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Groups

$(G, *, e)$

a^{-1}

- We are going to move into the topic of subgroups

3.3.

Examples will include the trivial subgroups and cyclic subgroups.

$$G \quad * : G \times G \rightarrow G$$

$$\emptyset \neq H \subseteq G$$

$$H \times H \subseteq G \times G.$$

$$*|_{H \times H}(h_1, h_2)$$

$$= *(h_1, h_2)$$

Ex. $\mathbb{R}. \quad H = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

Thm

Subgroup Criterion Test: (one-step test)

Let H be a nonempty subset of G . H is a subgroup of G if $\forall h_1, h_2 \in H, h_1 h_2^{-1} \in H$.

Pf: $H \neq \emptyset$

$$\Leftarrow h_1 \in H \text{ By Def. } e = h_1 \cdot h_1^{-1} \in H$$

$$h_1, h_2 \in H \quad h_1 h_2^{-1} \in H$$

$$h_1 \cdot (h_2^{-1})^{-1} \in H \\ = h_1 h_2$$

In linear algebra you learned about subspaces.
There is a similar notion in Group Theory.

Def 11 Let $(G, *, e)$ be a group. A subgroup of G is a non-empty subset H that satisfies i) $e \in H$, ii) if $h_1, h_2 \in H$, then $h_1 * h_2 \in H$, and iii) if $h \in H$, then $h^{-1} \in H$.

Condition ii) says H is "closed under the operation", $H \leq G$
iii) says H is "closed under inverses".

We write $H \leq G$

Examples 1) Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$. Let H be the set of even numbers.

$$H = \{2n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}. \quad \begin{array}{l} x \text{ is even if } \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ st.} \\ x = 2k \end{array}$$

Then since 0 is even, $0 \in H$.

The sum of two evens is even so H is closed under $+$.

if h is even, then so is $-h$.

2) Let $G = (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot, 1)$ and let $H = \{2^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

$1 = 2^0 \in H$ so the identity is in H .

Let $x, y \in H$. Then $x = 2^k$ and $y = 2^j$ for some $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{ii) } xy = 2^k \cdot 2^j = 2^{k+j} \quad \text{+ } k+j \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ so } xy \in H$$

$$\text{iii) } (2^k)^{-1} = 2^{-k} \text{ so } x^{-1} \in H. \quad \text{So } H \leq \mathbb{Q}^*.$$

Example Let $G = (G, +, e)$ be a group.

There are always "2" subgroups called the trivial subgroups.

The set ~~H~~ $H = \{e\}$ is a subgroup.

i) $e \in H$ ✓, ii) $\forall x, y \in H$, $x = y = e$ so $xy = e \cdot e = e \in H$.

iii) $\forall x \in H$, $x = e$ & $x^{-1} = e^{-1} = e \in H$.

So $\{e\} \leq G$.

Clearly, $G \leq G$.

~~Def: When the only subgroups of G are the trivial ones~~

Next topic

⊗ This takes place in $\mathbb{Z}$. Let $n > 1$.

Set $n\mathbb{Z} = \{n \cdot k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

non-trivial subgp

then $n\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z}$

pf: i) $0 = 0 \cdot n \in n\mathbb{Z}$

ii) let $x, y \in n\mathbb{Z}$ so $x = nk$, $y = nj$
some $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

then $x + y = nk + nj = n(k+j) \in n\mathbb{Z}$

iii) $-x = -nk = n(-k) \in n\mathbb{Z}$.

We define a relation on $\mathbb{Z}$ as follows

$a \sim b$ iff $a - b \in n\mathbb{Z}$.

Def 12

A relation on a set A is a ^{non-empty} subset $R \subseteq A \times A$.

$(a, b) \in R$ we say a is R -related to b .

- refl.
- anti-symm.
- symm.
- irreflexive
- trans.

An equivalence relation is
refl., symm., transitive.

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Define an equiv. relation on $\mathbb{Z}$.

First, fix $n > 1$

$(a, b) \in R$ iff . . .

$$R = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid$$

$a \sim b$ iff $a - b \in n\mathbb{Z}$

iff $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $a - b = nk$.

$x \in n\mathbb{Z}$
this means
 $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t.
 $x = nk$

Thm $\sim$ is an equiv. relation

pf. worksheet

$$[a] = [c]$$

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a - c = nk$$

$$[b] = [d]$$

$$\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \quad b - d = nj$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \oplus, [0])$$

~~is~~ is $(a+b) \sim (c+d)$

$$a - c = n \quad \text{---}$$

$$a - c + b - d = n$$

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Ex. $(GL_2(\mathbb{R}), \cdot, I_2)$

"General linear group"

The matrix $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ belongs to $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ iff $\exists B \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ s.t.
 $AB = I_2 = BA.$

Fact $A \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ iff $\det(A) \neq 0.$

$$I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Think about proof).

$$\text{Recall } \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc.$$

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B) \quad (\text{can you prove it.})$$

$$SL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) = 1\}.$$

$$SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \leq GL_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Show it is proper.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

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$$SL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

Cyclic Groups

n is fixed

We are defining
an infinite
number of
eg rel.
one for each
 $n \geq 1$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n > 1$. Recall that

$$n\mathbb{Z} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, x = nk\}.$$

We showed that $n\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z}$.

So what does it mean in other words for an integer to belong to $n\mathbb{Z}$?

Recall that a relation on $\mathbb{Z}$ is a subset of $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$. Here we define the relation R as those

$a \sim b$

$$R = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : a - b \in n\mathbb{Z}\}.$$

We can write $a \sim b$ to mean that $(a, b) \in R$. We also say that a is **congruent to b modulo n** when this happens.

We show that R is an equivalence relation, that is, it is *reflexive, symmetric, and transitive*.

Reflexive Is $a \sim a$?

This is asking whether $a - a \in n\mathbb{Z}$. Find a $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a - a = kn$.

$$k = \underline{0} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Symmetric If $a \sim b$, then $b \sim a$.

So we assume that $a \sim b$. By definition, this means $\forall (\exists) k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\underline{a-b} = nk$.
Next, find a $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b - a = nj$.

$$\begin{aligned} b-a &= -(a-b) \\ &= -(nk) = n(-k) \end{aligned}$$

$n()$

$$j = -k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Transitive If $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$, then $a \sim c$.

We suppose that $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$. This means that there exist $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a - b = \underline{nj}$

and $\underline{b-c} = nk$. Next, add $(a - b)$ and $(b - c)$ together in two ways. The first way is the

easy way and results in $(a - b) + (b - c) = \underline{a-c}$. Add them together a second way by

substituting in what they equal and then factor out n . Write this out.

$$a-c = (a-b) + (b-c) = nj + nk = n(j+k) \quad j+k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

We have thus shown that $\sim$ is an equivalence relation. For an $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, we let $[a] = \{b \in \mathbb{Z} : a \sim b\}$ and call this the **congruence class modulo n containing a** . The set of all equivalence classes modulo n is denoted by $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.

Let $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfy $0 \leq i < j < n$. Can it be the case that $j \sim i$?

$$0 < \underbrace{j-i}_{< n} = nk \quad \frac{j-i}{n} = k \quad \text{distinct.}$$

It follows that

$$[0], [1], \dots, [n-2], [n-1]$$

are distinct equivalence classes modulo n .

Next, let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. The Division Algorithm states that we can divide a by n and get a remainder that is between 0 and $n-1$. In particular, there are unique $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$a = nq + r$$

and $0 \leq r < n$. Subtract r from both sides to get

$$a - r = nq \in n\mathbb{Z}. \text{ so } a \sim r$$

Do you see then $a \sim r$?

Thus,

$$[0] \cup [1] \cup \dots \cup [n-1] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

You should be able to conclude that $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]\}$ and so

$$|\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}| = \underline{n}$$

$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ the set
of eq. classes
mod n .

We define an addition and multiplication on $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ by

$$[a] \oplus [b] = [a + b]$$

and

$$[a] \otimes [b] = [ab]$$

$x \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$
 $x = [r]$ some $0 \leq r < n$

The goal is always to take an equivalence class $[a]$ and find $0 \leq r < n$ such that $[a] = [r]$. (Divide a by n and let r be the remainder.)

Example 0.1. Let $n = 7$. What is $[6] \otimes [5]$? Multiply $6 \cdot 5$ and then divide by 7 to be left with a remainder of $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$. So $[6] \otimes [5] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$n=7$

$$[137] \oplus [56] = [193]$$

$$= [4]$$

$$7 \overline{) 193} \begin{array}{r} 27 \\ 14 \\ \hline 53 \\ 49 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 137 \\ 56 \\ \hline 193 \end{array}$$

$$[4] \oplus [0] = [4]$$

$$137 \neq 7 \cdot 19 + 4$$

$$n=7$$

$$x = [137]$$

$$= [4]$$

$$7 \overline{) 137}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ 7 \\ \hline 67 \\ 63 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

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