

Some slides for 6th Lecture, Algebra

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A pair (G, \circ) consisting of a set G and a composition

$\circ : G \times G \rightarrow G$ is a **group** if it satisfies:

- 1 The composition is associative: for every $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in G$,
 $s_1 \circ (s_2 \circ s_3) = (s_1 \circ s_2) \circ s_3$.
- 2 There is a neutral element $e \in G$: for every $s \in G$,
 $e \circ s = s \circ e = e$.
- 3 For every $s \in G$ there is an inverse element $t \in G$ such
that $s \circ t = t \circ s = e$.

A group is called **abelian or commutative** if for every $g, h \in G$:

$$g \circ h = h \circ g$$

The number of elements $|G| = \#G$ in G is called the **order** of G .

A **subgroup** of a group G is a non-empty subset $H \subset G$ such that the composition of G makes it into a group. That is H is a subgroup of G if and only if

- 1 $e \in H$
- 2 $x^{-1} \in H$ for every $x \in H$
- 3 $xy \in H$, for every $x, y \in H$

In S_3 : $\{e, a\}$ and $\{e, f, d\}$ are subgroups. How do we see it?

\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

$(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a group. Application of division with remainder:

Proposition 2.2.3

Let H be a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$. Then

$$H = d\mathbb{Z} = \{dn : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

for a unique number $d \in \mathbb{N}$.

- If $H = \{0\}$, then set $d = 0$.

Proof $d\mathbb{Z} \subset H$:

- For $H \neq \{0\}$, $\mathbb{N} \cap H$ contains a smallest number $d > 0$
- Then, $-d \in H$
- Also, $d + \dots + d \in H$ and $(-d) + \dots + (-d) \in H$

Proof $H \subset d\mathbb{Z}$:

- Let $m \in H$, division: $m = qd + r$, with $0 \leq r < d$
- $m, d \in H \Rightarrow -qd \in H$ and $r = m - qd \in H$
- But d was the first element, then $r = 0$ and $m = qd$

$L = \text{rotations} + \text{reflections}$

$$G = \{I, R, S, T, D, E\}$$



Let H be a subgroup of G and $g \in G$. Then the subset

$$gH = \{gh : h \in H\} \subset G$$

is called a **left coset** of H .

The subset

$$Hg = \{hg : h \in H\} \subset G$$

is called a **right coset** of H .

(coset=sideklasse)

Notation:

- G/H : The set of left cosets of H
- $H \backslash G$: The set of right cosets of H

Lemma 2.2.6

Let H be a subgroup of a group G and let $x, y \in G$. Then

- 1 $x \in xH$
- 2 $xH = yH \Leftrightarrow x^{-1}y \in H$
- 3 If $xH \neq yH$ then $xH \cap yH = \emptyset$
- 4 The map $\varphi : H \rightarrow xH$ given by $\varphi(h) = xh$ is bijective.

Proof (1):

- $x = xe$ ($e \in H$), hence $x \in xH$

Proof (2):

- If $xH = yH$ then $xh = ye = y$ for some $h \in H$. Then $x^{-1}y = h \in H$.
- If $x^{-1}y = h \in H$ then $y = xh$. Then, $yH \subset xH$.
- Since $x = yh^{-1}$ we get $xH \subset yH$.

Proof (3): If $xH \neq yH$ then $xH \cap yH = \emptyset$

- Let $z \in xH \cap yH$, then $z = xh_1 = yh_2$ for some $h_1, h_2 \in H$.
- Then, $x^{-1}y \in H$ and $xH = yH$ by (2).

Proof (4): The map $\varphi : H \rightarrow xH$ given by $\varphi(h) = xh$ is bijective.

- φ is multiplication by x , then it is bijective.
- It is just the restriction to H

Corollary 2.2.7

Let H be a subgroup of G . Then

$$G = \bigcup_{g \in G} gH,$$

and if $g_1H \neq g_2H$ then $g_1H \cap g_2H = \emptyset$.

Proof:

Think in (1) and (3) of previous lemma:

- $x \in xH$
- If $xH \neq yH$ then $xH \cap yH = \emptyset$

Theorem 2.2.8 Lagrange

If $H \subset G$ is a subgroup of a finite group G then

$$|G| = |G/H||H|$$

The order of a subgroup divides the order of the group

Proof:

- Let gH be a coset in G/H .
- We know that there is a bijection between gH and H . Then $|gH| = |H|$.
- G is disjoint union of cosets, hence $|G|$ is equal to the number of cosets times $|H|$

The number of cosets $|G/H|$ is called the **index** of H in G and denoted by $[G : H]$.