

Second lecture

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Topics: Cyclic Groups, Finite Groups, Cayley Tables, Subgroups

Cyclic Groups

A multiplicative group G is called a cyclic group if $\exists a \in G$ s.t $G = \{ a^i : i \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ Then a is called a generator of G And we denote this $G = \langle a \rangle$

All cyclic groups are commutative: $ab = ba$

For a cyclic group the following holds: $a^i \cdot a^j = a^{i+j} = a^{j+i} = a^j \cdot a^i$

Equivalence relation

Let S be a set and $R \subseteq S \times S$

Then R is called the equivalence relation if the following holds:

i) Reflexivity:

$$\forall s \in S, (s, s) \in R$$

ii) Symmetry:

$\forall s, t \in S$ if there is a pair $(s, t) \in R$ then there must also be an pair $(t, s) \in R$

iii) Transitivity

$\forall s, t, p \in S$ if there exist $(s, t) \in R$ and $(t, p) \in R$ then there exist an $(s, p) \in R$

Equiv Examples

Reflexivity: Property i) $a = a$

Symmetry: Property ii) $a = b \Rightarrow b = a$

Transitivity: Property iii) $a = b, b = c \Rightarrow a = c$

Partition of a Set

When we can represent S as a union of subsets

$S = \bigcup_{i \in I} S_i$ where $S_i \neq \emptyset$ and $S_i \subseteq S$ we have that $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$ when $i \neq j$

$[s] = \{ t \in S : (s, t) \in R \}$ is an equivalence class.

$t \in [s] \Rightarrow [t] = [s]$

Different equivalence classes gives a partition of S .

Congruent

On the set \mathbb{Z} , $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}$

a is congruent to b modulo n if $a - b$ is divisible/multiple by/of n .

That is, $a = b + k \cdot n$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Congruent is an equivalence relation.

i) Reflexivity: $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$

ii) Symmetry:

$$a, b, k, k' \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a = b + k \cdot n$$

$$\Rightarrow b = a + k' \cdot n$$

$$\Rightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

iii) Transitivity

$$a, b, c, k, k' \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}, b \equiv c \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b + k \cdot n, b = c + k' \cdot n$$

$$\Rightarrow a = (c + k' \cdot n) + k \cdot n$$

$$\Rightarrow a = c + (k' + k) \cdot n$$

$$a \equiv c \pmod{n}$$

Classes

Consider the equivalence classes into which the relation of congruence modulo n partitions the set \mathbb{Z} . These will be the sets:

$$[0] = \{\dots, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, \dots\}$$

$$[1] = \{\dots, -2n + 1, -n + 1, 1, n + 1, 2n + 1, \dots\}$$

$$[n - 1] = \{\dots, -n - 1, -1, n - 1, 2n - 1, 3n - 1, \dots\}$$

$[0]$ gives 0 for all integers $[1]$ gives 1 for all integers $[n - 1]$ gives $n - 1$ for all integers

The generator $\langle a \rangle = \langle n \cdot a; n \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \langle [i] : i \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle$$

$|\mathbb{Z}| = n$, where n is the order of \mathbb{Z}

Example of a group

$$\langle [1], [2], \dots, [n-1], + \rangle$$

Does this form a group?

We may define the sets of equivalence classes a binary operation $+$:

$$[a + b] = [a] + [b]$$

Where a and b are any element in their respective sets $[a]$ and $[b]$.

$$[a'] = [a]$$

$$[b'] = [b]$$

Is this true: $[a] + [b] = [a'] + [b']$

We wanna know if they are congruent:

$$a' = a + k \cdot n, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$b' = b + k' \cdot n, k' \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Proof:

$$[a] + [a] = [a'] + [b']$$

$$RHS = [a' + b']$$

$$= [(a + k \cdot n) + (b + k' \cdot n)]$$

$$= [a + b + (k + k') \cdot n]$$

$$= [a + b]$$

$$[a] + [b] = [a] + [b]$$

OK it is a congruence.

Associative property

$$([a] + [b]) + [c] = [a] + ([b] + [c])$$

$$([a] + [b]) + [c] = [a + b] + [c]$$

$$= [(a + b) + c]$$

$$= [a + (b + c)]$$

$$= [a] + [b + c]$$

$$= [a] + ([b] + [c])$$

□ OK

i) Identity element: $[0] + [a] = [0 + a] = [a]$

ii) $[a]$ the inverse is $[-a]$

$$[a] + [-a] = [-a] + [a] = 0$$

Yes, $\langle [1], [2], \dots, [n-1], + \rangle$ and it forms the group:

$\mathbb{Z} = \langle \{ [0], [1], [2], \dots, [n-1], + \} \rangle$ and is called the group of integers modulo n .

Finite groups

In general G is finite if it contains a finite number of elements.

Then this number is called the order of $G \rightarrow |G|$

Otherwise a group is called infinite.

G -group has finite numbers $|G| = n$

Cayley tables

For the group $\langle G, * \rangle = \{ a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \}$

Cayley table for multiplication

\cdot	a_1	a_2	\dots	a_n
a_1	$a_1 \cdot a_1$	$a_1 \cdot a_2$	\dots	$a_1 \cdot a_n$
a_2	$a_2 \cdot a_1$	$a_2 \cdot a_2$	\dots	$a_2 \cdot a_n$
\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots
a_n	$a_n \cdot a_1$	$a_n \cdot a_2$	\dots	$a_n \cdot a_n$

Cayley table for addition

$+$	a_1	a_2	\dots	a_n
a_1	$a_1 + a_1$	$a_1 + a_2$	\dots	$a_1 + a_n$
a_2	$a_2 + a_1$	$a_2 + a_2$	\dots	$a_2 + a_n$
\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots
a_n	$a_n + a_1$	$a_n + a_2$	\dots	$a_n + a_n$

Example

The Cayley table for the group $\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$

$+$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0

+	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

Subgroups

Let G be a group and $H \subseteq G$, then H is a subgroup of G .

$\langle H, * \rangle$ is a group, if it has the same operations.

$H \subseteq G$ then the following holds:

i) $\forall a, b \in H \Rightarrow a \cdot b \in H$ ii) $e \in H$ iii) $\forall a \in H$, there is a $a^{-1} \in H$

$\{e\}$ is a subgroup containing only e and is called the trivial group

$\{G\}$ is a subgroup of itself.

If H is a subgroup of G , s.t $H \neq \{e\}$, $H \neq G$ then H is called a non trivial group.

Subgroups are necessarily cyclic.

$\forall a \in G \langle a \rangle = \{a^i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is called a subgroup generated by a

$$a^i \cdot a^j = a^{i+j}$$

$$a^0 = e$$

$$a^i = a^{-i}$$

The properties above leads to:

$$\rightarrow a^i \cdot a^{-i} = a^{i+(-i)} = a^0 = e$$

If $|\langle a \rangle| = n$ is finite and, $n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n$ is the order of element a

How to find the order

The smallest positive integer d s.t $a^d = e$ is the order of a .

$\langle a \rangle = \{a^0, a^1, a^2, \dots, a^{d-1}\} \rightarrow$ All elements are different

$a^i = a^j$ where $0 \leq i < j \leq d - 1$ we have that

$$a^{j-i} = a^0 = e$$