

# Groups + Rings Review

Groups  $G, *$  with associativity, identity & inverses:

Examples  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$   $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}^\times, \cdot)$

• cyclic groups  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, \dots, n-1\}$   $\cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$   
 $* = +_n$

• finite abelian groups: classification  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{n_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{n_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{n_k}}$   
prime powers  
 $p_i$ 's not necessarily distinct  ~~$\mathbb{Z}_4 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$~~

• Symmetric group

$$S_n = \{ \sigma : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ bijections} \}$$

Cayley's Thm  $\forall$  group  $G$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_G$

Groups act on sets  $*: G \times X \rightarrow X$

- 1)  $e * x = x \quad \forall x \in X$
- 2)  $h * (g * x) = (hg) * x$   
 $\forall x \in X \quad g, h \in G$

• Symmetric group  $S_n$  acts on  $X = \{1, \dots, n\}$  (by definition).

$G * i := G(i)$

•  $G$  acts on itself in different ways.

example left multiplication

$$G \times G \rightarrow G$$

$$(g, h) \mapsto gh$$

conjugation :

$$G \times G \mapsto G$$

$$(g, h) \mapsto ghg^{-1}$$

•  $K$  is the splitting field of  $f(x) \in F[x]$

$G(K/F)$  acts on the set of roots of  $f(x)$   
 $Z = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d\}$

$G \in G(K/F)$  then  $G(r_i) = r_j$  and  $G$  gives  
 an element of  $S_Z \cong S_d$ . So we can  
 think of  $G(K/F) \leq S_d$

Question Why isn't every permutation of the  
 roots possible?

We can send any  $r_i$  to any  $r_j$  by extending the  
 conjugation (isomorphism  $\Phi: F(r_i) \rightarrow F(r_j)$ )  
 but this may determine where some of the  
 other roots go.

Example

$p$ -th cyclotomic  
 extensions.

$p=5 \quad \zeta = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}}$   
 $f(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

$G(\mathbb{Q})$  determines  
 the images  
 of all other  
 roots of unity

$G$  acting on  $X$   $|G|, |X| < \infty$

Orbit of  $x \in X$   $\mathcal{O}_x = \{x' \in X \mid gx = x' \exists g \in G\} \subseteq X$

$$\mathcal{O}_x = \mathcal{O}_y \iff \exists g \text{ s.t. } gx = y.$$

$X = \sqcup \mathcal{O}_i$   $\leftarrow$  partition into disjoint orbits.

Burnside's Formula  $\# \text{ orbits} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X_g|$   $|G| < \infty$ .  
 $|X_g| = |\{x \in X \mid gx = x\}| \subseteq X$

$X = \sqcup \mathcal{O}_i \Rightarrow |X| = \sum_{\text{disjoint orbits}} |\mathcal{O}_x|$  and  $|\mathcal{O}_x| = (G : G_x)$   
where  $G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = x\}$   
Stabiliser subgroup of  $x$ .



Subgroups of groups  $H \leq G$ . (Galois correspondence)

Lagrange's Thm  $|G| < \infty$  if  $H \leq G$  then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$

$\Rightarrow \text{ord}(a) = |\langle a \rangle|$  divides  $|G| \quad \forall a \in G$ .

$\Rightarrow$  if  $|G| = p$  prime no non-trivial subgroups.

Cosets of  $H$ :  $eH, a_1H, \dots, a_kH$  list disjoint cosets  $|a_iH| = |a_jH| = |H|$   
 $G = \sqcup a_iH \sqcup H$

Normal subgroups  $N \leq G$  s.t.  $gNg^{-1} = N \quad \forall g \in G$ .

$N$  normal in  $G \Leftrightarrow G/N = \{eN, a_1N, \dots\}$  form a group with operation  
 $a_1Na_2N = a_1a_2N$

Review of :  $G$

Centralizer (oblig #1)  $A \subseteq G$   $C(A) = \{g \in G \mid gag^{-1} = a \ \forall a \in A\}$   
set    subgroup of  $G$ .

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

Normalizer of  $H < G$   $N(H) = \{g \in G \mid ghg^{-1} \in H \ \forall h \in H\}$   
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back notation  $H$  normal in  $G \iff N(H) = G$ .

Kernel  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  group homomorphism  $\phi(g_1 * g_2) = \phi(g_1) * \phi(g_2)$   
 $*$   $*$   $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{g \in G \mid \phi(g) = e'\} \triangleleft G$   
 $= \phi^{-1}\{e'\}$

Proposition  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  is injective  $\iff \text{Ker}(\phi) = \{e\}$   
homomorphism

Sylow's Thms  $|G| = p^n m$   $p \nmid m$   $n \geq 1$

1) a)  $G$  contains a subgroup of order  $p^i$   $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$

b)  $H < G$   $|H| = p^i$   $i < n$  then  $H \triangleleft H'$

existence  
of subgs  
& size  
prime  
powers

2) If  $P_1, P_2$  are  $p$ -Sylow subgroups ( $|P_i| = p^n$ ) then

$P_1 = g P_2 g^{-1}$  for some  $g \in G$

related by  
conjugation

3)  $n_p = \#$   $p$ -Sylow subgroups  $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and

$n_p \mid |G|$

(If  $n_p = 1$  then  $P$   $p$ -Sylow group is normal)

How many  
 $p$ -Sylow subgroups?

Exam 2009

Problem 1

1a) Find all abelian groups of order 63 up to isom. Determine the subgroups of the cyclic one.

$63 = 3^2 \times 7$ . By classification of finite abelian groups

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{n_1}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{n_k}}$$

So there are two  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_7$  or

$$\mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_7 \cong \mathbb{Z}_{63} \leftarrow \text{cyclic}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m \cong \mathbb{Z}_{nm}$$

$$\updownarrow \text{gcd}(n,m) = 1$$

$$\text{size: } \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{21}, \mathbb{Z}_{63}$$

$\{0\}, \langle 21 \rangle, \langle 9 \rangle, \langle 7 \rangle, \langle 3 \rangle, \mathbb{Z}_{63}$

1b Let  $G$  be non-abelian of order 21. What are the possible orders of elts of  $G$ ?

Find # Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $G$   $\forall$   $p$  prime.

Determine how many elts  $G$  has of each order.

Does  $G$  have any other proper normal subgroups?

### Solution

By Lagrange possible orders of elts and subgroups divide 21 hence 1, 3, 7 or 21.

Sylow subgroups are of size 3 or 7.

$21 = 3 \cdot 7$   $n_7 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow n_7 = 1, 8, 15, \dots$   
 $n_7 \mid 21 \Rightarrow n_7 = 1 \Rightarrow H_7$  the  
unique 7-Sylow  
subgroup is  
normal in  $G$ .

$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow n_3 = \boxed{1}, \boxed{4}, \boxed{7}, 10, 13, \dots$   
and  $n_3 \mid 21$

Suppose  $n_3 = 1 \Rightarrow H_3$  the unique 3-Sylow subgroup  
is normal in  $G$ .

Consider  $\forall a, b \in G$   $aba^{-1}b^{-1}$  and show if  $H_3, H_7$   
are normal  $aba^{-1}b^{-1} = 1$  and  $G$  is abelian

$\Rightarrow$  Hence  $n_3 = 7$ .

Rings  $R, +, \cdot$   $(R, +)$  abelian group with multiplication  $\cdot$ .

If  $\cdot$  commutative  $\rightarrow R$  commutative

If  $\exists 1$  identity for  $\cdot \Rightarrow R$  has unity.

Examples  $\cdot (\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ .

Matrices , . . .

$\cdot F[x]$  polynomials with coefficients in a field  $F$ .

Ideals

$R$  commutative:  $I \subseteq R$  s.t.  $(I, +)$  is a group and  
 $\forall r \in R \quad rI \subseteq I \Rightarrow R/I$  ring of cosets is well defined.

Can quotient by ideals to get a new ring!

$R$  commutative ring with unity  $R/I$  is a field  $\iff I$  is maximal  
 $R/I$  is an integral domain  $\iff I$  is prime  $\Downarrow$

$I$  is a prime ideal if whenever  $ab \in I$  then either  $a$  or  $b$  is in  $I$ .

Example  $R = \mathbb{Z}$   $I = \langle p \rangle = \{kp \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 $p$  prime number  $I$  is a prime ideal (also maximal!)  
 $\mathbb{Z}/\langle p \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$  in



$I \subseteq R$  is a principal ideal if  $\exists a \in R$  s.t.

$$I = \langle a \rangle = \{ ra \mid r \in R \}.$$

Recall  $R = F[x]$  then every ideal  $I$  is principal. (Proof via division alg.)

Problem 3     2009