

# GROUPS

for  $(G, \times) \rightarrow$  group law is map  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  s.t.  $(g, h) \mapsto g \times h$ .

•  $f: G \rightarrow H$  homomorphism if  $\forall a, b \in G \quad f(ab) = f(a) \cdot f(b)$   
 $\hookrightarrow \underline{f(e_G) = e_H}$  and  $\underline{f(g)^{-1} = f(g^{-1})}$ .

•  $f$  ISOMORPHISM if homomorphism + bijection.

(isomorphic groups indistinguishable) e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong C_n$ .

(recall:  $C_n = \{a^0, a^1, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$ )

• isomorphism  $f: G \rightarrow G$  is AUTOMORPHISM.

$\hookrightarrow \text{Aut}(G) =$  group of all automorphisms of  $G$ .

e.g.  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow$  isomorphism must map generator to generator.

$\hookrightarrow f(n) = n \cdot f(1)$ . If  $f(1) = m$ , then  $f(n) = n \cdot f(1) = nm$

$\Rightarrow \text{Im}(f) = m\mathbb{Z}$  so for  $f$  to be surjective  $m = 1$  or  $-1$ .

$\Rightarrow f(n) = n$  or  $f(n) = -n$  so  $|\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z})| = 2$ .

•  $f: G \rightarrow G$  CONJUGATION by  $g$  if  $x \mapsto g \times x \times g^{-1} \in \text{Aut}(G)$

N/B:  $f$  INJECTIVE iff  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{e_G\}$ .

$\text{Im}(f)$  and  $\text{Ker}(f)$   <sub>$\uparrow$  (normal)</sub> subgroups of  $H$  and  $G$  for  $f: G \rightarrow H$ .

• Subgroup  $S \subset G$  is NORMAL if all  $s \in S$  stable under conjugation by any element of  $G$ .  $\Rightarrow$  if  $s \in S$ , then  $gsg^{-1} \in S \quad \forall g \in G$ .

•  $G$  SIMPLE if only <sup>normal</sup> subgroups are  $G$  and  $\{e\}$ .

• for subgroup  $H \subset G$ , if cosets:  $gH = Hg \quad \forall g \in G$ , then  $H$  is normal subgroup of  $G$ .

• if  $N$  normal subgroup of  $G$  then  $G/N$  is quotient group of  $G$  modulo  $N$ .

for  $N$  normal subgroup of  $G$ ,  $f: G \rightarrow G/N$  given by  $g \mapsto g \cdot N$  is surjective homomorphism with  $\text{Ker}(f) = N$ .

ISOMORPHISM THM:  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be homomorphism. Then, the map  $g \cdot \text{Ker}(f) \mapsto f(g)$  is isomorphism;  $G/\text{Ker}(f) \cong f(G)$

↳ check homomorphism; clearly surjective; show kernel is just trivial coset =  $\text{Ker}(f)$ .

NOTE: Image of group NOT <sup>normal</sup> subgroup. BUT for a surjective homomorphism, image of a normal subgroup is normal.

↳ if  $N \trianglelefteq G$  and  $f: G \rightarrow G/N$  s.t.  $g \mapsto gN$  (and  $f$  surjective) and  $S \subset G$  subgroup containing  $N$ , then  $N$  also a normal subgroup of  $S$  and  $f(S) = S/N$  subgroup of  $G/N$ .

CENTRE:  $Z(G) = \{g \in G : gx = xg \ \forall x \in G\}$  i.e. set of elements of  $G$  that commute with everything in  $G$ .

• Inn( $G$ )  $\rightarrow$  group of inner automorphisms of  $G$  form subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(G)$  and they are set of conjugates by all elements of  $G$ .

NOTE:  $G/Z(G) \cong \text{Inn}(G)$  by isomorphism thm.

COMMUTATOR:  $[a, b] = aba^{-1}b^{-1}$ , and  $[G, G]$  is smallest subgroup of  $G$  containing all possible commutators,  $[a, b] \ \forall a, b \in G$ .

$[G, G]$  is normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $G/[G, G]$  abelian.

↳ if  $G/[G, G]$  abelian  $\forall x, y \in G$ ,  $x[G, G] \cdot y[G, G] = xy[G, G] = yx[G, G]$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \in [G, G]$ .

for  $N \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $G/N$  abelian iff  $N$  contains  $[G, G]$ .

↳ a group abelian if its commutator is  $\{e_G\}$ . For  $G/N$ , group abelian iff  $[a, b] \in N$  for any  $a, b \in G$ .

$\Rightarrow [G, G] \subset N$ .  $\square$

• For  $a, b \in G$ , order of  $ab$  divides  $\text{lcm}(\overset{n}{a}, \overset{m}{b})$  where  $n$  is order of  $a$  and  $m$  is order of  $b$ .

•  $G_{\text{tors}} = \text{TORSION SUBGROUP}$  of  $G =$  set of elements of  $G$  of finite order. (NOTE:  $G$  abelian)

( $\Leftrightarrow$  if  $G = G_{\text{tors}}$  then  $G$  is torsion abelian group.)

• For prime  $p$ , set of elements  $g \in G$  of order  $p^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  forms the  $p$ -primary subgroup of  $G$ ,  $G\{p\}$ .

For  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_m^{\alpha_m}$  ( $p_1, \dots, p_m$  prime), then;

$$C_n \cong C_{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \times \dots \times C_{p_m^{\alpha_m}}$$

• For group  $G$  and set  $S \subset G$ , intersection of all subgroups of  $G$  containing  $S$  is SUBGROUP of  $G$  GENERATED by  $S$ , and if  $G$  is only subgroup of  $G$  containing  $S$ , then "elements of  $S$  generate  $G$ ".

GROUP ACTION: let  $G$  be group,  $X$  be set.  $S(X)$  is group of bijections (permutations)  $X \rightarrow X$ . An action of  $G$  on  $X$  is homomorphism  $G \rightarrow S(X)$ .

$\Leftrightarrow$  (or  $G \times X \rightarrow X, (g, x) \mapsto g \cdot (x)$ )

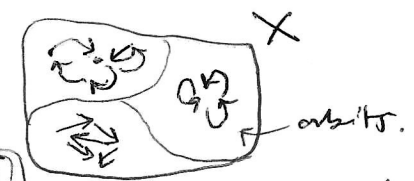
	$x_1, x_2, \dots$
$g_1$	$x'_1$
$g_2$	$x'_2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$

• group action FAITHFUL if it is injective.

ORBIT:  $G(x) = \{g(x) : g \in G\} \subset X$  (all  $g \in G$  acting on  $x$ )

STABILISER:  $St_G(x) = \{g \in G : g \cdot (x) = x\} \leq G$  (subgroup)

$X$  is a disjoint union of  $G$ -orbits



For action  $G \times X \rightarrow X$ ,  $St(g(x)) = g \cdot St(x) \cdot g^{-1}$   $\rightarrow$  so  $St$  normal in  $G$ .

if  $h(x) = x$  (note), then  $(ghg^{-1})g(x) = (ghg^{-1}g)(x) = (gh)(x) = g(h(x)) = g(x)$

$\Rightarrow gSt(x)g^{-1} \subset St(g(x))$  etc.

ORBIT-STABILISER THM: for an action  $G \times X \rightarrow X$ ,  
 for any  $x \in X$ , map  $g \cdot \text{St}(x) \mapsto g \cdot (x)$  gives bijection  
 $G/\text{St}(x) \rightarrow G(x)$  and  $|G(x)| = |G| / |\text{St}(x)|$ .  
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 orbit of  $x$

CAYLEY'S THM:  $G$  a finite group of order  $n$ . then,  $S_n$   
 contains a subgroup isomorphic to  $G$ .

$G$  action of  $G$  on itself  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  by  $(a, b) \mapsto ab$ .  
 injective since  $ge = e \Rightarrow g = e$ . And  $G \rightarrow S(G)$ , image  
 is subgroup of  $S_n$  so isomorphic to  $G/\text{St}(e) = G/\{e\} = G$ .  $\square$

CAUCHY'S THM:  $G$  a finite group of order  $n$  and  $p$  is a  
 prime factor of  $n$ . then  $G$  contains an element of order  $p$ .

• if  $X$  can be represented by just one  $G$ -orbit, i.e.  $X = G(x)$  for  
 some  $x \in X$ , then  $G$  acts TRANSITIVELY on  $X$ .

• FIXED POINT:  $x \in X$  is fixed point of  $g \in G$  if  $g(x) = x$ .  
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Fix}(g) \subset X =$  all points in  $X$  which are "fixed" under  $g$ .

JORDAN'S THM: let  $G \times X \rightarrow X$  act transitively on  $X$ , and  
 $G$  and  $X$  finite, then  $\sum_{g \in G} |\text{Fix}(g)| = |G|$

$\hookrightarrow$  AND  $\exists g \in G$  s.t.  $\text{Fix}(g) = \emptyset$

$\hookrightarrow$  Coroll: for  $G \times X \rightarrow X$ , the number of  $G$ -orbits in  $X$   
 is  $|G|^{-1} \cdot \sum_{g \in G} |\text{Fix}(g)|$

$\Rightarrow X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i$ : then the number of fixed points of  $g \in G$  in  $X$   
 is the sum of the number of fixed points of  $g$  in  $X_i$ .

then applying Jordan's thm for each orbit, the above formula  
 gives 1 each time  $\Rightarrow$  summing to  $n$ .



FREE ABELIAN GROUP OF RANK  $n$ :  $\mathbb{Z}^n = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) : a_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 $\leftarrow n$  copies of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(addition = group law)  $\leftarrow$  (finitely generated abelian group).

If  $\mathbb{Z}^n \cong \mathbb{Z}^m \Rightarrow n=m$ , ( $\Rightarrow$  well-defined).

any subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  for some  $m \leq n$ .

NB: all subgroups of abelian groups are normal.

Every finitely generated abelian group is isomorphic to product of finitely many cyclic groups.

$\hookrightarrow$  Any finite generated abelian group is isomorphic to a product of its  $p$ -primary torsion subgroups,  $\rightarrow$  set of elements of  $n$  of order power of  $p$ .

(USE:  $C_n \cong C_{p_1^{a_1}} \times \dots \times C_{p_m^{a_m}}$  where  $n = p_1^{a_1} \dots p_m^{a_m}$ )

## RINGS

- set  $R$  with  $+$  and  $\times$  s.t.:  $(R, +)$  is abelian group.
- $(ab)c = a(bc) \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$  (multiplication ASSOCIATIVE).
- multiplicative identity  $= 1$  exists  $(x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x)$
- Distributivity:  $a(b+c) = ab+ac$  ~~and~~  $(a+b)c = ac+bc \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$ .

SUBRING TEST:  $S \subseteq R$  s.t.  $1 \in S, \forall a, b \in S, a+b \in S$  and  $ab \in S$  and  $-a \in S$ .

DIVISION RING  $\rightarrow$  every non-zero element is invertible.

FIELD: commutative division ring.

HOMOMORPHISM:  $f: R \rightarrow S$  if,  $f: (R, +) \rightarrow (S, +)$   
hom. of abelian groups.

$$f(xy) = f(x) \cdot f(y), \quad f(1_R) = 1_S.$$

KERNEL:  $\text{Ker}(f)$  is subgroup of  $(R, +)$  s.t.  $\forall x \in \text{Ker}(f)$   
and all  $r \in R$ , then  $xr \in \text{Ker}(f), rx \in \text{Ker}(f)$ .

IDEAL:  $I \subseteq R$  if subgroup of  $(R, +)$  and  $\forall x \in I, r \in R,$   
 $rx \in I$  and  $xr \in I$ .

QUOTIENT RING:  $I \subseteq R$  proper ideal, then  $R/I = \{r+I : r \in R\}$

PRINCIPAL IDEAL: for  $a \in R$ , the set  $aR = \{ax : x \in R\}$ .  
(generator  $a$ ).

ISOMORPHISM THM:  $f: R \rightarrow S$ , then  $R/\text{Ker}(f) \cong f(R) \subseteq S$

$\hookrightarrow x + \text{Ker}(f) \mapsto f(x)$  is isomorphism of groups under  $+$ .  
The map respects multiplication and sends 1 to 1  $\Rightarrow$  ring hom.

ZERO DIVISORS: if  $a, b \in R$  non-zero and  $ab = 0$  then  
 $a, b$  zero divisors.

INTEGRAL DOMAIN: commutative ring without zero-divisors.  
i.e.  $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

$aR = bR \Leftrightarrow a = br$  where  $r \in R^\times$  (unit.)

$\hookrightarrow$  if  $a = 0$  then so  $a \neq 0$ .  $a = a \cdot 1 \in aR = bR$   
 $\Rightarrow a = bc$  for  $c \in R$ , also  $b = ad$  for  $d \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow a = acd \Rightarrow acd = 1 \Rightarrow c \in R^\times$ .

Every field is an integral domain.

Every finite integral domain is a field.

$\hookrightarrow$  let  $R = \{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$ , take  $r \in R$  and consider  
 $\{r_1 \cdot r, \dots, r_n \cdot r\}$ . If  $r_i \cdot r = r_j \cdot r \Rightarrow r_i = r_j$   
 $\Rightarrow \{r_1 \cdot r, \dots, r_n \cdot r\}$  distinct so  $\{r_1 \cdot r, \dots, r_n \cdot r\} = R = \{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  any  $r_i = r_j \cdot r$ , specifically  $1 = r_j \cdot r \Rightarrow r_j = r^{-1}$ .  $\square$

•  $\mathbb{F}_p$  denoted by  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

$K \subseteq F$  is subfield of  $F$  if  $K$  is field with same  $+$  and  $\times$   
 $\hookrightarrow F$  is FIELD EXTENSION of  $K$ .

For any ring  $R$ ,  $\exists$  unique homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  if  $R$  integral domain, kernel of this hom. is either  
 $\{0\}$  zero ideal or principal ideal  $p\mathbb{Z}$  for prime  $p$ .

• N/B: the zero ideal  $\{0\}$  of  $R$  is PRIME.

CHARACTERISTIC: of an int. dom. is non-negative unique <sup>generator</sup>  $\#$   
of the kernel of a hom.  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$  so it's 0 or prime  $\#$ .

A field extension  $F$  of field  $K$  is a vector space over  $K$ .

~~For field  $K$  with  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ , then  $\exists$  unique subfield of~~

For field  $K$ , with  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ ,  $K$  contains a unique subfield isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow K$  vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

if  $\text{char}(K) = p$  prime, then  $K$  contains unique subfield isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}_p \Rightarrow K$  vector space over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

every finite field has  $p^n$  elements.

commutative ring is field iff any proper ideal is  $\{0\}$ .

$f: R \rightarrow S$  hom., and let  $J \subset S$  be ideal. Then  $f^{-1}(J)$  ideal.  
Es note  $\rightarrow f^{-1}(J)$  subgroup of  $(R, +)$ . (inverse image of subgroup is subgroup).

PRIME IDEAL: proper ideal  $I \subset R$  of commutative ring s.t.  $R/I$  is integral domain.

$\hookrightarrow I \subset R$  prime iff  $\forall x, y \in R$  s.t.  $xy \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$  or  $y \in I$ .

MAXIMAL IDEAL: proper ideal  $I \subset R$  of commutative ring s.t.  $R/I$  is a field, (all maximal ideals prime).

$\hookrightarrow I \subset R$  maximal iff  $\forall J$  with  $I \subsetneq J$ , then  $J = I$  or  $J = R$ .

in integral domain,  $\deg(p(t) \cdot q(t)) = \deg(p(t)) + \deg(q(t))$ .

For field  $K$ ,  $a(t), b(t) \in K[t]$  then:

$$a(t) = b(t) \cdot q(t) + r(t) \quad (\deg(r) < \deg(b) \text{ or } r=0)$$

EUCLIDEAN DOMAIN: integral domain  $R$  with  $\phi: R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

s.t.  $\phi(xy) \geq \phi(x) \quad \forall x, y \in R \setminus \{0\}$ .

$\forall a, b \in R, \exists q, r \in R$  s.t.  $a = qb + r$  ( $r=0$  or  $\phi(r) < \phi(b)$ )

e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}$  w/  $\phi(n) = |n|$  or  $K[t]$  w/  $\text{degree}$ .

PRINCIPAL IDEAL DOMAIN: integral domain where every ideal principal.

Every Euclidean Domain is a PID.

IRREDUCIBLE: integral domain  $R$ , let non-zero  $x \in R \setminus R^\times$ ,  
is irreducible if  $x$  NOT a product of 2 elements of  $R \setminus R^\times$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  irreducibles non-invertible.

if  $x$  irred and  $a \in R^\times \Rightarrow ax$  also irred.

UNIQUE FACTORISATION DOMAIN: integral domain where every  
element of  $R \setminus R^\times$  can be written as product of finitely  
many irreducibles (up to reordering and multiplying by  $R^\times$ ).

for  $a, b \in R$  integral domain and  $r \in R^\times$  then if;  
 $b = ra \Rightarrow a$  and  $b$  are ASSOCIATES.

e.g. NON-UFD  $\rightarrow R = \{a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \mid a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}, a_i \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ .

UFD but NOT PID  $\rightarrow R[x, y]$  - polynomial ring in  $x$  AND  $y$ ,  
 $\uparrow$  (or  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ ) with coeffs in field  $k$ .

Every PID is a UFD.

for PID  $R$ ,  $aR$  maximal iff  $a$  irreducible.

if  $R$  PID,  $a \in R$  irreducible, THEN  $R/aR$  field.

let  $k$  be field s.t. char  $(k) = p, \Rightarrow \forall x, y \in k,$

$$(x + y)^{p^m} = x^{p^m} + y^{p^m}.$$

$R[x]$  poly ring is PID iff  $R$  is field.

$\hookrightarrow$  if  $f$  unit, then  $\exists g \in R[x]$  s.t.  $1 = g \cdot f \in (f)$

$\Rightarrow 1 \in (f) \Rightarrow (f) = (1)$  or  $fR[x] = R[x]$