

- Plan: Basic group theory (Appendix C from "topological manifold")
- definitions
  - cosets and quotients
  - 1st isomorphism theorem

Recap:

Def:

Group  $(G, \cdot)$ ,

a set with a binary operation  $G \times G \rightarrow G$

We write  $g \cdot h = gh$

1. Associativity  $(gh)k = g(hk)$

2. Identity  $\exists e$ , s.t.  $ge = eg = g$

3. Inverse For  $g$ ,  $\exists g^{-1}$ , s.t.  $gg^{-1} = g^{-1}g = e$

Order:  $|G|$

Abelian group: "Commutative"  $g, h \in G$   
 $gh = hg$

Subgroup:

$K \subset G$ ,  $K$  is closed under products and inverses  
 we say  $K$  is a subgroup.

Now, consider maps that preserve structure

Def

$f$  is a homomorphism if

$$f: (G_1, *_1) \rightarrow (G_2, *_2)$$

$$f(g *_1 h) = f(g) *_2 f(h)$$

(simply write  $f(gh) = f(g)f(h)$ )

kernel of  $f$ :  $\ker f = f^{-1}(e)$

Example:  $C_g, h \mapsto ghg^{-1}$

$$ghkg^{-1} = gh(g^{-1}g)kg^{-1}$$

$$= C_g(h) C_g(k)$$

Ex.

1. Identity is unique
2. Inverse is unique
3. Cancellation law make sense  
i.e.  $au = av \Rightarrow u = v$
4.  $f$  injective  $\Leftrightarrow \ker f = \{e\}$
5. If  $f$  bijective then  $f^{-1}$  is also homomorphism.

(Hence, if  $f$  is a bijective homomorphism, we say  $f$  is an isomorphism  $f: G \rightarrow H$ ,  $G, H$  are isomorphic)

6. The image and preimage of a subgroup is still a subgroup.  
In particular,  $\ker f = f^{-1}(\{e\})$  is also a subgroup.

Def: Subgroup  $H \subset G$ ,  $g \in G$

the (left) coset of  $H$  by  $g$  is

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

Congruence modulo  $H$

$$g \equiv g' \pmod{H} \text{ iff } g^{-1}g' \in H$$

defines

an equivalence relation

Or in other words,

$$\exists h \in H, \text{ s.t. } hg = g'$$

Consider quotient

The elements  $\{G/H\}$  are cosets  $gH$

Def:  $K \subset G$  is normal

$$\text{if } gKg^{-1} = K \quad \forall g \in G$$

$$gKg^{-1} = K \Leftrightarrow \underline{gK = Kg}$$

Def: For normal  $K \subset G$ ,

we have

$$(gK)(g'K) = (gg')K$$

on  $G/K$

and  $G/K$  with this operation is a group.

Lemma:  $K$  normal in  $G$

Given  $f: G \rightarrow H$  homomorphism

and  $\boxed{\ker f \supset K}$

$\exists!$   $\tilde{f}: G/K \rightarrow H$

$$G \xrightarrow{f} H$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{f} & \\ G/K & & \end{array}$$

and  $f = \tilde{f} \circ \pi$ .

(We say  $f$  descends to the quotient)

Proof:  $f$  is constant on  $aK$

$$\tilde{f}(gK) = f(g)$$

The rest follows from homework.

Thm: (First Isomorphism Thm)

When  $\{K = \ker f\}$ ,  $f: G \rightarrow H$

$f$  is surjective,

then  $\tilde{f}: G/K \rightarrow H$

Proof:  $f$  surj  $\Rightarrow \tilde{f}$  surj

Recall:  $\tilde{f}$  is inj.  $\Leftrightarrow \ker \tilde{f}$  is  $\{e\}$

$$\ker f \Rightarrow \ker \tilde{f} = \{eK\}$$

Hence,

$\square$

$$G/K = H$$

Note that  $\ker f$  of an homomorphism is normal.

Proof:  $gKg^{-1} = K$

Consider  $h \in \ker f$ ,

$$f(h) = e$$

$$f(g h g^{-1}) = f(g) e f(g^{-1})$$

$$\stackrel{\text{ker } f}{\cong} = f(g) f(g)^{-1} = e$$

$\Rightarrow f$  surjective,

$$G/\ker f = H$$

# Cyclic Groups

Def A group  $G$  is cyclic

if it is generated by a single element  $g$ .

i.e. elements are of the form  $\boxed{g^n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Ex.

a)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is cyclic.

(not "e", e is 0)

b)  $\mathbb{Z}/(n\mathbb{Z})$  has order  $n$

↳ integer powers of  $n$

$$\underline{g \equiv g' \pmod{n}}$$

$$7 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

↳ group under  $+$

$$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} : 0, 1$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z} : 0, 1, \dots, 6$$

Suppose

$$K \subseteq G, H$$

$$f: G \rightarrow H$$

$K$  is closed under products / inverses

Claim:  $\forall x, y \in K,$

$xy^{-1} \in K$ , then we say  $K$  is subgroup

$f(K)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) f(y)^{-1} &= f(x) f(y^{-1}) \\ &= \underbrace{f(xy^{-1})}_{\in K} \\ &\in f(K) \end{aligned}$$

Preimage:  $K \subset H$

$$f^{-1}(K) \subset G$$

$$x, y \in f^{-1}(K)$$

$$f(x), f(y) \in K$$

$$\underbrace{f(xy^{-1})}_{\in K} = \underbrace{f(x) f(y)^{-1}}_{\in K}$$

$$\underbrace{xy^{-1}}_{\in f^{-1}(K)}$$

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