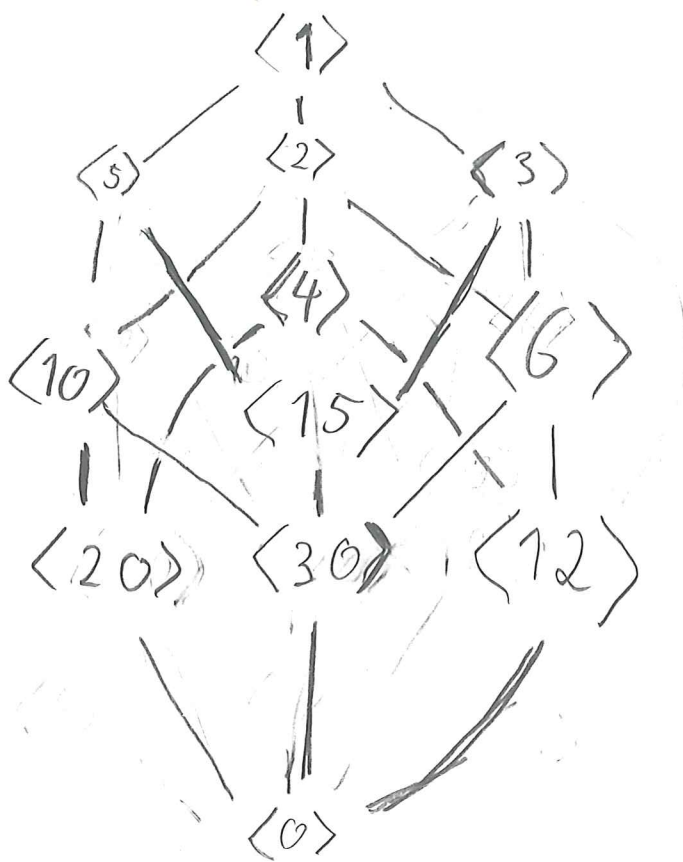


2.5.4 Draw the poset diagram for the cyclic groups of order 60.

We apply theorem 2.5.1 (p.77) which implies that the

subgroups are precisely the cyclic subgroups  $\langle a \rangle$  for all integers  $a$  s.t.  $a|60$ .

$$60 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$



2.5.7 Find all the subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  under addition

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Assume  $H$  nontrivial

Claim 1:  $H$  has a smallest positive number.  $h$

$H \cap \mathbb{Z}^+$  is non-empty, since if  $a \in H$   $a \neq 0$ , then  $a$  or  $-a$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ , and both  $a$  and  $a^-$  are in  $H$  since  $H$  contains inverses.

We then use that  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  is well-ordered, so  $H \cap \mathbb{Z}^+$  is well ordered. Call this smallest number  $h$

Claim 2  $H = \langle h \rangle$ . Clearly  $\langle h \rangle \subseteq H$ , so we must check  $\langle h \rangle \supseteq H$ . Assume  $a \in H$ ,  $a \notin \langle h \rangle$

$a \notin \langle h \rangle \Leftrightarrow h \nmid a$ , so  $\gcd(a, h) < h$ .

But  $a, h \in H \Rightarrow \gcd(a, h) \in H$

since  $\gcd(a, h) = na + mh$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

We can therefore conclude that all subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  are the groups  $\langle h \rangle$  for  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

2.5.8 Show that any subgroup of an infinite cyclic group is cyclic.

Suppose  $G = \langle a \rangle$ , and let  $m$  be the smallest integer  $m$  s.t.  $a^m \in H$ , where  $H \subseteq G$  is a subgroup.

Then  $H = \langle a^m \rangle$ . Assume for contradiction

$a^n \in H$ ,  $a^n \notin \langle a^m \rangle$  Then  $n \nmid m$ , so

$\gcd(n, m) = d \neq m$  but  $a^d = (a^m)^i (a^n)^j$

for some  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $a^d \in H$ , but  $d \neq m$ , contradicting our choice of  $m$ .

2.5.9 Suppose  $G = \langle a \rangle$  is a cyclic group.

Show that if two subgroups  $\langle a^r \rangle, \langle a^s \rangle$  are equal, then  $r = \pm s$ , and vice versa

Assume  $\langle a^r \rangle = \langle a^s \rangle$ . Then  $a^r \in \langle a^s \rangle$ ,

hence  $a^r = (a^s)^i = a^{is}$ , for  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , similarly  $a^s \in \langle a^r \rangle$   
so  $a^s = (a^r)^j = a^{js}$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Therefore  $s|r$  and  $r|s$ , hence  $r = \pm s$

Conversely if  $r = \pm s$ , then  $a^r$  or  $a^{-r}$  is in  $\langle a^s \rangle$ .

Since both  $a^r$  and  $a^{-r}$  generate  $\langle a^r \rangle$ ,  $\langle a^r \rangle \subseteq \langle a^s \rangle$

With similar reasoning we find that  $\langle a^s \rangle \subseteq \langle a^r \rangle$ ,

so  $\langle a^r \rangle = \langle a^s \rangle$

2.5.10. Suppose  $a$  is an element of a multiplicative group of order  $n$ . How many elements of  $\langle a \rangle$  are cubes.

$$a^i \text{ is a cube } \Leftrightarrow a^i = a^{3j} \text{ for some } j$$

This is equivalent to solving  $i = 3j \pmod{n}$  for some  $j$ ; i.e. we need  $i = 3j \pmod{n}$  to have a solution

This has a solution if and only if  $\gcd(3, n)$  divides  $i$

Case ①  $n$  divisible by 3 i.e.  $\gcd(3, n) = 3$

Then there are  $\frac{n}{3}$  cubes in  $\langle a \rangle$

Case ②  $n$  not divisible by 3  $\Rightarrow \gcd(3, n) = 1$   
since 3 is prime

Then there are  $n$  cubes in  $\langle a \rangle$

### 3.1.1. $S_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (1)(2)(3) = id$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (1)(23) = (23)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (123)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (12)(3) = (12)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (132)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (13)(2) = (13)$$

### 3.1.1 $S_4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1)(2)(3)(4) = \text{id} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (143)(2) = (143)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1)(2)(34) = (34) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (123)(4) = (123)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1)(243) = (243) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1234)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1432) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (124)(3) = (124)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1)(23)(4) = (23)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (14)(2)(3) = (14)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1)(234) = (234)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (13)(2)(4) = (13)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1)(24)(3) = (24)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (134)(2) = (134)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (142)(3) = (142)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1324)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (132)(4) = (132)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1342)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (13)(24)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1423)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (12)(3)(4) = (12)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (12)(34)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow (1243)$$

3.1.2 If  $\sigma = (a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_k)$  is a cycle in  $S_n$ .

Show that the order of  $\sigma$  is  $k$

If  $j < k$ ,  $\sigma^j(a_1) = a_j \neq a_1$ , so  $\sigma^j \neq \text{id}$

Hence the order of  $\sigma$  is at least  $k$

$\sigma^k(a_i) = a_i$  and  $\sigma^k(b) = b$   $b \notin \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$

so  $\sigma^k = \text{id}$ , hence the order of  $\sigma$  is  $k$



3.1.7 Prove that for integers  $n, m$ , we have  $\text{lcm}(m, n) = \frac{mn}{\text{gcd}(m, n)}$

We will prove that  $\text{lcm}(m, n) \text{gcd}(m, n) = mn$

Let  $d = \text{gcd}(m, n)$ , then

$$d \mid m \Rightarrow m = ad \quad d \mid n \Rightarrow n = bd$$

$d \mid mn \Rightarrow mn = ld$ , where  $l$  must be equal to  $abd$

Can check  $\frac{l}{m} = ad$  and  $\frac{l}{n} = bd$ , so  $l$  is a common multiple of  $m, n$

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Assume  $n \mid k$  and  $m \mid k$  i.e.  $k$  is a common multiple of  $m, n$

Then  $k = in = jm$ . Write  $d = xm + yn$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } kd &= k(xm + yn) = kxm + kyn = inxm + jmy n \\ &= (ix + jy)mn \\ kd &= (ix + jy)ld \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = (ix + jy)l$$

Since  $k$  is non-zero and  $(ix + jy)$  an integer,  $|k| \geq |l|$ , so  $l$  is the least common multiple.

3.1.10 Let  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 7 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

a) Find the disjoint cycle decomposition of  $\tau$

$$(1576) (24) (3) = (1576) (24)$$

b)  $\tau^{-1} = (1576)^{-1} (24)^{-1} (3)^{-1} = (1675) (24) (3)$

c) The order of  $\tau$  is 4, since it is the lcm of the cycle lengths.

3.7.11 a) Check that  $(14) = (1\ 2)(2\ 3)(3\ 4)(3\ 2)(2\ 1)$

Apply the permutation to  $x$ , and check what happens

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c}
 x & (14)x & (12)(23)(34)(32)(21)x \\
 \hline
 1 & 4 & 4 \\
 2 & 2 & 2 \\
 3 & 3 & 3 \\
 4 & 1 & 1 \\
 5 & 5 & 5
 \end{array}$$

b) Find the analogous decompositions of  $(1\ 3)$  and  $(2\ 7)$

$$(1\ 3) = (1\ 2)(2\ 3)(1\ 2)$$

$$(2\ 7) = (2\ 3)(3\ 4)(4\ 5)(5\ 6)(6\ 7)(5\ 6)(4\ 5)(3\ 4)(2\ 3)$$

c) The general formula for  $(a\ b)$  with  $a < b$

is

$$(a\ a+1)(a+1\ a+2) \cdots (b-1\ b)(b-2\ b-1) \cdots (a+1\ a+2)(a\ a+1)$$