

① (a) Define a p-Sylow subgroup of a finite group.

Pf: Let G be a fin. gp. s.t. $|G| = p^k m$, p prime and $p \nmid m$.
 We say that P is a p-Sylow subgp. of G s.t. $|P| = p^k$.
 In other words, a p-Sylow subgp. of a fin. gp. is a subgp. that has the highest power of p dividing $|G|$. □

(b) For each prime p , prove that any two p-Sylow subgroups of a finite group are conjugate. (That is, prove the second part of the Sylow theorems.) $|G| = p^k m$, p prime, $p \nmid m$.

Pf: Let G be a finite group and let $P, Q \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$.
 We want to show that $Q = gPg^{-1}$ for some $g \in G$.
 Let Q (which is a p-gp.) act on G/P by left multiplication:
 $q \cdot gP = qgP$.
 Use fixed-point congruence: $|\text{Set}| \equiv |\text{Fix}_Q(\text{Set})| \pmod p$
 $\Rightarrow |G/P| \equiv |\text{Fix}_Q(G/P)| \pmod p$
 $|G/P| = \frac{|G|}{|P|} = \frac{p^k m}{p^k} = m \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ b/c $p \nmid m$.
 Since $|G/P| \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$, $|\text{Fix}_Q(G/P)| \neq \emptyset$.
 Thus, gP is fixed by a Q -action: $qgP = gP \quad \forall q \in Q$
 $\Leftrightarrow g^{-1}qgP = P \quad \forall q \in Q$
 $\Leftrightarrow g^{-1}qg \in P \quad \forall q \in Q$
 $\Leftrightarrow g^{-1}Qg \subset P$.
 Since Q is a p-Sylow subgp., $|g^{-1}Qg| = p^k = |P|$.
 Thus, $g^{-1}Qg = P \Rightarrow Q = gPg^{-1}$. □

② Let the additive group \mathbb{Z} act on the additive group $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{3}] = \{\frac{a}{3^k} : a \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 0\}$ by $\varphi_n(r) = 3^n r$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $r \in \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{3}]$.
 Set $G = \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{3}] \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}$, a semi-direct product.

(a) Compute the product $(r, m)(s, n)$ and the inverse $(r, m)^{-1}$ in the group G .

Pf: $(r, m)(s, n) = (r + \varphi_m(s), m+n) = (r + 3^m s, m+n)$
 $(r, m)^{-1} = (\varphi_{-m}(r^{-1}), m^{-1}) = ((\varphi_{-m}(r))^{-1}, m^{-1})$
 $= ((3^{-m}r)^{-1}, m^{-1})$
 $= (-r \cdot 3^{-m}, -m)$

(Can also do $(r + 3^m s, m+n) = (0, 0)$ and solve for s, n in terms of r, m) □

(b) Show G is generated by $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$.

Pf: First, we will work out what the powers of $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ are:
 We will induct on the power: $(1, 0)^1 = (1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)^1 = (0, 1)$.
 $k=2$: $(1, 0)^2 = (1, 0)(1, 0) = (1 + \varphi_0(1), 0+0) = (1 + 3^0 \cdot 1, 0+0) = (1+1, 0) = (2, 0)$
 $(0, 1)^2 = (0, 1)(0, 1) = (0 + \varphi_1(0), 1+1) = (0 + 3^1 \cdot 0, 1+1) = (0, 2)$.
Ind. hyp: assume this holds for $1 \leq k < n$, i.e., $(1, 0)^k = (k, 0)$, $(0, 1)^k = (0, k)$
 $(1, 0)^n = (1, 0)^{n-1}(1, 0) = (n-1, 0)(1, 0) = (n-1 + \varphi_0(1), 0+0)$
 $= (n-1+1, 0) = (n, 0)$
 $(0, 1)^n = (0, 1)^{n-1}(0, 1) = (0, n-1)(0, 1) = (0 + \varphi_{n-1}(0), n-1+1)$
 $= (0+0, n) = (0, n)$
 Now we will show that conjugating $(r, 0)$ by $(0, m)$ will give us non-integer first coordinates:
 $(0, m)(r, 0)(0, m)^{-1} = (0 + \varphi_m(r), m+0)(0, -m) = (\varphi_m(r), m)(0, -m)$
 $= (\varphi_m(r) + \varphi_m(0), m+(-m)) = (\varphi_m(r), 0)$
 $= (3^m r, 0)$
 and $(r, 0) = r(1, 0)$ and $(0, m) = m(0, 1)$.
 Therefore, we have shown that G is generated by $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$. □

③ Let R be a ring with identity, possibly noncommutative. Let I and J be two-sided ideals in R . Define IJ to be the set of finite sums $a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k$ where $n \geq 1$, $a_k \in I$, and $b_k \in J$.

(a) Prove that IJ is a two-sided ideal in R and that $IJ \subset I \cap J$.

Pf: Let $a, b, \dots + a_n b_n \in IJ$, and let $r \in R$.
 Then $r(a, b, \dots + a_n b_n) = ra, b, \dots + ran b_n \in IJ$ b/c I is a two-sided ideal, which means that $ra_k \in I \forall k$.
 $= (ra_1)b_1 + \dots + (ran)b_n$
 Then $(a, b, \dots + a_n b_n)r = a, b, r, \dots + a_n b_n r \in IJ$ b/c J is a two-sided ideal, which means that $b_k r \in J \forall k$.
 $= a, (b_1 r) + \dots + a_n (b_n r)$
 Therefore, we have shown that IJ is a two-sided ideal.
 We know that $IJ \subset I$ b/c I is a two-sided ideal, so $I \cdot J \subset I$.
 We know that $IJ \subset J$ b/c J is a two-sided ideal, so $I \cdot J \subset J$.
 Therefore, $IJ \subset I \cap J$. □

(b) If R is commutative and $I+J=R$ then prove $IJ=I \cap J$, indicating where you use the commutativity in your proof.

Pf: From part (a), we have that $IJ \subset I \cap J$.
 We want to show that $I \cap J \subset IJ$.
 Since $I+J=R$, for $x \in I, y \in J$, we can write $x+y=1$.
 Let $z \in I \cap J$.
 We want to show that $z \in IJ$.
 If we can show that $z(x+y) \in IJ$, then we are done b/c $x+y=1$.
 We have $z(x+y) = zx + zy \in IJ$ because:
 $z \in I \cap J \Rightarrow z \in I$ and $z \in J$, so $zy \in IJ$ ($z \in I, y \in J$)
 $zx \in IJ$: since R is commutative $zx = xz \in IJ$ ($x \in I, z \in J$).
 Therefore, if R is commutative and $I+J=R$, then $IJ = I \cap J$. □

(c) Let $R = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$, which is a noncommutative ring under addition and multiplication of matrices. Set

$I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} : y, z \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ and $J = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$.

Show I and J are two-sided ideals in R , $I+J=R$ and $IJ \neq I \cap J$. (This shows that part b becomes false in general if we drop its commutativity hypothesis.)

Pf: First we will show that I and J are two-sided ideals:
 • Let $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \in R$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \in I$, and $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$. Then
 $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ay+bz \\ 0 & cz \end{pmatrix} \in I$ since $ay+bz \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $cz \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & yc \\ 0 & zc \end{pmatrix} \in I$ since $yc \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $zc \in \mathbb{Z}$
 This also shows that I is closed under mult.
 For $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y' \\ 0 & z' \end{pmatrix} \in I$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y' \\ 0 & z' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y+y' \\ 0 & z+z' \end{pmatrix} \in I$ since $y+y' \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $z+z' \in \mathbb{Z}$
 So I is closed under addition.
 Therefore, I is a two-sided ideal.
 • $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax & ay \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$ since $ax, ay \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} xa & xb+yc \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$ since $xa, xb+yc \in \mathbb{Z}$
 For $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x' & y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$
 $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x' & y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+x' & y+y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$ since $x+x', y+y' \in \mathbb{Z}$
 So J is closed under addition.
 Therefore, J is a two-sided ideal.
 • Let $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \in R$. Then we can write
 $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\in I \quad \in J$
 Therefore, $I+J=R$.
 • Let $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \in I$ and $\begin{pmatrix} x' & y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in J$.
 Then $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x' & y' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 But $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in I$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y' \end{pmatrix} \in J$, so $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in I \cap J$.
 $(x' \in \mathbb{Z}, x' \neq 0)$
 Therefore, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in I \cap J$, but $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin IJ \Rightarrow IJ \neq I \cap J$. □

④ (a) Show the only units in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ are ± 1 .

Pf: $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = \{x + y\sqrt{-5} : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.
 An elt. $x + y\sqrt{-5} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is a unit iff $N(x + y\sqrt{-5}) = \pm 1$.
 $N(x + y\sqrt{-5}) = (x + y\sqrt{-5})(x - y\sqrt{-5}) = x^2 + 5y^2 = \pm 1$
 $x^2 + 5y^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $x^2 + 5y^2 \neq -1$.
 $x^2 + 5y^2 = 1$ iff $y = 0$ and $x = \pm 1$.
 Therefore, the only units in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ are ± 1 . □

(b) Define what it means for an integral domain R to be a unique factorization domain (UFD) and use the equation $2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$ to show $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is not a unique factorization domain.

Pf: A unique factn. domain (UFD) is an integral domain R s.t.
 (1) every $a \neq 0$, unit in R has a factorization $a = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$ ($k \geq 1$) where p_i are irreducible.
 (2) if $p_1 p_2 \dots p_k = q_1 q_2 \dots q_l$ with p_i, q_j all irreducible, then
 • $k = l$ (same number of factors) and
 • after relabeling, $q_i = u_i p_i, u_i \in R^\times$.
 Now we will show $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is not a UFD using $2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$.
 In an integral domain, prime \Rightarrow irreducible.
 Let $2 = \alpha\beta$, so $N(2) = 4 = N(\alpha)N(\beta) \Rightarrow \text{wlog } N(\alpha) = \pm 1, \pm 2, \text{ or } \pm 4$
 If $N(\alpha) = \pm 1$, then α is a unit $\Rightarrow 2$ is irred.
 If $N(\alpha) = \pm 4$, then $N(\beta) = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \beta$ is a unit $\Rightarrow 2$ is irred.
 If $N(\alpha) = \pm 2$, then for $\alpha = x + y\sqrt{-5}, N(\alpha) = x^2 + 5y^2 = \pm 2 \pmod 5$
 gives us $x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod 5$ or $x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod 5$, which is impossible because squares mod 5 are $\equiv 0, 1, 4 \pmod 5 \Rightarrow 2$ is irred.
 Since $2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$,
 $2 \mid (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$, but $2 \nmid (1 + \sqrt{-5})$ and $2 \nmid (1 - \sqrt{-5})$
 because $2(a + b\sqrt{-5}) = 2a + 2b\sqrt{-5} \neq \pm 1 \pm \sqrt{-5} \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 Therefore, 2 is not prime.
 2 is irred., but not prime.
 Thus, $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is not a UFD. □

⑤ Give examples as requested, with brief justification.

(a) A group action which has no fixed points.
Pf: Consider a group G acting on itself by left multiplication (or addition, if it's an additive group): $g \cdot x = gx$
 Consider this gp. action: $\varphi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3$ by $\varphi(\tau) = (12)\tau, \tau \in S_3$.
 $(12)(1) = (12)$
 $(12)(12) = (1)$
 $(12)(13) = (32)$
 $(12)(23) = (31)$
 $(12)(123) = (23)$
 $(12)(132) = (13)$
 none of these are fixed points.
 Therefore, φ is a gp. action which has no fixed points. □
 (b) The class equation for a non-abelian group that is not isomorphic to S_3 . (Be sure to specify what the group is).
Pf: Let S_4 be the group that is non-abelian and not isomorphic to S_3 .
 The class eqn. is $|S_4| = |Z(S_4)| + \sum_{i=1}^k |S_4 : C_{S_4}(\tau_i)|$
 $|S_4| = 4! = 24$
 $|Z(S_4)| = 0$ b/c S_4 is non-abelian
 $\sum_{i=1}^k |S_4 : C_{S_4}(\tau_i)| = 1 + 6 + 8 + 3 + 6 = 24$:
 The conjugacy classes of S_4 are:
 • $\{1\}$
 • $\{(12), (13), (14), (23), (24), (34)\}$
 • $\{(123), (132), (124), (142), (134), (143), (234), (243)\}$
 • $\{(12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$
 • $\{(1234), (1243), (1324), (1342), (1423), (1432)\}$
 The class eqn. of S_4 gives us $|S_4| = 0 + 1 + 6 + 8 + 3 + 6 = 24$. □

(d) A unique factorization domain (UFD) which is not a principal ideal domain (PID).
Pf: $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is a UFD that is not a PID.
 $I = (2, x)$ is not a principal ideal.
 The gcd of $(2, x) = 1$, but $1 \notin (2, x)$ because every poly. in the ideal has even constant terms. □