

Chapter 8: External Direct products.

Def: External Direct product.

Let G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n be a finite collection of groups. The external direct product of G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n written as $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n$, is the set of all n -tuples for which the i th component is an element of G_i and the operation is componentwise.

ex1:

$$U(8) \oplus U(10) = U(8) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}, \quad U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$$

$$= \left\{ (1,1), (1,3), (1,7), (1,9), (3,1), (3,3), (3,7), (3,9), (5,1), (5,3), (5,7), (5,9), (7,1), (7,3), (7,7), (7,9) \right\}$$

ex2:

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{0, 1\} \oplus \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$= \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (1,0), (1,1), (1,2)\}$$

$\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$ the order equal 6, is cyclic?? yes

$\rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_6, \oplus)$ the order equal 6 and cyclic.

\Rightarrow So $(\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3)$ isomorphic to (\mathbb{Z}_6, \oplus) .

But since order of $(S_3, \oplus) = 6$

$(\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3)$ Not isomorphic to (S_3, \oplus) .

$(1,1)$ cyclic

$$(1,1)^1 = (1,1)$$

$$(1,1)^2 = ((1+1)_2, (1+1)_3) = (0, 2)$$

$$(1,1)^3 = (1, 0)$$

$$(1,1)^4 = (0, 1)$$

$$(1,1)^5 = (1, 2)$$

$$(1,1)^6 = (0, 0) \text{ identity}$$

So its cyclic.

→ The groups of order 6 up to isomorphism = 2

$$① (\mathbb{Z}_6, +) = (\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3)$$

$$② (S_3, \circ)$$

exp 3:

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{ (0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1) \}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Not cyclic: } (0,1)^1 = (0,1)$$

$$(0,1)^2 = (0,0)$$

$$|(0,1)| = 2$$

$(\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2)$ & $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ isomorphic \Rightarrow 4 order groups \leftarrow

Thm 8.1: order of an element in a direct product.

The order of an element in a direct product of a finite number of finite groups is the least common multiple of the orders of the components of the element. In symbols: $|(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)| = \text{LCM}(|g_1|, |g_2|, \dots, |g_n|)$.

$$\text{exp: } G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 = \{ \dots \}$$

$$|G| = 4 \times 2 \times 5 = 40$$

$$\rightarrow \text{let for exp } |(2,1,3)| = \text{LCM}(|2|_{\text{on } \mathbb{Z}_4}, |1|_{\text{on } \mathbb{Z}_2}, |3|_{\text{on } \mathbb{Z}_5})$$

$$= \text{LCM}(2, 2, 5)$$

$$|(2,1,3)| = \underline{\underline{10}}$$

exp 4: number of element of order 5, in $\mathbb{Z}_{25} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$

$$|(a,b)| = 5$$

Case 1: $|a|=1$ and $|b|=1$ or 5

$|a|$ on \mathbb{Z}_{25} :

$a: 5, 10, 15, 20$

5 is order \mathbb{Z}_{25} 3 element $\neq 5$

$b: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$

5 is order \mathbb{Z}_5 3 element $\neq 5$

5 element on a and 4 element on b = $4 \times 5 = 20$

Case 2: $|a|=1$ and $|b|=5$

$a: 0$

$b: 1, 2, 3, 4$

$$\} \rightarrow 1 \times 4 = 4$$

Thus, $\mathbb{Z}_{25} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$ has 24 element of order 5.

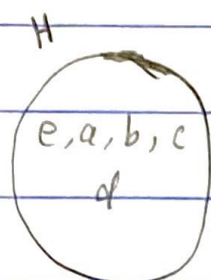
24 element of order 5 give $25 \times 5 = 125$ element

\therefore 5 sub of order $(\mathbb{Z}_{25} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5)$ is cyclic subgroup $\neq (\mathbb{Z}_{25} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5)$

5 groups

each cyclic group of order 5 contains 4 elements of order 5. (24/4)

exp:



the group H have ^{prime number} 5 elements
 $|H| = \underline{5}$ so H is cyclic since 5 is prime

on H any $x \neq e \Rightarrow |x| \mid |H|$

$$|x| \mid 5$$

divisor of 5

$$\underline{|x| = 5}$$

$x \neq e$
 \hookrightarrow order $\neq 1$

$$\text{So } |a| = |b| = |c| = |d| = 5.$$

exp 5+6

on 5: since $|H| = 10$, $H = \langle a \rangle$

so the generators: a^1, a^3, a^7, a^9

all $|z| \neq 1$

Thm 8.2: criterion for $G \oplus H$ to be cyclic:

let G and H be finite cyclic groups. Then $G \oplus H$ is cyclic iff $|G|$ and $|H|$ are relatively prime.

exp: $\mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7$

$|\mathbb{Z}_5| = 5$, $|\mathbb{Z}_7| = 7$ and both are cyclic.

$\Rightarrow |\mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7| = 35 \Rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7)$ is cyclic of order 35.

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7 = \langle (3,3) \rangle, \langle (1,1) \rangle, \langle (2,3) \rangle, \dots$

\rightarrow Relatively prime when there are no common factors other than 1.

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_6 \text{ and cyclic.}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \cong \mathbb{Z}_{12} \text{ and cyclic.}$$

Corollary 1: criterion for $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n$ to be cyclic.

An external direct product $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus G_3 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n$ of a finite number of finite cyclic groups is cyclic iff $|G_i|$ and $|G_j|$ are relatively prime when $i \neq j$.

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \stackrel{\text{isomorphism}}{\cong} \mathbb{Z}_{30} \text{ and cyclic.}$$

$(1,1,1)$ is the generator.

$$\begin{array}{l} \phi: (1,1,1) \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{the isomorphism.} \\ + (1,1,1) \rightarrow (0,2,2) \rightarrow 2 \\ + (1,1,1) \rightarrow (1,0,3) \rightarrow 3 \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

Corollary 2: criterion for $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1 n_2 \dots n_k} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$.

Let $m = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$. Then \mathbb{Z}_m is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$ iff n_i and n_j are relatively prime when $i \neq j$.

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{11} = \mathbb{Z}_{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11}.$$

Done.