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Last time:

$$|G| < \infty, H \leq G$$

$$[G:H] = \# \text{ of left cosets}$$

left cosets:

$$|gH| = |H|$$

$$G = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n g_i H$$

$$|G| = n |H| \Rightarrow n = [G:H]$$

Recall:

$H \triangleleft G$, then a group structure on the left cosets of H in G is given by $(g, k \in G)$

$$gH * kH = (gk)H$$

With this binary operation, the left cosets form a group.

Thm: (First Isomorphism Theorem \checkmark or "Fundamental Homomorphism Theorem")

• let G, H be groups and $\phi: G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism. Then $\phi(G) \cong \{ \text{left cosets of } \text{Ker}(\phi) \}$

(Notation for left cosets: $G/\text{ker } \phi$)

PF: $\phi(G)$ is a subgroup of H since if $g \in G$,
 $\phi(g)^{-1} = \phi(g^{-1}) \in \phi(G)$ and if $k \in G$,
 $\phi(g)\phi(k) = \phi(gk) \in \phi(G)$ (two step subgroup test)
 $\phi(G) \neq \emptyset$ since $\phi(e_G) = e_H \in \phi(G)$

Construct an isomorphism btw $G/\text{ker } \phi$ and $\phi(G)$

Define $\psi: G/\text{ker } \phi \rightarrow \phi(G)$ as for $g \in G$

$\psi(g\text{ker } \phi) = \phi(g)$, ψ is surjective by definition

check: 1) ψ is injective

2) ψ is a homomorphism

3) ψ is well-defined

(if $g\text{ker } \phi = t\text{ker } \phi$, then $\psi(g\text{ker } \phi) = \psi(t\text{ker } \phi)$)

Pf cont: 1) Injectivity:

Suppose $g, t \in G$ and $\Psi(g \ker \phi) = \Psi(t \ker \phi)$

Then $\phi(g) = \phi(t)$. We have as a consequence that $\phi(t)^{-1} \phi(g) = e_H$. ϕ is a homomorphism, so $\phi(t)^{-1} \phi(g) = \phi(t^{-1}g) = \phi(t^{-1}g)$.

$\ker \phi = \{g \in G : \phi(g) = e_H\}$

this says that $\phi(t^{-1}g) \in e_H$, so $t^{-1}g \in \ker \phi$.

By lemma from last time, $t^{-1}g \in \ker \phi$ iff $t \ker \phi = g \ker \phi$, so Ψ is injective.

2) Homomorphism:

take $g, t \in G$. $\Psi(g \ker \phi) \Psi(t \ker \phi)$

$$= \phi(g) \phi(t) = \phi(gt)$$

$$= \Psi(gt \ker \phi) = \Psi(g \ker \phi * t \ker \phi) \checkmark$$

3) well-defined:

Suppose $g, t \in G$ and $g \ker \phi = t \ker \phi$. By lemma from last class, $t^{-1}g \in \ker \phi$.

$$\text{This implies } e_H = \phi(t^{-1}g) = \phi(t^{-1}) \phi(g) \\ = \phi(t)^{-1} \phi(g)$$

$$\text{so, } \phi(t) = \phi(g)$$

but, $\phi(t) = \Psi(t \ker \phi)$ and $\phi(g) = \Psi(g \ker \phi)$

$$\text{so, } \Psi(t \ker \phi) = \Psi(g \ker \phi)$$

Notation:

If $H \triangleleft G$, then G/H denotes the left cosets of H in G with the group structure $(g, k \in G)$
 $(gH) * (kH) = (gk)H$ called quotient
or factor group.

Examples

1) $G = \mathbb{Z}$, $H_n = \{n \cdot k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

\mathbb{Z} abelian implies $H_n \triangleleft G$.

What is the isomorphism class of \mathbb{Z}/H_n ?

We showed before the midterm that $[\mathbb{Z} : H_n] = n$

Claim: $\mathbb{Z}/H_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$

Define $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$ by $\varphi(k) = k \pmod{n}$

you can check if $k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$(k+m) \pmod{n} = (k \pmod{n} + m \pmod{n}) \pmod{n}$$

This shows φ is a homomorphism.

$$\ker \varphi = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \varphi(k) = 0 \pmod{n}\}$$

$$= \{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid k = nm \text{ for } m \in \mathbb{Z}\} = H_n$$

φ is surjective since if $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, $\varphi(k) = k$

By the first isomorphism thm, $\mathbb{Z}/H_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$

(sometimes people write $H_n = n\mathbb{Z}$, then the isomorphism is $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$)

2) $G = S_n$, $H = A_n = \{\sigma \in S_n : \sigma \text{ is even}\}$

claim: $S_n/A_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

Define $\varphi_n: S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$, $\varphi_n(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 0, & \sigma \text{ even} \\ 1, & \sigma \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

φ_n is surjective and $\ker(\varphi_n) = A_n$.

φ_n is a homomorphism since, even \cdot even = even, odd \cdot even = odd, and odd \cdot odd = even.

For ex: if $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in S_n$ and σ_1 is odd, σ_2 is odd,

$$\varphi(\sigma_1) + \varphi(\sigma_2) = 1 + 1 = 0 \pmod{2}$$

$\sigma_1 \sigma_2$ is even, so $\varphi(\sigma_1 \sigma_2) = 0$

By the first isomorphism thm, $S_n/A_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

(corollary: $|A_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$)

Examples with Rings

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cont
Ex from
last class

Back to polynomials:

$R = \{\text{polynomials with integer coefficients}\}$
(Notation: $\mathbb{Z}[x]$)

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i x^i \quad q(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m \beta_j x^j$$

α_i 's β_j 's are integers

Suppose $n \geq m$

$$(p+q)(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m (\alpha_i + \beta_i) x^i + \sum_{i=m+1}^n \alpha_i x^i$$

$$(p \cdot q)(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m \alpha_i \beta_j x^{i+j}$$

show for $p, q, r \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$

$$(p \cdot q) \cdot r = p \cdot (q \cdot r) \quad (\text{associativity})$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i x^i, \quad q(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m \beta_j x^j, \quad r(x) = \sum_{k=0}^l \gamma_k x^k$$

α_i 's, β_j 's, γ_k 's are integers

$$(q \cdot r)(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^l \beta_j \gamma_k x^{j+k}$$

$$p \cdot (q \cdot r) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^l \alpha_i (\beta_j \gamma_k) x^{i+(j+k)}$$

$$(p \cdot q) \cdot r(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m \alpha_i \beta_j x^{i+j}$$

$$(p \cdot q) \cdot r(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^l (\alpha_i \beta_j) \gamma_k x^{(i+j)+k}$$

$(\alpha_i \beta_j) \gamma_k = \alpha_i (\beta_j \gamma_k)$ and $(i+j)+k = i+(j+k)$
by associativity of multiplication and addition
on \mathbb{Z} . Therefore, $p \cdot (q \cdot r) = (p \cdot q) \cdot r$

Examples

$$D) \mathbb{R} = C_0(\mathbb{R}) = \{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is cont. + } \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0\}$$

"continuous functions vanishing at infinity"

$$"+ \text{ " } (f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$". \text{ " } (f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$$

Associativity of "." and distributivity follow from associativity and distributivity of regular multiplication and addition on \mathbb{R} .

e.g.:

$$f, g, h \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$$

$$f \cdot (g+h)(x) = f(x) \cdot (g+h)(x) = f(x)(g(x) + h(x))$$

$$= f(x) \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot h(x)$$

$$= (f \cdot g)(x) + (f \cdot h)(x)$$

distributivity in one direction

$C_0(\mathbb{R}) \neq \emptyset$ since $0 \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$.

$C_0(\mathbb{R})$ is a ring.

Commutative since regular multiplication of real numbers is commutative

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{(f \cdot g)(x)} &= f(x) \cdot g(x) = g(x) \cdot f(x) \text{ (real \# comm)} \\ &= (g \cdot f)(x) \end{aligned}$$

If $C_0(\mathbb{R})$ had a unit, it would have to be $f(x) \equiv 1$ but $1 \notin C_0(\mathbb{R})$ since $\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} 1 \neq 0$

So, $C_0(\mathbb{R})$ has no unit.

$$2) R = \{ T \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) \mid T \text{ has even integer entries} \}$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \text{ such that } a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } a_{ij} \text{ is even } \forall i, j.$$

"+" = matrix addition

"." = matrix multiplication

Associativity and distributivity follow from associativity and distributivity on $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Is $\langle R, + \rangle$ an abelian group?

let $S, T \in R$

Identity of $\langle R, + \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in R$ since 0 even

Inverse of S in $\langle R, + \rangle = -S \in R$

since if a_{ij} is even, $-a_{ij}$ is also even

Closure:

$$\text{let } T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

a_{ij} 's b_{ij} 's are even integers

$$S+T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}+b_{11} & a_{12}+b_{12} \\ a_{21}+b_{21} & a_{22}+b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} b_{11}+a_{11} & b_{12}+a_{12} \\ b_{21}+a_{21} & b_{22}+a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = T+S$$

so "+" is commutative and $T+S \in R$

since the sum of even numbers is even

so, $\langle R, + \rangle$ is an abelian group

Is "." a binary operation on R

i.e. if $S, T \in R$ is $S \cdot T \in R$?

$$S \cdot T = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11}a_{11} + b_{12}a_{21} & b_{11}a_{12} + b_{12}a_{22} \\ b_{21}a_{11} + b_{22}a_{21} & b_{21}a_{12} + b_{22}a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

the product of even integers is even and we've already noted the sum is even so, $S \cdot T \in R$

e.g. $T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$

$$S \cdot T = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 12 \\ 40 & 80 \end{pmatrix} \in R \quad \rightarrow$$

Is " \cdot " a commutative operation on R ? NO

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ST = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 12 \\ 40 & 80 \end{pmatrix} \neq TS = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 60 \\ 8 & 80 \end{pmatrix}$$

Is there a unit?

If there were a unit, it would be $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ but $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin R$ since 1 is odd, so R has no unit.

Def: $S \subseteq R$, R is a ring. S is a subring of R if $S \neq \emptyset$ and S is a ring with the same operations as R .

Warning: If R has a unit, S could have a different unit from R . If $1_R \in S$, then we say S is unital.

Examples of Subrings

1) $R = M_2(\mathbb{R})$ with matrix multiplication + addition
 $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

Then S is a subring of R but $1_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin S$
 S does not have an identity!

$$1_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in S$$