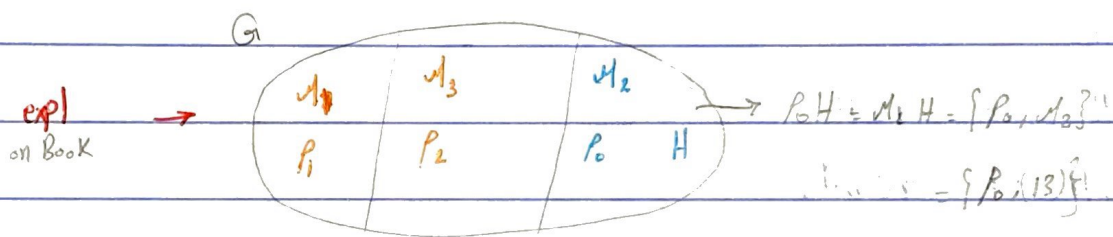


## Chapter 7: Cosets and Lagrange's Theorem

Def: cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H$  be a subset of  $G$ . For any  $a \in G$  the set  $\{ah : h \in H\}$  is denoted by  $aH$ . Analogously,  $Ha = \{ha : h \in H\}$  and  $aHa^{-1} = \{aha^{-1} : h \in H\}$ . When  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , the set  $aH$  is called the left coset of  $H$  in  $G$  containing  $a$ , whereas  $Ha$  is the coset representative of  $aH$  (or  $Ha$ ). We use  $|aH|$  to denote the number of elements in the set  $aH$ , and  $|Ha|$  to denote the number of elements in  $Ha$ .



exps:  $G = \mathbb{Z}_9 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 8\}$

$H = \{0, 3, 6\}$  subgroup

Find the all cosets of  $G$ !!

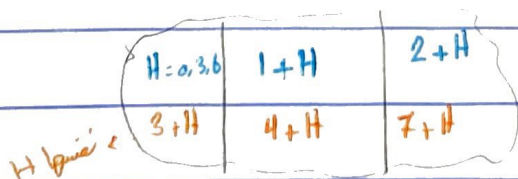
$\rightarrow 0H = 0+H = 0+0, 0+3, 0+6 = \{0, 3, 6\}$

$\rightarrow 1H = 1+H = 1+0, 1+3, 1+6 = \{1, 4, 7\}$

$\rightarrow 2H = 2+H = 2+0, 2+3, 2+6 = \{2, 5, 8\}$

$\rightarrow 3H = 3+H = \dots = \{3, 6, 9\}$

3 cosets left  
 cosets



is  $\mathbb{Z}_9$  left cosets of  
 subgroup  $H$ .

ex:  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $H = \{0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm 12, \dots\}$

$\rightarrow 0+H = H$

$\rightarrow 1+H = \{\dots, -11, -7, -3, 1, 5, 9, 13, \dots\} = 4+H$

$\rightarrow 2+H = \{\dots, -10, -6, -2, 2, 6, 10, 14, \dots\} = 5+H$

$\rightarrow 3+H = \{\dots, -9, -5, -1, 3, 7, 11, 15, \dots\} = 6+H$

$\rightarrow 4+H = \{\dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\} = H$

lemma: properties of cosets.

proof: ✓

let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ , and let  $a$  and  $b$  belong to  $G$ . Then,

1.  $a \in aH$

2.  $aH = H$  iff  $a \in H$ .

3.  $aH = bH$  iff  $a \in bH$ .

4.  $aH = bH$  or  $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$

5.  $aH = bH$  iff  $a^{-1}b \in H$ .

6.  $|aH| = |bH|$

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7.  $\overset{\text{left coset}}{aH} = \overset{\text{right coset}}{Ha}$  iff  $H = aHa^{-1}$ .

$aH = Ha$  ✓

8.  $aH$  is a subgroup of  $G$  iff  $a \in H$ .

ex:  $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

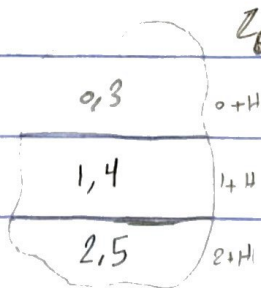
$H = \{0, 3\}$

$\mathbb{Z}_6$

$0+H = \{0, 3\} = 3+H$

$1+H = \{1, 4\} = 4+H$

$2+H = \{2, 5\} = 5+H$



exp 4:

$$U(32) = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31\}$$

$$H = \{1, 15\}$$

$$\# \text{ of cosets} = \frac{16}{2} = 8$$

$$1.H = \{1, 15\}$$

$$9.H = \{9, 7\}$$

$$3.H = \{3, 13\}$$

$$11.H = \{11, 5\}$$

$$5.H = \{5, 11\}$$

$$13.H = \{13, 3\}$$

$$7.H = \{7, 9\}$$

$$15.H = \{15, 1\}$$

Theorem 7.1: Lagrange's Theorem:  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$ .

subgroup

IF  $G$  is a finite group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$ .

Moreover, the number of distinct left (right) cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is  $|G|/|H|$ .

same exp 4:  $\# \text{ of cosets} = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = \frac{16}{2} = 8$

→  $\#$  of subgroup divides  $\#$  of group

exp: a.  $|G| = 20$ ,  $H \leq G$ .

$$|H| = 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20.$$

b.  $G = \langle a \rangle$ ,  $|G| = 20$ ,  $H \leq G$ . Find subgroups of  $G$ .

$$H_1 = \langle a^{20} \rangle = \{e\}$$

$$H_5 = \langle a^4 \rangle = \{e, a^4, a^8, a^{12}, a^{16}\}$$

$$H_2 = \langle a^{10} \rangle = \{e, a^{10}\}$$

$$H_{10} = \langle a^2 \rangle = \{e, a^2, a^4, a^6, a^8, a^{10}, a^{12}, a^{14}, a^{16}, a^{18}\}$$

$$H_4 = \langle a^5 \rangle = \{e, a^5, a^{10}, a^{15}\}$$

$$H_{20} = \langle a^1 \rangle = G$$

→ # of cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Corollary 1:  $|G:H| = |G|/|H|$

If  $G$  is a finite group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $|G:H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$ .

Corollary 2:  $|a|$  divides  $|G|$ .

In a finite group, the order of each element of the group divides the order of the group.

If  $G$  is a group,  $a \in G$ ,  $\langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2, \dots\}$  if  $|a| = n \Rightarrow |\langle a \rangle| = |a|$   
↓  
 $H \leq G$ .

$\Rightarrow |a| \mid |G|$

$|G| = 20$ ,  $a \in G$ .

$|a| = 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20$ .

Corollary 3:

a group of prime order is cyclic.

if  $a \neq e$ ,  $a \in G$

$\Rightarrow |a| \mid |G| = p$

$\Rightarrow |a| = p = |G| \Rightarrow G$  cyclic.

Corollary 4:  $a^{|G|} = e$

$a^{|G|} = a^{|G|} = (a^{|G|})^k = e^k = e$

let  $G$  be a finite group, and let  $a \in G$ . Then  $a^{|G|} = e$ .

Corollary 5:  $x$

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