

Part I

Revision lecture:

★ Important idea's

1 Group:

a group is a set with an operation

$(G, *)$. a group has 3 conditions: (as well $*$ must be a Binary op. (it may be stated in the question that is is)

- $*$ is associative
- There is an identity element
- every element has an inverse

2 Subgroup

A subgroup is a subset of your group, that is also a group under the same operation

2.1 1st/2nd subgroup test

First for either, must show group is nonempty. (often best to show it contains the identity)

2.1.1 1st subgroup test

$\forall a, b \in H \subseteq G$ show that $ab \in H$ and $a^{-1} \in H$

2.1.2 2nd subgroup test

$\forall a, b \in H, ab^{-1} \in H$

3 Order of an element

The order of an element g is the minimum number of times you must apply the operation, to get the identity

ie the smallest positive integer n , such that $g^n = e$. if no such integer exists then g has infinite order

3.0.3 Order of identity element:

is 1.

3.1 Order of powers of an element

if $|g| = n$ then $|g^k| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)}$

3.1.1 Order of element divides order of group

by corollary of Lagrange: if G is finite, and $g \in G$ then the order of g divides $|G|$

3.1.2 Cauchy's theorem

if G is a finite group, and p is a prime dividing $|G|$ then G contains an element of order p .

4 Cyclic groups

A group G is cyclic if $G = \langle g \rangle$ for some $g \in G$

4.1 Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic

4.2 If G is a cyclic group of order n , and $r|n$ then G has a unique subgroup of order r

4.3 Isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}

Any infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}

any finite cyclic group of order n is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n

5 Permutation groups

S_n , $Sym(\Omega)$

5.1 Every permutation can be written as a product of transpositions

these don't have to be disjoint

Eg $(123) = (12)(13)$

5.1.1 * That product of transpositions is either always even or always odd.

Though there may be many ways of writing it as a product of transpositions

5.2 * Ruffin's theorem

The order of a permutation when written as a product of disjoint cycles is the *lcm* of the cycle lengths

5.3 NOT EXAMINABLE: Futurama theorem

let A be a finite set and let x, y be an extra 2 elements.

then for any permutations σ of A ,

we can multiply σ by a product of disjoint transpositions each containing one of x, y or both.

5.3.1 Proof:

for one a once cycle permutation of length k : $(123\dots k)(xk)(y, k-1)(y, k-2)\dots(y, 1)(x, k-1)(y, k) = (x, y)$ and then $(x, y)(x, y) = ()$

if we had 2 cycles $(123\dots k_1)(abc\dots k_2)$

6 Cosets

$H \leq G, g \in G$

$Hg = \{hg|h \in H\}$

• If G is finite then $|H| = |Hg|$

• cosets partition group

• $Ha = Hb \iff ab^{-1} \in H$

– if $a \in H$ then $Ha = H$

6.0.2 Complete set of right coset representatives for H is:

is a subset X of G , such that ever coset of H can be written as Hx for some $x \in X$

And for $x_1, x_2 \in X$: $Hx_1 \neq Hx_2$ for $x_1 \neq x_2$

6.1 Normal subgroups

$H \triangleleft G$

$\iff Ha = aH$ for all $a \in G$

$\iff a^{-1}Ha = H$ for all $a \in G$

$\iff a^{-1}Ha \subseteq H \forall a \in G$ (normal subgroup test)

6.1.1 All subgroups of abelian groups are normal.

7 Group actions

• orbits

– written for element α : α^G

• stabilisers

– written for element α : G_α

7.0.2 * Orbit stabiliser theorem

let $G \leq \text{Sym}(\Omega)$ with $|G|$ finite. then
 $|G| = |\alpha^G| |G_\alpha|$ for $\alpha \in G$

8 Homomorphism:

$\phi : G \rightarrow H$ is a hm, if $(ab)\phi = (a)\phi(b)\phi \forall a, b \in G$

8.0.3 Kernal:

$\ker \phi = \{g \in G \mid (g)\phi = e_H\}$
 $\ker \phi \triangleleft G$

8.0.4 Onto

a homomorphism is onto one iff the kernal is trivial ($\ker \phi = \{e_G\}$)

8.1 Isomorphism:

a one to one and onto hm.

8.2 Automorphism

an automorphism of a group G is a isomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow G$
group of all automorphisms of G is $\text{Aut}(G)$

8.2.1 inner auto

$\iota_g : G \rightarrow G$ is an autom
 $x \mapsto g^{-1}xg$
 $\text{Inn}(G) = \{\iota_g \mid g \in G\} \triangleleft \text{Aut}(G)$

8.2.2 *Conjugation in S_n

two elements of S_n are conjugate iff they have the same cycle structure

8.2.3 Conjugate Subgroups

let H and K be subgroups of G . then H is conjugate to K if $\exists g \in G$ $H = g^{-1}Kg$

9 *Lagrange' Thm

Let G be a finite group, and $H \leq G$.

Then $|H| \mid |G|$ (order of H divides the order of $|G|$)

9.0.4 Converse not always true

Let G be a group of order n . let $r|n$. You cannot guarantee there is a subgroup of order r

You can if:

- G is cyclic.
- or G is abelian (Fundamental theorem of finite abelian groups)
- or if r is a prime power (Sylow's theorem)

10 Fundamental theorem of finite abelian groups

Let G be a finite abelian group

then $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{a_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{a_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_r^{a_r}}$

for some primes p_i and positive integers a_i

moreover the cyclic factors $\mathbb{Z}_{p_i^{a_i}}$ are unique up to ordering.

11 Sylow's theorem

Let G be a group of order $p^r m$ with p prime, $r \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $\gcd(p, m) = 1$

- G has a subgroup of order p^r . Called a Sylow p -subgroup
- all Sylow subgroups are conjugate.
- any p -subgroup of G is contained in a Sylow p -subgroup
- If n is the number of Sylow p -subgroups then $n \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and $n | m$

11.1 if there is only one Sylow p -subgroup is normal

a Sylow p -subgroup is normal in G iff the unique Sylow, p -subgroup

11.2 Intersection (of groups of coprime order) is trivial

is $|P| = 5^2$, $|Q| = 7$ then $P \cap Q \leq G$, and $P \cap Q \leq P$, $P \cap Q \leq Q$

thus $|P \cap Q| \leq |P|$ and $|P \cap Q| \leq |Q|$

thus since $\gcd(|P|, |Q|) = 1$ $|P \cap Q| = 1$ so it's just the identity

12 Direct Product

external direct product: for H, K groups:

$$H \times K = \{(h, k) | h \in H, k \in K\}$$

12.0.1 ★Identifing something as the resuklt of a direct product

let G be a group with normal subgroups N_1, N_2 , and $N_1 \cap N_2 = e$
and $G = N_1 N_2 = \{n_1, n_2 | n_1 \in N_1, n_2 \in N_2\}$
then $G \cong N_1 \times N_2$

12.0.2 Groups of order p^2

are either \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} or $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$

13 Quotient Groups

for G a group and $H \triangleleft G$ then G/H is the group of all right coset of H in G
with the b. op:

$$(Ha)(Hb) = H(ab)$$

13.0.3 Corresponace theorem

$H \triangleleft G$,
 $H \leq K \leq G$
then $K \cong G/H$

13.1 ★ 1st isomorphis theorem

let $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ be a hm.
then $G/\ker \phi \cong (G)\phi \leq H$

13.2 ★ Cayleys therom

Every group is isomorphic to a subgroup of $Sym(\Omega)$ for some set Ω .

As if

G acts on Ω then $\exists hm \phi : G \rightarrow Sym(\Omega)$

14 ★Orbit counting Lemma

15 Affine groups:

$AGL(n, F) = \{t_{A,v} | A \in GL(n, F) v \in F^n\}$
 $t_{a,v} : F^n \rightarrow F^n : x \mapsto xA + v$
for any field