

① (a) In a finite abelian group, prove the order of each element divides the maximal order of all elements. (You may use the classification of finite abelian groups.)

Pf: Let G be a finite abelian group s.t. $|G| = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$.

Using the classification of finite abelian gps, we can write G as $\mathbb{Z}/(n_1) \times \mathbb{Z}/(n_2) \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/(n_k)$.

The order of an element (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) in G is $\text{lcm}(|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_k|)$.

Observe that $|(1, 1, \dots, 1)| = \text{lcm}(|1|, |1|, \dots, |1|) = \text{lcm}(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) = n$.

Note that $n \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = (na_1, na_2, \dots, na_k) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ because $n_i | n$ and $n_i | na_i$. n is the maximal order of all elements.

For any $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in G$, $n \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = 0$.

So $|(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)| \leq n$ and $|a_i| \leq n$.

Therefore, the order of each elt. divides the maximal order of all elts. \square

(b) In a field F , use part (a) to prove every finite subgroup of $F^\times = F - \{0\}$ is cyclic.

Pf: Let G be a finite subgroup of F^\times , with $|G| = n$.

From part (a), if m is the maximal order of an element in G , then $|x| \mid m$ $\forall x \in G$. So $x^m = 1 \forall x \in G$.

$x^m = 1$ is a polynomial of degree m with (at least) n solutions in a field, so $n \leq m$.

We know $\exists y \in G$ with $|y| = m$, $m \mid n$, so $m \leq n$.

Therefore, $m = n$.

G has an element of order $n = |G|$, so G is cyclic. \square

② Let R be a commutative ring w/ identity and $R[x]$ be the polynomial ring over R .

(a) Prove the ideal (x) in $R[x]$ is a prime ideal if and only if R is an integral domain.

Pf: Let (x) be a prime ideal in $R[x]$. So if $a, b \in R$ and $ab \in (x)$, then either $a \in (x)$ or $b \in (x)$.

We know that $R[x]/(x) \cong R$.

If $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in R[x]/(x) \cong R$, then $\bar{a}\bar{b} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$ means that $ab \in (x)$ b/c (x) is prime, so at least one of a, b is in (x) , so $\bar{a} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$ or $\bar{b} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$. This is the definition of an integral domain (if $ab = 0$ in R , then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$ in R).

Therefore, R is an integral domain.

Let R be an integral domain. Then if $a, b \in R$ and $ab = 0$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

R is an integral domain $\Rightarrow R[x]$ is an integral domain.

Consider the ideal (x) .

Suppose $ab \in (x)$. Then $\bar{a}\bar{b} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$, so $\bar{a} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$ or $\bar{b} \equiv 0 \pmod{(x)}$ since R is an integral domain (i.e., $a \in (x)$ or $b \in (x)$).

Therefore, (x) is a prime ideal in $R[x]$. \square

(b) Let I be an ideal of R . Prove that the following set is an ideal in $R[x]$:

$$I[x] := \{f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \in R[x] : a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in I\}$$

Pf: First we will show that $I[x]$ is a subring of $R[x]$.

Note that $I[x]$ is nonempty since $0 \in I[x]$ and $I \subset I[x]$.

Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \in I[x]$ and

$$g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n \in I[x].$$

Then $f(x) - g(x) = (a_0 - b_0) + (a_1 - b_1)x + \dots + (a_n - b_n)x^n \in I[x]$ b/c $a_i, b_i \in I$ and I is an ideal.

Then $f(x)g(x) \in I[x]$ b/c $a_i b_j$ for $0 \leq i, j \leq n$ is in I since I is an ideal.

Therefore, $I[x]$ is a subring of $R[x]$.

Now to show $I[x]$ is an ideal, we will show that for any $r(x) \in R[x]$ and $f(x) \in I[x]$, that $r(x)f(x) \in I[x]$.

Let $r(x) = r_0 + r_1x + \dots + r_mx^m \in R[x]$.

Then $r(x)f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^n r_i a_j x^{i+j} \in I[x]$ since $r_i a_j \in I$ b/c I is an ideal. \square

(c) Prove that an ideal I of R is a prime ideal if and only if the ideal $I[x]$ of $R[x]$ from part (b) is a prime ideal.

Pf: Observe that $R[x]/I[x] \cong (R/I)[x]$.

Let $\varphi: R[x] \rightarrow (R/I)[x]$, so φ is the reduction on coeffs.

Since φ is a redn. map, we know it is a homomorphism and onto.

Observe that $\ker(\varphi) = \{f(x) \in R[x] : f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{I}\} = I[x]$.

So by the first isom. thm., we have that $R[x]/I[x] \cong (R/I)[x]$.

If I is a prime ideal, then R/I is an integral domain, so $(R/I)[x]$ is an integral domain $\Rightarrow R[x]/I[x]$ is an integral domain $\Rightarrow I[x]$ is a prime ideal.

If $I[x]$ is a prime ideal, then $R[x]/I[x]$ is an integral domain, so $(R/I)[x]$ is an integral domain $\Rightarrow R/I$ is an integral domain $\Rightarrow I$ is a prime ideal. \square

③ Let G be a group and H be a subgroup.

(a) Define the normalizer of H in G .

Pf: The normalizer of H in G is defined as follows:

$$N_G(H) = \{g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H\}.$$

(b) Prove conjugate subgroups have conjugate normalizers: if N is the normalizer of H in G , then for each $g \in G$, gNg^{-1} is the normalizer of gHg^{-1} in G .

Pf: Let $N = N_G(H) = \{g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H\}$.

Let $K = gHg^{-1}$ be an arbitrary conjugate of H , and then compute the normalizer of K :

$$N_G(K) = \{x \in G : xKx^{-1} = K\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : xgHg^{-1}x^{-1} = gHg^{-1}\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xgHg^{-1}x^{-1}g = H\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xgHg^{-1}(g^{-1}xg)^{-1} = H\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xg \in N_G(H)\}$$

$$N_G(N) = \{x \in G : xNx^{-1} = N\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : xN_G(H)x^{-1} = N_G(H)\}$$

$$= \{x \in G : xgHg^{-1}x^{-1} = gHg^{-1}\}$$

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$$= \{x \in G : g^{-1}xg \in N_G(H)\}.$$

Therefore, if N is the normalizer of H in G , then for each $g \in G$, gNg^{-1} is the normalizer of gHg^{-1} in G . \square

(c) Let $G = GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix} : x, y \in \mathbb{R}^\times \right\}$. Prove the normalizer of H in G is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^\times \right\}$.

Pf: Recall that $GL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^\times, ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$.

$$N_G(H) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) : \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} H \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = H \right\}.$$

Let $\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix} \in H$ and $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$. Then we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} ax & by \\ cx & dy \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d-b & 1 \\ -c & ad-bc \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} adx-bcy & -abx+aby \\ cdx-cdy & ady-cbx \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{ad-bc}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{adx-bcy}{ad-bc} & \frac{ab(y-x)}{ad-bc} \\ \frac{cd(x-y)}{ad-bc} & \frac{ady-cbx}{ad-bc} \end{pmatrix} \in H \text{ if } \begin{cases} ab(y-x) = 0 \\ cd(x-y) = 0 \end{cases} \text{ Let } a=d=0 \text{ (ad-bc} \neq 0) \text{ or let } c=b=0 \text{ (ad-bc} \neq 0)$$

(consider $x=2, y=1$, then the above holds.)

So we have $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ that normalize H .

Therefore, $N_G(H) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^\times \right\}$. \square

④ The Fibonacci numbers $\{f_n\}$ are determined recursively for $n \geq 0$ by $f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1$, and $f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n$ for all $n \geq 0$.

(a) Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. For all integers $n \geq 1$, show $A^n = \begin{pmatrix} f_{n+1} & f_n \\ f_n & f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$.

Pf: Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_2 & f_1 \\ f_1 & f_0 \end{pmatrix}$, $f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1$

$$\text{Base case: } n=2: A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_3 & f_2 \\ f_2 & f_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (f_3 = 1+1=2)$$

Ind. hyp: Suppose this holds for all $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, so

$$A^{n-1} = \begin{pmatrix} f_n & f_{n-1} \\ f_{n-1} & f_{n-2} \end{pmatrix}. \text{ We WTS this holds for } k=n.$$

Observe that

$$A^n = A^{n-1}A = \begin{pmatrix} f_n & f_{n-1} \\ f_{n-1} & f_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_n + f_{n-1} & f_n \\ f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} f_{n+1} & f_n \\ f_n & f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, $A^n = \begin{pmatrix} f_{n+1} & f_n \\ f_n & f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$. \square

(b) Show the group $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$, for prime p , has order $(p^2-1)(p^2-p)$.

Pf: Consider the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$. Recall that $ad-bc \neq 0$.

For the first vector in the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$, there are p^2-1 options b/c we cannot have $a=c=0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ or else $ad-bc=0$.

For the second vector in the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}$, there are p^2-p options b/c we cannot have $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}$ be a scalar multiple of $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$, and there are p different scalars.

Therefore, $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ has order $(p^2-1)(p^2-p)$. \square

(c) Use parts (a) and (b) to help you find, with proof, some integer $n \geq 1$ such that $f_n \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ while $f_{n+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$. (Hint: Use the prime factorization of 10.)

Pf: We know that $10 = 2 \cdot 5$.

We want to find n s.t. $A^n \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{10}$

(by part (a), $f_{n+1} = f_n + f_{n-1} \Rightarrow f_{n-1} = f_{n+1} - f_n = 1 - 0 = 1$) $\xrightarrow{\mathbb{Z}/10 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/5}$

$$A^n \pmod{2} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } A^n \pmod{5} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^n \pmod{10} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} (2,5)=1 \\ \text{CRT} \end{matrix}$$

Using part (b), $|GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})| = (2^2-1)(2^2-2) = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$ and

$$|GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})| = (5^2-1)(5^2-5) = 24 \cdot 20 = 480.$$

$$A^{6 \cdot 480} = A^{2880} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{10}.$$

Therefore, $n = 2880$. \square

⑤ An abelian group A is called divisible if, for each $a \in A$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, there is $a', b \in A$ (maybe not unique) such that $nb = a$. (Formally it says we can "divide" a by n , but the choice may not be unique so do not write $b = \frac{1}{n}a$.) For example, $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ is divisible. Also $(\mathbb{C}^\times, \cdot)$ is divisible since, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, a number in \mathbb{C}^\times has an n^{th} root in \mathbb{C}^\times (not unique if $n > 1$).

Prove a nonzero root in \mathbb{C}^\times (not unique if $n > 1$).

Prove a nonzero group can't be finitely generated.

See Keith's notes.

⑥ Give examples as requested, with justification.

(a) Two nonconjugate elements of S_4 that have the same order.

Pf: Two elements of S_n are conjugate if and only if they have the same cycle type.

Consider (12) and $(12)(34)$ in S_4 .

The two elements have diff. cycle types, so they are not conjugate.

The order of an element in S_n is the lcm of the cycle lengths, so the order of (12) is 2 and the order of $(12)(34)$ is $\text{lcm}(2,2) = 2$.

Therefore, (12) and $(12)(34)$ are two nonconjugate elts. of S_4 that have the same order. \square

(b) Two commutative rings that are not isomorphic as rings, but are isomorphic as additive groups.

Pf: Consider the commutative rings $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ and $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$.

These two rings are not isomorphic as rings:

Suppose $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$

Let $\varphi(i) = x + y\sqrt{2}$.

Observe that $-1 = \varphi(i^2) = (x + y\sqrt{2})^2 = x^2 + 2xy\sqrt{2} + 2y^2$

$$\Rightarrow -1 = (x^2 + 2y^2) + \underbrace{2xy\sqrt{2}}_{\substack{\text{if } x=0 \Rightarrow -1 = 2y^2 \Rightarrow \text{no } \mathbb{Z}\text{-soln} \\ \text{if } y=0 \Rightarrow -1 = x^2 \Rightarrow \text{no } \mathbb{Z}\text{-soln}}}$$

Therefore, $\mathbb{Z}[i] \not\cong \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ as rings.

These two are isomorphic as additive groups:

Let $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ by $a+bi \mapsto a+b\sqrt{2}$

φ is a hom: $\varphi((a+bi) + (c+di)) = \varphi((a+c) + (b+d)i) = (a+c) + (b+d)\sqrt{2} = (a+b\sqrt{2}) + (c+d\sqrt{2}) = \varphi(a+bi) + \varphi(c+di)$.

φ is onto: for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a+b\sqrt{2} \mapsto a+bi$

φ is 1-1: $\ker(\varphi) = \{\varphi(a) \in \mathbb{Z}[i] : \varphi(a) = 0\}$

Let $a = a+bi$. $\varphi(a) = \varphi(a+bi) = a+b\sqrt{2} = 0 \Rightarrow a=b=0$.

Therefore, the $\ker(\varphi)$ is trivial.

By the first isom. thm., $\mathbb{Z}[i] \cong \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$.

Therefore, $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ and $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ are two comm. rings that are not isomorphic as rings, but are isom. as additive groups. \square

(c) A formula for a ring isomorphism $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2-1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$.

Pf: Observe that $x^2-1 = (x+1)(x-1)$, and $(x+1) + (x-1) = \mathbb{R}[x]$.

By the CRT, $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2-1) \cong \mathbb{R}[x]/(x+1) \times \mathbb{R}[x]/(x-1) \cong \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ by eval. @ $x=-1, x=1$

Let $\varphi: \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) \mapsto (f(1), f(-1))$.

The evaluation map is a homomorphism and it is onto, so it remains to show that φ is 1-1.

We WTS $\ker(\varphi) = (x^2-1)$:

Let $f(x) \in (x^2-1)$ s.t. $f(x) = (x^2-1)g(x)$, $g(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$.

Then $\varphi(f(x)) = (f(1), f(-1)) = ((1^2-1)g(1), ((-1)^2-1)g(-1)) = (0, 0)$.

So $(x^2-1) \subseteq \ker(\varphi)$.

Let $f(x) \in \ker(\varphi)$. Then by the division algorithm in $\mathbb{R}[x]$, we have $q(x), r(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ s.t. $f(x) = (x^2-1)q(x) + r(x)$ where $\deg(r) = 0$ or 1 .

$$\text{Since } f(x) \in \ker(\varphi), 0 = \varphi(f(x)) = \varphi(q(x)) \underbrace{\varphi((x^2-1))}_{=0} + \varphi(r(x)) = \varphi(r(x)) = ($$