

Complements in Linear Algebra 80146

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- Examples for groups:

(1) Group of permutations ($S_n = \text{Aut}(\{1, \dots, n\})$), not commutative ($n = 3$)

(2) Let $(\mathbb{F}, +, \circ)$, then this is a group,

also: $(\mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}, \circ, 1)$ is a group

(3) Let G_1, G_2 be groups, then $G_1 \times G_2$ is also a group when \circ be defined as:

$$(g_1, g_2) \circ (h_1, h_2) = (g_1 h_1, g_2 h_2)$$

$$1_{G_1 \times G_2} = (1_{G_1}, 1_{G_2})$$

For example, $G^2 = G \times G$, and in general, for every set S , there exists a structure of a group on

$$\text{Func}(S, G) = G^S = \{g_i | i \in S, g_i \in G\}$$

- If $f, h \in G^S \Rightarrow (f \cdot h)$ is defined by $(f \cdot h)(s) = f(s) \cdot h(s)$

Cyclic groups (created by a single element)

example: $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a creator since $\{-(1 + \dots + 1), 1 + 1 + \dots + 1\}$ (every element in \mathbb{Z})

$\forall 0 < n \in \mathbb{N}$, consider $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

Exercise: The method described above can be used to describe all *cyclic* groups.

hint: if $0 \neq 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 \Rightarrow G = \mathbb{Z}$

If $0 = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1$ (n times) $\Rightarrow G = \mathbb{Z}_n$.

Example: The perfect polygon of n sides has $2n$ symmetries .

n rotations and n mirrorings

We denote this group D_n .

$$2n - - > D_n \supset \mathbb{Z}_n < - - n$$

The group of n rotations, $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, $\frac{360 \cdot k}{n}$

- Definition: A *homomorphism* between groups G, H is a map $f : G \rightarrow H$ which satisfies the group structure.

$$f(1_G) = 1_H$$

$$f(g_1 \cdot g_2)_G = f(g_1)_H \cdot f(g_2)$$

$$(0) \ 0 \hookrightarrow G \text{ (addition notation)}$$

$$G \rightarrow 0$$

$$(1) \ \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n, x \mapsto x(\text{mod } n)$$

$$x + y \mapsto x + y(\text{mod } n) < - \text{depends on } x(\text{mod } n), y(\text{mod } n)$$

$$(-1) \ (0 \dots n-1) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

Not a *homomorphism* if $n > 1$ since $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, e.g. $= n - 1 + 1$

$$0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n.$$

Example: $D_n \supset \mathbb{Z}_n$ (explains orientation e.g. in physics: orientation of right hand rule, x, y, z axis orientations)

$$\varphi : D_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{\pm 1\}$$

$$\varphi(g) = \begin{cases} 1 & g \text{ satisfies orientation} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note: The orientation structure for $n = 3$ from last lecture, $D_3 = S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$

At the end of the course we define $S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \ \forall n$.

Exercise: build the *homomorphism* as described above.

- Definition: A *subgroup* $H \subset G$ is a *subset* such that:

$$1) \ 1_G \in H$$

$$2) \ \forall x, y \in H (x \cdot y \in H)$$

$$3) \ \forall x \in H (x^{-1} \in H) \text{ (and } x^{-1} \text{ exists!)}$$

Proposition: H is a *group*

Example: $\mathbb{Z}_n \subset D_n$.

- Definition: If $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$ is a *homomorphism*, then $\ker \varphi$ (the *kernel* of φ) is:

$$\ker \varphi = \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) = 1\} = \varphi^{-1}(1_H)$$

Proposition: $\ker \varphi$ is a *subgroup*. (immediate test)

Examples:

$$1) \ \varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n, \ker \varphi = n\mathbb{Z} = \{n \cdot x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$2) \ \psi : D_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2, \ker \psi = \mathbb{Z}_n$$