

(1) (a) For $n \geq 3$, determine with proof the conjugacy classes of the dihedral group of order $2n$. (Hint: separately consider even n and odd n .)

Pf: Every element of D_n is r^i or $r^i s$ for some $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

In order to find the conjugacy classes of D_n , we want to compute $r^i g r^{-i}$ and $r^i s g (r^i s)^{-1} = r^i s g s r^{-i} \forall g \in D_n$.

Let $r^j \in D_n, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $r^i r^j r^{-i} = r^j$ and $r^i s r^j s r^{-i} = r^{-j}$

So for $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, the only conjugates of r^j in D_n are r^j and r^{-j} .

For s , we have $r^i s r^{-i} = r^{2i} s$ and $r^i s s s r^{-i} = r^i s r^{-i} = r^{2i} s$.

So for $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, the only conjugates of s in D_n are the reflections $r^{2i} s$ with an even exponent.

If n is odd, then every integer mod n is a multiple of 2.

So when n is odd, s is conjugate to every reflection $\{r^k s : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

If n is even, then we only get half of the reflections as conjugates of s .

The other half are conjugate to rs :

$r^i (rs) r^{-i} = r^{2i+1} s$ and $(r^i s)(rs)(s r^{-i}) = r^{2i-1} s$.

As i varies, this gives us $\{rs, r^3 s, \dots, r^{n-1} s\}$.

So if n is odd, then the conjugacy classes are $\{1\}, \{r^{2i}\}, \{r^i s\}$ for $0 \leq i \leq n-1$.

If n is even, then the conjugacy classes are $\{1\}, \{r^{n/2}\}, \{r^i s\}, \{r^{2i} s\}, \{r^{2i+1} s\}$ for $0 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}-1$.

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(b) Let c_n be the number of conjugacy classes in the dihedral group of order $2n$. Compute $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_n}{n}$.

Pf: When n is odd, $c_n = 1 + n + n = 2n + 1$.

So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{n} = 2$.

When n is even, $c_n = 1 + 1 + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} = 2 + n + \frac{n}{2}$.

So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2+n+n/2}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4+2n+n}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4+3n}{2n} = \frac{3}{2}$.

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(2) Let p be the smallest prime dividing the order of a finite group G . Prove that if H is a subgroup of G with index p , then H is a normal subgroup. (Hint: Look at the left multiplication action of G on the left cosets of H .)

Pf: Suppose $H \leq G$ and $[G:H] = p$.

Let π_H be the permutation representation afforded by multiplication on the set of left cosets of H in G .

Let $K = \ker(\pi_H)$ and let $[H:K] = k$.

Then $[G:K] = [G:H][H:K] = pk$.

Since H has p left cosets, G/K is isomorphic to a subgroup of S_p (namely, the image of G under π_H) by the first isom. thm.

By Lagrange's thm, $pk = |G/K|$ divides $p!$.

Thus, $k \mid \frac{p!}{p} = (p-1)!$. But all prime divisors of $(p-1)!$ are less than p

and by the minimality of p , every prime divisor of k is greater than or equal to p . This forces $k=1$. So $H = K \triangleleft G$.

↳ $[H:K] = 1$

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(3) View \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{Z} as additive groups. For $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, set $\varphi_a: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ by $\varphi_a(t) = 2^a t$.

(a) Show that φ_a is an automorphism of (the additive group) \mathbb{Q} for each $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and show $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q})$ given by $a \mapsto \varphi_a$ is a homomorphism of gps.

Pf: First we will show that φ_a is an aut. of \mathbb{Q} for each $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $\varphi_a(x+y) = 2^a(x+y) = 2^a x + 2^a y = \varphi_a(x) + \varphi_a(y)$

Therefore, φ_a is a homomorphism.

Is onto: Let $y \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $\varphi_a(x) = 2^a x = y \Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{2^a} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Is 1-1: Let $x \neq y$, then $\varphi_a(x) = 2^a x \neq 2^a y = \varphi_a(y)$

$2^a x = 2^a y \Rightarrow 2^{-a} 2^a x = 2^{-a} 2^a y \Rightarrow x = y$ ✗

Therefore, φ_a is a bijective hom. Thus, φ_a is an automorphism.

Now we will show that φ is a hom. of gps. We WTS

$\varphi(a+b) = \varphi(a) \circ \varphi(b) \Rightarrow \varphi_{a+b} = \varphi_a \circ \varphi_b$:

$\varphi_{a+b}(x) = 2^{a+b} x = 2^a 2^b x = 2^a \varphi_b(x) = \varphi_a(\varphi_b(x)) = (\varphi_a \circ \varphi_b)(x)$.

Therefore, φ is a homomorphism of groups.

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(b) Set $G = \mathbb{Q} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$, a semidirect product. In G , let $H = \{(m, 0) : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and $x = (0, 1)$. Prove that $xHx^{-1} \subset H$.

Pf: Let $(m, 0) \in H$. Note that $(0, 1)^{-1} = (0, -1)$ b/c $(0, 1)(0, -1) = (0, 0)$.

We have that $x(m, 0)x^{-1}$ is

$(0, 1)(m, 0)(0, 1)^{-1} = (0 + \varphi_1(m), 1 + 0)(0, -1) = (2^1 m, 1)(0, -1)$

$= (2m + \varphi_1(0), 1 + (-1)) = (2m + 2^0 \cdot 0, 0) = (2m, 0) \in H$.

Therefore, $xHx^{-1} \subset H$.

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(c) Show that $x = (0, 1)$ is not an element of the normalizer $N_G(H)$ of H in G .

Pf: $N_G(H) = \{y \in G : yHy^{-1} = H\}$.

We WTS that for $x = (0, 1)$, $xHx^{-1} \neq H$.

From part(b), xHx^{-1} is always going to be of the form $(2k, 0)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Consider $(1, 0) \in H$. $(1, 0) \notin xHx^{-1}$.

Therefore, $x = (0, 1)$ is not an element of $N_G(H)$.

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(4) (a) Define a Euclidean domain and prove all ideals in a Euclidean domain are principal.

Pf: An integral domain R is a Euclidean domain if there exists a Euclidean function $N: R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ s.t. for $a, b \in R$ there exists $q, r \in R$ s.t. $a = bq + r$ and $r = 0$ or $N(r) < N(b)$.

Now we are going to prove that all ideals in a Euclidean domain R are principal. Let I be an ideal of R . If $I = (0)$, then I is principal.

Let $I \neq (0)$. Let $m \in I$ be the element w/ least possible norm in I (so $N(m) = \min_{a \in I, a \neq 0} N(a)$). For any $a \in I$, we can write $a = mq + r$ w/ $r = 0$ or $N(r) < N(m)$ since R is a Euclidean domain.

Then $a - mq = r \in I \Rightarrow r = 0$ b/c of the minimality of the norm of m .

So we have $a = mq \Rightarrow m \mid a$. So $I = (m)$.

Therefore, all ideals in a Euclidean domain are principal.

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(b) Prove $F[x]$ is a Euclidean domain when F is a field.

Pf: We will prove that when F is a field, for $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$, there exist $q(x), r(x) \in F[x]$ s.t. $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$ where $r = 0$ ($\deg(r) = 0$) or $\deg(r) < \deg(g)$.

First, we will show uniqueness of $q(x), r(x)$ described above.

Suppose $f(x) = g(x)q_1(x) + r_1(x) = g(x)q_2(x) + r_2(x)$, $r_i(x), q_i(x)$ as stated above, $i=1, 2$.

Then $g(x)(q_1(x) - q_2(x)) = r_2(x) - r_1(x) \Rightarrow \deg(g(q_1 - q_2)) = \deg(r_2 - r_1)$

If $r_2(x) \neq r_1(x)$, then $r_2 - r_1 \neq 0$, so $\deg(r_2 - r_1) < \deg(g)$

If $q_1(x) \neq q_2(x)$, then $q_1 - q_2 \neq 0$,

so $\deg(g(q_1 - q_2)) = \deg(g) + \deg(q_1 - q_2) \geq \deg(g)$.

This is not possible: RHS has $\deg < \deg(g)$ and LHS has $\deg \geq \deg(g)$.

Therefore, $q(x), r(x)$ are unique.

Now we will show existence of $q(x), r(x) \in F[x]$: let $f(x), g(x) \in F[x], g \neq 0$.

Suppose $\deg(f) < \deg(g)$. Then $f(x) = g(x) \cdot 0 + r(x)$, so $q(x) = 0, r(x) = f(x)$.

Now suppose $\deg(f) \geq \deg(g)$. Then we will induct on $\deg(f) = m$: the cases $0 \leq m \leq \deg(g) - 1$ are done. When $m \geq \deg(g)$ write

$f(x) = a_m x^m + a_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ and

$g(x) = b_n x^n + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0, a_m, b_n \neq 0, m \geq n$.

Consider $f(x) = \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x)$, where we can use $\frac{a_m}{b_n} \cdot b_n = a_m$ b/c $F = \text{field}$.

Then $f(x) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x) = (a_m x^m + \dots + a_0) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} (b_n x^n + \dots + b_0)$

$= a_m x^m + \dots + a_0 - a_m x^m - \frac{a_m b_{n-1}}{b_n} x^{m-n} - \dots$

So the degree m terms cancel out, and this poly. either has degree 0 or $\deg < m$.

If $f(x) - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x) = 0$, then $f(x) = \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g(x)$, so

$q(x) = \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n}$ and $r(x) = 0$.

If $\tilde{f} = f - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g \neq 0$, then since $\deg(\tilde{f}) < m$, by induction we know

$\exists Q(x), R(x) \in F[x]$ s.t. $\tilde{f}(x) = Q(x)g(x) + R(x), R(x) \neq 0$ or $\deg(R) < \deg(g)$.

$\Rightarrow \tilde{f} = f - \frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} g + Qg + R = g(\underbrace{\frac{a_m}{b_n} x^{m-n} + Q}_{q(x)}) + \underbrace{R}_{r(x)}$

Therefore, we conclude that if F is a field, then $F[x]$ is a Euclidean domain.

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(c) Prove $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is not a Euclidean domain.

Pf: Consider the ideal $(2, x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$. $(2, x)$ is not principal.

Suppose $(2, x) = (f(x))$ for $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Then $2 \in (f(x)) \Rightarrow 2 = f(x)g(x)$ for $g(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$

Then $\deg(2) = \deg(f(x)g(x)) \Rightarrow 0 = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$

$\Rightarrow \deg(f(x)) = \deg(g(x)) = 0$.

Since 2 is prime $f(x) = \pm 1$ or ± 2 .

$f(x) \neq \pm 1$ b/c if $(f(x)) = (\pm 1) = \mathbb{Z}[x]$ which is not true since $(2, x) \subset \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Let $f(x) = 2y$ for some $y \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then $x \in (f(x)) = (2y) \Rightarrow x = 2y \cdot h(x)$ for $h(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

This cannot happen b/c the coeff. of x is 1 and the coeff. of the RHS is not 1, so $h(x) = \frac{x}{2y}$ which cannot happen in \mathbb{Z} .

Therefore, $(2, x)$ cannot be a principal ideal.

Thus, $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is not a PID, but every Euclidean domain is a PID (by part (a)), so $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is not a Euclidean domain.

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(6) Give examples as requested, with justification.

(a) A group isomorphism from $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times$ to $(\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times$.

Pf: Note that $|(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times| = 6, (\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Note that $|(\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times| = 6, (\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$.

$(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times$ is cyclic since 7 is prime.

$(\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times$ is cyclic since $9 = 3^2$ is a prime squared.

Suffices to map generators to generators.

Observe that $\langle 3 \rangle \cong (\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times$:

$3 \cdot 3 = 9 \equiv 2(7), 2 \cdot 3 = 6(7), 6 \cdot 3 = 18 \equiv 4(7), 4 \cdot 3 = 12 \equiv 5(7), 5 \cdot 3 = 15 \equiv 1(7)$.

So 3 generates $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times$. ($|3| = 6$)

Observe that $\langle 2 \rangle \cong (\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times$:

$2 \cdot 2 = 4(9), 4 \cdot 2 = 8(9), 8 \cdot 2 = 16 \equiv 7(9), 7 \cdot 2 = 14 \equiv 5(9), 5 \cdot 2 = 10 \equiv 1(9)$.

So 2 generates $(\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times$. ($|2| = 6$)

Let $\varphi: (\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times$ by $\varphi(3) = 2$, so we map generator to gen.

$\varphi(3) = 2, \varphi(3)^2 = \varphi(3^2) = 2^2, \varphi(3)^3 = \varphi(3^3) = 2^3, \dots$

$(3 \mapsto 2, 2 \mapsto 4, 6 \mapsto 8, 4 \mapsto 7, 5 \mapsto 5, 1 \mapsto 1)$

Thus, φ is a group isomorphism.

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(b) A cyclic group with 20 generators. (Also $\mathbb{Z}/25\mathbb{Z}, \varphi(25) = 20$)

Pf: We want to find $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $\varphi(n) = 20$.

Notice that $20 = 2 \cdot 10$ and φ is multiplicative for $n = ab$ when $(a, b) = 1$,

so $\varphi(n) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$ where $\varphi(a) = 2$ and $\varphi(b) = 10$.

Let $a = 3$ and $b = 11$. Then $\varphi(3)\varphi(11) = 2 \cdot 10 = 20$ and $\varphi(3)\varphi(11) = \varphi(33)$.

Therefore, $\mathbb{Z}/33\mathbb{Z}$ is a cyclic group w/ 20 generators.

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(c) A unit in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{11}]$ other than ± 1 .

Pf: Let $x + y\sqrt{11} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{11}]$. So $N(x + y\sqrt{11}) = (x + y\sqrt{11})(x - y\sqrt{11}) = x^2 - 11y^2 = \pm 1$.

Consider $x^2 = 1 + 11y^2$.

Let $y = 3, x = 10$. Then $10^2 = 100$ and $1 + 11(3)^2 = 1 + 11 \cdot 9 = 1 + 99 = 100$.

Therefore, $10 + 3\sqrt{11} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{11}]$ is a unit other than ± 1 .

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(d) A prime element of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

Pf: Consider $1+i \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$.

$N(1+i) = (1+i)(1-i) = 2$ which is prime, so $1+i$ is irreducible.

Since $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is a Euclidean domain, it is a PID, and hence a UFD.

In UFD's $\{\text{primes}\} = \{\text{irred.}\}$.

In a PID, every irred. is prime.

Therefore, $1+i$ is a prime element of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

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