

If K is a subgroup of G and N is a normal subgroup of G , then $K/(K \cap N) \approx KN/N$.

Proof Let $\phi : K \rightarrow KN/N$, $k \mapsto kN$, then $\text{Ker } \phi = K \cap N$. \square

Theorem Third Isomorphism Theorem

If M and N are normal subgroups of G and $N \subseteq M$, then $(G/N)/(M/N) \approx G/M$.

Proof Let $\phi : G/N \rightarrow G/M$, $gN \mapsto gM$, then $\text{Ker } \phi = M/N$. \square

10.5 Bibliography of Camile Jordan

11 Fundamental Theorem of Finite Abelian Groups

11.1 The Fundamental Theorem

Theorem 11.1 Fundamental Theorem of Finite Abelian Groups

Every finite Abelian group is a direct product of cyclic groups of prime-power order. Moreover, the number of terms in the product and the orders of the cyclic groups are uniquely determined by the group.

Writing an Abelian group G in the form $\mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{n_1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{n_2}} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{n_k}}$, is called determining the isomorphism class of G .

- If $k = n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_t$, then $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_2}} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_t}}$ is an Abelian group of order p^k .

11.2 The Isomorphism Classes of Abelian Groups

Corollary Existence of Subgroups of Abelian Groups

If m divides the order of a finite Abelian group G , then G has a subgroup of order m .

11.3 Proof of the Fundamental Theorem

Lemma 1

Let G be a finite Abelian group of order $p^n m$, where p is a prime that does not divide m . Then $G = H \times K$, where $H = \{x \in G \mid x^{p^n} = e\}$ and $K = \{x \in G \mid x^m = e\}$. Moreover, $|H| = p^n$.

- Given an Abelian group G with $|G| = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$, where p 's are distinct primes, let $G(p_i) = \{x \in G \mid x^{p_i^{n_i}} = e\}$, then $G = G(p_1) \times G(p_2) \times \cdots \times G(p_k)$ and $|G(p_i)| = p_i^{n_i}$.

Lemma 2

Let G be an Abelian group of prime-power order and let a be an element of maximum order in G , then G can be written in the form $\langle a \rangle \times K$.

Lemma 3

A finite Abelian group of prime-order is an internal direct product of cyclic groups.

Lemma 4

Suppose that G is a finite Abelian group of prime-power order. If $G = H_1 \times H_2 \times \cdots \times H_m$ and $G = K_1 \times K_2 \times \cdots \times K_n$, where the H 's and K 's are nontrivial cyclic subgroups with $|H_1| \geq |H_2| \geq \cdots \geq |H_m|$ and $|K_1| \geq |K_2| \geq \cdots \geq |K_n|$, then $m = n$ and $|H_i| = |K_i|$ for all i .

11.4 Exercises

1. The number of elements in $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_2}} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_k}}$ of order p is $p^{n-1} + p^{n-2} + \cdots + p + 1 = \frac{p^n - 1}{p - 1}$.
2. Dirichlet's Theorem says that, for every pair of relatively prime integers a and b , there are infinitely many primes of the form $at + b$. Use **Dirichlet's Theorem** to prove that every finite Abelian group is isomorphic to a subgroup of a U -group. (Hint: $U(p_i^{n_i}t + 1) \approx \mathbb{Z}_{p_i^{n_i}t}$)