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Definition Left Coset

Lemma Since $a^{-1}b \in H$ is an equivalence relation with equivalence classes aH , we get the following: Let G be a group, $H \leq G, a, b \in G$. 1) $b \in aH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$. 2) $aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$. 3) $aH = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$. 4) $aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow aH = bH$.

Definition Alternating Group

Theorem **Lagrange's** Let $H \leq G, G$ a finite group, then $|H| \mid |G|$.

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Corollaries of Lagrange Let G be a finite group. 1) $\circ(a) \mid |G|, \forall a \in G$.

2) $a^{|G|} = 1$. 3) Every group of order p (prime) is cyclic.

4) Every group of order 4 is Abelian.

Theorem (Fermat) Let p be prime and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

Theorem (Euler) If $\gcd(r, m) = 1$, then $r^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$, where $\phi(m)$ = the number of integers k with $1 \leq k \leq m$ and $\gcd(k, m) = 1$.

Theorem (Wilson's) An integer p is prime iff $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

From Monday, **Lemma** G is a group and $a \in G$. If $\circ(a) = n < \infty$, then $\langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$ where $e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}$ are n distinct elements in G .

The order of a group = the number of elements in the group, $|G|$. So the lemma gives us that $\circ(a) = |\langle a \rangle|$. We will prove this on Wednesday.

Wednesday,

Theorem/Lemma (take your pick) restated:

If $\circ(a) = n < \infty$, then $\langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$ where $e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}$ are all disjoint.

Proof:

Let $H = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$. We will show $H = \langle a \rangle$.

\subseteq : Recall that $\langle a \rangle$ is the smallest subgroup of G containing a .

$H \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ as $\langle a \rangle$ must contain every integral power of a , and every element of H is an integral power of a .

\supseteq : Let $a^k \in \langle a \rangle$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. By the division algorithm, $k = nq + r$, hence $a^k = a^{nq+r} = a^{nq} a^r = a^r \in H$, where $n = \circ(a)$ and $0 \leq r < n$.

$\therefore \langle a \rangle \subseteq H$.

Distinct elements: Assume $a^i = a^j, i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$.

Then $a^i \cdot (a^i)^{-1} = a^j \cdot (a^i)^{-1}$

$$a^i \cdot a^{-j} = e$$

$$a^{i-j} = e$$

$\therefore i-j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\} \therefore i-j < n$.

Since $\circ(a) = n$, then $i-j = 0$, hence $i = j$.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_{12} &= \langle [1] \rangle = \{ [1]n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ [0], [1], [2], \dots, [11] \} \\ &= \langle [5] \rangle = \{ [5]n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ [5], [10], [3], [8], [1], \dots, [0] \} \\ &= \langle [7] \rangle = \{ [7]n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ [7], [2], [9], [4], [11], \dots, [0] \} \\ &= \langle [11] \rangle = \{ [11]n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ [11], [10], [9], [8], \dots, [0] \} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition Let $G = \langle a \rangle$ and $\circ(a) = n$. Then a^k is a generator of $G \Leftrightarrow \gcd(k, n) = 1$.

Proof:

Since $|G| = n$, then

$$\begin{aligned} G &= \langle a^k \rangle \\ \Leftrightarrow \circ(a^k) &= n \quad (\text{by lemma at top of page}) \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)} &= n \quad (\text{by gcd theorem given 9/14/09}) \\ \Leftrightarrow \gcd(n, k) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Example Find all subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{12} .

- 1) $\langle [0] \rangle = \{ [0] \}$,
- 2) $\langle [1] \rangle = \{ [0], [1], [2], \dots, [11] \} = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$,
- 3) $\langle [2] \rangle = \{ [2], [4], [6], [8], [10], [0] \} = \langle [10] \rangle$,
- 4) $\langle [3] \rangle = \{ [3], [6], [9], [0] \} = \langle [9] \rangle$,
- 5) $\langle [4] \rangle = \{ [4], [8], [0] \} = \langle [8] \rangle$,
- 6) $\langle [6] \rangle = \{ [6], [0] \}$,
- 7) $\langle [5] \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$, 8) $\langle [7] \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$, 9) $\langle [11] \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$.

Proposition All subgroups of a cyclic group are cyclic.

Proof: Homework, #34.

Proposition If G is a cyclic group, then G has a *unique* subgroup of order d for all divisors d of n .

Proof: Homework, #35.

Let G be a group and $H \leq G$, $a, b \in G$. Define the relation $a \sim b$ if $a^{-1}b \in H$.

Claim: This is an equivalence relation.

Proof:

Reflexivity: Since $a^{-1}a = 1_G = 1_H \in H$, then $a \sim a$.

Symmetry: Since $H \leq G$, then $a^{-1}b \in H$ implies that $(a^{-1}b)^{-1} = b^{-1}a \in H$.

$\therefore a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$.

Transitivity: Suppose $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim c$, then $a^{-1}b \in H$ and $b^{-1}c \in H$,

then $(a^{-1}b)(b^{-1}c) = a^{-1}(b \cdot b^{-1})c = a^{-1}c \in H$.

\therefore If $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim c$, then $a \sim c$.

$\therefore a \sim b$ is an equivalence relation.

Question What do the equivalence classes look like?

$\forall a, b \in G, a^{-1}b \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1}b = h$ for some $h \in H$.

$\therefore b = ah$

Definition Let $H \leq G$. The *left coset* of a in G is $aH = \{ ah \mid h \in H \}$.

Note: The set of cosets are the equivalence classes from above.

Example $Q = (\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k)$.
 Let $H = \{\pm 1\}$, then
 $1H = H = -1H$.
 $iH = \{\pm i\} = -iH$.
 $jH = \{\pm j\} = -jH$.
 $kH = \{\pm k\} = -kH$.

These cosets are mutually disjoint and cover all of Q .

Example Let group $G = \mathbb{R}$, $H = \mathbb{Z}$.
 $0.5 + \mathbb{Z} = 1.5 + \mathbb{Z}$.
 What can a complete, non-redundant set of representatives come from?
 $[0, 1)$.

Example Let group $G = S_3$, $H = \{(1), (12)\}$.
 $(13)H = \{(13), (123)\} \neq \{(13), (132)\} = H(13)$.
 So left cosets are not always equal to right cosets, even though there is the same number of each of them for any group.

Lemma Since $a^{-1}b \in H$ is an equivalence relation with equivalence classes aH , we get the following:

Let G be a group, $H \leq G$, $a, b \in G$.

1) $b \in aH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$.

(\Leftarrow : $a^{-1}b \in H \Rightarrow aa^{-1}b = b = ah$ where $h \in H$, hence $b \in aH$.)

2) $aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$.

(\Leftarrow : $(a^{-1}b)^{-1} = b^{-1}a \in H \Rightarrow bb^{-1}a = a = bh$ where $h \in H$, hence $a \in bH$.)

3) $aH = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$.

(\Rightarrow : Since if $aH = H$, then $ah \in H$ and $ahh^{-1} = a \in H$.)

4) $aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow aH = bH$.

($ah \in aH \cap bH \Rightarrow ah \in bH \Rightarrow a \in bH \Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H \Rightarrow aH = bH$.)

Throwing in groups means we now get the following:

1) $aH \leq G \Leftrightarrow a \in H$.

(Since $aH \leq G$, then $ah \in aH \Rightarrow (ah)^{-1} = h^{-1}a^{-1} \in aH \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a \in H$.)

2) $|aH| = |H|$.

(We can show there is a bijection $\phi: H \rightarrow aH$. Let $\phi(h) = ah$. To show 1-1, suppose $\phi(h) = \phi(g)$, then $ah = ag$. Since $a, h, g \in G$ then cancellation holds and $h = g$. To show onto, let $y \in aH$, then $a^{-1}y \in H$, hence $\exists h \in H$ such that $\phi(h) = y$.)

Definition The *alternating group* A_n is the set of all even permutations in S_n .

$$A_n \leq S_n.$$

Proof:

By definition $A_n \subseteq S_n$. Now we apply the subgroup test.

Let $\alpha, \beta \in A_n$ where $\alpha = \tau_1 \tau_2 \cdots \tau_{2k}$ and $\beta = \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \cdots \gamma_{2j}$ are products of transpositions, $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $\alpha\beta^{-1} = \tau_1 \tau_2 \cdots \tau_{2k} \gamma_{2j}^{-1} \cdots \gamma_2^{-1} \gamma_1^{-1}$, which is an even product of transpositions. Hence $\alpha\beta^{-1} \in A_n$. $\therefore A_n \leq S_n$.

Question How many distinct cosets are there? 2, even permutations and odd

Let $\alpha \in S_n - A_n$. Thus, α is odd, hence $(12)\alpha$ is even.

$\therefore (12)\alpha \in A_n$. Since $(12)\alpha = (12)^{-1}\alpha$, then we can apply property (1), $b \in aH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$ to get $\alpha \in (12)A_n$. So $S_n = A_n \cup (12)A_n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } |S_n| &= |A_n \cup (12)A_n| \\ &= |A_n| \cup |(12)A_n| \text{ (Since } A_n \text{ and } (12)A_n \text{ are disjoint).} \\ &= 2|A_n|. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } (1/2)|S_n| = |A_n|.$$

Theorem Lagrange's Theorem

Let $H \leq G$, G a finite group, then $|H| \mid |G|$.

Proof:

Let a_1H, a_2H, \dots, a_nH be a list of all distinct cosets.

Then $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^n a_iH$ since $\forall g \in G, g \in gH = a_iH$ for some i .

And since $\forall a, b \in G, aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow aH = bH$, we have that the cosets partition G into pairwise disjoint subsets.

$$\text{Thus, } |G| = \sum_{i=1}^n |a_iH| = n|H|, \text{ hence } |H| \mid |G| \text{ as desired.}$$

Definition The *index* of H in G , denoted $[G:H]$ is the number of distinct left cosets of H in G .

The index $[G:H]$ is the number n in the formula $|G| = n|H|$ used in the proof of Lagrange, thus $|G| = [G:H] \cdot |H|$.

Corollaries of Lagrange

Let G be a finite group.

$$1) \circ(a) \mid |G|, \forall a \in G.$$

Proof: $\circ(a) = |\langle a \rangle|$ by previous lemma.

$$|\langle a \rangle| \mid |G| \text{ by Lagrange's Theorem.}$$

$$2) a^{|G|} = 1.$$

Proof: By (1), $\circ(a) \mid |G|$. By Theorem 2.24, $a^{|G|} = 1$.

3) Let p be a prime. Then every group of order p is cyclic.

Proof: Let $a \in G, a \neq 1, \circ(a) = d, |G| = p, p$ a prime integer. Since $\circ(a) \mid |G|$, then $d \mid p$.

We have proven previously that $\circ(a) = |\langle a \rangle|$, hence $|\langle a \rangle| = p$.
Since $\langle a \rangle \leq G$ and $|\langle a \rangle| = |G|$, then $\langle a \rangle = G$.

4) Every group of order 4 is Abelian.

Proof: Let G be a group of order 4.

If G is cyclic, then we're done (since $a^i a^j = a^{i+j} = a^{j+i} = a^j a^i$).

Assume G is not cyclic and let $x \in G, x \neq 1$.

Then $\circ(x) \mid |G|$ by (1), so $\circ(x) \mid 4$.

This implies that $\circ(x) \in \{1, 2, 4\}$.

But $\circ(x) \neq 4$, as $4 = \circ(x) = |\langle x \rangle| = |G| \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle = G$, which contradicts our assumption. And $\circ(x) \neq 1$, by assumption. $\therefore \circ(x) = 2$. $\therefore x^2 = e$.

We now show this implies G is Abelian.

Let $a, b \in G$, then $ab \in G$ and $e = (ab)^2 = (ab)(ab) = a(ba)b$.

Thus $a^{-1}b^{-1} = a^{-1}eb^{-1} = a^{-1}a(ba)bb^{-1} = ba$.

Since $a^2 = e \Rightarrow a = a^{-1}$, then we have $a^{-1}b^{-1} = ab = ba$.

$\therefore G$ is Abelian.

Klein 4 Group

There are only 2 groups of order 4, the Klein 4 Group and the cyclic \mathbb{Z}_4 .

	e	a	b	c
e	e	a	b	c
a	a	e	c	b
b	b	c	e	a
c	c	b	a	e

Number Theory Corollaries

$U(\mathbb{Z}_m) = \{[r] \mid \gcd(r, m) = 1\}$. This is a group with respect to multiplication.

Can use $ra + mb = 1$ to find inverses. If p is prime, then $|U(\mathbb{Z}_p)| = p - 1$.

$\mathbb{Z}_p = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots, [p-1]\}$. Proof is on p. 70.

Theorem (Fermat)

Let p be prime and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

Proof:

$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow [a]^p = [a]$ in $U(\mathbb{Z}_p)$. $[a]^{p-1} = [1]$ since $|U(\mathbb{Z}_p)| = p - 1$.

$\therefore [a]^p = [a]$.

Theorem (Euler)

If $\gcd(r, m) = 1$, then $r^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$, where
 $\phi(m)$ = the number of integers k with $1 \leq k \leq m$ and $\gcd(k, m) = 1$.

Proof:

Suppose $\gcd(r, m) = 1$. Since $U(\mathbb{Z}_m) = \{[r] \mid \gcd(r, m) = 1\}$, then
 $|U(\mathbb{Z}_m)| = \phi(m)$.

$\therefore [r]^{\phi(m)} = [1]$ since $a^{|G|} = 1$.

This is equivalent to $r^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

Theorem (Wilson's)

An integer p is prime iff $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

Proof:

\Rightarrow : Let p be a prime number. We want to show $[(p-1)!] = [-1]$ in \mathbb{Z}_p .

We know $[(p-1)!] = [2][3]\cdots[p-1]$ in $U(\mathbb{Z}_p)$.

If an element is not its own inverse, it will cancel with its inverse in this product. The remaining factors will each have order 2.

Let $[a] \in U(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ where $[a] \neq [1]$ and $[a]^2 = [1]$.

Then $p \mid a^2 - 1 \Rightarrow p \mid (a-1)(a+1) \Rightarrow p \mid a-1$ or $p \mid a+1$.

Since $[a] \neq [1]$, then $[a] = [-1]$. $\therefore [(p-1)!] = [-1]$ as desired.

\Leftarrow : We'll prove the contrapositive. Assume m is composite.

Then $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $m = ab$ and $1 < a \leq b < m$.

If $a < b$, then $m = ab$ is a divisor of $(m-1)!$, and so $(m-1)! \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$.

If $a = b$, then $m = a^2$. If $a = 2$, then $(a^2 - 1)! = 3! = 6 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ and $\sim(2 \equiv -1 \pmod{4})$.

If $2 < a$, then $2a < a^2$, and so a and $2a$ are factors of $(a^2 - 1)!$; thus, $(a^2 - 1)! \equiv 0 \pmod{a^2}$.

$\therefore \sim[(m-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{m}]$.

Hand in #35 Monday.

On Monday, we will cover 2.5 and 2.6 jointly. We will start with

$$G/H = \{aH \mid a \in G\}$$

$(aH) * (bH) = abH$ Is this well-defined?

Yes, if it has normality.