

# Lecture 1. Groups (chapter 2)

- Definition and Examples
- Subgroups
- Homomorphism
- Quotient Groups.

## 1. Groups

Def : A "Law of composition" (or "binary operation")  $*$  on a set  $S$  is a rule for assigning each ordered pair  $(a, b)$  ( $a \in S, b \in S$ ) an element  $c$  of  $S$ .

$$* : S \times S \rightarrow S$$
$$(a, b) \mapsto a * b.$$

Ex:  $(\mathbb{Z}^+, +)$      $\mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$   
 $(a, b) \mapsto a + b.$

Nonex:  $(\mathbb{Z}^+, -)$

Def: (Associativity) A binary operation  $(S, *)$  is associative if  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$

Ex:  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$

Nonex:  $(\mathbb{Z}, -)$

Def: A group  $(G, *)$  is a set with binary operation satisfying the following properties. (write  $ab = a * b$ )

• Associativity  $(ab)c = a(bc)$

• Identity element  $1 \in G$ ,  $1 \cdot a = a$  and  $a \cdot 1 = a$

• Inverse:  $\forall a \in G, \exists b \in G$  such that  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a = 1$

Ex: Permutation group, symmetric group of  $n$ -elements.

$$S_n = \left\{ x: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} \right\}$$

Ex: General linear group.

$$GL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ n \times n \text{ invertible matrices } A \right\}$$

$$GL(n, \mathbb{C})$$

• Subgroup.

Def: A subset  $S$  of a group  $G$  is a subgroup if

• closure:  $a, b \in S \implies a \cdot b \in S$

• Identity  $1 \in S$

• Inverse: if  $a \in S$ , then  $a^{-1} \in S$

Ex:  $\{x \in S_n \mid x(n) = n\} \xrightarrow{!} S_{n-1} \subset S_n$

Ex:  $\{x \in GL(n) \mid \det x = 1\} \subset GL(n)$   
(special linear group)  $= SL(n)$

Non ex:  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \subset \mathbb{Z}$

Normal subgroup

Def: A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is normal if

$$\forall g \in G, h \in H. \quad ghg^{-1} \in H$$

Ex:  $SL(n) \subset GL(n)$

Non Ex:  $S_{n-1} \subset S_n$

Homomorphism:

Def: A homomorphism  $\varphi: G \rightarrow G'$  is a map from  $G$  to  $G'$ ,  
s.t.  $\forall a, b \in G. \quad \varphi(ab) = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b)$

Ex:  $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^x = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$   
 $A \mapsto \det A$

Ex:  $(\mathbb{C}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^x, \cdot)$   
 $a \mapsto \exp(2\pi i \sqrt{7} a)$

Thm:  $\ker \varphi = \varphi^{-1}(1)$  is normal subgroup.

Def: An isomorphism is a bijective group homomorphism.

Equivalence relation:

$\sim$  is certain subset of  $S \times S$ . Such that.

(write  $a \sim b$  if  $(a, b) \in \sim$ )

- Transitive
- symmetric
- reflexive.

Partition:  $S =$  Union of disjoint subsets

Equivalence relation  $(\Leftrightarrow)$  Partition.

$C_a = \{ b \in S \mid a \sim b \}$  then  $C_a = C_b$  or  $C_a \cap C_b = \emptyset$ .

$$S = \bigsqcup_{a \in S} C_a.$$

$$\bar{S} = \{ C_a \mid a \in S \}$$

Surjective map:  $\pi: S \rightarrow \bar{S}$

Ex:  $S = GL(n)$ .  $a \sim b$  if  $\det a = \det b$ .

Ex:  $H \subset G$  subgroup

$a \sim b$  if  $a = bh$  for some  $h \in H$ .

Coset: A left coset  $aH = \{ ah \mid h \in H \}$ .

$G/H = \text{set of cosets.}$

Lagrange's Thm:  $|G| = |H| \cdot |G/H|$ .  
(2.8.9)

Quotient group.

Pf and Thm: If  $N \subset G$  is a normal subgroup,  
then  $G/N$  has a natural structure of group  
such that  $G \rightarrow G/N$  is a group homomorphism.

Pf: Define  $aN \cdot bN = (ab)N$ .

(Need to check this well-defined)

If  $aN = a'N$ ,  $bN = b'N$ , then

$$abN = a'b'N.$$

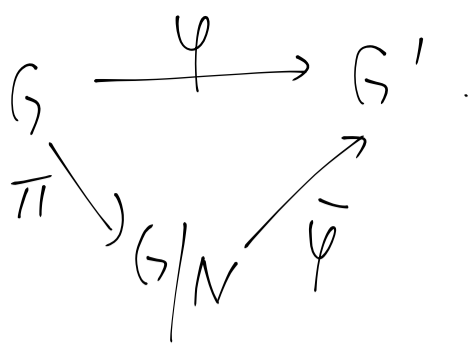
$$a' = ah_1, \quad b' = bh_2$$

$$a'b' = ah_1bh_2 = ab \underbrace{(b^{-1}h_1b)}_{\in H} \underbrace{h_2}_{\in H}.$$

(First isomorphism Thm)

If  $\psi: G \rightarrow G'$  is surjective hom with kernel  $N$ .

then  $\exists!$  isomorphism  $\bar{\psi}: G/N \rightarrow G'$ , s.t.



Ex:  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow U(1) = \{ z \in \mathbb{C}^{\times} \mid |z| = 1 \}$   
 $x \mapsto \exp(2\pi i \sqrt{-1} x)$

$$\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1 \text{ (circle)}.$$

Ex: Cyclic groups.  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = C_n$ .

Product group:

Defn: If  $G$  and  $G'$  are two groups, there is a natural group structure on its product  $G \times G'$ , defined by  
 $(a, a') \cdot (b, b') = (ab, a'b')$

Ex:  $C_2 \times C_3 \cong C_6$ .

Prop (2.11.4) let  $H, K \subset G$  be subgroups.

$$f: H \times K \rightarrow G$$

$$(h, k) \mapsto hk.$$

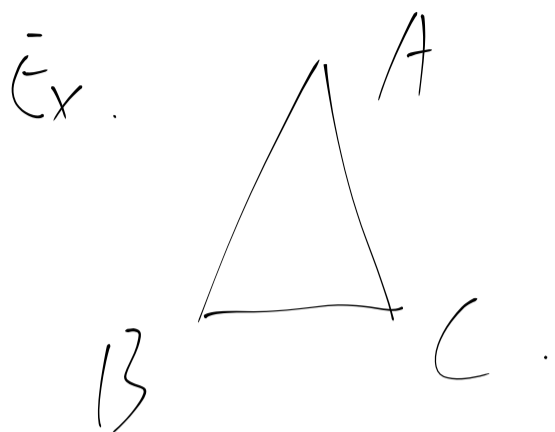
is a group isomorphism if and only if

$$H \cap K = \{1\}, \quad H \cup K = G, \quad H, K$$

are normal subgroups of  $G$ , and

$$hk = kh \text{ for } (h, k) \in H \times K.$$

# Symmetry



Symmetry of equilateral triangle  $\cong S_3$ .

$\{1\}$ , rotation by  $120^\circ$ , rotation by  $240^\circ$ .

reflections fixing A, or B, or C.

Ex. Symmetry of  $n$  elements  $\cong S_n$ .

Ex. Symmetry of vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n \cong GL(n)$ .

## Group operations (actions)

Defn: An operation of a group  $G$  on a set  $S$  is a map  $G \times S \rightarrow S$  satisfying

$$(g, s) \mapsto g \cdot s.$$

a)  $1 \cdot s = s$

b)  $g_1 (g_2 \cdot s) = (g_1 g_2) \cdot s$ .



Ex:  $G = S_n$ .  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

$$g \cdot k = g(k).$$

Left multiplication:  $g \in G$ , induces a bijection:

$$m_g : S \rightarrow S.$$

$$s \mapsto g \cdot s.$$

Why  $m_g$  is a bijection

$$(m_{g^{-1}} \circ m_g) = m_{g^{-1}g} = m_1 = \text{id}.$$

Another interpretation of group operation:

Let  $\text{Bijection}(S) = \{f: S \rightarrow S \mid f \text{ is a bijection}\}.$

With the natural group structure by composition.

Then a group operation  $G$  on  $S$  is equivalent to a

morphism:  $G \rightarrow \text{Bijection}(S).$

$$g \mapsto m_g.$$

More group actions.

$G \rightarrow S_n$  as a subgroup of  $S_n$

Ex:  $G$  on  $G$  itself.

① Left multiplication

$$g \cdot s = g \cdot s$$

(Cayley's Thm)

$|G| = n$ , then

(2) right multiplication  $g \cdot s = s \cdot g^{-1}$

(3) conjugation  $g \cdot s = g s g^{-1}$

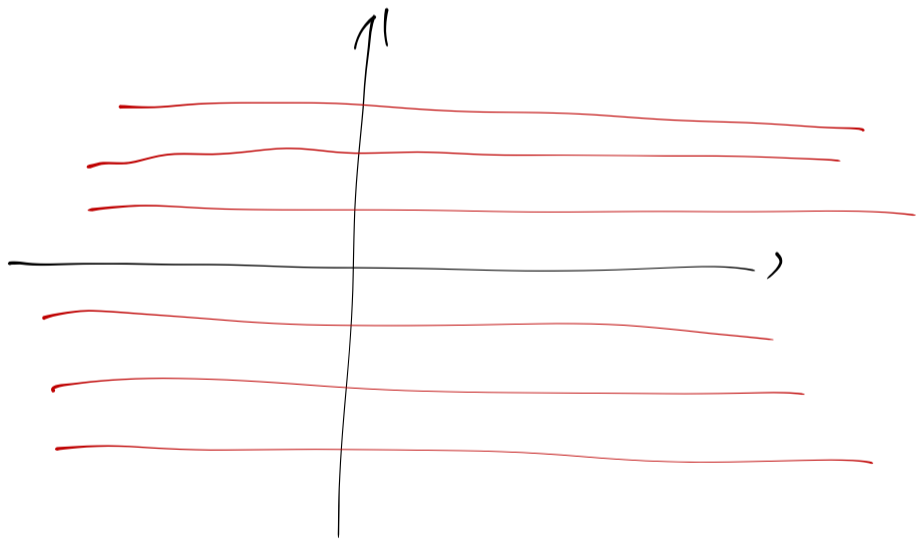
Orbits.  $G \curvearrowright S$  ( $G$  operates on  $S$ )

Defn:  $S_1 \sim S_2$  if  $g \cdot S_1 = S_2$  for some  $g \in G$ .

Equivalence classes under  $\sim$  are orbits of this action.

Ex:  $\mathbb{R} \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (a, (x, y)) &\rightarrow (x+a, y) \end{aligned}$$



Ex: conjugacy classes.

Orbits of conjugation.

Ex: left cosets.  $G/H$ .

orbits under right multiplication.

Defn: If  $S$  consists of one orbit, the operation of  $G$  is called transitive

Decompose the action into actions on different orbits.

Defn: Stabilizer  $G_S = \{g \in G \mid gS = Sg\}$

Prop: a) If  $aS = bS$ , then  $a^{-1}b \in G_S$

b) If  $aS = S'$ ,  $G_{S'} = aG_S a^{-1}$

Operation on  $G/H$ .

Defn:  $G \times G/H \rightarrow G/H$   
 $(g, aH) \mapsto gaH$

Check: "well-defined":

If  $aH = a'H$ , then  $gaH = ga'H$ .

Prop: ① Transitive.

② Stabilizer for  $S = H$ , is  $H$ .

for  $S = aH$ ,  $G_S = aHa^{-1}$

Prop:  $G \curvearrowright S$ , Let  $s \in S$ .  $H = G_s$  stabilizer.  $O_s$  orbit.

There is a bijection  $f: G/H \rightarrow O_s$ . Compatible with the group action.  $aH \rightarrow as$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times G/H & \rightarrow & G/H \\ \downarrow \text{id} \times f & & \downarrow f \\ G \times O_s & \rightarrow & O_s \end{array}$$

$$f(g(aH)) = g \cdot f(aH)$$

Pf: "well-defined".

Check:  $aH = a'H$  then  $as = a's$ .

$f$ : injective. If  $as = a's$ , then  $(a')^{-1}as = s$ .

$$h = (a')^{-1}a \in H, \quad a = a' \cdot h$$

surjective.  $s' \in O_s$ ,  $s' = g \cdot s$ .

$$\text{so } f(gH) = s'$$

compatible with  $G$ -operation.

$$f(g(a)) = f(ga) = gas$$

$$g \cdot f(a) = g \cdot (as) = gas.$$

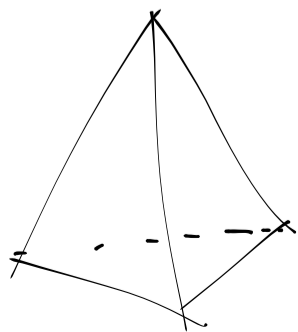
Counting formula.

$$\text{Prop: } |G| = |G_S| \cdot |O_S|$$

$$|S| = |O_1| + \dots + |O_k|.$$

Ex:  $S_n \hookrightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Ex: rotational symmetry of tetrahedron.



$$G$$
$$|G| = |G_S| \cdot |O_S| = 3 \cdot 4 = 12.$$

More examples of groups and group actions

- ①  $S_n$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , (or  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ). Conjugacy classes in  $S_n$ .
- ② Finite subgroups of  $O(2)$ ,  $SO(2)$ .

Dihedral group  $D_n$ .

Cyclic group  $C_n$ .

- ③ Group action on set of subsets with fixed order.

①

$S_n$  action on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$x \in S_n. \quad x: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$$
$$i \mapsto x_i.$$

$e_1, \dots, e_n$  basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T \quad e_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0)^T$$

$\vdots$

$S_n$  acts on  $e_1 \dots e_n$  by

$$x(e_i) = e_{x(i)}.$$

then  $x$  extends to an action on

$$x(\sum a_i e_i) = \sum a_i x(e_i) = \sum a_i e_{x(i)}$$

So we have a homomorphism

$$\rho: S_n \rightarrow GL(n)$$

$$x \mapsto \rho(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x(1) & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x(n) & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each row has exactly one "1".

Each column has exactly one "1".

$$\rho(xy) = \rho(x) \rho(y)$$

Determinant  $\det: GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$

Restriction to  $S_n$ .

$$S_n \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$$

$$\text{sign}: S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$$

Question: (a) What is the image?

(b) What is the kernel?

$$(a) \text{Im}(\text{sign}) = \{\pm 1\}.$$

$$(b) \text{ker}(\text{sign}) = A_n. \text{ (even permutations)}$$

$A_n$  is a index 2 <sup>normal</sup> subgroup of  $S_n$

$$\text{Pf: (a)} \quad x^N = 1 \text{ for } N = n!$$

$$(\text{sign}(x))^N = 1.$$

$$\text{so } \text{sign}(x) = \pm 1.$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Take } x(1) &= 2 \\ x(2) &= 1 \\ x(i) &= i \quad i \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Sign}(x) = -1$$

More structures on  $S_n$ .

Defn: cycle  $x = (i_1 \cdots i_k)$   $i_1 \cdots i_k$  distinct.

$$x(i_1) = i_2, \quad x(i_2) = i_3, \quad \dots$$

$$x(i_k) = i_1, \quad x(j) = j \text{ if } j \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$$

Prop: If  $x = (i_1 \cdots i_k)$   $\left. \begin{array}{l} y = (j_1 \cdots j_l) \\ k \text{ is the length of } x \end{array} \right\}$

$$\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \cap \{j_1, \dots, j_l\} = \emptyset.$$

then  $xy = yx$ . (disjoint cycles)

Then (cycle decomposition).

Any  $x \in S_n$  can be written as

$x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_t$ ,  $x_i$  are disjoint.

Cycles  $x_1 \dots x_t$  is unique up to a permutation of index  $1 \dots t$ .

Ex: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

8 7 6 2 5 3 4 1.

$$x = (1 8) (2 7 4) (3 6)$$

Pf: Existence.  $S = \{i \mid x(i) \neq i\}$ .

Induction on  $|S|$  to prove  $x = x_1 \dots x_t$  and the union of elements appeared in  $x_i$  is  $S$ .

$\{i_1 \dots i_k\} = \{i \mid x(i) \neq i\}$ .

$$i_1, x(i_1), \dots, x^m(i_1).$$

$$\exists n_1 \leq n_2, \text{ s.t. } x^{n_1}(i_1) = x^{n_2}(i_1).$$

Take  $n_2$  to be the first number that  $\nearrow$  such

$$x^{n_1}(i_1) = x^{n_2}(i_1)$$

$$\text{Then } x^{n_2 - n_1}(i_1) = i_1.$$

So  $n_1 = 0$ , and  $\frac{i_1, x(i_1) \dots x(i_1)^{n_2-1}}{C}$   
are distinct.

Let  $X_1 = (i_1 \dots x^{n_2-1}(i_1))$ .

and  $\vec{x} = X_1^{-1}x$

$x(j) \notin \{i_1 \dots x^{n_2-1}(i_1)\}$  if  $j \notin C$ .

$\{\vec{x}(i) \neq i\} = S - C$

Use induction assumption on  $\vec{x}$ .

$\vec{x} = x_2 \dots x_t$

Uniqueness.

If  $x = x_1 \dots x_t$

$= y_1 \dots y_m$ .

$\{x(i) \neq i\}$  is the union of elements appeared in  $x_i$ , and also  $y_i$ .

so if  $x_1(i_1) \neq i_1$ , then  $i_1$  must appear  
in some  $y_j$ .

recover  $y_j$  and  $x_1$  use  $i_1, x(i_1), \dots, x^{k_2}(i_1)$

Each cycle decomposition corresponds to a  
partition of  $n = k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_t + 1 + \dots + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 &= 2 + 3 \\ &= 3 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Same partition.

Then:  $x, y \in S_n$  are conjugate iff

$x, y$  corresponds to the same partition of  
 $n$ .

1) f: If  $x = (i_1 \dots i_k)$  is a cycle.

then  $g x g^{-1} = (g(i_1) \dots g(i_k))$ .

If  $x = x_1 \dots x_t$ .

then  $g x g^{-1} = g x_1 g^{-1} g x_2 g^{-1} \dots g x_t g^{-1}$

$g x_i g^{-1}$  are disjoint cycles

So all the elements conjugate to  $x$  correspond to the same partition of  $n$ .

Conversely, if  $x, y$  correspond to the same partition of  $n$ . then we have cycle decompositions

$$x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_t$$

$$y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_t$$

such that the length of  $x_i$  is the same as length of  $y_i$ ,

assume  $x_i = (a_i^i \dots a_{k_i}^i)$

$$y_i = (b_1^i \dots b_{k_i}^i)$$

and let  $\{c_1, \dots, c_\ell\} = \{i \mid x(i) = i\}$ .

$\{d_1, \dots, d_\ell\} = \{i \mid y(i) = i\}$ .

Define  $g(a_m^i) = b_m^i$

$$g(c_i) = d_i.$$

Then  $g \times g^{-1} = y$ .

□

Conclusion.

# of conjugacy classes = # of partitions of  $n$ .

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Infinite group.  $O(2, \mathbb{R})$  acting on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$g v = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} v.$$

Put more structure on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$|v| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2} \quad \text{or} \quad (v, w) = v^t w.$$

Defn ( $O(2)$ , orthogonal group)

The following are equivalent. (TFAE)

①  $|g v| = |v|$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$(2) \quad (gV, gW) = (V, W).$$

$$(3) \quad g^t g = I.$$

$|V|$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  are related by

$$|V| = \sqrt{\langle V, V \rangle}$$

$$\langle V, W \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|V+W|^2 - |V|^2 - |W|^2)$$

(parallelogram law)

Structure of  $O(2)$ .

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad g^t g = I$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -a & c \\ a & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + c^2 & ab + cd \\ ab + cd & b^2 + d^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a^2 + c^2 = 1 = b^2 + d^2$$

$$\underline{ab + cd = 0}$$

$$a = \cos \theta, \quad b = -\sin \theta$$

$$b = \sin \theta$$

$$c = \sin \theta$$

$$d = \cos \theta$$

or

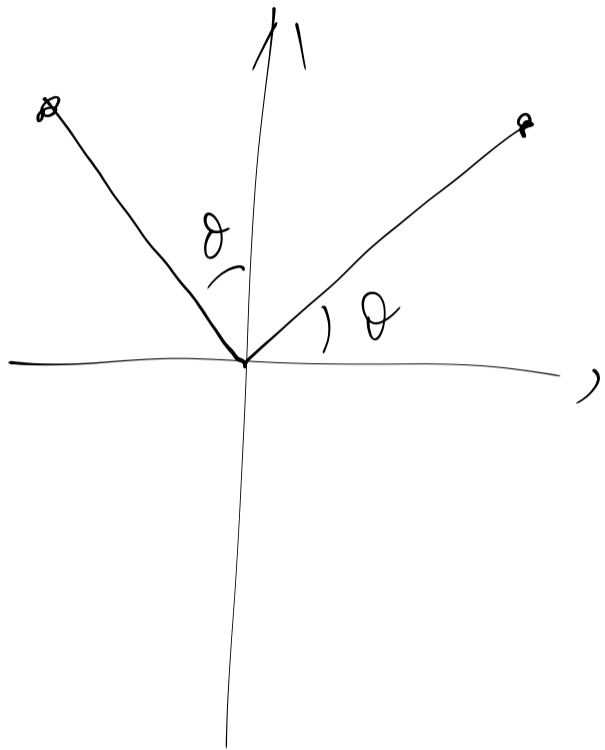
$$d = -\cos \theta.$$

First case

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

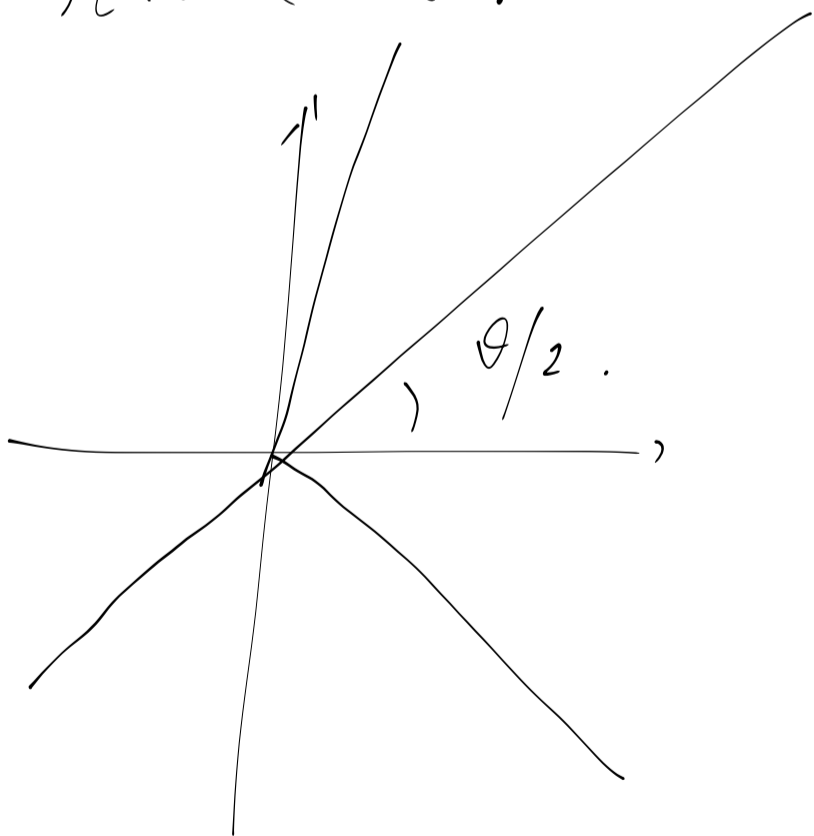
$$g(e_1) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g(e_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$



rotation.

skew case.



reflection w.r.t

$\theta/2$ .

Det :  $O(2) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ .

$$\ker(\text{Det}) = SO(2) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \rho\theta \\ \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \right\}.$$



Finite subgroups of  $SO(2)$ .

Thm:  $G \subset SO(2)$  a finite subgroup.

$$\text{then } G = \langle \rho_\theta \rangle \quad \theta = \frac{2\pi}{n}.$$

$$\text{and } G \cong C_n.$$

Pf: (Euclidean division).

$$\text{Let } \theta_1 = \min \{ \rho_\theta \in G \mid 0 < \theta < 2\pi \}.$$

$$\text{Then } \rho_{\theta_1} \in G, \quad \langle \rho_{\theta_1} \rangle \subset G.$$

$$\text{If } G \not\subset \langle \rho_{\theta_1} \rangle, \text{ then } \exists \rho_\theta \in G$$

$$\text{s.t. } \rho_\theta \notin \langle \rho_{\theta_1} \rangle$$

$$\text{Let } \theta = m\theta_1 + r. \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}.$$

$$0 \leq r < \theta_1.$$

$$\text{Since } \rho_\theta \notin \langle \rho_{\theta_1} \rangle.$$

then  $r > 0$ ,

$$\text{so } \rho_{\theta} \cdot \rho_{-m\theta} = \rho_r \in G$$

contradiction with definition of  $\theta_1$ .

So  $G = \langle \rho_{\theta_1} \rangle$  and for any

$$\rho_{\theta} \in G, \quad \theta = m \cdot \theta_1.$$

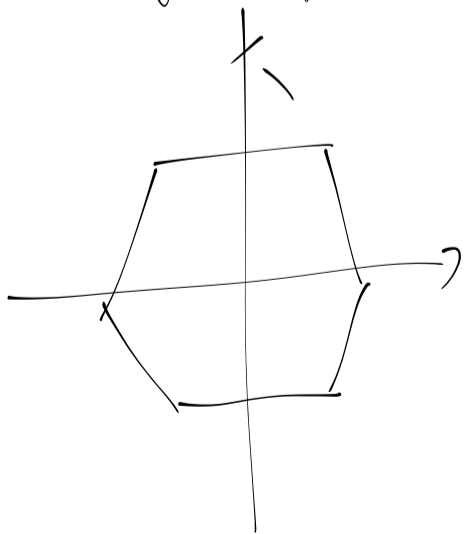
Since  $\rho_{\theta_1}$  has finite order.

$$\theta_1 = \frac{2\pi}{n}.$$

□

Finite subgroup of  $O(2)$ .

$D_6$



6 rotations  
6 reflections.

$D_3$



$$D_3 \cong S_3.$$

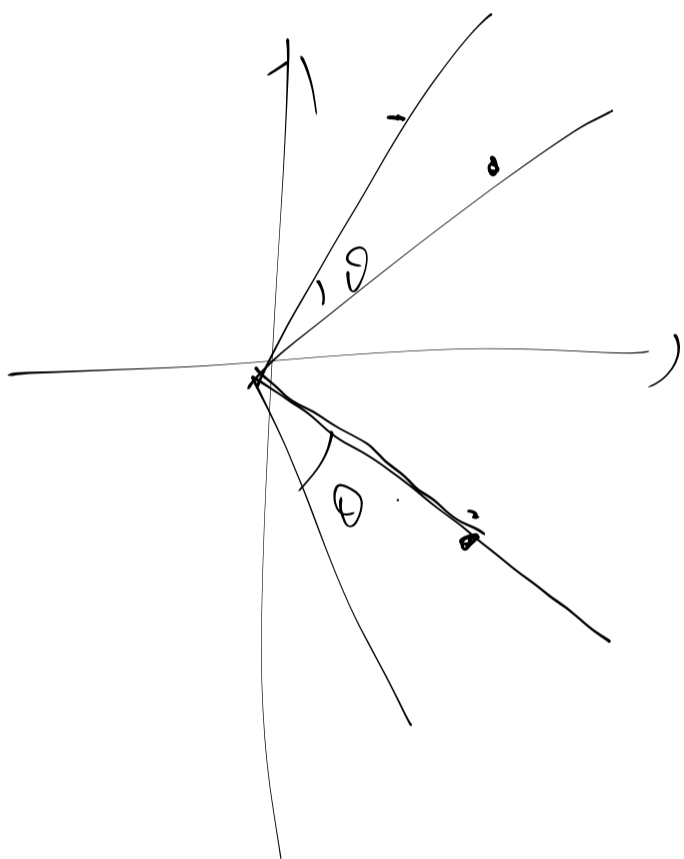
$D_n$

symmetry of  $n$ -gon.

$$x = \rho_\theta \quad \theta = \frac{2\pi}{n}$$

$$y = \text{reflection} \quad y^2 = 1$$

$$yxy^{-1} = x^{-1}$$



$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2 & \sin 2 \\ \sin 2 & -\cos 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y^2 = 1$$

$$yxy^{-1} = x^{-1}$$

elements in  $D_n$   $1, x, \dots, x^{n-1}, y, xy, \dots, x^{n-1}y$

Thm (6.411) any finite subgroup  $G$  of  $O_2$  is

(1)  $C_4$

(2)  $D_n$ , generated by  $\rho_\theta$  and reflection about a line  $l$  through the origin.

Pf:  $G \subset SO(2)$ . then case (1)

$G \not\subset SO(2)$ . then  $\exists y \in G$ .  $y \notin SO(2)$ .

Assume  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$G \cap SO(2) = \langle \rho_\theta \rangle$$

$$\text{Claim } D_n = \langle \rho_\theta, y \rangle = G$$

①  $D_n \subset G$ . obvious

②  $D_n \supset G$ . Any  $g \in G$ . If  $g \notin SO(2) \cap G$ .

then  $gy \in G \cap SO(2)$ .

so  $g = (gy)y \in D_n$ .

Conjugacy classes in  $D_n$ .  $x = e^{2\pi i/n}$ ,  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$n$  even:  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{x, x^{-1}\}$ ,  $\{x^2, x^{-2}\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\{x^{n/2}\}$

$\{y, x^2y, x^4y, \dots, x^{n-2}yy\}$

$\{xy, x^3y, \dots, x^{n-1}yy\}$ .

$n$  odd:  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{x, x^{-1}\}$ ,  $\{x^2, x^{-2}\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\{x^{(n-1)/2}, x^{(n+1)/2}\}$

$\{y, x^2y, x^4y, \dots, x^{n+1}y = xy, x^3y, \dots, x^{n-2}yy\}$

all the reflections.

Pf: Use the equalities

$$(x^k y) x (x^k y)^{-1} = x^k y x y x^{-k} = x^k x^{-1} y^2 x^{-k} = x^{-1}$$

$$x^k y x^{-k} = x^{2k} y \quad x^k (x^m y) x^{-k} = x^{2k+m} y$$

$$(x^k y) y (x^k y)^{-1} = x^{2k} y \quad (x^k y) x^m y (x^k y)^{-1} = x^{2k-m} y = x^{2(k-m)} x^m y$$

$G$  make new group actions. by existing group actions.

① restrict to subgroup  $H$

② act on set of subsets of a fixed order

## Sylow's Thm

Defn: center of  $G$ ,

Defn:  $p$ -group.  $|G| = p^n$ .

$Z(G) = \{g \in G \mid gh = hg \text{ for all } h \in G\}$   
is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Prop: Center of a  $p$ -group is non-trivial.

Consider the conjugate action of  $G$  on  $G$ .

$$p^n = |G| = |O_1| + |O_2| + \dots + |O_k|.$$

$$O_1 = \{1\}. \quad \exists O_i, \text{ s.t. } |O_i| = 1.$$

Thm (Fix point Thm)  $G \curvearrowright S$ ,

$p \nmid |S|$ . then there is an element  $s$  in

$S$  such that  $G_S = G$ . ( $S$  is fixed by  $G$ )

Prop:  $|G| = p^2$ , then  $G$  is abelian.

If:  $G/Z(G) \neq \{1\}$ . then  $|Z(G)| = p$ .

$\exists g \notin Z(G)$

consider  $Z(g) = \{h \in G \mid hgh^{-1} = g\}$ .

centralizer.

then  $Z(G) \subset Z(g)$

and  $g \in Z(g)$ .

so  $|Z(g)| > p$ .  $|Z(g)| = p^2 = |G|$

so  $g \in Z(G)$ . contradiction.

□

Corollary:  $|G| = p^2$ , then  $G \cong C_p \times C_p$   
 or  $\cong C_{p^2}$

Pf: order of element in  $G \mid p^2$ .

(1) maximal order =  $p^2$

$G = \langle g \rangle$  with  $\text{ord } g = p^2$

(2) maximal order =  $p$ .

then  $G \supset \langle k \rangle$ .

$G / \langle k \rangle \cong C_p$ .

Choose  $h \in G$ ,  $h \notin \langle k \rangle$ .

then  $\langle h \rangle \cap \langle k \rangle = \{1\}$ .

$H, K$  both normal subgroups.

$|H|, |K| > p$   $|HK| = p^2$ ,  $HK = G$ .

$G \cong H \times K$



How about  $|G| = p^3$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ & 1 & y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{F}_p.$$

Subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbb{F}_p)$ .

What is the center?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ & 1 & y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x' & z' \\ & 1 & y' \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x' + x & z' + xy' + z \\ & 1 & y' + y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $xy' \neq x'y$ , then they don't commute.

So  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & z \\ & 1 & 0 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is the center.

Question: What are the possible  $G$ ,  
such that  $|G| = p^3$ .

More familiar example  $G = D_4$   $|G| = 8$ .  $D_n$  is not  
Abelian when  $n \geq 3$ .

Question: Is  $D_4 \cong \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ & 1 & z \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}_2 \right\}$ ?

Normaliser

$$N(H) = \{g \in G \mid gHg^{-1} = H\}$$

Counting formula:  $|G| = |N(H)| \cdot (\text{number of conjugate subgroups of } H)$

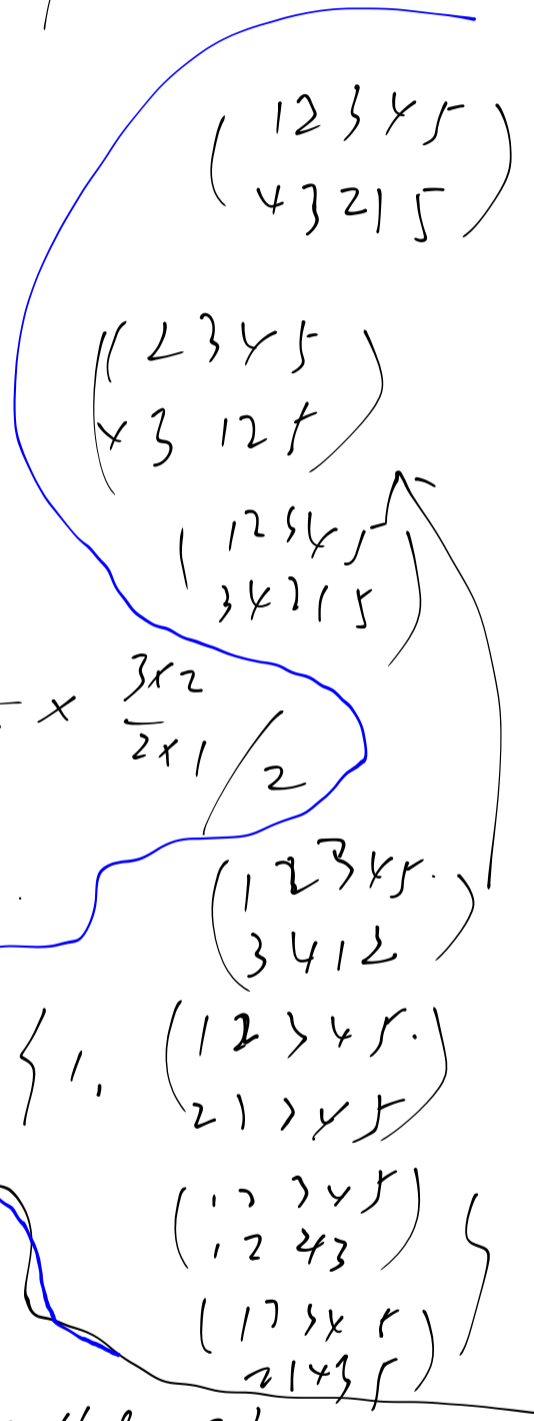
- Prop:
- a)  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $N$ .
  - b)  $H$  is normal in  $G$  iff  $G = N(H)$
  - c)  $|H| \mid |N|$ ,  $|N| \mid |G|$ .

Example:  $p = (12)(34) \in S_5$

$gpg^{-1}$  has  $\binom{5}{2} \binom{3}{2} / 2 = \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} \times \frac{3 \times 2}{2 \times 1} / 2 = 15$

$$|N(\langle p \rangle)| = \frac{120}{15} = 8$$

$$N(\langle p \rangle) = \{1, (12345), (21345)\}$$



Defn: Sylow  $p$ -group  $|G| = p^e \cdot m$ ,  $p \nmid m$ .

Subgroup  $H \subset G$  such that  $|H| = p^e$  is called Sylow  $p$ -group.

$$|G/H| = [G:H] = \text{index of } H \text{ in } G.$$

1st Sylow thm: (Existence).

If  $p \mid |G|$ , then  $G$  contains a Sylow  $p$ -group.

2nd: (conjugate)

① The Sylow  $p$ -groups are conjugate.

② A subgroup that is a  $p$ -group is contained in a Sylow  $p$ -group.

3rd.  $|G| = p^e m$ .  $s =$  number of Sylow  $p$ -groups

$$s \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad s \mid m.$$

Application:  $|G| = 15$ . then  $G \cong C_{15}$ .

$H$  Sylow 3-group  $H \cong C_3 = \langle h \rangle$

$K$  Sylow 5-group  $K \cong C_5 = \langle k \rangle$ .

$H, K$  normal subgroups  $HK = G$ .

$H \cap K = \{1\}$ . So  $G \cong H \times K$ .

$|G| = 6$ ,  $H$  Sylow-3 group

$K$  Sylow-2 group.

$H$  normal subgroup.

$K$  normal or  $K_1, K_2, K_3$  3-sylow group.  
 $G \hookrightarrow \langle [K_1], [K_2], [K_3] \rangle$  by conjugation.

$$\rho: G \rightarrow S_3. \quad \ker \rho = \{1\}.$$

pf of Sylow's Thms:

Lemma 1:  $U$  subset of  $G$ ,  $\text{Stab}([U])$  of  $[U]$   
 for the operation of left multiplication by  $G$  on the  
 set of its subsets divides both  $|U|$  and  $|G|$ .

pf:  $|H| = |G/[U]|$  then

$$U = \bigsqcup_{g \in U} Hg \quad \text{so } |H| \mid |U|.$$

Lemma 2:  $|S| = p^l m$ .  $p \nmid m$ .  
 Set of subsets with order  $p^e$  is  $N$ .

$$p \nmid N.$$

Pf: 
$$N = \binom{n}{p^e} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-p^e+1)}{p^e(p^e-1)\dots 1}$$

$k = p^e k_0$ .  $p \nmid k_0$ . define  $v(k) = e$ .

For  $1 \leq k \leq p^e - 1$ .  $v(k) < e$ .

$v(p^e - k) = v(k)$ .  $v(p^{e_1} - k) = v(k)$ .  $v(m_1 + m_2) = \min\{v(m_1), v(m_2)\}$

$v(m_1 m_2) = v(m_1) + v(m_2)$

So  $v(N) = v(n) - v(p^e) + v(n-1) - v(p^e-1) \dots = 0$ .

Pf of 1st Sylow's Thm:

Consider  $S = \{U \subset G \mid |U| = p^e\}$

$|S| = N = \binom{p^e m}{p^e} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$N = |O_1| + |O_2| \dots + |O_k| \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$p^e m = |G| = |O_i| \cdot |G_i|$ .  $G_i = \text{stabilizer of } [U_i] \in O_i$ .

$$\exists i, \text{ s.t. } p^e \mid |G_i|.$$

$$\text{Lemma} \Rightarrow |G_i| \mid |U_i|.$$

$$\text{So } |G_i| = p^e$$

2nd Sylow's Thm:  $K$   $p$ -subgroup.  $H$  Sylow  $p$ -subgroup.

(consider the action of  $K$  on  $G/H$ .)

$K$  fix some  $aH$ . by fixed point theorem  
(proved last time)

$$\text{then } K \subset aHa^{-1}$$

3rd Sylow's Thm:  $G$  action on

$S = \{ \text{Sylow } p\text{-subgroups} \}$   
is transitive.

$$|S| \cdot |N(H)| = |G|.$$

$$H \subset N(H). \quad \text{So } |S| \mid m.$$

Restrict to  $H$ , splits into orbits.

$$|S| = |O_1| + |O_2| + \dots + |O_k|$$

$$\{[i-1]\} = O_1.$$

$$|O_k| \mid |H| = p^e.$$

$$|O_i| = 1 \text{ means } O_i = \{[k]\}.$$

and  $gkg^{-1} = k$  for all  $g \in H$ .

$$H \subset N(K).$$

Both  $H, K$  are Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $N(K)$ .

So  $H, K$  are conjugate in  $N(K)$ .

So  $H = K$ , because  $K$  is normal subgroup of  $N(K)$ .



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More applications of Sylow's Theoms  
and Semi-direct product.

Classify Finite group  $G$  of order 21.

# of 7-sylow subgroup is 1.

# of 3-sylow subgroup is 1 or 7.

Case 1.  $H$  unique Sylow 7-group.

$H$  normal subgroup.  $H \triangleleft G$ .

$K$  unique Sylow 3-group

$H \cap K = \{1\}$ .  $HK \cong H \times K$ .

$HK = G$ .

$G \cong C_3 \times C_7 \cong C_{21}$

Case 2.  $K_1 \cdots \cdots K_r$  Sylow  $p$ -groups

Let  $K = K_1$

$$G \cong \prod_{i=1}^r H_i \times K_i$$

$H$  normal subgroup  $\Rightarrow HK = KH$  subgroup

$$H \cap K = \{1\}$$

(Homework 2, problem 3)

$H \times K \rightarrow G$ . (Note not a morphism)

$$(h, k) \mapsto hk$$

Injective because  $h_1 k_1 = h_2 k_2$

$$\Rightarrow h_2^{-1} h_1 = k_2 k_1^{-1} \in H \cap K$$

Bijective because of the order  $|H \times K| = |G|$ .

Every element in  $G$  has a unique form

$$hk, \quad h \in H, \quad k \in K$$

How to find the product structure?

$$hk h'k' = h(kh'k^{-1})kk'$$

Need to determine  $kh'k^{-1}$

$$\varphi: K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$$

$$k \mapsto \varphi(k): h \mapsto khk^{-1}$$

$\varphi$  is a group morphism

$$H = \langle x \rangle \quad x^7 = 1$$

$$K = \langle y \rangle \quad y^3 = 1$$

$$yxy^{-1} = x^j$$

$$\text{Aut}(G) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \cong \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$$

$$yxy^{-1} = x^j,$$

$$y^2xy^{-2} = yx^jy^{-1}$$

$$= (x^j)^j = x^{j^2}$$

$$y^3xy^{-3} = x^{j^3} = 1.$$

$$\text{so } j^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}.$$

$$\bar{0} \quad \bar{1} \quad \bar{2} \quad \bar{3} \quad \bar{4} \quad \bar{5} \quad \bar{6}$$

inbe  $\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{1}, \bar{6}, \bar{1}, \bar{6}, \bar{6}$

$$j \equiv 2 \text{ or } 4.$$

(choose  $y^2$  instead of  $y$

makes  $j=2$ )

$$\text{so } yxy^{-1} = x^2$$

Defn (outer semi direct product).  $H, K$  groups.

$\varphi: K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$  is a homomorphism,

there is a group structure on  $H \times K$  by

$$(h, k) \cdot (h', k') = (h \cdot \varphi(k)h', k k')$$

(Check this defines a group structure.)

It is denoted by  $H \rtimes_{\varphi} K$ .

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Thm: If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ ,

$K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,

$$H \cap K = \{1\}, \quad \text{and } G = HK,$$

then  $G$  is isomorphic with the

semi direct product  $H \rtimes_{\varphi} K$  with

$$\varphi: K \rightarrow \text{Aut } H$$

$$k \mapsto \varphi(k): h \mapsto khk^{-1}.$$

Review for 1st midterm.

Defn: Groups, subgroups, normal subgroup.

cyclic group, homomorphism, isomorphism, quotient group, 1st isomorphism theorem.

Group operation orbits, stabilizer.

conjugation centralizer, normalizer.

conjugacy classes.

Counting formula.

$p$ -groups,  $|G|=p$ ,  $G \cong C_p$ .

..  $|G|=p^2$ ,  $G \cong C_p \times C_p, C_{p^2}$ .

$|G|=p^3$  can be non abelian.

Sylow's Thems

$$\text{Ex: } A_n \subset S_n, D_n,$$

$$SL(n) \subset GL(n)$$

$$SO(2) \subset O(2)$$

finite subgroups in  $O(2)$  and  $SO(2)$

Classify  $G$  of order 12.

$$|G| = 12 = 2^2 \times 3.$$

$$|\{\text{Sylow 2-groups}\}| = s = 1 \text{ or } 3.$$

$$|\{\text{Sylow 3-groups}\}| = s' = 1 \text{ or } 4,$$

$$\text{If } s = 3, s' = 4,$$

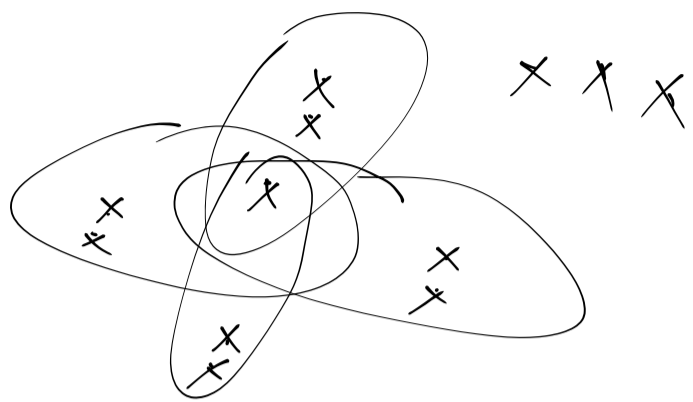
there're 4 Sylow 3-groups.

$$K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4$$

$K_i \cap K_j = \{1\}$  for  $i \neq j$  because they're

cyclic

so



Let  $H$  be Sylow-2 group.

then  $H \subset \langle y \rangle \cup (K_1 \cup K_2 \cup K_3 \cup K_4)^c$

and  $|H| = 4$

so  $H$  is unique.

(case 1)  $H \triangleleft G$ ,

(case 2)  $K \triangleleft G$ .

(a)  $H \cong C_2 \times C_2$ ,  $K = C_3 = \langle y \rangle$ .

Let  $H = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$   $x_1^2 = x_2^2 = 1$ ,  $x_1 x_2 = x_2 x_1$ ,

Let  $f \in \text{Aut}(H)$

then  $f \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \end{pmatrix}$



$$f \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\text{So } |\text{Aut}(H)| = (2^2 - 1)(2^2 - 2) = 6$$

$$f = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\varphi: K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$$

$$y \mapsto \varphi(y) = f$$

$$f^3 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

up to a choice of generators for  $H$  (or  $K$ ).

We can assume  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

So  $G = \langle x_1, x_2, y \rangle$ .

$$x_1^2 = x_2^2 = 1, \quad x_1 x_2 = x_2 x_1,$$

$$y x_1 y^{-1} = x_2, \quad y x_2 y^{-1} = x_1 x_2.$$

(actually isomorphic to  $A_4$ ) or  $G \cong C_2 *_{\langle 2 \rangle} C_3$ .

1b.  $H = C_4, \quad K = C_3$ .

$$\text{Aut}(H) = (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}).$$

no nontrivial homomorphism from  $C_3$  to

$\text{Aut}(H)$ ,

so  $G \cong C_3 \times C_4$ .

2a:  $H = C_2 \times C_2, \quad \text{Aut}(C_3) = (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$

$$= \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle. \quad x_1^2 = x_2^2 = 1, \quad x_1 x_2 = x_2 x_1,$$

$$\varphi: H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(C_3).$$

$$x_1 y x_1^{-1} = y^{j_1}, \quad x_2 y x_2^{-1} = y^{j_2}.$$

$$j_1^2 \equiv j_2^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3},$$

$$\text{So } (j_1, j_2) = (1, 1) \quad G \cong C_3 \times C_2 \times C_2$$

$$(j_1, j_2) = (1, 2) \text{ or } (2, 1).$$

$$x_1 y x_1^{-1} = y, \quad x_2 y x_2^{-1} = y^2$$

$$\text{In this case } G \cong D_6.$$

$$(j_1, j_2) = (2, 2) \text{ choose } x_1^{-1} x_2, \quad x_2 \text{ as}$$

generators for  $H$ , reduce to

$$(j_1, j_2) = (1, 2)$$

$$2b. \quad H = \langle \varphi, \quad \text{Aut}(K) = (C_2/C_2)^{\times}$$

$$\text{So } x y x^{-1} = y \text{ or } y^2$$

If  $xyx^{-1} = y$  then  $G = C_4 \times C_3$

$xyx^{-1} = y^2$ , then  $G \cong C_3 \rtimes C_4$ .

$G = \langle x, y \rangle$ ,  $x^4 = 1$ ,  $y^3 = 1$ ,  $xyx^{-1} = y^2$

In total, there are 5 isomorphism classes.