

# Some slides for 15th (and 16th) Lecture, Algebra 1

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For  $g \in G$ :

- $g^0 = e$
- $g^n = g^{n-1}g$  for  $n > 0$
- $g^n = (g^{-1})^{-n}$  for  $n < 0$

### Proposition 2.6.1

Let  $G$  be group and  $g \in G$ . The map

$$\begin{aligned} f_g : \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow G \\ n &\mapsto g^n \end{aligned}$$

is a group homomorphism from  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  to  $G$ .

- Notation:  $\langle g \rangle = f_g(\mathbb{Z}) = \{g^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
- Exercise 2.26:  $\langle g \rangle$  is an abelian group
- $\text{ord} = |\langle g \rangle|$  is called order of  $g$

- Order of  $e$ ?
- Order of  $a$ ?
- Order of  $f$ ?

$\circ$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$
$e$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$
$a$	$a$	$e$	$f$	$d$	$c$	$b$
$b$	$b$	$d$	$e$	$f$	$a$	$c$
$c$	$c$	$f$	$d$	$e$	$b$	$a$
$d$	$d$	$b$	$c$	$a$	$f$	$e$
$f$	$f$	$c$	$a$	$b$	$e$	$d$



$$\begin{aligned} f_g : \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow G \\ n &\mapsto g^n \end{aligned}$$

Proof Proposition 2.6.1: ( $f_g$  is a group homomorphism)

By definition of  $g^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

- $f_{g^{-1}}(-m) = f_g(m)$ , for every  $g \in G, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $f_g(m+1) = f_g(m)f_g(1)$ , for every  $g \in G, m \geq 0$ .
- $f_g(m-1) = f_g(m)f_g(-1)$ , for every  $g \in G, m \geq 0$

Hence,

- $f_g(m+1) = f_g(m)f_g(1)$  for every  $g \in G, m \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $f_g(m+n) = f_g(m)f_g(n)$  for every  $g \in G, m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$
- If  $n < 0$ :  $f_g(m+n) = f_{g^{-1}}(-m+(-n)) = f_{g^{-1}}(-m)f_{g^{-1}}(-n) = f_g(m)f_g(n)$

### Proposition 2.6.3

Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $g \in G$ .

- 1  $\text{ord}(g)$  divides  $|G|$
- 2  $g^{|G|} = e$
- 3 If  $g^n = e$  for some  $n > 0$  then  $\text{ord}(g)$  divides  $n$

If  $H \subset G$  is a subgroup of a finite group  $G$  then  $|G| = [G : H]|H|$

$$\begin{aligned} f_g : \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow G \\ n &\mapsto g^n \end{aligned}$$

Proof:  $\text{ord}(g)$  divides  $|G|$

- Let  $H = \langle g \rangle$ . Then  $|H| = \text{ord}(g)$ .
- Apply Lagrange's theorem.

Proof:  $g^{|G|} = e$

- $g^{|G|} = g^{\text{ord}(g)[G:H]} = (g^{\text{ord}(g)})^{[G:H]} = e^{[G:H]} = e$

proof: If  $g^n = e$  for some  $n > 0$  then  $\text{ord}(g)$  divides  $n$

- If  $g^n = e$ ,  $n \in \ker(f_g) = \text{ord}(g)\mathbb{Z}$
- Thus  $\text{ord}(g) | n$

For  $g \in G$ ,  $\langle g \rangle = f_g(\mathbb{Z}) = \{g^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Hence,  $\langle g \rangle \subset G$

A **cyclic group** is a group  $G$  containing an element  $g$  such that  $G = \langle g \rangle$ .

Such a  $g$  is called a **generator** of  $G$  and we say that  $G$  is generated by  $g$ .

$$\begin{array}{rcl} f_g : \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & G \\ n & \mapsto & g^n \end{array}$$

What is  $\text{Ker}(f_g)$ ?

How are the subgroups of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ?

Group isomorphism Theorem (Theorem 2.5.1):

$$\mathbb{Z}/n_g\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \langle g \rangle = G$$

for some unique natural number  $n_g \geq 0$ .

### Proposition 2.7.2

A group  $G$  of prime order  $|G| = p$  is isomorphic to the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$

Proof:

- Let  $g \in G$  with  $g \neq e$
- $H = \langle g \rangle \subset G$  and it has more than one element
- By Lagrange's Theorem,  $|H|$  divides  $p = |G|$
- Then  $|H| = |G|$  and therefore  $H = G$  (since  $H \subset G$ )
- Thus,  $f_g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$  is a surjective morphism.
- $\ker(f_g) = p\mathbb{Z}$  ( $\text{ord}(p)$  divides  $|G|$ )
- Apply Theorem 2.5.1-Isomorphism theorem

# Example

- $[a] = a + 12\mathbb{Z}$
- $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots, [10], [11]\}$

Table for  $\text{ord}([a])$ :

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]
1	12	6	4	3	12	2	12	3	4	6	12

- For a divisor  $d$  of 12. There is a unique subgroup of order  $d$ , the subgroup generated by  $[12/d]$
- There are  $\varphi(d)$  elements of order  $d$  ( $d$  divisor of 12)

$d$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$\varphi(d)$	0	1	1	2	2	4	2	6	4	6	4	10	4

### Proposition 2.7.4

Let  $G$  be a cyclic group

- Every subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic
- Suppose that  $G$  is finite and that  $d$  is a divisor in  $|G|$ . Then  $G$  contains a unique subgroup  $H$  of order  $d$ .
- There are  $\varphi(d)$  elements of order  $d$  in  $G$ . These are the generators of  $H$ .

Proof: Every subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic. If  $|G|$  is infinite:

- Then  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}$
- The subgroups of  $G$  are  $d\mathbb{Z}$ , with  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . They are cyclic and generated by  $d$ .

Proof: Every subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic. If  $|G| = N > 0$  is finite:

- Let  $G = \{[0], [1], \dots, [N-1]\}$  and  $H \subset G$  a subgroup
- If  $H \neq \{0\}$  consider smallest  $d > 0$ , s.t.  $[d] \in H$
- Euclid's trick: If  $[n] \in H$  then  $[n - qd] = [r] \in H$  for  $n = qd + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < d$ .
- But, since  $d$  is minimal:  $r = 0$  and  $H = \langle [d] \rangle$

Proof: Suppose that  $G$  is finite and that  $d$  is a divisor in  $|G|$ . Then  $G$  contains a unique subgroup  $H$  of order  $d$ .

- Let  $m = N/d$ , then  $[m]$  is an element of order  $d$  in  $G$ .
- If  $[n]$  is another element of order  $d$  then  $[dn] = [0]$
- Then  $N|nd$  and  $m|n$ . That is, an element of order  $d$  is a multiple of  $[m]$
- But by (1), subgroups are cyclic. Hence,  $H = \langle [m] \rangle$  is the only subgroup of order  $d$

Proof there are  $\varphi(d)$  elements of order  $d$  in  $G$ . These are the generators of  $H$ :

- $H$  unique subgroup of order  $d$ , the elements of order  $d$  in  $G$  must be in one-to-one correspondence with the generators of  $H$ .
- $H = \{[0], [1], \dots, [d-1]\}$  since  $H \cong \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$

The  $\varphi(d)$  elements of order  $d$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  are

$$\left\{ \left[ k \frac{N}{d} \right] : 0 \leq k < d, \gcd(k, d) = 1 \right\}$$

## Corollary 2.7.6

Let  $N$  be a positive integer. Then

$$\sum_{d|N} \varphi(d) = N,$$

(the sum is over the divisors of  $N$ )

Proof:

- Let  $G$  be the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .
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$$N = \sum_{g \in G} 1 = \sum_{d|N} \sum_{g \in G, \text{ord}(g)=d} 1 \stackrel{\text{Prop. 2.7.4(3)}}{=} \sum_{d|N} \varphi(d)$$

# Revisiting Euler's theorem proof

## Theorem 1.7.2 (Euler)

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  relative prime. Then

$$a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Proof:

- List the numbers (lower than  $n$ ) relative prime to  $n$ :

$$0 < a_1 < \dots < a_{\varphi(n)} < n$$

Claim:  $\{[aa_1]_n, \dots, [aa_{\varphi(n)}]_n\} = \{a_1, \dots, a_{\varphi(n)}\}$

- $[aa_i]_n = [aa_j]_n \Rightarrow n \mid a(a_i - a_j) \Rightarrow n \mid (a_i - a_j) \Rightarrow i = j.$
- $\gcd(n, aa_i) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(n, [aa_i]_n) = 1$

# Revisiting Euler's theorem proof

- Hence  $[aa_1]_n \cdots [aa_{\varphi(n)}]_n = a_1 \cdots a_{\varphi(n)}$
- Then  $aa_1 \cdots aa_{\varphi(n)} \equiv a_1 \cdots a_{\varphi(n)} \pmod{n}$ , but  $aa_1 \cdots aa_{\varphi(n)} = a^{\varphi(n)} a_1 \cdots a_{\varphi(n)}$ .
- That is,  $n \mid a_1 \cdots a_{\varphi(n)} (a^{\varphi(n)} - 1)$ .
- By corollary 1.5.10,  $n \mid (a^{\varphi(n)} - 1)$ .
- That is,  $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

# New proof for Euler's theorem

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  relative prime. Then

$$a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Proof:

- Consider  $G = (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$  with order  $\varphi(n)$
- Since  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ ,  $[a] \in G$
- Prop. 2.6.3 (2) is  $g^{|G|} = e$ , hence:

$$[a]^{|G|} = [a]^{\varphi(n)} = [1]$$

- Hence,  $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

## Theorem 1.6.4-The Chinese remainder theorem

Let  $N = n_1 \cdots n_t$ , with  $n_1, \dots, n_t \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\gcd(n_i, n_j) = 1$ , for  $i \neq j$ . Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} X \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1} \\ X \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2} \\ \vdots \\ X \equiv a_t \pmod{n_t} \end{cases}$$

With  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

- 1 The system has a solution  $X \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- 2 If  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$  are solutions of the system then  $X \equiv Y \pmod{N}$ . If  $X$  is a solution of the system and  $X \equiv Y \pmod{N}$  then  $Y$  is a solution of the system.

# Revisiting the remainder map

Suppose that  $N = n_1 \cdots n_t$ , where  $n_1, \dots, n_t \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\gcd(n_i, n_j) = 1$  if  $i \neq j$ . Then the remainder map

$$r : \mathbb{Z}/N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n_1 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_t$$

is bijective

We should define the product of groups to extend the Chinese remainder theorem:

If  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  are groups then the product

$$G = G_1 \times \cdots \times G_n = \{(g_1, \dots, g_n) : g_i \in G_i \forall i\}$$

has the natural composition

$$(g_1, \dots, g_n)(h_1, \dots, h_n) = (g_1 h_1, \dots, g_n h_n)$$

$G$  is a group called **product group**:

- Associative: because each component is associative
- Neutral element:  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$
- Inverse  $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$ :  $g^{-1} = (g_1^{-1}, \dots, g_n^{-1})$ .

If we have group homomorphisms  $\varphi : H \rightarrow G_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .  
We have a group homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : H &\rightarrow G = G_1 \times \cdots \times G_n \\ g &\mapsto (\varphi_1(g), \dots, \varphi_n(g)) \end{aligned}$$

### Lemma 2.8.1

Let  $M, N$  be normal subgroups of a group  $G$  with  $M \cap N = \{e\}$ . Then  $MN$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\pi : M \times N &\rightarrow MN \\ (x, y) &\mapsto xy\end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof: By lemma 2.3.6,  $MN$  is a subgroup.

### Lemma 2.3.6

Let  $H$  and  $K$ , where  $H$  is normal, be subgroups of a group. Then  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

## Lemma 2.8.1

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is an isomorphism.

Proof:  $\pi$  homomorphism.  $(xy)(x'y') = (xx')(yy')$ ?

- $(xy)(x'y') = (xx')(x'^{-1}yx'y^{-1})(yy')$
- But  $x'^{-1}yx'y^{-1} \in M \cap N = \{e\}$ , since  $M, N$  are normal.

Proof:  $\pi$  isomorphism

- $\pi(M \times N) = MN$ , it is surjective
- $\ker(\pi) \cong M \cap N = \{e\}$
- Apply isomorphism theorem

### Proposition 2.8.2-Group version of Chinese remainder theorem

Let  $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \mathbb{Z}$  be pairwise relative prime integers and let  $N = n_1 \cdots n_r$ . If  $\varphi_i$  denotes the canonical group homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{n_i\mathbb{Z}} : \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n_i\mathbb{Z} \\ x &\mapsto [x]\end{aligned}$$

then the map

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\varphi} : \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_r\mathbb{Z} \\ x + N\mathbb{Z} &\mapsto (\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_r(x))\end{aligned}$$

is a group isomorphism.

Proof:

- We know  $\varphi$  is a group homomorphism. Why?

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi : \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_r\mathbb{Z} \\ x &\mapsto (\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_r(x))\end{aligned}$$

- If  $n \in \ker(\varphi)$ , then  $n_1|n, \dots, n_r|n$ .
- Since  $n_1, \dots, n_r$  are relative prime,  $N = n_1 \cdots n_r | n$ . So  $\ker(\varphi) \subset N\mathbb{Z}$
- It is clear that  $N\mathbb{Z} \subset \ker(\varphi)$  (is it?). Hence,  $\ker(\varphi) = N\mathbb{Z}$
- By isomorphism theorem and since the map is surjective (why?), we have that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\varphi} : \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_r\mathbb{Z} \\ x + N\mathbb{Z} &\mapsto (\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_r(x))\end{aligned}$$

(it is surjective because  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_r\mathbb{Z}$  have the same order)

# Let's think about cyclic groups and this theorem

To remember it:

A **cyclic group** is a group  $G$  containing an element  $g$  such that  $G = \langle g \rangle$ .

Such a  $g$  is called a **generator** of  $G$  and we say that  $G$  is generated by  $g$ .

For  $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \mathbb{Z}$  pairwise relative prime integers and  $N = n_1 \cdots n_r$ . We have

$$\mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_r\mathbb{Z}$$

is a cyclic group isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .