

MATH 171 LECTURE 10GROUP GENERATORS

DEF: Let g be a gp, $X \subseteq g$ a subset. The subgroup of g generated by X , denoted $\langle X \rangle$ is the smallest subgroup of g containing X . The elements of X are the generators of g .

EX: $X = \{2\}$, $g = \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\langle 2 \rangle \leq g. \quad 2 \in \langle 2 \rangle \Rightarrow 2+2 \in \langle 2 \rangle. \quad 0 \in \langle 2 \rangle \leq g.$$

$$-2 \in \langle 2 \rangle \dots \quad \langle 2 \rangle = 2\mathbb{Z}.$$

PROP: Let $X \subseteq g$. $\langle X \rangle = \left\{ x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \cdots x_k^{n_k} \mid x_i \in X, n_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

(products of elements of X and their inverses)

NOTE: Suppose $g = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ and $\varphi: g \rightarrow g'$ is a hom.

Then φ is determined by its value on x_1, \dots, x_n .

$$(a \in g \Rightarrow a = x_1^{n_1} \cdots x_n^{n_n} \Rightarrow \varphi(a) = \varphi(x_1^{n_1} \cdots x_n^{n_n}) = \prod \varphi(x_i)^{n_i}).$$

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Ex: $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. $\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle$.

$$\varphi(1) = a \Rightarrow \varphi(n) = \underbrace{\varphi(1) + \cdots + \varphi(1)}_{n \text{ TIMES}} = n\varphi(1) = n \cdot a$$

The isomorphism theorems

Thm (FIRST ISO THM)

IF $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ IS A THM, THEN $\ker \varphi \trianglelefteq G$ AND $\varphi(G) \trianglelefteq H$
 $G/\ker \varphi \cong \varphi(G)$.

NOTE: HOW FAR IS φ FROM AN ISO? MAY FAIL TO BE INJECTIVE
OR SURJECTIVE. THIS RECTIFIES BOTH.

Proof: DEFINE $\psi: G/\ker \varphi \rightarrow \text{Im } (\varphi)$. LET $K = \ker \varphi$

$$\text{BY } \psi(Kg) = \varphi(g).$$

• WELL DEFINED: suppose $Kg = Kg'$. THEN $g'g^{-1} \in \ker \varphi$, ie

$$\varphi(g'g^{-1}) = 1 \Rightarrow \varphi(g')\varphi(g)^{-1} = 1 \Rightarrow \varphi(g') = \varphi(g).$$

• HOM: $\psi(KgKg') = \psi(Kgg') = \varphi(gg') = \varphi(g)\varphi(g') = \psi(Kg)\psi(Kg')$.

• INJECTIVE: $\psi(Kg) = \psi(Kg') \Leftrightarrow \varphi(g) = \varphi(g') \Leftrightarrow \varphi(g'g^{-1}) = 1$

$$\Leftrightarrow g'g^{-1} \in K \Leftrightarrow kg = kg'.$$

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- SURJECTIVE: $\varphi(g) \in \text{Im } \varphi \Rightarrow Kg \in \mathbb{K}/K$.

Ex: $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$, $a \mapsto a \bmod 2$.

QED

Thm: SECOND ISOMORPHISM THM:

LET G BE A GROUP, $A \leq G$, $N \trianglelefteq G$. THEN

$AN \leq G$, $N \trianglelefteq AN$, $A \cap N \trianglelefteq A$ AND

$$AN/N \cong A/(A \cap N).$$

Pf: (group work) $AN \leq G$, $N \trianglelefteq AN$, $A \cap N \trianglelefteq A$.

$$\varphi: A \rightarrow AN/N$$

$$a \mapsto Na.$$

- HOM: $\varphi(ab) = Nab = NaNb = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$.

- SURJECTIVE: $AN = \{an \mid a \in A, n \in N\} = \bigcup_{a \in A} aN = \bigcup_{a \in A} Na = NA$.

$$x \in AN/N \Rightarrow \exists a \in A, n \in N \text{ st. } x = Nan = anN = aN = Na$$

$$\text{Then } \varphi(a) = Na = x.$$

- KER φ : $\varphi(a) = Na = N \Leftrightarrow a \in N$. $\ker \varphi = N$. But $a \in A$.

$$\Rightarrow A/\ker \varphi \cong AN/N \text{ ie } A/A \cap N \cong AN/N.$$

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THM (Second iso thm)

LGT γ BG & UP, $A \cong \gamma$, $B \cong \gamma$. IF $A \subseteq B$, THEN $A \cong B$,

$B/A \cong \gamma/A$ AND

$$(\gamma/A)/(B/A) \cong \gamma/B.$$

P.F. LET $\varphi: \gamma/A \rightarrow \gamma/B$ BE DEFINED BY

$$Ax \mapsto Bx.$$

WELL DEFINED: $Ax = Ay \Leftrightarrow xy^{-1} \in A \subseteq B \Rightarrow xy^{-1} \in B \Rightarrow xB = yB$.
 $Bx = By$.

THUS φ IS WELL DEFINED.

$$\text{HOM: } \varphi(AxAy) = \varphi(Axy) = Bxy = BxBy = \varphi(Ax)\varphi(Ay).$$

$$\text{SURJ: } \forall Bx \in \gamma/B, \varphi(Ax) = Bx.$$

$$\text{Ker } \varphi: \varphi(Ax) = Bx = B \Leftrightarrow x \in B$$

$$\text{so } \text{Ker } \varphi = \{ Ax \in \gamma/A \mid x \in B \} = B/A. \quad \text{QED}$$

EX: $(\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z})/(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

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Ex: • $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{P}^1 = \mathbb{T} = \{e^{i\theta} \in \mathbb{C}\}$



$$\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$$

$$a \mapsto e^{2\pi i a}$$

φ is a surj hom w/ $\ker \varphi = \mathbb{Z}$.

- LET V BE A FINITE DIM'L VECTOR SPACE OVER \mathbb{R} .

$$SL(V) = \{T: V \rightarrow V \mid T \text{ IS LINEAR OF DET } 1\}$$

$$GL(V) = \{T: V \rightarrow V \mid T \text{ IS INVERTIBLE}\}$$

$$SL(V) \cong GL(V), \quad GL(V)/SL(V) \cong \mathbb{R}^\times.$$

- CAYLEY'S THM: EVERY GROUP ISOMORPHIC TO A SUBGRP OF A PERMUTATION GROUP $S_X = \{f: X \rightarrow X \mid f \text{ IS A BIJECTION}\}$

$$\varphi: G \rightarrow S_G$$

$$a \mapsto \lambda_a: G \rightarrow G$$

$$\lambda_a(x) = ax.$$

- $\lambda_a \in S_G: \lambda_a(x) > \lambda_a(y) \Leftrightarrow ax = ay \Leftrightarrow x = y \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \lambda_a^{-1} = (\lambda_a)^{-1}. \end{array} \right\}$

$$\lambda_a(\lambda_a^{-1}x) = x \text{ SO } \lambda_a \text{ SURJECTIVE.}$$

- $\varphi(ab) = \lambda_{ab}, \quad \lambda_{ab}(x) = abx = a(bx) = \lambda_a(\lambda_b(x)) = \lambda_a \circ \lambda_b(x)$

$$\varphi(ab) > \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$$

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$$\text{ker } \varphi = \{ a \in G \mid \lambda_a = I_G \}$$

$$= \{ a \in G \mid ax = x \quad \forall x \in G \}$$

$$= \{ 1 \in G \}.$$

Thus $a = \dim(\varphi) \leq G$. \square

DEF: Let G_1, G_2 be groups. The direct product of G_1 and G_2 is

$$G_1 \times G_2 = \{ (g_1, g_2) \mid g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2 \}.$$

$$\cdot (g_1, g_2) \cdot (g_1', g_2') = (g_1 g_1', g_2 g_2')$$

$$\cdot (e_1, e_2) \cdot (g_1, g_2) =$$

Ex: $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$?