

Algebra

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1 Introduction

Definition: 1.1: Relation

A relation on a set A is a subset $R \subset A \times A$. Write $(x, y) \in R$ as xRy , $(x, y) \notin R$ as $x \not R y$.

Example: $A =$ any set, R is equality. $(x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow x = y$, $R = \{(a, a) : a \in A\}$.
If $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$

Example: $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, R is less than or equal.
Then $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$

Example: $A = \mathbb{N}$, R is divides. $(m, n) \in R \Leftrightarrow m|n$, i.e. $\exists d \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n = md$.
Then $(1, n) \in R$, since $1|n$ for any n , $(2, 10) \in R$, since $2|10$.

Definition: 1.2: Equivalence Relation

A relation $R \subset A \times A$ is an equivalence relation if it has the following properties

1. Reflexivity: $(a, a) \in R, \forall a \in A$
2. Symmetry: $(a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$
3. Transitivity: $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$

Example: R is equality. $(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a = b$ is an equivalence relation.

Example: R is nothing. $\forall a, b \in A, (a, b) \in R$. $R = A \times A$ is an equivalence relation.

Example: $A = C^1(\mathbb{R})$ (all differentiable functions on \mathbb{R}). $fRg \Leftrightarrow f' = g'$ is an equivalence relation.

Definition: 1.3: Equivalence Class

Given an equivalence relation $R \subset A \times A$. The equivalence class of $a \in A$ is $[a] = \{b \in A : (a, b) \in R\}$.

Example: R is equality. $[a] = \{b \in A : a = b\} = \{a\}$

Example: R is nothing. $[a] = \{b \in A : (a, b) \in R = A \times A\} = A$

Example: $A = C^1(\mathbb{R})$. $[f] = \{g \in A : f' = g'\} = \{g \in A : (f - g)' = 0\} = \{f + c : c \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

Definition: 1.4: Power Set

Given a set A . $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{B : B \subset A\}$ is the power set of A .

Definition: 1.5: Partition

$P \subset \mathcal{P}(A)$ is a partition of A if

- $\bigcup_{X \in P} X = A$
- If $X \neq Y$, then $X \cap Y = \emptyset$

Example: $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, $P = \{\{1\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{5, 6\}\}$ is a partition.

Example: $A = \mathbb{Z}$, $P = \{\{3k\}, \{3k+1\}, \{3k+2\}\}$ is a partition.

Theorem: 1.1:

There is a one-to-one correspondence between partitions of A and equivalence relations on A .

Proof. 1. Suppose P is a partition of A . Define a relation $R \subset A \times A$ s.t. $(a, b) \in R \Leftrightarrow a, b \in X \in P$. We need to check that R is an equivalence relation.

Reflexivity: $(a, a) \in R$, because $a \in X$ for some $X \in P$, since $\bigcup_{X \in P} X = A$ and $a \in A$.

Symmetry: Suppose $(a, b) \in R$, then $a, b \in X \in P$. This is the same as $b, a \in X \in P$, thus $(b, a) \in R$

Transitivity: Suppose $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$, then $a, b \in X \in P$ and $b, c \in Y \in P$. But $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ if $X \neq Y$, thus $X = Y$. $a, c \in X \in P$, so $(a, c) \in R$

2. Suppose $R \subset A \times A$ is an equivalence relation. Let $P = \{[a] : a \in A\}$

Suppose $a \in A$, $(a, a) \in R$. $a \in [a] = \bigcup_{[a] \in P} [a] \Rightarrow A \subset \bigcup_{[a] \in P} [a]$ and by definition $\bigcup_{[a] \in P} [a] \subset A$, thus

$$A = \bigcup_{[a] \in P} [a]$$

Take $a, b \in A$. Consider $[a] \cap [b]$. Suppose $x \in [a] \cap [b]$. Then $x \in [a]$ and $x \in [b]$. Then $(a, x) \in R$ and $(b, x) \in R$. By transitivity $(a, b) \in R$, $[a] = [b]$

□

Definition: 1.6: Binary Operation

Given a set S , a binary operation on S is a function $* : S \times S \rightarrow S$, write $*(a, b) = a * b$. The following properties may or may not hold.

- Associativity: $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$
- Commutativity: $a * b = b * a$

Example: $(\mathbb{N}, +)$, $+$ is associative and commutative.

Example: $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$, $+$ is associative and commutative, with identity and inverse.

Example: $M_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}\}$, $*$ is matrix multiplication. Then $*$ is associative, but not commutative. If $*$ is the commutator $[\cdot, \cdot]$, $A * B = [A, B] = AB - BA$, then $*$ is neither associative nor commutative.

2 Groups

Definition: 2.1: Groups

A group is a set G together with a binary operation $*$ s.t.

1. Closure: If $a, b \in G$, then $a * b \in G$
2. Identity: $\exists e \in G$ s.t. $\forall a \in G, a * e = a = e * a$
3. Inverse: $\exists a^{-1} \in G$ s.t. $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$
4. Associative: $\forall a, b, c \in G, a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$

Example: $(\mathbb{Z}, +), (\mathbb{Q}, +), (\mathbb{R}, +), (\mathbb{C}, +)$ are groups under addition.

Example: $(\{\pm 1\}, \cdot), (\mathbb{Q}^\times, \cdot)$ where $\mathbb{Q}^\times = \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$, $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : \det(A) \neq 0\}$ are groups under multiplication.

Definition: 2.2: Integer Modulo n Groups

Let \mathbb{Z}_n be the set of all equivalence classes mod n . $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]\}$. Define $[x] + [y] = [x + y]$. Then $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ forms a group with identity $[0]$.

Example: $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +)$ is a group, but (\mathbb{Z}_6, \cdot) where $\cdot : [x][y] \rightarrow [xy]$ is not a group, because 2,3,4 do not have an inverse.

Definition: 2.3: Group of Units

Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the group of units $U_n = \{[m]_n : \gcd(m, n) = 1\}$ with operation $[x][y] = [xy]$. U_n is a group.

Proof.

1. Closure: Suppose $\gcd(x, n) = \gcd(y, n) = 1$, then $\gcd(xy, n) = 1$. So $[x], [y] \in U_n \Rightarrow [xy] \in U_n$.
2. Identity: $[1] \in U_n$ since $\gcd(1, n) = 1$ for any n .
3. Inverse: If $[a] \in U_n$, then $\gcd(a, n) = 1$. Thus $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $ax + ny = 1$ and $\gcd(x, n) = 1$. $[a][x] = [1]$.
4. Associativity: From associativity of multiplication in \mathbb{Z}

□

Example: $U_6 = \{1, 5\}$.

Example: $U_5 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

Definition: 2.4: Dihedral Groups

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_n &= \{\text{rigid motions of regular } n\text{-gons}\} \\
 &= \{e, r, \dots, r^{n-1}, s, sr, \dots, sr^{n-1}\}, \text{ where } r = \text{rotation by } \frac{2\pi}{n}, s = \text{reflection through a vertex} \\
 &= \langle r, s : r^n = s^2 = e, rs = sr^{n-1} \rangle \text{ in generator representation}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: $n = 3$, D_3 is the rigid motion on equilateral triangles. r = rotation counter clockwise by $\frac{2\pi}{3}$. r^2 = rotation by $\frac{4\pi}{3}$. $r^3 = e$, s = reflection through a vertex

For an n -gon, we can rotate by $\frac{2\pi k}{n}$ for $0 \leq k < n - 1$, with a total of n rotations, and n total reflections through n vertices.

Example: $n = 6$, $rsr^4sr^3 = sr^5r^4sr^3 = sr^9sr^3 = sr^3sr^3 = e$, since sr^3 is a reflection.

Theorem: 2.1:

$$r^k s = sr^{n-k} \text{ for all } 1 \leq k \leq n - 1.$$

Proof. **Base case:** $rs = sr^{n-1}$ by definition.

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose $r^k s = sr^{n-k}$

Induction Step: $r^{k+1} s = r^k r s \stackrel{\text{Base case}}{=} r^k sr^{n-1} \stackrel{\text{IH}}{=} sr^{n-k} r^{n-1} = sr^{2n-(k+1)} = sr^{n-(k+1)}$ □

Definition: 2.5: Permutation Group

Given a set X , define $S_X = \{f : X \rightarrow X : f \text{ a bijection}\}$. S_X forms a group with operation given by composition of functions. S_X is called the permutation group of X .

If $X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, we write $S_X = S_n$.

- Proof.*
1. Closure: $\forall f, g \in S_X, f \circ g : X \rightarrow X$ is a bijection, $f \circ g \in S_X$
 2. Associativity: $\forall f, g, h \in S_X, f \circ (g \circ h)(x) = f(g(h(x))) = f \circ (g \circ h)(x)$
 3. Identity: $\text{id} : X \rightarrow X, \text{id}(x) = x$. Then $\text{id} \circ f = f$ for $f \in S_X$
 4. Inverse: Given a function $f : X \rightarrow X, f$ is a bijection $\Leftrightarrow f$ has an inverse. Thus $\forall f \in S_X, f^{-1} \in S_X$ □

Example: $n = 3, S_3$ has 6 elements, and in cycle notation, we write $S_3 = \{1, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$, where $(123)(2) = 3, (123)(3) = 1, (132)(3) = 2$.

Example: Composing cycles

1. $(1352)(243) = (13)(245)$. 1 is sent to 1 by (243), then to 3 by (1352). We then look at 3, 3 is sent to 2 by (243), then sent to 1 by (1352)
2. $(2974)(164) = (162974)$
3. $(1325)^{-1} = (1523)$ (just write in reverse order)

Theorem: 2.2: Basic Properties of Groups

Given a group G ,

1. The identity is unique
2. Inverses are unique
3. $\forall a, b \in G, (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$
4. If $ab = ac$, then $b = c$. Similarly, if $ba = ca$, then $b = c$

- Proof.*
1. Suppose $e_1, e_2 \in G$ are both identities, $e_1 \stackrel{e_2 \text{ is identity}}{=} e_1 e_2 \stackrel{e_1 \text{ is identity}}{=} e_2$
 2. Suppose $a \in G$ with inverses b and c . *i.e.* $ab = e = ba, ac = e = ca$.
Then $b = be \stackrel{e=ac}{=} b(ac) \stackrel{\text{associativity}}{=} (ba)c \stackrel{ba=e}{=} ec = c$

3. $(ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = a(bb^{-1})a^{-1} = aa^{-1} = e$ and $(ab)(ab)^{-1} = e$. Thus $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$, since inverses are unique.
4. $ab = ac$, then $a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}(ac)$. By associativity, $b = c$.

□

Definition: 2.6: Abelian Group

A group G is abelian, if it is commutative. *i.e.* $\forall a, b \in G, ab = ba$.

Definition: 2.7: Order of a Group

G has order n if $|G| = n$. *i.e.* G has n elements. n can be infinite.

Definition: 2.8: Order of an Element

$g \in G$ has order m if m is the smallest natural number s.t. $g^m = e$. Write $|g| = \text{ord}(g) = n$.

2.1 Subgroups

Definition: 2.9: Subgroups

Given a group G , a subset $H \subset G$ is a subgroup if H is a group. Write $H \leq G$.

Example: Suppose $H \leq \mathbb{Z}$ under addition, $H \neq \{0\}$.

Let $n \in H$ be the smallest positive number, $m \in H$ be any other element. We can write $m = nq + r$, $0 \leq r < n$. $r = m - n - \dots - n \in H$, thus $r = 0$.

i.e. any element $m \in H$ is a multiple of $n \in H$, the smallest positive element.

Thus we can write $H = n\mathbb{Z} = \{nk : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. *i.e.* The subgroups of \mathbb{Z} must be of the form $n\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z}$.

Example: G any group, $\{e\} \leq G$, $G \leq G$ are the trivial subgroups.

Example: $\mathbb{C}^\times = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ not both zero}\}$, $\mathbb{Q}^\times \leq \mathbb{R}^\times \leq \mathbb{C}^\times$. $S^1 \leq \mathbb{C}^\times$, where $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$

Example: $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) \leq GL(n, \mathbb{R})$, where $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \det A = 1\}$

Theorem: 2.3: Subgroup Test

Suppose G is a group. $H \subset G$ non-empty. Then $H \leq G \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in H, xy^{-1} \in H$

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose $H \leq G$. Let $x, y \in H$. Then $y^{-1} \in H$, since H is a group. By closure property, $xy^{-1} \in H$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\forall x, y \in H, xy^{-1} \in H$.

1. Identity: Set $y = x$, then $xy^{-1} = xx^{-1} = e$, since $x \in G$, G is a group. Thus $e \in H$.
2. Inverse: Suppose $a \in H$. Let $x = e, y = a \in H$. $xy^{-1} = ea^{-1} = a^{-1} \in H$.
3. Closure: Suppose $a, b \in H$, then $b^{-1} \in H$. Let $x = a, y = b^{-1}$. $xy^{-1} = a(b^{-1})^{-1} = ab \in H$

Thus $H \leq G$.

□

Definition: 2.10: Centralizer

Let $H \leq G$. The centralizer of H is

$$C(H) = \{g \in G : gh = hg, \forall h \in H\}$$

$$C(H) \leq G$$

Proof. Suppose $x, y \in C(H)$, we want to show $xy^{-1} \in C(H)$.

Notice that $gh = hg$ for all $h \in H$. Left and right multiply by g^{-1} , we get $g^{-1}ghg^{-1} = g^{-1}hgg^{-1}$. Thus $hg^{-1} = g^{-1}h$.

Let $h \in H$, $(xy^{-1})h \stackrel{\text{associativity}}{=} x(y^{-1}h) \stackrel{hg^{-1} = g^{-1}h}{=} xhy^{-1} \stackrel{gh = hg}{=} h(xy^{-1})$

Thus $xy^{-1} \in C(H)$, $C(H) \leq G$ □

Definition: 2.11: Conjugate Subgroup

Let $H \leq G$. The conjugate subgroup is $g^{-1}Hg = \{g^{-1}hg : h \in H\} \leq G$.

Proof. Suppose $x \in g^{-1}Hg$ and $y \in g^{-1}Hg$. Then $x = g^{-1}hg$, $y = g^{-1}\hat{h}g$ for $h, \hat{h} \in H$.

Then $y^{-1} = g^{-1}\hat{h}^{-1}g$. $xy^{-1} = g^{-1}hgg^{-1}\hat{h}^{-1}g = g^{-1}h\hat{h}^{-1}g \in g^{-1}Hg$. □

Definition: 2.12: Center

Given a group G , the center of G is $Z(G) = \{g \in G : gx = xg, \forall x \in G\}$. $Z(G) \leq G$.
i.e. $g \in Z(G) \Leftrightarrow gx = xg, \forall x \in G \Leftrightarrow xgx^{-1} = g, \forall x \in G$

Proof. Let $x, y \in Z(G)$. Then $gxg^{-1} = x, \forall x \in G$, and $gyg^{-1} = y, \forall y \in G$

Then $xy^{-1} = gxg^{-1}(gyg^{-1})^{-1} = gxg^{-1}gy^{-1}g^{-1} = g(xy^{-1})g^{-1}$, Thus $xy^{-1} \in Z(G)$.

By Theorem 2.3, $Z(G) \leq G$. □

Example: Find the center of $D_4 = \langle r, s : r^4 = s^2 = e, rs = sr^3 \rangle$

Proof. If $x \in Z(D_4)$, then $rx = xr$ and $sx = xs$, thus $x = r^3xr$ and $x = s^{-1}xs = xs$

Suppose x is a rotation, $x = r^k, 0 \leq k \leq 3$.

Then $r^3xr = r^3r^kr = r^{k+4} = r^k = x$, so any rotation commutes with x .

$sxs = sr^ks \stackrel{\text{By Theorem 2.1}}{=} sr^{4-k} = r^{4-k} = x = r^k$. Then $r^{2k} = e, 2k \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, k$ is even.

Thus $x = r^0$ or r^2 .

Suppose x is a reflection, $x = sr^k, 0 \leq k \leq 3$.

Then $r^3xr = r^3sr^kr \stackrel{\text{By Theorem 2.1}}{=} sr^{k+2} = x = sr^k$. Then $r^{k+2} = r, r^2 = e$. Impossible.

In summary: if x is a reflection, it cannot be in the center. Only rotations in $Z(D_4)$ are e and r^2 .

Thus $Z(D_4) = \{e, r^2\} = \langle r^2 \rangle$. □

2.2 Types of Groups

2.2.1 Cyclic Groups

Definition: 2.13: Cyclic Subgroups

Given any group G and element $a \in G$, the cyclic subgroup of G generated by a is $\langle a \rangle = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Proof. Suppose $x, y \in \langle a \rangle$. Then $x = a^m, y = a^n$ for $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
 Then $xy^{-1} = a^m(a^n)^{-1} = a^m a^{-n} = a^{m-n} \in \langle a \rangle$, since $m - n \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 Thus $\langle a \rangle \leq G$ by Theorem 2.3. □

Theorem: 2.4:

$\langle a \rangle$ is the smallest subgroup of G containing a .

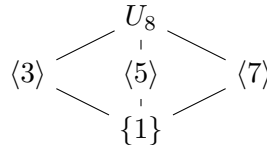
Proof. We want to show that for any $H \leq G$ with $a \in H$, $\langle a \rangle \subset H$.
 Suppose $H \leq G$ with $a \in H$, then $a^n \in H, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, because subgroups are closed under the operation.
 Thus $\langle a \rangle \subset H$ and $\langle a \rangle \leq H$. □

Example: $(\mathbb{Z}, +), \langle 5 \rangle = \{5n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = 5\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z}$

Example: $\mathbb{Z}_{12}, \langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4, 8\} \leq \mathbb{Z}_{12}, \langle 5 \rangle = \{0, 5, 10, 3, 8, 1, 6, 11, 4, 9, 2, 7\} = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$

Example: $U_8 = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}, \langle 3 \rangle = \{1, 3\}, \langle 5 \rangle = \{1, 5\}, \langle 7 \rangle = \{1, 7\}$

Figure 1: Lattice Diagram for U_8



Example: $D_4 = \{e, r, r^2, r^3, s, sr, sr^2, sr^3\}, \langle r \rangle = \{e, r, r^2, r^3\}, \langle r^2 \rangle = \{e, r^2\}, \langle s \rangle = \{e, s\}, \langle s, r \rangle = \{e, sr\}$

Example: $S_5 =$ all bijections of $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. $\langle (123) \rangle = \{1, (123), (132)\}$

Definition: 2.14: Cyclic Groups

A group G is a cyclic group if $G = \langle g \rangle = \{g^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ for some $g \in G$.

Theorem: 2.5:

Every cyclic group is abelian

Proof. Suppose $G = \langle g \rangle$. Take $x, y \in G. x = g^m, y = g^n$ for $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 Then, $xy = g^m g^n = g^{m+n} = g^n g^m = yx$. Thus the cyclic group is abelian. □

Example: Cyclic groups: $\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle = \{n \cdot 1 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. $\mathbb{Z}_n = \langle 1 \rangle$.

$U_6 = \{1, 5\} = \langle 5 \rangle$. $U_9 = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\} = \langle 2 \rangle$

All non-abelian groups are not cyclic.

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)\}$ is abelian, but not cyclic. $\langle (1, 0) \rangle = \{(1, 0), (0, 0)\}$, $\langle (0, 1) \rangle = \{(0, 1), (0, 0)\}$, $\langle (1, 1) \rangle = \{(1, 1), (0, 0)\}$

Theorem: 2.6:

Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.

Proof. Suppose $G = \langle g \rangle$, $H \leq G = \langle g \rangle$.

Let $S = \{a \in \mathbb{N} : g^a \in H\} \subset \mathbb{N}$, so it has a minimal element $m \in S$, $g^m \in H$.

Take $g^n \in H$. Perform division algorithm with m and n . $n = mq + r$, $0 \leq r < m - 1$.

$g^n = g^{mq+r} = (g^m)^q g^r$. Then $g^r = g^n (g^m)^{-q} \in H$. This means that $r = 0$. Otherwise, m is not the minimal.

Thus, $g^n = (g^m)^q g^r = (g^m)^q \in \langle g^m \rangle$.

Then $H \subset \langle g^m \rangle$.

Since $g^m \in H$, $\langle g^m \rangle \leq H$ by Theorem 2.4, Thus $H = \langle g^m \rangle$ □

Lemma: 2.1:

Suppose $G = \langle g \rangle$ with $|G| = n$ or equivalently $|g| = n$. Then $g^k = e \Leftrightarrow n|k$

Proof. (\Leftarrow) Suppose $n|k$, then $k = nd$ for $d \in \mathbb{N}$. $g^k = g^{nd} = (g^n)^d = e^d = e$

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $g^k = e$. Perform division with n and k . $k = nq + r$, $0 \leq r < n - 1$.

Then $e = g^k = g^{nq+r} = (g^n)^q g^r = e^q g^r = g^r$. Thus $r = 0$, $k = nq$, $n|k$. □

Theorem: 2.7: Element Order in Cyclic Group

Let $G = \langle g \rangle$ with $|G| = |g| = n$. If $x = g^k$, then $|x| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)}$.

Proof. Let $m = |x|$. By Definition 2.8, $x^m = (g^k)^m = e$. Thus $g^{km} = e$. By Lemma 2.1, $n|km$, or equivalently $\frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)} = \frac{km}{\gcd(n,k)}$.

But $\frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)}$ and $\frac{k}{\gcd(n,k)}$ are relatively prime. Thus $\frac{m}{\gcd(n,k)} | m$

Notice $x^{\frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)}} = (g^k)^{\frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)}} = (g^n)^{\frac{k}{\gcd(n,k)}} = e$.

By Lemma 2.1, $m | \frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)}$.

Thus $m = \frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)}$ □

Corollary 1. If $G = \langle g \rangle$ with $|G| = n|g|$, then $G = \langle g^m \rangle \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1$.

Corollary 2. $\mathbb{Z}_n = \langle m \rangle \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1$.

Example: $\mathbb{Z}_9 = \langle 1 \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle = \langle 4 \rangle = \langle 5 \rangle = \langle 7 \rangle = \langle 8 \rangle$

For p prime, $\mathbb{Z}_p = \langle m \rangle$, $\forall m \in [1, p - 1]$.

2.2.2 Alternating Groups

Definition: 2.15: k-cycle and Transposition

A k-cycle is a permutation $(a_1 a_2 \dots a_k)$, $a_i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. A 2-cycle is known as a transposition.

Theorem: 2.8:

Any k-cycle can be written as a product of transpositions.

Proof. $(a_1 a_2 \dots a_{k-1} a_k) = (a_1 a_2)(a_2 a_3) \dots (a_{k-1} a_k)$. □

Remark 1. The composition is not unique. *e.g.* $(123) = (12)(13) = (12)(23)(23)(13)$

Lemma: 2.2:

If $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \in S_n$ are transpositions with $\tau_1 \cdots \tau_r = 1$, then r is even.

Proof. Note $r = 1$ is impossible. So we assume $r \geq 2$.

Induction Hypothesis: Assume that for $k \leq r$ if $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k \in S_n$ are transpositions with $\tau_1 \cdots \tau_k = 1$, then k is even.

Induction Step: We can write the final two transpositions $\tau_{r-1} \tau_r = \begin{cases} (ab)(ab) = (1) \\ (bc)(ab) = (ac)(bc) \\ (cd)(ab) = (ab)(cd) \\ (ac)(ab) = (ab)(bc) \end{cases}$.

Using this we can move the last appearance of a to the left. Suppose a appears in τ_r , we can move it left until

1. The resulting final appearance of a is (ab') and it encounters its inverse. $\tau'_{k-1} \tau_k = (1)$. Then $\tau_1 \cdots \tau_r = \tau'_1 \cdots \tau'_{r-2} = (1)$. $r - 2$ is even by IH, thus r is even.
2. The first occurrence of a moves all the way to the left, $(1) = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_r = (ab)' \tau'_2 \cdots \tau'_r$. Then $\tau'_2 \cdots \tau'_r$ fixes a , and $(1) = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_r = (ab)' \tau'_2 \cdots \tau'_r$ sends a to b , contradiction that (1) is identity.

Thus we only have the first case, and r must be even. □

Theorem: 2.9:

If $\tau_1 \cdots \tau_m$ and $\tau'_1 \cdots \tau'_n$ are transpositions s.t. $\tau_1 \cdots \tau_m = \tau'_1 \cdots \tau'_n$, then $m \equiv n \pmod{2}$.

Proof. Note $\forall \tau = (ab)$, $\tau^2 = 1$, thus $\tau^{-1} = \tau$.

Then right multiply both sides of the given equation by $(\tau'_1 \cdots \tau'_n)^{-1}$, we get $\tau_1 \cdots \tau_m (\tau'_n)^{-1} \cdots \tau'_1 = (1)$. Thus $(m + n) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, *i.e.* $m \equiv n \pmod{2}$. □

Definition: 2.16: Even/Odd Cycles

$\sigma \in S_n$ is said to be even/odd if it can be written as a product of an even/odd number of transpositions. $(a_1 \dots a_k)$ is even if k is odd, odd if k is even, because $(a_1 \dots a_k) = (a_1 a_2) \cdots (a_{k-1} a_k)$ contains $k - 1$ transpositions.

Definition: 2.17: Alternating Group

Define the alternating group $A_n = \{\sigma \in S_n : \sigma \text{ is even}\}$. $A_n \leq S_n$

Proof. Suppose $\mu, \sigma \in A_n$. Then $\mu = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2k}$, $\sigma = \tau'_1 \cdots \tau'_{2m}$ for $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\sigma^{-1} = \tau'_{2m} \cdots \tau'_1$. $\mu\sigma^{-1} = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2k} \tau'_{2m} \cdots \tau'_1$ has a total of $2(k+m)$ transpositions. Thus $\mu\sigma^{-1} \in A_n$. By Theorem 2.3, $A_n \leq S_n$. \square

Theorem: 2.10:

$$|A_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$$

Proof. $S_n \setminus A_n = \{\text{odd permutations}\}$. Then S_n is the disjoint union of A_n and $S_n \setminus A_n$.

Consider $\phi : A_n \rightarrow S_n \setminus A_n$ s.t. $\phi(\sigma) = (12)\sigma$. We want to show that ϕ is a bijection.

1. Injective: $\phi(\sigma_1) = \phi(\sigma_2)$, $(12)\sigma = (12)\sigma$, then $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$
2. Surjective: Let $\mu \in S_n \setminus A_n$. Then $\mu = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2k-1} = (12)(12)\tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2k-1}$
 Note that $(12)\tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2k-1} \in A_n$ as a even permutation, $\phi((12)\tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2k-1}) = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2k-1} = \mu$.

Thus ϕ is bijective. $|A_n| = |S_n \setminus A_n|$. $n! = |S_n| = |A_n| + |S_n \setminus A_n| = 2|A_n|$. Then $|A_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$ \square

Example: Show that A_{10} has an element of order 15.

Proof. Let $\sigma = (123)(45678) \in A_{10}$. (123) has order 3, (45678) has order 5. Then $|\sigma| = \text{lcm}(3, 5) = 15$. \square

2.2.3 Quaternion Group

Definition: 2.18: Quaternion Group

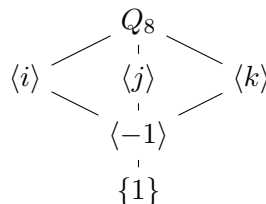
The Quaternion Group is $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$ with the following operations:

- $id = 1$
- $(-1)^2 = 1$
- $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$
- $ij = k, ji = -k$
- $jk = i, kj = -i$
- $ki = j, ik = -j$

Note: $i \rightarrow j \rightarrow k \rightarrow i$ gives the positive orientation.

Cyclic subgroups of Q_8 are $\langle -1 \rangle = \{1, -1\}$, $\langle i \rangle = \langle -i \rangle = \{1, i, -1, -i\}$, $\langle j \rangle = \langle -j \rangle = \{1, j, -1, -j\}$, $\langle k \rangle = \langle -k \rangle = \{1, k, -1, -k\}$.

Figure 2: Lattice Diagram for Q_8



2.3 Cosets and Lagrange's Theorem

Definition: 2.19: Cosets

Suppose G is a group and $H \leq G$. Then the left coset of H in G with representative $g \in G$ is $gH = \{gh : h \in H\}$. The right coset of H in G with representative $g \in G$ is $Hg = \{hg : h \in H\}$.

Note: Cosets are not necessarily subgroups.

Example: $4\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z}$

The coset with 0 is $0 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{0 + 4n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = 4\mathbb{Z}$.

The coset with 1 is $1 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{1 + 4n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -3, 1, 5, 9, \dots\}$.

The coset with 2 is $2 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{2 + 4n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -2, 2, 6, 10, \dots\}$.

The coset with 3 is $3 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{3 + 4n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -1, 3, 7, 11, \dots\}$.

$\mathbb{Z} = 4\mathbb{Z} \cup (1 + 4\mathbb{Z}) \cup (2 + 4\mathbb{Z}) \cup (3 + 4\mathbb{Z})$.

Example: $\langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 6\} \leq \mathbb{Z}_8$

$0 + \langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 6\} = 2 + \langle 2 \rangle = 4 + \langle 2 \rangle = 6 + \langle 2 \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle$

$1 + \langle 2 \rangle = \{1, 3, 5, 7\} = 3 + \langle 2 \rangle = 5 + \langle 2 \rangle = 7 + \langle 2 \rangle$

$\mathbb{Z}_8 = \langle 2 \rangle \cup (1 + \langle 2 \rangle)$.

Example: $\langle i \rangle = \{1, i, -1, -i\} \leq Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$

$i\langle i \rangle = \{i, -1, -i, 1\} = \langle i \rangle$, $j\langle i \rangle = \{j, -k, -j, k\}$

$Q_8 = \langle i \rangle \cup (j\langle i \rangle)$.

Example: $\langle 5 \rangle = \{1, 5\} \leq U_{12} = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$

$7\langle 5 \rangle = \{7, 11\}$

$U_{12} = \langle 5 \rangle \cup (7\langle 5 \rangle)$.

Example: $H = \{e, r^2, s, sr^2\} \leq D_4 = \{e, r, r^2, r^3, sr, sr^2, sr^3\}$

$eH = r^2H = sH = (sr^2)H = H$, $rH = \{r, r^3, rs, rsr^2\} = \{r, r^3, sr^3, sr\}$ (By Theorem 2.1)

$D_4 = H \cup (rH)$.

Example: $\langle (12) \rangle = \{(1), (12)\} \leq S_3 = \{(1), (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$

$(123)\langle (12) \rangle = \{(123), (13)\}$, $(132)\langle (12) \rangle = \{(132), (23)\}$

$S_3 = \langle (12) \rangle \cup ((123)\langle (12) \rangle) \cup ((132)\langle (12) \rangle)$.

Lemma: 2.3: Coset Partition

Distinct left cosets of H in G partition G .

Proof. Suppose $x \in g_1H \cap g_2H$. Then $x = g_1h = g_2h'$ for $h, h' \in H$.

Then $g_1 = g_2h'h^{-1} \in g_2H$. Thus $g_1h'' = g_2(h'h^{-1}h'') \in g_2H$, so $g_1H \subset g_2H$.

Similarly, we get $g_2H \subset g_1H$. Thus $g_1H = g_2H$. So different cosets are disjoint. *i.e.* $g_1H = g_2H$ or $g_1H \cap g_2H = \emptyset$.

Suppose $g \in G$, then $g = ge \in gH$. Thus any element $g \in G$ must live in some coset. *i.e.* Distinct left cosets of H in G partition G . \square

Lemma: 2.4:

$|H| = |gH|$ for any $g \in G$.

Proof. Consider $\phi : H \rightarrow gH$ s.t. $\phi(h) = gh$

Injective: suppose $\phi(h) = \phi(h')$, then $gh = gh'$, meaning that $h = h'$.

Surjective: let $x \in gH$. By Definition 2.19, $x = gh$ for $h \in H$. $\phi(h) = gh = x$.

Thus ϕ is bijective, $|H| = |gH|$. □

Theorem: 2.11: Lagrange's Theorem

Let G be a finite group with $H \leq G$. Then $|G| = |H|[G : H]$, where $[G : H]$ is the number of cosets of H in G . Thus $|H| \mid |G|$. $[G : H]$ is also called the index of H in G .

Proof. Suppose $|G| = n$ and g_1H, \dots, g_kH is a complete list of left cosets of H in G .

By Lemma 2.3, $G = g_1H \cup g_2H \cup \dots \cup g_kH$ with $g_iH \cap g_jH = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$.

Then $|G| = \sum_{i=1}^k |g_iH| \stackrel{\text{By Lemma 2.4}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^k |H| = k|H|$. $k = [G : H] \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus $|G| = |H|[G : H]$ and $|H| \mid |G|$. □

Corollary 3. *If G is a finite group, Then*

1. $\forall g \in H, |g| \mid |G|$
2. If $|G| = p$ a prime, then the only subgroups are G and $\{e\}$
3. If $|G| = p$, G is cyclic.

Proof. 1. Since $\langle g \rangle \subset G$ by Theorem 2.4, and $|g| = |\langle g \rangle|$ which divides $|G|$ by Theorem 2.11.

2. A prime number can only be divided by 1 and itself

3. Choose $g \neq e \in G$, $\{e\} \neq \langle g \rangle \leq G$, then $\langle g \rangle = G$ by previous. □

Lemma: 2.5: Coset Equality

Let G be a group, $H \leq G$ and $g_1, g_2 \in G$. Then the following are equivalent:

1. $g_1H = g_2H$
2. $Hg_1^{-1} = Hg_2^{-1}$
3. $g_1H \subset g_2H$
4. $g_1 \in g_2H$
5. $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in H$

Proof. (1 \Rightarrow 2) Suppose $g_1H = g_2H$.

Let $x \in Hg_1^{-1}$, then $x = hg_1^{-1}$ for some $h \in H$.

$x^{-1} = g_1h^{-1} \in g_1H = g_2H$, thus $x^{-1} = g_2\hat{h}$ for some $\hat{h} \in H$, then $x = (x^{-1})^{-1} = \hat{h}^{-1}g_2^{-1} \in Hg_2^{-1}$.

Thus $Hg_1^{-1} \subset Hg_2^{-1}$.

Similarly, we can show that $Hg_2^{-1} \subset Hg_1^{-1}$. Thus $Hg_1^{-1} = Hg_2^{-1}$.

(2 \Rightarrow 3) Suppose $Hg_1^{-1} = Hg_2^{-1}$.

Let $x \in g_1H$, then $x = g_1h$ for some $h \in H$.

$x^{-1} = h^{-1}g_1^{-1} \in Hg_1^{-1} = Hg_2^{-1}$. Thus $x^{-1} = \hat{h}g_2^{-1}$ for some $\hat{h} \in H$. Then $x = (x^{-1})^{-1} = g_2\hat{h}^{-1} \in g_2H$.

Thus $g_1H \subset g_2H$.

(3 \Rightarrow 4) Suppose $g_1H \subset g_2H$.

Then $\forall x \in g_1H, x \in g_2H$.

$g_1 = g_1e \in g_1H$ so $g_1 \in g_2H$.

(4 \Rightarrow 5) Suppose $g_1 \in g_2H$.

Then $g_1 = g_2h$ for some $h \in H$, then $g_2^{-1}g_1 = h$. Thus $g_1^{-1}g_2 = h^{-1} \in H$.

(5 \Rightarrow 1) Suppose $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in H$.

Then $g_1^{-1}g_2 = h$ for some $h \in H$. $g_2 = g_1h \in g_1H$. By Lemma 2.3, $g_1H = g_2H$. □

2.4 Group Isomorphism

Definition: 2.20: Isomorphism

Two groups (G, \cdot) and (H, \circ) are isomorphic if there is a bijection $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ s.t. $\phi(xy) = \phi(x) \circ \phi(y)$, for all $x, y \in G$. ϕ is called an isomorphism. Write $G \cong H$.

Example: Show that $(\mathbb{Z}_2, +) \cong \{\{\pm 1\}, \cdot\}$.

Proof. Let $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ s.t. $\phi(0) = 1, \phi(1) = -1$.

$$\phi(0+0) = \phi(0) = 1 = 1 \cdot 1 = \phi(0)\phi(0)$$

$$\phi(0+1) = \phi(1) = -1 = 1(-1) = \phi(0)\phi(1)$$

$$\phi(1+0) \text{ is by commutativity of Abelian groups. } \phi(1+1) = \phi(0) = 1 = (-1)(-1) = \phi(1)\phi(1)$$

Thus $\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \{\pm 1\}$ □

Example: Show that $(\mathbb{R}, +) \cong (\mathbb{R}^+, \cdot)$

Proof. Let $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ s.t. $\phi(x) = e^x$

$$\text{Injective: } \phi(x) = \phi(y) \Rightarrow e^x = e^y \Rightarrow x = y$$

$$\text{Surjective: Let } y \in \mathbb{R}^+, \ln y \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Set } x = \ln y, \phi(x) = e^{\ln y} = y.$$

$$\phi(x+y) = e^{x+y} = e^x e^y = \phi(x)\phi(y) \quad \square$$

Example: Show that $U_5 \cong U_{10}$.

Proof. $U_5 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = \langle 3 \rangle, U_{10} = \{1, 3, 7, 9\} = \langle 7 \rangle$ (Any generator works.)

Let $\phi : U_5 \rightarrow U_{10}$ s.t. $\phi(3^k) = 7^k$, i.e. $\phi(1) = 1, \phi(3) = 7, \phi(4) = 9, \phi(2) = 3$

$$\phi(3^k 3^l) = \phi(3^{k+l}) = 7^{k+l} = 7^k 7^l = \phi(3^k)\phi(3^l) \quad \square$$

Theorem: 2.12: Properties of Isomorphism

Let $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ be an isomorphism. Then

1. $\phi^{-1} : H \rightarrow G$ is an isomorphism
2. $|G| = |H|$
3. If G is abelian, then so is H
4. If G is cyclic, then so is H
5. If G has a subgroup of order n , then so does H

Proof. 1. ϕ is bijective, so ϕ^{-1} exists.

Suppose $u, v \in H, \exists x, y \in G$ s.t. $\phi(x) = u, \phi(y) = v$

$$\phi^{-1}(uv) = \phi^{-1}(\phi(x)\phi(y)) = \phi^{-1}(\phi(xy)) = xy = \phi^{-1}(u)\phi^{-1}(v)$$

2. By definition of bijections

3. Suppose G is abelian.

Let $u, v \in H$, $u = \phi(x)$, $v = \phi(y)$, $x, y \in G$

$$uv = \phi(x)\phi(y) = \phi(xy) \stackrel{G \text{ is abelian}}{=} \phi(yx) = \phi(y)\phi(x) = vu$$

Thus H is abelian.

4. Suppose G is cyclic. $G = \langle g \rangle$.

Let $u \in H$. $u = \phi(x)$ for some $x \in G = \langle g \rangle$. Then $x = g^n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then $u = \phi(g^n) = (\phi(g))^n \in \langle \phi(g) \rangle$

Thus $H \leq \langle \phi(g) \rangle \leq H$, $H = \langle \phi(g) \rangle$ is cyclic.

5. Suppose $K \leq G$ with $|K| = n$

Consider $\phi(K) \subset H$ with $|\phi(K)| = n$.

Let $x, y \in \phi(K)$. Then $x = \phi(k_1)$, $y = \phi(k_2)$ for some $k_1, k_2 \in K$. $k_1 k_2^{-1} \in K$, because K is a subgroup.

$$xy^{-1} = \phi(k_1)\phi(k_2)^{-1} = \phi(k_1 k_2^{-1}) \in \phi(K)$$

By Theorem 2.3, $\phi(K) \leq H$.

□

2.4.1 Classification of Cyclic Groups

Theorem: 2.13: Infinite Cyclic Groups

If $G = \langle g \rangle$ with $|G| = \infty$, then $G \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. Consider $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$ s.t. $\phi(n) = g^n$

$$\phi(m+n) = g^{m+n} = g^m g^n = \phi(m)\phi(n)$$

Injective: suppose $\phi(m) = \phi(n)$ with $m \geq n$. Then $g^m = g^n \Rightarrow g^{m-n} = e$.

If $m = n$, then done, ϕ is injective.

If $m > n$, then let $k = m - n > 0$. $\langle g \rangle = \{e, g, \dots, g^{k-1}\}$ is finite, because $g^k = e$.

Surjective: suppose $x \in G = \langle g \rangle$, $x = g^n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $\phi(n) = x$.

□

Theorem: 2.14: Finite Cyclic Groups

Suppose $G = \langle g \rangle$ with $|G| = n$. Then $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$.

Proof. Consider $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow G$ with $\phi(m) = g^m$ for $0 \leq m \leq n-1$

Suppose $m \equiv m' \pmod{n}$, then $m - m' = kn$ for some integer k . $\phi(m - m') = \phi(kn) \Rightarrow g^{m-m'} = (g^n)^k = e$.

Thus $g^m = g^{m'}$, $\phi(m) = \phi(m')$. So the map ϕ is well-defined.

Suppose $l, m \in \mathbb{Z}_n$. Then $\phi(l+m) = g^{l+m} = g^l g^m = \phi(l)\phi(m)$

Surjective: Suppose $x \in G = \langle g \rangle$. $x = g^m$ for $0 \leq m \leq n-1$, then $\phi(m) = g^m = x$.

Injective: Suppose $l, m \in \mathbb{Z}_n$. $\phi(l) = \phi(m)$ means $l = m$, $g^{l-m} = e$.

If $l \neq m$, then $l - m \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$, $|g| = |\langle g \rangle| < n$, which is a contradiction. Thus $l = m$.

Thus ϕ is bijective and $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$

□

Remark 2. In summary:

1. All infinite cyclic groups are isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}
2. All finite cyclic groups are isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n for some n

2.4.2 Cayley's Theorem

Theorem: 2.15: Cayley's Theorem

Every group is isomorphic to a permutation group.

Proof. For $g \in G$, define $\lambda_g : G \rightarrow G$ s.t. $\lambda_g(x) = gx$

We firstly show that λ_g is a bijection, i.e. $\lambda_g \in S_G$

Injective: $\lambda_g(x) = \lambda_g(y) \Rightarrow gx = gy \Rightarrow x = y$

Surjective: Suppose $y \in G$, $g^{-1}y \in G$, $\lambda_g(g^{-1}y) = gg^{-1}y = y$

Thus λ_g is a bijection and a permutation on G .

Let $H = \{\lambda_g : g \in G\}$. We show that H is a group.

1. Associativity: is from associativity of function composition.
2. Closure: because $\forall g, h \in G$, $gh \in G$, then for all $\lambda_g, \lambda_h \in H$, $(\lambda_g \circ \lambda_h)(x) = ghx = \lambda_{gh}(x)$, and thus $\lambda_g \circ \lambda_h = \lambda_{gh} \in H$
3. Identity: $(\lambda_g \circ \lambda_e)(x) = gex = gx = \lambda_g(x)$, thus $\lambda_g \circ \lambda_e = \lambda_g$. λ_e is the identity
4. Inverses: $(\lambda_g \circ \lambda_{g^{-1}})(x) = gg^{-1}x = x = ex = \lambda_e(x)$. Thus $\lambda_g \circ \lambda_{g^{-1}} = \lambda_e$. $\lambda_{g^{-1}} = (\lambda_g)^{-1}$.

Now we show that $G \cong H$

Consider $\phi : G \rightarrow H$, $\phi(g) = \lambda_g$

$\phi(gh) = \lambda_{gh}$. Thus $\phi(gh)(x) = \lambda_{gh}(x) = ghx = (\lambda_g \circ \lambda_h)(x) = \phi(g)(x)\phi(h)(x)$. So $\phi(gh) = \phi(g)\phi(h)$.

Injective: Suppose $\phi(g) = \phi(h)$. i.e. $\lambda_g = \lambda_h$, then $\lambda_g(x) = \lambda_h(x)$, $\forall x \Rightarrow gx = hx, \forall x \Rightarrow g = h$

Surjective: from definition of ϕ .

Thus $G \cong H$ □

Corollary 4. If $|G| = n$, then there is a subgroup $H \subset S_n$ s.t. $G \cong H$.

Example: Find a subgroup $H \leq S_3$ s.t. $\mathbb{Z}_3 \cong H$.

Proof. Consider $S_{\mathbb{Z}_3} =$ all permutation $\{0, 1, 2\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$. $S_{\mathbb{Z}_3} = S_3$.

Define $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow H = \{\lambda_g : g \in \mathbb{Z}_3\}$.

$\lambda_0 : \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$ s.t. $\lambda_0(x) = 0 + x$. This is the identity (0).

$\lambda_1 : \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$ s.t. $\lambda_1(x) = 1 + x$. This is the 3-cycle (012).

$\lambda_2 : \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$ s.t. $\lambda_2(x) = 2 + x$. This is the 3-cycle (021).

Thus $H = \{(0), (012), (021)\} \leq S_3$ and $\mathbb{Z}_3 \cong H$. □

2.5 Group Products and Quotients

Definition: 2.21: External Direct Product

Given groups G_1, G_2 . Their external direct product is $G_1 \times G_2$. The respective group operations are componentwise.

Example: $\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z} = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}_5, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Example: $\mathbb{R}^\times \times \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{(x, m) : x \in \mathbb{R}^\times, m \in \mathbb{Z}_3\}$ with $(x, n) * (y, m) = (xy, n + m)$

Theorem: 2.16: Property of External Direct Product

Let $(x, y) \in G_1 \times G_2$ with $|x| = r, |y| = s$, then $|(x, y)| = \text{lcm}(r, s)$.

Proof. Set $l = \text{lcm}(r, s)$, then $l = ra = sb$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.

$(x, y)^l = (x^l, y^l) = ((x^r)^a, (y^s)^b) = (e_1^a, e_2^b) = (e_1, e_2)$. Thus $|(x, y)| \mid l$

Set $l' = |(x, y)|$, then $(x, y)^{l'} = (e_1, e_2) \Rightarrow (x^{l'}, y^{l'}) = (e_1, e_2)$, so $x^{l'} = e_1, y^{l'} = e_2$. $r \mid l'$ and $s \mid l'$.

Thus $l = \text{lcm}(r, s) \mid l' = |(x, y)|$

Then $|(x, y)| = \text{lcm}(r, s)$ □

Theorem: 2.17:

$\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_{mn} \Leftrightarrow \text{gcd}(m, n) = 1$

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$. Assume $d = \text{gcd}(m, n) > 1$

Take $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$. Then if we sum (a, b) $\frac{mn}{d}$ times, we have $(a, b) + \dots + (a, b) = (\frac{mn}{d}a, \frac{mn}{d}b) = (m(\frac{n}{d}a), n(\frac{m}{d}b)) = (0, 0)$.

But this shows that $|(a, b)| \mid \frac{mn}{d}$ and thus $|(a, b)| < mn$ for any $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$.

Thus $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ is not cyclic. Contradiction.

Therefore $\text{gcd}(m, n) = 1$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\text{gcd}(m, n) = 1, |1| = m$ in $\mathbb{Z}_m, |1| = n$ in \mathbb{Z}_n .

Then $|(1, 1)| = \text{lcm}(m, n) = mn$ by Theorem 2.16.

Thus $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n = \langle (1, 1) \rangle$ has order mn . $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$ by Theorem 2.14. □

Definition: 2.22: Internal Direct Product

Suppose G is a group with $H, K \leq G$ s.t.

1. $G = HK = \{hk : h \in H, k \in K\}$
2. $H \cap K = \{e\}$
3. $hk = kh, \forall h \in H, k \in K$

Then G is the internal direct product of H and K .

Theorem: 2.18: Isomorphism of Direct Products

If G is the internal direct product of H and K , then $G \cong H \times K$.

Proof. We want to find a bijective map $\phi : G \rightarrow H \times K$, that satisfy the isomorphism property (Definition 2.20).

Let $\phi : G \rightarrow H \times K$. Take $g \in G$, write $g = hk, \phi(g) = (h, k)$.

We firstly show that ϕ is well defined.

Suppose $g = hk = h'k'$, then $h^{-1}h' = k'k^{-1}$. $h^{-1}h' \in H$ and $k'k^{-1} \in K$. Then both sides in $H \cap K = \{e\}$. $h^{-1}h' = e \Rightarrow h = h'$. Similarly, $k = k'$.

Let $g, g' \in G, g = hk, g' = h'k'$. $\phi(gg') = \phi(hkh'k')$ $\stackrel{\text{by property 3}}{=} \phi(hh'kk') = (hh', kk') = (h, k)(h', k') = \phi(g)\phi(g')$.

Injective: $\phi(g) = \phi(g')$, $g = hk$, $g' = h'k'$, then $(h, k) = (h', k')$, Thus $h' = h$, $k' = k$, $g = g'$.
 Surjective: Take $(h, k) \in H \times K$. Let $hk \in G$, $\phi(hk) = (h, k)$, □

Example: Find groups that are isomorphic to $U_{12} = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$.
 Note $\langle 5 \rangle = \{1, 5\} \leq U_{12}$, and $\langle 7 \rangle = \{1, 7\} \leq U_{12}$, $5 \cdot 7 \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$.
 Then $U_{12} = \langle 5 \rangle \langle 7 \rangle \cong \langle 5 \rangle \times \langle 7 \rangle \stackrel{\text{By Theorem 2.18}}{\cong} \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.

Example: Find groups that are isomorphic to $D_6 = \langle r, s : r^6 = s^2 = e, rs = sr^5 \rangle$ ($r^3s = sr^3$)
 $H = \langle r^3 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$, $K = \langle s, r^3 \rangle = \{e, r^3, s, sr^3\} \cong D_3$.
 Note that $r = r^7 = r^3 \cdot r^4$, $D_6 = HK$, Thus $D_6 \stackrel{\text{By Theorem 2.18}}{\cong} H \times K \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$

Definition: 2.23: Normal Subgroup

Given a group G , we say $N \leq G$ is normal if $gN = Ng, \forall g \in G$. Equivalently, $gNg^{-1} = N, \forall g \in G \Leftrightarrow gng^{-1} \in N, \forall g \in G, n \in N$.
 Write $N \trianglelefteq G$.

Theorem: 2.19:

Every subgroup of an abelian group is normal.

Proof. Let G be an abelian group, $H \leq G$.

Take $h \in H, g \in G$. $ghg^{-1} \stackrel{\text{abelian}}{=} gg^{-1}h = h \in H$. Thus $H \trianglelefteq G$. □

Example: Find the normal subgroups of $D_3 = \langle r, s \rangle = \{e, r, r^2, s, sr, sr^2\}$

We only need to consider the generator subgroups of $\langle r \rangle$ and $\langle s \rangle$.

For $\langle r \rangle = \{e, r, r^2\}$. $s\langle r \rangle = \{s, sr, sr^2\}$, $\langle r \rangle s = \{s, rs = sr^2, r^2s = sr\}$, thus $\langle r \rangle \trianglelefteq D_3$

For $\langle s \rangle = \{e, s\}$, $r\langle s \rangle = \{r, rs\} = \{r, sr^2\}$, $\langle s \rangle r = \{r, sr\} \neq r\langle s \rangle$. Thus $\langle s \rangle$ is not a normal subgroup of D_3 .

Definition: 2.24: Left Cosets

For any subgroup $H \leq G$, denote the set of left cosets $G/H = \{gH : g \in G\}$. By Theorem 2.11,
 $|G/H| = [G : H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$.

Theorem: 2.20: Quotient Groups

If $N \trianglelefteq G$, then G/N forms a group known as the quotient group with $(xN)(yN) = (xy)N$.

Proof. Suppose $N \trianglelefteq G$. Let $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in G$ s.t. $x_1N = x_2N$ ($x_1x_2^{-1} \in N$) and $y_1N = y_2N$ ($y_1y_2^{-1} \in N$). Then

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1N)(y_1N) &= (x_1y_1)N \\ &= (x_1y_1y_1^{-1}y_2)N \text{ (since } y_1^{-1}y_2 \in N) \\ &= (x_1y_2)N = N(x_1y_2) \text{ (By Definition 2.23)} \\ &= N(x_2x_1^{-1}x_1y_2) \text{ (since } x_2x_1^{-1} \in N) \\ &= N(x_2y_2) = (x_2y_2)N \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(x_1N)(y_1N) = (x_2N)(y_2N)$. The operation is well defined.

Check that G/N is indeed a group:

1. Identity: $eN = N$, $(xN)(eN) = (xe)N = xN$
2. Inverse: $(xN)^{-1} = x^{-1}N$ (Only when N is normal)
3. Associative: $((xN)(yN))zN = xyzN = (xN)((yN)(zN))$ (Only when N is normal)
4. Closed since G is closed.

Thus G/N is a group. □

Example: Find the quotient group of $D_3 = \{e, r, r^2, s, sr, sr^2\}$ by $\langle r \rangle = \{e, r, r^2\}$.

Note that $s\langle r \rangle = \langle r \rangle s$, $\langle r \rangle \trianglelefteq D_3$

By Theorem 2.11, $|D_3/\langle r \rangle| = [D_3 : \langle r \rangle] = \frac{|D_3|}{|\langle r \rangle|} = 2$.

$D_3/\langle r \rangle = \{\langle r \rangle, s\langle r \rangle\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$. ($\langle r \rangle \rightarrow 0$, $s\langle r \rangle \rightarrow 1$)

Example: Find the quotient groups of $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\} = \langle i, j \rangle$.

Firstly, we consider $\langle i \rangle = \{1, i, -1, -i\}$ Note that $j\langle i \rangle = \langle i \rangle j = \{j, -k, -j, k\}$. Thus $\langle i \rangle \trianglelefteq Q_8$

$Q_8/\langle i \rangle = \{\langle i \rangle, j\langle i \rangle\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$. The quotient groups by $\langle j \rangle$ and $\langle k \rangle$ are similar.

Then, we consider $\langle -1 \rangle = \{1, -1\} \trianglelefteq Q_8$

$Q_8/\langle -1 \rangle = \{\langle -1 \rangle, i\langle -1 \rangle, j\langle -1 \rangle, k\langle -1 \rangle\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$, because each of the non-identity element has order 2.

$\langle 1 \rangle \rightarrow (0, 0)$, $i\langle 1 \rangle \rightarrow (1, 0)$, $j\langle 1 \rangle \rightarrow (0, 1)$, $k\langle 1 \rangle \rightarrow (1, 1)$.

Theorem: 2.21:

$Z(G) \trianglelefteq G$. If $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic, then G is abelian.

Proof. Firstly, we show that $Z(G) \trianglelefteq G$

Let $g \in G$, $gZ(G) = \{gx : x \in Z(G)\} \stackrel{\text{By Definition 2.12}}{=} \{xg : x \in Z(G)\} = Z(G)g$

Thus by Definition 2.23, $Z(G) \trianglelefteq G$.

Assume $G/Z(G) = \langle xZ(G) \rangle$. By Theorem 2.3, $G = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n Z(G)$.

Take $a, b \in G$, $a = x^n Z(G) = x^n y$, $b = x^m Z(G) = x^m z$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $m, n \geq 0$, $y, z \in Z(G)$.

$ab = x^n y x^m z \stackrel{\text{By Definition 2.12}}{=} x^n x^m y z = x^{n+m} z y = x^m x^n z y = x^m z x^n y = ba$.

Thus G is abelian. □

2.6 Group Homomorphism

Definition: 2.25: Group Homomorphism

Suppose G and H are groups. A map $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ is called a homomorphism if $\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y)$ for all $x, y \in G$.

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$ s.t. $\phi(n) = g^n$. G any group. $g \in G$ fixed. Then ϕ is a homomorphism. $\phi(m+n) = g^{m+n} = g^m g^n = \phi(m)\phi(n)$.

Example: $\phi : GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$, $\phi(A) = \det A$ is a homomorphism. $\phi(AB) = \det(AB) = \det A \det B = \phi(A)\phi(B)$.

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$. $\phi(x) = e^{ix}$ is a homomorphism. $\phi(x+y) = e^{i(x+y)} = e^{ix}e^{iy} = \phi(x)\phi(y)$.

Theorem: 2.22: Properties of Homomorphism

Let $\phi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be a homomorphism. Then

1. $\phi(e_1) = e_2$
2. $\forall x \in G, \phi(x^{-1}) = (\phi(x))^{-1}$
3. If $H_1 \leq G_1$, then $\phi(H_1) \leq G_2$
4. If $H_2 \leq G_2$, then $\phi^{-1}(H_2) \leq G_1$. If $H_2 \trianglelefteq G_2$, then $\phi^{-1}(H_2) \trianglelefteq G_1$.

Proof. 1. Let $x \in G_1, e_1x = x$. Since ϕ is a homomorphism, $\phi(e_1x) = \phi(x) = \phi(e_1)\phi(x)$. Then $\phi(e_1) = \phi(x)(\phi(x))^{-1} = e_2$

2. $e_1 = xx^{-1}$. $e_2 \stackrel{\text{By 1.}}{=} \phi(e_1) = \phi(xx^{-1}) = \phi(x)\phi(x^{-1})$. Thus $\phi(x^{-1}) = (\phi(x))^{-1}$

3. Let $x, y \in H_1$, then By Theorem 2.3, $xy^{-1} \in H_1$. $\phi(x) \in \phi(H_1), \phi(y) \in \phi(H_1), (\phi(y))^{-1} = \phi(y^{-1}) \in \phi(H_1)$.

Then $\phi(x)(\phi(y))^{-1} = \phi(xy^{-1}) \in \phi(H_1)$. Thus $\phi(H_1) \leq G_2$.

4. Suppose $H_2 \leq G$. Let $x, y \in \phi^{-1}(H_2), \phi(x), \phi(y) \in H_2$. Then $\phi(x)(\phi(y))^{-1} = \phi(xy^{-1}) \in H_2 \Rightarrow xy^{-1} \in \phi^{-1}(H_2)$. By Theorem 2.3, $\phi^{-1}(H_2) \leq G_1$.

Suppose $H_2 \trianglelefteq G_2$. Take $n \in \phi^{-1}(H_2), \phi(n) \in H_2, x \in G_1$. $\phi(xnx^{-1}) = \phi(x)\phi(n)\phi(x)^{-1} \in H_2$ because $H_2 \trianglelefteq G_2$.

Thus $xnx^{-1} \in \phi^{-1}(H_2), \phi^{-1}(H_2) \trianglelefteq G_1$. □

Remark 3. $H_1 \trianglelefteq G_1 \not\Rightarrow \phi(H_1) \trianglelefteq G_2$. e.g. $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow D_n$. $\phi(m) = s^m$. $\mathbb{Z} \trianglelefteq \mathbb{Z}$, but $\phi(\mathbb{Z}) = \langle s \rangle$ is not normal in D_n .

Lemma: 2.6:

If $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism, then $|\phi(x)||x|, \forall x \in G$.

Proof. Suppose $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism.

Take $x \in G$ s.t. $|x| = n < \infty$. $x^n = e_G \in G, (\phi(x))^n = \phi(x^n) = \phi(e_G) = e_H \in H$

Let $m = |\phi(x)|$. Perform division algorithm $n = mq + r, 0 \leq r < m$. $n - mq = r$.

$(\phi(x))^r = \phi(x)^n [\phi(x)^m]^{-q} = e_H$. Thus $r = 0$ and $m|n$. □

Lemma: 2.7:

If $C_n = \langle x : x^n = e \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_n = \langle 1 \rangle$, then $|x^m| = |\langle x^m \rangle| = \frac{n}{\gcd(m,n)}$. $|m| = \frac{n}{\gcd(m,n)}$ in \mathbb{Z}_n

Proof. Follows Theorem 2.7. □

Example: Find all homomorphism $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_{24} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{18}$

Proof. We find the map of the generator $\phi(1)$.

By Lemma 2.6, $|\phi(1)||1| = 24$. Thus $|\phi(1)| \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$

In \mathbb{Z}_{18} , we want to find m s.t. $|m| = \frac{18}{\gcd(m,18)}$ is in $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$.

$$|1| = |5| = |7| = |11| = |13| = |17| = 18$$

$$|2| = |4| = |8| = |10| = |14| = |16| = 9, \text{ not possible}$$

$$|3| = |15| = 6, \phi(1) = 3 \text{ and } \phi(1) = 15$$

$$|6| = |12| = 3, \phi(1) = 6 \text{ and } \phi(1) = 12$$

$$|9| = 2, \phi(1) = 9.$$

$\phi(1) = 0$ mapping the identity is also a homomorphism. □

Definition: 2.26: Kernel

Given $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ a homomorphism, the kernel of ϕ is $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{x \in G_1 : \phi(x) = e_2\} = \phi^{-1}(e_2)$.

Example: $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5, \phi(n) = [n]$. Then $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : \phi(n) = [0]\} = 5\mathbb{Z}$.

Example: $\phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times, \phi(x) = e^{2\pi ix}$. Then $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : e^{2\pi ix} = 1\} = \mathbb{Z}$.

Theorem: 2.23:

For a homomorphism $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2, \text{Ker}(\phi) \trianglelefteq G_1$.

Proof. Firstly, we show that $\text{Ker}(\phi) \leq G_1$.

Let $x, y \in \text{Ker}(\phi), \phi(xy^{-1}) = \phi(x)\phi(y)^{-1} = e_2e_2^{-1} = e_2$. Thus $xy^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$. By Theorem 2.3, $\text{Ker}(\phi) \leq G_1$.

Let $x \in G_1, n \in \text{Ker}(\phi), \phi(xnx^{-1}) = \phi(x)\phi(n)\phi(x)^{-1} = \phi(x)e_2\phi(x)^{-1} = \phi(x)\phi(x)^{-1} = e_2$.

Thus $xnx^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\phi), \text{Ker}(\phi) \trianglelefteq G_1$. □

Theorem: 2.24: Inverse Homomorphism

$\psi: G \rightarrow G$ defined by $\psi(x) = x^{-1}$ is a homomorphism $\Leftrightarrow G$ is abelian.

Proof. (\Leftarrow) Suppose G is abelian.

Let $x, y \in G, xy = yx$

$\psi(xy) = (xy)^{-1} = y^{-1}x^{-1} \stackrel{\text{abelian}}{=} x^{-1}y^{-1} = \psi(x)\psi(y)$. Thus ψ is a homomorphism.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $\psi(x) = x^{-1}$ is a homomorphism.

Let $x, y \in G. \psi(xy) = \psi(x)\psi(y) \Rightarrow (xy)^{-1} = x^{-1}y^{-1} \Rightarrow y^{-1}x^{-1} = x^{-1}y^{-1} \Rightarrow xy = yx. G$ is abelian. □

2.7 Isomorphism Theorems for Groups

2.7.1 First Isomorphism Theorem

Theorem: 2.25: First Isomorphism Theorem

If $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism and $\pi : G \rightarrow G/\text{Ker}(\phi)$, then there exists a unique isomorphism $\psi : G/\text{Ker}(\phi) \rightarrow \text{Im}(\phi) \leq H$ s.t. $\psi\pi = \phi$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \text{Im}(\phi) \leq H \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \psi & \\ G/\text{Ker}(\phi) & & \end{array}$$

Proof. Let $\psi : G/\text{Ker}(\phi) \rightarrow H$ s.t. $\psi(x\text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(x) \in \text{Im}(\phi) \leq H$.

Well defined: Suppose $x\text{Ker}(\phi) = y\text{Ker}(\phi)$, thus $xy^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$. $\phi(xy^{-1}) = \phi(x)\phi(y)^{-1} = e$. Thus $\phi(x\text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(x) = \phi(y) = \psi(y\text{Ker}(\phi))$

Homomorphism:

$$\psi((x\text{Ker}(\phi))(y\text{Ker}(\phi))) \stackrel{\text{Definition 2.20}}{=} \psi(xy\text{Ker}(\phi)) \stackrel{\text{Definition of } \psi}{=} \phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y) = \psi(x\text{Ker}(\phi))\psi(y\text{Ker}(\phi))$$

Injective: Suppose $x\text{Ker}(\phi) \in \text{Ker}(\psi)$, then $\psi(x\text{Ker}(\phi)) = e = \phi(x)$. Thus $x \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$, $x\text{Ker}(\phi) = e\text{Ker}(\phi) = \text{Ker}(\phi)$. Thus $\text{Ker}(\psi) = \{\text{Ker}(\phi)\}$. Kernel is trivial and ψ is injective.

Surjective: suppose $y \in \text{Im}(\phi)$, there exists $x \in G$ s.t. $\phi(x) = y$, then $\psi(x\text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(x) = y$

Thus $\psi : G/\text{Ker}(\phi) \rightarrow H$ is an isomorphism.

Note that $\pi(x) = x\text{Ker}(\phi)$. Then $\psi(x\text{Ker}(\phi)) = \psi(\pi(x)) = \phi(x)$. Thus $\psi\pi = \phi$.

Suppose $\bar{\psi} : G/\text{Ker}(\phi) \rightarrow H$ s.t. $\bar{\psi}\pi = \phi$. Take $x\text{Ker}(\phi) \in G/\text{Ker}(\phi)$. Then $\bar{\psi}(x\text{Ker}(\phi)) = \bar{\psi}(\pi(x)) = \phi(x) = \psi(\pi(x)) = \psi(x\text{Ker}(\phi))$. \square

Definition: 2.27: Group of Automorphisms and Inner Automorphisms

Let G be a group.

The automorphism group of G is $\text{Aut}(G) = \{\phi : G \rightarrow G : \phi \text{ is an isomorphism}\}$.

The inner automorphism group of G is $\text{Inn}(G) = \{I_g : G \rightarrow G : I_g(x) = gxg^{-1}\}$.

$\text{Aut}(G)$ forms a group with function composition and $\text{Inn}(G) \leq \text{Aut}(G)$.

Proof. For $\text{Aut}(G)$, the identity is $id : G \rightarrow G$ s.t. $id(g) = g$.

Inverse: if $\phi : G \rightarrow G$ is an isomorphism, then $\phi^{-1} : G \rightarrow G$ is also a well-defined isomorphism. $\phi \in \text{Aut}(G) \Leftrightarrow \phi^{-1} \in \text{Aut}(G)$.

Associativity follows associativity of function compositions.

Closure: composition of automorphisms is still an automorphism.

Show that $\text{Inn}(G) \leq \text{Aut}(G)$:

Let $I_x, I_y \in \text{Inn}(G)$. Note $I_y \circ I_{y^{-1}}(g) = y(y^{-1}gy)y^{-1} = g$, so $(I_y)^{-1} = I_{y^{-1}}$.

$I_x \circ (I_y)^{-1}(g) = I_x \circ I_{y^{-1}}(g) = x(y^{-1}gy)x^{-1} = (xy^{-1})g(yx^{-1}) = (xy^{-1})g(xy^{-1})^{-1} = I_{xy^{-1}}(g)$

Thus $I_x \circ (I_y)^{-1} = I_{xy^{-1}} \in \text{Inn}(G)$. By Theorem 2.3, $\text{Inn}(G) \leq \text{Aut}(G)$. \square

Theorem: 2.26:

$$G/Z(G) \cong \text{Inn}(G)$$

Proof. Define $\phi : G \rightarrow \text{Inn}(G) \leq \text{Aut}(G)$. $\phi(g) = I_g$, where $I_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$.

Homomorphism: Let $x \in G$, $\phi(gh)(x) = I_{gh}(x) = ghx(gh)^{-1} = g(hxh^{-1})g^{-1} = I_g(I_h(x)) = I_g \circ I_h(x)$.

Surjectivity is obvious by definition of the function.

Consider the kernel. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{g \in G : \phi(g) = I_g = \text{id}\}$. $I_g(x) = gxg^{-1} = x, \forall x \in G \Leftrightarrow gx = xg$ which follows Definition 2.12.

By Theorem 2.25, $G/Z(G) \cong \text{Inn}(G)$. □

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$ s.t. $\phi(m) = [m] = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} : k \equiv m \pmod{n}\}$

Surjective: $\forall 0 \leq m \leq n-1, \phi(m) = [m]$

Homomorphism: $\phi(m_1 + m_2) = [m_1 + m_2] = [m_1] + [m_2] = \phi(m_1) + \phi(m_2)$

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{m \in \mathbb{Z} : [m] = [0]\} = n\mathbb{Z}$

By Theorem 2.25, $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$.

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ s.t. $\phi([m]_4) = [m]_2$

Well Defined: Suppose $[m_1]_4 = [m_2]_4$, then $[m_1 - m_2]_4 = [0]_4 \Rightarrow m_1 - m_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. Then, $[m_1 - m_2]_2 = [0]_2$. $\phi([m_1]_4) = [m_1]_2 = [m_2]_2 = \phi([m_2]_4)$.

Homomorphism: $\phi([m_1]_4 + [m_2]_4) = \phi([m_1 + m_2]_4) = [m_1 + m_2]_2 = [m_1]_2 + [m_2]_2 = \phi([m_1]_4) + \phi([m_2]_4)$.

Surjective: $\phi([0]_4) = [0]_2, \phi([1]_4) = [1]_2$

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{[m]_4 : \phi([m]_4) = [m]_2 = [0]_2\} = \{[0]_4, [2]_4\} = 2\mathbb{Z}_4 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$.

By Theorem 2.25, $\mathbb{Z}_4/2\mathbb{Z}_4 \cong \mathbb{Z}_4/\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$.

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{15}$.

The order of elements of \mathbb{Z}_{15} $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : [0]_{15} \\ 3 : [5]_{15}, [10]_{15} \\ 5 : [3]_{15}, [6]_{15}, [9]_{15}, [12]_{15} \\ 15 : \text{all other elements} \end{array} \right.$

If $\phi([1]_6) = [0]_{15}$. Then $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \mathbb{Z}_6, \text{Im}(\phi) = \{[0]_{15}\}$. $\mathbb{Z}_6/\mathbb{Z}_6 \cong \{[0]_{15}\} \leq \mathbb{Z}_{15}$.

If $\phi([1]_6) = [5]_{15}$. Then $\phi([0]_6) = \phi([3]_6) = [0]_{15}, \phi([1]_6) = \phi([4]_6) = [5]_{15}, \phi([2]_6) = \phi([5]_6) = [10]_{15}$

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{[0]_6, [3]_6\} = \langle [3]_6 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$. $\text{Im}(\phi) = \{[0]_{15}, [5]_{15}, [10]_{15}\} = \langle [5]_{15} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$

By Theorem 2.25, $\mathbb{Z}_6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_6/\langle [3]_6 \rangle \cong \langle [5]_{15} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$.

Example: $D_n = \langle r, s : r^n = s^2 = e, rs = sr^{n-1} \rangle, \phi : D_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ s.t. $\phi(r) = 0, \phi(s) = 1$.

$\phi(r^n) = n\phi(r) = 0, \phi(s^2) = \phi(e) = 0 = \phi(s) + \phi(s) = 1 + 1$.

$1 = \phi(s) + \phi(r) = \phi(sr) = \phi(sr^{n-1}) = \phi(s) + (n-1)\phi(r)$.

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \langle r \rangle, \phi(r^k) = k\phi(r) = 0, \phi(sr^k) = \phi(s) + k\phi(r) = 1$, and $D_n/\langle r \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ by Theorem 2.25.

Example: $\phi : D_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$ s.t. $\phi(r) = 1, \phi(s) = 0$.

$\phi(rs) = \phi(r) + \phi(s) = 1 + 0 = 1, \phi(sr^{n-1}) = \phi(s) + (n-1)\phi(r) = n-1$

Note $rs = sr^{n-1}$, but $\phi(rs) \neq \phi(sr^{n-1})$ unless $n = 2$, so ϕ is not a homomorphism in general.

Example: $\phi : D_{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ s.t. $\phi(r) = 1, \phi(s) = 0$

$0 = 2n = 2n\phi(r) = \phi(r^{2n}) = \phi(e) = 0$, and $1 = \phi(r) + \phi(s) = \phi(rs) = \phi(sr^{2n-1}) = \phi(s) + (2n-1)\phi(r) = 2n-1 \pmod{2} = 1$

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{e, r^{2k}, sr^{2k}\}$ for $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \langle s, r^2 \rangle \cong D_n$.
By Theorem 2.25, $D_{2n}/\langle s, r^2 \rangle \cong D_{2n}/D_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$.

Example: $\phi : D_6 \rightarrow S_6$ s.t. $\phi(r) = (123456)$, $\phi(s) = (16)(25)(34)$
 $\phi(r^6) = (123456)^6 = (1) = \phi(e)$, $\phi(s^2) = ((16)(25)(34))^2 = (16)^2(25)^2(34)^2 = e = \phi(e)$
 $\phi(rs) = (123456)(16)(25)(34) = (1)(26)(35)(4) = (26)(35)$
 $\phi(sr^5) = (16)(25)(34)(123456)^5 = (16)(25)(34)(165432) = (26)(35)$
Then $\text{Im}(\phi) = \langle (123456), (16)(25)(34) \rangle$
Note that $|r| = 6 = |(123456)|$, $\phi(r^n) \neq e$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. Thus $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{e\}$.

Remark 4. We can similarly construct homomorphism $\phi : D_n \rightarrow S_n$

Example: $\phi : S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$, $\phi(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 0, \sigma \text{ is even} \\ 1, \sigma \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

It is easy to check that ϕ is homomorphism by Definition 2.16.

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{\sigma \in S_n : \sigma \text{ even}\} = A_n$.

By Theorem 2.25, $S_n/A_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$.

Example: $\phi : GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$ s.t. $\phi(A) = \det(A)$.
 $\phi(AB) = \det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B) = \phi(A)\phi(B)$.
 $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{A \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) : \phi(A) = \det(A) = 1\} = SL_2(\mathbb{R})$.
By Theorem 2.25, $GL_2(\mathbb{R})/SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^\times$.

Example: Define $gl_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}\}$, $sl_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in gl_2(\mathbb{R}) : \text{Tr}(A) = 0\}$.
Define $\phi : gl_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\phi(A) = \text{Tr}(A)$. $\phi(A+B) = \text{Tr}(A+B) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B) = \phi(A) + \phi(B)$.
 $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{A \in gl_2(\mathbb{R}) : \text{Tr}(A) = 0\} = sl_2(\mathbb{R})$.
By Theorem 2.25, $gl_2(\mathbb{R})/sl_2(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}$.

Example: $\phi : gl_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow sl_2(\mathbb{R})$, $\phi \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-d & b \\ c & d-a \end{bmatrix}$.
 $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : \phi \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-d & b \\ c & d-a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \cong \mathbb{R}$.
By Theorem 2.25, $gl_2(\mathbb{R})/\mathbb{R} \cong sl_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Example: Homomorphisms for \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C}

1. $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$
 - (a) $\phi(1) = 1$, $\phi(n) = 1^n = 1$, $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \mathbb{Z}$, $\text{Im}(\phi) = 1$, $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z} \cong \{1\} \leq \mathbb{R}^\times$
 - (b) $\phi(1) = -1$, $\phi(n) = (-1)^n$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = 2\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \cong \{\pm 1\} \leq \mathbb{R}^\times$
 - (c) $\phi(1) = a$, $\phi(n) = a^n$, $a \in \mathbb{R}^\times \setminus \{\pm 1\}$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{0\}$, $\mathbb{Z} \cong \{\pm a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
2. $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^\times$, $\phi(x) = 2^x$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{0\}$. $\text{Im}(\phi) = \mathbb{R}_+^\times$, $\mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}_+^\times$
3. $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\phi(n) = i^n$. $\text{Im}(\phi) = \{1, i, -1, -i\}$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : i^n = 1\} = 4\mathbb{Z}$. $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \cong \langle i \rangle$.
4. $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$. $\phi(m) = e^{\frac{2\pi im}{n}}$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{m : e^{\frac{2\pi im}{n}} = 1\} = n\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \{1, \omega_n, \dots, \omega_n^{n-1}\} = \langle \omega_n \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_n \leq \mathbb{C}^\times$, where $\omega_n = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$
5. $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\phi(n) = (2i)^n$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{0\}$. $\text{Im}(\phi) = \{(2i)^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \leq \mathbb{C}^\times$. $\mathbb{Z} \cong \{(2i)^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.
6. $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$, $\phi(x) = e^{2\pi ix}$. $\text{Im}(\phi) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^\times : |z| = 1\} = S^1$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : e^{2\pi ix} = 1\} = \mathbb{Z}$.
 $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1$

Example: $\phi : Q_8 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ s.t. $\phi(\pm 1) = (0, 0)$, $\phi(\pm i) = (1, 0)$, $\phi(\pm j) = (0, 1)$, $\phi(\pm k) = (1, 1)$.
 $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{\pm 1\} = \langle -1 \rangle$. $Q_8 / \langle -1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.

Example: $U_{15} = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$. $\langle 2 \rangle = \{1, 2, 4, 8\} \cong \langle 7 \rangle = \{1, 7, 4, 13\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$, $\langle 4 \rangle = \{1, 4\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$.
 $U_{15} = \langle 2 \rangle \langle 11 \rangle$

Define $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow U_{15}$ s.t. $\phi(m, n) = 2^m 11^n$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = 4\mathbb{Z} \times 2\mathbb{Z}$. Thus $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}) / (4\mathbb{Z} \times 2\mathbb{Z}) \cong U_{15} \cong \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.

2.7.2 Second Isomorphism Theorem

Theorem: 2.27: Second Isomorphism Theorem

Let $H \leq G$ and $N \trianglelefteq G$, then

1. $HN \leq G$
2. $H \cap N \trianglelefteq H$, $N \trianglelefteq HN$
3. $H / (H \cap N) \cong HN / N$

Proof. 1. Let $x, y \in HN$, i.e. $x = h_1 n_1$, $y = h_2 n_2$ for $h_1, h_2 \in H$, $n_1, n_2 \in N$

Since $N \trianglelefteq G$, $gN = Ng \forall g \in G$, then $gn = n'g$ for some $n, n' \in N$.

$$xy^{-1} = (h_1 n_1)(h_2 n_2)^{-1} = h_1 (n_1 n_2^{-1}) h_2^{-1} \stackrel{\text{Definition 2.23}}{=} h_1 h_2^{-1} \hat{n} \text{ for some } \hat{n} \in N.$$

Thus $xy^{-1} \in HN$. $HN \leq G$ by Theorem 2.3.

2. $H \cap N \trianglelefteq H$ can be shown in 3. We show $N \trianglelefteq HN$ here.

Let $n \in N$, $x = hn'$ for $h \in H$, $n' \in N$

$$xnx^{-1} = h(n'nn'^{-1})h^{-1} = h\hat{n}h^{-1} \text{ for } \hat{n} = n'nn'^{-1} \in N. \text{ Thus } xnx^{-1} = h\hat{n}h^{-1} \in N, \text{ because } h \in G, \hat{n} \in N \text{ and } N \trianglelefteq G.$$

3. Define $\phi : H \rightarrow HN/N$ s.t. $\phi(h) = hN$.

$$\phi(xy) = xyN \stackrel{\text{By Definition 2.20}}{=} (xN)(yN) = \phi(x)\phi(y)$$

Surjective: Suppose $xN \in HN/N$, i.e. $x \in HN$, then $x = hn$ where $h \in H$, $n \in N$.

Injective: Note $xN = (hn)N = hN$, $\phi(h) = hN = xN$, thus ϕ is injective.

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{h \in H : \phi(h) = eN = N\}$. Note if $h \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$, then $\phi(h) = hN$. Thus $h \in N \Rightarrow h \in H \cap N$. i.e. $\text{Ker}(\phi) \subset H \cap N$.

Suppose $x \in H \cap N$, then $x \in H$ and $x \in N$. Then $xN = N$. Thus $\phi(x) = xN = N$, $x \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$.
 Then $H \cap N \subset \text{Ker}(\phi)$. Thus $\text{Ker}(\phi) = H \cap N$.

By Theorem 2.25, $H / (H \cap N) \cong HN / N$.

Since $\text{Ker}(\phi) = H \cap N$, by Theorem 2.23, $H \cap N \trianglelefteq H$. □

Example: Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$, $H = m\mathbb{Z}$, $N = n\mathbb{Z}$. $H + N = m\mathbb{Z} + n\mathbb{Z} = \{mx + ny : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \text{gcd}(m, n)\mathbb{Z}$.

$H \cap N = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : a = mx \text{ and } a = ny\} = \text{lcm}(m, n)\mathbb{Z}$.

Let $d = \text{gcd}(m, n)$, $l = \text{lcm}(m, n)$

By Theorem 2.27, $m\mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z} \cong d\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.

Consider $\phi : d\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{n/d}$, $\phi(dx) = [x]$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{dx \in d\mathbb{Z} : \phi(dx) = 0\} = \{dx \in d\mathbb{Z} : [x] = 0\} = n\mathbb{Z}$

Then by Theorem 2.25, $d\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{n/d}$.

Thus $\mathbb{Z}_{n/d} \cong d\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong m\mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{l/m}$.

Then $\frac{n}{d} = |\mathbb{Z}_{n/d}| = |\mathbb{Z}_{l/m}| = \frac{l}{m} \Rightarrow \frac{m}{\text{gcd}(m, n)} = \frac{\text{lcm}(m, n)}{n}$. $\text{lcm}(m, n) = \frac{mn}{\text{gcd}(m, n)}$.

2.7.3 Third Isomorphism Theorem

Theorem: 2.28: Third Isomorphism Theorem

Let $N \trianglelefteq H \trianglelefteq G$, then $(G/N)/(H/N) \cong G/H$

Proof. Define $\phi : G/N \rightarrow G/H$ s.t. $\phi(gN) = gH$.

Well defined: suppose $gN = g'N$, then $g(g')^{-1} \in N \leq H$. Thus $g(g')^{-1} \in H$. By Lemma 2.5, $gH = g'H$. Therefore, $\phi(gN) = \phi(g'N)$.

Homomorphism: $\phi((gN)(g'N)) = \phi(gg'N) = gg'H = (gH)(g'H) = \phi(gN)\phi(g'N)$

Surjective: Let $gH \in G/H$. Then $gN \in G/N$ since $N \trianglelefteq H$. Then $\phi(gN) = gH$.

Let $gN \in \text{Ker}(\phi) = \{gN \in G/N : \phi(gN) = gH = H\}$. Then $g \in H$, $gN \in H/N$. Thus $\text{Ker}(\phi) \subset H/N$

Let $hN \in H/N$. Then $hN \in G/N$, since $h \in G$. $\phi(hN) = hH = H$. Thus $hN \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$. $H/N \subset \text{Ker}(\phi)$

Thus $H/N = \text{Ker}(\phi)$. By Theorem 2.25, $(G/N)/(H/N) \cong G/H$. \square

Example: Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$, $H = m\mathbb{Z}$, $N = mn\mathbb{Z}$, $N \trianglelefteq H \trianglelefteq G$

$$\mathbb{Z}_m \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} = G/H \stackrel{\text{By Theorem 2.28}}{\cong} (G/N)/(H/N) = (\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z})/(m\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{mn}/\langle m \rangle$$

Consider $\phi : m\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$, $\phi(mx) = [mx]$. $\text{Im}(\phi) = \langle [m] \rangle \leq \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = mn\mathbb{Z}$.

By Theorem 2.25, $m\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} \cong \langle [m] \rangle \leq \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$.

Theorem: 2.29:

$$\mathbb{Z}_n/\langle m \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\text{gcd}(m,n)}$$

Proof. We want to show $\langle m \rangle = \langle \text{gcd}(m, n) \rangle$.

Let $d = \text{gcd}(m, n)$

(\leq) $d|m$, so $m = dk$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\langle m \rangle = \{mx : x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{dkx : x \in \mathbb{Z}\} \leq \langle d \rangle$

(\geq) By extended Euclidean algorithm, write $d = ma + nb$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Inside \mathbb{Z}_n , $d = ma$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\langle d \rangle = \langle m \rangle$. \square

3 Rings

Definition: 3.1: Ring

A set R together with operations $(+, \cdot)$ is called a ring if

1. $(R, +)$ is an abelian group with identity 0 .
2. $(ab)c = a(bc), \forall a, b, c \in R$
3. $a(b + c) = ab + ac$
4. $(a + b)c = ac + bc$

Remark 5. In the context of rings, identity, inverses, and commutativity specifically refer to the ones for multiplication. We don't necessarily need identity, inverses or commutativity for a ring.

Example: \mathbb{Z} : identity=1, commutative, ± 1 are the only integers with inverses.

Example: $2\mathbb{Z}$: no identity, commutative, no inverses.

Example: \mathbb{Z}_n : identity=1, commutative, $m^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ exists $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1$.

Example: $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$: identity= I_n , not commutative, A^{-1} exists $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$.

Example: $\mathbb{Z}[x] = \{a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n : n \geq 0, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, identity=1, commutative, only ± 1 have inverses.

Definition: 3.2: Zero Divisors

If $a, b \neq 0 \in R$ and $ab = 0$, then a and b are the zero divisors of R .

Definition: 3.3: Unit

$a \in R$ is a unit if $\exists b \in R$ s.t. $ab = 1_R$.

Example: \mathbb{Z}_{12} . Units: 1, 5, 7, 11 (they are not zero divisors). Zero divisors: 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10

Theorem: 3.1: Units and Zero Divisors of \mathbb{Z}_n

$m \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a unit $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1$
 $m \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a zero divisor $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) \neq 1$

Proof. Units:

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $m \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a unit, then $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ s.t. $mx = 1 \Leftrightarrow mx \equiv 1 \pmod n \Leftrightarrow n|(mx - 1)$, so $\exists y \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $mx - ny = 1$. Thus $\gcd(m, n) | 1$, $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, then $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, $mx + ny = 1$, $mx - 1 = -ny$, so $n|mx - 1$, $mx \equiv 1 \pmod n$, then $mx = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$.

Zero divisors:

(\Rightarrow) Suppose that $m \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a zero divisor. Assume $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

Then m is a unit by previous statement, $\exists a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ with $ma = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, i.e. $n|ma$.

$\gcd(m, n) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $mx + ny = 1$. $\Rightarrow (ma)x + (na)y = a$. Since $n|ma$, then $n|(ma)x + n(ay)$, thus $n|a$. $a \equiv 0 \pmod n$, $a = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$. Contradiction. Thus $\gcd(m, n) \neq 1$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $m = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ with $\gcd(m, n) = d \neq 1$. Then $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $1 < a < n$ and $ad = n$. (If $a = 1$,

$d = n = m$, similar for $a = n$.)

Find $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $mx + ny = d$, $amx + any = ad = n$. By commutativity of \mathbb{Z}_n , $(ax)m = n(1 - ay) \equiv 0 \pmod n$. Thus $(ax)m = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$. m is zero divisor. \square

Theorem: 3.2: Units and Zero Divisors of $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is a unit $\Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is a zero divisor $\Leftrightarrow \det A = 0$

Proof. The first statement follows the invertibility of matrices.

Consider the second statement:

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is a zero divisor $A \neq 0$ and $\exists B \neq 0$ s.t. $AB = 0$.

Assume $\det A \neq 0$, A has an inverse A^{-1} , then $A^{-1}AB = A^{-1}0 = 0$. Then $B = 0$. Contradiction. Thus A does not have an inverse, $\det A = 0$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $A \neq 0$, but $\det A = 0$. Then $\exists v \neq 0 \in \text{Nul}(A)$. Let $B = (v \ v) \neq 0$. $AB = A(v \ v) = (Av \ Av) = (0 \ 0) = 0$. A is a zero divisor. \square

Theorem: 3.3:

If $a \in R$ is a unit, then it is not a zero divisor.

If $a \in R$ is a zero divisor, then it is not a unit.

Proof. Suppose $a \in R$ is a unit and $b \in R$ with $ab = 0$. $b = (a^{-1}a)b = a^{-1}ab = a^{-1}0 = 0$. Thus b has to be 0, and a is not a zero divisor.

The second statement is true by contrapositive. \square

Lemma: 3.1: Identities with -1

$$(-1)^2 = 1$$

$$-a = (-1)a = a(-1)$$

Proof. $(-1)^2 + (-1) = (-1)(-1) + (-1)1 = (-1)(-1 + 1) = (-1)0 = 0$. Thus $(-1)^2$ and (-1) are additive inverse. By uniqueness of inverses, $(-1)^2 = 1$.

$a + (-1)a = 1a + (-1)a = (1 - 1)a = 0$. And $a + a(-1) = a(1) + a(-1) = a(1 - 1) = 0$. \square

Theorem: 3.4:

If R is a ring with 1, $u \in R$ is a unit, then so is $-u$.

Proof. Take $u^{-1} \in R$ s.t. $uu^{-1} = 1$. $(-u)(-u^{-1}) = u(-1)(-1)u^{-1} \stackrel{\text{By Lemma 3.1}}{=} uu^{-1} = 1$.

Thus $(-u)^{-1} = -u^{-1}$ \square

Definition: 3.4: Nilpotent

$x \in R$ is nilpotent if $x^m = 0$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Example: In \mathbb{Z}_4 , $2^2 = 4 = 0$, 2 is a nilpotent element.

Theorem: 3.5: Properties of Nilpotents

If x is nilpotent, then

1. $x = 0$ or x is a zero divisor.
2. If R is a ring with 1, $1 + x \in R$ is a unit.

Proof. 1. Suppose $x \neq 0$. Let $x \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $x^m = 0$ and $m = 0$ is the smallest, then $x^m = x(x^{m-1}) = 0$, but $x \neq 0$ and $x^{m-1} \neq 0$. Both are zero divisors by Definition 3.2.

2. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $x^m = 0$ and m is minimum. Then $1 = 1 + x^m = (1 + x)(1 - x + \dots + (-1)^{m-1}x^{m-1})$. Therefore $(1 + x)^{-1} = (1 - x + \dots + (-1)^{m-1}x^{m-1})$ exists in R . By Definition 3.3, $1 + x$ is a unit.

□

3.1 Types of Rings

Definition: 3.5: Ring with 1

If R has a multiplication identity $1 \in R$, then R is a ring with 1.

Example: $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, \mathbb{Z}_n .

Definition: 3.6: Commutative Ring

If $ab = ba$, $\forall a, b \in R$, then R is a commutative ring.

Example: $n\mathbb{Z}$, $x\mathbb{Z}[x] = \{a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n\}$, \mathbb{Z}_n .

Definition: 3.7: Integral Domain

If R is commutative with 1 and $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0$, then R is an integral domain.

Remark 6. R is an integral domain if it is a commutative ring with 1 and has no zero divisors.

Example: \mathbb{Z} , $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Definition: 3.8: Division Ring

If a^{-1} exists for all $a \neq 0 \in R$, then R is a division ring.

Example: Quaternion Ring $H = \{a + bi + cj + dk : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1\}$.

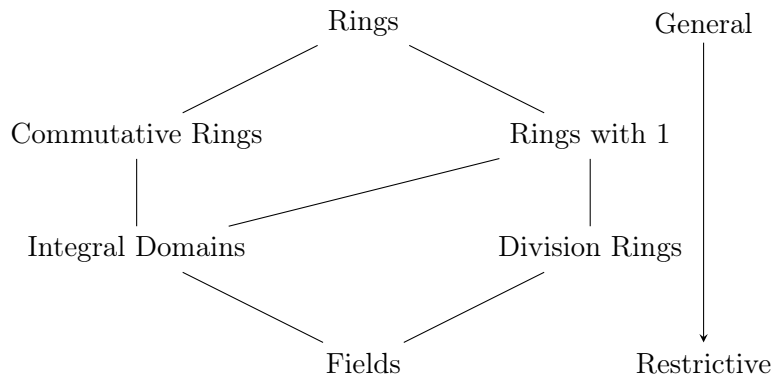
Definition: 3.9: Field

A commutative division ring is a field.

Example: \mathbb{Z}_p , \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} .

Theorem: 3.6: Classification of \mathbb{Z}_n

If n is composite, then \mathbb{Z}_n is a commutative ring with 1 and not an integral domain.
If p is a prime, then \mathbb{Z}_p is a finite field.



Proof. Note: \mathbb{Z}_n is definitely a commutative ring with 1.

If n is composite, then $n = ab$ with $1 < a, b < n$. $a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, $b \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, but $ab = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, thus \mathbb{Z}_n is not integral domain.

\mathbb{Z}_p is integral domain: Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ with $ab = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. $ab \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then $p|ab$. Since p is a prime, then $p|a$ or $p|b$. Thus $a = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ or $b = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$.

\mathbb{Z}_p is a field (check inverse): Let $a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. Then $\gcd(a, p) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $ax + py = 1$, $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, $a^{-1} = x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. \square

Theorem: 3.7: Quaternion Ring

$H = \{a + bi + cj + dk : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1\}$ is a division ring.

Proof. It is easy to see that $1 + (0i + bj + 0k) \in H$ is the identity. We want to find the inverse.

Consider $(a + bi + cj + dk)^{-1} = \frac{a - bi - cj - dk}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}$.

Then $(a + bi + cj + dk)(a + bi + cj + dk)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2} (a + bi + cj + dk)(a - bi - cj - dk) = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + (ab - ab + cd - cd)i + (-bd + bd + ac - ac)j + (ad - ad + bc - bc)k) = 1$. \square

Theorem: 3.8:

Let R be a commutative ring with 1. Then R is an integral domain $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \neq 0 \in R$, with $ab = ac$, then $b = c$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose R is an integral domain, and $a \neq 0 \in R$, $ab = ac$

Subtract both sides by ac , $ab - ac = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{Associativity}} a(b - c) = 0$. Since $a \neq 0$ and R is an integral domain, we have $b - c = 0$, i.e. $b = c$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $a \neq 0 \in R$ and $b \in R$ s.t. $ab = 0$. We want to show that $b = 0$

$ab = 0 = a \cdot 0$ i.e. $a(b - 0) = 0$. Since $a \neq 0$, $b = 0$. Thus R is an integral domain. \square

Theorem: 3.9: Finite Integral Domain

Every finite integral domain is a field.

Proof. Consider $R^* = \{r \in R : r \neq 0\} = R \setminus \{0\}$. Define $\lambda_a : R^* \rightarrow R^*$, $a \neq 0$ s.t. $\lambda_a(b) = ab$.

Injective: Suppose $\lambda_a(b) = \lambda_a(c)$, i.e. $ab = ac$. Since R is an integral domain, by Theorem 3.8. $b = c$.

Note: Injection on finite sets \Rightarrow Bijective \Rightarrow Surjective.

Then $1 \in R^* \Rightarrow \exists b \in R^*$ s.t. $\lambda_a(b) = ab = 1, b = a^{-1}$. Every non-zero element has an inverse, then it is a field. \square

Definition: 3.10: Boolean Ring

R is a boolean ring if $a^2 = a$ for all $a \in R$.

Theorem: 3.10:

All Boolean Rings are commutative.

Proof. Let $x, y \in R$.

$$\begin{aligned} (x + y)^2 &= (x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + xy + yx \\ &= x + y + xy + yx \quad (\text{By Definition 3.10}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $xy + yx = 0, xy = -yx \Rightarrow xy = (xy)^2 = (-yx)^2 = (-1)^2(yx)^2 = yx$ \square

Example: Given X a non-empty set, $\mathcal{P}(X)$ is a boolean ring with $+ = \cup, \cdot = \cap$.

Theorem: 3.11: Gaussian Integers

The Gaussian integers $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an integral domain.

Proof. Let $z = a + bi, w = c + di \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$. Suppose $zw = 0$.

$$0 = (a + bi)(c + di) = (a - bi)(a + bi)(c + di)(c - di) = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)$$

We need $a^2 + b^2 = 0$ or $c^2 + d^2 = 0$.

Since \mathbb{Z} is an integral domain, then $a^2 + b^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ and $b = 0$. Similarly, $c^2 + d^2 = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$ and $d = 0$. Thus, $z = 0$ or $w = 0$. By Definition 3.7, $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is an integral domain. \square

Definition: 3.11: Characteristic of a Ring

The least $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall r \in R, nr = (r + \dots + r) = 0$ is the characteristic of R . Write $\text{char}(R) = n$. If no such n exists, then $\text{char}(R) = 0$.

Example: $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}) = \text{char}(\mathbb{Q}) = \text{char}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{char}(\mathbb{C}) = \text{char}(\mathbb{Z}[x]) = 0$

Theorem: 3.12: Characteristic of \mathbb{Z}_n

$\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_n) = n$

Proof. For all $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n, na = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, thus $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_n) \leq n$

Suppose $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_n) = m, m = m \cdot 1 = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n. m \equiv 0 \pmod n, n|m$. Thus $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_n) = m \neq n$

Thus $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_n) = n$. \square

Lemma: 3.2: Characteristic of Ring with 1

Let R be a ring with 1. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is the least number s.t. $n \cdot 1 = 0$, then $\text{char}(R) = n$

Proof. $n \cdot r = (r + \dots + r) = r \cdot 1 + \dots + r \cdot 1 = r(1 + \dots + 1) = rn = r \cdot 0 = 0$. \square

Example: $2\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 2, 4\}$. $\text{char}(2\mathbb{Z}_6) = 3$.

Theorem: 3.13: Characteristic of Integral Domains

If R is an integral domain, then $\text{char}(R)$ is prime or $\text{char}(R) = 0$.

Proof. Use the contrapositive. If $\text{char}(R) = n$ is composite, then R is not an integral domain. Suppose $n = \text{char}(R)$ with $n = ab$ ($a, b > 1$). $0 = n \cdot 1 = (ab)1 = (a1)(b1)$. By Lemma 3.2, otherwise $n = a$ or $n = b$. Then $a1 \neq 0$ and $b1 \neq 0$. Thus R is not an integral domain. \square

Theorem: 3.14: Characteristic of Prime Commutative Ring with 1

Suppose R is a commutative ring with 1 with $\text{char}(R) = p$ a prime, then $\forall a, b \in R, (a+b)^p = a^p + b^p$.

Proof. By binomial theorem, $(a+b)^p = \sum_{k=0}^p \binom{p}{k}_R a^k b^{p-k} = b^p + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \binom{p}{k}_R a^k b^{p-k} + a^p$, where $\binom{p}{k}_R = \underbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}_{\binom{p}{k} \text{ times in } R}$.

For $k \in [1, p-1]$, $\binom{p}{k} = \frac{p!}{(p-k)!k!} = p \frac{(p-1) \dots (p-k+1)}{k!}$ is a multiple of p . Thus $\binom{p}{k}_R = 0_R$. \square

3.2 Ring Homomorphism

Definition: 3.12: Ring Homomorphism and Isomorphism

Let R, S be rings. $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ is a ring homomorphism if $\forall a, b \in R, \phi(a+b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$ and $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$.

If ϕ is bijective, then ϕ is an isomorphism.

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{a \in R : \phi(a) = 0_S\}$.

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$ s.t. $\phi(m) = [m]$.

Homomorphism: Let $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, \phi(m_1 + m_2) = \phi(m_1) + \phi(m_2)$ from Group Homomorphism.

$\phi(m_1 m_2) = [m_1 m_2] = [m_1][m_2] = \phi(m_1)\phi(m_2)$.

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = n\mathbb{Z}$ from group homomorphism.

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ s.t. $\phi(a+bi) = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$.

Homomorphism: $\phi((a+bi) + (c+di)) = \phi((a+c) + (b+d)i) = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & -b-d \\ b+d & a+c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \phi(a+bi) + \phi(c+di)$

$\phi((a+bi)(c+di)) = \phi((ac-bd) + (ad+bc)i) = \begin{bmatrix} ac-bd & -ad-bc \\ ad+bc & ac-bd \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \phi(a+bi)\phi(c+di)$

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{a+bi : \phi(a+bi) = 0\} = \{0\}$.

Thus ϕ is injective. $\mathbb{C} \cong \text{Im}(\phi) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\phi(p(x)) = p(\sqrt{2})$.

$\phi(x^3 + x^2 - 3) = (\sqrt{2})^3 + (\sqrt{2})^2 - 3 = 2\sqrt{2} - 1$. $\text{Im}(\phi) = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a field.

Homomorphism: Let $p(x), q(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]. \phi(p(x) + q(x)) = p(\sqrt{2}) + q(\sqrt{2}) = \phi(p(x)) + \phi(q(x))$

$$\phi(p(x)q(x)) = p(\sqrt{2})q(\sqrt{2}) = \phi(p(x))\phi(q(x))$$

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{p(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x] : p(\sqrt{2}) = 0\}$. If $p(x) \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$, then $\sqrt{2}$ is a root of $p(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= (x - \sqrt{2})q(x) \text{ over } \mathbb{R}[x] \\ &= (x^2 - 2)\tilde{q}(x) \text{ over } \mathbb{Q}[x] \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{(x^2 - 2)f(x) : f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]\} = (x^2 - 2)\mathbb{Q}[x]$.

Example: $\phi : \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\phi(f(x)) = f(i)$.

$$\phi(x^4 + x^3 - 3x^2 + 2) = i^4 + i^3 - 3i^2 + 2 = 6 - i, \text{Im}(\phi) = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Homomorphism: $\phi(f(x) + g(x)) = f(i) + g(i) = \phi(f(x)) + \phi(g(x))$

$$\phi(f(x)g(x)) = f(i)g(i) = \phi(f(x))\phi(g(x))$$

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] : f(i) = 0\}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x - i)g(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x] \\ &= (x^2 + 1)h(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\text{Ker}(\phi) = (x^2 + 1)\mathbb{R}[x]$.

Theorem: 3.15: Identities under Ring Homomorphism

If $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ is a ring homomorphism, then

1. $\phi(0) = 0$
2. If $1_R \in R$, $1_S \in S$ and ϕ is onto, then $\phi(1_R) = 1_S$

Proof. $\phi(0) = \phi(0 + 0) = \phi(0) + \phi(0)$, thus $\phi(0) = 0$.

Take $a \in R$ s.t. $\phi(a) = 1_S$. $\phi(1_R) = \phi(1_R)1_S = \phi(1_R)\phi(a) = \phi(1_Ra) = \phi(a) = 1_S$. □

Example: $2\mathbb{Z} \cong 3\mathbb{Z}$ as groups, but not rings.

Proof. As groups, $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow n\mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $\phi(m) = mn$ is a homomorphism with $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{0\}$ and surjective. $2\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z} \cong 3\mathbb{Z}$.

As rings, suppose $\phi : 2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 3\mathbb{Z}$ is a homomorphism.

$$\phi(2) \in 3\mathbb{Z}, \text{ thus } \phi(2) = 3n \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{Z}. \phi(4) = \phi(2 + 2) = \phi(2) + \phi(2) = 6n.$$

But $\phi(4) = \phi(2 \cdot 2) = \phi(2)\phi(2) = 9n^2$. $6n = 9n^2$ gives $n = \frac{2}{3} \notin \mathbb{Z}$. Contradiction, so there is no ring homomorphism $2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 3\mathbb{Z}$. □

Example: $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \cong \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$ as group but not as fields.

Proof. As groups, define $\phi : \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$ as $\phi(a + b\sqrt{2}) = a + b\sqrt{3}$. ϕ is a well-defined homomorphism under addition.

Suppose $\phi : \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$ is a field isomorphism. $\phi(\sqrt{2}) = a + b\sqrt{3}$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$.

$$\text{Then } \phi(2) = \phi(\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}) = \phi(\sqrt{2})\phi(\sqrt{2}) = (a + b\sqrt{3})^2 = (a^2 + 3b^2) + 2ab\sqrt{3}.$$

$$\text{Also } \phi(2) = \phi(1 + 1) = \phi(1) + \phi(1) \stackrel{\text{By Theorem 3.15}}{=} 1 + 1 = 2.$$

So we need $(a^2 + 3b^2) + 2ab\sqrt{3} = 2$. This gives $a = 0, b = \pm\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ or $a = \pm\sqrt{2}, b = 0$. Both are not in \mathbb{Q} .

Thus there is no field homomorphism $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$. □

Example: Find ring homomorphisms $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, where for $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$, both addition and multiplication are component-wise.

Proof. Note that $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ has 2 generators $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$.

Suppose $\phi(1, 0) = m$ and $\phi(0, 1) = n$. Then $\phi(0, 0) = \phi((1, 0)(0, 1)) = mn = 0 \Rightarrow m = 0$ or $n = 0$.

$\phi(a, b) = \phi(a(1, 0) + b(0, 1)) = a\phi(1, 0) + b\phi(0, 1) = am + bn$

Case 1: $m = 0$, $\phi(a, b) = bn$, then $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}$, $\text{Im}(\mathbb{Z}) = n\mathbb{Z}$.

Case 2: $n = 0$, $\phi(a, b) = am$, then $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{0\} \times \mathbb{Z}$, $\text{Im}(\mathbb{Z}) = m\mathbb{Z}$. □

Example: Let $\phi : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, which of $\phi(A) = A_{11}$, $\phi(A) = \det(A)$, $\phi(A) = \text{Tr}(A)$ makes ϕ a ring homomorphism?

Proof. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix}$

$\phi(A) = A_{11}$, $\phi(A+B) = a+x = \phi(A) + \phi(B)$, thus a group homomorphism, but $\phi(AB) = ax + bz \neq ax = \phi(A)\phi(B)$, thus not a ring homomorphism.

$\phi(A) = \det(A)$, $\phi(AB) = \det(AB) = \det A \det B = \phi(A)\phi(B)$, thus a group homomorphism, but $\phi(A+B) = (a+x)(d+w) - (b+y)(c+z) \neq (ad-bc) + (xw-yz) = \phi(A) + \phi(B)$, thus not a ring homomorphism.

$\phi(A) = \text{Tr}(A)$, $\phi(A+B) = a+d+x+w = \phi(A) + \phi(B)$, thus a group homomorphism, but $\phi(AB) = ax + bz + cy + dw \neq (a+d)(x+w) = \phi(A)\phi(B)$, thus not a ring homomorphism. □

3.3 Ideal

Definition: 3.13: Subring

Let R be a ring, a subring S of R is $S \subset R$ that satisfies ring properties.

Theorem: 3.16: Subring Test

Let R be a ring, $S \subset R$ is a subring if $\forall a, b \in S$, $a - b \in S$ and $ab \in S$.

Definition: 3.14: Cosets of Rings

Let R be a ring and $S \subset R$ be a subring. The cosets of $r \in R$ is $r + S = \{r + s : s \in S\}$.

Note S, R are abelian, thus $S \trianglelefteq R$. $(R/S, +)$, where $R/S = \{r + S : r \in R\}$, is an abelian group.

For $(R/S, +)$ to be a ring, we need $(a + S)(b + S) = ab + S$ for all $a, b \in R$. *i.e.* For all $s, s' \in S$, we need $(a + s)(b + s') = ab + as' + sb + ss' \in ab + S$. Therefore, we need $as' + sb \in S \Rightarrow as' \in S$ and $sb \in S$.

Definition: 3.15: Ideal

Let $I \subset R$ be a subring.

1. I is a right ideal if $\forall r \in R, i \in I, ir \in I$. (absorbs multiplication from right)
2. I is a left ideal if $\forall r \in R, i \in I, ri \in I$. (absorbs multiplication from left)
3. I is an ideal if it is a right ideal and a left ideal.

Theorem: 3.17: Quotient Ring

If $I \subset R$ is an ideal, then $R/I = \{r + I : r \in R\}$ is a ring.

Proof. R/I is an abelian group because R, I are abelian groups and $I \trianglelefteq R$.

We now show that the multiplication is well defined. Let $a, a', b, b' \in R$ with $a+I = a'+I$ and $b+I = b'+I$. $a - a' \in I$ and $b - b' \in I$.

Then $(a - a')b \in I$ by Definition 3.15, $ab - a'b' \in I \Rightarrow ab + I = a'b' + I$

Similarly, $a'(b - b') \in I \Rightarrow a'b - a'b' \in I \Rightarrow a'b + I = a'b' + I$. Thus $(a + I)(b + I) = ab + I = a'b' + I = (a' + I)(b' + I)$. \square

Definition: 3.16: Principal Ideal

Suppose R is a commutative ring with 1 and $a \in R$, then the principal ideal of R generated by a is $(a) = \{ra : r \in R\} = Ra \stackrel{\text{Commutative}}{=} \{ar : r \in R\}$.

Proof. We show that $(a) \subset R$ is indeed an ideal for any a .

Suppose $i \in (a)$ and $r \in R$, then by Definition 3.16, $i = ar'$ for some $r' \in R$.

Note $ir = (ar)r' = a(rr') \in (a)$. \square

Example: In \mathbb{Z} : $(3) = \{3n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = 3\mathbb{Z}$ is the principal ideal generated by 3.

Example: In \mathbb{Z}_{15} , $(2) = \{2n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13\} = \mathbb{Z}_{15}$ is the ideal generated by a unit 2. $(5) = \{5n : n \in \mathbb{Z}_{15}\} = \{0, 5, 10\}$

Theorem: 3.18:

$(a) = R \Leftrightarrow a \in R$ is a unit.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose $a \in R$ with $(a) = R$, then $1 \in (a)$. Thus, exists $r \in R$ s.t. $ar = 1$. By Definition 3.3, a is a unit.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $a \in R$ is a unit, there exists $r \in R$ s.t. $ar = 1$. Then $1 \in (a)$. For $b \in R$, $b = b(1) \in (a)$ Thus $R \subset (a)$, and $R = (a)$. \square

Theorem: 3.19: Principal Ideals of \mathbb{Z}

Every ideal of \mathbb{Z} is a principal ideal.

Proof. Suppose $I \subset \mathbb{Z}$ is an ideal, and take $n \in I$ to be the smallest non-negative element. (Note, if $n = 0$, then $I = \{0\}$ is the trivial ideal.)

We show that $I = (n)$.

Firstly, $(n) \subset I$ by definition.

Suppose $m \in I$, use division algorithm with m and n . $m = nq + r$ where $0 \leq r < n$. $r = m - nq \in I$ since $m \in I, n \in I$, and $nq \in I$. Thus $r = 0$, $m = nq$, $m \in (n)$. Therefore $I \subset (n)$ and $I = (n)$. \square

Theorem: 3.20:

Let $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ be a ring homomorphism, then $\text{Ker}(\phi)$ is an ideal.

Proof. let $a, b \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$.

$\phi(a - b) = \phi(a) - \phi(b) = 0 - 0 = 0$, then $a - b \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$.

$\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$, $ab \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$.

Thus $\text{Ker}(\phi)$ is a subring by Theorem 3.16.

Suppose $a \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$, $r \in R$.

$\phi(ar) = \phi(a)\phi(r) = \phi(a)0 = 0$. $\phi(ra) = \phi(r)\phi(a) = 0\phi(a) = 0$

Thus $ar, ra \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$, and $\text{Ker}(\phi)$ is an ideal by Definition 3.15. \square

Theorem: 3.21:

Let $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ be a homomorphism. If $J \subset S$ is an ideal, then $\phi^{-1}(J) = \{a \in R : \phi(a) \in J\} \subset R$ is an ideal.

Proof. Suppose $a, b \in \phi^{-1}(J)$, then $\phi(a) \in J$, $\phi(b) \in J$.

$\phi(a - b) = \phi(a) - \phi(b) \in J$, because J is a subring, then $a - b \in \phi^{-1}(J)$

$\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) \in J$, thus $ab = \phi^{-1}(\phi(a)\phi(b)) \in \phi^{-1}(J)$

By Theorem 3.16, $\phi^{-1}(J)$ is a subring of R .

Let $a \in \phi^{-1}(J)$, $r \in R$. $\phi(ar) = \phi(a)\phi(r) \in J$, since J is an ideal. $ar \in \phi^{-1}(J)$. Similarly $\phi(ra) = \phi(r)\phi(a) \in J$. $ra \in \phi^{-1}(J)$.

Thus $\phi^{-1}(J)$ is an ideal. \square

Definition: 3.17: Prime Ideal

An ideal $P \subset R$ is a prime ideal if $ab \in P \Leftrightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$. (This is the generalization of prime numbers.)

Definition: 3.18: Maximal Ideal

An ideal $M \subset R$ is a maximal ideal if for any ideal $I \subset R$ with $M \subset I \subset R$, we have $I = M$ or $I = R$.

Theorem: 3.22:

If R is a commutative ring with 1. Then $P \subset R$ is a prime ideal $\Leftrightarrow R/P$ is an integral domain.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose P is a prime ideal and $(a + P)(b + P) = 0 + P \in R/P$. Then $ab + P = 0 + P$ and thus $ab \in P$ by Definition 3.15.

Since P is prime ideal, $a \in P$ or $b \in P$, then $a + P = 0 + P$ or $b + P = 0 + P$. Thus R/P is an integral domain by Definition 3.7.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that R/P is an integral domain and $ab \in P$. We want to show that $a \in P$ or $b \in P$.

Since $ab \in P$, $ab + P = 0 + P \in R/P$, thus $(a + P)(b + P) = 0 + P$. This gives either $a + P = 0 + P$ or $b + P = 0 + P$. Therefore, $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. $P \subset R$ is a prime ideal. \square

Theorem: 3.23:

If R is a commutative ring with 1. Then $M \subset R$ is a maximal ideal $\Leftrightarrow R/M$ is a field.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose $M \subset R$ is a maximal ideal and $a + M \in R/M$ with $a \notin M$.

Consider $\langle 0 + M \rangle \subset \langle a + M \rangle \subset R/M$. Note $\langle a + M \rangle = I/M$, where $M \subset I \subset R$. $a \in I$ and $a \notin M$ means $M \neq I$.

Then $I = R$ because M is maximal. Then $\langle a + M \rangle = R/M$, $1 + M \in \langle a + M \rangle$. Then there exists $b \in R$ s.t. $(a + M)(b + M) = (1 + M)$. Inverse exists, R/M is a field.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose R/M is a field. Take $I \subset R$, $M \subsetneq I \subset R$. We want to show that $I = R$.

Since $M \subsetneq I$, there exists $a \in I$ s.t. $a \notin M$, then $M \subsetneq \langle a, M \rangle \subset I \subset R$, since $a + M \neq 0 + M \in R/M$.

Then there exists $b \in R$ s.t. $(a + M)(b + M) = 1 + M$, so inverse of $a + M$ exists. $1 + M \in \langle a, M \rangle \subset I$. Thus $I = R$ by Theorem 3.18, since the unit is in I . \square

Example: Which are ideals in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$?

1. $I = \{p(x) : p(x) = xq(x) + 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}, q(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]\}$, polynomials with even constant terms.
2. $I = \{p(x) : p(x) = x^2q(x) + 2kx + l, k, l \in \mathbb{Z}, q(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]\}$, polynomials with even coefficients for x .
3. $I = \{p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x] : p'(0) = 0\}$

Proof. 1. Let $p_1(x) = xq_1(x) + 2k_1 \in I$, $p_2(x) = xq_2(x) + 2k_2 \in I$. Then $p_1(x) - p_2(x) = x(q_1 - q_2) + 2(k_1 - k_2) \in I$

$p_1p_2 = (xq_1 + 2k_1)(xq_2 + 2k_2) = x^2q_1q_2 + 2x(k_1q_2 + k_2q_1) + 4k_1k_2 \in I$. Thus I is a subring by Theorem 3.16

Take $f(x) = xg(x) + l \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ with $l \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $p(x)f(x) = x^2qg + 2xkg + lxq + 2kl \in I$. Thus I is an ideal.

2. Let $p_1(x) = x^2q_1(x) + 2k_1x + l_1 \in I$, $p_2(x) = x^2q_2(x) + 2k_2x + l_2 \in I$. Then $p_1(x) - p_2(x) \in I$
 $p_1p_2 = (x^2q_1 + 2k_1x + l_1)(x^2q_2 + 2k_2x + l_2) = x^2(x^2q_1q_2 + l_1q_2 + l_2q_1 + 4k_1k_2) + 2(k_1l_2 + k_2l_1) + l_1l_2 \in I$.
 Thus I is a subring by Theorem 3.16

Take $f(x) = x^2g + mx + n \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ with $l \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $p(x)f(x) = x^2(x^2qg + nq + mg + 2km) + (lm + 2kn)x + ln \notin I$, since $lm + 2kn$ is not even when $l = m = 1$. Thus I is not an ideal.

3. Let $p(x), q(x) \in I$. Then $p'(0) = q'(0) = 0$. $(p - q)'|_{x=0} = p'(0) - q'(0) = 0$. $(pq)'|_{x=0} = p'(0)q(0) + p(0)q'(0) = 0$ Thus I is a subring by Theorem 3.16

Take $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ with $l \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $(fp)'|_{x=0} = f'(0)p(0) + f(0)p'(0) = f'(0)p(0) \neq 0$. Thus I is not an ideal.

For the third case, if we have $I = \{p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x] : p'(0) = 0, p(0) = 0\}$. Then I is an ideal. \square

Theorem: 3.24: Smallest Enclosing Ideal

Let $I, J \subset R$ be ideals. $I + J$ is the smallest ideal containing I and J .

Proof. $I + J = \{i + j : i \in I, j \in J\}$. Let $a, b \in I, J$, then $a = i + j$, $b = i' + j'$ for $i, i' \in I, j, j' \in J$.

Then $b - a = (i' - i) + (j' - j) \in I + J$, $ab = (i + j)(i' + j') = ii' + ij' + jj' + ji'$. Since $ii' + ij' \in I$ and $jj' + ji' \in J$ by Definition 3.15. Then $ab \in I + J$. $I + J$ is a subring by Theorem 3.16.

Let $a \in I, x \in R$, $a = i + j$ for $i \in I, j \in J$. $ax = (i + j)x = ix + jx \in I + J$, since $ix \in I, jx \in J$.
 $xa = xi + xj \in I + J$. Since $i \in I \Rightarrow i + 0 = I + J, 0 \in J$, then $I \subset I + J$. Similarly, $J \subset I + J$.

Suppose $K \subset R$ an ideal s.t. $I \subset K$ and $J \subset K$.

Let $a \in I + J$, $a = i + j$ for $i \in I, j \in J$. Then $i \in K$ and $j \in K$, thus $a \in K$. $I + J \subset K$. \square

3.4 Isomorphism Theorems for Rings

Theorem: 3.25: First Isomorphism Theorem for Rings

Let $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ be a ring homomorphism. Then there is a unique isomorphism $\psi : R/\text{Ker}(\phi) \rightarrow \text{Im}(\phi)$ s.t. $\psi(r + \text{Ker}(\phi)) \cong \text{Im}(\phi)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \text{Im}(\phi) \subset S \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \psi & \\ R/\text{Ker}(\phi) & & \end{array}$$

Proof. Define $\psi : R/\text{Ker}(\phi) \rightarrow \text{Im}(\phi)$ s.t. $\psi(r + \text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(r)$

Well-defined: Suppose that $r + \text{Ker}(\phi) = r' + \text{Ker}(\phi)$, then $r - r' \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$.

$$\phi(r + \text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(r) = \phi(r) + 0 = \phi(r) + \phi(r' - r) = \phi(r + r' - r) = \phi(r') = \psi(r' + \text{Ker}(\phi))$$

Ring Homomorphism: $\psi(a + \text{Ker}(\phi) + b + \text{Ker}(\phi)) = \psi(a + b + \text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b) = \psi(a + \text{Ker}(\phi)) + \psi(b + \text{Ker}(\phi))$

$$\psi((a + \text{Ker}(\phi))(b + \text{Ker}(\phi))) = \psi(ab + \text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) = \psi(a + \text{Ker}(\phi))\psi(b + \text{Ker}(\phi))$$

Injective: Suppose $r + \text{Ker}(\phi) \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$, $\psi(r + \text{Ker}(\phi)) = 0 = \phi(r)$. Thus $r \in \text{Ker}(\phi)$, $r + \text{Ker}(\phi) = 0 + \text{Ker}(\phi)$. $\text{Ker}(\psi) = \{0 + \text{Ker}(\phi)\}$, ψ is injective.

Surjective: Suppose $\phi(r) \in \text{Im}(\phi)$, then $\psi(r + \text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(r)$

Uniqueness: Suppose $\bar{\psi}(r + \text{Ker}(\phi)) = \phi(r) = \psi(r + \text{Ker}(\phi))$. Thus $\bar{\psi} = \psi$. □

Example: $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$. Show that $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is an ideal for R and $R/I \cong \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & z \end{bmatrix}$

Then $A - B = \begin{bmatrix} a - x & b - y \\ 0 & c - z \end{bmatrix} \in R$ and $AB = \begin{bmatrix} ax & ay + bz \\ 0 & cz \end{bmatrix} \in R$. Therefore, R is a ring by Theorem 3.16.

Let $I_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Then $I_1 - I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x - y \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$ and $I_1 I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & xy \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$. Therefore, I is a subring of R by Theorem 3.16.

To show that I is an ideal of R . Consider AI_1 and I_1A .

$$AI_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & xc \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I, \quad I_1A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & xc \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$$

Consider $\phi : R \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\phi \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} = (a, c)$.

Then $\phi(A + B) = (a + x, c + z) = (a, c) + (x, z) = \phi(A) + \phi(B)$, and $\phi(AB) = (ax, cz) = (a, c)(x, z) = \phi(A)\phi(B)$. Thus ϕ is a ring homomorphism.

$\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{A \in R : \phi(A) = (a, c) = (0, 0)\}$, so we need $a = c = 0$. $\text{Ker}(\phi) = I$, and I is an ideal. Thus by Theorem 3.25, $R/I \cong \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$. □

Example: $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, $(3) = 3\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{3a + 3bi : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Show that $3\mathbb{Z}[i] \subset \mathbb{Z}[i]$ is a maximal ideal.

Proof. Let $\phi : \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3[i]$ s.t. $\phi(a + bi) = [a + bi]_3 = [a]_3 + [b]_3i$. ϕ is a homomorphism.
 $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{a + bi : \phi(a + bi) = [a]_3 + [b]_3i = [0]_3 + [0]_3i\}$. Thus $a \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $b \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. $a = 3m$, $b = 3n$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then, $a + bi \in 3\mathbb{Z}[i] = (3)$. By Theorem 3.25, $\mathbb{Z}[i]/(3) \cong \mathbb{Z}_3[i]$.

Note: $\mathbb{Z}_3[i] = \{0, 1, 2, i, 2i, 1 + i, 1 + 2i, 2 + i, 2 + 2i\}$ is a field since inverses exist for all elements. Thus $(3) \subset \mathbb{Z}[i]$ is maximal by Theorem 3.23. \square

Theorem: 3.26: Second Isomorphism Theorem for Rings

Let $I \subset R$ be a subring and $J \subset R$ be an ideal. Then

1. $I \cap J \subset I$ is an ideal
2. $I/(I \cap J) \cong (I + J)/J$

Proof. 1. Suppose $a \in I \cap J$ and $b \in I$, we want to show that $ab \in I \cap J$ and $ba \in I \cap J$.
 Note $a \in I \cap J$ means $a \in I$ and $a \in J$, $b \in J \subset R$. Then $ab \in J$ since $J \subset R$ is an ideal. $ab \in I$ since $I \subset R$ is a subring. Thus $ab \in I \cap J$.
 Similarly, we have $ba \in I \cap J$, thus $I \cap J \subset I$ is an ideal.

2. Define $\phi : I \rightarrow (I + J)/J$ s.t. $\phi(a) = a + J$
 Homomorphism: $\phi(a + b) = (a + b) + J = (a + J) + (b + J) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$
 $\phi(ab) = ab + J = (a + J)(b + J) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$

Surjective: Let $a + J$ s.t. $a \in I + J$, (then $a + J \in (I + J)/J$) i.e. $a = i + j$ for $i \in I$, $j \in J$. Then $a + J = i + j + J = i + J$. Therefore, $\exists i \in I$ s.t. $\phi(i) = i + J = a + J$, thus surjective.

Find kernel: Suppose $a \in I \cap J$, i.e. $a \in I$ and $a \in J$. $\phi(a) = a + J \stackrel{a \in J}{=} 0 + J$. Thus $a \in \text{Ker}(\phi) \Rightarrow I \cap J \subset \text{Ker}(\phi)$.

Suppose $a \in \text{Ker}(\phi) \subset I$, then $a \in I$, and $\phi(a) = a + J = 0 + J$. Then $a \in J$, thus $a \in I \cap J$. So $\text{Ker}(\phi) \subset I \cap J$.

Therefore, $\text{Ker}(\phi) = I \cap J$, $I/(I \cap J) \cong (I + J)/J$ by Theorem 3.25. \square

3.5 Polynomial Rings

Definition: 3.19: Polynomial Rings

Suppose R is a commutative ring with 1, $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$ with $a_i \in R$ is a polynomial over R with indeterminate x

1. $a_n \neq 0$ is called the leading coefficient of $p(x)$
2. $\deg(p(x)) = n$
3. If $a_n = 1$, then $p(x)$ is monic
4. The set of all polynomials is denoted $R[x]$

Theorem: 3.27:

$R[x]$ is a commutative ring with 1.

Proof. Let $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$, $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_mx^m$.

$$pq = c_0 + c_1x + \cdots + c_{m+n}x^{m+n}, \text{ where } c_k = \sum_{l=0}^k a_{k-l}b_l.$$

$$qp = \hat{c}_0 + \hat{c}_1x + \cdots + \hat{c}_{m+n}x^{m+n}, \text{ where } \hat{c}_k = \sum_{l=0}^k a_l b_{k-l} \stackrel{\text{set } l=k-l}{=} \sum_{l'=0}^k a_{l'} b_{k-l'} = c_k.$$

Thus $qp = pq$, multiplication is commutative. \square

Theorem: 3.28:

If R is an integral domain, then so is $R[x]$.

Proof. Contrapositive: if $R[x]$ is not an integral domain, then R is not an integral domain.

Let $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$, $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_mx^m$, with $a_n \neq 0$, $b_m \neq 0$.

Suppose $R[x]$ is not an integral domain, then we have $p(x) \neq 0$, $q(x) \neq 0$, but $p(x)q(x) = 0$, i.e. $a_nb_m = \text{coeff}_{x^{n+m}}(pq) = 0$.

Then $\exists a_n, b_m \in R$ s.t. $a_n \neq 0$, $b_m \neq 0$, but $a_nb_m = 0$. We have a zero divisor, thus R is not an integral domain. \square

Remark 7. 1. If K is a field, $K[x]$ is not a field. $p(x) = x$ does not have an inverse.

2. If K is a field $K[[x]] = \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_nx^n : a_n \in R \right\}$ is a field. $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$, so $(1-x) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1$. And we can show that every element has an inverse.

3. If K is a field, $K[x, x^{-1}] = \left\{ \sum_{n=-N}^M a_nx^n : a_n \in R \right\}$ (Laurent polynomials) is not a field.

3.5.1 Division Algorithm

Theorem: 3.29: Division Algorithm for Polynomials

Let K be a field and $f(x), g(x) \in K[x]$. Then there are unique $q(x), r(x)$ s.t. $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$, where $0 \leq \deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x))$

Proof. Let $f(x), g(x)$ be polynomials s.t. $\deg(f(x)) = n$, $\deg(g(x)) = m$. Assume $m \leq n$, otherwise, $f(x) = 0g(x) + r(x)$ a trivial case.

We do induction on $n = m + k$.

Base Case: $k = 0$, $m = n$, $f(x) = a_nx^n + \cdots + a_0$, $g(x) = b_nx^n + \cdots + b_0$, $a_n \neq 0$, $b_n \neq 0$.

Then $f(x) = \frac{a_n}{b_n}g(x) + \left[f(x) - \frac{a_n}{b_n}g(x) \right]$. $r(x) = f(x) - \frac{a_n}{b_n}g(x) = \left(a_{n-1} - \frac{a_n}{b_n}b_{n-1} \right) x^{n-1} + \cdots$, $\deg(r(x)) < n$

Induction Hypothesis: Assume for all $p(x)$ with degree $< n$, we can do the division algorithm.

Induction Step: Consider $\hat{f}(x) = f(x) - \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^{n-m}g(x) = (a_nx^n + \cdots) - \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^{n-m}(b_mx^m + \cdots) = \left(a_n - \frac{a_n}{b_n}b_m \right) x^n + \hat{a}_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \cdots + \hat{a}_0 = \hat{a}_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \cdots + \hat{a}_0$ has degree $< n$.

Apply IH to $\hat{f}(x)$ and $g(x)$, $\hat{f} = g\hat{q} + r$ with $0 \leq \deg(\hat{r}) < m$.

$$f(x) = \hat{f} + \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^{n-m}g = g\hat{q} + \hat{r} + \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^{n-m}g = g\left(\hat{q} + \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^{n-m}\right) + \hat{r}.$$

Let $q = \hat{q} + \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^{n-m}$, $r = \hat{r}$, then $f = gq + r$ where $0 \leq \deg(r) < m$.

Uniqueness: Suppose $f = gq_1 + r_1 = gq_2 + r_2$, $0 \leq \text{degr}_i < \text{deg}g$

Then $0 = g(q_1 - q_2) + (r_1 - r_2)$, $r_2 - r_1 = g(q_1 - q_2)$, $\text{deg}(r_2 - r_1) < \text{deg}(g) \leq \text{deg}(g(q_1 - q_2))$.

Thus, $r_1 = r_2$, and $q_1 = q_2$. The factorization is unique. \square

Definition: 3.20: GCD of Polynomials

Let K be a field, $d(x) \in K[x]$ is the gcd of $f(x), g(x) \in K[x]$ if $d(x)|f(x)$ and $d(x)|g(x)$ and if $\hat{d}(x)|f(x)$ and $\hat{d}(x)|g(x)$, then $\hat{d}(x)|d(x)$. If $\text{gcd}(f, g) = 1$, then f and g are relatively prime.

Theorem: 3.30: Bezout's Identity

If $d(x) = \text{gcd}(f, g)$, then $\exists a(x), b(x) \in K[x]$ s.t. $a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x) = d(x)$

Proof. Consider the set $S = \{p(x)f(x) + q(x)g(x) : p(x), q(x) \in K[x]\}$.

Suppose $u(x), v(x) \in S$, both monic with the smallest degree, then $u(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$, $v(x) = x^n + b_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + b_0$. Note $u(x) - v(x) \in S$, $u(x) - v(x) = (a_{n-1} - b_{n-1})x^{n-1} + \dots + (a_0 - b_0)$, $\text{deg}(u - v) \leq n - 1 < \text{deg}(u) = n$, thus $u(x) - v(x) = 0$, $u = v$. *i.e.* There is a unique polynomial in S which is monic with the smallest degree.

Let $d(x) = a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x) \in S$ be the monic polynomial with min degree. We show that $d(x)|f(x)$ and $d(x)|g(x)$.

Use Theorem 3.29 on f and g , $f(x) = d(x)q(x) + r(x)$, $0 \leq \text{deg}(r) < \text{deg}(d)$.

$r(x) = f(x) - d(x)q(x) = f(x) - (a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x))q(x) = (1 - a(x)q(x))f(x) - b(x)q(x)g(x) \in S$. Thus $r(x) = 0$, $d(x)|f(x)$. Similarly $d(x)|g(x)$.

Suppose $\hat{d}(x) \in K[x]$ s.t. $\hat{d}(x)|f(x)$ and $\hat{d}(x)|g(x)$. Then $f(x) = \hat{d}(x)u(x)$ and $g(x) = \hat{d}(x)v(x)$.

Thus $d(x) = a(x)u(x)\hat{d}(x) + b(x)v(x)\hat{d}(x) = (a(x)u(x) + b(x)v(x))\hat{d}(x)$. $\hat{d}(x)|d(x)$ \square

Example: Find $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ s.t. $a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x) = \text{gcd}(f(x), g(x))$, where $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 3x - 2$, $g(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x + 1$

In $\mathbb{Q}[x]$, $f(x) = (x - 4)g(x) + (10x^2 + 12x + 2)$, $g(x) = \left(\frac{1}{10}x + \frac{7}{25}\right)(10x^2 + 12x + 2) + \frac{11}{25}(x + 1)$

Note that $(x + 1)|(10x^2 + 12x + 2)$, so $(x + 1)|g(x)$ and $(x + 1)|f(x)$ is the gcd.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 1 &= \frac{25}{11}g(x) - \frac{25}{11} \left(\frac{1}{10}x + \frac{7}{25} \right) (10x^2 + 12x + 2) \\ &= \frac{25}{11}g(x) - \frac{25}{11} \left(\frac{1}{10}x + \frac{7}{25} \right) (f(x) - (x - 4)g(x)) \\ &= \left(\frac{5x^2}{22} - \frac{3x}{11} - \frac{3}{11} \right) g(x) + \left(-\frac{5}{22}x - \frac{7}{11} \right) f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $a(x) = \left(\frac{5x^2}{22} - \frac{3x}{11} - \frac{3}{11} \right)$, $b(x) = -\frac{5}{22}x - \frac{7}{11}$

In $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$, $f(x) = x^4 + x$, $g(x) = x^3 + 1$, $f(x) = xg(x)$.

Thus $g(x)|f(x)$, $\text{gcd}(f, g) = g = x^3 + 1$.

In $\mathbb{Z}_{11}[x]$, we start with $f(x) = (x - 4)g(x) + (10x^2 + 12x + 2)$. Reduce in \mathbb{Z}_{11} , we get $f(x) = (x - 4)g(x) + (-x^2 + x + 2)$

Note $g(x) = (-x^2 + x + 2)(-x - 5)$. Thus $\text{gcd}(f, g) = -x^2 + x + 2$

$-x^2 + x + 2 = f(x) - (x - 4)g(x)$

3.5.2 Irreducible Polynomials

Definition: 3.21: Irreducible Polynomials

We say a non constant polynomial $f(x) \in K[x]$ is irreducible if it cannot be written as $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$ with $\deg(g), \deg(h) < \deg(f)$.

Theorem: 3.31:

$p(x) \in K[x]$ is irreducible $\Leftrightarrow K[x]/(p(x))$ is a field. $(p(x))$ is the principal ideal generated by $p(x)$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose $p(x) \in K[x]$ is irreducible. Consider an ideal $I \subset K[x]$, where $(p(x)) \subsetneq I \subset K[x]$. Take $f(x) \in I \setminus (p(x))$. $p(x)$ is irreducible and $f(x)$ is not a multiple of $p(x)$, otherwise $f(x) \in (p(x))$. Thus $\gcd(f, p) = 1$.

By Theorem 3.30, $\exists a(x), b(x) \in K[x]$ s.t. $a(x)f(x) + b(x)p(x) = 1$

Note $f(x) \in I, p(x) \in I$. By Definition 3.15, $1 \in I$. By Theorem 3.18, $I = K[x]$. Thus $(p(x))$ is maximal by Definition 3.18. And by Theorem 3.23, $K[x]/(p(x))$ is a field.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $K[x]/(p(x))$ is a field, then $(p(x))$ is a maximal ideal by Theorem 3.23.

Suppose $p(x) = f(x)g(x)$, then $p(x) \in (f(x)), (p(x)) \subset (f(x)) \subset K[x]$.

Case 1: $(p(x)) = (f(x))$, then $f(x) = p(x)h(x)$, $\deg(f) = \deg(p)$, $p(x) = \text{const}f(x)$. $p(x)$ is irreducible.

Case 2: $(f(x)) = K[x]$. Then $f(x)$ is a unit in $K[x]$. $f(x) = \alpha$ is a constant. $\deg(f) = 0$. Thus $\deg(g) = \deg(p)$. p is irreducible. \square

Example: Show that \mathbb{C} is a field.

Proof. $\phi: \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\phi(f(x)) = f(i)$ is a homomorphism with $\text{Ker}(\phi) = (x^2 + 1)$. $x^2 + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{R}[x]$. Thus $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2 + 1) \cong \mathbb{C}$ is a field by Theorem 3.25 and 3.31. \square

Example: Show that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ is a field.

Proof. $\phi: \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ s.t. $\phi(f(x)) = f(\sqrt{2})$ is a homomorphism, $\text{Ker}(\phi) = (x^2 - 2)$. $x^2 - 2$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$. Thus $\mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^2 - 2) \cong \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ is a field. \square

Example: Show that $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^2 + x + 1)$ is a field.

Proof. $x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$. The field has order $2^2 = 4$. \square

Lemma: 3.3:

Let $p(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$, then $p(x) = \frac{r}{s}(a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n)$ with $\gcd(r, s) = 1$, $\gcd(\{a_i\}) = 1$.

Proof. Let $p(x) = \frac{b_0}{c_0} + \frac{b_1}{c_1}x + \cdots + \frac{b_n}{c_n}x^n$ for $b_i, c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $p(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$.

We can write $p(x) = \frac{1}{c_0 \cdots c_n}(d_0 + d_1x + \cdots + d_nx^n)$, where $d_i = \frac{c_0 \cdots c_n}{c_i}b_i$.

Let $d = \gcd(d_0, \dots, d_n)$, then $d_0 = da_0$, $d_n = da_n$ with $\gcd(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 1$

$p(x) = \frac{1}{c_0 \cdots c_n}(da_0 + da_1x + \cdots + da_nx^n) = \frac{d}{c_0 \cdots c_n}(a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n) = \frac{r}{s}(a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n)$ by reducing the fractions. \square

Lemma: 3.4: Gauss Lemma

Let $p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be monic that factors $p(x) = \alpha(x)\beta(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ with $\deg(\alpha), \deg(\beta) < \deg(p)$. Then $\exists a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ s.t. $a(x), b(x)$ are monic with $\deg(a) = \deg(\alpha)$, $\deg(b) = \deg(\beta)$ and $p(x) = a(x)b(x)$.

Proof. Suppose $p(x) = \alpha(x)\beta(x)$, $\alpha(x), \beta(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$. By Lemma 3.3, $\alpha(x) = \frac{c_1}{d_1}(a_0 + \dots + a_m x^m)$. Similarly, $\beta(x) = \frac{c_2}{d_2}(a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n)$.

Let $\alpha_1(x) = (a_0 + \dots + a_m x^m)$, $\beta_1(x) = (a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n)$, $c = c_1 c_2$, $d = d_1 d_2$. Then $p(x) = \alpha(x)\beta(x) = \frac{c_1 c_2}{d_1 d_2} \alpha_1(x)\beta_1(x) = \frac{c}{d} \alpha_1(x)\beta_1(x)$. Thus $c\alpha_1(x)\beta_1(x) = dp(x)$.

Case 1: $d = 1$. $\alpha_1(x)\beta_1(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$. $1 \stackrel{p(x) \text{ is monic}}{=} \text{coeff}_{x^{m+n}} p(x) = ca_m b_n$

If $c = 1$, $a_m = b_n = 1$, $a(x) = \alpha_1(x)$, $b(x) = \beta_1(x)$, or $a_m = b_n = -1$, $a(x) = -\alpha_1(x)$, $b(x) = -\beta_1(x)$.

If $c = -1$, $a_m = 1$, $b_n = -1$, $a(x) = \alpha_1(x)$, $b(x) = -\beta_1(x)$, or $a_m = -1$, $b_n = 1$, $a(x) = -\alpha_1(x)$, $b(x) = \beta_1(x)$.

Case 2: $d \neq 1$. Pick a prime s.t. $p|d$ and $p \nmid c$. Take a_l with $p \nmid a_l$, b_k with $p \nmid b_k$.

Set $\hat{\alpha}(x) \equiv \alpha_1(x) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_p[x]}$, $\hat{\beta}(x) \equiv \beta_1(x) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_p[x]}$. Then $\hat{\alpha}(x) \neq 0$ and $\hat{\beta}(x) \neq 0$.

$\hat{\alpha}(x)\hat{\beta}(x) \equiv \alpha_1(x)\beta_1(x) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_p[x]} \equiv \frac{d}{c} p(x) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_p[x]} \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_p[x]}$ since $p|d$.

Contradiction, because $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ is an integral domain. Thus $d \neq 1$ is not possible. \square

Theorem: 3.32: Eisenstein's Criterion

Let p be a prime and $f(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$. If $p|a_i$ for $i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$, but $p \nmid a_n$ and $p^2 \nmid a_0$, then $f(x)$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}[x]$.

Proof. Assume $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n = (b_0 + \dots + b_r x^r)(c_0 + \dots + c_s x^s)$.

$p^2 \nmid a_0$ with $a_0 = b_0 c_0$ means $p \nmid b_0$ or $p \nmid c_0$. WLOG, we assume $p \nmid b_0$, but $p|c_0$.

$p \nmid a_n$ with $a_n = b_r c_s$ means $p \nmid b_r$ and $p \nmid c_s$.

Let m be the minimal integer s.t. $p \nmid c_m$ and consider $a_m = \underset{\text{not divisible by } p}{b_0 c_m} + \underset{\text{divisible by } p}{b_1 a_{m-1} + \dots + b_m c_0}$. Then

$p \nmid a_m$.

By the constraints (the minimal integer s.t. $p \nmid a_m$ should be n), $a_m = a_n$, thus $m = n$.

$\deg(c_0 + \dots + c_s x^s) = \deg(f(x))$. Thus there is no factorization. $f(x)$ is irreducible. \square

Example: $3x^6 + 25x^5 - 20x^2 + 15x - 10$ is irreducible with $p = 5$.

Example: $5x^3 + 14x^2 - 7x + 7$ is irreducible with $p = 7$.

3.6 Integral Domains

Theorem: 3.33:

Every ideal in $K[x]$ is a principal ideal. $K[x]$ is a PID (Principal Ideal Domain).

Proof. Suppose $I \subset K[x]$ is an ideal. Take $p(x) \in I$ s.t. $p(x)$ is monic, and $\deg(p(x))$ is minimal over all polynomials of positive degree. $(p(x)) \subset I$.

Let $f(x) \in I$. Do division algorithm with $f(x)$ and $p(x)$, $f(x) = p(x)q(x) + r(x)$ with $0 \leq \deg(r) < \deg(p)$. Thus $\deg(r) = 0$, because $p(x)$ is minimal degree.

Case 1: $r(x) = 0$, $f(x) \in (p(x))$, $I \subset (p(x))$. Then $(p(x)) = I$. I is principal ideal.

Case 2: $\alpha \neq 0 \in K$. Then $(p(x)) = (\alpha) = K[x] = I$. I is a principal ideal. \square

Example: $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is not a PID.

Proof. We find an ideal I that is not principal.

Let $I = (x, 2) = \{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + 2a_0 : a_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Suppose $p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ with $(p(x)) = I = (x, 2)$, then $2 \in (p(x))$, $2 = p(x)f(x)$ for some $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Then $\deg(p) = \deg(f) = 0$. $p(x) = 1$ or $p(x) = 2$. But $p(x) \neq 1$, otherwise $(p(x)) = (1) = \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Thus $p(x) = 2$, $I = (2)$, but $x \notin I$, since x is not necessarily a multiple of 2. Contradiction. Thus I is not principal. \square

3.6.1 Field of Fractions

We can think of \mathbb{Q} as a set of symbols $\frac{a}{b}$, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $b \neq 0$, where $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \Leftrightarrow ad = bc$.

Theorem: 3.34: Field of Fractions

Let D be any integral domain. $S = \{(a, b) : a, b \in D, b \neq 0\}$. $\sim \subset S \times S$ s.t. $(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Leftrightarrow ad = bc$ is an equivalence relation. The equivalence classes are $[a, b] = \{(c, d) \in S : (a, b) \sim (c, d)\}$. Define $F_D = \{[a, b] : a, b \in D, b \neq 0\}$.

F_D is a field (the field of fraction of D). It is the unique smallest field s.t. D can be embedded in F_D .

Proof. Firstly, we show that \sim is an equivalence relation.

1. Reflexivity: $(a, b) \sim (b, a)$, because $ab = ab$
2. Symmetry: If $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$, then $ad = bc$, $bc = ad \Rightarrow (c, d) \sim (a, b)$
3. Transitivity: If $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ and $(c, d) \sim (e, f)$, then $ad = bc$ and $cf = de$. Then $adcf = bcde$, $af = be$, $(a, b) \sim (e, f)$.

Now we show that F_D is a field.

We define the addition $[a, b] + [c, d] = [ad + bc, bd]$. We check that the addition is well-defined:

Suppose $[a, b] = [\hat{a}, \hat{b}]$, $[c, d] = [\hat{c}, \hat{d}]$. *i.e.* $a\hat{b} = \hat{a}b$, $c\hat{d} = \hat{c}d$.

$[a, b] + [c, d] = [ad + bc, bd]$, $[\hat{a}, \hat{b}] + [\hat{c}, \hat{d}] = [\hat{a}\hat{d} + \hat{b}\hat{c}, \hat{b}\hat{d}]$.

$(ad + bc)(\hat{b}\hat{d}) = ad\hat{b}\hat{d} + bc\hat{b}\hat{d} = a\hat{b}d\hat{d} + c\hat{d}b\hat{b} \stackrel{\text{Equivalence of } [a, b] = [\hat{a}, \hat{b}]}{=} \hat{a}b\hat{d}\hat{d} + \hat{c}d\hat{b}\hat{b} = bd(\hat{a}\hat{d} + \hat{c}\hat{b})$. Thus addition is well-defined.

We define the multiplication $[a, b][c, d] = [ac, bd]$. It is also easy to check that the multiplication is well defined.

F_D is abelian, additive identity is $[0, d]$, invserse of $[a, b]$ is $[-a, b]$. Multiplication is associative, distributive, commutative and identity is $[a, a]$, with inverse of $[a, b]$ being $[b, a]$ for $a \neq 0$.

Now we show that we can embed D in F_D .

Consider $I : D \rightarrow F_D$ s.t. $I(a) = [a, 1]$.

Homomorphism: $I(a, b) = [a + b, 1] = [a, 1] + [b, 1] = I(a) + I(b)$

$I(ab) = [ab, 1] = [a, 1][b, 1] = I(a)I(b)$

Injective: Suppose $a \in \text{Ker}(I)$, *i.e.* $I(a) = 0$. Then $[a, 1] = [0, 1] \Rightarrow a = 0$. Thus $\text{Ker}(I) = 0$.

Thus I is an injective ring homomorphism.

We now show that F_D is the smallest such field.

Suppose $\exists K$ a field s.t. D is embedded in K . *i.e.* $\exists \phi : D \rightarrow K$ an injective field homomorphism. We want to find $\psi : F_D \rightarrow K$ s.t. $\phi = \psi \circ I$.

Set $\psi([a, b]) = \phi(a)\phi(b)^{-1}$. With $a, b \in D$, $\phi(a), \phi(b) \in K$.

Homomorphism:

$$\psi([a, b] + [c, d]) = \psi([ad + bc, bd]) = \phi(ad + bc)\phi(bd)^{-1} = (\phi(a)\phi(d) + \phi(b)\phi(c))\phi(b)^{-1}\phi(d)^{-1} = \phi(a)\phi(b)^{-1} + \phi(c)\phi(d)^{-1} = \psi([a, b]) + \psi([c, d]).$$

$$\psi([a, b][c, d]) = \psi([ac, bd]) = \phi(ac)\phi(bd)^{-1} = \phi(a)\phi(b)^{-1}\phi(c)\phi(d)^{-1} = \psi([a, b])\psi([c, d])$$

Injective: Suppose $[a, b] \in \text{Ker}(\psi)$. $\psi([a, b]) = \phi(a)\phi(b)^{-1} = 0$, but $\phi(b)^{-1} \neq 0$. Thus $\phi(a) = 0$. $a = 0$.

$\text{Ker}(\psi) = \{[0, b]\} = \{[0, 1]\}$ is trivial. ψ is injective field homomorphism.

Now we show that $\phi = \psi \circ I$, $\psi \circ I(a) = \psi([a, 1]) = \phi(a)\phi(1)^{-1} = \phi(a)$. Thus $\phi = \psi \circ I$. \square

Definition: 3.22: Irreducibles and Primes

Let R be a commutative ring with 1, D be an integral domain. Let $a, b \in R$.

1. $a|b$ if $\exists c \in R$ s.t. $b = ac$
2. a and b are associates if there exists a unit u s.t. $a = ub$
3. A non-unit $p \in D$ is irreducible if when $p = ab$, a or b is a unit
4. p is prime if $p|ab \Rightarrow p|a$ or $p|b$

Example: $R = \langle x^2, y^2, xy \rangle \subset \mathbb{Q}[x, y]$.

Note: $R = \mathbb{Q}[x, y]^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ is $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$ under the group action of \mathbb{Z}_2 . $\mathbb{Z}_2(x) = -x$, $\mathbb{Z}_2(y) = -y$.
 x^2, y^2, xy are irreducible in R , but xy is not prime. $xy|x^2y^2$, but $xy \nmid x$ and $xy \nmid y$.

Definition: 3.23: $\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}]$ and Norm

Consider the ring $\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}] = \{a + bi\sqrt{3} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. We can associate a norm function $N : \mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $N(a + bi\sqrt{3}) = a^2 + 3b^2$ with the following properties:

1. $N(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$
2. $N(xy) = N(x)N(y)$
3. u is a unit $\Leftrightarrow N(u) = 1$
4. If $N(x)$ is a prime, x is irreducible.

Proof. We show that $N(x)$ is a well-defined norm function.

1. (\Rightarrow) Let $x = a + bi\sqrt{3}$. If $N(x) = 0$, $a^2 + 3b^2 = 0$. Since $a^2 \geq 0, b^2 \geq 0$, we have $a = b = 0$, $x = 0$.
(\Leftarrow) trivial.
2. Let $x = a + bi\sqrt{3}$, $y = c + di\sqrt{3}$. $xy = (ac - 3bd) + (ad + bc)i\sqrt{3}$.
 $N(xy) = (ac - 3bd)^2 + 3(ad + bc)^2 = (a^2 + 3b^2)(c^2 + 3d^2) = N(x)N(y)$
3. (\Rightarrow) Suppose u is a unit. $\exists u^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}]$ s.t. $uu^{-1} = 1$. $N(uu^{-1}) = 1 \stackrel{\text{By 2.}}{=} N(u)N(u^{-1})$.
But $N(u), N(u^{-1}) \in \mathbb{N}$, then $N(u) = N(u^{-1})^{-1} = 1$
(\Leftarrow) Suppose $N(u) = 1$, $u = a + bi\sqrt{3}$. $N(u) = a^2 + 3b^2$. If $b^2 > 0$, $N(u) > 1$. Thus $b^2 = 0$, $b = 0$, and $a^2 = 1$, $a = \pm 1$. $u = \pm 1$, both are units.
4. Suppose $x = yz$. Then $N(x) = N(y)N(z)$. If $N(x)$ is prime. WLOG, $N(y) = 1$, $N(x) = N(z)$, y is a unit, x is irreducible.

We now show that $(1 + i\sqrt{3})$ is irreducible but not a prime in $\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}]$.

Suppose $1 + i\sqrt{3} = xy$, $N(x)N(y) = N(1 + i\sqrt{3}) = 4$.

Case 1: x or y is a unit, then $1 + i\sqrt{3}$ is irreducible.

Case 2: x and y are not unit, then $N(x) = N(y) = 2$, but $a^2 + 3b^2 = 2$ has no solution in natural numbers.

Contradiction. This case is impossible.

$$(1 + i\sqrt{3})(1 - i\sqrt{3}) = 4 = 2 \cdot 2$$

Thus $(1 + i\sqrt{3})|4 \Rightarrow (1 + i\sqrt{3})|2 \cdot 2$, but $(1 + i\sqrt{3}) \nmid 2$, thus it is not a prime. \square

3.6.2 Unique Factorization Domain

Definition: 3.24: Unique Factorization Domain

An integral domain D is a unique factorization domain (UFD) if

1. Every non-zero non-unit element can be written as the product of irreducibles.
2. If $a = p_1 \cdots p_r = q_1 \cdots q_s$ with p_i, q_j irreducible, then $r = s$ and $\exists \sigma \in S_r$ with $p_i = q_{\sigma(i)} u_i$, u_i a unit. *i.e.* p_i and $q_{\sigma(i)}$ are associates.

Example: \mathbb{Z} is a UFD by the fundamental theorem of arithmetic.

$30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 2(-3)(-5)$, but $(-3) = (-1)3$, where (-1) is a unit. $\{2, 3, 5\}$ is the same as $\{2, -3, -5\}$ up to a unit.

Example: $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, $K[x]$ are UFD.

Example: $\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}]$ is not a UFD.

Consider $4 = 2 \cdot 2 = (1 + i\sqrt{3})(1 - i\sqrt{3})$.

For $\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}]$ to be a UFD, we need $2 = (1 + i\sqrt{3})u$, where u is a unit.

Let $u = a + bi\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}]$. $u^{-1} = \frac{a - bi\sqrt{3}}{a^2 + 3b^2} \in \mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}]$.

We need $\frac{a}{a^2 + 3b^2} \in \mathbb{Z}$, $b = 0$, $\frac{a}{a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $a = \pm 1$. $u = \pm 1$, which is impossible, because $2 \neq 1 + i\sqrt{3}$.

Example: $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$ is not a UFD.

Consider $4 = 2 \cdot 2 = (1 + \sqrt{5})(-1 + \sqrt{5})$.

We need $2 = u(1 + \sqrt{5})$. Let $u = a + b\sqrt{5}$. $2 = (1 + \sqrt{5})(a + b\sqrt{5}) = a + 5b + (a + b)\sqrt{5}$. $\begin{cases} a + 5b = 2 \\ a + b = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} a = -\frac{1}{2} \\ b = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}, a, b \notin \mathbb{Z}.$$

Definition: 3.25: Primitive and Content

Let D be an integral domain, F be a field of fraction. Let $p(x) = a_n x^n + \cdots + a_0 \in D[x]$. Define the content of $p(x)$ to be $\text{cont}(p(x)) = \text{gcd}(a_0, \dots, a_n)$.

$p(x)$ is primitive if $\text{cont}(p(x)) = 1$.

Lemma: 3.5:

1. If $f(x), g(x) \in D[x]$ are primitive, then so is $f(x)g(x)$
2. $\text{cont}(fg) = \text{cont}(f)\text{cont}(g)$
3. Suppose $p(x) \in D[x]$ with $p(x) = f(x)g(x) \in F(x)$, then $\exists \hat{f}(x), \hat{g}(x) \in D[x]$ s.t. $p = \hat{f}\hat{g}$

Corollary 5. $p(x)$ is irreducible in $D[x] \Leftrightarrow p(x)$ is irreducible in $F[x]$.

Theorem: 3.35:

D is a UFD $\Leftrightarrow D[x]$ is a UFD.

3.6.3 Principal Ideal Domain

Definition: 3.26: Principal Ideal Domain

An integral domain is called a principal ideal domain (PID) if every ideal is principal.

Example: \mathbb{Z} , $K[x]$ are PIDs.

Lemma: 3.6: Properties of PID

Let D be a PID with $a, b \in D$, then

1. $a|b \Leftrightarrow \langle b \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle$
2. a and b are associates $\Leftrightarrow \langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$
3. a is a unit $\Leftrightarrow \langle a \rangle = D$

Proof. 1. (\Rightarrow) Suppose $a|b$, then $b = ar$ for $r \in D$. Suppose $x \in \langle b \rangle$, then $x = by$ for $y \in D$. Then $x = ary \in \langle a \rangle$. Thus $\langle b \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\langle b \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle$, then $b \in \langle a \rangle$, $b = ar$ for some $r \in D$, thus $a|b$.

2. (\Rightarrow) Suppose a, b are associates, by Definition 3.22, there exists unit $u \in D$ s.t. $a = ub$. thus $b|a$. By 1, $\langle a \rangle \subset \langle b \rangle$. Also $au^{-1} = b$, u^{-1} is a unit, then $a|b$, $\langle b \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle$. Therefore $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$. Then $\langle a \rangle \subset \langle b \rangle \Rightarrow a|b$, $b = ax$; $\langle b \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow b|a$, $a = yb$. Therefore $a = yax = axy$. $1 = xy$, x is a unit. a and b are associates.

3. (\Rightarrow) Suppose a is a unit, a^{-1} exists. Take $x \in D$ and $x = x \cdot 1 = xa^{-1}a \in \langle a \rangle$. $D \subset \langle a \rangle \subset D$, thus $\langle a \rangle = D$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $D = \langle a \rangle$. In particular $1 \in \langle a \rangle$. Then $\exists b \in D$ s.t. $ab = 1$, a is a unit.

□

Theorem: 3.36:

Let D be a PID and $0 \neq \langle p \rangle \subset D$, then $\langle p \rangle$ is a maximal ideal $\Leftrightarrow p$ is irreducible.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose $\langle p \rangle$ is a maximal ideal and $p = ab$.

Then $a|p$. By Lemma 3.6, $\langle p \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle \subset D$.

By Definition 3.18, either $\langle p \rangle = \langle a \rangle$ or $\langle a \rangle = D$.

If $\langle p \rangle = \langle a \rangle$, then p and a are associates by Lemma 3.6, b is a unit.

If $\langle a \rangle = D$, then a is a unit.

Thus p is irreducible by Definition 3.22.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose p is irreducible.

Consider $a \in D$ with $\langle p \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle \subset D$ $\xrightarrow{\text{By Lemma 3.6}} a|p \Rightarrow p = ab$ for some $b \in D$.

But p is irreducible, then a is a unit or b is a unit.

If a is a unit, $\langle a \rangle = D$

If b is a unit, p and a are associates, $\langle p \rangle = \langle a \rangle$.

By Definition 3.18, $\langle p \rangle$ is maximal.

□

Corollary 6. Let D be a PID. If $p \in D$ is irreducible, then it is prime. In general prime \subset irreducible.

Proof. Suppose p is irreducible and $p|ab$.

Then $ab = pr$ for some $r \in D$. By Theorem 3.36, $ab \in \langle p \rangle$

Then $\langle p \rangle$ is a prime ideal by Definition 3.17. This means that $a \in \langle p \rangle$, $p|a$ or $b \in \langle p \rangle$, $p|b$.

By Definition 3.22, p is a prime. □

Definition: 3.27: Accending Chain Condition (Noetherian Ring)

A ring satisfies the accending chain condition if for every set of ideals $\{I_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ s.t. $I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $I_n \geq I_N$ for all $n \geq N$. These rings are called Noetherian Rings.

Lemma: 3.7:

Every PID satisfies Accending Chain Condition.

Proof. Let D be a PID, and $\{I_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ be a set of ideals s.t $I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$.

Let $I = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j$. We show that I is an ideal.

Subring: Suppose $a, b \in I$, $\exists k, l$ s.t. $a \in I_k, b \in I_l$. $a, b \in I_{\max(l,k)}$. Then $a - b, ab \in I_{\max(l,k)} \subset I$. Thus I is a subring by Theorem 3.16.

Ideal: Suppose $a \in I$ and $r \in D$, then $a \in I_k$ for some k , $ra \in I_k \subset I$, I is then an ideal.

By Definition 3.26, every ideal is principal. Thus $I = (a)$ for some $a \in D$. $a \in I = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j$. Thus $a \in I_N$ for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore $I = (a) \subset I_N \subset I_{N+1} \subset \dots \subset I$. Then $I_N = I_{N+1} = \dots = I$. □

Theorem: 3.37:

Every PID is a UFD.

Proof. We show that factorization is possible and is unique in PIDs.

Let D be a PID.

Factorization: Suppose $a \in D$ is a non-zero non-unit element.

We can write $a = a_1 b_1$ where a_1 is not an unit. We can iteratively factor a_k and write $a_k = a_{k+1} b_{k+1}$, where a_{k+1} is not a unit.

Then we form a divisibility chain $a_1|a, a_2|a_1, \dots, a_{k+1}|a_k$. Thus $\langle a \rangle \subset \langle a_1 \rangle \subset \dots \subset \langle a_k \rangle \subset \dots$ by Definition 3.26.

By Lemma 3.7, $\exists N$ s.t. $\langle a_N \rangle = \langle a_{N+1} \rangle = \dots = \langle a_n \rangle$ for all $n \geq N$.

By Lemma 3.6, a_N and a_n are associates for all $n \geq N$. Thus $a_N = pu$ for p irreducible and u unit.

Then $a = p_1 x_1$ for some irreducible p_1 . Iterate on $x_k = p_{k+1} x_{k+1}$ where p_{k+1} irreducible.

$\langle x_1 \rangle \subset \dots \subset \langle x_N \rangle = \langle x_{N+1} \rangle$. x_N is irreducible. Set $x_N = p_{N+1}$. Then $a = p_1 \dots p_{N+1}$ where p_i are irreducible.

Uniqueness: Suppose $a = p_1 \dots p_r = q_1 \dots q_s$. We show taht $r = s$ and $p_i = u_j q_j$.

Assume $r < s$. $p_1|a \Rightarrow p_1|q_1 \dots q_s$, then $p_1|q_j$ for some j . Reorder s.t. $p_1|q_1$. $q_1 = u_1 p_1$ s.t. u_1 is a unit, since q_1 is irreducible.

Then $p_1(p_2 \dots p_r) = p_1(u_2 q_2 \dots q_s)$. Iterate and we get $u_1 \dots u_r q_{r+1} \dots q_s = 1$. This means that $q_{r+1} \dots q_s = 1$, which is a contradiction. □

3.6.4 Euclidean Domain

Definition: 3.28: Euclidean Domain

An integral domain D is known as a Euclidean domain if $\exists N : D \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ (norm function) s.t.

1. If $0 \neq a, b \in D$, then $N(a) \leq N(ab)$
2. If $a, b \in D$ with $b \neq 0$, there exists $q, r \in D$ s.t. $a = bq + r$ with $r = 0$ or $N(r) < N(b)$

Example: \mathbb{Z} with $N(m) = |m|$, $K[x]$ with $N(f(x)) = \deg(f)$ are Euclidean domains.

Example: Show that the Gaussian Integers $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a Euclidean domain.

Proof. Define $N(\alpha) = \alpha\bar{\alpha} = |\alpha|^2$. If $\alpha = a + bi$, $N(\alpha) = a^2 + b^2$

We show that the two properties in Definition 3.28 are satisfied.

Let $0 \neq \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$. $N(\alpha\beta) = \alpha\beta\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta} = \alpha\bar{\alpha}\beta\bar{\beta} = N(\alpha)N(\beta) \geq N(\alpha)$, since $N(x) \geq 1$ for any $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$.

Let $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ with $\beta \neq 0$. Write $\alpha = a + bi$, $\beta = c + di$. Then $\beta^{-1} = \frac{c-di}{c^2+d^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\beta^{-1} &= (a + bi)\frac{c - di}{c^2 + d^2} = \frac{1}{c^2 + d^2}((ac + bd) + (bc - ad)i) \\ &= (q_1 + r_1) + (q_2 + r_2)i, \text{ where } -\frac{1}{2} \leq r_1, r_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}, q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &= (q_1 + q_2i) + (r_1 + r_2i) \end{aligned}$$

Let $\gamma = q_1 + q_2i \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$. $\alpha = \beta\gamma + \beta(r_1 + r_2i)$. Since $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$, then $\rho = \beta(r_1 + r_2i) \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ (Rings are closed under addition and multiplication)

$$N(\rho) = \beta\bar{\beta}(r_1 + r_2i)(r_1 - r_2i) = N(\beta)(r_1^2 + r_2^2) \stackrel{-\frac{1}{2} \leq r_1, r_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2}N(\beta) < N(\beta)$$

Thus $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is a Euclidean domain. □

Theorem: 3.38:

If D is a Euclidean domain, then it is a PID.

Proof. Let $I \subset D$ be an ideal. We want to show that $I = \langle a \rangle$, i.e. I is principal.

Take $b \in I$ s.t. $N(b)$ is minimal among all elements from I , $\langle b \rangle \subset I$.

Take $a \in I$, find q, r with $a = bq + r$ where $r = 0$ or $N(r) < N(b)$.

Note that $N(r) < N(b)$ is not possible, otherwise $N(b)$ is not minimal.

Therefore $r = a - bq = 0 \in I$. $a = bq \in \langle b \rangle$. $I \subset \langle b \rangle$. Therefore $I = \langle b \rangle$. I is principal. □

3.6.5 Summary of Integral Domains

Commutative Ring with 1 \supsetneq Integral domain \supsetneq UFD \supsetneq PID \supsetneq Euclidean Domain \supsetneq Field.

Example:

1. Commutative Ring with 1: \mathbb{Z}_{12} , $3 \cdot 4 = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$, thus not an Integral domain
2. $\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{5}]$: $6 = 2 \cdot 3 = (1 - i\sqrt{5})(1 + i\sqrt{5})$, factorization is not unique, thus not a UFD
3. $\mathbb{Z}[x]$: $\langle x, 2 \rangle$ is not principal. $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$, $\langle x, y \rangle$ not principal. Thus not PID.
4. $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}(1 + i\sqrt{19})]$ is a PID but not Euclidean domain
5. \mathbb{Z} , $K[x]$ are Euclidean domain, but not fields
6. \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , F_D , \mathbb{Z}_p are fields.

In commutative ring with 1, we always have prime \Rightarrow irreducible.

Starting from UFD, we have prime \Leftrightarrow irreducible.

Note: in field, there is no irreducible or prime. Every element is a unit.

4 Fields

Consider $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]/(x^2 + x + 1)$, $x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$. $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]/(x^2 + x + 1)$ is a field.

Define $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha) = \{a + b\alpha : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_2, \alpha^2 = \alpha + 1\}$, where α is the root of $x^2 + x + 1$.

$\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha) = \{0, 1, \alpha, \alpha + 1\}$. $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha)) = 2$, *i.e.* $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha), x + x = 0$

Sometimes, we write $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha) = F_{2^2} = F_4$. It is a finite field of order 4.

Facts: Every finite field is of order p^r for some prime p and charactersitic of p . There is only one finite field up to isomorphism of any given order, F_{p^r} . To construct F_{p^r} , we find an irreducible degree r polynomial $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$, then $F_{p^r} \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[x]/(f(x))$.

5 Lie Algebra

5.1 Basic Definitions

Definition: 5.1: Lie Algebra

Let \mathbb{F} be a field (e.g. \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}). A Lie algebra L is a vector space together with a bilinear map known as the Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot] : L \times L \rightarrow L$ s.t. for all $x, y, z \in L$:

- Alternating: $[x, x] = 0$
- Jacobi Identity: $[x, [y, z]] + [z, [x, y]] + [y, [z, x]] = 0$

Theorem: 5.1:

If $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}) \neq 2$ (i.e. $1 + 1 \neq 0$), then $[x, x] = 0 \Leftrightarrow [y, x] = -[x, y], \forall x, y \in L$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) $[y, x] \stackrel{\text{Alternating}}{=} [y, x] - [x + y, x + y] \stackrel{\text{Linearity}}{=} [y, x] - [x, x] - [x, y] - [y, x] - [y, y] = -[x, y]$

(\Leftarrow) $[x, x] = -[x, x] \Rightarrow [x, x] + [x, x] = 0$, so $[x, x] = 0$. □

Definition: 5.2: $\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{F})$

$\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{F}) = \{\mathbb{F}^{n \times n}\}$ all $n \times n$ matrices with entries in \mathbb{F} is a Lie algebra. $[A, B] = AB - BA$ (commutator).

Proof. Alternating: $[A, A] = A^2 - A^2 = 0$.

Jacobi identity: $[A, [B, C]] + [C, [A, B]] + [B, [C, A]] = [A, BC - CB] + [C, AB - BA] + [B, CA - AC] = ABC - ACB - BCA + CBA + CAB - CBA - ABC + BAC + BCA + BCA - BAC - CAB + ACB = 0$ □

Definition: 5.3: $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$

$$\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a + d = 0 \right\} = \{x \in \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C}) : \text{Tr}(x) = 0\}.$$

Alternatively, $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) = \text{span}\{e, f, h\}$, where $e = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Proof. Since $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \subset \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})$, we only need to check the span set is closed under the bracket.

$$[h, e] = he - eh = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2e$$

Similarly $[h, f] = -2f, [e, f] = h$. □

Definition: 5.4: Derivation

Given an algebra A , a linear map $D : A \rightarrow A$ is a derivation if $D(ab) = aD(b) + D(a)b$.

Theorem: 5.2:

$\text{Der}(A) = \{D : A \rightarrow A : D \text{ is a derivation}\}$ is a Lie algebra with $[D_1, D_2] = D_1D_2 - D_2D_1$.

Proof. We need to check that if $D_1, D_2 \in \text{Der}(A)$, then $[D_1, D_2] \in \text{Der}(A)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 [D_1, D_2](ab) &= D_1(D_2(ab)) - D_2(D_1(ab)) = D_1(aD_2(b) + D_2(a)b) - D_2(aD_1(b) + D_1(a)b) \\
 &= aD_1D_2(b) + D_1(a)D_2(b) + D_1D_2(a)b + D_2(a)D_1(b) \\
 &\quad - aD_2D_1(b) - D_2(a)D_1(b) - D_1(a)D_2(b) - D_2D_1(a)b \\
 &= a(D_1D_2 - D_2D_1)(b) + (D_1D_2 - D_2D_1)(a)b \\
 &= a[D_1, D_2](b) - [D_1, D_2](a)b
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition: 5.5: Witt Lie Algebra

Witt = Der ($\mathbb{C} [z, z^{-1}]$) = span $\{l_n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, $l_n = -z^{n+1} \frac{d}{dz}$. (Derivation on Laurent polynomials)

$$\begin{aligned}
 [l_m, l_n] &= \left[-z^{m+1} \frac{d}{dz}, -z^{n+1} \frac{d}{dz} \right] \\
 &= z^{m+1} \frac{d}{dz} \left(z^{n+1} \frac{d}{dz} \right) - z^{n+1} \frac{d}{dz} \left(z^{m+1} \frac{d}{dz} \right) \\
 &= z^{m+1} \left((n+1)z^n \frac{d}{dz} + z^{n+1} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \right) - z^{n+1} \left((m+1)z^m \frac{d}{dz} + z^{m+1} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \right) \\
 &= -(m-n)z^{(m+n)+1} \frac{d}{dz} = (m-n)l_{m+n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Definition: 5.6: Cross Product

\mathbb{R}^3 with cross product $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_2b_3 - a_3b_2 \\ a_3b_1 - a_1b_3 \\ a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a Lie algebra.

Note: $u \times (v \times w) = (u \cdot w)v - (u \cdot v)w$

Definition: 5.7: Lie Group

Lie group G is a group that is a smooth manifold. Lie algebra can be written as tangent space to Lie group at identity. *i.e.* $\mathfrak{g} = T_e(G)$ =tangent space at the identity (corresponding Lie algebra).

Example: $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) = \{A \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} : \det A = 1\}$, $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ s.t. $\gamma(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Take $\gamma(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a(t) & b(t) \\ c(t) & d(t) \end{pmatrix}$, $a(t)d(t) - b(t)c(t) = 1 \forall t$ by definition of SL_2 .

With the identity $\gamma(0)$, we have $a(0) = d(0) = 1, b(0) = c(0) = 0$.

$\frac{d}{dt}(ad-bc) = a'd+ad'-b'c-bc' = 0$. At $t = 0$, $a'(0)+d'(0) = 0$ (trace zero), $\gamma'(0) = \begin{pmatrix} a'(0) & b'(0) \\ c'(0) & d'(0) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$
(tangent space at identity)

Theorem: 5.3:

A Lie algebra is abelian if $[x, y] = 0, \forall x, y$. Every one dimensional Lie algebra is abelian.

Theorem: 5.4:

Let E_{ij} =matrix with all zeros except a 1 in $E[i, j]$. $[E_{ij}, E_{kl}] = \delta_{jk}E_{il} - \delta_{il}E_{kj}$.

Theorem: 5.5: Symplectic Group and Symplectic Algebra

The Symplectic group is $SP_4(\mathbb{C}) = \{A \in \mathbb{C}^{4 \times 4} : A^T J A = J\}$ where $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_2 \\ -I_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. $sp_4(\mathbb{C}) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^{4 \times 4} : JX - X^T J = 0\}$

5.2 Subalgebra, Ideals, Quotients

Definition: 5.8: Subalgebra

Given a Lie algebra L and a vector subspace $K \subset L$, K is a Lie subalgebra if for all $x, y \in K$, $[x, y] \in K$.

Example: $sl_n(\mathbb{F}) = \{x \in gl_n(\mathbb{F}) : Tr(x) = 0\}$ is a subalgebra of $gl_n(\mathbb{F})$.

Note: Since $Tr(xy) = Tr(yx)$, then $Tr([x, y]) = 0$ for all $x, y \in gl_n(\mathbb{F})$.

Example: $b_n(\mathbb{F})$ =upper triangular matrices, $n_n(\mathbb{F})$ =strictly upper triangular matrices, $span\{l_{-1}, l_0, l_1\} \subset Witt$ are examples of subalgebra.

Definition: 5.9: Ideal

A Lie subalgebra $I \subset L$ is an ideal if $\forall x \in L, i \in I, [i, x] \in I$, or equivalently, $[I, L] \subset I$.

Example: $sl_2(\mathbb{F}) \subset gl_2(\mathbb{F})$ is an ideal.

Proof. Take $i = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} \in sl_2(\mathbb{F})$, $x = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} \in gl_2(\mathbb{F})$.

$$[i, x] = ix - xi = \begin{pmatrix} ax + bz & \cdot \\ \cdot & cy - aw \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} ax + cy & \cdot \\ \cdot & cy - bz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} bz - cy & \cdot \\ \cdot & cy - bz \end{pmatrix}$$

$Tr([i, x]) = 0$, so $[i, x] \in sl_2(\mathbb{F})$. □

Example: $b_2(\mathbb{F}) \subset gl_2(\mathbb{F})$ is not an ideal.

Proof. Take $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in b_2(\mathbb{F})$, $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in gl_2(\mathbb{F})$.

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin b_2(\mathbb{F}).$$
 □

Definition: 5.10: Center

Given a Lie algebra L , its center is $Z(L) = \{z \in L : [x, z] = 0, \forall x \in L\}$

Theorem: 5.6:

$Z(L) \subset L$ is an ideal.

Proof. (i) Vector subspace: Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$, $z, w \in Z(L)$.

Take $x \in L$, $[x, az + bw] = a[x, z] + b[x, w] = 0$. $az + bw \in Z(L)$.

(ii) Absorption: take $z \in Z(L)$, $x, y \in L$, $[y, [x, z]] = [y, 0] = 0$, so $[x, z] \in Z(L)$. \square

Definition: 5.11: Quotient Lie Algebra

Given a Lie algebra with ideal $I \subset L$, the quotient Lie algebra is the quotient vector space $L/I = \{x + I : x \in L\}$ with $[x + I, y + I] = [x, y] + I$.

Theorem: 5.7:

Suppose $I \subset L$ is a subalgebra, then L/I is a Lie algebra $\Leftrightarrow I$ is an ideal.

Proof. (\Leftarrow) Suppose I is an ideal, we want to show that L/I is a Lie algebra

Alternating: $[x + I, x + I] = [x, x] + I = 0 + I$.

Jacobi: $[x + I, [y + I, z + I]] + \dots = [x, [y, z]] \dots + I = 0 + I$.

Well-defined: Suppose $x + I = x' + I$, $y + I = y' + I$, i.e. $x - x' = i_1 \in I$, $y - y' = i_2 \in I$.

$[x + I, y + I] = [x, y] + I = [x' + i_1, y' + i_2] + I = [x', y'] + [i_1, y'] + [x', i_2] + [i_1, i_2] + I = [x', y'] + I = [x' + I, y' + I]$.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $x \in L, i \in I$, $[x, i] + I = [x + I, i + I] = [x + I, 0 + I] = [x, 0] + I = 0 + I$, so $[x, i] \in I$. \square

Theorem: 5.8:

Suppose that $I, J \subset L$ are ideals. Then so are

1. $I \cap J$
2. $I + J = \{i + j : i \in I, j \in J\}$
3. $[I, J] = \text{span} \{[i, j] : i \in I, j \in J\}$

Proof. 1. Suppose $k \in I \cap J$, $x \in L$. Then $k \in I$ and $k \in J$. By definition, $[x, k] \in I$ and $[x, k] \in J$. Thus $[x, k] \in I \cap J$, so $I \cap J$ is an ideal.

2. Suppose $i + j \in I + J$, $x \in L$, $[x, i + j] = [x, i] + [x, j] \in I + J$

3. Suppose $y \in [I, J]$, then $y = a_1[i_1, j_1] + a_2[i_2, j_2] + \dots + a_n[i_n, j_n]$.

By Jacobi, $[x, [i_k, j_k]] = -[j_k, [x, i_k]] - [i_k, [x, j_k]] \in [I, J]$. Then $[x, y] \in [I, J]$ by linearity. \square

Definition: 5.12: Commutator Subalgebra

Given a Lie algebra L , its commutator/derived subalgebra is $L' = [L, L] = \text{span} \{[x, y] : x, y \in L\}$.

Example: Find the commutator algebra of $\mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ and $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$.

Proof. For $\mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})$, the basis are $e = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$[h, e] = 2e$, $[h, f] = -2f$, $[e, f] = h$, so $e, f, h \in \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})'$.

$\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) = \text{span} \{e, f, h\} \subset \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})'$.

Note: $[h, h] = [e, e] = [f, f] = [i, x] = 0$, so $i \notin \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})'$.

$\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})'$ i.e. commutator subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ is $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$. Also $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})' = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$. \square

5.3 Homomorphism, Isomorphism and Classification

Definition: 5.13: Lie Algebra Homomorphism and Isomorphism

Given Lie algebras L_1 and L_2 , a linear transformation $\phi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism if $\forall x, y \in L_1$, we have $\phi([x, y]) = [\phi(x), \phi(y)]$. If ϕ is bijective, then it is a Lie algebra isomorphism. $\text{Ker}\phi = \{x \in L_1 : \phi(x) = 0\}$. $\text{Im}\phi = \{y \in L_2 : y = \phi(x) \text{ for some } x \in L_1\}$.

Theorem: 5.9: First Isomorphism Theorem

Suppose $\phi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism, then

1. $\text{Ker}\phi \subset L_1$ is an ideal
2. $\text{Im}\phi \subset L_2$ is a subalgebra
3. $L_1/\text{Ker}\phi \cong \text{Im}\phi$

Proof. 1. Suppose $x \in \text{Ker}\phi$, $y \in L_1$, $\phi([x, y]) = [\phi(x), \phi(y)] = [0, \phi(y)] = 0$, so $[x, y] \in \text{Ker}\phi$.

2. Suppose $y_1, y_2 \in \text{Im}\phi$, then $\exists x_1, x_2 \in L$ s.t. $\phi(x_1) = y_1$ and $\phi(x_2) = y_2$
Then $[y_1, y_2] = [\phi(x_1), \phi(x_2)] = \phi([x_1, x_2]) \in \text{Im}\phi$

3. Define $\psi : L_1/\text{Ker}\phi \rightarrow \text{Im}\phi$ s.t. $\psi(x + \text{Ker}\phi) = \phi(x)$

Well-defined: suppose $x_1 + \text{Ker}\phi = x_2 + \text{Ker}\phi$, then $x_1 - x_2 \in \text{Ker}\phi$, $\phi(x_1 - x_2) = 0$. Since ϕ is linear, $\phi(x_1) - \phi(x_2) = 0$. Thus $\psi(x_1 + \text{Ker}\phi) = \phi(x_1) = \phi(x_2) = \psi(x_2 + \text{Ker}\phi)$.

Homomorphism: $\psi([x + \text{Ker}\phi, y + \text{Ker}\phi]) = \psi([x, y] + \text{Ker}\phi) = \phi([x, y]) = [\phi(x), \phi(y)] = [\psi(x + \text{Ker}\phi), \psi(y + \text{Ker}\phi)]$.

Injective: Suppose $\psi(x + \text{Ker}\phi) = \psi(y + \text{Ker}\phi)$, then $\phi(x) = \phi(y)$ by definition.

$\phi(x - y) = \phi(x) - \phi(y) = 0$, so $x - y \in \text{Ker}\phi$, $x + \text{Ker}\phi = y + \text{Ker}\phi$.

Surjective: Suppose $y \in \text{Im}\phi$, i.e. $y = \phi(x)$ for $x \in L_1$, then $\psi(x + \text{Ker}\phi) = \phi(x) = y$.

□

Example: $\phi : \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ s.t. $\phi \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(a-d) & b \\ c & \frac{1}{2}(d-a) \end{pmatrix}$

Proof. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(A), \phi(B)] &= \phi(A)\phi(B) - \phi(B)\phi(A) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(a-d) & b \\ c & \frac{1}{2}(d-a) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(x-w) & b \\ c & \frac{1}{2}(w-x) \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(x-w) & b \\ c & \frac{1}{2}(w-x) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(a-d) & b \\ c & \frac{1}{2}(d-a) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} bz - cy & \cdot \\ \cdot & cy - bz \end{pmatrix} = \phi([A, B]) \end{aligned}$$

If $A \in \text{Ker}\phi$, then $\phi(A) = 0$, so $b = c = 0$, $a = d$.

$$\text{Ker}\phi = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \cong \mathbb{C}.$$

Thus $\mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})/\mathbb{C} \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$.

□

Example: $\pi : \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\pi \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = a + d$.

$\text{Ker}\pi = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$, so $\mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C})/\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}$.

Note: $\mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C} = \text{span}\{e, f, h\} \oplus \text{span}\{i\}$.

Theorem: 5.10:

Suppose $\Pi_1 : L_1 \oplus L_2 \rightarrow L_1$, $\Pi_2 : L_1 \oplus L_2 \rightarrow L_2$ s.t. $\Pi_1(x, y) = x$, $\Pi_2(x, y) = y$.
Then $\text{Ker}\Pi_1 = \{0\} \oplus L_2 \cong L_2$, $L_1 \oplus L_2/L_2 \cong L_1$. $\text{Ker}\Pi_2 = L_1 \oplus \{0\} \cong L_1$, $L_1 \oplus L_2/L_1 \cong L_2$.

Theorem: 5.11: Second Isomorphism Theorem

If I and J are ideals of L , then $(I + J)/J \cong I/(I \cap J)$.

Proof. Consider $\phi : I + J \rightarrow I/(I \cap J)$, $\phi(i + j) = i + I \cap J$.

$i + j \in \text{Ker}\phi \Leftrightarrow \phi(i + j) = 0 + I \cap J \Leftrightarrow i + I \cap J = 0 + I \cap J \Leftrightarrow i \in I \cap J \Leftrightarrow i \in J \Leftrightarrow i + j \in J$.

So $\text{Ker}\phi = J$. By Theorem 5.9, $(I + J)/J \cong I/(I \cap J)$. □

Theorem: 5.12: Third Isomorphism Theorem

If I and J are ideals of L , and $I \subset J$, then $(L/I)/(J/I) \cong L/J$.

Proof. Consider $\psi : L/I \rightarrow L/J$ s.t. $\psi(x + I) = x + J$.

Well-defined: suppose $x + I = y + I$, then $x - y \in I \subset J$, so $\psi(x + I) = x + J = y + J = \psi(y + I)$.

Homomorphism: $\psi([x + I, y + I]) = \psi([x, y] + I) = [x, y] + J = [x + J, y + J] = [\psi(x + I), \psi(y + I)]$.

Kernel: $x + I \in \text{Ker}\psi \Leftrightarrow x + J = 0 + J \Leftrightarrow x \in J \Leftrightarrow x + I \in J/I \Leftrightarrow \text{Ker}\psi = J/I$.

Thus $(L/I)/(J/I) \cong L/J$ by Theorem 5.9. □

5.3.1 Classification

Definition: 5.14: Adjoint

For $v \in L$, define $\text{ad}_v : L \rightarrow L$ s.t. $\text{ad}_v(w) = [v, w]$.

1-Dimension: $L = \text{span}\{v\}$.

If $x, y \in L$, then $x = av$, $y = bv$, $[x, y] = [av, bv] = ab[v, v] = 0$.

All 1D Lie algebra are abelian.

2-Dimension non-abelian: Let $L = \text{span}\{v, w\}$.

If $x, y \in L$, then $x = av + bw$, $y = cv + dw$ for $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{F}$.

$[x, y] = [av + bw, cv + dw] = ac[v, v] + ad[v, w] + bc[w, v] + bd[w, w] = (ad - bc)[v, w]$

Note $[x, y] \in L'$, so $L' = \text{span}\{[v, w]\}$.

Set $x = [v, w]$, extend to a basis $\{x, y\}$ of L .

$[x, y] = ax$. Choose y s.t. $[x, y] = x$.

There is a single 2D non-abelian Lie-algebra up to isomorphism. We can find a basis $\{x, y\}$ s.t. $[x, y] = x$.

3-Dimension non-abelian: Consider $L' = \text{span}\{[x, y] : x, y \in L\}$.

1. $\dim L' = 0 \Leftrightarrow L$ is abelian.

2. When $\dim L' = 1$:

(a) $L' \subset Z(L)$:

Since L is non-abelian, we can find $x, y \in L$ s.t. $[x, y] \neq 0$.

Define $z = [x, y]$, then $L' = \text{span}\{z\}$, $[L, z] = \{0\}$

Claim: $\{x, y, z\}$ forms a basis for L

Proof. Suppose $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ s.t. $ax + by + cz = 0$

$0 = [0, y] = [ax + by + cz, y] = a[x, y] + b[y, y] + c[z, y] = az$, so $a = 0$

$0 = [x, 0] = [x, ax + by + cz] = a[x, x] + b[x, y] + c[x, z] = bz$, so $b = 0$

Combining the above with $ax + by + cz = 0$, we get $cz = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$. □

Example: Heisenberg Lie algebra: $L = \text{span}\{a_{-1}, a_0, a_1\}$, s.t. $[a_1, a_{-1}] = a_0$, $a_0 \in Z(L)$

More generally, Heisenberg Lie algebra is Lie algebra with $a_{-n}, \dots, a_{-2}, a_{-1}, a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ where $[a_k, a_l] = k\delta_{k+l,0}a_0$.

(b) $L' \not\subset Z(L)$

Take $L' = \text{span}\{x\}$, note $x \notin Z(L)$.

$\exists y \in L$ s.t. $[x, y] \neq 0$, also $[x, y] \in L' = \text{span}\{x\}$.

Thus $[x, y] = x$ by rescaling.

Now set $\tilde{L} = \text{span}\{x, y\} \subset L$ is a subalgebra, and is a 2D non-abelian Lie algebra.

Extend $\{x, y\}$ to $\{x, y, z\}$ a basis of L .

Note: $[x, w] \in L'$ so $[x, w] = ax$, $[y, w] \in L'$, so $[y, w] = bx$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$.

Set $z = \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma w$, $[x, z] = (\beta + \alpha\gamma)x$, $[y, z] = (\gamma b - \alpha)x$.

Choose $\gamma = 1$, $\beta = -a$, $\alpha = b$, then $[x, z] = [y, z] = 0$, so $z \in Z(L)$.

$L = \tilde{L} \oplus Z(L)$ is a direct sum of a 2D non-abelian Lie algebra with a 1D abelian Lie algebra.

3. When $\dim L' = 2$.

Claim: L' is abelian.

Proof. Take $\{y, z\}$ = basis of L' , extend to $\{x, y, z\}$ basis of L .

Since $y \in L'$, then $y = [y_1, y_2]$ for $y_1, y_2 \in L$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ad}_y(w) &= [y, w] = [[y_1, y_2], w] \\ &= -[[w, y_1], y_2] - [[y_2, w], y_1] \text{ (By Jacobi)} \\ &= -[y_2, [y_1, w]] + [y_1, [y_2, w]] \text{ (Alternating)} \\ &= \text{ad}_{y_1} \text{ad}_{y_2}(w) - \text{ad}_{y_2} \text{ad}_{y_1}(w) \\ &= [\text{ad}_{y_1}, \text{ad}_{y_2}](w) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\text{ad}_y = [\text{ad}_{y_1}, \text{ad}_{y_2}]$ and $\text{Tr}(\text{ad}_y) = \text{Tr}([\text{ad}_{y_1}, \text{ad}_{y_2}]) = 0$.

If $[y, z] = ay + bz$, then $\text{ad}_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$. Since $\text{Tr}(\text{ad}_y) = 0$, $b = 0$, so $[y, z] = ay$.

Thus L' is abelian and $[y, z] = 0$. □

Note also $L' = \text{span}\{[x, y], [x, z], [y, z]\}$. So we get two basis for L' . $B_1 = \{y, z\}$, $B_2 = \{[x, y], [x, z]\}$

$\text{ad}_x : L' \rightarrow L'$ changes basis from B_1 to B_2 , ad_x is an isomorphism.

The final structure is determined by ad_x .

(a) We can choose $x \in L$ s.t. ad_x is diagonal.

Let $L_b = \text{span}\{x, y, z\}$ s.t. $[x, y] = y$, $[x, z] = bz$, $\text{ad}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$

Let $L_B = \text{span}\{X, Y, Z\}$, $[X, Y] = Y$, $[X, Z] = BZ$.

Suppose $\phi : L_b \rightarrow L_B$ is a Lie algebra isomorphism.

$$\begin{cases} \phi(x) = a_1X + a_2Y + a_3Z \\ \phi(y) = c_1X + c_2Y + c_3Z \\ \phi(z) = d_1X + d_2Y + d_3Z \end{cases}$$
 . We look at the system $\begin{cases} \phi(y) = \phi([x, y]) = [\phi(x), \phi(y)] \\ b\phi(z) = [\phi(x), \phi(z)] \end{cases}$. This gives $B = b$ or $B = \frac{1}{b}$.

(b) ad_x is not diagonalizable, it can be chosen s.t. $\text{ad}_x = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$.

$[x, y] = \lambda y$, $[x, z] = y + \lambda z$, so $[x, y] = y$, $[x, z] = y + z$ with rescaling.

4. $\dim L' = 3$

Claim: $\exists h \in L$ s.t. $\text{ad}_h : L \rightarrow L$ has a non-zero eigen value.

Proof. Take $0 \neq x \in L$. If ad_x has a non-zero eigen value, then done, set $h = x$

Otherwise, all eigenvalues of ad_x are 0. Extend $\{x, y, z\}$ a basis of L

$L = L' = \text{span} \{[x, y], [x, z], [y, z]\}$

The Jordan Canonical form of ad_x is $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ over \mathbb{C} .

Choose x, y, z s.t. $[x, y] = x$, $[x, z] = y$, then $[y, x] = \text{ad}_y(x) = -x$. Set $y = h$.

Let corresponding eigenvector be e , $[h, e] = ae$, $a \neq 0$

Rescale s.t. $[h, e] = 2e$. Also note that $[h, h] = 0h$, $[h, f] = -2f$, so eigenvalues of h are $0, 2, -2$.

Also $h \in L'$, so $\text{Tr}(\text{ad}_h) = 0$.

$[h, [e, f]] = -[f, [h, e]] - [e, [f, h]] = -[f, 2e] - [e, 2f] = 0$, so $[e, f] = h$ by scaling.

Thus $\dim L' = 3 \Leftrightarrow L' \cong \text{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$. □

5.3.2 Solvable and Nilpotent Algebras

Theorem: 5.13:

Given a Lie algebra L and an ideal $I \subset L$, L/I is abelian $\Leftrightarrow L' \subset I$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose L/I is abelian.

Take $z \in L'$, $z = a_1[x_1, y_1] + \dots + a_n[x_n, y_n]$ with $x_i, y_i \in L$.

$z + I = a_1[x_1, y_1] + \dots + a_n[x_n, y_n] + I = a_1[x_1 + I, y_1 + I] + \dots + a_n[x_n + I, y_n + I] = 0 + I$, so $z \in I$ and $L' \subset I$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $L' \subset I$, take $x + I, y + I \in L/I$. Note $[x, y] \in L' \subset I$.

Then $[x, y] + I = 0 + I$, $[x + I, y + I] = 0 + I$, so L/I is abelian. □

Definition: 5.15: Solvable Lie Algebra

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, inductively define $L^{(1)} = L'$, $L^{(n+1)} = [L^{(n)}, L^{(n)}] = (L^{(n)})'$ and get a string of ideals $\dots \subset L^{(n)} \subset L^{(n-1)} \subset \dots \subset L^{(2)} \subset L^{(1)} \subset L$. L is solvable if there is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $L^{(N)} = 0$.

Example: $L = \text{gl}_2(\mathbb{F}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{F} \right\}$.

$L' = \text{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$, $L^{(2)} = \text{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})' = \text{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$. So $L^{(n)} = \text{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$ for $n \geq 2$.

Thus $\text{gl}_2(\mathbb{F})$ and $\text{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$ are not solvable.

Example: $L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{F} \right\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \right] &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} ax & ay + bz \\ 0 & cz \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} ax & bx + cy \\ 0 & cz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$L^{(1)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{F} \right\}.$$

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Therefore $L^{(2)} = 0$ and L is solvable.

Theorem: 5.14:

Suppose L is a Lie algebra with ideals I_0, \dots, I_N s.t.

1. $0 = I_N \subset I_{N-1} \subset \dots \subset I_2 \subset I_1 \subset I_0 = L$
2. For all $0 \leq n \leq N$, I_{n-1}/I_n is abelian

then L is solvable.

Proof. By Theorem 5.13, L/I_1 is abelian, then $L' \subset I_1$. Similarly, since I_1/I_2 is abelian, then $I_1' \subset I_2$, thus $L^{(2)} \subset I_1' \subset I_2$.

I_2/I_3 is abelian, then $I_2' \subset I_3$, $L^{(3)} \subset I_1^{(2)} \subset I_2' \subset I_3$.

Inductively, $\forall 0 \leq n \leq N$, we have $L^{(n)} \subset I_n$, $L^{(N)} \subset I_N = 0$, so $L^{(N)} = 0$, L is solvable. \square

Theorem: 5.15:

Suppose L is a Lie algebra and K is a subalgebra. Then L solvable $\Rightarrow K$ solvable.

Proof. $K' = [K, K] \subset [L, L] = L'$, so $K^{(n)} \subset L^{(n)}$.

Find $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $L^{(N)} = 0$, then $K^{(N)} \subset L^{(N)} = 0$, so $K^{(N)} = 0$, K is solvable. \square

Theorem: 5.16:

Suppose L is a Lie algebra and $I \subset L$ is an ideal. Then I and L/I are solvable $\Rightarrow L$ solvable.

Proof. Claim: $(L/I)^{(n)} = (L^{(n)} + I)/I$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Base case: when $n = 0$, $(L + I)/I \cong L/(L \cap I) = L/I$ by Theorem 5.11 and $I \subset L$.

IH: Suppose for some $k \geq 0$, we have $(L/I)^{(k)} = (L^{(k)} + I)/I$.

Consider $(L/I)^{(k+1)} = ((L/I)^{(k)})' = ((L^{(k)} + I)/I)' = (L^{(k+1)} + I' + I)/I = (L^{(k+1)} + I)/I$.

Take $M, N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $I^{(M)} = 0$, $(L/I)^{(N)} = 0$, then $0 = (L/I)^{(N)} = (L^{(N)} + I)/I$.

So $(L^{(N)} + I) \subset I$, and thus $L^{(N)} \subset I$. $L^{(M+N)} = \{L^{(N)}\}^{(M)} \subset I^{(M)} = 0$, so $L^{(M+N)} = 0$, L is solvable. \square

Theorem: 5.17:

Suppose L is a Lie algebra and $I, J \subset L$ are ideals. Then I, J solvable $\Rightarrow I + J$ solvable.

Proof. Take $M, N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $I^{(M)} = J^{(N)} = 0$. By Theorem 5.11 $(I + J/J)^{(M)} \cong (I/I \cap J)^{(M)} = (I^{(M)} + I \cap J)/I \cap J = I \cap J/I \cap J = 0$
 $(I + J)/J$ and J are solvable, so $I + J$ is solvable by Theorem 5.16 □

Definition: 5.16: Radical of Lie Algebra

The radical of L , $\text{rad}(L)$ is the unique solvable ideal of L containing all solvable ideals of L .

Theorem: 5.18:

Given a finite dimensional Lie algebra L , there is a unique solvable ideal containing any solvable ideal of L .

Proof. Consider $C = \{I \subset L : I \text{ is a solvable ideal}\}$. Take $R \in C$ s.t. $\dim I \leq \dim R$ for all $I \in C$. Note $\forall I \in C$, we have $R \subset R + I$ and $R + I \in C$
 Then $\dim R \leq \dim(R + I) \leq \dim R$. So $\dim(R + I) = \dim R$, $I \subset R$.
 Any other R' will be s.t. $R' \subset R$ and $R \subset R'$, so $R = R'$, it is unique. □

Definition: 5.17: Simple Lie Algebra

We say a non-abelian Lie algebra L is simple if it has non-trivial ideals. A Lie algebra L is semisimple if $\text{rad}L = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ it has no non-trivial solvable ideals.

Theorem: 5.19:

If L is a Lie algebra, then $L/\text{rad}L$ is semisimple

Proof. Ideals of $L/\text{rad}L$ are of the form $I/\text{rad}L$ where $\text{rad}L \subset I$.
 Suppose $I/\text{rad}L$ is solvable, then together with $\text{rad}L$ is solvable, using Theorem 5.16, we have I is solvable.
 Then $\text{rad}L \subset I \subset \text{rad}L$, $I = \text{rad}L$, so $I/\text{rad}L = 0$, $L/\text{rad}L$ is semisimple. □

Definition: 5.18: Nilpotent Lie Algebra

Given a Lie algebra L , inductively define $L^1 = L$, $L^{n+1} = [L, L^n]$. L is nilpotent if $L^N = 0$ for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem: 5.20:

Suppose L is a Lie algebra, then $L/Z(L)$ is nilpotent $\Rightarrow L$ is nilpotent.

Proof. Claim: $(L/Z(L))^n = (L^n + Z(L))/Z(L)$.
 If $L/Z(L)$ is nilpotent, then we have $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $0 = (L/Z(L))^N = (L^N + Z(L))/Z(L)$.
 So $L^N \subset Z(L)$, $L^{N+1} = [L, L^N] \subset [L, Z(L)] = 0$. □

Theorem: 5.21:

Every nilpotent Lie algebra is solvable, but not every solvable Lie algebra is nilpotent.

Definition: 5.19: $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$ Nilpotent Element

Given a vector space V , $\mathfrak{gl}(V) = \{x : V \rightarrow V : x \text{ is linear}\}$. If $x \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$, $x \neq 0$ is nilpotent if $x^N = 0$ for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

Example: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, so $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is nilpotent.

Example: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & ac \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^3 = 0$ so $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is nilpotent.

Definition: 5.20: Adjoining Operation on $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$

Given any $x \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$, $x : V \rightarrow V$, $\text{ad}_x : \mathfrak{gl}(V) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is defined as $\text{ad}_x(y) = [x, y] = xy - yx$.

Theorem: 5.22:

If $x \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is nilpotent, then $\text{ad}_x : \mathfrak{gl}(V) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is nilpotent.

Proof. Suppose $y \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$.

$$\text{ad}_x(y) = xy - yx.$$

$$(\text{ad}_x)^2(y) = [x, xy - yx] = x^2y - 2xyx + yx^2$$

$$(\text{ad}_x)^3(y) = [x, x^2y - 2xyx + yx^2] = x^3y - 3x^2yx + 3xyx^2 - yx^3$$

$$\text{In general } (\text{ad}_x)^n y = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y x^k.$$

Suppose $x^N = 0$ for $N \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{ad}_x y)^{2N} y &= \sum_{k=0}^{2N} (-1)^k \binom{2N}{k} x^{2N-k} y x^k \\ &= x^N \left(\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (-1)^k \binom{2N}{k} x^{N-k} y x^k \right) + \left(\sum_{k=N}^{2N} (-1)^k \binom{2N}{k} x^{2N-k} y x^{k-N} \right) x^N = 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

5.4 More Theorems**5.4.1 Invariance Lemma****Definition: 5.21: Eigen Transformation**

Let $H \subset L \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ be subalgebra and $\lambda : H \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ be a linear transformation ($\lambda \in H^*$ dual space). Define $V_\lambda = \{v \in V : h(v) = \lambda(h)v, \forall h \in H\}$, v is an eigenvector of every element of H .

Theorem: 5.23:

$V_\lambda \subset V$ is a subspace

Proof. Suppose $v, w \in V_\lambda$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$. Take $h \in H$.

$$h(\alpha v + \beta w) = \alpha h(v) + \beta h(w) = \alpha \lambda(h)v + \beta \lambda(h)w = \lambda(h)[\alpha v + \beta w], \text{ so } \alpha v + \beta w \in V_\lambda.$$

□

Definition: 5.22: Weight

$\lambda \in H^*$ is a weight if $V_\lambda \neq 0$

Example: $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & s & t \\ 0 & w & v \\ 0 & 0 & w \end{pmatrix} : r, s, t, u, v, w \in \mathbb{F} \right\} \subset \mathfrak{gl}_3(\mathbb{F}) = \mathfrak{gl}(\mathbb{F}^3)$.

$\begin{pmatrix} r & s & t \\ 0 & u & v \\ 0 & 0 & w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, so $e \in \mathbb{F}^3$ is an eigenvector for all $h \in H$.

Define $\lambda \in H^*$ by $\lambda \begin{pmatrix} r & s & t \\ 0 & u & v \\ 0 & 0 & w \end{pmatrix} = r$, $V_\lambda = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{F} \right\} = \text{span}\{e\}$.

Example: $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a + b + c = 0 \right\} \subset \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{F}) \subset \mathfrak{gl}(\mathbb{F}^3)$.

$H = \text{span}\{h_1, h_2\}$, where $h_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $h_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

e_1 is an eigenvector for h_1 with value 1, h_2 with value 0.

e_2 is an eigenvector for h_1 with value -1, h_2 with value 1.

e_3 is an eigenvector for h_1 with value 0, h_2 with value -1.

Define $\lambda_1 : H \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ by $\lambda_1(h_1) = 1$, $\lambda_1(h_2) = 0$ and $V_{\lambda_1} = \text{span}\{e_1\}$.

Lemma: 5.1: Invariance Lemma

Suppose that $L \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is over a field of char = 0, $\dim(V) < \infty$. $I \subset L$ is an ideal and $\lambda \in I^*$ is a weight. Then V_λ is an L-invariant subspace.

Proof. We want to show that if $v \in V_\lambda$, $x \in L$, then $xv \in V_\lambda$.

Suppose $v \in V_\lambda$, $x \in L$. Take $h \in I$.

$h(xv) = (hx)v = (xh + [h, x])v = xh(v) + [h, x]v = \lambda(h)xv + \lambda([h, x])v$, since $h \in I$, $[h, x] \in I$.

Then $xv \in V_\lambda$ if $\lambda[h, x] = 0$.

Consider $W = \text{span}\{v, xv, x^2v, \dots, x^nv\}$, $B_W = \{v, xv, \dots, x^nv\}$ is a basis for W .

Suppose $y \in I$, we claim $[y]_{B_W} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda(y) & * & * \\ 0 & \ddots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda(y) \end{pmatrix}$

Base case: left most column, $y(v) = \lambda(y)v + 0 \cdot xv + 0 \cdot x^2v + \dots + 0 \cdot x^nv$.

IH: Suppose $y(x^k v) = \alpha_0 v + \alpha_1 xv + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} x^{k-1} v + \lambda(y)x^k v$

Consider $y(x^{k+1} v) = y(x^k v) = (xy - [x, y])(x^k v) = \alpha_0 xv + \alpha_1 x^2 v + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} x^k v + \lambda(y)x^{k+1} v - [x, y]x^k v$.

Since $[x, y] \in I$, by I.H. $[x, y]x^k v = \beta_0 v + \beta_1 xv + \dots + \beta_{k-1} x^{k-1} v + \lambda([x, y])x^k v$.

Then $y(x^{k+1} v) = \gamma_0 v + \gamma_1 xv + \dots + \gamma_k x^k v + \lambda(y)x^{k+1} v$

Thus, W is x -invariant by construction and h -invariant for $h \in I$.

Set $y = [h, x]$, $y \in I$. $\text{Tr}(y) = (n+1)\lambda(y)$, then $\text{Tr}(y) = \text{Tr}([h, x]) = 0$. Thus $(n+1)\lambda(y) = 0$, $\lambda(y) = 0$

Then $\lambda[h, x] = 0$. Thus we have V_λ is an L-invariant subspace. \square

5.4.2 Engel's Theorem

Lemma: 5.2:

Let V be an n -dim vector space and $x : V \rightarrow V$ be a nilpotent linear map. Then \exists a basis B of V s.t. $[x]_B$ is strictly upper triangular.

Proof. Since x is nilpotent, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $x^N = 0$. For $v \neq 0, v \in V$, we have $x^N(v) = 0$

Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ be minimum s.t. $x^m(v) = 0$ and $w = x^{m-1}(v) \neq 0$.

$w \neq 0$ and $x(w) = 0$, so $w \in \ker(x) = \text{Nul}(x) \neq \{0\}$

Base case: $n = 1, v = \text{span}\{w\}, [x] = 0$ is strictly upper triangular.

IH: suppose the statement is true for any k -dim vector space.

IS: Let $\dim(V) = k + 1$, set $W = \text{span}\{w\} \subset V$, then $\dim(V/W) = k + 1 - 1 = k$

With $x : V \rightarrow V, \Pi : V \rightarrow V/W$, define $\bar{x} = \Pi \circ x$ s.t. $\bar{x}(v + W) = x(v) + W$

Apply IH to $V/W, \bar{B} = \{v_1 + W, \dots, v_k + W\}$, where $[\bar{x}]_{\bar{B}}$ is upper triangular.

i.e. $\forall 1 \leq j \leq k, \bar{x}(v_j + W) = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_{j-1} v_{j-1} + W$.

Set $B = \{w, v_1, \dots, v_k\}, x(v_j) = \alpha_0 w + \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_{j-1} v_{j-1}$, so $[x]_B$ is strictly upper triangular. \square

Lemma: 5.3:

Suppose $V \neq 0$ and $L \subset \text{gl}(V)$ is s.t. every $x \in L$ is nilpotent. Then $\exists v \neq 0 \in V$ s.t. $x(v) = 0$ for all $x \in L$, or equivalently, $\bigcap_{x \in L} \text{Nul}(x) \neq 0$.

Proof. Base case: $\dim L = 1, L = \text{span}\{x\}$. Find $v \in V, x(v) = 0$ but $v \neq 0$.

IS: Suppose the statement is true for all Lie algebras of dimension up to k .

Suppose $\dim L = k + 1$

Claim: there is an ideal $I \subset L$ s.t. $\dim I = k$.

Proof. Let $A \subsetneq L$ be a subalgebra of max dimension. $\dim(A) < \dim(L)$.

Consider the quotient vector space L/A and $\bar{\text{ad}} : A \rightarrow \text{gl}(L/A)$ s.t. $\bar{\text{ad}}(a) = \text{ad}_a$ i.e. $\bar{\text{ad}}_a(x + A) = [a, x] + A$. $\bar{\text{ad}}$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{\text{ad}}_a, \bar{\text{ad}}_b](x + A) &= (\bar{\text{ad}}_a \bar{\text{ad}}_b - \bar{\text{ad}}_b \bar{\text{ad}}_a)(x + A) \\ &= \bar{\text{ad}}_a([b, x] + A) - \bar{\text{ad}}_b([a, x] + A) \\ &= [a, [b, x]] - [b, [a, x]] + A \\ &= [[a, b], x] + A = \bar{\text{ad}}_{[a, b]}(x + A) \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{A} = \text{Im}(\bar{\text{ad}}) \subset \text{gl}(L/A)$ is a Lie subalgebra.

Then $\dim(\tilde{A}) \leq \dim(A) < \dim(L) = k + 1$.

Since x is nilpotent $\forall x \in L$, then $\forall a \in A, a$ is nilpotent. $\bar{\text{ad}}_a$ is nilpotent, and \tilde{A} satisfies IH.

Then $\exists y + A \in L/A$ s.t. $y \neq 0$, but $\bar{\text{ad}}_a(y + A) = 0 \forall a \in A$.

Then $\forall a \in A, [a, y] + A = 0 + A$, so $[a, y] \in A \forall a \in A$. A is an ideal with $\dim A = k$. \square

$A \subsetneq A \oplus \text{span}\{y\} \subset L$, then $L = A \oplus \text{span}\{y\}$

Apply IH to A . $u \neq 0 \in V$ s.t. $a(u) = 0$ for all $a \in A$. $W = \bigcap_{a \in A} \text{Nul}(A) \neq 0$.

So $y|_W \in \text{gl}(W)$, and there exists $w \neq 0 \in W$ s.t. $y(w) = 0$

Take $x \in L, x = a + \alpha y, a \in A, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}, x(w) = a(w) + \alpha y(w) = 0$. \square

Theorem: 5.24: Engel's Theorem

1. Suppose $L \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is a Lie algebra s.t. every $x \in L$ viewed as a linear transformation $x : V \rightarrow V$ is nilpotent. Then there is a basis of V , B s.t. $\forall x \in L$, $[x]_B$ is strictly upper triangular.
2. Suppose L is a Lie algebra, L is nilpotent $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in L$, ad_x is nilpotent.

Proof. 1. Base case: $n = 1$ is Lemma 5.2.

IS: suppose for all Lie algebras of $\dim \leq k$, the statement holds.

Suppose $\dim(L) = k + 1$

By Lemma 5.3, $\exists u \neq 0 \in V$ s.t. $x(u) = 0, \forall x \in L$. Set $U = \text{span}\{u\}$.

$\forall x \in L$, consider $x : V \rightarrow V$ and $\Pi : V \rightarrow V/U, \bar{x}(v + U) = x(v) + U$.

$\dim(V/U) = k$, so $\bar{B} = \{v_1 + U, \dots, v_k + U\}$ forms the basis. Define $\bar{L} = \{\bar{x} : x \in L\}$. $\forall \bar{x} \in \bar{L}$, $[\bar{x}]_{\bar{B}}$ is strictly upper-triangular.

$\bar{x}(v + U) = x(v) + U$. Set $B = \{u, v_1, \dots, v_k\}$. Since $\forall x, x(u) = 0$, $[x]_B$ is strictly upper-triangular.

2. (\Rightarrow) Suppose L is nilpotent, then $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $L^N = 0$

Take $x, y \in L$, $[x, [x, [x, \dots, [x, y]] \dots]] \in L^N = 0$. i.e. $(\text{ad}_x)^{N-1}(y) = 0$, so $(\text{ad}_x)^{N-1} = 0$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose ad_x is nilpotent $\forall x \in L$.

Consider $\text{ad} : L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ s.t. $\text{ad}(x) = \text{ad}_x$. ad is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

Let $\tilde{L} = \text{Im}(\text{ad})$. Apply previous part, $[\text{ad}_x]_B$ is strictly upper triangular.

By iteratively commuting strictly upper triangular matrices, we get a zero matrix. □

Theorem: 5.25:

Suppose L is a Lie algebra over \mathbb{C} , then L is nilpotent \Leftrightarrow Every 2-dim Lie subalgebra is nilpotent.

5.4.3 Lie's Theorem

Lemma: 5.4:

Suppose $V \cong \mathbb{C}^n$ and $x : V \rightarrow V$ is linear ($x \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$), then there exists a basis B of V s.t. $[x]_B$ is upper triangular.

Proof. First show that x has an eigenvector.

Take any $v \neq 0 \in V$. Consider $\{v, xv, x^2v, \dots, x^nv\} \subset V$, which is linearly dependent.

Take $1 \leq m \leq n$ to be min s.t. $\{x, xv, \dots, x^mv\}$ is linearly dependent.

Find $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\alpha_0v + \alpha_1xv + \dots + \alpha_mx^mv = 0$ where $\alpha_m \neq 0$.

Factorize the equation: $\alpha_m(x - \lambda_0I)(x - \lambda_1I) \cdots (x - \lambda_mI)v = 0$

Take k to be min s.t. $w = (x - \lambda_{k+1}I) \cdots (x - \lambda_mI)v \neq 0$

Now $(x - \lambda_kI)w = 0, xw = \lambda_kw$, w is an eigenvector of x with eigenvalue $\lambda = \lambda_k$.

Induction on n :

Base $n = 1$: x acts a scalar multiplication

IH: Suppose the statement holds for all vector spaces of $\dim k$ and that $V \cong \mathbb{C}^{k+1}$

IS: Let $w \in V$ be an eigenvector of x with value $\lambda, xw = \lambda w$.

Consider $x : V \rightarrow V, \Pi : V \rightarrow V/\mathbb{C}w, \bar{x} = \Pi \circ x$ s.t. $\bar{x}(v + \mathbb{C}w) = x(v) + \mathbb{C}w$.

Note: $\dim(V/\mathbb{C}w) = k + 1 - 1 = k$. Apply IH to $V/\mathbb{C}w$, construct $\bar{B} = \{v_1 + \mathbb{C}w, \dots, v_k + \mathbb{C}w\}$.

Set $B = \{w, v_1, \dots, v_k\}$, $x(v_j) = \beta_0w + \beta_1v_1 + \dots + \beta_jv_j$, because $\bar{x}(v_j + \mathbb{C}w) = \beta_1v_1 + \dots + \beta_jv_j + \mathbb{C}w$.

Thus $[x]_B$ is upper triangular. □

Lemma: 5.5:

Suppose $V \cong \mathbb{C}^n$ and $L \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is solvable. Then there is a $v \in V$ that is an eigenvector $\forall x \in L$.

Proof. Induction on $\dim L$.

Base $n = 1$ nothing to do.

IH: suppose the statement holds for all Lie algebra of $\dim k$.

IS: when $\dim L = k + 1$. If L is solvable, then $L^{(N)} = \{0\}$ for some N .

Then $L' \subsetneq L$, otherwise, $L^{(n)} = L$ for all n .

Take a subspace $A \subsetneq L$ s.t. $\dim A = k$, $L' \subset A$ and $L = A \oplus \mathbb{C}z$.

Take $x \in L, a \in A, [x, a] \in [L, L] = L' \subset A$, so A is an ideal.

$\dim A = k$, A is solvable, by IH, $\exists w \in V$ s.t. w is an eigenvector for all $a \in A$.

Let $\lambda : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the corresponding weights $aw = \lambda(a)w$.

Consider $V_\lambda = \{v \in V : a(v) = \lambda(a)v, \forall a \in A\}$, $w \neq 0 \in V_\lambda$, then $V_\lambda \neq 0$.

Apply Lemma 5.1 to $V_\lambda \subset V$, V_λ is L -invariant, then $\forall x \in L, x(v) \in V_\lambda$ for all $v \in V_\lambda$.

Consider $z|_{V_\lambda} : V_\lambda \rightarrow V_\lambda, z|_{V_\lambda} \in \mathfrak{gl}(V_\lambda)$.

$\exists v \in V_\lambda$ s.t. $z(v) = \mu v$ for $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$.

Claim: v is an eigenvector for all $x \in L$.

If $x \in L$, then $x = a + \alpha z$ for $a \in A, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$.

$x(v) = a(v) + \alpha z(v) + \lambda(a)v + \alpha\mu v + (\lambda(a) + \alpha\mu)v$. □

Theorem: 5.26: Lie's Theorem

Let $V \cong \mathbb{C}^n$ and $L \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ be a solvable Lie algebra. Then there is a basis of V , B s.t. $[x]_B =$ upper triangular for all $x \in L$.

Proof. Induction on $\dim V$: Suppose the statement holds for all vector spaces of $\dim V$.

When $\dim V = k + 1$. Find $v \in V$ s.t. v is an eigenvector for all $x \in L$.

Then $x(v) = \lambda(x)v$ for $\lambda : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \lambda \in V^*$.

Consider $\bar{x} : V \rightarrow V/\mathbb{C}w$ s.t. $\bar{x}(v + \mathbb{C}w) = x(v) + \mathbb{C}w$.

$\tilde{L} = \{\bar{x} : x \in L\} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V/\mathbb{C}w)$. Define $\bar{B} = \{v_1 + \mathbb{C}w, \dots, v_k + \mathbb{C}w\}$ s.t. $[\bar{x}]_{\bar{B}}$ is upper triangular.

Then $B = \{w, v_1, \dots, v_k\}$, $[x]_B$ is upper triangular. □

Theorem: 5.27:

Let L be a Lie algebra over \mathbb{C} , L solvable $\Leftrightarrow L'$ is nilpotent.

5.5 Representation and Modules

Definition: 5.23: Representation

Suppose that L is a Lie algebra over \mathbb{F} . A representation of L is a pair (ϕ, V) , where V is a vector space over \mathbb{F} , and $\phi : L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism. If ϕ is injective, we say this representation is faithful.

Example: Any matrix Lie algebra is a faithful representation of the underlying abstract Lie algebra.

Example: Given any Lie algebra L , the adjoint representation is (ad, L) , where $\text{ad}_x \in \mathfrak{gl}(L)$ is defined as $\text{ad}_x(y) = [x, y]$.

Note: $\dim(\mathfrak{gl}(L)) = (\dim(L))^2$

Example: Adjoint representation of \mathfrak{sl}_2 . Let $h \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $e \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $f \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ be the basis

$$\text{ad}_h(h) = [h, h] = 0, \text{ad}_h(e) = [h, e] = 2e, \text{ad}_h(f) = [h, f] = -2f, \text{ad}_h = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{ad}_e(h) = [e, h] = -2e, \text{ad}_e(e) = 0, \text{ad}_e(f) = [e, f] = h, \text{ad}_e = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{ad}_f(h) = [f, h] = 2f, \text{ad}_f(e) = [f, e] = -h, \text{ad}_f(f) = 0, \text{ad}_f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example: Heisenberg Lie algebra (Fock Representation)

$\hat{h} = \text{span}(\{a_n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{k\})$, $[a_m, a_n] = m\delta_{m+n,0}k$, $k \in Z(\hat{h})$. $V = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots]$ (vector field of polynomials over \mathbb{C}).

Let $\phi : \hat{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots])$ s.t.

- $\phi(a_0) = \text{multiplication by } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$
- $\phi(a_n) = n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}$, $n > 0$
- $\phi(a_{-n}) = x_n$, $n > 0$
- $\phi(k) = \text{multiplication by } 1$

When $m, n > 0$,

- $[\phi(a_m), \phi(a_n)] = \left[m \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m}, n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right] = mn \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_m \partial x_n} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n \partial x_m} \right) = 0$
- $[\phi(a_m), \phi(a_{-n})] = \left[m \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m}, x_n \right] = m \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} x_n - m x_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} = \begin{cases} m\phi(k), & m = n \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Definition: 5.24: Module

Given a Lie algebra L over a field \mathbb{F} , an L -module is a vector space V over \mathbb{F} with a map $L \times V \rightarrow V$, $(x, v) \mapsto x \cdot v$ with

1. $(\alpha x + \beta y) \cdot v = \alpha(x \cdot v) + \beta(y \cdot v)$
2. $x \cdot (\alpha v + \beta w) = \alpha(x \cdot v) + \beta(x \cdot w)$
3. $[x, y] \cdot v = x \cdot (y \cdot v) - y \cdot (x \cdot v)$

i.e. This is a linear transformation.

Theorem: 5.28:

The notions of a Lie algebra representation and a Lie algebra module are equivalent.

Proof. Suppose (ϕ, V) is a Lie algebra representation.

Define $x \cdot v = \phi(x)v$ s.t. $\phi(x) \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$.

1. $(\alpha x + \beta y) \cdot v = \phi(\alpha x + \beta y)v = (\alpha\phi(x) + \beta\phi(y))v = \alpha\phi(x)v + \beta\phi(y)v = x \cdot (y \cdot v) + y \cdot (x \cdot v)$
2. $x \cdot (\alpha v + \beta w) = \phi(x)(\alpha v + \beta w) = \alpha\phi(x)v + \beta\phi(x)w = \alpha(x \cdot v) + \beta(x \cdot w)$

$$3. [x, y] \cdot v = \phi([x, y])v = [\phi(x), \phi(y)]v = (\phi(x)\phi(y) - \phi(y)\phi(x))v = x \cdot (y \cdot v) - y \cdot (x \cdot v)$$

Suppose we have V an L -module, then we can define ϕ by $\phi(x)v = x \cdot v$ and work in reverse. \square

Definition: 5.25: Submodule

Suppose V is an L -module and $W \subset V$ is a vector subspace. We say W is a submodule if for all $w \in W$ and $x \in L$, $x \cdot w \in W$. In this case V/W is a quotient module with $x \cdot (v + W) = x \cdot v + W$.

Proof. This is well-defined. Suppose $v_1 + W = v_2 + W$, then $\exists w = v_1 - v_2 \in W$.

$$x \cdot (v_1 + W) = x \cdot v_1 + W = x \cdot (v_2 + w) + W = x \cdot v_2 + x \cdot w + W = x \cdot v_2 + W, \text{ since } x \cdot w \in W. \quad \square$$

Example: $L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ 0 & 0 & a_6 \end{pmatrix} : a_i \in \mathbb{C} \right\}, V = \mathbb{C}^3.$

$$U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : b \in \mathbb{C} \right\}, \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ 0 & 0 & a_6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 b \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in U, U \text{ is a submodule.}$$

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : b, c \in \mathbb{C} \right\}, \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ 0 & 0 & a_6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 b + a_2 c \\ a_4 c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W, W \text{ is a submodule.}$$

Theorem: 5.29:

Suppose L is a module over itself via $x \cdot y = [x, y]$. Then $I \subset L$ is a submodule $\Leftrightarrow I$ is an ideal.

Definition: 5.26: Irreducible L-Module

Suppose L is a Lie algebra and V is an L -module. We say that V is irreducible (simple) if $V \neq \{0\}$ and it does not contain any proper submodule.

Example: $\hat{h} = \text{span}(\{a_n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{k\}), [a_m, a_n] = m\delta_{m+n,0}k, k \in Z(\hat{h}). V = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots]$

Proof. Suppose $W \subset V$ is a submodule and $p(x) \neq 0 \in W$

Define $<$ on monomials $x_{m_1}x_{m_2} \cdots x_{m_l}$ by lexicographical order.

Take the largest monomial $x_{m_1} \cdots x_{m_l}$ from $p(x)$.

$$a_{m_1} \cdots a_{m_l} p(x) = \frac{\partial^l}{\partial x_{m_1} \cdots \partial x_{m_l}} p = \text{coefficient of } x_{m_1} \cdots x_{m_l} \text{ in } p(x), \text{ then } 1 \in W.$$

$$x_{n_1} \cdots x_{n_k} = a_{-n_1} \cdots a_{-n_k} 1 \in W, \text{ so } V = W. \quad \square$$

Definition: 5.27: L-module Homomorphism

Let V, W be L -modules. A linear map $\theta : V \rightarrow W$ is an L -module homomorphism if for all $x \in L$ and $v \in V$, we have $\theta(x \cdot v) = x \cdot \theta(v)$

Theorem: 5.30: L-module Isomorphism Theorems

Let $\theta : V \rightarrow W$ be an L-module homomorphism. Then

1. First Isomorphism: $\text{Ker}\theta \subset V$ is a submodule, $\text{Im}\theta \subset W$ is a submodule, $V/\text{Ker}\theta \cong \Im\theta$
2. Second Isomorphism: $U, W \subset V$ submodules. Then $U + W$ and $U \cap W$ are submodules, $(U + W)/W \cong U/(U \cap W)$
3. Third Isomorphism: If $U \subset W$, then $(V/U)/(W/U) \cong V/W$

Proof. Proof for first isomorphism theorem:

Suppose $x \in L$ and $v \in \text{Ker}\theta$, then $\theta(x \cdot v) = x \cdot \theta(v) = x \cdot 0 = 0$, so $\text{Ker}\theta \subset V$ is a submodule.

Suppose $x \in L$ and $w \in \text{Im}\theta$, then there exists $v \in V$ s.t. $\theta(v) = w$.

$x \cdot w = x \cdot \theta(v) = \theta(x \cdot v) \in \text{Im}\theta$, so $\text{Im}\theta$ is a submodule.

Define $\hat{\theta} : V/\text{Ker}\theta \rightarrow \text{Im}\theta$ s.t. $\hat{\theta}(v + \text{Ker}\theta) = \theta(v)$.

Then $\hat{\theta}(x \cdot (v + \text{Ker}\theta)) = \hat{\theta}(x \cdot v + \text{Ker}\theta) = \theta(x \cdot v) = x \cdot \theta(v) = x \cdot \hat{\theta}(v + \text{Ker}\theta)$. □

5.5.1 Schur's Lemma

Lemma: 5.6: Schur's Lemma

Let L be a complex Lie algebra and V is a finite dimensional simple L-module where $\theta : V \rightarrow V$ is an L-module homomorphism. Then $\theta = \lambda \text{Id}_V$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. Take $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ to be an eigenvalue of θ . Let $v \in V$ be the corresponding eigenvector, $\theta(v) = \lambda v$.

This is equivalent to $v \in \text{Nul}(\theta - \lambda \text{Id}_V)$, so $\{0\} \neq \text{Nul}(\theta - \lambda \text{Id}_V) \subset V$ is a submodule.

$\text{Nul}(\theta - \lambda \text{Id}_V) = V$, so $\forall u \in V, \theta(u) = \lambda u, \theta = \lambda \text{Id}_V$. □

Theorem: 5.31:

Suppose L is an abelian complex Lie algebra and V is a simple finite dim module, then $\dim(V) = 1$.

Proof. For $x \in L$, define $\theta_x : V \rightarrow V$ by $\theta_x(v) = x \cdot v$.

$y \cdot \theta_x(v) = y \cdot (x \cdot v) = x \cdot (y \cdot v) - [x, y] \cdot v = x \cdot (y \cdot v) = \theta_x(y \cdot v)$ (since L is abelian).

Thus θ_x is an L-module homomorphism.

By Lemma 5.6, $\exists \lambda_x \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\theta_x = \lambda_x \text{Id}_V$.

i.e. $\forall x \in L, x \cdot v = \theta_x(v) = \lambda_x v$.

Thus, $\text{span}\{v\} \subset V$ is a submodule.

By simplicity of $V, V = \text{span}\{v\}$, so $\dim(V) = 1$. □

Definition: 5.28: Indecomposable and Completely Reducible L-modules

An L-module V is indecomposable if there are no nontrivial submodules $U, W \subset V$ s.t. $V = U \oplus W$.

V is completely reducible if there are simple $U_k \subset V$ s.t. $V = U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n$.

Fact: Irreducible \Rightarrow Indecomposable, but Indecomposable $\not\Rightarrow$ Irreducible.

Example: $L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ 0 & 0 & a_6 \end{pmatrix} : a_i \in \mathbb{C} \right\}, V = \mathbb{C}^3$. V is indecomposable but not irreducible.

Proof. Suppose $W \subset V$ is a submodule, take $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \in W$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & a_4 & a_5 \\ 0 & 0 & a_6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1x + a_2y + a_3z \\ a_4y + a_5z \\ a_6z \end{pmatrix} \in W, \text{ for all } a_i \in \mathbb{C}.$$

In particular, $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in W$.

Also if $z \neq 0$, then $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W$. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W$.

Similarly, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W$. Thus, $V = W$ (all 3 basis vectors of V are in W)

So we must have $z = 0$, $W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 : x, y \in \mathbb{C} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and $W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : x \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$ are proper submodules of

V .

$\{0\} \subset W_2 \subset W_1 \subset V$, V is not irreducible.

However, $V \neq W_1 \oplus W_2$, so V is indecomposable. □

Theorem: 5.32:

Suppose L is a complex Lie algebra and V is a finite dimension module. Then for all $z \in Z(L)$, there is a $\lambda_z \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $z \cdot v = \lambda_z v$ for all $v \in V$.

Theorem: 5.33:

Suppose V is a 1D L -module. For all $x \in L'$, $x \cdot v = 0$ for all $v \in V$.

5.5.2 Modules of Special Lie Algebra

Recall $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) = \text{span} \{e, f, h\}$, where $[h, e] = 2e$, $[h, f] = -2f$, $[e, f] = h$.

Classify all simple, finite dimensional $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ -modules.

Define for $d \geq 0$, $V_d \subset \mathbb{C}[x, y]$, $V_d = \text{span} \{x^d, x^{d-1}y, \dots, y^d\}$, with $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ actions:

1. $e \cdot p(x, y) = x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$
2. $f \cdot p(x, y) = y \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$
3. $h \cdot p(x, y) = x \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$

Example:

1. $e \cdot x^a y^b = b x^{a+1} y^{b-1}$
2. $f \cdot x^a y^b = a x^{a-1} y^{b+1}$
3. $h \cdot x^a y^b = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^a y^b) - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^a y^b) = (a - b) x^a y^b$ ($x^a y^b$ is an eigenvector of h with eigenvalue $a - b$)

Claim: This action makes V_d an $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ -module, for all $d \geq 0$

Proof. Linearity quickly follows since partial derivatives are linear transformations on V_d . We require:

1. $[h, e]p(x, y) = h \cdot (e \cdot p(x, y)) - e \cdot (h \cdot p(x, y))$
2. $[e, f]p(x, y) = e \cdot (f \cdot p(x, y)) - f \cdot (e \cdot p(x, y))$
3. $[h, f]p(x, y) = h \cdot (f \cdot p(x, y)) - f \cdot (h \cdot p(x, y))$

We only check the first here, the other two are similar.

$$\begin{aligned}
h \cdot (e \cdot p(x, y)) - e \cdot (h \cdot p(x, y)) &= h \cdot \left(x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) - e \cdot \left(x \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) \\
&= x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) - x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(x \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) \\
&= x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + x^2 \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x \partial y} - xy \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2} - x^2 \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x \partial y} + x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + xy \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2} \\
&= 2x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \\
&= 2e \cdot p(x, y) = [h, e]p(x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem: 5.34:

For all $d \geq 0$, V_d is a simple $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ -module.

Proof. Suppose $W \neq 0 \subset V_d$ is a submodule and take $p(x, y) = a_0 y^d + a_1 x y^{d-1} + \dots + a_d x^d \in W$. Pick $0 \leq k \leq d$ to be minimal s.t. $a_k \neq 0$, then $p(x, y) = a_k x^k y^{d-k} + \text{degree} < d - k$ of y .

$$e^{d-k} p(x, y) = a_k \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^{d-k} x^k y^{d-k} + 0 = a_k (d-k)! x^d, \text{ so } x^d \in W.$$

Note $f \cdot x^d = dx^{d-1} y \in W$, so $x^{d-1} y \in W$.

$f^n x^d = d(d-1) \dots (d-n+1) x^{d-n} y^n \in W$, so $x^{d-n} y \in W$.

Therefore, $V_d = W$.

□

Lemma: 5.7:

Suppose that V is an $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ -module and $v \in V$ s.t. $h \cdot v = \lambda v$, then $h \cdot (e^n \cdot v) = (\lambda + 2n)e^n \cdot v$, $h \cdot (f^n \cdot v) = (\lambda - 2n)f^n \cdot v$ or $e^n \cdot v = 0$, $f^n \cdot v = 0$.

Proof. Base case: suppose $e \cdot v \neq 0$, $h \cdot (e \cdot v) = e \cdot (h \cdot v) + [h, e]v = \lambda(e \cdot v) + 2e \cdot v = (\lambda + 2)e \cdot v$

IH: If $e^{k+1} \cdot v \neq 0$ and $h \cdot (e^k \cdot v) = (\lambda + 2k)(e^k \cdot v)$

IS: Then $h \cdot (e^{k+1} \cdot v) = h \cdot (e \cdot (e^k \cdot v)) = (\lambda + 2(k+1))e^{k+1} \cdot v$.

□

Lemma: 5.8:

Let V be a finite dimensional $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ -module. Then there is an h -eigenvector $w \in V$ s.t. $e \cdot w = 0$ and $u \in V$ s.t. $f \cdot u = 0$

Proof. Take $v \in V$ s.t. $h \cdot v = \lambda v$.

Consider $v, e \cdot v, e^2 \cdot v, \dots$

By Lemma 5.7, $h \cdot (e^n \cdot v) = (\lambda + 2n)(e^n \cdot v)$.

So they are all h -eigenvectors with different eigenvalues. They are linearly independent.
Then $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $e^m \cdot v \neq 0$, but $e^{m+1} \cdot v = 0$.
Set $w = e^m \cdot v$, then $h \cdot w = (\lambda + 2m)w$, $e \cdot w = 0$. □

Theorem: 5.35:

If V is a finite dimensional, simple $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ -module, then there is $d \geq 0$ s.t. $V \cong V_d$.

Proof. By Lemma 5.8, $\exists w \in V$ s.t. $h \cdot w = \lambda w$, $e \cdot w = 0$.

Consider $w, f \cdot w, \dots, f^d \cdot w \neq 0$, but $f^{d+1} \cdot w = 0$.

Define $W = \text{span}\{w, f \cdot w, \dots, f^d \cdot w\}$. We show that $W \subset V$ is a submodule:

$f \cdot (f^n \cdot w) = f^{n+1} \cdot w$, so $\forall u \in W$, $f \cdot u \in W$.

By Lemma 5.7, $h \cdot (f^n \cdot w) = (\lambda - 2n)f^n \cdot w$, so $\forall u \in W$, $h \cdot u \in W$.

Note $e \cdot w = 0$ and $e \cdot (f \cdot w) = f \cdot (e \cdot w) + h \cdot w = \lambda w \in W$, $e \cdot (f^2 \cdot w) = f \cdot (e \cdot f \cdot w) + h \cdot (f \cdot w) = 2(\lambda - 1)(f \cdot w)$.

Inductively, $e \cdot (f^n \cdot w) = n(\lambda - n - 1)(f^{n-1} \cdot w)$, then for all $u \in W$, $e \cdot u \in W$.

Thus W is a submodule.

We now show that $\lambda = d$.

Since $h \cdot (f^n \cdot w) = (\lambda - 2n)(f^n \cdot w)$, $[h]_B = \text{diag}(\lambda, \lambda - 2, \dots, \lambda - 2d)$. Then $\text{Tr}(h) = (d + 1)(\lambda - d)$.

Since $[e, f] = h$, $\text{Tr}(h) = \text{Tr}([e, f]) = 0$, $(d + 1)(\lambda - d) = 0$ gives $\lambda = d$.

Define $\theta : V \rightarrow V_d$ s.t. $\theta(f^n \cdot w) = (d - n - 1)!x^{d-n}y^n$

$\theta(h \cdot (f^n \cdot w)) = \theta((d - 2n)(f^n \cdot w)) = (d - 2n)(d - n - 1)!x^{d-n}y^n = (d - n - 1)h \cdot (x^{d-n}y^n) = h \cdot \theta(f^n \cdot w)$.

Therefore, $\theta(h \cdot v) = h \cdot \theta(v)$ for all $v \in V$.

$\theta(f \cdot (f^n \cdot w)) = \theta(f^{n+1} \cdot w) = (d - n)!x^{d-n-1}y^{n+1} = (d - n - 1)!f \cdot (x^{d-n}y^n) = f \cdot \theta(f^n \cdot w)$.

$\theta(e \cdot (f^n \cdot w)) = n(d - n + 1)\theta(f^{n-1} \cdot w) = n(d - n + 1)(d - n)!x^{d-n+1}y^{n-1} = (d - n + 1)!e \cdot (x^{d-n}y^n) = e \cdot \theta(f^n \cdot w)$.

Then $\forall a \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$, $v \in V$, $\theta(a \cdot v) = a \cdot \theta(v)$, $V \cong V_d$ since θ is bijection. □

Summary:

All finite dimensional $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ submodule are isomorphic to $V_d = \text{span}\{x^a y^b : a, b \geq 0, a + b = d\}$. $e \cdot p(x, y) = x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$, $f \cdot p(x, y) = y \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$, $h \cdot p(x, y) = x \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$.

Theorem: 5.36: Weyl's Theorem

Finite dimensional representations of semi-simple complex Lie algebras are completely reducible.

Example: $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ acting on \mathbb{C}^2 : $e = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$e \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e^2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, f \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, h \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so } v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } v_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ are eigenvectors of } h$$

$\mathbb{C}^2 \cong V_1$ s.t. $v_1 \mapsto x$, $v_{-1} \mapsto y$.

V_d is generated by x^d with $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, x^d is a highest weight vector, $\text{weight}(x^d) = 2^d$.

$$v_d = x^d \rightarrow f \cdot v_d = x^{d-1}y \rightarrow f^2 v_d = x^{d-2}y^2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow f^d v_d = y^d \rightarrow 0$$

If $d \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. Let $M(\lambda)$ be the highest weight vector.

$M(-1) : v_{-1} = x^{-1} \rightarrow f \cdot v_{-1} = x^{-2}y \rightarrow f^2 v_{-1} = x^{-3}y^2 \rightarrow \dots$, x^{-1} is the highest weight vector.

$M(\lambda) : v_\lambda = x^\lambda \rightarrow f \cdot v_\lambda = x^{\lambda-1}y \rightarrow f^2 v_\lambda = v^{\lambda-2}y \rightarrow \dots$.

Definition: 5.29: Highest/Lowest Weight Module

Highest weight module, $M(\lambda) = \text{span} \{f^n \cdot v_\lambda : n \geq 0, hv_\lambda = \lambda v_\lambda\}$, is an infinite dimensional module generated by x^λ , $\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Similarly a lowest weight module is $M^-(\lambda) = \text{span} \{e^n \cdot v_\lambda : n \geq 0, h \cdot v_\lambda = \lambda v_\lambda\}$, $\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Let V be a finite dimensional $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ module and consider $\Omega = ef + fe + \frac{1}{2}h^2$. $\Omega \in U(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}))$ the universal enveloping algebra, $\theta : V \rightarrow V$, $\theta(v) = \Omega \cdot v$.

Claim: θ is an L-module homomorphism.

Proof. Use $[xy, z] = xyz - zxy + (-xzy + xzy) = x(yz - zy) + (xz - xz)y = x[y, z] + [x, z]y$.

$[\Omega, e] = [ef, e] + [fe, e] + \frac{1}{2}[h^2, e] = 0$. Similarly, $[\Omega, f] = [\Omega, h] = 0$.

If $[\Omega, x] = 0$, then $\theta(x \cdot v) = \Omega \cdot (x \cdot v) = x \cdot \Omega \cdot v = x \cdot \theta(v)$.

If $V = V_d$, then by Lemma 5.6, Ω acts as a constant (scalar multiplication of identity map).

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega \cdot x^d &= \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) \left(y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) x^d + \left(y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) x^d + \frac{1}{2} \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)^2 x^d \\ &= dx \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^{d-1}y) + \frac{1}{2} \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) dx^d \\ &= dx^d + \frac{1}{2}d^2 x^d \\ &= \frac{1}{2}d(d+2)x^d \end{aligned}$$

So $\theta = \frac{1}{2}d(d+2)\text{Id}_v$. □